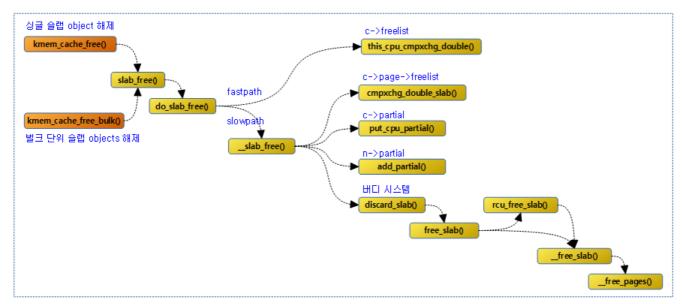
## Slub Memory Allocator -7- (Object Unlocked)

<kernel v5.0>

### Deallocate a slap object

Release the slab object from the slub page of the specified kmem\_cache.

The following illustration shows the flow of functions that are called when releasing a slab object.



(http://jake.dothome.co.kr/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/kmem cache free-1a.png)

### **Deallocate slab object**

There are two types of APIs related to deallocating slab objects:

- Deallocate a single slap object
  - kmem\_cache\_free()
- Deallocate bulk unit slab object
  - kmem\_cache\_free\_bulk()

### kmem\_cache\_free()

```
1  void kmem_cache_free(struct kmem_cache *s, void *x)
2  {
```

deallocates a single-slab object.

- In line 3~5 of the code, we know the slab cache that the slab object points to. It is possible that the slab cache you know is the root cache. In other cases, the slab cache requested as an argument is still used.
- In line 6 of code, the slab object is free.

#### cache\_from\_obj()

mm/slab.h

```
static inline struct kmem_cache *cache_from_obj(struct kmem_cache *s, vo
    id *x)
02
03
            struct kmem_cache *cachep;
04
            struct page *page;
05
06
              * When kmemcg is not being used, both assignments should return
07
    the
08
              * same value. but we don't want to pay the assignment price in
    that
             * case. If it is not compiled in, the compiler should be smart
09
    enough
             * to not do even the assignment. In that case, slab_equal_or_ro
10
    ot
             * will also be a constant.
11
12
            if (!memcg_kmem_enabled() &&
13
14
                !unlikely(s->flags & SLAB_CONSISTENCY_CHECKS))
15
                    return s;
16
17
            page = virt_to_head_page(x);
18
            cachep = page->slab_cache;
19
            if (slab_equal_or_root(cachep, s))
20
                    return cachep;
21
            pr_err("%s: Wrong slab cache. %s but object is from %s\n",
22
23
                     _func___, cachep->name, s->name);
24
            WARN ON ONCE(1);
25
            return s;
26
```

Knows the slab cache that the slab object points to. It is possible that the slab cache you know is the root cache. Otherwise, it returns the requested slab cache as an argument.

- If you didn't enable memcg in lines 13~15 and didn't use the SLAB\_DEBUG\_FREE flag with a small probability, it will just return the given cache.
- In lines 17~20 of the code, if the slab cache that the slab page points to is the same as the slab cache requested as an argument, or if it is the root cache, it will return the slab cache that the slab page points to.

• If the cache specified in line 22~25 of the code is incorrect, it will output an error message and return the slab cache as it was requested as an argument.

# deallocate slab object - Fastpath & Slowpath slab\_free()

mm/slub.c

```
static __always_inline void slab_free(struct kmem_cache *s, struct page
01
    *page,
                                           void *head, void *tail, int cnt,
02
                                           unsigned long addr)
03
04
    {
05
             * With KASAN enabled slab_free_freelist_hook modifies the freel
06
    ist
             * to remove objects, whose reuse must be delayed.
07
08
09
            if (slab_free_freelist_hook(s, &head, &tail))
10
                    do_slab_free(s, page, head, tail, cnt, addr);
11
```

Perform debug-related preprocessing routines before deallocating slab objects, and if there is no problem, deallocate slab objects from @head ~ @tail. If the @tail is null, only one @head is deallocated.

