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Subject: Re: [PATCH] Virtual ethernet tunnel (v.2)  
Posted by [Pavel Emelianov](#) on Thu, 07 Jun 2007 16:04:23 GMT  
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Ben Greear wrote:

> Pavel Emelianov wrote:

>> Ben Greear wrote:

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>>> Pavel Emelianov wrote:

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>>>> Veth stands for Virtual ETHeRnet. It is a simple tunnel driver

>>>> that works at the link layer and looks like a pair of ethernet

>>>> devices interconnected with each other.

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>>> As Dave mentioned, there is already a driver known as 'veth'. Maybe

>>> borrow

>>> the etun name as well?

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>> We have already seen that this driver uses ethXXX names for

>> its devices and Dave agreed with veth one. Moreover Alexey

>> Kuznetsov said that he would prefer the name veth for etun.

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> Ok, fine by me. I started reading mail from the wrong direction this

> morning :)

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>>> I would also like some way to identify veth from other device types,

>>> preferably

>>> something like a value in sysfs. However, that should not hold up

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>> We can do this with ethtool. It can get and print the driver name of

>> the device.

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> I think I'd like something in sysfs that we could query for any

> interface. Possible return

> strings could be:

> VLAN

> VETH

> ETH

> PPP

> BRIDGE

> AP /\* wifi access point interface \*/

> STA /\* wifi station \*/

> ....

>

> I will cook up a patch for consideration after veth goes in.

OK.

>>> I think you need at least the option to zero out the time-stamp,  
>>> otherwise it will  
>>> not be re-calculated when received on the peer, and it potentially spent  
>>> significant  
>>> time since it was last calculated (think netem delay or similar).

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>>> +    /* Zero out the time-stamp so that receiving code is forced
>>> +    * to recalculate it.
>>> +    */
>>> +    skb->tstamp.off_sec = 0;
>>> +    skb->tstamp.off_usec = 0;
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>>>> +
>>>> +    rcv_priv = netdev_priv(rcv);
>>>> +    skb->pkt_type = PACKET_HOST;
>>>> +    skb->protocol = eth_type_trans(skb, rcv);
>>>> +    if (dev->features & NETIF_F_NO_CSUM)
>>>> +        skb->ip_summed = rcv_priv->ip_summed;
>>>> +
>>>> +    dst_release(skb->dst);
>>>> +    skb->dst = NULL;
>>>> +    secpath_reset(skb);
>>>> +    nf_reset(skb);
>>>> +    skb->mark = 0;
>>>> +
>>>> +    length = skb->len;
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>>> This should be done before you do the eth\_type\_trans, as that pulls the  
>>> header and your  
>>> byte counters will be off.

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>> This will be ETH\_HLEN larger, do you mean this? I think this is  
>> normal as this device tries to look like an "iron" ethernet card :)

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> For device counters, it should count the number of bytes received,  
> including all headers,  
> but excluding the ethernet FCS. If an 'iron' card did differently, I'd  
> consider it a bug.

Hmm... The loopback must be doing bad things then. It first calls  
eth\_type\_trans and then accounts for the new skb->len.

> Thanks,  
> Ben

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