
Subject: Re: [PATCH 04/10] sysctl: Fix neighbour table sysctls.

Posted by [ebiederm](#) on Fri, 10 Aug 2007 02:12:14 GMT

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Andrew Morton <akpm@linux-foundation.org> writes:

> But it is good to remove bad interfaces, if we possibly can.

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> It is worth making the attempt. Does anyone know of anything which will

> break? I fed NET_NEIGH_ANYCAST_DELAY at random into

> <http://www.google.com/codesearch> and came up with nothing...

My current policy is that since I could only find 5 real world linux programs that even call sys_sysctl, that if I find a broken sysctl binary interface I'm lazy and just remove it. The only networking one I know of is radvd.

Added to that I just pushed an autochecking sysctl patch to Andrew that fails register_sysctl_table if the sysctl table is broken. And all of these showed up. So some fix was needed or things would have been even worse.

Eric
