

# **Linux Networking and Network Devices APIs**

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## 1.1. Networking Base Types

### enum sock\_type

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#### Name

enum sock\_type — Socket types

#### Synopsis

```
enum sock_type {  
    SOCK_STREAM,  
    SOCK_DGRAM,  
    SOCK_RAW,  
    SOCK_RDM,  
    SOCK_SEQPACKET,  
    SOCK_DCCP,  
    SOCK_PACKET  
};
```

#### Constants

SOCK\_STREAM

stream (connection) socket

SOCK\_DGRAM

datagram (conn.less) socket

SOCK\_RAW

raw socket

**SOCK\_RDM**

reliably-delivered message

**SOCK\_SEQPACKET**

sequential packet socket

**SOCK\_DCCP**

Datagram Congestion Control Protocol socket

**SOCK\_PACKET**

linux specific way of getting packets at the dev level. For writing rarp and other similar things on the user level.

## Description

When adding some new socket type please grep ARCH\_HAS\_SOCKET\_TYPE include/asm-\*/socket.h, at least MIPS overrides this enum for binary compat reasons.

## struct socket

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### Name

`struct socket` — general BSD socket

### Synopsis

```
struct socket {
    socket_state state;
    short type;
    unsigned long flags;
    struct fasync_struct * fasync_list;
    wait_queue_head_t wait;
```

```
struct file * file;  
struct sock * sk;  
const struct proto_ops * ops;  
};
```

## Members

state

socket state (SS\_CONNECTED, etc)

type

socket type (SOCK\_STREAM, etc)

flags

socket flags (SOCK\_ASYNC\_NOSPACE, etc)

fasync\_list

Asynchronous wake up list

wait

wait queue for several uses

file

File back pointer for gc

sk

internal networking protocol agnostic socket representation

ops

protocol specific socket operations

## 1.2. Socket Buffer Functions

### struct skb\_shared\_hwtstamps

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#### Name

struct skb\_shared\_hwtstamps — hardware time stamps

#### Synopsis

```
struct skb_shared_hwtstamps {
    ktime_t hwtstamp;
    ktime_t syststamp;
};
```

#### Members

hwtstamp

hardware time stamp transformed into duration since arbitrary point in time

syststamp

hwtstamp transformed to system time base

#### Description

Software time stamps generated by `ktime_get_real` are stored in `skb->tstamp`.  
The relation between the different kinds of time

#### stamps is as follows

`syststamp` and `tstamp` can be compared against each other in arbitrary combinations.  
The accuracy of a `syststamp/tstamp` “syststamp from other device” comparison is



limited by the accuracy of the transformation into system time base. This depends on the device driver and its underlying hardware.

hwtstamps can only be compared against other hwtstamps from the same device.

This structure is attached to packets as part of the `skb_shared_info`. Use `skb_hwtstamps` to get a pointer.

## struct skb\_shared\_tx

### LINUX

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### Name

`struct skb_shared_tx` — instructions for time stamping of outgoing packets

### Synopsis

```
struct skb_shared_tx {  
    struct {unnamed_struct};  
    __u8 flags;  
};
```

### Members

`{unnamed_struct}`

anonymous

`flags`

all shared\_tx flags

## Description

These flags are attached to packets as part of the `skb_shared_info`. Use `skb_tx` to get a pointer.

## struct sk\_buff

### LINUX

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### Name

`struct sk_buff` — socket buffer

### Synopsis

```
struct sk_buff {
    struct sk_buff * next;
    struct sk_buff * prev;
    ktime_t tstamp;
    struct sock * sk;
    struct net_device * dev;
    char cb[48] __aligned(8);
    unsigned long _skb_dst;
#ifdef CONFIG_XFRM
    struct sec_path * sp;
#endif
    unsigned int len;
    unsigned int data_len;
    __u16 mac_len;
    __u16 hdr_len;
    union {unnamed_union};
    __u16 vlan_tci;
    sk_buff_data_t transport_header;
    sk_buff_data_t network_header;
    sk_buff_data_t mac_header;
    sk_buff_data_t tail;
    sk_buff_data_t end;
    unsigned char * head;
    unsigned char * data;
```

```
    unsigned int truesize;  
    atomic_t users;  
};
```

## Members

next

Next buffer in list

prev

Previous buffer in list

tstamp

Time we arrived

sk

Socket we are owned by

dev

Device we arrived on/are leaving by

cb[48] \_\_aligned(8)

Control buffer. Free for use by every layer. Put private vars here

\_skb\_dst

destination entry

sp

the security path, used for xfrm

len

Length of actual data

data\_len

Data length

mac\_len

Length of link layer header

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hdr\_len  
writable header length of cloned skb

{unnamed\_union}  
anonymous

vlan\_tci  
vlan tag control information

transport\_header  
Transport layer header

network\_header  
Network layer header

mac\_header  
Link layer header

tail  
Tail pointer

end  
End pointer

head  
Head of buffer

data  
Data head pointer

truesize  
Buffer size

users  
User count - see {datagram,tcp}.c

# skb\_queue\_empty

## LINUX

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### Name

`skb_queue_empty` — check if a queue is empty

### Synopsis

```
int skb_queue_empty (const struct sk_buff_head * list);
```

### Arguments

*list*

queue head

### Description

Returns true if the queue is empty, false otherwise.

# skb\_queue\_is\_last

## LINUX

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### Name

`skb_queue_is_last` — check if skb is the last entry in the queue

## Synopsis

```
bool skb_queue_is_last (const struct sk_buff_head * list,  
const struct sk_buff * skb);
```

## Arguments

*list*

queue head

*skb*

buffer

## Description

Returns true if *skb* is the last buffer on the list.

# skb\_queue\_is\_first

## LINUX

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## Name

`skb_queue_is_first` — check if *skb* is the first entry in the queue

## Synopsis

```
bool skb_queue_is_first (const struct sk_buff_head * list,  
const struct sk_buff * skb);
```

## Arguments

*list*

queue head

*skb*

buffer

## Description

Returns true if *skb* is the first buffer on the list.

# skb\_queue\_next

## LINUX

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## Name

`skb_queue_next` — return the next packet in the queue

## Synopsis

```
struct sk_buff * skb_queue_next (const struct sk_buff_head *  
list, const struct sk_buff * skb);
```

## Arguments

*list*

queue head

*skb*

current buffer

## Description

Return the next packet in *list* after *skb*. It is only valid to call this if `skb_queue_is_last` evaluates to false.

# skb\_queue\_prev

## LINUX

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## Name

`skb_queue_prev` — return the prev packet in the queue

## Synopsis

```
struct sk_buff * skb_queue_prev (const struct sk_buff_head *  
list, const struct sk_buff * skb);
```

## Arguments

*list*

queue head



*skb*

current buffer

## Description

Return the prev packet in *list* before *skb*. It is only valid to call this if `skb_queue_is_first` evaluates to false.

# skb\_get

## LINUX

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## Name

`skb_get` — reference buffer

## Synopsis

```
struct sk_buff * skb_get (struct sk_buff * skb);
```

## Arguments

*skb*

buffer to reference

## Description

Makes another reference to a socket buffer and returns a pointer to the buffer.

# skb\_cloned

**LINUX**

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## Name

`skb_cloned` — is the buffer a clone

## Synopsis

```
int skb_cloned (const struct sk_buff * skb);
```

## Arguments

*skb*

buffer to check

## Description

Returns true if the buffer was generated with `skb_clone` and is one of multiple shared copies of the buffer. Cloned buffers are shared data so must not be written to under normal circumstances.

# skb\_header\_cloned

**LINUX**

## Name

`skb_header_cloned` — is the header a clone

## Synopsis

```
int skb_header_cloned (const struct sk_buff * skb);
```

## Arguments

*skb*

buffer to check

## Description

Returns true if modifying the header part of the buffer requires the data to be copied.

# skb\_header\_release

## LINUX

## Name

`skb_header_release` — release reference to header

## Synopsis

```
void skb_header_release (struct sk_buff * skb);
```

## Arguments

*skb*

buffer to operate on

## Description

Drop a reference to the header part of the buffer. This is done by acquiring a payload reference. You must not read from the header part of `skb->data` after this.

## skb\_shared

### LINUX

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## Name

`skb_shared` — is the buffer shared

## Synopsis

```
int skb_shared (const struct sk_buff * skb);
```

## Arguments

*skb*

buffer to check

## Description

Returns true if more than one person has a reference to this buffer.

# skb\_share\_check

## LINUX

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## Name

`skb_share_check` — check if buffer is shared and if so clone it

## Synopsis

```
struct sk_buff * skb_share_check (struct sk_buff * skb, gfp_t  
pri);
```

## Arguments

*skb*

buffer to check

*pri*

priority for memory allocation

## Description

If the buffer is shared the buffer is cloned and the old copy drops a reference. A new clone with a single reference is returned. If the buffer is not shared the original buffer is returned. When being called from interrupt status or with spinlocks held `pri` must be `GFP_ATOMIC`.

`NULL` is returned on a memory allocation failure.

## skb\_unshare

### LINUX

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### Name

`skb_unshare` — make a copy of a shared buffer

### Synopsis

```
struct sk_buff * skb_unshare (struct sk_buff * skb, gfp_t  
pri);
```

### Arguments

*skb*

buffer to check

*pri*

priority for memory allocation

## Description

If the socket buffer is a clone then this function creates a new copy of the data, drops a reference count on the old copy and returns the new copy with the reference count at 1. If the buffer is not a clone the original buffer is returned. When called with a spinlock held or from interrupt state *pri* must be GFP\_ATOMIC

NULL is returned on a memory allocation failure.

## skb\_peek

### LINUX

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## Name

skb\_peek —

## Synopsis

```
struct sk_buff * skb_peek (struct sk_buff_head * list_);
```

## Arguments

*list\_*

list to peek at

## Description

Peek an sk\_buff. Unlike most other operations you MUST be careful with this one. A peek leaves the buffer on the list and someone else may run off with it. You must hold the appropriate locks or have a private queue to do this.

Returns `NULL` for an empty list or a pointer to the head element. The reference count is not incremented and the reference is therefore volatile. Use with caution.

## skb\_peek\_tail

### LINUX

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### Name

`skb_peek_tail` —

### Synopsis

```
struct sk_buff * skb_peek_tail (struct sk_buff_head * list_);
```

### Arguments

*list\_*

list to peek at

### Description

Peek an `sk_buff`. Unlike most other operations you **\_MUST\_** be careful with this one. A peek leaves the buffer on the list and someone else may run off with it. You must hold the appropriate locks or have a private queue to do this.

Returns `NULL` for an empty list or a pointer to the tail element. The reference count is not incremented and the reference is therefore volatile. Use with caution.



# skb\_queue\_len

## LINUX

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### Name

skb\_queue\_len — get queue length

### Synopsis

```
__u32 skb_queue_len (const struct sk_buff_head * list_);
```

### Arguments

*list\_*

list to measure

### Description

Return the length of an sk\_buff queue.

# \_\_skb\_queue\_head\_init

## LINUX

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### Name

\_\_skb\_queue\_head\_init — initialize non-spinlock portions of sk\_buff\_head

## Synopsis

```
void __skb_queue_head_init (struct sk_buff_head * list);
```

## Arguments

*list*

queue to initialize

## Description

This initializes only the list and queue length aspects of an `sk_buff_head` object. This allows to initialize the list aspects of an `sk_buff_head` without reinitializing things like the spinlock. It can also be used for on-stack `sk_buff_head` objects where the spinlock is known to not be used.

# skb\_queue\_splice

## LINUX

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## Name

`skb_queue_splice` — join two skb lists, this is designed for stacks

## Synopsis

```
void skb_queue_splice (const struct sk_buff_head * list,  
struct sk_buff_head * head);
```

## Arguments

*list*

the new list to add

*head*

the place to add it in the first list

# skb\_queue\_splice\_init

## LINUX

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## Name

`skb_queue_splice_init` — join two skb lists and reinitialise the emptied list

## Synopsis

```
void skb_queue_splice_init (struct sk_buff_head * list, struct  
sk_buff_head * head);
```

## Arguments

*list*

the new list to add

*head*

the place to add it in the first list

## Description

The list at *list* is reinitialised

# skb\_queue\_splice\_tail

## LINUX

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## Name

`skb_queue_splice_tail` — join two skb lists, each list being a queue

## Synopsis

```
void skb_queue_splice_tail (const struct sk_buff_head * list,  
struct sk_buff_head * head);
```

## Arguments

*list*

the new list to add

*head*

the place to add it in the first list

# skb\_queue\_splice\_tail\_init

## LINUX

## Name

`skb_queue_splice_tail_init` — join two skb lists and reinitialise the emptied list

## Synopsis

```
void skb_queue_splice_tail_init (struct sk_buff_head * list,  
struct sk_buff_head * head);
```

## Arguments

*list*

the new list to add

*head*

the place to add it in the first list

## Description

Each of the lists is a queue. The list at *list* is reinitialised

**\_\_skb\_queue\_after**

**LINUX**

## Name

`__skb_queue_after` — queue a buffer at the list head

## Synopsis

```
void __skb_queue_after (struct sk_buff_head * list, struct  
sk_buff * prev, struct sk_buff * newsk);
```

## Arguments

*list*

list to use

*prev*

place after this buffer

*newsk*

buffer to queue

## Description

Queue a buffer into the middle of a list. This function takes no locks and you must therefore hold required locks before calling it.

A buffer cannot be placed on two lists at the same time.

## skb\_headroom

**LINUX**

## Name

`skb_headroom` — bytes at buffer head

## Synopsis

```
unsigned int skb_headroom (const struct sk_buff * skb);
```

## Arguments

*skb*

buffer to check

## Description

Return the number of bytes of free space at the head of an `sk_buff`.

# skb\_tailroom

## LINUX

## Name

`skb_tailroom` — bytes at buffer end

## Synopsis

```
int skb_tailroom (const struct sk_buff * skb);
```

## Arguments

*skb*

buffer to check

## Description

Return the number of bytes of free space at the tail of an `sk_buff`

## skb\_reserve

### LINUX

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## Name

`skb_reserve` — adjust headroom

## Synopsis

```
void skb_reserve (struct sk_buff * skb, int len);
```



## Arguments

*skb*

buffer to alter

*len*

bytes to move

## Description

Increase the headroom of an empty `sk_buff` by reducing the tail room. This is only allowed for an empty buffer.

# pskb\_trim\_unique

## LINUX

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## Name

`pskb_trim_unique` — remove end from a paged unique (not cloned) buffer

## Synopsis

```
void pskb_trim_unique (struct sk_buff * skb, unsigned int  
len);
```

## Arguments

*skb*

buffer to alter

*len*

new length

## Description

This is identical to `pskb_trim` except that the caller knows that the `skb` is not cloned so we should never get an error due to out- of-memory.

# skb\_orphan

## LINUX

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## Name

`skb_orphan` — orphan a buffer

## Synopsis

```
void skb_orphan (struct sk_buff * skb);
```

## Arguments

*skb*

buffer to orphan

## Description

If a buffer currently has an owner then we call the owner's destructor function and make the *skb* unowned. The buffer continues to exist but is no longer charged to its former owner.

## \_\_dev\_alloc\_skb

### LINUX

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## Name

`__dev_alloc_skb` — allocate an skbuff for receiving

## Synopsis

```
struct sk_buff * __dev_alloc_skb (unsigned int length, gfp_t
gfp_mask);
```

## Arguments

*length*

length to allocate

*gfp\_mask*

get\_free\_pages mask, passed to alloc\_skb

## Description

Allocate a new `sk_buff` and assign it a usage count of one. The buffer has unspecified headroom built in. Users should allocate the headroom they think they

need without accounting for the built in space. The built in space is used for optimisations.

NULL is returned if there is no free memory.

## netdev\_alloc\_skb

### LINUX

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### Name

netdev\_alloc\_skb — allocate an skbuff for rx on a specific device

### Synopsis

```
struct sk_buff * netdev_alloc_skb (struct net_device * dev,  
unsigned int length);
```

### Arguments

*dev*

network device to receive on

*length*

length to allocate

### Description

Allocate a new sk\_buff and assign it a usage count of one. The buffer has unspecified headroom built in. Users should allocate the headroom they think they

need without accounting for the built in space. The built in space is used for optimisations.

NULL is returned if there is no free memory. Although this function allocates memory it can be called from an interrupt.

## netdev\_alloc\_page

### LINUX

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### Name

`netdev_alloc_page` — allocate a page for ps-rx on a specific device

### Synopsis

```
struct page * netdev_alloc_page (struct net_device * dev);
```

### Arguments

*dev*

network device to receive on

### Description

Allocate a new page node local to the specified device.

NULL is returned if there is no free memory.

# skb\_clone\_writable

## LINUX

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### Name

`skb_clone_writable` — is the header of a clone writable

### Synopsis

```
int skb_clone_writable (struct sk_buff * skb, unsigned int  
len);
```

### Arguments

*skb*

buffer to check

*len*

length up to which to write

### Description

Returns true if modifying the header part of the cloned buffer does not requires the data to be copied.

# skb\_cow

## LINUX

## Name

`skb_cow` — copy header of `skb` when it is required

## Synopsis

```
int skb_cow (struct sk_buff * skb, unsigned int headroom);
```

## Arguments

*skb*

buffer to cow

*headroom*

needed headroom

## Description

If the `skb` passed lacks sufficient headroom or its data part is shared, data is reallocated. If reallocation fails, an error is returned and original `skb` is not changed.

The result is `skb` with writable area `skb->head...skb->tail` and at least *headroom* of space at head.

## skb\_cow\_head

**LINUX**

## Name

`skb_cow_head` — `skb_cow` but only making the head writable

## Synopsis

```
int skb_cow_head (struct sk_buff * skb, unsigned int  
headroom);
```

## Arguments

*skb*

buffer to cow

*headroom*

needed headroom

## Description

This function is identical to `skb_cow` except that we replace the `skb_cloned` check by `skb_header_cloned`. It should be used when you only need to push on some header and do not need to modify the data.

## `skb_padto`

**LINUX**



## Name

`skb_padto` — pad an skbuff up to a minimal size

## Synopsis

```
int skb_padto (struct sk_buff * skb, unsigned int len);
```

## Arguments

*skb*

buffer to pad

*len*

minimal length

## Description

Pads up a buffer to ensure the trailing bytes exist and are blanked. If the buffer already contains sufficient data it is untouched. Otherwise it is extended. Returns zero on success. The `skb` is freed on error.

## `skb_linearize`

**LINUX**

## Name

`skb_linearize` — convert paged skb to linear one

## Synopsis

```
int skb_linearize (struct sk_buff * skb);
```

## Arguments

*skb*

buffer to linearize

## Description

If there is no free memory -ENOMEM is returned, otherwise zero is returned and the old skb data released.

# skb\_linearize\_cow

## LINUX

## Name

`skb_linearize_cow` — make sure skb is linear and writable

## Synopsis

```
int skb_linearize_cow (struct sk_buff * skb);
```

## Arguments

*skb*

buffer to process

## Description

If there is no free memory -ENOMEM is returned, otherwise zero is returned and the old skb data released.

# skb\_postpull\_rcsum

## LINUX

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## Name

`skb_postpull_rcsum` — update checksum for received skb after pull

## Synopsis

```
void skb_postpull_rcsum (struct sk_buff * skb, const void *  
start, unsigned int len);
```

## Arguments

*skb*

buffer to update

*start*

start of data before pull

*len*

length of data pulled

## Description

After doing a pull on a received packet, you need to call this to update the CHECKSUM\_COMPLETE checksum, or set ip\_summed to CHECKSUM\_NONE so that it can be recomputed from scratch.

## pskb\_trim\_rcsum

### LINUX

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## Name

`pskb_trim_rcsum` — trim received skb and update checksum

## Synopsis

```
int pskb_trim_rcsum (struct sk_buff * skb, unsigned int len);
```

## Arguments

*skb*

buffer to trim

*len*

new length

## Description

This is exactly the same as `pskb_trim` except that it ensures the checksum of received packets are still valid after the operation.

# skb\_get\_timestamp

## LINUX

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## Name

`skb_get_timestamp` — get timestamp from a `skb`

## Synopsis

```
void skb_get_timestamp (const struct sk_buff * skb, struct  
timeval * stamp);
```

## Arguments

*skb*

skb to get stamp from

*stamp*

pointer to struct timeval to store stamp in

## Description

Timestamps are stored in the skb as offsets to a base timestamp. This function converts the offset back to a struct timeval and stores it in stamp.

