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Subject: Re: [PATCH] usbnet: fix oops in usbnet\_start\_xmit  
Posted by [Konstantin Khlebnikov](#) on Mon, 07 Nov 2011 14:05:22 GMT  
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Richard Cochran wrote:

> On Sun, Nov 06, 2011 at 10:33:37PM +0300, Konstantin Khlebnikov wrote:  
>> This patch fixes the bug added in commit v3.1-rc7-1055-gf9b491e  
>> SKB can be NULL at this point, at least for cdc-ncm.  
>  
> What? You mean .ndo\_start\_xmit is called with skb NULL?

no. cdc\_ncm call usbnet\_start\_xmit with NULL skb from timer handler  
and tx\_fixup hook pickup skb from internal context. yeah, it really messy.

>  
>> Let's call skb\_tx\_timestamp() after driver specific tx-fixup hacks.  
>  
> No, that won't work.  
>  
> That call is before the fixup on purpose, because some fixups add  
> padding in front of the Ethernet payload, and this will spoil the PTP  
> packet detection filter.  
>  
> I don't know why the skb can be NULL here. If that is really the case,  
> then the correct fix is:  
>  
> if (skb)  
> skb\_tx\_timestamp(skb);  
>  
> Thanks,  
> Richard

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>>  
>> Signed-off-by: Konstantin Khlebnikov<khlebnikov@openvz.org>  
>> ---  
>> drivers/net/usb/usbnet.c | 4 +--  
>> 1 files changed, 2 insertions(+), 2 deletions(-)  
>>  
>> diff --git a/drivers/net/usb/usbnet.c b/drivers/net/usb/usbnet.c  
>> index 7d60821..485be70 100644  
>> --- a/drivers/net/usb/usbnet.c  
>> +++ b/drivers/net/usb/usbnet.c  
>> @@ -1057,8 +1057,6 @@ netdev\_tx\_t usbnet\_start\_xmit (struct sk\_buff \*skb,  
>> unsigned long flags;  
>> int retval;  
>>  
>> - skb\_tx\_timestamp(skb);

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>> -
>> // some devices want funky USB-level framing, for
>> // win32 driver (usually) and/or hardware quirks
>> if (info->tx_fixup) {
>> @@ -1075,6 +1073,8 @@ netdev_tx_t usbnet_start_xmit (struct sk_buff *skb,
>> }
>> length = skb->len;
>>
>> + skb_tx_timestamp(skb);
>> +
>> if (!(urb = usb_alloc_urb (0, GFP_ATOMIC))) {
>>   netif_dbg(dev, tx_err, dev->net, "no urb\n");
>>   goto drop;
>>
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