
Subject: Purpose of `__net_exit` & friends [Was: [ICMP6]: Consolidate fail ...]

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On Fri, Feb 29, 2008 at 11:23:42AM -0800, David Miller wrote:

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> > +static void __net_exit icmpv6_sk_exit(struct net *net)

> > +{

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> Since you call this from `__new_init` code, won't this

> create a section conflict when ipv6 is built statically

> into the kernel?

I have noticed this `__net_init`/`__net_exit` stuff before
but never got around to ask about it.

Whats the actual purpose and are there any strict
rules as to what may be called from where?

If there are we should apply the same checks as we do
for `__devinit`/`__devexit` and friends.

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