# skb\_checksum\_complete

## LINUX

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## Name

`skb_checksum_complete` — Calculate checksum of an entire packet

## Synopsis

```
__sum16 skb_checksum_complete (struct sk_buff * skb);
```

## Arguments

*skb*

packet to process

## Description

This function calculates the checksum over the entire packet plus the value of `skb->csum`. The latter can be used to supply the checksum of a pseudo header as used by TCP/UDP. It returns the checksum.

For protocols that contain complete checksums such as ICMP/TCP/UDP, this function can be used to verify that checksum on received packets. In that case the function should return zero if the checksum is correct. In particular, this function will return zero if `skb->ip_summed` is `CHECKSUM_UNNECESSARY` which indicates that the hardware has already verified the correctness of the checksum.

## struct sock\_common

### LINUX

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### Name

`struct sock_common` — minimal network layer representation of sockets

### Synopsis

```
struct sock_common {
    union {unnamed_union};
    struct proto * skc_prot;
#ifdef CONFIG_NET_NS
    struct net * skc_net;
#endif
};
```

### Members

```
{unnamed_union}
    anonymous
```

skc\_prot

protocol handlers inside a network family

skc\_net

reference to the network namespace of this socket

## Description

This is the minimal network layer representation of sockets, the header for struct sock and struct inet\_timewait\_sock.

## struct sock

**LINUX**

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## Name

struct sock — network layer representation of sockets

## Synopsis

```
struct sock {
    struct sock_common __sk_common;
#define sk_node    __sk_common.skc_node
#define sk_nulls_node    __sk_common.skc_nulls_node
#define sk_refcnt    __sk_common.skc_refcnt
#define sk_tx_queue_mapping    __sk_common.skc_tx_queue_mapping
#define sk_copy_start    __sk_common.skc_hash
#define sk_hash    __sk_common.skc_hash
#define sk_family    __sk_common.skc_family
#define sk_state    __sk_common.skc_state
#define sk_reuse    __sk_common.skc_reuse
#define sk_bound_dev_if    __sk_common.skc_bound_dev_if
#define sk_bind_node    __sk_common.skc_bind_node
#define sk_prot    __sk_common.skc_prot
#define sk_net    __sk_common.skc_net
```



```
unsigned int sk_shutdown:2;
unsigned int sk_no_check:2;
unsigned int sk_userlocks:4;
unsigned int sk_protocol:8;
unsigned int sk_type:16;
int sk_rcvbuf;
socket_lock_t sk_lock;
struct sk_backlog;
wait_queue_head_t * sk_sleep;
struct dst_entry * sk_dst_cache;
#ifdef CONFIG_XFRM
    struct xfrm_policy * sk_policy[2];
#endif
rwlock_t sk_dst_lock;
atomic_t sk_rmem_alloc;
atomic_t sk_wmem_alloc;
atomic_t sk_omem_alloc;
int sk_sndbuf;
struct sk_buff_head sk_receive_queue;
struct sk_buff_head sk_write_queue;
#ifdef CONFIG_NET_DMA
    struct sk_buff_head sk_async_wait_queue;
#endif
int sk_wmem_queued;
int sk_forward_alloc;
gfp_t sk_allocation;
int sk_route_caps;
int sk_gso_type;
unsigned int sk_gso_max_size;
int sk_rcvlowat;
unsigned long sk_flags;
unsigned long sk_lingertime;
struct sk_buff_head sk_error_queue;
struct proto * sk_prot_creator;
rwlock_t sk_callback_lock;
int sk_err;
int sk_err_soft;
atomic_t sk_drops;
unsigned short sk_ack_backlog;
unsigned short sk_max_ack_backlog;
__u32 sk_priority;
struct ucred sk_peercred;
long sk_rcvtimeo;
long sk_sndtimeo;
struct sk_filter * sk_filter;
void * sk_protinfo;
struct timer_list sk_timer;
ktime_t sk_stamp;
```

```
    struct socket * sk_socket;
    void * sk_user_data;
    struct page * sk_sndmsg_page;
    struct sk_buff * sk_send_head;
    __u32 sk_sndmsg_off;
    int sk_write_pending;
#ifdef CONFIG_SECURITY
    void * sk_security;
#endif
    __u32 sk_mark;
    void (* sk_state_change) (struct sock *sk);
    void (* sk_data_ready) (struct sock *sk, int bytes);
    void (* sk_write_space) (struct sock *sk);
    void (* sk_error_report) (struct sock *sk);
    int (* sk_backlog_rcv) (struct sock *sk, struct sk_buff *skb);
    void (* sk_destruct) (struct sock *sk);
};
```

## Members

`__sk_common`

shared layout with `inet_timewait_sock`

`sk_shutdown`

mask of `SEND_SHUTDOWN` and/or `RCV_SHUTDOWN`

`sk_no_check`

`SO_NO_CHECK` setting, whether or not checkup packets

`sk_userlocks`

`SO_SNDBUF` and `SO_RCVBUF` settings

`sk_protocol`

which protocol this socket belongs in this network family

`sk_type`

socket type (`SOCK_STREAM`, etc)

`sk_rcvbuf`

size of receive buffer in bytes

`sk_lock`  
synchronizer

`sk_backlog`  
always used with the per-socket spinlock held

`sk_sleep`  
sock wait queue

`sk_dst_cache`  
destination cache

`sk_policy[2]`  
flow policy

`sk_dst_lock`  
destination cache lock

`sk_rmem_alloc`  
receive queue bytes committed

`sk_wmem_alloc`  
transmit queue bytes committed

`sk_omem_alloc`  
"o" is "option" or "other"

`sk_sndbuf`  
size of send buffer in bytes

`sk_receive_queue`  
incoming packets

`sk_write_queue`  
Packet sending queue

`sk_async_wait_queue`  
DMA copied packets

`sk_wmem_queued`  
persistent queue size

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space allocated forward

`sk_allocation`

allocation mode

`sk_route_caps`

route capabilities (e.g. `NETIF_F_TSO`)

`sk_gso_type`

GSO type (e.g. `SKB_GSO_TCPV4`)

`sk_gso_max_size`

Maximum GSO segment size to build

`sk_rcvlowat`

`SO_RCVLOWAT` setting

`sk_flags`

`SO_LINGER` (`l_onoff`), `SO_BROADCAST`, `SO_KEEPAIVE`, `SO_OOINLINE` settings, `SO_TIMESTAMPING` settings

`sk_lingertime`

`SO_LINGER` `l_linger` setting

`sk_error_queue`

rarely used

`sk_prot_creator`

`sk_prot` of original sock creator (see `ipv6_setsockopt`, `IPV6_ADDRFORM` for instance)

`sk_callback_lock`

used with the callbacks in the end of this struct

`sk_err`

last error

`sk_err_soft`

errors that don't cause failure but are the cause of a persistent failure not just 'timed out'

`sk_drops`  
raw/udp drops counter

`sk_ack_backlog`  
current listen backlog

`sk_max_ack_backlog`  
listen backlog set in `listen`

`sk_priority`  
`SO_PRIORITY` setting

`sk_peercred`  
`SO_PEERCRED` setting

`sk_rcvtimeo`  
`SO_RCVTIMEO` setting

`sk_sndtimeo`  
`SO_SNDTIMEO` setting

`sk_filter`  
socket filtering instructions

`sk_protinfo`  
private area, net family specific, when not using slab

`sk_timer`  
sock cleanup timer

`sk_stamp`  
time stamp of last packet received

`sk_socket`  
Identd and reporting IO signals

`sk_user_data`  
RPC layer private data

`sk_sndmsg_page`  
cached page for `sendmsg`

`sk_send_head`

front of stuff to transmit

`sk_sndmsg_off`

cached offset for `sendmsg`

`sk_write_pending`

a write to stream socket waits to start

`sk_security`

used by security modules

`sk_mark`

generic packet mark

`sk_state_change`

callback to indicate change in the state of the sock

`sk_data_ready`

callback to indicate there is data to be processed

`sk_write_space`

callback to indicate there is bf sending space available

`sk_error_report`

callback to indicate errors (e.g. `MSG_ERRQUEUE`)

`sk_backlog_rcv`

callback to process the backlog

`sk_destruct`

called at sock freeing time, i.e. when `all_refcnt == 0`

## **`sk_filter_release`**

**LINUX**

## Name

`sk_filter_release` —

## Synopsis

```
void sk_filter_release (struct sk_filter * fp);
```

## Arguments

*fp*

filter to remove

## Description

Remove a filter from a socket and release its resources.

# sk\_wmem\_alloc\_get

## LINUX

## Name

`sk_wmem_alloc_get` — returns write allocations

## Synopsis

```
int sk_wmem_alloc_get (const struct sock * sk);
```

## Arguments

*sk*

socket

## Description

Returns `sk_wmem_alloc` minus initial offset of one

# sk\_rmem\_alloc\_get

## LINUX

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## Name

`sk_rmem_alloc_get` — returns read allocations

## Synopsis

```
int sk_rmem_alloc_get (const struct sock * sk);
```



## Arguments

*sk*

socket

## Description

Returns `sk_rmem_alloc`

# sk\_has\_allocations

## LINUX

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## Name

`sk_has_allocations` — check if allocations are outstanding

## Synopsis

```
int sk_has_allocations (const struct sock * sk);
```

## Arguments

*sk*

socket

## Description

Returns true if socket has write or read allocations

# sk\_has\_sleeper

## LINUX

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### Name

`sk_has_sleeper` — check if there are any waiting processes

### Synopsis

```
int sk_has_sleeper (struct sock * sk);
```

### Arguments

*sk*

socket

### Description

Returns true if socket has waiting processes

The purpose of the `sk_has_sleeper` and `sock_poll_wait` is to wrap the memory barrier call. They were added due to the race found within the tcp code.

### Consider following tcp code paths

CPU1 CPU2

```
sys_select receive packet ... .. __add_wait_queue update tp->rcv_nxt ... ..  
tp->rcv_nxt check sock_def_readable ... { schedule ... if (sk->sk_sleep &&  
waitqueue_active(sk->sk_sleep)) wake_up_interruptible(sk->sk_sleep) ... }
```

The race for tcp fires when the `__add_wait_queue` changes done by CPU1 stay in its cache, and so does the `tp->rcv_nxt` update on CPU2 side. The CPU1 could then endup calling `schedule` and sleep forever if there are no more data on the socket.

The `sk_has_sleeper` is always called right after a call to `read_lock`, so we can use `smp_mb__after_lock` barrier.

## sock\_poll\_wait

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### Name

`sock_poll_wait` — place memory barrier behind the `poll_wait` call.

### Synopsis

```
void sock_poll_wait (struct file * filp, wait_queue_head_t *  
wait_address, poll_table * p);
```

### Arguments

*filp*

file

*wait\_address*

socket wait queue

*p*

poll\_table

## Description

See the comments in the `sk_has_sleeper` function.

# sk\_eat\_skb

## LINUX

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## Name

`sk_eat_skb` — Release a `skb` if it is no longer needed

## Synopsis

```
void sk_eat_skb (struct sock * sk, struct sk_buff * skb, int  
copied_early);
```

## Arguments

*sk*

socket to eat this `skb` from

*skb*

socket buffer to eat

*copied\_early*

flag indicating whether DMA operations copied this data early

## Description

This routine must be called with interrupts disabled or with the socket locked so that the `sk_buff` queue operation is ok.

# sockfd\_lookup

## LINUX

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## Name

`sockfd_lookup` — Go from a file number to its socket slot

## Synopsis

```
struct socket * sockfd_lookup (int fd, int * err);
```

## Arguments

*fd*

file handle

*err*

pointer to an error code return

## Description

The file handle passed in is locked and the socket it is bound too is returned. If an error occurs the `err` pointer is overwritten with a negative `errno` code and `NULL` is returned. The function checks for both invalid handles and passing a handle which is not a socket.

On a success the socket object pointer is returned.

## sock\_release

### LINUX

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### Name

sock\_release — close a socket

### Synopsis

```
void sock_release (struct socket * sock);
```

### Arguments

*sock*

socket to close

### Description

The socket is released from the protocol stack if it has a release callback, and the inode is then released if the socket is bound to an inode not a file.

# sock\_register

## LINUX

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### Name

`sock_register` — add a socket protocol handler

### Synopsis

```
int sock_register (const struct net_proto_family * ops);
```

### Arguments

*ops*

description of protocol

### Description

This function is called by a protocol handler that wants to advertise its address family, and have it linked into the socket interface. The value `ops->family` corresponds to the socket system call protocol family.

# sock\_unregister

## LINUX

## Name

`sock_unregister` — remove a protocol handler

## Synopsis

```
void sock_unregister (int family);
```

## Arguments

*family*

protocol family to remove

## Description

This function is called by a protocol handler that wants to remove its address family, and have it unlinked from the new socket creation.

If protocol handler is a module, then it can use module reference counts to protect against new references. If protocol handler is not a module then it needs to provide its own protection in the ops->create routine.

# skb\_over\_panic

## LINUX

## Name

`skb_over_panic` — private function



## Synopsis

```
void skb_over_panic (struct sk_buff * skb, int sz, void *  
here);
```

## Arguments

*skb*

buffer

*sz*

size

*here*

address

## Description

Out of line support code for `skb_put`. Not user callable.

# skb\_under\_panic

**LINUX**

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## Name

`skb_under_panic` — private function

## Synopsis

```
void skb_under_panic (struct sk_buff * skb, int sz, void *  
here);
```

## Arguments

*skb*

buffer

*sz*

size

*here*

address

## Description

Out of line support code for `skb_push`. Not user callable.

## \_\_alloc\_skb

### LINUX

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## Name

`__alloc_skb` — allocate a network buffer

## Synopsis

```
struct sk_buff * __alloc_skb (unsigned int size, gfp_t
gfp_mask, int fclone, int node);
```

## Arguments

*size*

size to allocate

*gfp\_mask*

allocation mask

*fclone*

allocate from fclone cache instead of head cache and allocate a cloned (child) skb

*node*

numa node to allocate memory on

## Description

Allocate a new sk\_buff. The returned buffer has no headroom and a tail room of size bytes. The object has a reference count of one. The return is the buffer. On a failure the return is NULL.

Buffers may only be allocated from interrupts using a *gfp\_mask* of GFP\_ATOMIC.

# **\_\_netdev\_alloc\_skb**

**LINUX**

## Name

`__netdev_alloc_skb` — allocate an skbuff for rx on a specific device

## Synopsis

```
struct sk_buff * __netdev_alloc_skb (struct net_device * dev,  
unsigned int length, gfp_t gfp_mask);
```

## Arguments

*dev*

network device to receive on

*length*

length to allocate

*gfp\_mask*

get\_free\_pages mask, passed to alloc\_skb

## Description

Allocate a new `sk_buff` and assign it a usage count of one. The buffer has unspecified headroom built in. Users should allocate the headroom they think they need without accounting for the built in space. The built in space is used for optimisations.

NULL is returned if there is no free memory.

# dev\_alloc\_skb

## LINUX

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### Name

dev\_alloc\_skb — allocate an skbuff for receiving

### Synopsis

```
struct sk_buff * dev_alloc_skb (unsigned int length);
```

### Arguments

*length*

length to allocate

### Description

Allocate a new sk\_buff and assign it a usage count of one. The buffer has unspecified headroom built in. Users should allocate the headroom they think they need without accounting for the built in space. The built in space is used for optimisations.

NULL is returned if there is no free memory. Although this function allocates memory it can be called from an interrupt.

# \_\_kfree\_skb

## LINUX

## Name

`__kfree_skb` — private function

## Synopsis

```
void __kfree_skb (struct sk_buff * skb);
```

## Arguments

*skb*

buffer

## Description

Free an `sk_buff`. Release anything attached to the buffer. Clean the state. This is an internal helper function. Users should always call `kfree_skb`

# kfree\_skb

## LINUX

## Name

`kfree_skb` — free an `sk_buff`

## Synopsis

```
void kfree_skb (struct sk_buff * skb);
```

## Arguments

*skb*

buffer to free

## Description

Drop a reference to the buffer and free it if the usage count has hit zero.

## consume\_skb

### LINUX

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## Name

consume\_skb — free an skbuff

## Synopsis

```
void consume_skb (struct sk_buff * skb);
```

## Arguments

*skb*

buffer to free

## Description

Drop a ref to the buffer and free it if the usage count has hit zero Functions identically to `kfree_skb`, but `kfree_skb` assumes that the frame is being dropped after a failure and notes that

# skb\_recycle\_check

## LINUX

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## Name

`skb_recycle_check` — check if `skb` can be reused for receive

## Synopsis

```
int skb_recycle_check (struct sk_buff * skb, int skb_size);
```

## Arguments

*skb*

buffer

*skb\_size*

minimum receive buffer size



## Description

Checks that the skb passed in is not shared or cloned, and that it is linear and its head portion at least as large as `skb_size` so that it can be recycled as a receive buffer. If these conditions are met, this function does any necessary reference count dropping and cleans up the skbuff as if it just came from `__alloc_skb`.

## skb\_morph

### LINUX

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## Name

`skb_morph` — morph one skb into another

## Synopsis

```
struct sk_buff * skb_morph (struct sk_buff * dst, struct
sk_buff * src);
```

## Arguments

*dst*

the skb to receive the contents

*src*

the skb to supply the contents

## Description

This is identical to `skb_clone` except that the target skb is supplied by the user.

The target skb is returned upon exit.

## skb\_clone

### LINUX

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### Name

skb\_clone — duplicate an sk\_buff

### Synopsis

```
struct sk_buff * skb_clone (struct sk_buff * skb, gfp_t  
gfp_mask);
```

### Arguments

*skb*

buffer to clone

*gfp\_mask*

allocation priority

### Description

Duplicate an sk\_buff. The new one is not owned by a socket. Both copies share the same packet data but not structure. The new buffer has a reference count of 1. If the allocation fails the function returns NULL otherwise the new buffer is returned.

If this function is called from an interrupt *gfp\_mask* must be GFP\_ATOMIC.

# skb\_copy

## LINUX

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## Name

`skb_copy` — create private copy of an `sk_buff`

## Synopsis

```
struct sk_buff * skb_copy (const struct sk_buff * skb, gfp_t
gfp_mask);
```

## Arguments

*skb*

buffer to copy

*gfp\_mask*

allocation priority

## Description

Make a copy of both an `sk_buff` and its data. This is used when the caller wishes to modify the data and needs a private copy of the data to alter. Returns `NULL` on failure or the pointer to the buffer on success. The returned buffer has a reference count of 1.

As by-product this function converts non-linear `sk_buff` to linear one, so that `sk_buff` becomes completely private and caller is allowed to modify all the data of

returned buffer. This means that this function is not recommended for use in circumstances when only header is going to be modified. Use `pskb_copy` instead.

## pskb\_copy

### LINUX

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### Name

`pskb_copy` — create copy of an `sk_buff` with private head.

### Synopsis

```
struct sk_buff * pskb_copy (struct sk_buff * skb, gfp_t  
gfp_mask);
```

### Arguments

*skb*

buffer to copy

*gfp\_mask*

allocation priority

### Description

Make a copy of both an `sk_buff` and part of its data, located in header. Fragmented data remain shared. This is used when the caller wishes to modify only header of `sk_buff` and needs private copy of the header to alter. Returns `NULL` on failure or the pointer to the buffer on success. The returned buffer has a reference count of 1.

# pskb\_expand\_head

## LINUX

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### Name

`pskb_expand_head` — reallocate header of `sk_buff`

### Synopsis

```
int pskb_expand_head (struct sk_buff * skb, int nhead, int  
ntail, gfp_t gfp_mask);
```

### Arguments

*skb*

buffer to reallocate

*nhead*

room to add at head

*ntail*

room to add at tail

*gfp\_mask*

allocation priority

## Description

Expands (or creates identical copy, if `nhead` and `ntail` are zero) header of `skb`. `sk_buff` itself is not changed. `sk_buff` MUST have reference count of 1. Returns zero in the case of success or error, if expansion failed. In the last case, `sk_buff` is not changed.

All the pointers pointing into `skb` header may change and must be reloaded after call to this function.

## skb\_copy\_expand

### LINUX

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### Name

`skb_copy_expand` — copy and expand `sk_buff`

### Synopsis

```
struct sk_buff * skb_copy_expand (const struct sk_buff * skb,  
int newheadroom, int newtailroom, gfp_t gfp_mask);
```

### Arguments

*skb*

buffer to copy

*newheadroom*

new free bytes at head

*newtailroom*

new free bytes at tail

*gfp\_mask*

allocation priority

## Description

Make a copy of both an `sk_buff` and its data and while doing so allocate additional space.

