
Subject: Re: [PATCH 1/5] Add notification about some major slab events

Posted by [Balbir Singh](#) on Mon, 01 Oct 2007 11:55:39 GMT

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Pavel Emelyanov wrote:

> According to Christoph, there are already multiple people who
> want to control slab allocations and track memory for various
> reasons. So this is an introduction of such a hooks.

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> Currently, functions that are to call the notifiers are empty
> and marked as "weak". Thus, if there's only `_one_` listener
> to these events, it can happily link with the vmlinux and
> handle the events with more than 10% of performance saved.

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Please check that weak objects work across platforms. Please see

<http://www.ussg.iu.edu/hypermail/linux/kernel/0706.0/0593.html>

> The events tracked are:

> 1. allocation of an object;
> 2. freeing of an object;
> 3. allocation of a new page for objects;
> 4. freeing this page.

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> More events can be added on demand.

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> The kmem cache marked with `SLAB_NOTIFY` flag will cause all the
> events above to generate notifications. By default no caches
> come with this flag.

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> The events are generated on slow paths only and as soon as the
> cache is marked as `SLAB_NOTIFY`, it will always use them for
> allocation.

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> Signed-off-by: Pavel Emelyanov <xemul@openvz.org>

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> diff --git a/include/linux/slab.h b/include/linux/slab.h

> index f3a8eec..68d8e65 100644

> --- a/include/linux/slab.h

> +++ b/include/linux/slab.h

> @@ -28,6 +28,7 @@

> #define SLAB_DESTROY_BY_RCU 0x00080000UL /* Defer freeing slabs to RCU */

> #define SLAB_MEM_SPREAD 0x00100000UL /* Spread some memory over cpuset */

> #define SLAB_TRACE 0x00200000UL /* Trace allocations and frees */

> +#define SLAB_NOTIFY 0x00400000UL /* Notify major events */

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> /* The following flags affect the page allocator grouping pages by mobility */
> #define SLAB_RECLAIM_ACCOUNT 0x00020000UL /* Objects are reclaimable */
> diff --git a/include/linux/slub_def.h b/include/linux/slub_def.h
> index 40801e7..8cfd9ff 100644
> --- a/include/linux/slub_def.h
> +++ b/include/linux/slub_def.h
> @@ -200,4 +203,22 @@ static __always_inline void *kmalloc_nod
> }
> #endif
>
> +struct slub_notify_struct {
> + struct kmem_cache *cachep;
> + void *objp;
> + gfp_t gfp;
> +};
> +
> +enum {
> + SLUB_ON,
> + SLUB_OFF,
> + SLUB_ALLOC,
> + SLUB_FREE,
> + SLUB_NEWPAGE,
> + SLUB_FREEPAGE,
> +};
> +
> +int slub_register_notifier(struct notifier_block *nb);
> +void slub_unregister_notifier(struct notifier_block *nb);
> +
> #endif /* _LINUX_SLUB_DEF_H */
> diff --git a/mm/slub.c b/mm/slub.c
> index 31d04a3..e066a0e 100644
> --- a/mm/slub.c
> +++ b/mm/slub.c
> @@ -1040,6 +1040,43 @@ static inline unsigned long kmem_cache_f
> }
> #define slub_debug 0
> #endif
> +
> +/*
> + * notifiers
> + */
> +
> +int __attribute__((weak)) slub_alloc_notify(struct kmem_cache *cachep,
> + void *obj, gfp_t gfp)
> +{
> + return 0;
> +}
> +

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> +void __attribute__((weak)) slub_free_notify(struct kmem_cache *cachep,
> + void *obj)
> +{
> +}
> +
> +int __attribute__((weak)) slub_newpage_notify(struct kmem_cache *cachep,
> + struct page *pg, gfp_t gfp)
> +{
> + return 0;
> +}
> +
> +void __attribute__((weak)) slub_freepage_notify(struct kmem_cache *cachep,
> + struct page *pg)
> +{
> +}
> +
> +int __attribute__((weak)) slub_on_notify(struct kmem_cache *cachep)
> +{
> + return 0;
> +}
> +
> +int __attribute__((weak)) slub_off_notify(struct kmem_cache *cachep)
> +{
> + return 0;
> +}
> +
> /*
>  * Slab allocation and freeing
>  */
> @@ -1063,7 +1184,11 @@ static struct page *allocate_slab(struct
>  page = alloc_pages_node(node, flags, s->order);
>
>  if (!page)
> - return NULL;
> + goto out;
> +
> + if ((s->flags & SLAB_NOTIFY) &&
> +  slub_newpage_notify(s, page, flags) < 0)
> + goto out_free;
>
>  mod_zone_page_state(page_zone(page),
>  (s->flags & SLAB_RECLAIM_ACCOUNT) ?
> @@ -1071,6 +1196,11 @@ static struct page *allocate_slab(struct
>  pages);
>
>  return page;
> +
> +out_free:

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> + __free_pages(page, s->order);
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allocate_slab fails if sub_newpage_notify() fails? Sounds a bit harsh, hard to review since the definition of the above function is not known.

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> +out:
> + return NULL;
> }
>
> static void setup_object(struct kmem_cache *s, struct page *page,
> @@ -1103,7 +1233,7 @@ static struct page *new_slab(struct kmem
> page->slab = s;
> page->flags |= 1 << PG_slab;
> if (s->flags & (SLAB_DEBUG_FREE | SLAB_RED_ZONE | SLAB_POISON |
> - SLAB_STORE_USER | SLAB_TRACE))
> + SLAB_STORE_USER | SLAB_TRACE | SLAB_NOTIFY))
> SetSlabDebug(page);
>
> start = page_address(page);
> @@ -1158,6 +1288,9 @@ static void rcu_free_slab(struct rcu_he
>
> static void free_slab(struct kmem_cache *s, struct page *page)
> {
> + if (s->flags & SLAB_NOTIFY)
> + slub_freepage_notify(s, page);
> +
> if (unlikely(s->flags & SLAB_DESTROY_BY_RCU)) {
> /*
> * RCU free overloads the RCU head over the LRU
> @@ -1548,9 +1681,16 @@ debug:
> if (!alloc_debug_processing(s, c->page, object, addr))
> goto another_slab;
>
> + if ((s->flags & SLAB_NOTIFY) &&
> + slub_alloc_notify(s, object, gfpflags) < 0) {
> + object = NULL;
> + goto out;
> + }
> +
> c->page->inuse++;
> c->page->freelist = object[c->offset];
> c->node = -1;
> +out:
> slab_unlock(c->page);
> return object;
> }
> @@ -1659,6 +1799,10 @@ slab_empty:
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> debug:
> if (!free_debug_processing(s, page, x, addr))
>     goto out_unlock;
> +
> + if (s->flags & SLAB_NOTIFY)
> +     slub_free_notify(s, x);
> +
>     goto checks_ok;
> }
>
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Warm Regards,
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