Subject: Re: [patch 00/12] net namespace: L3 namespace - introduction Posted by Herbert Poetzl on Sat, 20 Jan 2007 04:48:12 GMT

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On Fri, Jan 19, 2007 at 04:47:14PM +0100, dlezcano@fr.ibm.com wrote:

- > This patchset provide a network isolation similar at what
- > Linux-Vserver provides. It is based on the L2 namespaces and relies on
- > the mechanisms provided by the namespace. This L3 namespaces does not
- > aim to bring full virtualization for the network, it provides an IP
- > isolation which can be reused for Linux-Vserver, jailed application or
- > application containers.

- > A L3 namespace are always L2 s' childs and they can not create more
- > network namespaces, furthermore, they lose their NET_ADMIN
- > capability. They share their parent's network ressources. From the
- > parent namespace, IP addresses are created and assigned to the
- > different L3 childs. From this point, L3 namespaces can use their
- > assigned IP address and all computed broadcast addresses.

okay, I conclude that this only handles a single address for now, what are your plans to handle entire sets?

TIA, Herbert

- > Because the L3 namespace relies on the L2 virtualization mechanisms,
- > it is possible to have several L3 namespaces listening on
- > INADDR ANY:port without conflict, that's allow to run several server
- > without modifying the network configuration.

- > The loopback is a shared device between all L3 namespaces. To ensure
- > the 127.0.0.1 address isolation, the sender store its namespace into
- > the packet, so when the packet arrives, the destination namespace is
- > already set, because "source" == "destination". By this way, it is
- > easy to disable the loopback isolation and let the application to talk
- > with application outside of the namespace via the 127.0.0.1 because we
- > consider them trusted (like portmap).

- > The ifconfig / ip commands will only show IP addresses assigned to the
- > L3 namespace. When a L3 namespace dies, the assigned IP address is
- > released to its parent.

- > At the IP level, when a packet arrives, the L3 network namespace
- > destination is retrieved from the destination address.

- > At the bind time, the address is checked against the assigned IP
- > address.

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