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Posted by [Pavel Emelianov](#) on Fri, 14 Sep 2007 07:39:32 GMT

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I have problems with cloning repos from git.openvz.org, so this patch comes to the yesterdays net-2.6.24 David's tree.

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diff --git a/include/linux/list.h b/include/linux/list.h
index f29fc9c..ad9dcb9 100644
--- a/include/linux/list.h
+++ b/include/linux/list.h
@@ -525,6 +525,20 @@ static inline void list_splice_init_rcu(
    pos = list_entry(pos->member.next, typeof(*pos), member))

/**
+ * list_for_each_entry_continue_reverse - iterate backwards from the given point
+ * @pos: the type * to use as a loop cursor.
+ * @head: the head for your list.
+ * @member: the name of the list_struct within the struct.
+ *
+ * Start to iterate over list of given type backwards, continuing after
+ * the current position.
+ */
+#define list_for_each_entry_continue_reverse(pos, head, member) \
+ for (pos = list_entry(pos->member.prev, typeof(*pos), member); \
+      prefetch(pos->member.prev), &pos->member != (head); \
+      pos = list_entry(pos->member.prev, typeof(*pos), member))
+
+/**
+ * list_for_each_entry_from - iterate over list of given type from the current point
+ * @pos: the type * to use as a loop cursor.
+ * @head: the head for your list.
diff --git a/net/core/net_namespace.c b/net/core/net_namespace.c
index 1fc513c..a9dd261 100644
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```

```

@@ -102,7 +102,6 @@ static int setup_net(struct net *net)
{
/* Must be called with net_mutex held */
struct pernet_operations *ops;
- struct list_head *ptr;
int error;

memset(net, 0, sizeof(struct net));
@@ -110,8 +109,7 @@ static int setup_net(struct net *net)
atomic_set(&net->use_count, 0);

error = 0;
- list_for_each(ptr, &pernet_list) {
- ops = list_entry(ptr, struct pernet_operations, list);
+ list_for_each_entry(ops, &pernet_list, list) {
if (ops->init) {
error = ops->init(net);
if (error < 0)
@@ -120,12 +118,12 @@ static int setup_net(struct net *net)
}
out:
return error;
+
out_undo:
/* Walk through the list backwards calling the exit functions
* for the pernet modules whose init functions did not fail.
*/
- for (ptr = ptr->prev; ptr != &pernet_list; ptr = ptr->prev) {
- ops = list_entry(ptr, struct pernet_operations, list);
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if (ops->exit)
ops->exit(net);
}

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Posted by [Stephen Hemminger](#) on Fri, 14 Sep 2007 12:49:38 GMT

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Posted by [ebiederm](#) on Fri, 14 Sep 2007 14:41:07 GMT

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And call setup\_net on each new network namespace.

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safe version of it to merge to allow for a little more transparency.

```
> struct net *copy_net_ns(unsigned long flags, struct net *old_net)
> {
>     struct net *new_net = NULL;
>     int err;
>
>     get_net(old_net);
>
>     if (!(flags & CLONE_NEWNET))
>         return old_net;
>
>     err = -EPERM;
>     if (!capable(CAP_SYS_ADMIN))
>         goto out;
>
>     err = -ENOMEM;
>     new_net = net_alloc();
>     if (!new_net)
>         goto out;
>
>     mutex_lock(&net_mutex);
>     err = setup_net(new_net);
>     if (err)
>         goto out_unlock;
>
>     net_lock();
>     list_add_tail(&new_net->list, &net_namespace_list);
>     net_unlock();
>
>
> out_unlock:
>     mutex_unlock(&net_mutex);
> out:
>     put_net(old_net);
>     if (err) {
>         net_free(new_net);
>         new_net = ERR_PTR(err);
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>     return new_net;
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Eric

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Posted by [Stephen Hemminger](#) on Fri, 14 Sep 2007 20:06:56 GMT

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Unfortunately we need to allocate memory, and perform other operations  
that can fail. That's the nature of the problem.

So I think not allowing init to fail would be optimizing for the wrong  
the case. Allowing init to fail makes the rest of the code simpler  
because we don't have to perform the impossible when the highly  
unlikely happens.

The ugly unwind is only about 5 lines of code that never need to  
change (except for beautification). So I don't think the cost  
is prohibitive.

Eric

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Posted by [davem](#) on Sun, 16 Sep 2007 23:49:14 GMT

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Date: Fri, 14 Sep 2007 22:07:14 +0200

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