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Subject: Re: [PATCH 03/16] net: Basic network namespace infrastructure.  
Posted by [ebiederm](#) on Mon, 10 Sep 2007 06:32:43 GMT

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"Paul E. McKenney" <paulmck@linux.vnet.ibm.com> writes:

>> I know I cannot use `get_net` for the reference in in `/proc` because  
>> otherwise I could not release the network namespace unless I was to  
>> unmount the filesystem, which is not a desirable property.

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>> I think I can change the idiom to:

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```
>> struct net *maybe_get_net(struct net *net)
>> {
>>     if (!atomic_inc_not_zero(&net->count))
>>         net = NULL;
>>     return net;
>> }
```

>>

>> Which would make `dev_seq_open` be:

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```
>> static int dev_seq_open(struct inode *inode, struct file *file)
>> {
>>     struct seq_file *seq;
>>     int res;
>>     res = seq_open(file, &dev_seq_ops);
>>     if (!res) {
>>         seq = file->private_data;
>>         seq->private = maybe_get_net(PROC_NET(inode));
>>         if (!seq->private) {
>>             res = -ENOENT;
>>             seq_release(inode, file);
>>         }
>>     }
>>     return res;
>> }
```

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>> I'm still asking myself if I need any kind of locking to ensure  
>> `struct net` does not go away in the mean time, if so `rcu_read_lock()`  
>> should be sufficient.

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> Agreed -- and it might be possible to leverage the existing locking  
> in the `/proc` code.

Yes. The generic `/proc` code takes care of this. It appears to ensure that any ongoing operations will be waited for and no more operations will be started once `remove_proc_entry` is called. So I just need the `maybe_get_net` thing to have

safe ref counting.

That is what I thought but I figured I would review that part while I was looking at everything.

Eric

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