This is used when the caller wishes to modify the data and needs a private copy of the data to alter as well as more space for new fields. Returns `NULL` on failure or the pointer to the buffer on success. The returned buffer has a reference count of 1.

You must pass `GFP_ATOMIC` as the allocation priority if this function is called from an interrupt.

# skb\_pad

## LINUX

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## Name

`skb_pad` — zero pad the tail of an `skb`

## Synopsis

```
int skb_pad (struct sk_buff * skb, int pad);
```

## Arguments

*skb*

buffer to pad

*pad*

space to pad

## Description

Ensure that a buffer is followed by a padding area that is zero filled. Used by network drivers which may DMA or transfer data beyond the buffer end onto the wire.

May return error in out of memory cases. The *skb* is freed on error.

## skb\_put

### LINUX

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## Name

`skb_put` — add data to a buffer

## Synopsis

```
unsigned char * skb_put (struct sk_buff * skb, unsigned int  
len);
```



## Arguments

*skb*

buffer to use

*len*

amount of data to add

## Description

This function extends the used data area of the buffer. If this would exceed the total buffer size the kernel will panic. A pointer to the first byte of the extra data is returned.

# skb\_push

## LINUX

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## Name

`skb_push` — add data to the start of a buffer

## Synopsis

```
unsigned char * skb_push (struct sk_buff * skb, unsigned int  
len);
```

## Arguments

*skb*

buffer to use

*len*

amount of data to add

## Description

This function extends the used data area of the buffer at the buffer start. If this would exceed the total buffer headroom the kernel will panic. A pointer to the first byte of the extra data is returned.

# skb\_pull

## LINUX

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## Name

`skb_pull` — remove data from the start of a buffer

## Synopsis

```
unsigned char * skb_pull (struct sk_buff * skb, unsigned int  
len);
```

## Arguments

*skb*

buffer to use

*len*

amount of data to remove

## Description

This function removes data from the start of a buffer, returning the memory to the headroom. A pointer to the next data in the buffer is returned. Once the data has been pulled future pushes will overwrite the old data.

## skb\_trim

### LINUX

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## Name

`skb_trim` — remove end from a buffer

## Synopsis

```
void skb_trim (struct sk_buff * skb, unsigned int len);
```

## Arguments

*skb*

buffer to alter

*len*

new length

## Description

Cut the length of a buffer down by removing data from the tail. If the buffer is already under the length specified it is not modified. The skb must be linear.

# \_\_pskb\_pull\_tail

## LINUX

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## Name

`__pskb_pull_tail` — advance tail of skb header

## Synopsis

```
unsigned char * __pskb_pull_tail (struct sk_buff * skb, int
delta);
```

## Arguments

*skb*

buffer to reallocate

*delta*

number of bytes to advance tail

## Description

The function makes a sense only on a fragmented `sk_buff`, it expands header moving its tail forward and copying necessary data from fragmented part.

`sk_buff` MUST have reference count of 1.

Returns `NULL` (and `sk_buff` does not change) if pull failed or value of new tail of `skb` in the case of success.

All the pointers pointing into `skb` header may change and must be reloaded after call to this function.

## skb\_store\_bits

### LINUX

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### Name

`skb_store_bits` — store bits from kernel buffer to `skb`

### Synopsis

```
int skb_store_bits (struct sk_buff * skb, int offset, const
void * from, int len);
```

### Arguments

*skb*

destination buffer

*offset*

offset in destination

*from*

source buffer

*len*

number of bytes to copy

## Description

Copy the specified number of bytes from the source buffer to the destination skb. This function handles all the messy bits of traversing fragment lists and such.

# skb\_dequeue

## LINUX

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## Name

skb\_dequeue — remove from the head of the queue

## Synopsis

```
struct sk_buff * skb_dequeue (struct sk_buff_head * list);
```

## Arguments

*list*

list to dequeue from

## Description

Remove the head of the list. The list lock is taken so the function may be used safely with other locking list functions. The head item is returned or `NULL` if the list is empty.

# skb\_dequeue\_tail

## LINUX

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## Name

`skb_dequeue_tail` — remove from the tail of the queue

## Synopsis

```
struct sk_buff * skb_dequeue_tail (struct sk_buff_head *  
list);
```

## Arguments

*list*

list to dequeue from

## Description

Remove the tail of the list. The list lock is taken so the function may be used safely with other locking list functions. The tail item is returned or `NULL` if the list is empty.

# skb\_queue\_purge

## LINUX

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### Name

skb\_queue\_purge — empty a list

### Synopsis

```
void skb_queue_purge (struct sk_buff_head * list);
```

### Arguments

*list*

list to empty

### Description

Delete all buffers on an sk\_buff list. Each buffer is removed from the list and one reference dropped. This function takes the list lock and is atomic with respect to other list locking functions.

# skb\_queue\_head

## LINUX



## Name

`skb_queue_head` — queue a buffer at the list head

## Synopsis

```
void skb_queue_head (struct sk_buff_head * list, struct  
sk_buff * newsk);
```

## Arguments

*list*

list to use

*newsk*

buffer to queue

## Description

Queue a buffer at the start of the list. This function takes the list lock and can be used safely with other locking `sk_buff` functions safely.

A buffer cannot be placed on two lists at the same time.

## `skb_queue_tail`

**LINUX**

## Name

`skb_queue_tail` — queue a buffer at the list tail

## Synopsis

```
void skb_queue_tail (struct sk_buff_head * list, struct  
sk_buff * newsk);
```

## Arguments

*list*

list to use

*newsk*

buffer to queue

## Description

Queue a buffer at the tail of the list. This function takes the list lock and can be used safely with other locking `sk_buff` functions safely.

A buffer cannot be placed on two lists at the same time.

## `skb_unlink`

**LINUX**

## Name

`skb_unlink` — remove a buffer from a list

## Synopsis

```
void skb_unlink (struct sk_buff * skb, struct sk_buff_head *  
list);
```

## Arguments

*skb*

buffer to remove

*list*

list to use

## Description

Remove a packet from a list. The list locks are taken and this function is atomic with respect to other list locked calls

You must know what list the SKB is on.

## `skb_append`

**LINUX**

## Name

`skb_append` — append a buffer

## Synopsis

```
void skb_append (struct sk_buff * old, struct sk_buff * newsk,  
struct sk_buff_head * list);
```

## Arguments

*old*

buffer to insert after

*newsk*

buffer to insert

*list*

list to use

## Description

Place a packet after a given packet in a list. The list locks are taken and this function is atomic with respect to other list locked calls. A buffer cannot be placed on two lists at the same time.

## skb\_insert

**LINUX**

## Name

`skb_insert` — insert a buffer

## Synopsis

```
void skb_insert (struct sk_buff * old, struct sk_buff * newsk,  
struct sk_buff_head * list);
```

## Arguments

*old*

buffer to insert before

*newsk*

buffer to insert

*list*

list to use

## Description

Place a packet before a given packet in a list. The list locks are taken and this function is atomic with respect to other list locked calls.

A buffer cannot be placed on two lists at the same time.

## skb\_split

**LINUX**

## Name

`skb_split` — Split fragmented `skb` to two parts at length `len`.

## Synopsis

```
void skb_split (struct sk_buff * skb, struct sk_buff * skb1,  
const u32 len);
```

## Arguments

*skb*

the buffer to split

*skb1*

the buffer to receive the second part

*len*

new length for `skb`

# skb\_prepare\_seq\_read

## LINUX

## Name

`skb_prepare_seq_read` — Prepare a sequential read of `skb` data

## Synopsis

```
void skb_prepare_seq_read (struct sk_buff * skb, unsigned int
from, unsigned int to, struct skb_seq_state * st);
```

## Arguments

*skb*

the buffer to read

*from*

lower offset of data to be read

*to*

upper offset of data to be read

*st*

state variable

## Description

Initializes the specified state variable. Must be called before invoking `skb_seq_read` for the first time.

## skb\_seq\_read

**LINUX**

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## Name

`skb_seq_read` — Sequentially read skb data

## Synopsis

```
unsigned int skb_seq_read (unsigned int consumed, const u8 **  
data, struct skb_seq_state * st);
```

## Arguments

*consumed*

number of bytes consumed by the caller so far

*data*

destination pointer for data to be returned

*st*

state variable

## Description

Reads a block of skb data at *consumed* relative to the lower offset specified to `skb_prepare_seq_read`. Assigns the head of the data block to *data* and returns the length of the block or 0 if the end of the skb data or the upper offset has been reached.

The caller is not required to consume all of the data returned, i.e. *consumed* is typically set to the number of bytes already consumed and the next call to `skb_seq_read` will return the remaining part of the block.

## Note 1

The size of each block of data returned can be arbitrary, this limitation is the cost for zerocopy sequential reads of potentially non linear data.

## Note 2

Fragment lists within fragments are not implemented at the moment, `state->root_skb` could be replaced with a stack for this purpose.



# skb\_abort\_seq\_read

## LINUX

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### Name

`skb_abort_seq_read` — Abort a sequential read of skb data

### Synopsis

```
void skb_abort_seq_read (struct skb_seq_state * st);
```

### Arguments

*st*

state variable

### Description

Must be called if `skb_seq_read` was not called until it returned 0.

# skb\_find\_text

## LINUX

## Name

`skb_find_text` — Find a text pattern in skb data

## Synopsis

```
unsigned int skb_find_text (struct sk_buff * skb, unsigned int
from, unsigned int to, struct ts_config * config, struct
ts_state * state);
```

## Arguments

*skb*

the buffer to look in

*from*

search offset

*to*

search limit

*config*

textsearch configuration

*state*

uninitialized textsearch state variable

## Description

Finds a pattern in the skb data according to the specified textsearch configuration. Use `textsearch_next` to retrieve subsequent occurrences of the pattern. Returns the offset to the first occurrence or `UINT_MAX` if no match was found.

# skb\_append\_datato\_fragments

## LINUX

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### Name

skb\_append\_datato\_fragments — append the user data to a skb

### Synopsis

```
int skb_append_datato_fragments (struct sock * sk, struct sk_buff
* skb, int (*getfrag) (void *from, char *to, int offset, int
len, int odd, struct sk_buff *skb), void * from, int length);
```

### Arguments

*sk*

sock structure

*skb*

skb structure to be appened with user data.

*getfrag*

call back function to be used for getting the user data

*from*

pointer to user message iov

*length*

length of the iov message

## Description

This procedure append the user data in the fragment part of the skb if any page alloc fails user this procedure returns -ENOMEM

# skb\_pull\_rcsum

## LINUX

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## Name

`skb_pull_rcsum` — pull skb and update receive checksum

## Synopsis

```
unsigned char * skb_pull_rcsum (struct sk_buff * skb, unsigned  
int len);
```

## Arguments

*skb*

buffer to update

*len*

length of data pulled

## Description

This function performs an `skb_pull` on the packet and updates the `CHECKSUM_COMPLETE` checksum. It should be used on receive path

processing instead of `skb_pull` unless you know that the checksum difference is zero (e.g., a valid IP header) or you are setting `ip_summed` to `CHECKSUM_NONE`.

## skb\_segment

### LINUX

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### Name

`skb_segment` — Perform protocol segmentation on `skb`.

### Synopsis

```
struct sk_buff * skb_segment (struct sk_buff * skb, int
features);
```

### Arguments

*skb*

buffer to segment

*features*

features for the output path (see `dev->features`)

### Description

This function performs segmentation on the given `skb`. It returns a pointer to the first in a list of new skbs for the segments. In case of error it returns `ERR_PTR(err)`.

# skb\_cow\_data

## LINUX

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### Name

`skb_cow_data` — Check that a socket buffer's data buffers are writable

### Synopsis

```
int skb_cow_data (struct sk_buff * skb, int tailbits, struct  
sk_buff ** trailer);
```

### Arguments

*skb*

The socket buffer to check.

*tailbits*

Amount of trailing space to be added

*trailer*

Returned pointer to the *skb* where the *tailbits* space begins

### Description

Make sure that the data buffers attached to a socket buffer are writable. If they are not, private copies are made of the data buffers and the socket buffer is set to use these instead.

If *tailbits* is given, make sure that there is space to write *tailbits* bytes of data beyond current end of socket buffer. *trailer* will be set to point to the *skb* in which this space begins.

The number of scatterlist elements required to completely map the COW'd and extended socket buffer will be returned.

## skb\_partial\_csum\_set

### LINUX

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### Name

`skb_partial_csum_set` — set up and verify partial csum values for packet

### Synopsis

```
bool skb_partial_csum_set (struct sk_buff * skb, u16 start,  
u16 off);
```

### Arguments

*skb*

the skb to set

*start*

the number of bytes after `skb->data` to start checksumming.

*off*

the offset from `start` to place the checksum.

## Description

For untrusted partially-checksummed packets, we need to make sure the values for `skb->csum_start` and `skb->csum_offset` are valid so we don't oops.

This function checks and sets those values and `skb->ip_summed`: if this returns false you should drop the packet.

## sk\_alloc

### LINUX

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## Name

`sk_alloc` — All socket objects are allocated here

## Synopsis

```
struct sock * sk_alloc (struct net * net, int family, gfp_t
priority, struct proto * prot);
```

## Arguments

*net*

the applicable net namespace

*family*

protocol family

*priority*

for allocation (`GFP_KERNEL`, `GFP_ATOMIC`, etc)



*prot*

struct proto associated with this new sock instance

## sk\_wait\_data

### LINUX

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### Name

*sk\_wait\_data* — wait for data to arrive at *sk\_receive\_queue*

### Synopsis

```
int sk_wait_data (struct sock * sk, long * timeo);
```

### Arguments

*sk*

sock to wait on

*timeo*

for how long

### Description

Now socket state including *sk->sk\_err* is changed only under lock, hence we may omit checks after joining wait queue. We check receive queue before *schedule* only as optimization; it is very likely that *release\_sock* added new data.

# \_\_sk\_mem\_schedule

## LINUX

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### Name

`__sk_mem_schedule` — increase `sk_forward_alloc` and `memory_allocated`

### Synopsis

```
int __sk_mem_schedule (struct sock * sk, int size, int kind);
```

### Arguments

*sk*

socket

*size*

memory size to allocate

*kind*

allocation type

### Description

If `kind` is `SK_MEM_SEND`, it means `wmem` allocation. Otherwise it means `rmem` allocation. This function assumes that protocols which have `memory_pressure` use `sk_wmem_queued` as write buffer accounting.

# \_\_sk\_mem\_reclaim

## LINUX

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### Name

`__sk_mem_reclaim` — reclaim memory\_allocated

### Synopsis

```
void __sk_mem_reclaim (struct sock * sk);
```

### Arguments

*sk*  
socket

# \_\_skb\_recv\_datagram

## LINUX

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### Name

`__skb_recv_datagram` — Receive a datagram skbuff

## Synopsis

```
struct sk_buff * __skb_recv_datagram (struct sock * sk,  
unsigned flags, int * peeked, int * err);
```

## Arguments

*sk*

socket

*flags*

MSG\_flags

*peeked*

returns non-zero if this packet has been seen before

*err*

error code returned

## Description

Get a datagram skbuff, understands the peeking, nonblocking wakeups and possible races. This replaces identical code in packet, raw and udp, as well as the IPX AX.25 and Appletalk. It also finally fixes the long standing peek and read race for datagram sockets. If you alter this routine remember it must be re-entrant.

This function will lock the socket if a skb is returned, so the caller needs to unlock the socket in that case (usually by calling `skb_free_datagram`)

\* It does not lock socket since today. This function is \* free of race conditions. This measure should/can improve \* significantly datagram socket latencies at high loads, \* when data copying to user space takes lots of time. \* (BTW I've just killed the last `cli` in `IP/IPv6/core/netlink/packet` \* 8) Great win.) \* --ANK (980729)

The order of the tests when we find no data waiting are specified quite explicitly by POSIX 1003.1g, don't change them without having the standard around please.

# skb\_kill\_datagram

## LINUX

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### Name

`skb_kill_datagram` — Free a datagram skbuff forcibly

### Synopsis

```
int skb_kill_datagram (struct sock * sk, struct sk_buff * skb,
unsigned int flags);
```

### Arguments

*sk*

socket

*skb*

datagram skbuff

*flags*

MSG\_ flags

### Description

This function frees a datagram skbuff that was received by `skb_recv_datagram`. The `flags` argument must match the one used for `skb_recv_datagram`.

If the `MSG_PEEK` flag is set, and the packet is still on the receive queue of the socket, it will be taken off the queue before it is freed.

This function currently only disables BH when acquiring the `sk_receive_queue` lock. Therefore it must not be used in a context where that lock is acquired in an IRQ context.

It returns 0 if the packet was removed by us.

## skb\_copy\_datagram\_iovec

### LINUX

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### Name

`skb_copy_datagram_iovec` — Copy a datagram to an iovec.

### Synopsis

```
int skb_copy_datagram_iovec (const struct sk_buff * skb, int
offset, struct iovec * to, int len);
```

### Arguments

*skb*

buffer to copy

*offset*

offset in the buffer to start copying from

*to*

io vector to copy to

*len*

amount of data to copy from buffer to iovec

## Note

the `iovec` is modified during the copy.

# skb\_copy\_datagram\_const\_iovec

## LINUX

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## Name

`skb_copy_datagram_const_iovec` — Copy a datagram to an `iovec`.

## Synopsis

```
int skb_copy_datagram_const_iovec (const struct sk_buff * skb,
int offset, const struct iovec * to, int to_offset, int len);
```

## Arguments

*skb*

buffer to copy

*offset*

offset in the buffer to start copying from

*to*

io vector to copy to

*to\_offset*

offset in the io vector to start copying to

*len*

amount of data to copy from buffer to iovec

## Description

Returns 0 or -EFAULT.

## Note

the iovec is not modified during the copy.

# skb\_copy\_datagram\_from\_iovec

## LINUX

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## Name

`skb_copy_datagram_from_iovec` — Copy a datagram from an iovec.

## Synopsis

```
int skb_copy_datagram_from_iovec (struct sk_buff * skb, int
offset, const struct iovec * from, int from_offset, int len);
```

## Arguments

*skb*

buffer to copy



*offset*

offset in the buffer to start copying to

*from*

io vector to copy to

*from\_offset*

offset in the io vector to start copying from

*len*

amount of data to copy to buffer from iovec

## Description

Returns 0 or -EFAULT.

## Note

the iovec is not modified during the copy.

# skb\_copy\_and\_csum\_datagram\_iovec

## LINUX

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## Name

skb\_copy\_and\_csum\_datagram\_iovec — Copy and checksum skb to user iovec.

## Synopsis

```
int skb_copy_and_csum_datagram_iovec (struct sk_buff * skb,  
int hlen, struct iovec * iov);
```

## Arguments

*skb*

skbuff

*hlen*

hardware length

*iov*

io vector

## Description

Caller `_must_` check that *skb* will fit to this iovec.

## Returns

0 - success. -EINVAL - checksum failure. -EFAULT - fault during copy. Beware, in this case iovec can be modified!

## datagram\_poll

**LINUX**

## Name

`datagram_poll` — generic datagram poll

## Synopsis

```
unsigned int datagram_poll (struct file * file, struct socket  
* sock, poll_table * wait);
```

## Arguments

*file*

file struct

*sock*

socket

*wait*

poll table

## Datagram poll

Again totally generic. This also handles sequenced packet sockets providing the socket receive queue is only ever holding data ready to receive.

## Note

when you `_don't_` use this routine for this protocol, and you use a different write policy from `sock_writeable` then please supply your own `write_space` callback.

# sk\_stream\_write\_space

## LINUX

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### Name

`sk_stream_write_space` — stream socket `write_space` callback.

### Synopsis

```
void sk_stream_write_space (struct sock * sk);
```

### Arguments

*sk*  
socket

### FIXME

write proper description

# sk\_stream\_wait\_connect

## LINUX

Kernel Hackers Manual March 2012

### Name

`sk_stream_wait_connect` — Wait for a socket to get into the connected state

## Synopsis

```
int sk_stream_wait_connect (struct sock * sk, long * timeo_p);
```

## Arguments

*sk*

sock to wait on

*timeo\_p*

for how long to wait

## Description

Must be called with the socket locked.

