
Subject: [PATCH 1/2] Introduce the generic rtnl_create_link()
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This routine gets the parsed rtnl attributes and creates a new link with generic info (IFLA_LINKINFO policy). Its intention is to help the drivers, that need to create several links at once (like VETH).

This is nothing but a copy-paste-ed part of rtnl_newlink() function that is responsible for creation of new device.

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include/net/rtnetlink.h | 4 ++
net/core/rtnetlink.c    | 83 ++++++-----
2 files changed, 57 insertions(+), 30 deletions(-)
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diff --git a/include/net/rtnetlink.h b/include/net/rtnetlink.h
index 3861c05..8218288 100644
--- a/include/net/rtnetlink.h
+++ b/include/net/rtnetlink.h
@@ -78,6 +78,10 @@ extern void __rtnl_link_unregister(struct
extern int rtnl_link_register(struct rtnl_link_ops *ops);
extern void rtnl_link_unregister(struct rtnl_link_ops *ops);

+extern struct net_device *rtnl_create_link(char *ifname,
+ const struct rtnl_link_ops *ops, struct nlattr *tb[]);
+extern const struct nla_policy ifla_policy[IFLA_MAX+1];
+
#define MODULE_ALIAS_RTNL_LINK(kind) MODULE_ALIAS("rtnl-link-" kind)

#endif
diff --git a/net/core/rtnetlink.c b/net/core/rtnetlink.c
index 864cbdf..02e00e8 100644
--- a/net/core/rtnetlink.c
+++ b/net/core/rtnetlink.c
@@ -714,7 +714,7 @@ @@ cont:
    return skb->len;
}

-static const struct nla_policy ifla_policy[IFLA_MAX+1] = {
+const struct nla_policy ifla_policy[IFLA_MAX+1] = {
    [IFLA_IFNAME] = { .type = NLA_STRING, .len = IFNAMSIZ-1 },
    [IFLA_ADDRESS] = { .type = NLA_BINARY, .len = MAX_ADDR_LEN },
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[IFLA_BROADCAST] = { .type = NLA_BINARY, .len = MAX_ADDR_LEN },
@@ -941,6 +941,50 @@ static int rtnl_dellink(struct sk_buff *
    return 0;
}

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+struct net_device *rtnl_create_link(char *ifname,
+ const struct rtnl_link_ops *ops, struct nlattr *tb[])
+{
+ int err;
+ struct net_device *dev;
+
+ err = -ENOMEM;
+ dev = alloc_netdev(ops->priv_size, ifname, ops->setup);
+ if (!dev)
+ goto err;
+
+ if (strchr(dev->name, '%')) {
+ err = dev_alloc_name(dev, dev->name);
+ if (err < 0)
+ goto err_free;
+ }
+
+ dev->rtnl_link_ops = ops;
+
+ if (tb[IFLA_MTU])
+ dev->mtu = nla_get_u32(tb[IFLA_MTU]);
+ if (tb[IFLA_ADDRESS])
+ memcpy(dev->dev_addr, nla_data(tb[IFLA_ADDRESS]),
+ nla_len(tb[IFLA_ADDRESS]));
+ if (tb[IFLA_BROADCAST])
+ memcpy(dev->broadcast, nla_data(tb[IFLA_BROADCAST]),
+ nla_len(tb[IFLA_BROADCAST]));
+ if (tb[IFLA_TXQLEN])
+ dev->tx_queue_len = nla_get_u32(tb[IFLA_TXQLEN]);
+ if (tb[IFLA_WEIGHT])
+ dev->weight = nla_get_u32(tb[IFLA_WEIGHT]);
+ if (tb[IFLA_OPERSTATE])
+ set_operstate(dev, nla_get_u8(tb[IFLA_OPERSTATE]));
+ if (tb[IFLA_LINKMODE])
+ dev->link_mode = nla_get_u8(tb[IFLA_LINKMODE]);
+
+ return dev;
+
+err_free:
+ free_netdev(dev);
+err:
+ return ERR_PTR(err);
+}

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+
static int rtnl_newlink(struct sk_buff *skb, struct nlmsg_hdr *nlh, void *arg)
{
    const struct rtnl_link_ops *ops;
@@ -1051,40 +1095,17 @@ replay:

    if (!ifname[0])
        snprintf(ifname, IFNAMSIZ, "%s%%d", ops->kind);
-   dev = alloc_netdev(ops->priv_size, ifname, ops->setup);
-   if (!dev)
-       return -ENOMEM;
-
-   if (strchr(dev->name, '%')) {
-       err = dev_alloc_name(dev, dev->name);
-       if (err < 0)
-           goto err_free;
-   }
-   dev->rtnl_link_ops = ops;

-   if (tb[IFLA_MTU])
-       dev->mtu = nla_get_u32(tb[IFLA_MTU]);
-   if (tb[IFLA_ADDRESS])
-       memcpy(dev->dev_addr, nla_data(tb[IFLA_ADDRESS]),
-              nla_len(tb[IFLA_ADDRESS]));
-   if (tb[IFLA_BROADCAST])
-       memcpy(dev->broadcast, nla_data(tb[IFLA_BROADCAST]),
-              nla_len(tb[IFLA_BROADCAST]));
-   if (tb[IFLA_TXQLEN])
-       dev->tx_queue_len = nla_get_u32(tb[IFLA_TXQLEN]);
-   if (tb[IFLA_WEIGHT])
-       dev->weight = nla_get_u32(tb[IFLA_WEIGHT]);
-   if (tb[IFLA_OPERSTATE])
-       set_operstate(dev, nla_get_u8(tb[IFLA_OPERSTATE]));
-   if (tb[IFLA_LINKMODE])
-       dev->link_mode = nla_get_u8(tb[IFLA_LINKMODE]);
+   dev = rtnl_create_link(ifname, ops, tb);

-   if (ops->newlink)
+   if (IS_ERR(dev))
+       err = PTR_ERR(dev);
+   else if (ops->newlink)
        err = ops->newlink(dev, tb, data);
    else
        err = register_netdevice(dev);
-err_free:
-   if (err < 0)
+
+   if (err < 0 && !IS_ERR(dev))

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    free_netdev(dev);
    return err;
}
@@ -1333,3 +1354,5 @@ EXPORT_SYMBOL(rtnl_unlock);
EXPORT_SYMBOL(rtnl_unicast);
EXPORT_SYMBOL(rtnl_notify);
EXPORT_SYMBOL(rtnl_set_sk_err);
+EXPORT_SYMBOL(rtnl_create_link);
+EXPORT_SYMBOL(ifla_policy);
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