Subject: Re: Network Namespace status Posted by davem on Sun, 16 Sep 2007 22:36:43 GMT

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- > The final blocker to having multiple useful instances of network
- > namespaces is the loopback device. We recognize the network namespace
- > of incoming packets by looking at dev->nd net. Which means for
- > packets to properly loopback within a network namespace we need a
- > loopback device per network namespace. There were some concerns
- > expressed when we posted the cleanup part of the patches that allowed
- > for multiple loopback devices a few weeks ago so resolving this one
- > may be tricky.

There was a change posted recently to dynamically allocate the loopback device. I like that (sorry I don't have a reference to the patch handy), and you can build on top of that to get the namespace local loopback objects you want.

```
static struct net_device *loopback_dev(struct net_namespace *net) {
...
}
```

You get the idea.

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