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

Posted by [Ben Greear](#) on Sun, 02 Dec 2007 19:28:56 GMT

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Stephen Hemminger wrote:

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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.

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> 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.

>

I have a binary module that uses dev_get_by_name...it's sort of a
bridge-like thing and

needs user-space to tell it which device to listen for packets on...

This code doesn't need or care about name-spaces, so I don't see how it
could really

be infringing on the author's code (any worse than loading a binary
driver into the kernel
ever does).

I would certainly prefer to not have to patch around any problems with
calling dev_get_by_name

from a non-gpl module, but if required, I can probably figure something
out...

Thanks,

Ben

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