### do\_slab\_free()

```
01
     * Fastpath with forced inlining to produce a kfree and kmem_cache_free
02
03
     * can perform fastpath freeing without additional function calls.
04
      The fastpath is only possible if we are freeing to the current cpu sl
05
      of this processor. This typically the case if we have just allocated
06
07
      the item before.
98
      If fastpath is not possible then fall back to __slab_free where we de
09
    al
10
      with all sorts of special processing.
11
     * Bulk free of a freelist with several objects (all pointing to the
12
13
      same page) possible by specifying head and tail ptr, plus objects
14
      count (cnt). Bulk free indicated by tail pointer being set.
15
    static __always_inline void do_slab_free(struct kmem_cache *s,
01
02
                                     struct page *page, void *head, void *tai
    l,
03
                                     int cnt, unsigned long addr)
04
            void *tail_obj = tail ? : head;
05
            struct kmem_cache_cpu *c;
06
            unsigned long tid;
07
   redo:
98
09
             * Determine the currently cpus per cpu slab.
10
```

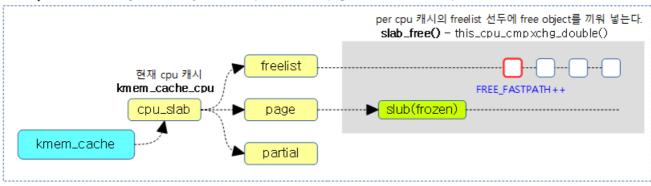
Unassign slab objects from @head ~ @tail. If the @tail is null, only one @head is deallocated. (Fastpath, Slowpath)

- On line 8 of the code, the redo: label is. For fastpath purposes, this is where the transaction ID changes when attempting to deallocate an object from the per CPU cache, so it repeats again if it fails.
- In lines 15~19 of the code, the TID and Per-CPU caches are read atomically. At this point, preemption can be done at any time, so it is possible to switch tasks and come back during execution. Therefore, this routine performs a verification process behind the scenes to ensure that TID and cache are obtained from the same CPU.
- In line 22 of code, in order for slab's allocation/release algorithm to work without interrupt masks, it relies on the order in which cpu\_slab data is read. In order to read tid before object and page, I used a compiler barrier to clearly distinguish the order of operations so that the compiler would not have to do optimization.
- In lines 24~35 of code, if the slappage is like c->page, add 1 or more objects to be inserted into the freelist lead of the per CPU cache, and increment the FREE\_FASTPATH counter. If atomic substitution fails, go to the redo: label and try again. (Fastpath)
- In lines 36~37 of code, if the slab page is different from the page in the current per CPU cache, the object should be free in the slowpath way. (Slowpath call)

The following figure shows that the fastpath routine is activated when releasing an object, inserting only one free object at the beginning of the freelist of the current per CPU cache.

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Fastpath: slab\_free() - free할 object를 현재 cpu 캐시의 slub page가 관리하는 경우 fastpath에서 처리



(http://jake.dothome.co.kr/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/slab\_free-1a.png)

### Deallocate slab object - Slowpath

### \_\_slab\_free()

mm/slub.c -1/2-

```
1
 2
       Slow path handling. This may still be called frequently since objects
       have a longer lifetime than the cpu slabs in most processing loads.
 3
 4
 5
       So we still attempt to reduce cache line usage. Just take the slab
 6
       lock and free the item. If there is no additional partial page
 7
       handling required then we can return immediately.
 8
    static void __slab_free(struct kmem_cache *s, struct page *page,
01
                             void *head, void *tail, int cnt,
02
03
                             unsigned long addr)
04
05
    {
06
            void *prior;
07
            int was_frozen;
08
            struct page new;
            unsigned long counters;
09
            struct kmem_cache_node *n = NULL;
10
11
            unsigned long uninitialized_var(flags);
12
13
            stat(s, FREE_SLOWPATH);
14
15
            if (kmem_cache_debug(s) &&
16
                 !free_debug_processing(s, page, head, tail, cnt, addr))
17
                     return;
18
19
            do {
20
                     if (unlikely(n)) {
21
                             spin_unlock_irqrestore(&n->list_lock, flags);
22
                             n = NULL;
23
                     prior = page->freelist;
24
25
                    counters = page->counters;
26
                    set_freepointer(s, tail, prior);
27
                    new.counters = counters;
                    was_frozen = new.frozen;
28
29
                    new.inuse -= cnt;
30
                    if ((!new.inuse || !prior) && !was_frozen) {
31
32
                             if (kmem_cache_has_cpu_partial(s) && !prior) {
33
34
```