# sk\_stream\_wait\_memory

**LINUX**

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## Name

`sk_stream_wait_memory` — Wait for more memory for a socket

## Synopsis

```
int sk_stream_wait_memory (struct sock * sk, long * timeo_p);
```

## Arguments

*sk*

socket to wait for memory

*timeo\_p*

for how long

## 1.3. Socket Filter

### sk\_filter

**LINUX**

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#### Name

`sk_filter` — run a packet through a socket filter

#### Synopsis

```
int sk_filter (struct sock * sk, struct sk_buff * skb);
```

#### Arguments

*sk*

sock associated with sk\_buff

*skb*

buffer to filter

## Description

Run the filter code and then cut `skb->data` to correct size returned by `sk_run_filter`. If `pkt_len` is 0 we toss packet. If `skb->len` is smaller than `pkt_len` we keep whole `skb->data`. This is the socket level wrapper to `sk_run_filter`. It returns 0 if the packet should be accepted or `-EPERM` if the packet should be tossed.

# sk\_run\_filter

## LINUX

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## Name

`sk_run_filter` — run a filter on a socket

## Synopsis

```
unsigned int sk_run_filter (struct sk_buff * skb, struct
sock_filter * filter, int flen);
```

## Arguments

*skb*

buffer to run the filter on

*filter*

filter to apply

*flen*

length of filter

## Description

Decode and apply filter instructions to the `skb->data`. Return length to keep, 0 for none. `skb` is the data we are filtering, `filter` is the array of filter instructions, and `len` is the number of filter blocks in the array.

## sk\_chk\_filter

### LINUX

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### Name

`sk_chk_filter` — verify socket filter code

### Synopsis

```
int sk_chk_filter (struct sock_filter * filter, int flen);
```

### Arguments

*filter*

filter to verify

*flen*

length of filter



## Description

Check the user's filter code. If we let some ugly filter code slip through kaboom! The filter must contain no references or jumps that are out of range, no illegal instructions, and must end with a RET instruction.

All jumps are forward as they are not signed.

Returns 0 if the rule set is legal or -EINVAL if not.

## 1.4. Generic Network Statistics

### struct gnet\_stats\_basic

#### LINUX

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#### Name

struct gnet\_stats\_basic — byte/packet throughput statistics

#### Synopsis

```
struct gnet_stats_basic {  
    __u64 bytes;  
    __u32 packets;  
};
```

#### Members

bytes

number of seen bytes

packets

number of seen packets

## struct gnet\_stats\_rate\_est

### LINUX

Kernel Hackers Manual March 2012

### Name

struct gnet\_stats\_rate\_est — rate estimator

### Synopsis

```
struct gnet_stats_rate_est {  
    __u32 bps;  
    __u32 pps;  
};
```

### Members

bps

current byte rate

pps

current packet rate

## struct gnet\_stats\_queue

### LINUX

## Name

`struct gnet_stats_queue` — queuing statistics

## Synopsis

```
struct gnet_stats_queue {  
    __u32 qlen;  
    __u32 backlog;  
    __u32 drops;  
    __u32 requeues;  
    __u32 overlimits;  
};
```

## Members

`qlen`

queue length

`backlog`

backlog size of queue

`drops`

number of dropped packets

`requeues`

number of requeues

`overlimits`

number of enqueues over the limit

# struct gnet\_estimator

## LINUX

Kernel Hackers Manual March 2012

### Name

struct gnet\_estimator — rate estimator configuration

### Synopsis

```
struct gnet_estimator {  
    signed char interval;  
    unsigned char ewma_log;  
};
```

### Members

interval

sampling period

ewma\_log

the log of measurement window weight

# gnet\_stats\_start\_copy\_compat

## LINUX

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### Name

gnet\_stats\_start\_copy\_compat — start dumping procedure in compatibility mode

## Synopsis

```
int gnet_stats_start_copy_compat (struct sk_buff * skb, int
type, int tc_stats_type, int xstats_type, spinlock_t * lock,
struct gnet_dump * d);
```

## Arguments

*skb*

socket buffer to put statistics TLVs into

*type*

TLV type for top level statistic TLV

*tc\_stats\_type*

TLV type for backward compatibility struct tc\_stats TLV

*xstats\_type*

TLV type for backward compatibility xstats TLV

*lock*

statistics lock

*d*

dumping handle

## Description

Initializes the dumping handle, grabs the statistic lock and appends an empty TLV header to the socket buffer for use a container for all other statistic TLVS.

The dumping handle is marked to be in backward compatibility mode telling all `gnet_stats_copy_XXX` functions to fill a local copy of struct tc\_stats.

Returns 0 on success or -1 if the room in the socket buffer was not sufficient.

# **gnet\_stats\_start\_copy**

## **LINUX**

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### **Name**

`gnet_stats_start_copy` — start dumping procedure in compatibility mode

### **Synopsis**

```
int gnet_stats_start_copy (struct sk_buff * skb, int type,
spinlock_t * lock, struct gnet_dump * d);
```

### **Arguments**

*skb*

socket buffer to put statistics TLVs into

*type*

TLV type for top level statistic TLV

*lock*

statistics lock

*d*

dumping handle

### **Description**

Initializes the dumping handle, grabs the statistic lock and appends an empty TLV header to the socket buffer for use a container for all other statistic TLVS.

Returns 0 on success or -1 if the room in the socket buffer was not sufficient.

# **gnet\_stats\_copy\_basic**

## **LINUX**

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### **Name**

`gnet_stats_copy_basic` — copy basic statistics into statistic TLV

### **Synopsis**

```
int gnet_stats_copy_basic (struct gnet_dump * d, struct
gnet_stats_basic_packed * b);
```

### **Arguments**

*d*

dumping handle

*b*

basic statistics

### **Description**

Appends the basic statistics to the top level TLV created by `gnet_stats_start_copy`.

Returns 0 on success or -1 with the statistic lock released if the room in the socket buffer was not sufficient.

# **gnet\_stats\_copy\_rate\_est**

## **LINUX**

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## **Name**

`gnet_stats_copy_rate_est` — copy rate estimator statistics into statistics TLV

## **Synopsis**

```
int gnet_stats_copy_rate_est (struct gnet_dump * d, const
struct gnet_stats_basic_packed * b, struct gnet_stats_rate_est
* r);
```

## **Arguments**

*d*

dumping handle

*b*

basic statistics

*r*

rate estimator statistics

## **Description**

Appends the rate estimator statistics to the top level TLV created by `gnet_stats_start_copy`.

Returns 0 on success or -1 with the statistic lock released if the room in the socket buffer was not sufficient.



# **gnet\_stats\_copy\_queue**

## **LINUX**

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### **Name**

`gnet_stats_copy_queue` — copy queue statistics into statistics TLV

### **Synopsis**

```
int gnet_stats_copy_queue (struct gnet_dump * d, struct  
gnet_stats_queue * q);
```

### **Arguments**

*d*

dumping handle

*q*

queue statistics

### **Description**

Appends the queue statistics to the top level TLV created by `gnet_stats_start_copy`.

Returns 0 on success or -1 with the statistic lock released if the room in the socket buffer was not sufficient.

# **gnet\_stats\_copy\_app**

## **LINUX**

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### **Name**

`gnet_stats_copy_app` — copy application specific statistics into statistics TLV

### **Synopsis**

```
int gnet_stats_copy_app (struct gnet_dump * d, void * st, int len);
```

### **Arguments**

*d*

dumping handle

*st*

application specific statistics data

*len*

length of data

### **Description**

Appends the application sepecific statistics to the top level TLV created by `gnet_stats_start_copy` and remembers the data for XSTATS if the dumping handle is in backward compatibility mode.

Returns 0 on success or -1 with the statistic lock released if the room in the socket buffer was not sufficient.

# **gnet\_stats\_finish\_copy**

## **LINUX**

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### **Name**

`gnet_stats_finish_copy` — finish dumping procedure

### **Synopsis**

```
int gnet_stats_finish_copy (struct gnet_dump * d);
```

### **Arguments**

*d*

dumping handle

### **Description**

Corrects the length of the top level TLV to include all TLVs added by `gnet_stats_copy_XXX` calls. Adds the backward compatibility TLVs if `gnet_stats_start_copy_compat` was used and releases the statistics lock.

Returns 0 on success or -1 with the statistic lock released if the room in the socket buffer was not sufficient.

# gen\_new\_estimator

## LINUX

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### Name

`gen_new_estimator` — create a new rate estimator

### Synopsis

```
int gen_new_estimator (struct gnet_stats_basic_packed *  
    bstats, struct gnet_stats_rate_est * rate_est, spinlock_t *  
    stats_lock, struct nlattr * opt);
```

### Arguments

*bstats*

basic statistics

*rate\_est*

rate estimator statistics

*stats\_lock*

statistics lock

*opt*

rate estimator configuration TLV

### Description

Creates a new rate estimator with *bstats* as source and *rate\_est* as destination. A new timer with the interval specified in the configuration TLV is created. Upon each interval, the latest statistics will be read from *bstats* and the estimated rate will be stored in *rate\_est* with the statistics lock grabbed during this period.

Returns 0 on success or a negative error code.

## NOTE

Called under `rtnl_mutex`

# gen\_kill\_estimator

## LINUX

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## Name

`gen_kill_estimator` — remove a rate estimator

## Synopsis

```
void gen_kill_estimator (struct gnet_stats_basic_packed *  
    bstats, struct gnet_stats_rate_est * rate_est);
```

## Arguments

*bstats*

basic statistics

*rate\_est*

rate estimator statistics

## Description

Removes the rate estimator specified by `bstats` and `rate_est`.

## NOTE

Called under `rtnl_mutex`

# gen\_replace\_estimator

## LINUX

Kernel Hackers Manual March 2012

## Name

`gen_replace_estimator` — replace rate estimator configuration

## Synopsis

```
int gen_replace_estimator (struct gnet_stats_basic_packed *  
    bstats, struct gnet_stats_rate_est * rate_est, spinlock_t *  
    stats_lock, struct nlattr * opt);
```

## Arguments

*bstats*

basic statistics

*rate\_est*

rate estimator statistics

*stats\_lock*

statistics lock

*opt*

rate estimator configuration TLV

## Description

Replaces the configuration of a rate estimator by calling `gen_kill_estimator` and `gen_new_estimator`.

Returns 0 on success or a negative error code.

# gen\_estimator\_active

## LINUX

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## Name

`gen_estimator_active` — test if estimator is currently in use

## Synopsis

```
bool gen_estimator_active (const struct
gnet_stats_basic_packed * bstats, const struct
gnet_stats_rate_est * rate_est);
```

## Arguments

*bstats*

basic statistics

*rate\_est*

rate estimator statistics

## Description

Returns true if estimator is active, and false if not.

## 1.5. SUN RPC subsystem

### xdr\_encode\_opaque\_fixed

#### LINUX

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#### Name

`xdr_encode_opaque_fixed` — Encode fixed length opaque data

#### Synopsis

```
__be32 * xdr_encode_opaque_fixed (__be32 * p, const void *  
ptr, unsigned int nbytes);
```

#### Arguments

*p*

pointer to current position in XDR buffer.

*ptr*

pointer to data to encode (or NULL)

*nbytes*

size of data.



## Description

Copy the array of data of length `nbytes` at `ptr` to the XDR buffer at position `p`, then align to the next 32-bit boundary by padding with zero bytes (see RFC1832).

## Note

if `ptr` is `NULL`, only the padding is performed.

Returns the updated current XDR buffer position

# xdr\_encode\_opaque

## LINUX

Kernel Hackers Manual March 2012

## Name

`xdr_encode_opaque` — Encode variable length opaque data

## Synopsis

```
__be32 * xdr_encode_opaque (__be32 * p, const void * ptr,
unsigned int nbytes);
```

## Arguments

*p*

pointer to current position in XDR buffer.

*ptr*

pointer to data to encode (or `NULL`)

*nbytes*

size of data.

## Description

Returns the updated current XDR buffer position

# xdr\_init\_encode

## LINUX

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## Name

`xdr_init_encode` — Initialize a struct `xdr_stream` for sending data.

## Synopsis

```
void xdr_init_encode (struct xdr_stream * xdr, struct xdr_buf  
* buf, __be32 * p);
```

## Arguments

*xdr*

pointer to `xdr_stream` struct

*buf*

pointer to XDR buffer in which to encode data

*p*

current pointer inside XDR buffer

## Note

at the moment the RPC client only passes the length of our scratch buffer in the `xdr_buf`'s header `kvec`. Previously this meant we needed to call `xdr_adjust_iovec` after encoding the data. With the new scheme, the `xdr_stream` manages the details of the buffer length, and takes care of adjusting the `kvec` length for us.

## xdr\_reserve\_space

### LINUX

Kernel Hackers Manual March 2012

## Name

`xdr_reserve_space` — Reserve buffer space for sending

## Synopsis

```
__be32 * xdr_reserve_space (struct xdr_stream * xdr, size_t
nbytes);
```

## Arguments

*xdr*

pointer to `xdr_stream`

*nbytes*

number of bytes to reserve

## Description

Checks that we have enough buffer space to encode 'nbytes' more bytes of data. If so, update the total xdr\_buf length, and adjust the length of the current kvec.

# xdr\_write\_pages

## LINUX

Kernel Hackers Manual March 2012

## Name

`xdr_write_pages` — Insert a list of pages into an XDR buffer for sending

## Synopsis

```
void xdr_write_pages (struct xdr_stream * xdr, struct page **  
pages, unsigned int base, unsigned int len);
```

## Arguments

*xdr*

pointer to `xdr_stream`

*pages*

list of pages

*base*

offset of first byte

*len*

length of data in bytes

# xdr\_init\_decode

**LINUX**

Kernel Hackers Manual March 2012

## Name

`xdr_init_decode` — Initialize an `xdr_stream` for decoding data.

## Synopsis

```
void xdr_init_decode (struct xdr_stream * xdr, struct xdr_buf  
* buf, __be32 * p);
```

## Arguments

*xdr*

pointer to `xdr_stream` struct

*buf*

pointer to XDR buffer from which to decode data

*p*

current pointer inside XDR buffer

# xdr\_inline\_decode

**LINUX**

## Name

`xdr_inline_decode` — Retrieve non-page XDR data to decode

## Synopsis

```
__be32 * xdr_inline_decode (struct xdr_stream * xdr, size_t
nbytes);
```

## Arguments

*xdr*

pointer to `xdr_stream` struct

*nbytes*

number of bytes of data to decode

## Description

Check if the input buffer is long enough to enable us to decode 'nbytes' more bytes of data starting at the current position. If so return the current pointer, then update the current pointer position.

## `xdr_read_pages`

**LINUX**

## Name

`xdr_read_pages` — Ensure page-based XDR data to decode is aligned at current pointer position

## Synopsis

```
void xdr_read_pages (struct xdr_stream * xdr, unsigned int  
len);
```

## Arguments

*xdr*

pointer to `xdr_stream` struct

*len*

number of bytes of page data

## Description

Moves data beyond the current pointer position from the XDR `head[]` buffer into the page list. Any data that lies beyond current position + “len” bytes is moved into the XDR `tail[]`.

## `xdr_enter_page`

**LINUX**

## Name

`xdr_enter_page` — decode data from the XDR page

## Synopsis

```
void xdr_enter_page (struct xdr_stream * xdr, unsigned int  
len);
```

## Arguments

*xdr*

pointer to `xdr_stream` struct

*len*

number of bytes of page data

## Description

Moves data beyond the current pointer position from the XDR `head[]` buffer into the page list. Any data that lies beyond current position + “len” bytes is moved into the XDR `tail[]`. The current pointer is then repositioned at the beginning of the first XDR page.

## `svc_print_addr`

**LINUX**



## Name

`svc_print_addr` — Format `rq_addr` field for printing

## Synopsis

```
char * svc_print_addr (struct svc_rqst * rqstp, char * buf,
size_t len);
```

## Arguments

*rqstp*

`svc_rqst` struct containing address to print

*buf*

target buffer for formatted address

*len*

length of target buffer

## `svc_reserve`

### LINUX

## Name

`svc_reserve` — change the space reserved for the reply to a request.

## Synopsis

```
void svc_reserve (struct svc_rqst * rqstp, int space);
```

## Arguments

*rqstp*

The request in question

*space*

new max space to reserve

## Description

Each request reserves some space on the output queue of the transport to make sure the reply fits. This function reduces that reserved space to be the amount of space used already, plus *space*.

## svc\_find\_xprt

### LINUX

Kernel Hackers Manual March 2012

## Name

`svc_find_xprt` — find an RPC transport instance

## Synopsis

```
struct svc_xprt * svc_find_xprt (struct svc_serv * serv, const  
char * xcl_name, const sa_family_t af, const unsigned short
```

```
port);
```

## Arguments

*serv*

pointer to `svc_serv` to search

*xcl\_name*

C string containing transport's class name

*af*

Address family of transport's local address

*port*

transport's IP port number

## Description

Return the transport instance pointer for the endpoint accepting connections/peer traffic from the specified transport class, address family and port.

Specifying 0 for the address family or port is effectively a wild-card, and will result in matching the first transport in the service's list that has a matching class name.

## svc\_xprt\_names

### LINUX

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## Name

`svc_xprt_names` — format a buffer with a list of transport names

## Synopsis

```
int svc_xprt_names (struct svc_serv * serv, char * buf, const  
int buflen);
```

## Arguments

*serv*

pointer to an RPC service

*buf*

pointer to a buffer to be filled in

*buflen*

length of buffer to be filled in

## Description

Fills in *buf* with a string containing a list of transport names, each name terminated with '\n'.

Returns positive length of the filled-in string on success; otherwise a negative errno value is returned if an error occurs.

## xprt\_register\_transport

**LINUX**

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## Name

`xprt_register_transport` — register a transport implementation

## Synopsis

```
int xprt_register_transport (struct xprt_class * transport);
```

## Arguments

*transport*

transport to register

## Description

If a transport implementation is loaded as a kernel module, it can call this interface to make itself known to the RPC client.

### 0

transport successfully registered -EEXIST: transport already registered -EINVAL: transport module being unloaded

## xprt\_unregister\_transport

### LINUX

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## Name

`xprt_unregister_transport` — unregister a transport implementation

## Synopsis

```
int xprt_unregister_transport (struct xprt_class * transport);
```

## Arguments

*transport*

transport to unregister

**0**

transport successfully unregistered -ENOENT: transport never registered

## xprt\_load\_transport

**LINUX**

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## Name

`xprt_load_transport` — load a transport implementation

## Synopsis

```
int xprt_load_transport (const char * transport_name);
```

## Arguments

*transport\_name*

transport to load

**0**

transport successfully loaded -ENOENT: transport module not available

## xprt\_reserve\_xprt

**LINUX**

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## Name

xprt\_reserve\_xprt — serialize write access to transports

## Synopsis

```
int xprt_reserve_xprt (struct rpc_task * task);
```

## Arguments

*task*

task that is requesting access to the transport

## Description

This prevents mixing the payload of separate requests, and prevents transport connects from colliding with writes. No congestion control is provided.

# xprt\_release\_xprt

## LINUX

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## Name

`xprt_release_xprt` — allow other requests to use a transport

## Synopsis

```
void xprt_release_xprt (struct rpc_xprt * xprt, struct  
rpc_task * task);
```

## Arguments

*xprt*

transport with other tasks potentially waiting

*task*

task that is releasing access to the transport

## Description

Note that “task” can be NULL. No congestion control is provided.



# xprt\_release\_xprt\_cong

## LINUX

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### Name

`xprt_release_xprt_cong` — allow other requests to use a transport

### Synopsis

```
void xprt_release_xprt_cong (struct rpc_xprt * xprt, struct  
rpc_task * task);
```

### Arguments

*xprt*

transport with other tasks potentially waiting

*task*

task that is releasing access to the transport

### Description

Note that “task” can be NULL. Another task is awoken to use the transport if the transport’s congestion window allows it.

# xprt\_release\_rqst\_cong

## LINUX

## Name

`xprt_release_rqst_cong` — housekeeping when request is complete

## Synopsis

```
void xprt_release_rqst_cong (struct rpc_task * task);
```

## Arguments

*task*

RPC request that recently completed

## Description

Useful for transports that require congestion control.

# xprt\_adjust\_cwnd

## LINUX

## Name

`xprt_adjust_cwnd` — adjust transport congestion window

## Synopsis

```
void xprt_adjust_cwnd (struct rpc_task * task, int result);
```

## Arguments

*task*

recently completed RPC request used to adjust window

*result*

result code of completed RPC request

## Description

We use a time-smoothed congestion estimator to avoid heavy oscillation.

