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Subject: Re: [patch 2/6] [Network namespace] Network device sharing by view  
Posted by [Sam Vilain](#) on Wed, 28 Jun 2006 06:30:41 GMT

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Eric W. Biederman wrote:

> Have a few more network interfaces for a layer 2 solution  
> is fundamental. Believing without proof and after arguments  
> to the contrary that you have not contradicted that a layer 2  
> solution is inherently slower is non-productive. Arguing  
> that a layer 2 only solution must prove itself on guest to guest  
> communication is also non-productive.  
>

Yes, it does break what some people consider to be a sanity condition when you don't have loopback anymore within a guest. I once experimented with using 127.\* addresses for per-guest loopback devices with vserver to fix this, but that couldn't work without fixing glibc to not make assumptions deep in the bowels of the resolver. I logged a fault with gnu.org and you can guess where it went :-).

I don't think it's just the performance issue, though. Consider also that if you only have one set of interfaces to manage, the overall configuration of the network stack is simpler. `ip addr list' on the host shows all the addresses on the system, you only have one routing table to manage, one set of iptables, etc.

That being said, perhaps if each guest got its own interface, and from some suitably privileged context you could see them all, perhaps it would be nicer and maybe just as fast. Perhaps then \*devices\* could get their own routing namespaces, and routing namespaces could get iptables namespaces, or something like that, to give the most options.

> With a guest with 4 IPs  
> 10.0.0.1 192.168.0.1 172.16.0.1 127.0.0.1  
> How do you make INADDR\_ANY work with just filtering at bind time?  
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It used to just bind to the first one. Don't know if it still does.

Sam.

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