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Subject: [patch 0/1] fix veth netif\_carrier\_off  
Posted by [Daniel Lezcano](#) on Tue, 18 Sep 2007 16:56:45 GMT  
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When I tried the veth driver, I fall into a kernel oops.

```
qemu login: Oops: 0000 [#1]
Modules linked in:
CPU: 0
EIP: 0060:[<c0265c9e>] Not tainted VLI
EFLAGS: 00000202 (2.6.23-rc6-g754f885d-dirty #33)
EIP is at __linkwatch_run_queue+0x6a/0x175
eax: c7fc9550 ebx: 6b6b6b6b ecx: c3360c80 edx: 00000246
esi: 00000001 edi: 6b6b6b6b ebp: c7fd9f7c esp: c7fd9f5c
ds: 007b es: 007b fs: 0000 gs: 0000 ss: 0068
Process events/0 (pid: 5, ti=c7fd8000 task=c7fc9550 task.ti=c7fd8000)
Stack: c7fee5a8 c0387680 c7fd9f74 c02e1aaa 4f732564 c0387684 c7fee5a8 c0387680
       c7fd9f84 c0265dc9 c7fd9fac c011fb3c c7fd9f94 c02e277e c7fd9fac c02e1166
       c0265da9 c7fee5a8 c0120203 c7fd9fc8 c7fd9fd0 c01202ba 00000000 c7fc9550
Call Trace:
[<c0102c69>] show_trace_log_lvl+0x1a/0x2f
[<c0102d1b>] show_stack_log_lvl+0x9d/0xa5
[<c0102ee1>] show_registers+0x1be/0x28f
[<c010309a>] die+0xe8/0x208
[<c010d5a1>] do_page_fault+0x4ba/0x595
[<c02e2842>] error_code+0x6a/0x70
[<c0265dc9>] linkwatch_event+0x20/0x27
[<c011fb3c>] run_workqueue+0x7c/0x102
[<c01202ba>] worker_thread+0xb7/0xc5
[<c012270c>] kthread+0x39/0x61
[<c0102913>] kernel_thread_helper+0x7/0x10
=====
Code: b8 60 76 38 c0 e8 e3 ca 07 00 b8 60 76 38 c0 8b 1d 78 a7 3d c0 c7 05 78 a7 3d c0 00 00
00 00 e8 df ca 07 00 e9 ed 00 00 00 85 f6 <8b> bb f4 01 00 00 74 17 89 d8 e8 73 fe ff ff 85 c0 75
0c 89 d8
EIP: [<c0265c9e>] __linkwatch_run_queue+0x6a/0x175 SS:ESP 0068:c7fd9f5c
Slab corruption: size=2048 start=c473eac8, len=2048
Redzone: 0x9f911029d74e35b/0x9f911029d74e35b.
Last user: [<c025be72>](free_netdev+0x1f/0x41)
200: 6b 6b 6b 6b 6b 6b 6b 6b 6b 6b 6b 6b c0 e2 73 c4
Prev obj: start=c473e2b0, len=2048
Redzone: 0xd84156c5635688c0/0xd84156c5635688c0.
Last user: [<c025bed0>](alloc_netdev_mq+0x3c/0xa1)
000: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
010: 76 65 74 68 30 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
Next obj: start=c473f2e0, len=2048
Redzone: 0x9f911029d74e35b/0x9f911029d74e35b.
Last user: [<c0260e69>](neigh_sysctl_unregister+0x2b/0x2e)
```

000: 6b 6b 6b 6b 6b 6b 6b 6b 6b 6b 6b 6b 6b 6b 6b 6b  
010: 6b 6b 6b 6b 6b 6b 6b 6b 6b 6b 6b 6b 6b 6b 6b 6b

That happens when trying to add the veth driver using the ip command:

```
ip link add veth0
```

which fail.

It appears that the `netif_carrier_off` is placed into the `setup` function and this one is called before `register_netdevice`.

The `register_netdevice` function does a lot of initialization to the `netdev` and if the `netif_carrier_off` is called before the `register_netdev` function, it will use and trigger an event for an uninitialized `netdev`.

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Subject: [patch 1/1] fix bad `netif_carrier_off` place  
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From: Daniel Lezcano <dlezcano@fr.ibm.com>

If the `netif_carrier_off` is called before `register_netdev` that will use and generate an event for a non initialized network device and that leads to a Oops.

I moved the `netif_carrier_off` from the `setup` function after each `register_netdev` call.

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 dev->features |= NETIF_F_LLTX;
 dev->init = veth_dev_init;
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dev->destructor = veth_dev_free;
- netif_carrier_off(dev);
}

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if (err < 0)
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Acked-by: Pavel Emelyanov <xemul@openvz.org>

Eric, if you managed to reproduce your oopses, does this patch help?

BTW, this problem exists for some other drivers, no? E.g.  
xpnet\_init() does the same thing and probably oopses as well.

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