# xprt\_wake\_pending\_tasks

**LINUX**

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## Name

`xprt_wake_pending_tasks` — wake all tasks on a transport's pending queue

## Synopsis

```
void xprt_wake_pending_tasks (struct rpc_xprt * xprt, int  
status);
```

## Arguments

*xprt*

transport with waiting tasks

*status*

result code to plant in each task before waking it

## xprt\_wait\_for\_buffer\_space

### LINUX

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## Name

`xprt_wait_for_buffer_space` — wait for transport output buffer to clear

## Synopsis

```
void xprt_wait_for_buffer_space (struct rpc_task * task,  
rpc_action action);
```

## Arguments

*task*

task to be put to sleep

*action*

function pointer to be executed after wait

# xprt\_write\_space

## LINUX

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### Name

`xprt_write_space` — wake the task waiting for transport output buffer space

### Synopsis

```
void xprt_write_space (struct rpc_xprt * xprt);
```

### Arguments

*xprt*

transport with waiting tasks

### Description

Can be called in a soft IRQ context, so `xprt_write_space` never sleeps.

# xprt\_set\_retrans\_timeout\_def

## LINUX

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### Name

`xprt_set_retrans_timeout_def` — set a request's retransmit timeout

## Synopsis

```
void xprt_set_retrans_timeout_def (struct rpc_task * task);
```

## Arguments

*task*

task whose timeout is to be set

## Description

Set a request's retransmit timeout based on the transport's default timeout parameters. Used by transports that don't adjust the retransmit timeout based on round-trip time estimation.

# xprt\_disconnect\_done

## LINUX

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## Name

`xprt_disconnect_done` — mark a transport as disconnected

## Synopsis

```
void xprt_disconnect_done (struct rpc_xprt * xprt);
```

## Arguments

*xprt*

transport to flag for disconnect

## xprt\_lookup\_rqst

### LINUX

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## Name

`xprt_lookup_rqst` — find an RPC request corresponding to an XID

## Synopsis

```
struct rpc_rqst * xprt_lookup_rqst (struct rpc_xprt * xprt,  
__be32 xid);
```

## Arguments

*xprt*

transport on which the original request was transmitted

*xid*

RPC XID of incoming reply

# xprt\_update\_rtt

## LINUX

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### Name

`xprt_update_rtt` — update an RPC client's RTT state after receiving a reply

### Synopsis

```
void xprt_update_rtt (struct rpc_task * task);
```

### Arguments

*task*

RPC request that recently completed

# xprt\_complete\_rqst

## LINUX

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### Name

`xprt_complete_rqst` — called when reply processing is complete



## Synopsis

```
void xprt_complete_rqst (struct rpc_task * task, int copied);
```

## Arguments

*task*

RPC request that recently completed

*copied*

actual number of bytes received from the transport

## Description

Caller holds transport lock.

# rpc\_wake\_up

## LINUX

Kernel Hackers Manual March 2012

## Name

`rpc_wake_up` — wake up all `rpc_tasks`

## Synopsis

```
void rpc_wake_up (struct rpc_wait_queue * queue);
```

## Arguments

*queue*

rpc\_wait\_queue on which the tasks are sleeping

## Description

Grabs queue->lock

# rpc\_wake\_up\_status

## LINUX

Kernel Hackers Manual March 2012

## Name

rpc\_wake\_up\_status — wake up all rpc\_tasks and set their status value.

## Synopsis

```
void rpc_wake_up_status (struct rpc_wait_queue * queue, int  
status);
```

## Arguments

*queue*

rpc\_wait\_queue on which the tasks are sleeping

*status*

status value to set

## Description

Grabs queue->lock

# rpc\_malloc

## LINUX

Kernel Hackers Manual March 2012

## Name

`rpc_malloc` — allocate an RPC buffer

## Synopsis

```
void * rpc_malloc (struct rpc_task * task, size_t size);
```

## Arguments

*task*

RPC task that will use this buffer

*size*

requested byte size

## Description

To prevent `rpciod` from hanging, this allocator never sleeps, returning `NULL` if the request cannot be serviced immediately. The caller can arrange to sleep in a way that is safe for `rpciod`.

Most requests are 'small' (under 2KiB) and can be serviced from a mempool, ensuring that NFS reads and writes can always proceed, and that there is good locality of reference for these buffers.

In order to avoid memory starvation triggering more writebacks of NFS requests, we avoid using GFP\_KERNEL.

## rpc\_free

### LINUX

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### Name

`rpc_free` — free buffer allocated via `rpc_malloc`

### Synopsis

```
void rpc_free (void * buffer);
```

### Arguments

*buffer*

buffer to free

## xdr\_skb\_read\_bits

### LINUX

## Name

`xdr_skb_read_bits` — copy some data bits from skb to internal buffer

## Synopsis

```
size_t xdr_skb_read_bits (struct xdr_skb_reader * desc, void *  
to, size_t len);
```

## Arguments

*desc*

sk\_buff copy helper

*to*

copy destination

*len*

number of bytes to copy

## Description

Possibly called several times to iterate over an sk\_buff and copy data out of it.

## `xdr_partial_copy_from_skb`

**LINUX**

## Name

`xdr_partial_copy_from_skb` — copy data out of an skb

## Synopsis

```
ssize_t xdr_partial_copy_from_skb (struct xdr_buf * xdr,
unsigned int base, struct xdr_skb_reader * desc,
xdr_skb_read_actor copy_actor);
```

## Arguments

*xdr*

target XDR buffer

*base*

starting offset

*desc*

sk\_buff copy helper

*copy\_actor*

virtual method for copying data

## `csum_partial_copy_to_xdr`

**LINUX**

## Name

`csum_partial_copy_to_xdr` — checksum and copy data

## Synopsis

```
int csum_partial_copy_to_xdr (struct xdr_buf * xdr, struct
sk_buff * skb);
```

## Arguments

*xdr*

target XDR buffer

*skb*

source skb

## Description

We have set things up such that we perform the checksum of the UDP packet in parallel with the copies into the RPC client iovec. -DaveM

## `rpc_alloc_iostats`

**LINUX**

## Name

`rpc_alloc_iostats` — allocate an `rpc_iostats` structure

## Synopsis

```
struct rpc_iostats * rpc_alloc_iostats (struct rpc_clnt *  
clnt);
```

## Arguments

*clnt*

RPC program, version, and xprt

# rpc\_free\_iostats

## LINUX

## Name

`rpc_free_iostats` — release an `rpc_iostats` structure

## Synopsis

```
void rpc_free_iostats (struct rpc_iostats * stats);
```



## Arguments

*stats*

doomed `rpc_iostats` structure

# rpc\_queue\_upcall

## LINUX

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## Name

`rpc_queue_upcall` —

## Synopsis

```
int rpc_queue_upcall (struct inode * inode, struct
rpc_pipe_msg * msg);
```

## Arguments

*inode*

inode of upcall pipe on which to queue given message

*msg*

message to queue

## Description

Call with an *inode* created by `rpc_mkpipe` to queue an upcall. A userspace process may then later read the upcall by performing a read on an open file for this

inode. It is up to the caller to initialize the fields of *msg* (other than *msg->list*) appropriately.

## rpc\_mkpipe

### LINUX

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### Name

`rpc_mkpipe` — make an `rpc_pipefs` file for kernel<->userspace communication

### Synopsis

```
struct dentry * rpc_mkpipe (struct dentry * parent, const char
* name, void * private, const struct rpc_pipe_ops * ops, int
flags);
```

### Arguments

*parent*

dentry of directory to create new “pipe” in

*name*

name of pipe

*private*

private data to associate with the pipe, for the caller’s use

*ops*

operations defining the behavior of the pipe: `upcall`, `downcall`, `release_pipe`, `open_pipe`, and `destroy_msg`.

*flags*`rpc_inode flags`

## Description

Data is made available for userspace to read by calls to `rpc_queue_upcall`. The actual reads will result in calls to `ops->upcall`, which will be called with the file pointer, message, and userspace buffer to copy to.

Writes can come at any time, and do not necessarily have to be responses to upcalls. They will result in calls to `msg->downcall`.

The *private* argument passed here will be available to all these methods from the file pointer, via `RPC_I(file->f_dentry->d_inode)->private`.

# rpc\_unlink

## LINUX

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## Name

`rpc_unlink` — remove a pipe

## Synopsis

```
int rpc_unlink (struct dentry * dentry);
```

## Arguments

*dentry*

dentry for the pipe, as returned from `rpc_mkpipe`

## Description

After this call, lookups will no longer find the pipe, and any attempts to read or write using preexisting opens of the pipe will return -EPIPE.

# rpcb\_getport\_sync

## LINUX

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## Name

`rpcb_getport_sync` — obtain the port for an RPC service on a given host

## Synopsis

```
int rpcb_getport_sync (struct sockaddr_in * sin, u32 prog, u32  
vers, int prot);
```

## Arguments

*sin*

address of remote peer

*prog*

RPC program number to bind

*vers*

RPC version number to bind

*prot*

transport protocol to use to make this request

## Description

Return value is the requested advertised port number, or a negative errno value.

Called from outside the RPC client in a synchronous task context. Uses default timeout parameters specified by underlying transport.

## XXX

Needs to support IPv6

# rpcb\_getport\_async

## LINUX

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## Name

`rpcb_getport_async` — obtain the port for a given RPC service on a given host

## Synopsis

```
void rpcb_getport_async (struct rpc_task * task);
```

## Arguments

*task*

task that is waiting for portmapper request

## Description

This one can be called for an ongoing RPC request, and can be used in an async (rpciod) context.

# rpc\_bind\_new\_program

## LINUX

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## Name

`rpc_bind_new_program` — bind a new RPC program to an existing client

## Synopsis

```
struct rpc_clnt * rpc_bind_new_program (struct rpc_clnt * old,  
struct rpc_program * program, u32 vers);
```

## Arguments

*old*

old rpc\_client

*program*

rpc program to set

*vers*

rpc program version

## Description

Clones the rpc client and sets up a new RPC program. This is mainly of use for enabling different RPC programs to share the same transport. The Sun NFSv2/v3 ACL protocol can do this.

## rpc\_run\_task

### LINUX

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### Name

`rpc_run_task` — Allocate a new RPC task, then run `rpc_execute` against it

### Synopsis

```
struct rpc_task * rpc_run_task (const struct rpc_task_setup *  
task_setup_data);
```

### Arguments

*task\_setup\_data*

pointer to task initialisation data

## rpc\_call\_sync

### LINUX

## Name

`rpc_call_sync` — Perform a synchronous RPC call

## Synopsis

```
int rpc_call_sync (struct rpc_clnt * clnt, const struct
rpc_message * msg, int flags);
```

## Arguments

*clnt*

pointer to RPC client

*msg*

RPC call parameters

*flags*

RPC call flags

## `rpc_call_async`

### LINUX

## Name

`rpc_call_async` — Perform an asynchronous RPC call



## Synopsis

```
int rpc_call_async (struct rpc_clnt * clnt, const struct
rpc_message * msg, int flags, const struct rpc_call_ops *
tk_ops, void * data);
```

## Arguments

*clnt*

pointer to RPC client

*msg*

RPC call parameters

*flags*

RPC call flags

*tk\_ops*

RPC call ops

*data*

user call data

## rpc\_peeraddr

### LINUX

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## Name

`rpc_peeraddr` — extract remote peer address from `clnt`'s `xprt`

## Synopsis

```
size_t rpc_peeraddr (struct rpc_clnt * clnt, struct sockaddr *  
buf, size_t bufsize);
```

## Arguments

*clnt*

RPC client structure

*buf*

target buffer

*bufsize*

length of target buffer

## Description

Returns the number of bytes that are actually in the stored address.

## rpc\_peeraddr2str

### LINUX

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## Name

`rpc_peeraddr2str` — return remote peer address in printable format

## Synopsis

```
const char * rpc_peeraddr2str (struct rpc_clnt * clnt, enum
rpc_display_format_t format);
```

## Arguments

*clnt*

RPC client structure

*format*

address format

## rpc\_force\_rebind

### LINUX

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## Name

`rpc_force_rebind` — force transport to check that remote port is unchanged

## Synopsis

```
void rpc_force_rebind (struct rpc_clnt * clnt);
```

## Arguments

*clnt*

client to rebind

## 1.6. WiMAX

### wimax\_msg\_alloc

**LINUX**

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#### Name

`wimax_msg_alloc` — Create a new skb for sending a message to userspace

#### Synopsis

```
struct sk_buff * wimax_msg_alloc (struct wimax_dev *  
wimax_dev, const char * pipe_name, const void * msg, size_t  
size, gfp_t gfp_flags);
```

#### Arguments

*wimax\_dev*

WiMAX device descriptor

*pipe\_name*

"named pipe" the message will be sent to

*msg*

pointer to the message data to send

*size*

size of the message to send (in bytes), including the header.

*gfp\_flags*

flags for memory allocation.

## Returns

0 if ok, negative errno code on error

## Description

Allocates an skb that will contain the message to send to user space over the messaging pipe and initializes it, copying the payload.

Once this call is done, you can deliver it with `wimax_msg_send`.

## IMPORTANT

Don't use `skb_push/skb_pull/skb_reserve` on the `skb`, as `wimax_msg_send` depends on `skb->data` being placed at the beginning of the user message.

Unlike other WiMAX stack calls, this call can be used way early, even before `wimax_dev_add` is called, as long as the `wimax_dev->net_dev` pointer is set to point to a proper `net_dev`. This is so that drivers can use it early in case they need to send stuff around or communicate with user space.

## wimax\_msg\_data\_len

**LINUX**

## Name

`wimax_msg_data_len` — Return a pointer and size of a message's payload

## Synopsis

```
const void * wimax_msg_data_len (struct sk_buff * msg, size_t
* size);
```

## Arguments

*msg*

Pointer to a message created with `wimax_msg_alloc`

*size*

Pointer to where to store the message's size

## Description

Returns the pointer to the message data.

# wimax\_msg\_data

## LINUX

## Name

`wimax_msg_data` — Return a pointer to a message's payload

## Synopsis

```
const void * wimax_msg_data (struct sk_buff * msg);
```

## Arguments

*msg*

Pointer to a message created with `wimax_msg_alloc`

## wimax\_msg\_len

### LINUX

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## Name

`wimax_msg_len` — Return a message's payload length

## Synopsis

```
ssize_t wimax_msg_len (struct sk_buff * msg);
```

## Arguments

*msg*

Pointer to a message created with `wimax_msg_alloc`

# wimax\_msg\_send

## LINUX

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## Name

`wimax_msg_send` — Send a pre-allocated message to user space

## Synopsis

```
int wimax_msg_send (struct wimax_dev * wimax_dev, struct
sk_buff * skb);
```

## Arguments

*wimax\_dev*

WiMAX device descriptor

*skb*

struct sk\_buff returned by `wimax_msg_alloc`. Note the ownership of *skb* is transferred to this function.

## Returns

0 if ok, < 0 errno code on error

## Description

Sends a free-form message that was preallocated with `wimax_msg_alloc` and filled up.

Assumes that once you pass an *skb* to this function for sending, it owns it and will release it when done (on success).



## IMPORTANT

Don't use `skb_push/skb_pull/skb_reserve` on the `skb`, as `wimax_msg_send` depends on `skb->data` being placed at the beginning of the user message.

Unlike other WiMAX stack calls, this call can be used way early, even before `wimax_dev_add` is called, as long as the `wimax_dev->net_dev` pointer is set to point to a proper `net_dev`. This is so that drivers can use it early in case they need to send stuff around or communicate with user space.

## wimax\_msg

### LINUX

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### Name

`wimax_msg` — Send a message to user space

### Synopsis

```
int wimax_msg (struct wimax_dev * wimax_dev, const char *
pipe_name, const void * buf, size_t size, gfp_t gfp_flags);
```

### Arguments

*wimax\_dev*

WiMAX device descriptor (properly referenced)

*pipe\_name*

"named pipe" the message will be sent to

*buf*

pointer to the message to send.

*size*

size of the buffer pointed to by *buf* (in bytes).

*gfp\_flags*

flags for memory allocation.

## Returns

0 if ok, negative errno code on error.

## Description

Sends a free-form message to user space on the device *wimax\_dev*.

## NOTES

Once the *skb* is given to this function, who will own it and will release it when done (unless it returns error).

# wimax\_reset

## LINUX

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## Name

`wimax_reset` — Reset a WiMAX device

## Synopsis

```
int wimax_reset (struct wimax_dev * wimax_dev);
```

## Arguments

*wimax\_dev*

WiMAX device descriptor

## Returns

0 if ok and a warm reset was done (the device still exists in the system).

-ENODEV if a cold/bus reset had to be done (device has disconnected and reconnected, so current handle is not valid any more).

-EINVAL if the device is not even registered.

Any other negative error code shall be considered as non-recoverable.

## Description

Called when wanting to reset the device for any reason. Device is taken back to power on status.

This call blocks; on successful return, the device has completed the reset process and is ready to operate.

# wimax\_report\_rfkil\_hw

**LINUX**

## Name

`wimax_report_rfkill_hw` — Reports changes in the hardware RF switch

## Synopsis

```
void wimax_report_rfkill_hw (struct wimax_dev * wimax_dev,  
enum wimax_rf_state state);
```

## Arguments

*wimax\_dev*

WiMAX device descriptor

*state*

New state of the RF Kill switch. `WIMAX_RF_ON` radio on, `WIMAX_RF_OFF` radio off.

## Description

When the device detects a change in the state of the hardware RF switch, it must call this function to let the WiMAX kernel stack know that the state has changed so it can be properly propagated.

The WiMAX stack caches the state (the driver doesn't need to). As well, as the change is propagated it will come back as a request to change the software state to mirror the hardware state.

If the device doesn't have a hardware kill switch, just report it on initialization as always on (`WIMAX_RF_ON`, radio on).

# wimax\_report\_rfkill\_sw

## LINUX

Kernel Hackers Manual March 2012

### Name

`wimax_report_rfkill_sw` — Reports changes in the software RF switch

### Synopsis

```
void wimax_report_rfkill_sw (struct wimax_dev * wimax_dev,  
enum wimax_rf_state state);
```

### Arguments

*wimax\_dev*

WiMAX device descriptor

*state*

New state of the RF kill switch. `WIMAX_RF_ON` radio on, `WIMAX_RF_OFF` radio off.

### Description

Reports changes in the software RF switch state to the the WiMAX stack.

The main use is during initialization, so the driver can query the device for its current software radio kill switch state and feed it to the system.

On the side, the device does not change the software state by itself. In practice, this can happen, as the device might decide to switch (in software) the radio off for different reasons.

# wimax\_rfkill

## LINUX

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### Name

`wimax_rfkill` — Set the software RF switch state for a WiMAX device

### Synopsis

```
int wimax_rfkill (struct wimax_dev * wimax_dev, enum  
wimax_rf_state state);
```

### Arguments

*wimax\_dev*

WiMAX device descriptor

*state*

New RF state.

### Returns

$\geq 0$  toggle state if ok,  $< 0$  errno code on error. The toggle state is returned as a bitmap, bit 0 being the hardware RF state, bit 1 the software RF state.

0 means disabled (`WIMAX_RF_ON`, radio on), 1 means enabled radio off (`WIMAX_RF_OFF`).

### Description

Called by the user when he wants to request the WiMAX radio to be switched on (WIMAX\_RF\_ON) or off (WIMAX\_RF\_OFF). With WIMAX\_RF\_QUERY, just the current state is returned.

## NOTE

This call will block until the operation is complete.

# wimax\_state\_change

## LINUX

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## Name

wimax\_state\_change — Set the current state of a WiMAX device

## Synopsis

```
void wimax_state_change (struct wimax_dev * wimax_dev, enum  
wimax_st new_state);
```

## Arguments

*wimax\_dev*

WiMAX device descriptor (properly referenced)

*new\_state*

New state to switch to

## Description

This implements the state changes for the wimax devices. It will

- verify that the state transition is legal (for now it'll just print a warning if not) according to the table in linux/wimax.h's documentation for 'enum wimax\_st'.
- perform the actions needed for leaving the current state and whichever are needed for entering the new state.
- issue a report to user space indicating the new state (and an optional payload with information about the new state).

## NOTE

*wimax\_dev* must be locked

## wimax\_state\_get

### LINUX

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## Name

`wimax_state_get` — Return the current state of a WiMAX device

## Synopsis

```
enum wimax_st wimax_state_get (struct wimax_dev * wimax_dev);
```

## Arguments

*wimax\_dev*

WiMAX device descriptor



## Returns

Current state of the device according to its driver.

