
Subject: Re: [PATCH] Remove CTL_UNNUMBERED
Posted by [ebiederm](#) on Thu, 26 Jul 2007 17:24:12 GMT
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Alexey Dobriyan <adobriyan@sw.ru> writes:

> CTL_UNNUMBERED is unneeded, because it expands to
>
> .ctl_name = 0
>
> The same effect can be achieved by skipping .ctl_name initialization,
> saving one line per sysctl.
>
> Update docs and headers telling people to not add CTL_ numbers and
> giving example.
>
> This is probably all we can do to stop the flow of new CTL_ numbers,
> because most of sysctls are copy-pasted. CTL_UNNUMBERED doesn't solve
> this problem at all.
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> Signed-off-by: Alexey Dobriyan <adobriyan@sw.ru>

Nack. Not unless you update the documentation and explanations properly.

The important part is that we stop assigning binary numbers. You are removing part of the description of why we can not assign binary numbers and how that is important.

CTL_UNNUMBERED may be an irritant to you but as for actually using the code I have look and it is about 6 of 1 half dozen of the other.

Eric