Deallocate slab objects from @head ~ @tail (slowpath)

- Increment FREE SLOWPATH counter at line 13 of code.
- If you used the SLAB\_DEBUG\_FLAGS flag in line 15~17 of the code, check it before releasing the object for slub object free debugging, and if there is a problem, it will print a warning message to let you know, stop processing, and leave the routine.
- This is where it will be repeated in line 19 if the atomic replacement fails.
- If a node is specified with a low probability in line 20~23 of the code, the node lock is released and the node designation is abandoned.
- On lines 24~29 of the code, prepare to insert the free object before page->freelist. The inuse counter decrements the number of objects to be free.
- In line 30~40 of code, if the slab page is not frozen (!was\_frozen) and there are no free objects left in the c->freelist, prepare to change the slab page to a forzen state in order to be ready to add it to the c->partial list.
- In line 42~55 of the code, if the slab page is not frozen (!was\_frozen) and all the objects on the slab page are in use, and the first free object occurs, it will know which node it belongs to and get a no-lock on it.
- In code lines 58~61, perform the atomic replacement as follows and repeat if it fails.
  - if page->freelist == prior && page->counters == counters
    - page->freelist = @head (the first of the objects to be terminated)
    - page->counters = new.counters

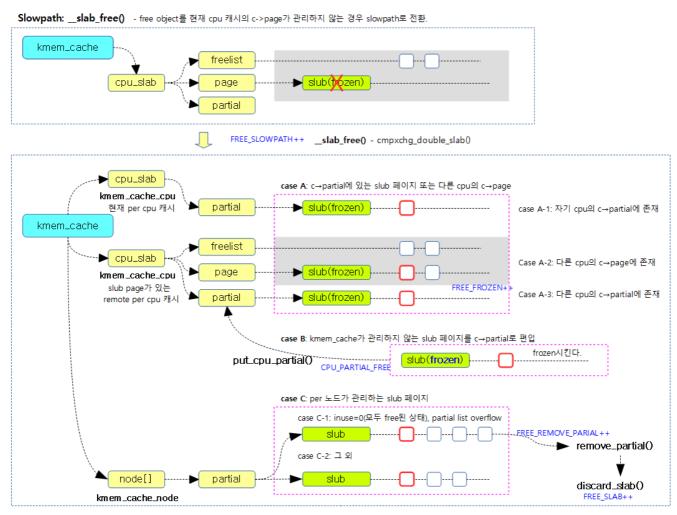
mm/slub.c -2/2-

```
01
            if (likely(!n)) {
02
03
                      * If we just froze the page then put it onto the
04
                        per cpu partial list.
05
06
07
                     if (new.frozen && !was_frozen) {
08
                             put_cpu_partial(s, page, 1);
09
                             stat(s, CPU_PARTIAL_FREE);
10
                     }
11
                      * The list lock was not taken therefore no list
12
                      * activity can be necessary.
13
14
                     if (was_frozen)
15
16
                             stat(s, FREE_FROZEN);
17
                     return;
18
            }
19
20
            if (unlikely(!new.inuse && n->nr_partial >= s->min_partial))
21
                     goto slab_empty;
22
23
               Objects left in the slab. If it was not on the partial list b
24
    efore
             * then add it.
25
26
            if (!kmem_cache_has_cpu_partial(s) && unlikely(!prior)) {
27
28
                     if (kmem_cache_debug(s))
29
                             remove_full(s, n, page);
30
                     add_partial(n, page, DEACTIVATE_TO_TAIL);
31
                     stat(s, FREE_ADD_PARTIAL);
32
            spin_unlock_irqrestore(&n->list_lock, flags);
33
34
            return;
35
36
    slab_empty:
            if (prior) {
37
38
                      * Slab on the partial list.
39
40
41
                     remove_partial(n, page);
42
                     stat(s, FREE_REMOVE_PARTIAL);
43
            } else {
                     /* Slab must be on the full list */
44
45
                     remove_full(s, n, page);
46
            }
47
            spin_unlock_irgrestore(&n->list_lock, flags);
48
            stat(s, FREE_SLAB);
49
50
            discard_slab(s, page);
51
```

- This is the case when there is no need for access from code lines 1~18 to per node. After performing the following condition items, exit the function.
  - If it is a newly frozen slab page, add it to the c->partial list and increment the CPU\_PARTIAL\_FREE counter.
  - If it was previously frozen, increment the FREE FROZEN counter.
- In line 20~21 of the code, if there is a low probability that all objects on the slab page are free objects, and the number of partial slabs in the node is overflowed, then move to the slab\_empty: label to return the slab to the buddy system.

