Subject: Re: namespace support requires network modules to say "GPL"
Posted by Alan Cox on Sun, 02 Dec 2007 13:51:04 GMT

On Sat, 1 Dec 2007 16:30:35 -0800
Stephen Hemminger <shemminger@linux-foundation.org> 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.
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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.

Enterprise distro vendors ship kernels from the 2.6.19 era, so I don't
see why they care.

Alan

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