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4 files changed, 32 insertions(+), 25 deletions(-)
# define CREATE_MASK
(SLAB_HWCACHE_ALIGN | SLAB_CACHE_DMA |
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#endif

/*
 * kmem_bufctl_t:
 *
@@ -2385,11 +2368,6 @@ __kmem_cache_create (struct kmem_cache *cachep, unsigned long
flags)
if (flags & SLAB_DESTROY_BY_RCU)
    BUG_ON(flags & SLAB_POISON);
#endif
-/*
- * Always checks flags, a caller might be expecting debug support which
- * isn't available.
- */
-BUG_ON(flags & ~CREATE_MASK);

/*
 * Check that size is in terms of words. This is needed to avoid
diff --git a/mm/slab.h b/mm/slab.h
index 7deeb44..35b60b7 100644
--- a/mm/slab.h
+++ b/mm/slab.h
@@ -45,6 +45,31 @@ static inline struct kmem_cache *__kmem_cache_alias(const char *name,
sizet_t siz
#endif

+/* Legal flag mask for kmem_cache_create(), for various configurations */
+#define SLAB_CORE_FLAGS (SLAB_HWCACHE_ALIGN | SLAB_CACHE_DMA |
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+
+#elif defined(CONFIG_DEBUG_SLAB)
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+#elif defined(CONFIG_SLUB_DEBUG)
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+#else
+  #define SLAB_DEBUG_FLAGS (0)
#endif
+
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SLAB_RECLAIM_ACCOUNT | SLAB_TEMPORARY | SLAB_NOTRACK)
#endif
+
e else
#defi SLAB_CACHE_FLAGS (0)
+
#define CACHE_CREATE_MASK (SLAB_CORE_FLAGS | SLAB_DEBUG_FLAGS |
SLAB_CACHE_FLAGS)
+
int __kmem_cache_shutdown(struct kmem_cache *
+
#endif

diff --git a/mm/slab_common.c b/mm/slab_common.c
index 9c21725..0e2b8e3 100644
--- a/mm/slab_common.c
+++ b/mm/slab_common.c
@@ -107,6 +107,13 @@ struct kmem_cache *
if (!kmem_cache_sanity_check(name, size) == 0)
goto out_locked;
+
* Some allocators will constraint the set of valid flags to a subset
* of all flags. We expect them to defi CACHE_CREATE_MASK in this
* case, and we'll just provide them with a sanitized version of the
* passed flags.
* */
+flags &= CACHE_CREATE_MASK;
+
+flags & CACHE_CREATE_MASK;
s = __kmem_cache_alias(name, size, align, flags, ctor);
if (s)
diff --git a/mm/slub.c b/mm/slub.c
index 2258ed8..7197f141 100644
--- a/mm/slub.c
+++ b/mm/slub.c
@@ -112,9 +112,6 @@ struct kmem_cache *
* the fast path and disables lockless freelists.
*/

#define SLAB_DEBUG_FLAGS (SLAB_RED_ZONE | SLAB_POISON | SLAB_STORE_USER | 
-SLAB_TRACE | SLAB_DEBUG_FREE)
static inline int kmem_cache_debug(struct kmem_cache *s)
{
    #ifdef CONFIG_SLUB_DEBUG
    --
    1.7.11.7

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Posted by David Rientjes on Wed, 17 Oct 2012 21:07:55 GMT
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Subject: Re: [PATCH v5] slab: Ignore internal flags in cache creation
Posted by akpm on Thu, 18 Oct 2012 22:42:03 GMT
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Posted by Glauber Costa on Fri, 19 Oct 2012 09:32:43 GMT

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Not necessarily.

This part is part of the kmemcg-slab series. In that use case, I copy the flags from the original kmem cache, and create a duplicate. That duplicate need to have the same flags, but only the creation flags.
We had many attempts to mask it out in different places, and after some
discussion, it seemed best to independently do it from common code in
slab_common.c at creation time. It gets quite independent from the
kmemcgslab this way, and so I posted independently to reduce my churn.

Subject: Re: [PATCH v5] slab: Ignore internal flags in cache creation
Posted by Pekka Enberg on Wed, 31 Oct 2012 07:13:49 GMT

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