- In line 27~32 of the code, if the partial list is not supported in the per cpu cache and there is a low probability that there was not a single free object in the c->freelist, add it to the end of the n->partial list, and add it to the FREE ADD PARTIAL list.
- In code line 36, slab\_empty: Labels. This is the label that will be moved to send the slab page consisting of only free objects to the buddy system.
- In line 37~42 of code, if there was an existing free object, remove it from the n->partial list and increment the FREE\_REMOVE\_PARTIAL counter.
- In line 43~46 of code, if there were no free objects in the past, remove them from the full list that was linked during SLUB debugging
- Unlock the node at lines 48~50 of code, increment the FREE\_SLAB counter, and return the slab page to the buddy system.

The following illustration shows how to handle a slub object in the Slowpath step.



(http://jake.dothome.co.kr/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/slab free-3a.png)

### Add a specified slab page to c->partial

### put\_cpu\_partial()

```
1    /*
2    * Put a page that was just frozen (in __slab_free) into a partial page
3    * slot if available.
4    *
```

Add the specified srep page to the c->partial list. However, if the @drain is true, and the c->partial list is overflowed, all existing slab pages will be moved to the n->partial list.

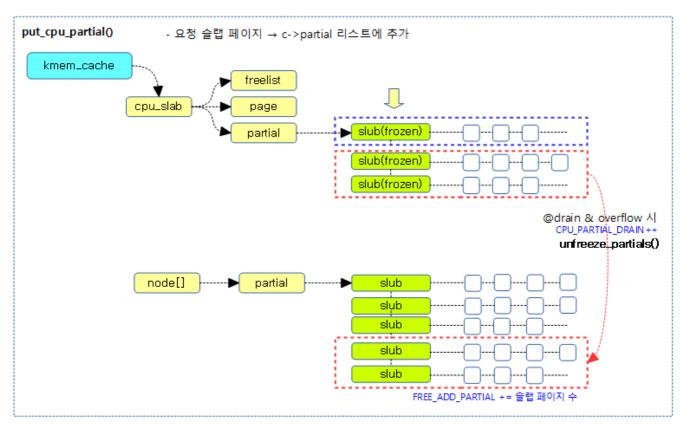
• In line 8~41 of code, add a slap page to @c->partial with preemption disabled. page->pobjects is assigned by adding the pobject value of the existing slab page and the number of free objects on the current slab page. If @drain is true and the number of free objects in the slab cache is

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overflowed, then if the c->partial list is overflowed, all the slab pages of the existing c->partial list will be moved to the n->partial list and the CPU\_PARTIAL\_DRAIN counter will be incremented.

• In lines 42~48 of code, if the number of restricted objects managed by the partial list in the per CPU cache is set to 0, all slab pages in the c->partial list are moved to the n->partial list

The following illustration shows adding a slab page to the top of a c->partial list.



(http://jake.dothome.co.kr/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/put\_cpu\_partial-1g.png)

# Add a specified slab page to n->partial add\_partial()

mm/slub.c

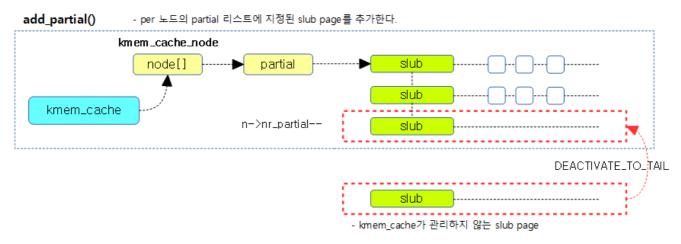
Adds the specified slab page to the specified position (lead or back) in the n->partial list.

### \_\_add\_partial()

```
1   /*
2   * Management of partially allocated slabs.
3   */
```

Adds the specified slap page to the specified position (lead or back) in the n->partial list and increments the n->nr\_partial.

