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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2/2] Implement shadow directory support for device classes.  
Posted by [Greg KH](#) on Wed, 24 Jan 2007 19:50:17 GMT

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On Wed, Jan 24, 2007 at 12:37:19PM -0700, Eric W. Biederman wrote:

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greg k-h

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2/2] Implement shadow directory support for device classes.  
Posted by [ebiederm](#) on Wed, 24 Jan 2007 20:28:22 GMT

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Sure. That shouldn't be too hard.

Is any of that work in Dave Millers' networking tree?

I'm just trying to figure out where your work is, relative to the rest of the networking stack.

I have a lot of networking infrastructure I need to touch.

Eric

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No, it's in my tree, and in -mm. It's all in one patch at:

<http://www.kernel.org/pub/linux/kernel/people/gregkh/gregkh-2.6/gregkh-01-driver/network-device.patch>

if you want to try it out.

Or you can try it with any of the subsystems that have already been converted over to use the struct device code, like misc, mem, and many others. Just look for the symlinks in /sys/class/CLASS\_NAME/ instead of real subdirectories.

So I'd really prefer to not apply this patch, and just do this kind of work for 'struct device' instead.

The first one looks fine, I'll add it to my queue.

thanks,

greg k-h

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I don't want to get stuck waiting for cleanups so I will keep this one, even if you don't apply it :)

But I will go figure out the equivalent version for struct device, as it doesn't look like you are that far off from merging that version. :)

That way my code will work whichever code base I have to merge against.

Eric

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