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Subject: Re: netns summary (was Re: containers development plans)

Posted by [ebiederm](#) on Thu, 05 Jul 2007 19:38:07 GMT

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> \* openvz

> \* ibm

> \* eric (hopefully :)

> \* planetlab (heavy users of linux-vserver)

> \* hp (also interested)

> \* google (?)

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> the planetlab team successfully included eric's netns patchset in the

> linux-vserver patch and had good results with it.

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> the following tasks were discussed :

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> \* improve the patchset to make it acceptable by the netdev community

> \* share a netns git tree

> \* share some tests framework all parties have been developing

> independently.

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> Are we in sync ? I'm sure there are more interesting stuff to be said :)

Roughly. Basically only the head of the tree (possibly a separate tree in and of itself ) would be the candidates for merging we would actively be working on.

> We're looking for a place to host the netns git tree while we are working on  
> it, which means we will need first a federator for the pachset. Eric declined  
> as he is too busy. Any proposals ?

To some extent. I get distracted, so I cannot provide routine maintenance. While we are actively merging I intend to do some of the work, I'm just not likely to do a lot of out of tree keeping up with the latest tree work.

I expect I will be actively involved while we get the core infrastructure merged.

Eric

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Regards,  
Den

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Subject: Re: Re: netns summary (was Re: containers development plans)  
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"Denis V. Lunev" <den@sw.ru> writes:

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Roughly. Although the way you put it is bleak. What you are talking about is the normal patch review process.

One thing I do want to emphasize is that we want to do as much review

among ourselves as possible, so we don't waste Dave's time reviewing or sorting out issues we can sort out ourselves.

However David Miller and the other networking guys are quite likely to have issues we have never considered. (It is the nature of the beast).

Therefore we should start at simple and as straight forward as we can and fix it from there. If those objections happen to fall where we have already considered them we can easily handle them, because we already have the code. If those objections fall somewhere else it will obviously take us a few more days.

Eric

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