
Subject: [PATCH 0/3] IPv6 start/stop problems
Posted by [den](#) on Tue, 18 Mar 2008 14:32:41 GMT
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Regards,
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Signed-off-by: Denis V. Lunev <den@openvz.org>

net/ipv6/addrconf.c | 10 +++++-----
1 files changed, 5 insertions(+), 5 deletions(-)

diff --git a/net/ipv6/addrconf.c b/net/ipv6/addrconf.c

index 4b86d38..d68e8f5 100644

--- a/net/ipv6/addrconf.c

+++ b/net/ipv6/addrconf.c

@ @ -2457,7 +2457,7 @ @ static int addrconf_ifdown(struct net_device *dev, int how)

/* Step 1: remove reference to ipv6 device from parent device.

Do not dev_put!

*/

- if (how == 1) {

+ if (how) {

idev->dead = 1;

/* protected by rtnl_lock */

@ @ -2489,12 +2489,12 @ @ static int addrconf_ifdown(struct net_device *dev, int how)

write_lock_bh(&idev->lock);

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/* Step 3: clear flags for stateless addrconf */
- if (how != 1)
+ if (!how)
    idev->if_flags &= ~(IF_RS_SENT|IF_RA_RCVD|IF_READY);

/* Step 4: clear address list */
#ifdef CONFIG_IPV6_PRIVACY
- if (how == 1 && del_timer(&idev->regen_timer))
+ if (how && del_timer(&idev->regen_timer))
    in6_dev_put(idev);

/* clear tempaddr list */
@@ -2531,7 +2531,7 @@ static int addrconf_ifdown(struct net_device *dev, int how)

/* Step 5: Discard multicast list */

- if (how == 1)
+ if (how)
    ipv6_mc_destroy_dev(idev);
else
    ipv6_mc_down(idev);
@@ -2540,7 +2540,7 @@ static int addrconf_ifdown(struct net_device *dev, int how)

/* Shot the device (if unregistered) */

- if (how == 1) {
+ if (how) {
    addrconf_sysctl_unregister(idev);
    neigh_parms_release(&nd_tbl, idev->nd_parms);
    neigh_ifdown(&nd_tbl, dev);
--
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Subject: [PATCH 2/3] [IPv6]: inet6_dev on loopback should be kept until namespace stop.
Posted by [den](#) on Tue, 18 Mar 2008 14:35:24 GMT
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In the other case it will be destroyed when last address will be removed from lo inside a namespace. This will break IPv6 in several places. The most obvious one is ip6_dst_ifdown.

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net/ipv6/addrconf.c | 2 +-
1 files changed, 1 insertions(+), 1 deletions(-)

diff --git a/net/ipv6/addrconf.c b/net/ipv6/addrconf.c

index d68e8f5..40784ea 100644

--- a/net/ipv6/addrconf.c

+++ b/net/ipv6/addrconf.c

@@ -2444,7 +2444,7 @@ static int addrconf_ifdown(struct net_device *dev, int how)

ASSERT_RTNL();

- if (dev == init_net.loopback_dev && how == 1)

+ if ((dev->flags & IFF_LOOPBACK) && how == 1)

how = 0;

rt6_ifdown(net, dev);

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Subject: [PATCH 3/3] [IPV6]: Fix refcounting for anycast dst entries.

Posted by [den](#) on Tue, 18 Mar 2008 14:35:25 GMT

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Anycast DST entries allocated inside `ipv6_dev_ac_inc` are leaked when network device is stopped without removing IPv6 addresses from it. The bug has been observed in the reality on 2.6.18-rhel5 kernel.

In the above case `addrconf_ifdown` marks all entries as obsolete and `ip6_del_rt` called from `__ipv6_dev_ac_dec` returns `ENOENT`. The reference is not dropped.

The fix is simple. DST entry should not keep reference when stored in the FIB6 tree.

