
Subject: [PATCH 2/14][NETNS]: Generic per-net pointers.
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Add the elastic array of void * pointer to the struct net.
The access rules are simple:

1. register the ops with register_pernet_gen_device to get the id of your private pointer
2. call net_assign_generic() to put the private data on the struct net (most preferably this should be done in the ->init callback of the ops registered)
3. do not change this pointer while the net is alive;
4. use the net_generic() to get the pointer.

When adding a new pointer, I copy the old array, replace it with a new one and schedule the old for kfree after an RCU grace period.

Since the net_generic explores the net->gen array inside rcu read section and once set the net->gen->ptr[x] pointer never changes, this grants us a safe access to generic pointers.

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include/net/net_namespace.h | 2 +
include/net/netns/generic.h | 49 +++++
net/core/net_namespace.c | 62 +++++
3 files changed, 113 insertions(+), 0 deletions(-)
create mode 100644 include/net/netns/generic.h

diff --git a/include/net/net_namespace.h b/include/net/net_namespace.h

index 6971fdb..e3d4eb4 100644

--- a/include/net/net_namespace.h

+++ b/include/net/net_namespace.h

@@ -19,6 +19,7 @@ struct proc_dir_entry;

struct net_device;

struct sock;

struct ctl_table_header;

+struct net_generic;

struct net {

atomic_t count; /* To decided when the network

@@ -57,6 +58,7 @@ struct net {

#ifdef CONFIG_NETFILTER

struct netns_xt xt;

#endif

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+ struct net_generic *gen;
};
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diff --git a/include/net/netns/generic.h b/include/net/netns/generic.h
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new file mode 100644
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index 0000000..e8a6d27
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--- /dev/null
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+++ b/include/net/netns/generic.h
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@@ -0,0 +1,49 @@
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+/*
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+ * generic net pointers
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+ */
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+#ifndef __NET_GENERIC_H__
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+#define __NET_GENERIC_H__
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+#include <linux/rcupdate.h>
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+/*
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+ * Generic net pointers are to be used by modules
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+ * to put some private stuff on the struct net without
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+ * explicit struct net modification
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+ *
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+ * ->init callback of the ops registered)
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+ * 3. do not change this pointer while the net is alive.
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+ *
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+ * After accomplishing all of the above, the private pointer
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+ * can be accessed with the net_generic() call.
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+ */
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```
+struct net_generic {
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+ unsigned int len;
```

```
+ struct rcu_head rcu;
```

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+
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```
+ void *ptr[0];
```

```
+};
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```
+static inline void *net_generic(struct net *net, int id)
```

```
+{
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```
+ struct net_generic *ng;
```

```
+ void *ptr;
```

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+ rcu_read_lock();
+ ng = rcu_dereference(net->gen);
+ BUG_ON(id == 0 || id > ng->len);
+ ptr = ng->ptr[id - 1];
+ rcu_read_unlock();
+
+ return ptr;
+}
+
+extern int net_assign_generic(struct net *net, int id, void *data);
+#endif
diff --git a/net/core/net_namespace.c b/net/core/net_namespace.c
index 7ef3bac..b384840 100644
--- a/net/core/net_namespace.c
+++ b/net/core/net_namespace.c
@@ -7,6 +7,7 @@
#include <linux/sched.h>
#include <linux/idr.h>
#include <net/net_namespace.h>
#include <net/netns/generic.h>

/*
 * Our network namespace constructor/destructor lists
@@ -21,6 +22,8 @@ LIST_HEAD(net_namespace_list);
struct net init_net;
EXPORT_SYMBOL(init_net);

#define INITIAL_NET_GEN_PTRS 13 /* +1 for len +2 for rcu_head */
+
/*
 * setup_net runs the initializers for the network namespace object.
 */
@@ -29,10 +32,21 @@ static __net_init int setup_net(struct net *net)
/* Must be called with net_mutex held */
struct pernet_operations *ops;
int error;
+ struct net_generic *ng;

atomic_set(&net->count, 1);
atomic_set(&net->use_count, 0);

+ error = -ENOMEM;
+ ng = kzalloc(sizeof(struct net_generic) +
+ INITIAL_NET_GEN_PTRS * sizeof(void *), GFP_KERNEL);
+ if (ng == NULL)
+ goto out;
+
+ ng->len = INITIAL_NET_GEN_PTRS;

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+ INIT_RCU_HEAD(&ng->rcu);
+ rcu_assign_pointer(net->gen, ng);
+
+ error = 0;
+ list_for_each_entry(ops, &pernet_list, list) {
+     if (ops->init) {
@@ -54,6 +68,7 @@ out_undo:
+     }

+     rcu_barrier();
+ kfree(ng);
+ goto out;
+ }

@@ -384,3 +399,50 @@ void unregister_pernet_gen_device(int id, struct pernet_operations
*ops)
+     mutex_unlock(&net_mutex);
+ }
+ EXPORT_SYMBOL_GPL(unregister_pernet_gen_device);
+
+static void net_generic_release(struct rcu_head *rcu)
+{
+ struct net_generic *ng;
+
+ ng = container_of(rcu, struct net_generic, rcu);
+ kfree(ng);
+ }
+
+int net_assign_generic(struct net *net, int id, void *data)
+{
+ struct net_generic *ng, *old_ng;
+
+ BUG_ON(!mutex_is_locked(&net_mutex));
+ BUG_ON(id == 0);
+
+ ng = old_ng = net->gen;
+ if (old_ng->len >= id)
+     goto assign;
+
+ ng = kzalloc(sizeof(struct net_generic) +
+ id * sizeof(void *), GFP_KERNEL);
+ if (ng == NULL)
+     return -ENOMEM;
+
+ /*
+ * Some synchronisation notes:
+ *
+ * The net_generic explores the net->gen array inside rcu

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+ * read section. Besides once set the net->gen->ptr[x]
+ * pointer never changes (see rules in netns/generic.h).
+ *
+ * That said, we simply duplicate this array and schedule
+ * the old copy for kfree after a grace period.
+ */
+
+ ng->len = id;
+ INIT_RCU_HEAD(&ng->rcu);
+ memcpy(&ng->ptr, &old_ng->ptr, old_ng->len);
+
+ rcu_assign_pointer(net->gen, ng);
+ call_rcu(&old_ng->rcu, net_generic_release);
+assign:
+ ng->ptr[id - 1] = data;
+ return 0;
+}
+EXPORT_SYMBOL_GPL(net_assign_generic);
--
1.5.3.4

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