The following image shows how a slub page is added to a specified position (at the front or back of the partial list) of the per node.



(http://jake.dothome.co.kr/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/add\_partial-1.png)

# Remove slap pages specified by n->partial remove\_partial()

mm/slub.c

Removes the specified slab page from the n->partial list.

### \_\_remove\_partial()

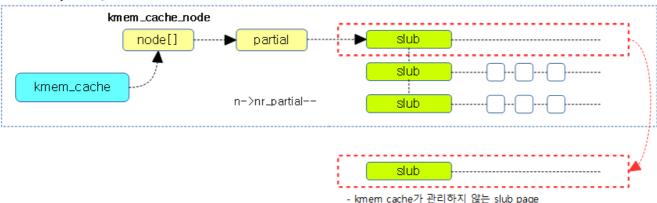
```
static inline void
remove_partial(struct kmem_cache_node *n, struct page *page)

{
    list_del(&page->lru);
    n->nr_partial--;
}
```

Removes the specified slab page from the n->partial list, and decrements n->nr\_partial.

The following image removes the per node from the partial list and replaces it with a state that is not managed by the kmem\_cache.

remove\_partial() - per 노드의 partial 리스트에서 관리되는 지정된 slub page를 제거한다.



(http://jake.dothome.co.kr/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/remove\_partial-1.png)

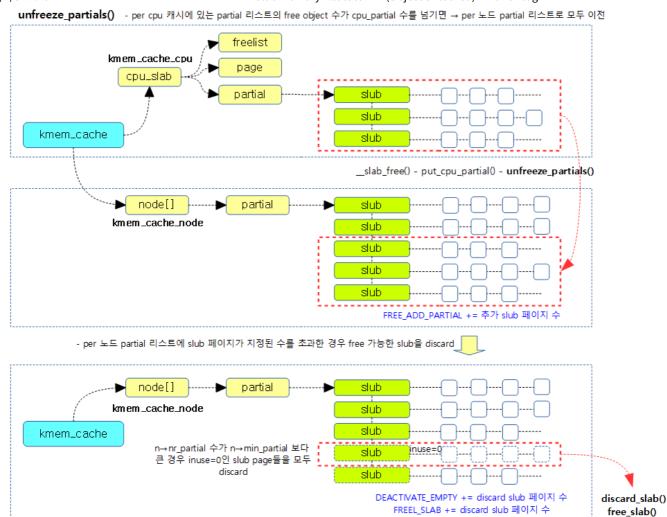
# All slab pages in c->freelist - > go to n->freelist unfreeze\_partials()

```
2
       Unfreeze all the cpu partial slabs.
 3
 4
       This function must be called with interrupts disabled
 5
      for the cpu using c (or some other guarantee must be there
 6
       to guarantee no concurrent accesses).
01
    static void unfreeze_partials(struct kmem_cache *s,
02
                    struct kmem_cache_cpu *c)
03
    #ifdef CONFIG_SLUB_CPU_PARTIAL
04
            struct kmem_cache_node *n = NULL, *n2 = NULL;
05
            struct page *page, *discard_page = NULL;
06
07
            while ((page = c->partial)) {
08
                    struct page new;
09
10
                    struct page old;
11
12
                    c->partial = page->next;
13
14
                    n2 = get_node(s, page_to_nid(page));
                    if (n != n2)
15
                             if (n)
16
17
                                     spin_unlock(&n->list_lock);
18
19
                             n = n2;
20
                             spin_lock(&n->list_lock);
21
22
                    do {
23
24
25
                             old.freelist = page->freelist;
26
                             old.counters = page->counters;
```

```
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      27
                                     VM_BUG_ON(!old.frozen);
      28
      29
                                     new.counters = old.counters;
      30
                                     new.freelist = old.freelist;
      31
      32
                                     new.frozen = 0;
      33
                            } while (!__cmpxchg_double_slab(s, page,
      34
      35
                                              old.freelist, old.counters,
      36
                                              new.freelist, new.counters,
      37
                                              "unfreezing slab"));
      38
                            if (unlikely(!new.inuse && n->nr_partial >= s->min_parti
      39
          al)) {
      40
                                     page->next = discard_page;
      41
                                     discard_page = page;
                            } else {
      42
      43
                                     add_partial(n, page, DEACTIVATE_TO_TAIL);
      44
                                     stat(s, FREE_ADD_PARTIAL);
                            }
      45
      46
                   }
      47
                   if (n)
      48
                            spin_unlock(&n->list_lock);
      49
      50
      51
                   while (discard_page) {
      52
                            page = discard_page;
      53
                            discard_page = discard_page->next;
      54
                            stat(s, DEACTIVATE_EMPTY);
      55
      56
                            discard_slab(s, page);
      57
                            stat(s, FREE_SLAB);
      58
      59
          #endif
      60
```