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net/ipv6/anycast.c | 9 ++-----

1 files changed, 2 insertions(+), 7 deletions(-)

diff --git a/net/ipv6/anycast.c b/net/ipv6/anycast.c

index 96868b9..7bc0469 100644

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--- a/net/ipv6/anycast.c
+++ b/net/ipv6/anycast.c
@@ -334,9 +334,7 @@ int ipv6_dev_ac_inc(struct net_device *dev, struct in6_addr *addr)
    idev->ac_list = aca;
    write_unlock_bh(&idev->lock);

- dst_hold(&rt->u.dst);
- if (ip6_ins_rt(rt))
- dst_release(&rt->u.dst);
+ ip6_ins_rt(rt);

    addrconf_join_solicit(dev, &aca->aca_addr);

@@ -378,10 +376,7 @@ int __ipv6_dev_ac_dec(struct inet6_dev *idev, struct in6_addr *addr)
    addrconf_leave_solicit(idev, &aca->aca_addr);

    dst_hold(&aca->aca_rt->u.dst);
- if (ip6_del_rt(aca->aca_rt))
- dst_free(&aca->aca_rt->u.dst);
- else
- dst_release(&aca->aca_rt->u.dst);
+ ip6_del_rt(aca->aca_rt);

    aca_put(aca);
    return 0;
--
1.5.3.rc5

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 1/3] [IPV6]: Event type in addrconf_ifdown is mis-used.
Posted by [davem](#) on Sun, 23 Mar 2008 00:38:43 GMT
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From: "Denis V. Lunev" <den@openvz.org>
Date: Tue, 18 Mar 2008 17:35:23 +0300

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I understand that for namespaces you have to deal with multiple loopback devices, but you'll need to solve that problem while still handling the wish of the ipv6 stack for inet6_dev objects of loopback devices to be permanent and guaranteed to always be around for the sake of statistics bumping.

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 1/3] [IPV6]: Event type in addrconf_ifdown is mis-used.
Posted by [den](#) on Sun, 23 Mar 2008 08:13:16 GMT
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On Sat, 2008-03-22 at 17:38 -0700, David Miller wrote:

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> Date: Tue, 18 Mar 2008 17:35:23 +0300
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```
inet6_addr_del  
addrconf_ifdown(dev, 1);  
    if (dev == init_net.loopback_dev && how == 1)  
        how = 0;
```

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Pls note, that `ip6_dst_ifdown` deals with a namespace loopback rather than `init_net` loopback to track references of the namespace objects. This allows us to catch refcounting bugs smoothly (see patch 3 in the set).

That's why I have extended a special "2" case to really destroy `inet6_dev` to have a way to destroy it. Generic code should not suffer from this from my POW.

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IMHO special "2" case was intended to have a stub to unload the module in the future.

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Date: Sun, 23 Mar 2008 11:13:16 +0300

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 1/3] [IPV6]: Event type in addrconf_ifdown is mis-used.

Posted by [den](#) on Sun, 23 Mar 2008 14:34:59 GMT

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On Sun, 2008-03-23 at 03:17 -0700, David Miller wrote:

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Posted by [davem](#) on Mon, 24 Mar 2008 05:49:05 GMT
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From: "Denis V. Lunev" <den@openvz.org>
Date: Sun, 23 Mar 2008 17:34:59 +0300

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Ok, I'll take another close look at this and apply your patches if I agree with you :-)

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 0/3] IPv6 start/stop problems
Posted by [den](#) on Mon, 31 Mar 2008 08:38:01 GMT
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Hi, Dave!

Have you changed you mind about this?

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 0/3] IPv6 start/stop problems
Posted by [davem](#) on Mon, 31 Mar 2008 08:41:01 GMT
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From: "Denis V. Lunev" <den@parallels.com>
Date: Mon, 31 Mar 2008 12:38:01 +0400

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I still haven't gotten around to reviewing this stuff yet.
When I do, I'll be sure to let you know. :-)

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Subject: Re: [PATCH 1/3] [IPV6]: Event type in addrconf_ifdown is mis-used.
Posted by [davem](#) on Thu, 03 Apr 2008 20:33:56 GMT
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Date: Sun, 23 Mar 2008 17:34:59 +0300

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I've rereviewed these three patches and I agree with your
assessment.

Therefore, I've applied these three patches to net-2.6 and
will push them out after some build validation.

Thanks!

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