# wimax\_dev\_init

## LINUX

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## Name

`wimax_dev_init` — initialize a newly allocated instance

## Synopsis

```
void wimax_dev_init (struct wimax_dev * wimax_dev);
```

## Arguments

*wimax\_dev*

WiMAX device descriptor to initialize.

## Description

Initializes fields of a freshly allocated *wimax\_dev* instance. This function assumes that after allocation, the memory occupied by *wimax\_dev* was zeroed.

# wimax\_dev\_add

## LINUX

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### Name

`wimax_dev_add` — Register a new WiMAX device

### Synopsis

```
int wimax_dev_add (struct wimax_dev * wimax_dev, struct
net_device * net_dev);
```

### Arguments

*wimax\_dev*

WiMAX device descriptor (as embedded in your *net\_dev*'s priv data). You must have called `wimax_dev_init` on it before.

*net\_dev*

net device the *wimax\_dev* is associated with. The function expects `SET_NETDEV_DEV` and `register_netdev` were already called on it.

### Description

Registers the new WiMAX device, sets up the user-kernel control interface (generic netlink) and common WiMAX infrastructure.

Note that the parts that will allow interaction with user space are setup at the very end, when the rest is in place, as once that happens, the driver might get user space control requests via netlink or from debugfs that might translate into calls into `wimax_dev->op_*`.

# wimax\_dev\_rm

## LINUX

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### Name

`wimax_dev_rm` — Unregister an existing WiMAX device

### Synopsis

```
void wimax_dev_rm (struct wimax_dev * wimax_dev);
```

### Arguments

*wimax\_dev*

WiMAX device descriptor

### Description

Unregisters a WiMAX device previously registered for use with `wimax_add_rm`.

IMPORTANT! Must call before calling `unregister_netdev`.

After this function returns, you will not get any more user space control requests (via netlink or debugfs) and thus to `wimax_dev->ops`.

Reentrancy control is ensured by setting the state to `__WIMAX_ST_QUIESCING`. `rkill` operations coming through `wimax_*rkill*()` will be stopped by the quiescing state; ops coming from the `rkill` subsystem will be stopped by the support being removed by `wimax_rkill_rm`.

# struct wimax\_dev

## LINUX

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## Name

struct wimax\_dev — Generic WiMAX device

## Synopsis

```
struct wimax_dev {
    struct net_device * net_dev;
    struct list_head id_table_node;
    struct mutex mutex;
    struct mutex mutex_reset;
    enum wimax_st state;
    int (* op_msg_from_user) (struct wimax_dev *wimax_dev, const char *, const
    int (* op_rfkill_sw_toggle) (struct wimax_dev *wimax_dev, enum wimax_rf_
    int (* op_reset) (struct wimax_dev *wimax_dev);
    struct rfkill * rfkill;
    unsigned rf_hw;
    unsigned rf_sw;
    char name[32];
    struct dentry * debugfs_dentry;
};
```

## Members

net\_dev

[fill] Pointer to the struct net\_device this WiMAX device implements.

id\_table\_node

[private] link to the list of wimax devices kept by id-table.c. Protected by it's own spinlock.

mutex

[private] Serializes all concurrent access and execution of operations.

`mutex_reset`

[private] Serializes reset operations. Needs to be a different mutex because as part of the reset operation, the driver has to call back into the stack to do things such as state change, that require `wimax_dev->mutex`.

`state`

[private] Current state of the WiMAX device.

`op_msg_from_user`

[fill] Driver-specific operation to handle a raw message from user space to the driver. The driver can send messages to user space using with `wimax_msg_to_user`.

`op_rfkill_sw_toggle`

[fill] Driver-specific operation to act on userspace (or any other agent) requesting the WiMAX device to change the RF Kill software switch (`WIMAX_RF_ON` or `WIMAX_RF_OFF`). If such hardware support is not present, it is assumed the radio cannot be switched off and it is always on (and the stack will error out when trying to switch it off). In such case, this function pointer can be left as `NULL`.

`op_reset`

[fill] Driver specific operation to reset the device. This operation should always attempt first a warm reset that does not disconnect the device from the bus and return 0. If that fails, it should resort to some sort of cold or bus reset (even if it implies a bus disconnection and device disappearance). In that case, `-ENODEV` should be returned to indicate the device is gone. This operation has to be synchronous, and return only when the reset is complete. In case of having had to resort to bus/cold reset implying a device disconnection, the call is allowed to return immediately.

`rfkill`

[private] integration into the RF-Kill infrastructure.

`rf_hw`

[private] State of the hardware radio switch (OFF/ON)

`rf_sw`

[private] State of the software radio switch (OFF/ON)

name[32]

[fill] A way to identify this device. We need to register a name with many subsystems (rfkill, workqueue creation, etc). We can't use the network device name as that might change and in some instances we don't know it yet (until we don't call `register_netdev`). So we generate an unique one using the driver name and device bus id, place it here and use it across the board.

Recommended naming: DRIVERNAME-BUSNAME:BUSID

(dev->bus->name, dev->bus\_id).

debugfs\_dentry

[private] Used to hook up a debugfs entry. This shows up in the debugfs root as `wimax\DEVICENAME`.

## NOTE

`wimax_dev->mutex` is NOT locked when this op is being called; however, `wimax_dev->mutex_reset` IS locked to ensure serialization of calls to `wimax_reset`. See `wimax_reset`'s documentation.

## Description

This structure defines a common interface to access all WiMAX devices from different vendors and provides a common API as well as a free-form device-specific messaging channel.

## Usage

1. Embed a struct `wimax_dev` at \*the beginning\* the network device structure so that `netdev_priv` points to it.
2. `memset` it to zero
3. Initialize with `wimax_dev_init`. This will leave the WiMAX device in the `__WIMAX_ST_NULL` state.
4. Fill all the fields marked with [fill]; once called `wimax_dev_add`, those fields CANNOT be modified.
5. Call `wimax_dev_add` \*after\* registering the network device. This will leave the WiMAX device in the `WIMAX_ST_DOWN` state. Protect the driver's `net_device->open` against succeeding if the wimax device state is lower than `WIMAX_ST_DOWN`.

6. Select when the device is going to be turned on/initialized; for example, it could be initialized on 'ifconfig up' (when the netdev op 'open' is called on the driver).

When the device is initialized (at 'ifconfig up' time, or right after calling `wimax_dev_add` from `_probe`, make sure the following steps are taken

a. Move the device to `WIMAX_ST_UNINITIALIZED`. This is needed so some API calls that shouldn't work until the device is ready can be blocked.

b. Initialize the device. Make sure to turn the SW radio switch off and move the device to state `WIMAX_ST_RADIO_OFF` when done. When just initialized, a device should be left in RADIO OFF state until user space devices to turn it on.

c. Query the device for the state of the hardware rfkill switch and call `wimax_rfkill_report_hw` and `wimax_rfkill_report_sw` as needed. See below.

`wimax_dev_rm` undoes before unregistering the network device. Once `wimax_dev_add` is called, the driver can get called on the `wimax_dev->op_*` function pointers

## CONCURRENCY

The stack provides a mutex for each device that will disallow API calls happening concurrently; thus, op calls into the driver through the `wimax_dev->op*()` function pointers will always be serialized and *\*never\** concurrent.

For locking, take `wimax_dev->mutex` is taken; (most) operations in the API have to check for `wimax_dev_is_ready` to return 0 before continuing (this is done internally).

## REFERENCE COUNTING

The WiMAX device is reference counted by the associated network device. The only operation that can be used to reference the device is `wimax_dev_get_by_genl_info`, and the reference it acquires has to be released with `dev_put(wimax_dev->net_dev)`.

## RFKILL

At startup, both HW and SW radio switchess are assumed to be off.

At initialization time [after calling `wimax_dev_add`], have the driver query the device for the status of the software and hardware RF kill switches and call `wimax_report_rfkill_hw` and `wimax_rfkill_report_sw` to indicate their state. If any is missing, just call it to indicate it is ON (radio always on).

Whenever the driver detects a change in the state of the RF kill switches, it should call `wimax_report_rfkill_hw` or `wimax_report_rfkill_sw` to report it to the stack.

## enum wimax\_st

### LINUX

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### Name

enum wimax\_st — The different states of a WiMAX device

### Synopsis

```
enum wimax_st {
    __WIMAX_ST_NULL,
    WIMAX_ST_DOWN,
    __WIMAX_ST QUIESCING,
    WIMAX_ST_UNINITIALIZED,
    WIMAX_ST_RADIO_OFF,
    WIMAX_ST_READY,
    WIMAX_ST_SCANNING,
    WIMAX_ST_CONNECTING,
    WIMAX_ST_CONNECTED,
    __WIMAX_ST_INVALID
};
```



## Constants

### `__WIMAX_ST_NULL`

The device structure has been allocated and zeroed, but still `wimax_dev_add` hasn't been called. There is no state.

### `WIMAX_ST_DOWN`

The device has been registered with the WiMAX and networking stacks, but it is not initialized (normally that is done with 'ifconfig DEV up' [or equivalent], which can upload firmware and enable communications with the device). In this state, the device is powered down and using as less power as possible. This state is the default after a call to `wimax_dev_add`. It is ok to have drivers move directly to `WIMAX_ST_UNINITIALIZED` or `WIMAX_ST_RADIO_OFF` in `_probe` after the call to `wimax_dev_add`. It is recommended that the driver leaves this state when calling 'ifconfig DEV up' and enters it back on 'ifconfig DEV down'.

### `__WIMAX_ST QUIESCING`

The device is being torn down, so no API operations are allowed to proceed except the ones needed to complete the device clean up process.

### `WIMAX_ST_UNINITIALIZED`

[optional] Communication with the device is setup, but the device still requires some configuration before being operational. Some WiMAX API calls might work.

### `WIMAX_ST_RADIO_OFF`

The device is fully up; radio is off (wether by hardware or software switches). It is recommended to always leave the device in this state after initialization.

### `WIMAX_ST_READY`

The device is fully up and radio is on.

### `WIMAX_ST_SCANNING`

[optional] The device has been instructed to scan. In this state, the device cannot be actively connected to a network.

### `WIMAX_ST_CONNECTING`

The device is connecting to a network. This state exists because in some devices, the connect process can include a number of negotiations between user space, kernel space and the device. User space needs to know what the

device is doing. If the connect sequence in a device is atomic and fast, the device can transition directly to CONNECTED

WIMAX\_ST\_CONNECTED

The device is connected to a network.

\_\_WIMAX\_ST\_INVALID

This is an invalid state used to mark the maximum numeric value of states.

## Description

Transitions from one state to another one are atomic and can only be caused in kernel space with `wimax_state_change`. To read the state, use `wimax_state_get`.

States starting with `__` are internal and shall not be used or referred to by drivers or userspace. They look ugly, but that's the point -- if any use is made non-internal to the stack, it is easier to catch on review.

All API operations [with well defined exceptions] will take the device mutex before starting and then check the state. If the state is `__WIMAX_ST_NULL`, `WIMAX_ST_DOWN`, `WIMAX_ST_UNINITIALIZED` or `__WIMAX_ST QUIESCING`, it will drop the lock and quit with `-EINVAL`, `-ENOMEDIUM`, `-ENOTCONN` or `-ESHUTDOWN`.

The order of the definitions is important, so we can do numerical comparisons (eg: `< WIMAX_ST_RADIO_OFF` means the device is not ready to operate).

# Chapter 2. Network device support

## 2.1. Driver Support

### dev\_add\_pack

**LINUX**

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#### Name

dev\_add\_pack — add packet handler

#### Synopsis

```
void dev_add_pack (struct packet_type * pt);
```

#### Arguments

*pt*

packet type declaration

#### Description

Add a protocol handler to the networking stack. The passed packet\_type is linked into kernel lists and may not be freed until it has been removed from the kernel lists.

This call does not sleep therefore it can not guarantee all CPU's that are in middle of receiving packets will see the new packet type (until the next received packet).

# \_\_dev\_remove\_pack

## LINUX

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### Name

`__dev_remove_pack` — remove packet handler

### Synopsis

```
void __dev_remove_pack (struct packet_type * pt);
```

### Arguments

*pt*

packet type declaration

### Description

Remove a protocol handler that was previously added to the kernel protocol handlers by `dev_add_pack`. The passed `packet_type` is removed from the kernel lists and can be freed or reused once this function returns.

The packet type might still be in use by receivers and must not be freed until after all the CPU's have gone through a quiescent state.

# dev\_remove\_pack

## LINUX

## Name

`dev_remove_pack` — remove packet handler

## Synopsis

```
void dev_remove_pack (struct packet_type * pt);
```

## Arguments

*pt*

packet type declaration

## Description

Remove a protocol handler that was previously added to the kernel protocol handlers by `dev_add_pack`. The passed `packet_type` is removed from the kernel lists and can be freed or reused once this function returns.

This call sleeps to guarantee that no CPU is looking at the packet type after return.

# netdev\_boot\_setup\_check

## LINUX

## Name

`netdev_boot_setup_check` — check boot time settings

## Synopsis

```
int netdev_boot_setup_check (struct net_device * dev);
```

## Arguments

*dev*

the netdevice

## Description

Check boot time settings for the device. The found settings are set for the device to be used later in the device probing. Returns 0 if no settings found, 1 if they are.

## \_\_dev\_get\_by\_name

### LINUX

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## Name

`__dev_get_by_name` — find a device by its name

## Synopsis

```
struct net_device * __dev_get_by_name (struct net * net, const  
char * name);
```

## Arguments

*net*

the applicable net namespace

*name*

name to find

## Description

Find an interface by name. Must be called under RTNL semaphore or *dev\_base\_lock*. If the name is found a pointer to the device is returned. If the name is not found then `NULL` is returned. The reference counters are not incremented so the caller must be careful with locks.

## dev\_get\_by\_name\_rcu

### LINUX

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### Name

`dev_get_by_name_rcu` — find a device by its name

## Synopsis

```
struct net_device * dev_get_by_name_rcu (struct net * net,
const char * name);
```

## Arguments

*net*

the applicable net namespace

*name*

name to find

## Description

Find an interface by name. If the name is found a pointer to the device is returned. If the name is not found then `NULL` is returned. The reference counters are not incremented so the caller must be careful with locks. The caller must hold RCU lock.

# dev\_get\_by\_name

## LINUX

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## Name

`dev_get_by_name` — find a device by its name

## Synopsis

```
struct net_device * dev_get_by_name (struct net * net, const  
char * name);
```



## Arguments

*net*

the applicable net namespace

*name*

name to find

## Description

Find an interface by name. This can be called from any context and does its own locking. The returned handle has the usage count incremented and the caller must use `dev_put` to release it when it is no longer needed. `NULL` is returned if no matching device is found.

## \_\_dev\_get\_by\_index

### LINUX

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### Name

`__dev_get_by_index` — find a device by its `ifindex`

### Synopsis

```
struct net_device * __dev_get_by_index (struct net * net, int
ifindex);
```

## Arguments

*net*

the applicable net namespace

*ifindex*

index of device

## Description

Search for an interface by index. Returns `NULL` if the device is not found or a pointer to the device. The device has not had its reference counter increased so the caller must be careful about locking. The caller must hold either the RTNL semaphore or *dev\_base\_lock*.

# dev\_get\_by\_index\_rcu

## LINUX

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## Name

`dev_get_by_index_rcu` — find a device by its ifindex

## Synopsis

```
struct net_device * dev_get_by_index_rcu (struct net * net,  
int ifindex);
```

## Arguments

*net*

the applicable net namespace

*ifindex*

index of device

## Description

Search for an interface by index. Returns `NULL` if the device is not found or a pointer to the device. The device has not had its reference counter increased so the caller must be careful about locking. The caller must hold RCU lock.

## dev\_get\_by\_index

### LINUX

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## Name

`dev_get_by_index` — find a device by its `ifindex`

## Synopsis

```
struct net_device * dev_get_by_index (struct net * net, int
ifindex);
```

## Arguments

*net*

the applicable net namespace

*ifindex*

index of device

## Description

Search for an interface by index. Returns NULL if the device is not found or a pointer to the device. The device returned has had a reference added and the pointer is safe until the user calls `dev_put` to indicate they have finished with it.

# dev\_getbyhwaddr

## LINUX

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## Name

`dev_getbyhwaddr` — find a device by its hardware address

## Synopsis

```
struct net_device * dev_getbyhwaddr (struct net * net,  
unsigned short type, char * ha);
```

## Arguments

*net*

the applicable net namespace

*type*

media type of device

*ha*

hardware address

## Description

Search for an interface by MAC address. Returns NULL if the device is not found or a pointer to the device. The caller must hold the rtnl semaphore. The returned device has not had its ref count increased and the caller must therefore be careful about locking

## BUGS

If the API was consistent this would be `__dev_get_by_hwaddr`

## dev\_get\_by\_flags

### LINUX

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## Name

`dev_get_by_flags` — find any device with given flags

## Synopsis

```
struct net_device * dev_get_by_flags (struct net * net,  
unsigned short if_flags, unsigned short mask);
```

## Arguments

*net*

the applicable net namespace

*if\_flags*

IFF\_\* values

*mask*

bitmask of bits in *if\_flags* to check

## Description

Search for any interface with the given flags. Returns NULL if a device is not found or a pointer to the device. The device returned has had a reference added and the pointer is safe until the user calls `dev_put` to indicate they have finished with it.

## dev\_valid\_name

**LINUX**

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## Name

`dev_valid_name` — check if name is okay for network device

## Synopsis

```
int dev_valid_name (const char * name);
```

## Arguments

*name*

name string

## Description

Network device names need to be valid file names to to allow sysfs to work. We also disallow any kind of whitespace.

## dev\_alloc\_name

### LINUX

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## Name

dev\_alloc\_name — allocate a name for a device

## Synopsis

```
int dev_alloc_name (struct net_device * dev, const char *  
name);
```

## Arguments

*dev*

device

*name*

name format string

## Description

Passed a format string - eg “%ld” it will try and find a suitable id. It scans list of devices to build up a free map, then chooses the first empty slot. The caller must hold the dev\_base or rtnl lock while allocating the name and adding the device in order to avoid duplicates. Limited to bits\_per\_byte \* page size devices (ie 32K on most platforms). Returns the number of the unit assigned or a negative errno code.

# netdev\_features\_change

## LINUX

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## Name

netdev\_features\_change — device changes features

## Synopsis

```
void netdev_features_change (struct net_device * dev);
```



## Arguments

*dev*

device to cause notification

## Description

Called to indicate a device has changed features.

# netdev\_state\_change

## LINUX

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## Name

`netdev_state_change` — device changes state

## Synopsis

```
void netdev_state_change (struct net_device * dev);
```

## Arguments

*dev*

device to cause notification

## Description

Called to indicate a device has changed state. This function calls the notifier chains for `netdev_chain` and sends a `NEWLINK` message to the routing socket.

## dev\_load

### LINUX

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## Name

`dev_load` — load a network module

## Synopsis

```
void dev_load (struct net * net, const char * name);
```

## Arguments

*net*

the applicable net namespace

*name*

name of interface

## Description

If a network interface is not present and the process has suitable privileges this function loads the module. If module loading is not available in this kernel then it becomes a nop.

# dev\_open

## LINUX

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### Name

`dev_open` — prepare an interface for use.

### Synopsis

```
int dev_open (struct net_device * dev);
```

### Arguments

*dev*

device to open

### Description

Takes a device from down to up state. The device's private open function is invoked and then the multicast lists are loaded. Finally the device is moved into the up state and a `NETDEV_UP` message is sent to the netdev notifier chain.

Calling this function on an active interface is a nop. On a failure a negative errno code is returned.

# dev\_close

## LINUX

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### Name

`dev_close` — shutdown an interface.

### Synopsis

```
int dev_close (struct net_device * dev);
```

### Arguments

*dev*

device to shutdown

### Description

This function moves an active device into down state. A `NETDEV_GOING_DOWN` is sent to the netdev notifier chain. The device is then deactivated and finally a `NETDEV_DOWN` is sent to the notifier chain.

# dev\_disable\_lro

## LINUX

## Name

`dev_disable_lro` — disable Large Receive Offload on a device

## Synopsis

```
void dev_disable_lro (struct net_device * dev);
```

## Arguments

*dev*

device

## Description

Disable Large Receive Offload (LRO) on a net device. Must be called under RTNL. This is needed if received packets may be forwarded to another interface.

