
Subject: Re: L2 network namespaces + macvlan performances

Posted by [Herbert Poetzl](#) on Mon, 09 Jul 2007 11:55:04 GMT

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On Fri, Jul 06, 2007 at 06:48:15PM +0200, Benjamin Thery wrote:

> Following a discussion we had at OLS concerning L2 network namespace
> performances and how the new macvlan driver could potentially improve
> them, I've ported the macvlan patchset on top of Eric's net namespace
> patchset on 2.6.22-rc4-mm2.

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> A little bit of history:

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> Some months ago, when we ran some performance tests (using netperf)
> on net namespace, we observed the following things:

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> Using 'etun', the virtual ethernet tunnel driver, and IP routes
> from inside a network namespace,

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> - The throughput is the same as the "normal" case(*)
> (* normal case: no namespace, using physical adapters).
> No regression. Good.

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> - But the CPU load increases a lot. Bad.

> The reasons are:

> - All checksums are done in software. No hardware offloading.
> - Every TCP packets going through the etun devices are
> duplicated in ip_forward() before we decrease the ttl.
> (packets are routed between both ends of etun)

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> We also made some testing with bridges, and obtained the same results:

> CPU load increase:

> - No hardware offloading
> - Packets are duplicated somewhere in the bridge+netfilter
> code (can't remember where right now)

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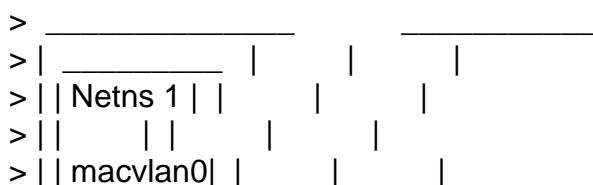
> This time, I've replaced the etun interface by the new macvlan,
> which should benefit from the hardware offloading capabilities of the
> physical adapter and suppress the forwarding stuff.

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> My test setup is:

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> Host A Host B



nice, any performance tests for multiple network spaces sharing the same eth0 (with different macvlans)? how does that compare to IP isolation performance wise?

TIA,
Herbert

> Regards,
 > Benjamin
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> NETPERF RESULTS: the "normal" case :
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 > No network namespace, traffic goes through real 1GB/s physical adapters.
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 > TCP STREAM TEST from 0.0.0.0 (0.0.0.0) port 0 AF_INET to 192.168.76.1 (192.168.76.1) port 0 AF_INET : +/-2.5% @ 95% conf.
 > Recv Send Send Utilization Service Demand
 > Socket Socket Message Elapsed Send Recv Send Recv
 > Size Size Size Time Throughput local remote local remote
 > bytes bytes bytes secs. 10^6bits/s % S % S us/KB us/KB
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 > 87380 16384 1400 20.03 857.39 6.39 9.75 2.444 3.727
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 > TCP MAERTS TEST from 0.0.0.0 (0.0.0.0) port 0 AF_INET to 192.168.76.1 (192.168.76.1) port 0 AF_INET : +/-2.5% @ 95% conf.
 > Recv Send Send Utilization Service Demand
 > Socket Socket Message Elapsed Send Recv Send Recv
 > Size Size Size Time Throughput local remote local remote
 > bytes bytes bytes secs. 10^6bits/s % S % S us/KB us/KB
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 > 87380 16384 87380 20.03 763.15 4.75 10.33 2.038 4.434
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 > TCP REQUEST/RESPONSE TEST from 0.0.0.0 (0.0.0.0) port 0 AF_INET to 192.168.76.1 (192.168.76.1) port 0 AF_INET : +/-2.5% @ 95% conf.
 > Local /Remote
 > Socket Size Request Resp. Elapsed Trans. CPU CPU S.dem S.dem
 > Send Recv Size Size Time Rate local remote local remote
 > bytes bytes bytes secs. per sec % S % S us/Tr us/Tr
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 > 16384 87380 1 1 20.00 12594.24 4.16 6.06 13.212 19.231
 > 16384 87380
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 > UDP UNIDIRECTIONAL SEND TEST from 0.0.0.0 (0.0.0.0) port 0 AF_INET to 192.168.76.1

(192.168.76.1) port 0 AF_INET : +/-2.5% @ 95% conf.

> Socket Message Elapsed Messages CPU Service
> Size Size Time Okay Errors Throughput Util Demand
> bytes bytes secs # # 10^6bits/sec % SS us/KB
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> 110592 1400 20.00 1701653 0 952.9 6.84 2.354
> 107520 20.00 1701647 952.9 9.66 3.321
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> Socket Size Request Resp. Elapsed Trans. CPU CPU S.dem S.dem
> Send Recv Size Size Time Rate local remote local remote
> bytes bytes bytes secs per sec % S % S us/Tr us/Tr
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> 110592 110592 1 1 20.00 13789.92 3.82 6.16 11.087 17.855
> 107520 107520
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> NETPERF RESULTS: the etun case :

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> netperf is ran from a network namespace,
> traffic goes through etun adapters.

