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Subject: [PATCH net-2.6.26 3/3][TUN][NETNS]: Allow to register tun devices in namespace.

Posted by [Pavel Emelianov](#) on Wed, 02 Apr 2008 13:49:58 GMT

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Signed-off-by: Pavel Emelyanov <xemul@openvz.org>

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```
drivers/net/tun.c | 4 +++++
1 files changed, 4 insertions(+), 0 deletions(-)
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diff --git a/drivers/net/tun.c b/drivers/net/tun.c
```

```
index e3210bf..bcc4ced 100644
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--- a/drivers/net/tun.c
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```
+++ b/drivers/net/tun.c
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```
@@ -438,6 +438,7 @@ static void tun_setup(struct net_device *dev)
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```
    dev->stop = tun_net_close;
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    dev->ethtool_ops = &tun_ethtool_ops;
```

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    dev->destructor = free_netdev;
```

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+ dev->features |= NETIF_F_NETNS_LOCAL;
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```
}
```

```
static struct tun_struct *tun_get_by_name(struct net *net, const char *name)
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```
@@ -503,6 +504,7 @@ static int tun_set_iff(struct net *net, struct file *file, struct ifreq *ifr)
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    if (!dev)
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        return -ENOMEM;
```

```
+ dev_net_set(dev, net);
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    tun = netdev_priv(dev);
```

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    tun->dev = dev;
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tun->flags = flags;
@@ -542,6 +544,7 @@ static int tun_set_iff(struct net *net, struct file *file, struct ifreq *ifr)

file->private_data = tun;
tun->attached = 1;
+ get_net(dev_net(tun->dev));

strcpy(ifr->ifr_name, tun->dev->name);
return 0;
@@ -757,6 +760,7 @@ static int tun_chr_close(struct inode *inode, struct file *file)
/* Detach from net device */
file->private_data = NULL;
tun->attached = 0;
+ put_net(dev_net(tun->dev));

/* Drop read queue */
skb_queue_purge(&tun->readq);
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1.5.3.4
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Posted by [Max Krasnyanskiy](#) on Wed, 02 Apr 2008 22:54:29 GMT

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Posted by [Pavel Emelianov](#) on Thu, 03 Apr 2008 12:11:23 GMT

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I meant the following. When a task dies it releases it's net namespace and thus this net cleanup job may start. But the file, that holds the (not yet detached) tun device is not released immediately - so before this file is being released the tun\_exit\_net callback may be called and the file's tun device will be unregistered in it. I catch this race by getting the net by attached tun device, so that net is cleaned up only when there

are only detached tuns in it. In this case no tasks will pick up these tuns and everything will be OK.

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Great!

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Thanks,  
Pavel

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