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Subject: [PATCH 2/3] proc: sysctl: add \_proc\_do\_string helper  
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The logic in `proc_do_string` is worth re-using without passing in a `ctl_table` structure (say, we want to calculate a pointer and pass that in instead); pass in the two fields it uses from that structure as explicit arguments.

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kernel/sysctl.c | 65 ++++++-----
1 files changed, 36 insertions(+), 29 deletions(-)
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diff --git a/kernel/sysctl.c b/kernel/sysctl.c
index 618a2f8..cf053fc 100644
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--- a/kernel/sysctl.c
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+++ b/kernel/sysctl.c
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```
@ @ -1605,32 +1605,14 @ @ static ssize_t proc_writesys(struct file
    return do_rw_proc(1, file, (char __user *) buf, count, ppos);
}
```

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-/**
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```
- * proc_dostring - read a string sysctl
- * @table: the sysctl table
- * @write: %TRUE if this is a write to the sysctl file
- * @filp: the file structure
- * @buffer: the user buffer
- * @lenp: the size of the user buffer
- * @ppos: file position
- *
- * Reads/writes a string from/to the user buffer. If the kernel
- * buffer provided is not large enough to hold the string, the
- * string is truncated. The copied string is %NULL-terminated.
- * If the string is being read by the user process, it is copied
- * and a newline '\n' is added. It is truncated if the buffer is
- * not large enough.
- *
- * Returns 0 on success.
- */
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-int proc_dostring(ctl_table *table, int write, struct file *filp,
-    void __user *buffer, size_t *lenp, loff_t *ppos)
+int _proc_do_string(void* data, int maxlen, int write, struct file *filp,
+    void __user *buffer, size_t *lenp, loff_t *ppos)
{
    size_t len;
    char __user *p;
```

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char c;

- if (!table->data || !table->maxlen || !*lenp ||
+ if (!data || !maxlen || !*lenp ||
    (*ppos && !write)) {
    *lenp = 0;
    return 0;
@@ -1646,20 +1628,20 @@ int proc_dostring(ctl_table *table, int
    break;
    len++;
}
- if (len >= table->maxlen)
- len = table->maxlen-1;
- if(copy_from_user(table->data, buffer, len))
+ if (len >= maxlen)
+ len = maxlen-1;
+ if(copy_from_user(data, buffer, len))
    return -EFAULT;
- ((char *) table->data)[len] = 0;
+ ((char *) data)[len] = 0;
    *ppos += *lenp;
} else {
- len = strlen(table->data);
- if (len > table->maxlen)
- len = table->maxlen;
+ len = strlen(data);
+ if (len > maxlen)
+ len = maxlen;
    if (len > *lenp)
        len = *lenp;
    if (len)
- if(copy_to_user(buffer, table->data, len))
+ if(copy_to_user(buffer, data, len))
        return -EFAULT;
    if (len < *lenp) {
        if(put_user('\n', ((char __user *) buffer) + len))
@@ -1672,6 +1654,31 @@ int proc_dostring(ctl_table *table, int
    return 0;
}

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+ return _proc_do_string(table->data, table->maxlen, write, filp,
+      buffer, lenp, ppos);
+}
+
+/*
+ * Special case of dostring for the UTS structure. This has locks
+ * to observe. Should this be in kernel/sys.c ????
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