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Subject: Re: [patch 12/38][IPV6] ip6\_fib - move the fib table to the network namespace

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Brian Haley wrote:

> Hi Daniel,

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> Daniel Lezcano wrote:

>> Move the global definition of the fib table to the network namespace

>> structure and make their access to the initial network namespace.

> ....

>> -void \_\_init fib6\_init(void)

>> +static int fib6\_net\_init(struct net \*net)

>> {

>> - fib6\_node\_kmem = kmem\_cache\_create("fib6\_nodes",

>> - sizeof(struct fib6\_node),

>> - 0, SLAB\_HWCACHE\_ALIGN|SLAB\_PANIC,

>> - NULL);

>> + int ret;

>>

>> - fib\_table\_hash =

>> kzalloc(sizeof(\*fib\_table\_hash)\*FIB\_TABLE\_HASHSZ, GFP\_KERNEL);

>> - if (!fib\_table\_hash)

>> - panic("IPV6: Failed to allocate fib\_table\_hash.\n");

>> -

>> - fib6\_main\_tbl = kzalloc(sizeof(\*fib6\_main\_tbl), GFP\_KERNEL);

>> - if (!fib6\_main\_tbl)

>> - panic("IPV6: Failed to allocate fib6\_main\_tbl.\n");

>> -

>> - fib6\_main\_tbl->tb6\_id = RT6\_TABLE\_MAIN;

>> - fib6\_main\_tbl->tb6\_root.leaf = &ip6\_null\_entry;

>> - fib6\_main\_tbl->tb6\_root.fn\_flags = RTN\_ROOT | RTN\_TL\_ROOT |

>> RTN\_RTINFO;

>> + if (net != &init\_net)

>> + return -EPERM;

>> +

>> + ret = -ENOMEM;

>> + net->fib\_table\_hash =

>> kzalloc(sizeof(\*net->fib\_table\_hash)\*FIB\_TABLE\_HASHSZ,

>> + GFP\_KERNEL);

>> + if (!net->fib\_table\_hash)

>> + goto out;

>

> So originally, the fib\_table\_hash was global with no allocation

> necessary. Then in patch 11 you changed it to be dynamic and panic() on

> failure. Now it just gracefully returns. Do you really want to do that

> for the init\_net namespace? Won't the next routine that tries to access

> this NULL pointer oops? Same for fib6\_main\_table, fib6\_local\_table,  
> fib6\_stats, etc. Or did I miss where the callers error-out on an ENOMEM?

Yes, you are right, this is not consistent and we should not panic  
neither ignore the error. I should have modified the ip6\_route\_init and  
returned an error in case of register\_pernet\_subsys failure. So the ipv6  
initialization can fail safely.

I will post some modifications around that for net-2.6.25 for netdev@.

Thanks for catching that.

-- Daniel

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