Add all slab pages managed by the c->partial list to the back of the n->partial list. If the n->partial list is overflowed, the slab pages that have been overflowed that do not have an object assigned to them will be returned to the buddy system.

The following figure shows the process of moving all the slub pages from the partial list of the per CPU cache to the partial list of the per node.



(http://jake.dothome.co.kr/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/unfreeze\_partials-1a.png)

# Slap Page - > Buddy System discard\_slab()

mm/slub.c

```
static void discard_slab(struct kmem_cache *s, struct page *page)

dec_slabs_node(s, page_to_nid(page), page->objects);
free_slab(s, page);
}
```

Dismiss the slap page and return it to the buddy system. It decrements n->nr\_slabs (the number of slap pages) and decreases the n->total\_objects value by the number of objects.

### dec\_slabs\_node()

```
static inline void dec_slabs_node(struct kmem_cache *s, int node, int ob
jects)
{
    struct kmem_cache_node *n = get_node(s, node);
    atomic_long_dec(&n->nr_slabs);
    atomic_long_sub(objects, &n->total_objects);
```

Decreases n->nr\_slabs (number of slap pages) and decreases n->total\_objects by the number of objects.

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#### IPARAN (HTTPS://WWW.BHRAL.COM/)

2021-12-03 13:07 (http://jake.dothome.co.kr/slub-object-free/#comment-306159)

Hello, Moon Young-il~ This is the 16th I'm Root Iparan~

Thank

you for leaving good materials and being able to have a good study!

Add

the slab page specified in the big picture slab\_free-3a.png -> case B # c->partial in slab free slowpath ## put\_cpu\_partial()

\*\* In the incoming part of the slub page that is not managed by the kmem\_cache, the c->partial

Is the movement of a slub page that doesn't belong to the behavior of unfreeze\_partials()?

I'm not sure where that part is, so can I ask~



### MOON YOUNG-IL (HTTP://JAKE.DOTHOME.CO.KR)

2021-12-05 13:15 (http://jake.dothome.co.kr/slub-object-free/#comment-306167)

Hello?

On a system that uses a slub, all slab objects within a single slab page are allocated and fully in use, which is not managed by the slub system. Then, if any of those objects are free, you will have to manage them again in partial. By the way, there are also two partials, right? One on the CPU side and one on the Node side.

If all the slab objecs in the slab page are freed due to a slab object being freed, it will be moved to the partial list of nodes, but if it is not, it will be frozen(new.frozen) the page, and then use the cmpxchg\_double\_slab() function to free the slab object and then call the put\_cpu\_partial() function to add it to the partial list on that CPU.

And, as you asked, the further operation from the put\_cpu\_partial() function to the CPU partial list is performed by the this\_cpu\_cmpxchg() function.

The unfreeze\_partials() function is called when it exceeds the maximum number managed by the CPU partial list.

I appreciate it.

RESPONSE (/SLUB-OBJECT-FREE/?REPLYTOCOM=306167#RESPOND)



#### IPARAN (HTTPS://WWW.BHRAL.COM/)

2021-12-05 21:24 (http://jake.dothome.co.kr/slub-object-free/#comment-306170)

Since all the objects are used, the pages that are not managed by the kmem\_cahce will be added to the new CPU slub partial!

This way, you don't have to use spinlock + IRQ disable with list\_lock members to add it to a node in partial!

Thanks for the details!

RESPONSE (/SLUB-OBJECT-FREE/?REPLYTOCOM=306170#RESPOND)



### MOON YOUNG-IL (HTTP://JAKE.DOTHOME.CO.KR)

2021-12-06 09:46 (http://jake.dothome.co.kr/slub-object-free/#comment-306172)

Yes, and have a nice day!

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