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> TCP STREAM TEST from 0.0.0.0 (0.0.0.0) port 0 AF_INET to 192.168.76.1 (192.168.76.1) port 0 AF_INET : +/-2.5% @ 95% conf.

> Recv Send Send Utilization Service Demand
> Socket Socket Message Elapsed Send Recv Send Recv
> Size Size Size Time Throughput local remote local remote
> bytes bytes bytes secs 10^6bits/s % S % U us/KB us/KB
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> 87380 16384 1400 40.02 840.64 12.89 -1.00 5.025 -1.000
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> Socket Socket Message Elapsed Send Recv Send Recv
> Size Size Size Time Throughput local remote local remote
> bytes bytes bytes secs 10^6bits/s % S % U us/KB us/KB
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> 87380 16384 87380 40.03 763.30 6.29 -1.00 2.701 -1.000

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> Local /Remote
> Socket Size Request Resp. Elapsed Trans. CPU CPU S.dem S.dem
> Send Recv Size Size Time Rate local remote local remote
> bytes bytes bytes secs. per sec % S % U us/Tr us/Tr
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> 16384 87380 1 1 40.00 12230.34 4.64 -1.00 15.167 -1.000
> 16384 87380
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> UDP UNIDIRECTIONAL SEND TEST from 0.0.0.0 (0.0.0.0) port 0 AF_INET to 192.168.76.1
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> Socket Message Elapsed Messages CPU Service
> Size Size Time Okay Errors Throughput Util Demand
> bytes bytes secs # # 10^6bits/sec % SU us/KB
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> 110592 1400 40.00 12981742 0 3634.7 25.64 8.801
> 107520 40.00 3409123 954.5 -1.00 -1.000
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(192.168.76.1) port 0 AF_INET : +/-2.5% @ 95% conf.
> Local /Remote
> Socket Size Request Resp. Elapsed Trans. CPU CPU S.dem S.dem
> Send Recv Size Size Time Rate local remote local remote
> bytes bytes bytes secs. per sec % S % U us/Tr us/Tr
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> 110592 110592 1 1 40.00 13385.96 4.22 -1.00 12.658 -1.000
> 107520 107520
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0 AF_INET : +/-2.5% @ 95% conf.
> Recv Send Send Utilization Service Demand

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> Socket Socket Message Elapsed      Send   Recv   Send   Recv
> Size  Size  Size  Time  Throughput local  remote local  remote
> bytes bytes bytes secs. 10^6bits/s % S  % S  us/KB us/KB
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> 87380 16384 1400 20.03    817.40 7.26   12.96  2.912 5.200
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> TCP MAERTS TEST from 0.0.0.0 (0.0.0.0) port 0 AF_INET to 192.168.76.1 (192.168.76.1) port
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> Socket Socket Message Elapsed      Send   Recv   Send   Recv
> Size  Size  Size  Time  Throughput local  remote local  remote
> bytes bytes bytes secs. 10^6bits/s % S  % S  us/KB us/KB
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> 87380 16384 87380 20.03    763.33 4.95   10.32  2.127 4.429
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> Local /Remote
> Socket Size Request Resp. Elapsed Trans. CPU CPU S.dem S.dem
> Send Recv Size  Size Time Rate local remote local remote
> bytes bytes bytes bytes secs. per sec % S  % S  us/Tr us/Tr
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> 16384 87380 1    1    20.00 12448.36 4.34  6.21  13.950 19.939
> 16384 87380
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> UDP UNIDIRECTIONAL SEND TEST from 0.0.0.0 (0.0.0.0) port 0 AF_INET to 192.168.76.1
(192.168.76.1) port 0 AF_INET : +/-2.5% @ 95% conf.
> Socket Message Elapsed  Messages      CPU   Service
> Size  Size  Time      Okay Errors Throughput Util  Demand
> bytes bytes secs       #   # 10^6bits/sec % SS  us/KB
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> 110592 1400 20.00    1704200 0    954.3 7.11   2.440
> 107520          20.00 1704194        954.3 9.66   3.318
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> UDP REQUEST/RESPONSE TEST from 0.0.0.0 (0.0.0.0) port 0 AF_INET to 192.168.76.1
(192.168.76.1) port 0 AF_INET : +/-2.5% @ 95% conf.
> Local /Remote
> Socket Size Request Resp. Elapsed Trans. CPU CPU S.dem S.dem
> Send Recv Size  Size Time Rate local remote local remote

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> bytes bytes bytes  bytes secs. per sec % S  % S  us/Tr us/Tr  
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> 110592 110592 1    1   20.00 13751.49 3.98 6.09 11.625 17.788  
> 107520 107520  
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