# register\_netdevice\_notifier

## LINUX

## Name

`register_netdevice_notifier` — register a network notifier block

## Synopsis

```
int register_netdevice_notifier (struct notifier_block * nb);
```

## Arguments

*nb*

notifier

## Description

Register a notifier to be called when network device events occur. The notifier passed is linked into the kernel structures and must not be reused until it has been unregistered. A negative errno code is returned on a failure.

When registered all registration and up events are replayed to the new notifier to allow device to have a race free view of the network device list.

# unregister\_netdevice\_notifier

## LINUX

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## Name

`unregister_netdevice_notifier` — unregister a network notifier block

## Synopsis

```
int unregister_netdevice_notifier (struct notifier_block *  
nb);
```

## Arguments

*nb*

notifier

## Description

Unregister a notifier previously registered by `register_netdevice_notifier`. The notifier is unlinked into the kernel structures and may then be reused. A negative errno code is returned on a failure.

## dev\_forward\_skb

### LINUX

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### Name

`dev_forward_skb` — loopback an skb to another netif

### Synopsis

```
int dev_forward_skb (struct net_device * dev, struct sk_buff *  
skb);
```

## Arguments

*dev*

destination network device

*skb*

buffer to forward

## return values

NET\_RX\_SUCCESS (no congestion) NET\_RX\_DROP (packet was dropped, but freed)

`dev_forward_skb` can be used for injecting an `skb` from the `start_xmit` function of one device into the receive queue of another device.

The receiving device may be in another namespace, so we have to clear all information in the `skb` that could impact namespace isolation.

# netif\_device\_detach

## LINUX

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## Name

`netif_device_detach` — mark device as removed

## Synopsis

```
void netif_device_detach (struct net_device * dev);
```



## Arguments

*dev*

network device

## Description

Mark device as removed from system and therefore no longer available.

# netif\_device\_attach

## LINUX

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## Name

`netif_device_attach` — mark device as attached

## Synopsis

```
void netif_device_attach (struct net_device * dev);
```

## Arguments

*dev*

network device

## Description

Mark device as attached from system and restart if needed.

# skb\_gso\_segment

## LINUX

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### Name

`skb_gso_segment` — Perform segmentation on `skb`.

### Synopsis

```
struct sk_buff * skb_gso_segment (struct sk_buff * skb, int
features);
```

### Arguments

*skb*

buffer to segment

*features*

features for the output path (see `dev->features`)

### Description

This function segments the given `skb` and returns a list of segments.

It may return `NULL` if the `skb` requires no segmentation. This is only possible when GSO is used for verifying header integrity.

# dev\_queue\_xmit

## LINUX

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### Name

`dev_queue_xmit` — transmit a buffer

### Synopsis

```
int dev_queue_xmit (struct sk_buff * skb);
```

### Arguments

*skb*

buffer to transmit

### Description

Queue a buffer for transmission to a network device. The caller must have set the device and priority and built the buffer before calling this function. The function can be called from an interrupt.

A negative errno code is returned on a failure. A success does not guarantee the frame will be transmitted as it may be dropped due to congestion or traffic shaping.

----- I notice this method can also return errors from the queue disciplines, including NET\_XMIT\_DROP, which is a positive value. So, errors can also be positive.

Regardless of the return value, the skb is consumed, so it is currently difficult to retry a send to this method. (You can bump the ref count before sending to hold a reference for retry if you are careful.)

When calling this method, interrupts MUST be enabled. This is because the BH enable code must have IRQs enabled so that it will not deadlock. --BLG

# netif\_rx

## LINUX

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### Name

`netif_rx` — post buffer to the network code

### Synopsis

```
int netif_rx (struct sk_buff * skb);
```

### Arguments

*skb*

buffer to post

### Description

This function receives a packet from a device driver and queues it for the upper (protocol) levels to process. It always succeeds. The buffer may be dropped during processing for congestion control or by the protocol layers.

### return values

NET\_RX\_SUCCESS (no congestion) NET\_RX\_DROP (packet was dropped)

# netif\_receive\_skb

## LINUX

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### Name

`netif_receive_skb` — process receive buffer from network

### Synopsis

```
int netif_receive_skb (struct sk_buff * skb);
```

### Arguments

*skb*

buffer to process

### Description

`netif_receive_skb` is the main receive data processing function. It always succeeds. The buffer may be dropped during processing for congestion control or by the protocol layers.

This function may only be called from softirq context and interrupts should be enabled.

Return values (usually ignored):

### NET\_RX\_SUCCESS

no congestion

## **NET\_RX\_DROP**

packet was dropped

## **\_\_napi\_schedule**

### **LINUX**

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### **Name**

`__napi_schedule` — schedule for receive

### **Synopsis**

```
void __napi_schedule (struct napi_struct * n);
```

### **Arguments**

*n*  
entry to schedule

### **Description**

The entry's receive function will be scheduled to run

# register\_gifconf

## LINUX

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### Name

`register_gifconf` — register a SIOCGIF handler

### Synopsis

```
int register_gifconf (unsigned int family, gifconf_func_t *  
gifconf);
```

### Arguments

*family*

Address family

*gifconf*

Function handler

### Description

Register protocol dependent address dumping routines. The handler that is passed must not be freed or reused until it has been replaced by another handler.

# netdev\_set\_master

## LINUX

## Name

`netdev_set_master` — set up master/slave pair

## Synopsis

```
int netdev_set_master (struct net_device * slave, struct
net_device * master);
```

## Arguments

*slave*

slave device

*master*

new master device

## Description

Changes the master device of the slave. Pass `NULL` to break the bonding. The caller must hold the RTNL semaphore. On a failure a negative `errno` code is returned. On success the reference counts are adjusted, `RTM_NEWLINK` is sent to the routing socket and the function returns zero.

## `dev_set_promiscuity`

**LINUX**



## Name

`dev_set_promiscuity` — update promiscuity count on a device

## Synopsis

```
int dev_set_promiscuity (struct net_device * dev, int inc);
```

## Arguments

*dev*

device

*inc*

modifier

## Description

Add or remove promiscuity from a device. While the count in the device remains above zero the interface remains promiscuous. Once it hits zero the device reverts back to normal filtering operation. A negative `inc` value is used to drop promiscuity on the device. Return 0 if successful or a negative `errno` code on error.

## `dev_set_allmulti`

**LINUX**

## Name

`dev_set_allmulti` — update allmulti count on a device

## Synopsis

```
int dev_set_allmulti (struct net_device * dev, int inc);
```

## Arguments

*dev*

device

*inc*

modifier

## Description

Add or remove reception of all multicast frames to a device. While the count in the device remains above zero the interface remains listening to all interfaces. Once it hits zero the device reverts back to normal filtering operation. A negative *inc* value is used to drop the counter when releasing a resource needing all multicasts. Return 0 if successful or a negative errno code on error.

## `dev_addr_add`

**LINUX**

## Name

`dev_addr_add` — Add a device address

## Synopsis

```
int dev_addr_add (struct net_device * dev, unsigned char *  
addr, unsigned char addr_type);
```

## Arguments

*dev*

device

*addr*

address to add

*addr\_type*

address type

## Description

Add a device address to the device or increase the reference count if it already exists.

The caller must hold the `rtnl_mutex`.

## `dev_addr_del`

**LINUX**

## Name

`dev_addr_del` — Release a device address.

## Synopsis

```
int dev_addr_del (struct net_device * dev, unsigned char *  
addr, unsigned char addr_type);
```

## Arguments

*dev*

device

*addr*

address to delete

*addr\_type*

address type

## Description

Release reference to a device address and remove it from the device if the reference count drops to zero.

The caller must hold the `rtnl_mutex`.

## `dev_addr_add_multiple`

**LINUX**

## Name

`dev_addr_add_multiple` — Add device addresses from another device

## Synopsis

```
int dev_addr_add_multiple (struct net_device * to_dev, struct
net_device * from_dev, unsigned char addr_type);
```

## Arguments

*to\_dev*

device to which addresses will be added

*from\_dev*

device from which addresses will be added

*addr\_type*

address type - 0 means type will be used from *from\_dev*

## Description

Add device addresses of the one device to another. \* The caller must hold the `rtnl_mutex`.

## `dev_addr_del_multiple`

**LINUX**

## Name

`dev_addr_del_multiple` — Delete device addresses by another device

## Synopsis

```
int dev_addr_del_multiple (struct net_device * to_dev, struct
net_device * from_dev, unsigned char addr_type);
```

## Arguments

*to\_dev*

device where the addresses will be deleted

*from\_dev*

device by which addresses the addresses will be deleted

*addr\_type*

address type - 0 means type will used from *from\_dev*

## Description

Deletes addresses in to device by the list of addresses in from device.

The caller must hold the `rtnl_mutex`.

## `dev_unicast_delete`

**LINUX**

## Name

`dev_unicast_delete` — Release secondary unicast address.

## Synopsis

```
int dev_unicast_delete (struct net_device * dev, void * addr);
```

## Arguments

*dev*

device

*addr*

address to delete

## Description

Release reference to a secondary unicast address and remove it from the device if the reference count drops to zero.

The caller must hold the `rtnl_mutex`.

## `dev_unicast_add`

**LINUX**

## Name

`dev_unicast_add` — add a secondary unicast address

## Synopsis

```
int dev_unicast_add (struct net_device * dev, void * addr);
```

## Arguments

*dev*

device

*addr*

address to add

## Description

Add a secondary unicast address to the device or increase the reference count if it already exists.

The caller must hold the `rtnl_mutex`.

## `dev_unicast_sync`

**LINUX**



## Name

`dev_unicast_sync` — Synchronize device's unicast list to another device

## Synopsis

```
int dev_unicast_sync (struct net_device * to, struct
net_device * from);
```

## Arguments

*to*

destination device

*from*

source device

## Description

Add newly added addresses to the destination device and release addresses that have no users left. The source device must be locked by `netif_tx_lock_bh`.

This function is intended to be called from the `dev->set_rx_mode` function of layered software devices.

## `dev_unicast_unsync`

**LINUX**

## Name

`dev_unicast_unsync` — Remove synchronized addresses from the destination device

## Synopsis

```
void dev_unicast_unsync (struct net_device * to, struct  
net_device * from);
```

## Arguments

*to*

destination device

*from*

source device

## Description

Remove all addresses that were added to the destination device by `dev_unicast_sync`. This function is intended to be called from the `dev->stop` function of layered software devices.

## `dev_get_flags`

**LINUX**

## Name

`dev_get_flags` — get flags reported to userspace

## Synopsis

```
unsigned dev_get_flags (const struct net_device * dev);
```

## Arguments

*dev*

device

## Description

Get the combination of flag bits exported through APIs to userspace.

# dev\_change\_flags

## LINUX

## Name

`dev_change_flags` — change device settings

## Synopsis

```
int dev_change_flags (struct net_device * dev, unsigned
flags);
```

## Arguments

*dev*

device

*flags*

device state flags

## Description

Change settings on device based state flags. The flags are in the userspace exported format.

## dev\_set\_mtu

### LINUX

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## Name

`dev_set_mtu` — Change maximum transfer unit

## Synopsis

```
int dev_set_mtu (struct net_device * dev, int new_mtu);
```

## Arguments

*dev*

device

*new\_mtu*

new transfer unit

## Description

Change the maximum transfer size of the network device.

# dev\_set\_mac\_address

## LINUX

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## Name

`dev_set_mac_address` — Change Media Access Control Address

## Synopsis

```
int dev_set_mac_address (struct net_device * dev, struct  
sockaddr * sa);
```

## Arguments

*dev*

device

*sa*

new address

## Description

Change the hardware (MAC) address of the device

# netif\_stacked\_transfer\_operstate

## LINUX

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## Name

`netif_stacked_transfer_operstate` — transfer operstate

## Synopsis

```
void netif_stacked_transfer_operstate (const struct net_device  
* rootdev, struct net_device * dev);
```

## Arguments

*rootdev*

the root or lower level device to transfer state from

*dev*

the device to transfer operstate to

## Description

Transfer operational state from root to device. This is normally called when a stacking relationship exists between the root device and the device(a leaf device).

# register\_netdevice

## LINUX

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## Name

`register_netdevice` — register a network device

## Synopsis

```
int register_netdevice (struct net_device * dev);
```

## Arguments

*dev*

device to register

## Description

Take a completed network device structure and add it to the kernel interfaces. A `NETDEV_REGISTER` message is sent to the netdev notifier chain. 0 is returned on

success. A negative `errno` code is returned on a failure to set up the device, or if the name is a duplicate.

Callers must hold the `rtnl` semaphore. You may want `register_netdev` instead of this.

## BUGS

The locking appears insufficient to guarantee two parallel registers will not get the same name.

# init\_dummy\_netdev

## LINUX

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## Name

`init_dummy_netdev` — init a dummy network device for NAPI

## Synopsis

```
int init_dummy_netdev (struct net_device * dev);
```

## Arguments

*dev*

device to init



## Description

This takes a network device structure and initialize the minimum amount of fields so it can be used to schedule NAPI polls without registering a full blown interface. This is to be used by drivers that need to tie several hardware interfaces to a single NAPI poll scheduler due to HW limitations.

# register\_netdev

## LINUX

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## Name

`register_netdev` — register a network device

## Synopsis

```
int register_netdev (struct net_device * dev);
```

## Arguments

*dev*

device to register

## Description

Take a completed network device structure and add it to the kernel interfaces. A `NETDEV_REGISTER` message is sent to the netdev notifier chain. 0 is returned on success. A negative errno code is returned on a failure to set up the device, or if the name is a duplicate.

This is a wrapper around `register_netdevice` that takes the `rtnl` semaphore and expands the device name if you passed a format string to `alloc_netdev`.

## dev\_txq\_stats\_fold

### LINUX

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### Name

`dev_txq_stats_fold` — fold tx\_queues stats

### Synopsis

```
void dev_txq_stats_fold (const struct net_device * dev, struct
net_device_stats * stats);
```

### Arguments

*dev*

device to get statistics from

*stats*

struct `net_device_stats` to hold results

## dev\_get\_stats

### LINUX

## Name

`dev_get_stats` — get network device statistics

## Synopsis

```
const struct net_device_stats * dev_get_stats (struct
net_device * dev);
```

## Arguments

*dev*

device to get statistics from

## Description

Get network statistics from device. The device driver may provide its own method by setting `dev->netdev_ops->get_stats`; otherwise the internal statistics structure is used.

# alloc\_netdev\_mq

## LINUX

## Name

`alloc_netdev_mq` — allocate network device

## Synopsis

```
struct net_device * alloc_netdev_mq (int sizeof_priv, const  
char * name, void (*setup) (struct net_device *), unsigned int  
queue_count);
```

## Arguments

*sizeof\_priv*

size of private data to allocate space for

*name*

device name format string

*setup*

callback to initialize device

*queue\_count*

the number of subqueues to allocate

## Description

Allocates a struct `net_device` with private data area for driver use and performs basic initialization. Also allocates subqueue structs for each queue on the device at the end of the netdevice.

## free\_netdev

**LINUX**

## Name

`free_netdev` — free network device

## Synopsis

```
void free_netdev (struct net_device * dev);
```

## Arguments

*dev*

device

## Description

This function does the last stage of destroying an allocated device interface. The reference to the device object is released. If this is the last reference then it will be freed.

# synchronize\_net

## LINUX

## Name

`synchronize_net` — Synchronize with packet receive processing

## Synopsis

```
void synchronize_net ( void );
```

## Arguments

*void*

no arguments

## Description

Wait for packets currently being received to be done. Does not block later packets from starting.

# unregister\_netdevice\_queue

## LINUX

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## Name

`unregister_netdevice_queue` — remove device from the kernel

## Synopsis

```
void unregister_netdevice_queue (struct net_device * dev,  
struct list_head * head);
```

## Arguments

*dev*

device

*head*

list

## Description

This function shuts down a device interface and removes it from the kernel tables. If head not NULL, device is queued to be unregistered later.

Callers must hold the rtnl semaphore. You may want `unregister_netdev` instead of this.

# unregister\_netdevice\_many

## LINUX

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## Name

`unregister_netdevice_many` — unregister many devices

## Synopsis

```
void unregister_netdevice_many (struct list_head * head);
```

## Arguments

*head*

list of devices

# unregister\_netdev

## LINUX

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## Name

`unregister_netdev` — remove device from the kernel

## Synopsis

```
void unregister_netdev (struct net_device * dev);
```

## Arguments

*dev*

device

## Description

This function shuts down a device interface and removes it from the kernel tables.

This is just a wrapper for `unregister_netdevice` that takes the `rtnl` semaphore. In general you want to use this and not `unregister_netdevice`.



# dev\_change\_net\_namespace

## LINUX

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### Name

`dev_change_net_namespace` — move device to different nethost namespace

### Synopsis

```
int dev_change_net_namespace (struct net_device * dev, struct
net * net, const char * pat);
```

### Arguments

*dev*

device

*net*

network namespace

*pat*

If not NULL name pattern to try if the current device name is already taken in the destination network namespace.

### Description

This function shuts down a device interface and moves it to a new network namespace. On success 0 is returned, on a failure a netagive errno code is returned.

Callers must hold the `rtnl` semaphore.

# netdev\_increment\_features

## LINUX

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### Name

`netdev_increment_features` — increment feature set by one

### Synopsis

```
unsigned long netdev_increment_features (unsigned long all,  
unsigned long one, unsigned long mask);
```

### Arguments

*all*

current feature set

*one*

new feature set

*mask*

mask feature set

### Description

Computes a new feature set after adding a device with feature set *one* to the master device with current feature set *all*. Will not enable anything that is off in *mask*. Returns the new feature set.

# eth\_header

## LINUX

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### Name

`eth_header` — create the Ethernet header

### Synopsis

```
int eth_header (struct sk_buff * skb, struct net_device * dev,
unsigned short type, const void * daddr, const void * saddr,
unsigned len);
```

### Arguments

*skb*

buffer to alter

*dev*

source device

*type*

Ethernet type field

*daddr*

destination address (NULL leave destination address)

*saddr*

source address (NULL use device source address)

*len*

packet length ( $\leq$  `skb->len`)

## Description

Set the protocol type. For a packet of type ETH\_P\_802\_3 we put the length in here instead. It is up to the 802.2 layer to carry protocol information.

# eth\_rebuild\_header

## LINUX

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## Name

`eth_rebuild_header` — rebuild the Ethernet MAC header.

## Synopsis

```
int eth_rebuild_header (struct sk_buff * skb);
```

## Arguments

*skb*

socket buffer to update

## Description

This is called after an ARP or IPV6 ndisc it's resolution on this `sk_buff`. We now let protocol (ARP) fill in the other fields.

This routine CANNOT use cached `dst->neigh`! Really, it is used only when `dst->neigh` is wrong.

# eth\_type\_trans

## LINUX

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### Name

`eth_type_trans` — determine the packet's protocol ID.

### Synopsis

```
__be16 eth_type_trans (struct sk_buff * skb, struct net_device  
* dev);
```

### Arguments

*skb*

received socket data

*dev*

receiving network device

### Description

The rule here is that we assume 802.3 if the type field is short enough to be a length. This is normal practice and works for any 'now in use' protocol.

# eth\_header\_parse

## LINUX

## Name

`eth_header_parse` — extract hardware address from packet

## Synopsis

```
int eth_header_parse (const struct sk_buff * skb, unsigned
char * haddr);
```

## Arguments

*skb*

packet to extract header from

*haddr*

destination buffer

# eth\_header\_cache

## LINUX

## Name

`eth_header_cache` — fill cache entry from neighbour

## Synopsis

```
int eth_header_cache (const struct neighbour * neigh, struct  
hh_cache * hh);
```

## Arguments

*neigh*

source neighbour

*hh*

destination cache entry Create an Ethernet header template from the neighbour.

## eth\_header\_cache\_update

### LINUX

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## Name

`eth_header_cache_update` — update cache entry

## Synopsis

```
void eth_header_cache_update (struct hh_cache * hh, const  
struct net_device * dev, const unsigned char * haddr);
```

## Arguments

*hh*

destination cache entry

*dev*

network device

*haddr*

new hardware address

## Description

Called by Address Resolution module to notify changes in address.

# eth\_mac\_addr

## LINUX

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## Name

`eth_mac_addr` — set new Ethernet hardware address

## Synopsis

```
int eth_mac_addr (struct net_device * dev, void * p);
```



## Arguments

*dev*

network device

*p*

socket address Change hardware address of device.

