
Subject: [PATCH] various dst_ifdown routines to catch refcounting bugs

Posted by [den](#) on Thu, 27 Sep 2007 13:46:47 GMT

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Moving dst entries into init_net.loopback_dev is not a good thing.
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This patch uses net_ns loopback instead of init_net loopback.
This allows to catch various bugs like recent one in IPv6 DAD handling.

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--- ./net/core/dst.c.loop 2007-08-26 19:30:38.000000000 +0400
+++ ./net/core/dst.c 2007-08-26 19:30:38.000000000 +0400
@@ -279,11 +279,11 @@ static inline void dst_ifdown(struct dst
     if (!unregister) {
         dst->input = dst->output = dst_discard;
     } else {
-        dst->dev = init_net.loopback_dev;
+        dst->dev = dst->dev->nd_net->loopback_dev;
         dev_hold(dst->dev);
         dev_put(dev);
         if (dst->neighbour && dst->neighbour->dev == dev) {
-            dst->neighbour->dev = init_net.loopback_dev;
+            dst->neighbour->dev = dst->dev;
             dev_put(dev);
             dev_hold(dst->neighbour->dev);
         }
--- ./net/ipv4/route.c.loop 2007-08-26 19:30:38.000000000 +0400
+++ ./net/ipv4/route.c 2007-08-26 19:30:38.000000000 +0400
@@ -1402,8 +1402,9 @@ static void ipv4_dst_ifdown(struct dst_e
 {
     struct rtable *rt = (struct rtable *) dst;
     struct in_device *idev = rt->idev;
-    if (dev != init_net.loopback_dev && idev && idev->dev == dev) {
-        struct in_device *loopback_idev = in_dev_get(init_net.loopback_dev);
+    if (dev != dev->nd_net->loopback_dev && idev && idev->dev == dev) {
+        struct in_device *loopback_idev =
+        in_dev_get(dev->nd_net->loopback_dev);
         if (loopback_idev) {
             rt->idev = loopback_idev;
             in_dev_put(idev);
--- ./net/ipv4/xfrm4_policy.c.loop 2007-08-26 19:30:38.000000000 +0400
+++ ./net/ipv4/xfrm4_policy.c 2007-08-26 19:30:38.000000000 +0400
@@ -306,7 +306,8 @@ static void xfrm4_dst_ifdown(struct dst_

xdst = (struct xfrm_dst *)dst;
if (xdst->u.rt.idev->dev == dev) {
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- struct in_device *loopback_iddev = in_dev_get(init_net.loopback_dev);
+ struct in_device *loopback_iddev =
+ in_dev_get(dev->nd_net->loopback_dev);
  BUG_ON(!loopback_iddev);

  do {
--- ./net/ipv6/route.c.loop 2007-08-26 19:30:38.000000000 +0400
+++ ./net/ipv6/route.c 2007-08-26 19:30:38.000000000 +0400
@@ -220,9 +220,12 @@ static void ip6_dst_ifdown(struct dst_en
{
  struct rt6_info *rt = (struct rt6_info *)dst;
  struct inet6_dev *idev = rt->rt6i_iddev;
+ struct net_device *loopback_dev =
+ dev->nd_net->loopback_dev;

- if (dev != init_net.loopback_dev && idev != NULL && idev->dev == dev) {
- struct inet6_dev *loopback_iddev = in6_dev_get(init_net.loopback_dev);
+ if (dev != loopback_dev && idev != NULL && idev->dev == dev) {
+ struct inet6_dev *loopback_iddev =
+ in6_dev_get(loopback_dev);
  if (loopback_iddev != NULL) {
    rt->rt6i_iddev = loopback_iddev;
    in6_dev_put(idev);
@@ -1185,12 +1188,12 @@ int ip6_route_add(struct fib6_config *cf
if ((cfg->fc_flags & RTF_REJECT) ||
    (dev && (dev->flags & IFF_LOOPBACK) && !(addr_type & IPV6_ADDR_LOOPBACK))) {
  /* hold loopback dev/idev if we haven't done so. */
- if (dev != init_net.loopback_dev) {
+ if (dev != dev->nd_net->loopback_dev) {
  if (dev) {
    dev_put(dev);
    in6_dev_put(idev);
  }
- dev = init_net.loopback_dev;
+ dev = dev->nd_net->loopback_dev;
  dev_hold(dev);
  idev = in6_dev_get(dev);
  if (!idev) {
@@ -1894,13 +1897,13 @@ struct rt6_info *addrconf_dst_alloc(stru
if (rt == NULL)
  return ERR_PTR(-ENOMEM);

