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Subject: [PATCH] Fix and allocate less memory for ->priv'less netdevices

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This patch effectively reverts commit d0498d9ae1a5cebac363e38907266d5cd2eedf89 aka "[NET]: Do not allocate unneeded memory for dev->priv alignment."  
It was found to be buggy because of final unconditional += NETDEV\_ALIGN\_CONST removal.

For example, for sizeof(struct net\_device) being 2048 bytes, "alloc\_size" was also 2048 bytes, but allocator with debugging options turned on started giving out !32-byte aligned memory resulting in redzones overwrites.

Patch does small optimization in ->priv'less case: bumping size to next 32-byte boundary was always done to ensure ->priv will also be aligned. But, no ->priv, no need to do that.

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net/core/dev.c | 15 ++++++++-----  
1 file changed, 9 insertions(+), 6 deletions(-)
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--- a/net/core/dev.c

+++ b/net/core/dev.c

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@@ -3996,12 +3996,15 @@ struct net_device *alloc_netdev_mq(int sizeof_priv, const char  
*name,
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```
    BUG_ON(strlen(name) >= sizeof(dev->name));
```

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- /* ensure 32-byte alignment of both the device and private area */
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- alloc_size = (sizeof(*dev) + NETDEV_ALIGN_CONST +
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-    (sizeof(struct net_device_subqueue) * (queue_count - 1))) &
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-    ~NETDEV_ALIGN_CONST;
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- if (sizeof_priv)
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-    alloc_size += sizeof_priv + NETDEV_ALIGN_CONST;
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+ alloc_size = sizeof(struct net_device) +
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+    sizeof(struct net_device_subqueue) * (queue_count - 1);
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```
+ if (sizeof_priv) {
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+    /* ensure 32-byte alignment of private area */
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+    alloc_size = (alloc_size + NETDEV_ALIGN_CONST) & ~NETDEV_ALIGN_CONST;
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+    alloc_size += sizeof_priv;
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+ }
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+ /* ensure 32-byte alignment of whole construct */
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+ alloc_size += NETDEV_ALIGN_CONST;
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    p = kzalloc(alloc_size, GFP_KERNEL);
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    if (!p) {
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