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Subject: Re: [PATCH] Virtual ethernet device (v2.1)  
Posted by [Pavel Emelianov](#) on Wed, 11 Jul 2007 12:44:53 GMT  
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Patrick McHardy wrote:

> Pavel Emelianov wrote:

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>> +static const struct nla_policy veth_policy[VETH_INFO_MAX + 1] = {  
>> + [VETH_INFO_MAC] = { .type = NLA_BINARY, .len = ETH_ALEN },  
>> + [VETH_INFO_PEER] = { .type = NLA_STRING },  
>> + [VETH_INFO_PEER_MAC] = { .type = NLA_BINARY, .len = ETH_ALEN },  
>> +};
```

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> Looks good, just one question. What happened to the IFLA\_PARTNER  
> attribute idea? I have a patch to allow specifying the initial  
> MAC address for a device, IFLA\_PARTNER would make the whole thing  
> symmetrical.

Well, the notion of a partner is not applicable to any generic link  
unlike the device name, physical (MAC) address or MTU value. So i  
think that it's better to keep this as a specific driver information  
not to confuse the generic code. I think it's worth making this as  
some more generic code than it is now, but since this driver is the  
only user of "partner" maybe it's better not to make it right now.  
Later, when we do know what do we want "partner" to be.

Thanks,  
Pavel

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