
Subject: Re: [PATCH] pidns: Place under CONFIG_EXPERIMENTAL (take 2)
Posted by [Adrian Bunk](#) on Sat, 27 Oct 2007 05:17:24 GMT

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On Fri, Oct 26, 2007 at 10:40:12PM -0600, Eric W. Biederman wrote:

> Adrian Bunk <bunk@kernel.org> writes:

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> > There isn't any hard semantics behind what is marked EXPERIMENTAL and

> > what not. In it's current state, we could even consider removing the

> > EXPERIMENTAL option and all dependencies on EXPERIMENTAL.

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> Well I do know at least some of the things that depend on experimental

> are legitimate.

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> I wonder if the problem is that we don't police experimental well

> enough.

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> > Currently CONFIG_EXPERIMENTAL=n would cost a distribution a three digit

> > number of device drivers plus several features like e.g. NFSv4.

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> I can see a distribution carefully cherry picking things, that the

> have an intimate knowledge about out of experimental but it doesn't

> sound right for taking things out of EXPERIMENTAL to be routine.

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> I know I'm a little slow about getting around to it but when ever I

> have a feature that isn't EXPERIMENTAL anymore I remove the tag.

Part of the picture might be that code that was included into the kernel usually is in a state that it works at least most time for most of the people.

And when you think about distributions, it's hard to imagine why a distribution should not enable more or less all EXPERIMENTAL device drivers - an EXPERIMENTAL driver is much better than no driver for this hardware at all.

> Eric

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Adrian

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"Is there not promise of rain?" Ling Tan asked suddenly out of the darkness. There had been need of rain for many days.

"Only a promise," Lao Er said.

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