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Posted by [Glauber Costa](#) on Wed, 17 Oct 2012 11:36:51 GMT  
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mm/slab.c | 22 -----  
mm/slab.h | 25 +++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++  
mm/slab\_common.c | 7 ++++++  
mm/slub.c | 3 ---  
4 files changed, 32 insertions(+), 25 deletions(-)

```
diff --git a/mm/slab.c b/mm/slab.c
index 8524923..8c1d447 100644
```

```
--- a/mm/slab.c
+++ b/mm/slab.c
@@ -162,23 +162,6 @@
```

```
 */
static bool pfmemalloc_active __read_mostly;

-/* Legal flag mask for kmem_cache_create(). */
-#if DEBUG
-# define CREATE_MASK (SLAB_RED_ZONE | \
- SLAB_POISON | SLAB_HWCACHE_ALIGN | \
- SLAB_CACHE_DMA | \
- SLAB_STORE_USER | \
```

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- SLAB_RECLAIM_ACCOUNT | SLAB_PANIC | \
- SLAB_DESTROY_BY_RCU | SLAB_MEM_SPREAD | \
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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,
size_t siz
-#endif

+/* Legal flag mask for kmem_cache_create(), for various configurations */
+#define SLAB_CORE_FLAGS (SLAB_HWCACHE_ALIGN | SLAB_CACHE_DMA |
SLAB_PANIC | \
+ SLAB_DESTROY_BY_RCU | SLAB_DEBUG_OBJECTS )
+
+#if defined(CONFIG_DEBUG_SLAB)
+#define SLAB_DEBUG_FLAGS (SLAB_RED_ZONE | SLAB_POISON | SLAB_STORE_USER)
+#elif defined(CONFIG_SLUB_DEBUG)
+#define SLAB_DEBUG_FLAGS (SLAB_RED_ZONE | SLAB_POISON | SLAB_STORE_USER | \
+ SLAB_TRACE | SLAB_DEBUG_FREE)
+#else
+#define SLAB_DEBUG_FLAGS (0)

```

```

+#endif
+
+#if defined(CONFIG_SLAB)
+#define SLAB_CACHE_FLAGS (SLAB_MEM_SPREAD | SLAB_NOLEAKTRACE | \
+ SLAB_RECLAIM_ACCOUNT | SLAB_TEMPORARY | SLAB_NOTRACK)
+#elif defined(CONFIG_SLUB)
+#define SLAB_CACHE_FLAGS (SLAB_NOLEAKTRACE | SLAB_RECLAIM_ACCOUNT | \
+ SLAB_TEMPORARY | SLAB_NOTRACK)
+#else
+#define SLAB_CACHE_FLAGS (0)
+#endif
+
+#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 *kmem_cache_create(const char *name, size_t
size, size_t align
    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 define CACHE_CREATE_MASK in this
+ * case, and we'll just provide them with a sanitized version of the
+ * passed flags.
+ */
+ 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 @@
 * the fast path and disables lockless freelists.
 */

-#define SLAB_DEBUG_FLAGS (SLAB_RED_ZONE | SLAB_POISON | SLAB_STORE_USER | \
- SLAB_TRACE | SLAB_DEBUG_FREE)
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```
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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On 10/19/2012 02:42 AM, Andrew Morton wrote:

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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 kmemcg-slab this way, and so I posted independently to reduce my churn

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Posted by [Pekka Enberg](#) on Wed, 31 Oct 2012 07:13:49 GMT

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Applied, thanks!

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