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Subject: Re: [PATCH] iptables 32bit compat layer  
Posted by [Patrick McHardy](#) on Wed, 29 Mar 2006 09:28:39 GMT  
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Dmitry Mishin wrote:

> This patch extends current iptables compatibility layer in order to get  
> 32bit iptables to work on 64bit kernel. Current layer is insufficient due to  
> alignment checks both in kernel and user space tools.  
>  
> Patch is for current net-2.6.17 with addition of move of ipt\_entry\_{match|  
> target} definitions to xt\_entry\_{match|target}.

Thanks, this looks good. Two small issues so far:

```
> diff --git a/net/compat.c b/net/compat.c
> index 13177a1..6a7028e 100644
> --- a/net/compat.c
> +++ b/net/compat.c
> @@ -476,8 +476,7 @@ asmlinkage long compat_sys_setsockopt(in
>  int err;
>  struct socket *sock;
>
> - /* SO_SET_REPLACE seems to be the same in all levels */
> - if (optname == IPT_SO_SET_REPLACE)
> + if (level == SOL_IPV6 && optname == IPT_SO_SET_REPLACE)
>   return do_netfilter_replace(fd, level, optname,
>     optval, optlen);
```

I don't understand the reason for this change. If its not a mistake,  
it would make more sense to check for IP6T\_SO\_SET\_REPLACE I guess ..

```
> +#ifdef CONFIG_COMPAT
> +void xt_compat_lock(int af)
> +{
> +  down(&xt[af].compat_mutex);
> +}
> +EXPORT_SYMBOL_GPL(xt_compat_lock);
> +
> +void xt_compat_unlock(int af)
> +{
> +  up(&xt[af].compat_mutex);
> +}
> +EXPORT_SYMBOL_GPL(xt_compat_unlock);
> +#endif
```

Won't a seperate compat-mutex introduce races between compat- and

non-compatible users? BTW, the up/down calls have been replaced by the new mutex API in Linus' tree, please resend the patch against the current tree.

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