- dev_hold(init_net.loopback_dev);
+ dev_hold(idev->dev->nd_net->loopback_dev);
  in6_dev_hold(idev);

  rt->u.dst.flags = DST_HOST;
  rt->u.dst.input = ip6_input;

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rt->u.dst.output = ip6_output;
- rt->rt6i_dev = init_net.loopback_dev;
+ rt->rt6i_dev = idev->dev->nd_net->loopback_dev;
rt->rt6i_idev = idev;
rt->u.dst.metrics[RTAX_MTU-1] = ipv6_get_mtu(rt->rt6i_dev);
rt->u.dst.metrics[RTAX_ADVMSS-1] = ipv6_advmss(dst_mtu(&rt->u.dst));
--- ./net/ipv6/xfrm6_policy.c.loop 2007-08-26 19:30:38.000000000 +0400
+++ ./net/ipv6/xfrm6_policy.c 2007-08-26 19:30:38.000000000 +0400
@@ -375,7 +375,8 @@ static void xfrm6_dst_ifdown(struct dst_

    xdst = (struct xfrm_dst *)dst;
    if (xdst->u.rt6i_idev->dev == dev) {
- struct inet6_dev *loopback_idev = in6_dev_get(init_net.loopback_dev);
+ struct inet6_dev *loopback_idev =
+ in6_dev_get(dev->nd_net->loopback_dev);
    BUG_ON(!loopback_idev);

    do {
--- ./net/xfrm/xfrm_policy.c.loop 2007-08-26 19:30:38.000000000 +0400
+++ ./net/xfrm/xfrm_policy.c 2007-08-26 19:30:38.000000000 +0400
@@ -1949,7 +1949,7 @@ static int stale_bundle(struct dst_entry
void xfrm_dst_ifdown(struct dst_entry *dst, struct net_device *dev)
{
    while ((dst = dst->child) && dst->xfrm && dst->dev == dev) {
- dst->dev = init_net.loopback_dev;
+ dst->dev = dev->nd_net->loopback_dev;
    dev_hold(dst->dev);
    dev_put(dev);
}

```

Subject: Re: [PATCH] various dst_ifdown routines to catch refcounting bugs

Posted by [ebiederm](#) on Thu, 27 Sep 2007 16:27:43 GMT

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Acked-by: "Eric W. Biederman" <ebiederm@xmission.com>

To be clear using init_net.loopback is currently safe because we don't have any destination cache entries for anything except the initial network namespace.

I have not yet made this change simply because I haven't gotten around to this part in my patches.

I do have a question I would like to bring up, because I like avoiding explicit references to loopback_dev when I can.

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 *
 * Commented and originally written by Alexey.
 */
```

What is the race that is talked about in that comment. Can we just assign NULL instead of the loopback device when we bring a route down. My gut feeling is that something like:
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I haven't traced this all of the way through but from the obvious parts I just get this nagging feeling that something isn't quite right.

Eric

Subject: Re: [PATCH] various dst_ifdown routines to catch refcounting bugs
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From: ebiederm@xmission.com (Eric W. Biederman)
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Patch applied.

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The packet output path accesses the cached route device asynchronously, and we are resetting the device to be loopback without any synchronization whatsoever. None is in fact possible, and we don't want to add it because that would be way too expensive.

So another thread on the system can either see the original device or the loopback one.

It all works out because as the device goes down we'll purge any packets queued into the transmit queue and packet scheduler for that device.
