
Subject: Re: namespace support requires network modules to say "GPL"

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Stephen Hemminger <shemminger@linux-foundation.org> wrote:

> Then init_net needs to be not GPL limited. Sorry, we need to allow
> non GPL network drivers. There is a fine line between keeping the
> binary seething masses from accessing random kernel functions, and allowing
> reasonable (but still non GPL) things like ndiswrapper to use network
> device interface.

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I spoke too soon earlier, ndiswrapper builds and loads against current
2.6.24-rc3. Vmware and proprietary VPN software probably do not. Once again I don't
give a damn, but the enterprise distro vendors certainly care.

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