## Description

This doesn't change hardware matching, so needs to be overridden for most real devices.

# eth\_change\_mtu

## LINUX

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## Name

eth\_change\_mtu — set new MTU size

## Synopsis

```
int eth_change_mtu (struct net_device * dev, int new_mtu);
```

## Arguments

*dev*

network device

`new_mtu`

new Maximum Transfer Unit

## Description

Allow changing MTU size. Needs to be overridden for devices supporting jumbo frames.

# ether\_setup

## LINUX

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## Name

`ether_setup` — setup Ethernet network device

## Synopsis

```
void ether_setup (struct net_device * dev);
```

## Arguments

`dev`

network device Fill in the fields of the device structure with Ethernet-generic values.

# alloc\_etherdev\_mq

## LINUX

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### Name

`alloc_etherdev_mq` — Allocates and sets up an Ethernet device

### Synopsis

```
struct net_device * alloc_etherdev_mq (int sizeof_priv,  
unsigned int queue_count);
```

### Arguments

*sizeof\_priv*

Size of additional driver-private structure to be allocated for this Ethernet device

*queue\_count*

The number of queues this device has.

### Description

Fill in the fields of the device structure with Ethernet-generic values. Basically does everything except registering the device.

Constructs a new net device, complete with a private data area of size (`sizeof_priv`). A 32-byte (not bit) alignment is enforced for this private data area.

## netif\_carrier\_on

### LINUX

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#### Name

`netif_carrier_on` — set carrier

#### Synopsis

```
void netif_carrier_on (struct net_device * dev);
```

#### Arguments

*dev*

network device

#### Description

Device has detected that carrier.

## netif\_carrier\_off

### LINUX

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#### Name

`netif_carrier_off` — clear carrier

## Synopsis

```
void netif_carrier_off (struct net_device * dev);
```

## Arguments

*dev*

network device

## Description

Device has detected loss of carrier.

# is\_zero\_ether\_addr

## LINUX

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## Name

`is_zero_ether_addr` — Determine if give Ethernet address is all zeros.

## Synopsis

```
int is_zero_ether_addr (const u8 * addr);
```

## Arguments

*addr*

Pointer to a six-byte array containing the Ethernet address

## Description

Return true if the address is all zeroes.

# is\_multicast\_ether\_addr

## LINUX

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## Name

`is_multicast_ether_addr` — Determine if the Ethernet address is a multicast.

## Synopsis

```
int is_multicast_ether_addr (const u8 * addr);
```

## Arguments

*addr*

Pointer to a six-byte array containing the Ethernet address

## Description

Return true if the address is a multicast address. By definition the broadcast address is also a multicast address.

# is\_local\_ether\_addr

## LINUX

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## Name

`is_local_ether_addr` — Determine if the Ethernet address is locally-assigned one (IEEE 802).

## Synopsis

```
int is_local_ether_addr (const u8 * addr);
```

## Arguments

*addr*

Pointer to a six-byte array containing the Ethernet address

## Description

Return true if the address is a local address.

# is\_broadcast\_ether\_addr

## LINUX

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### Name

`is_broadcast_ether_addr` — Determine if the Ethernet address is broadcast

### Synopsis

```
int is_broadcast_ether_addr (const u8 * addr);
```

### Arguments

*addr*

Pointer to a six-byte array containing the Ethernet address

### Description

Return true if the address is the broadcast address.

# is\_valid\_ether\_addr

## LINUX

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### Name

`is_valid_ether_addr` — Determine if the given Ethernet address is valid



## Synopsis

```
int is_valid_ether_addr (const u8 * addr);
```

## Arguments

*addr*

Pointer to a six-byte array containing the Ethernet address

## Description

Check that the Ethernet address (MAC) is not 00:00:00:00:00:00, is not a multicast address, and is not FF:FF:FF:FF:FF:FF.

Return true if the address is valid.

# random\_ether\_addr

## LINUX

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## Name

`random_ether_addr` — Generate software assigned random Ethernet address

## Synopsis

```
void random_ether_addr (u8 * addr);
```

## Arguments

*addr*

Pointer to a six-byte array containing the Ethernet address

## Description

Generate a random Ethernet address (MAC) that is not multicast and has the local assigned bit set.

# compare\_ether\_addr

## LINUX

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## Name

`compare_ether_addr` — Compare two Ethernet addresses

## Synopsis

```
unsigned compare_ether_addr (const u8 * addr1, const u8 *  
addr2);
```

## Arguments

*addr1*

Pointer to a six-byte array containing the Ethernet address

*addr2*

Pointer other six-byte array containing the Ethernet address

## Description

Compare two ethernet addresses, returns 0 if equal

# compare\_ether\_addr\_64bits

## LINUX

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## Name

`compare_ether_addr_64bits` — Compare two Ethernet addresses

## Synopsis

```
unsigned compare_ether_addr_64bits (const u8 addr1[6+2], const  
u8 addr2[6+2]);
```

## Arguments

*addr1*[6+2]

Pointer to an array of 8 bytes

*addr2*[6+2]

Pointer to an other array of 8 bytes

## Description

Compare two ethernet addresses, returns 0 if equal. Same result than “`memcmp(addr1, addr2, ETH_ALEN)`” but without conditional branches, and possibly long word memory accesses on CPU allowing cheap unaligned memory reads. arrays = { byte1, byte2, byte3, byte4, byte6, byte7, pad1, pad2 }

Please note that alignment of `addr1` & `addr2` is only guaranteed to be 16 bits.

## is\_etherdev\_addr

### LINUX

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### Name

`is_etherdev_addr` — Tell if given Ethernet address belongs to the device.

### Synopsis

```
bool is_etherdev_addr (const struct net_device * dev, const u8  
addr[6 + 2]);
```

### Arguments

*dev*

Pointer to a device structure

*addr[6 + 2]*

Pointer to a six-byte array containing the Ethernet address

### Description

Compare passed address with all addresses of the device. Return true if the address if one of the device addresses.

Note that this function calls `compare_ether_addr_64bits` so take care of the right padding.

# compare\_ether\_header

## LINUX

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### Name

`compare_ether_header` — Compare two Ethernet headers

### Synopsis

```
int compare_ether_header (const void * a, const void * b);
```

### Arguments

*a*

Pointer to Ethernet header

*b*

Pointer to Ethernet header

### Description

Compare two ethernet headers, returns 0 if equal. This assumes that the network header (i.e., IP header) is 4-byte aligned OR the platform can handle unaligned access. This is the case for all packets coming into `netif_receive_skb` or similar entry points.

# napi\_schedule\_prep

## LINUX

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### Name

`napi_schedule_prep` — check if napi can be scheduled

### Synopsis

```
int napi_schedule_prep (struct napi_struct * n);
```

### Arguments

*n*

napi context

### Description

Test if NAPI routine is already running, and if not mark it as running. This is used as a condition variable insure only one NAPI poll instance runs. We also make sure there is no pending NAPI disable.

# napi\_schedule

## LINUX

## Name

`napi_schedule` — schedule NAPI poll

## Synopsis

```
void napi_schedule (struct napi_struct * n);
```

## Arguments

*n*

napi context

## Description

Schedule NAPI poll routine to be called if it is not already running.

# napi\_disable

## LINUX

## Name

`napi_disable` — prevent NAPI from scheduling

## Synopsis

```
void napi_disable (struct napi_struct * n);
```

## Arguments

*n*

napi context

## Description

Stop NAPI from being scheduled on this context. Waits till any outstanding processing completes.

## napi\_enable

### LINUX

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## Name

`napi_enable` — enable NAPI scheduling

## Synopsis

```
void napi_enable (struct napi_struct * n);
```



## Arguments

*n*  
napi context

## Description

Resume NAPI from being scheduled on this context. Must be paired with `napi_disable`.

# napi\_synchronize

## LINUX

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## Name

`napi_synchronize` — wait until NAPI is not running

## Synopsis

```
void napi_synchronize (const struct napi_struct * n);
```

## Arguments

*n*  
napi context

## Description

Wait until NAPI is done being scheduled on this context. Waits till any outstanding processing completes but does not disable future activations.

# netdev\_priv

## LINUX

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## Name

`netdev_priv` — access network device private data

## Synopsis

```
void * netdev_priv (const struct net_device * dev);
```

## Arguments

*dev*

network device

## Description

Get network device private data

# netif\_start\_queue

## LINUX

Kernel Hackers Manual March 2012

### Name

`netif_start_queue` — allow transmit

### Synopsis

```
void netif_start_queue (struct net_device * dev);
```

### Arguments

*dev*

network device

### Description

Allow upper layers to call the device `hard_start_xmit` routine.

# netif\_wake\_queue

## LINUX

Kernel Hackers Manual March 2012

### Name

`netif_wake_queue` — restart transmit

## Synopsis

```
void netif_wake_queue (struct net_device * dev);
```

## Arguments

*dev*

network device

## Description

Allow upper layers to call the device `hard_start_xmit` routine. Used for flow control when transmit resources are available.

# netif\_stop\_queue

## LINUX

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## Name

`netif_stop_queue` — stop transmitted packets

## Synopsis

```
void netif_stop_queue (struct net_device * dev);
```

## Arguments

*dev*

network device

## Description

Stop upper layers calling the device `hard_start_xmit` routine. Used for flow control when transmit resources are unavailable.

# netif\_queue\_stopped

## LINUX

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## Name

`netif_queue_stopped` — test if transmit queue is flowblocked

## Synopsis

```
int netif_queue_stopped (const struct net_device * dev);
```

## Arguments

*dev*

network device

## Description

Test if transmit queue on device is currently unable to send.

# netif\_running

## LINUX

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## Name

`netif_running` — test if up

## Synopsis

```
int netif_running (const struct net_device * dev);
```

## Arguments

*dev*

network device

## Description

Test if the device has been brought up.

# netif\_start\_subqueue

## LINUX

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### Name

`netif_start_subqueue` — allow sending packets on subqueue

### Synopsis

```
void netif_start_subqueue (struct net_device * dev, u16  
queue_index);
```

### Arguments

*dev*

network device

*queue\_index*

sub queue index

### Description

Start individual transmit queue of a device with multiple transmit queues.

# netif\_stop\_subqueue

## LINUX

## Name

`netif_stop_subqueue` — stop sending packets on subqueue

## Synopsis

```
void netif_stop_subqueue (struct net_device * dev, u16
queue_index);
```

## Arguments

*dev*

network device

*queue\_index*

sub queue index

## Description

Stop individual transmit queue of a device with multiple transmit queues.

## \_\_netif\_subqueue\_stopped

### LINUX

## Name

`__netif_subqueue_stopped` — test status of subqueue



## Synopsis

```
int __netif_subqueue_stopped (const struct net_device * dev,  
u16 queue_index);
```

## Arguments

*dev*

network device

*queue\_index*

sub queue index

## Description

Check individual transmit queue of a device with multiple transmit queues.

# netif\_wake\_subqueue

## LINUX

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## Name

`netif_wake_subqueue` — allow sending packets on subqueue

## Synopsis

```
void netif_wake_subqueue (struct net_device * dev, u16  
queue_index);
```

## Arguments

*dev*

network device

*queue\_index*

sub queue index

## Description

Resume individual transmit queue of a device with multiple transmit queues.

# netif\_is\_multiqueue

## LINUX

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## Name

`netif_is_multiqueue` — test if device has multiple transmit queues

## Synopsis

```
int netif_is_multiqueue (const struct net_device * dev);
```

## Arguments

*dev*

network device

## Description

Check if device has multiple transmit queues

# dev\_put

## LINUX

Kernel Hackers Manual March 2012

## Name

`dev_put` — release reference to device

## Synopsis

```
void dev_put (struct net_device * dev);
```

## Arguments

*dev*

network device

## Description

Release reference to device to allow it to be freed.

## dev\_hold

### LINUX

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### Name

`dev_hold` — get reference to device

### Synopsis

```
void dev_hold (struct net_device * dev);
```

### Arguments

*dev*

network device

### Description

Hold reference to device to keep it from being freed.

## netif\_carrier\_ok

### LINUX

## Name

`netif_carrier_ok` — test if carrier present

## Synopsis

```
int netif_carrier_ok (const struct net_device * dev);
```

## Arguments

*dev*

network device

## Description

Check if carrier is present on device

# netif\_dormant\_on

## LINUX

## Name

`netif_dormant_on` — mark device as dormant.

## Synopsis

```
void netif_dormant_on (struct net_device * dev);
```

## Arguments

*dev*

network device

## Description

Mark device as dormant (as per RFC2863).

The dormant state indicates that the relevant interface is not actually in a condition to pass packets (i.e., it is not 'up') but is in a “pending” state, waiting for some external event. For “on- demand” interfaces, this new state identifies the situation where the interface is waiting for events to place it in the up state.

## netif\_dormant\_off

### LINUX

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## Name

`netif_dormant_off` — set device as not dormant.

## Synopsis

```
void netif_dormant_off (struct net_device * dev);
```

## Arguments

*dev*

network device

## Description

Device is not in dormant state.

# netif\_dormant

## LINUX

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## Name

`netif_dormant` — test if carrier present

## Synopsis

```
int netif_dormant (const struct net_device * dev);
```

## Arguments

*dev*

network device

## Description

Check if carrier is present on device

## netif\_oper\_up

### LINUX

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### Name

`netif_oper_up` — test if device is operational

### Synopsis

```
int netif_oper_up (const struct net_device * dev);
```

### Arguments

*dev*

network device

### Description

Check if carrier is operational

## netif\_device\_present

### LINUX



## Name

`netif_device_present` — is device available or removed

## Synopsis

```
int netif_device_present (struct net_device * dev);
```

## Arguments

*dev*

network device

## Description

Check if device has not been removed from system.

# netif\_tx\_lock

## LINUX

## Name

`netif_tx_lock` — grab network device transmit lock

## Synopsis

```
void netif_tx_lock (struct net_device * dev);
```

## Arguments

*dev*

network device

## Description

Get network device transmit lock

## 2.2. PHY Support

### phy\_print\_status

**LINUX**

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## Name

`phy_print_status` — Convenience function to print out the current phy status

## Synopsis

```
void phy_print_status (struct phy_device * phydev);
```

## Arguments

*phydev*

the phy\_device struct

# phy\_sanitize\_settings

## LINUX

Kernel Hackers Manual March 2012

## Name

`phy_sanitize_settings` — make sure the PHY is set to supported speed and duplex

## Synopsis

```
void phy_sanitize_settings (struct phy_device * phydev);
```

## Arguments

*phydev*

the target phy\_device struct

## Description

Make sure the PHY is set to supported speeds and duplexes. Drop down by one in this order: 1000/FULL, 1000/HALF, 100/FULL, 100/HALF, 10/FULL, 10/HALF.

# phy\_ethtool\_sset

## LINUX

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### Name

`phy_ethtool_sset` — generic ethtool sset function, handles all the details

### Synopsis

```
int phy_ethtool_sset (struct phy_device * phydev, struct
ethtool_cmd * cmd);
```

### Arguments

*phydev*

target `phy_device` struct

*cmd*

`ethtool_cmd`

### A few notes about parameter checking

- We don't set port or transceiver, so we don't care what they were set to. -  
`phy_start_aneg` will make sure forced settings are sane, and choose the next best  
ones from the ones selected, so we don't care if ethtool tries to give us bad values.

# phy\_mii\_ioctl

## LINUX

## Name

`phy_mii_ioctl` — generic PHY MII ioctl interface

## Synopsis

```
int phy_mii_ioctl (struct phy_device * phydev, struct  
mii_ioctl_data * mii_data, int cmd);
```

## Arguments

*phydev*

the `phy_device` struct

*mii\_data*

MII ioctl data

*cmd*

ioctl cmd to execute

## Description

Note that this function is currently incompatible with the PHYCONTROL layer. It changes registers without regard to current state. Use at own risk.

## `phy_start_aneg`

**LINUX**

## Name

`phy_start_aneg` — start auto-negotiation for this PHY device

## Synopsis

```
int phy_start_aneg (struct phy_device * phydev);
```

## Arguments

*phydev*

the `phy_device` struct

## Description

Sanitizes the settings (if we're not autonegotiating them), and then calls the driver's `config_aneg` function. If the PHYCONTROL Layer is operating, we change the state to reflect the beginning of Auto-negotiation or forcing.

# phy\_enable\_interrupts

## LINUX

## Name

`phy_enable_interrupts` — Enable the interrupts from the PHY side

## Synopsis

```
int phy_enable_interrupts (struct phy_device * phydev);
```

## Arguments

*phydev*

target phy\_device struct

## phy\_disable\_interrupts

### LINUX

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## Name

`phy_disable_interrupts` — Disable the PHY interrupts from the PHY side

## Synopsis

```
int phy_disable_interrupts (struct phy_device * phydev);
```

## Arguments

*phydev*

target phy\_device struct

# phy\_start\_interrupts

## LINUX

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### Name

`phy_start_interrupts` — request and enable interrupts for a PHY device

### Synopsis

```
int phy_start_interrupts (struct phy_device * phydev);
```

### Arguments

*phydev*

target phy\_device struct

### Description

Request the interrupt for the given PHY. If this fails, then we set irq to PHY\_POLL. Otherwise, we enable the interrupts in the PHY. This should only be called with a valid IRQ number. Returns 0 on success or < 0 on error.

# phy\_stop\_interrupts

## LINUX



## Name

`phy_stop_interrupts` — disable interrupts from a PHY device

## Synopsis

```
int phy_stop_interrupts (struct phy_device * phydev);
```

## Arguments

*phydev*

target `phy_device` struct

# phy\_stop

## LINUX

## Name

`phy_stop` — Bring down the PHY link, and stop checking the status

## Synopsis

```
void phy_stop (struct phy_device * phydev);
```

## Arguments

*phydev*

target phy\_device struct

## phy\_start

### LINUX

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## Name

`phy_start` — start or restart a PHY device

## Synopsis

```
void phy_start (struct phy_device * phydev);
```

## Arguments

*phydev*

target phy\_device struct

## Description

Indicates the attached device's readiness to handle PHY-related work. Used during startup to start the PHY, and after a call to `phy_stop` to resume operation. Also used to indicate the MDIO bus has cleared an error condition.

# phy\_clear\_interrupt

## LINUX

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### Name

`phy_clear_interrupt` — Ack the phy device's interrupt

### Synopsis

```
int phy_clear_interrupt (struct phy_device * phydev);
```

### Arguments

*phydev*

the `phy_device` struct

### Description

If the *phydev* driver has an `ack_interrupt` function, call it to ack and clear the phy device's interrupt.

Returns 0 on success or < 0 on error.

# phy\_config\_interrupt

## LINUX

## Name

`phy_config_interrupt` — configure the PHY device for the requested interrupts

## Synopsis

```
int phy_config_interrupt (struct phy_device * phydev, u32
interrupts);
```

## Arguments

*phydev*

the `phy_device` struct

*interrupts*

interrupt flags to configure for this *phydev*

## Description

Returns 0 on success or  $< 0$  on error.

## `phy_aneg_done`

**LINUX**

## Name

`phy_aneg_done` — return auto-negotiation status

## Synopsis

```
int phy_aneg_done (struct phy_device * phydev);
```

## Arguments

*phydev*

target `phy_device` struct

## Description

Reads the status register and returns 0 either if auto-negotiation is incomplete, or if there was an error. Returns `BMSR_ANEGCOMPLETE` if auto-negotiation is done.

# phy\_find\_setting

## LINUX

## Name

`phy_find_setting` — find a PHY settings array entry that matches speed & duplex

## Synopsis

```
int phy_find_setting (int speed, int duplex);
```

## Arguments

*speed*

speed to match

*duplex*

duplex to match

## Description

Searches the settings array for the setting which matches the desired speed and duplex, and returns the index of that setting. Returns the index of the last setting if none of the others match.

## phy\_find\_valid

### LINUX

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## Name

`phy_find_valid` — find a PHY setting that matches the requested features mask

## Synopsis

```
int phy_find_valid (int idx, u32 features);
```

## Arguments

*idx*

The first index in settings[] to search

*features*

A mask of the valid settings

## Description

Returns the index of the first valid setting less than or equal to the one pointed to by *idx*, as determined by the mask in *features*. Returns the index of the last setting if nothing else matches.

# phy\_start\_machine

## LINUX

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## Name

`phy_start_machine` — start PHY state machine tracking

## Synopsis

```
void phy_start_machine (struct phy_device * phydev, void
(*handler) (struct net_device *));
```

## