
Subject: Re: [PATCH] net: Add etun driver

Posted by [Johannes Berg](#) on Tue, 10 Apr 2007 05:47:08 GMT

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On Tue, 2007-04-10 at 02:06 +0200, Patrick McHardy wrote:

> Same way as the current RTM_SETLINK message works, but with creating
> a new link in advance. It works fine in other subsystems, so I don't
> see why it would in this case as well. Some subsystems do it in an
> atomic fashion (network schedulers for example), some first create
> the object, then configure it (network classifiers in the non-compat
> cases). In the network device case I suppose the later should work
> fine since a device needs to be set UP in a second action before
> it really does anything.

Our virtual devices are always associated with a piece of hardware, and we really want them to be associated with that at all times, even when not UP. Everything else seems like a huge complication if only because then we can't have whoever will be responsible for the device allocate it's private space area.

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