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

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Mark Lord <lkml@rtr.ca> wrote:

> Stephen Hemminger wrote:

> > On Sat, 1 Dec 2007 11:17:36 -0800

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

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> >> 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.

> >>

> > 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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> Naw, enterprise (or any other) distro vendors shouldn't have any issues here,
> since they can just patch their kernels around any issues.

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> But it looks like Eric has this one thought out well enough.

So you are saying all this is not a problem, fine.

Any affected parties can certainly lobby for themselves. But I suspect they all think the kernel community is a bunch of ... and will just ignore the problem.

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