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Subject: Re: [RFC] network namespaces

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> Basically there are currently 3 approaches that have been proposed.

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> The trivial BSD jail style as implemented by Serge and in a slightly  
> more sophisticated version in vserver. This approach as it does not  
> touch the packets has little to no packet level overhead. Basically  
> this is what I have called the Level 3 approach.

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> The more in depth approach where we modify the packet processing based  
> upon which network interface the packet comes in on, and it looks like  
> each namespace has its own instance of the network stack. Roughly  
> what was proposed earlier in this thread the Level 2 approach. This  
> potentially has per packet overhead so we need to watch the implementation  
> very carefully.

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> Some weird hybrid as proposed by Daniel, that I was never clear on the  
> semantics.

The good thing is that these approaches do not contradict each other.

We discussed it with Daniel during the summit and as Andrey proposed  
some shortcuts can be created to avoid double stack traversing.

>> From the previous conversations my impression was that as long as

> we could get a Layer 2 approach that did not slow down the networking  
> stack and was clean, everyone would be happy.  
agree.

> I'm buried in the process id namespace at the moment, and except  
> to be so for the rest of the month, so I'm not going to be  
> very helpful except for a few stray comments.

I will be very much obliged if you find some time to review these new  
patches so that we could make some progress here.

Thanks,  
Kirill

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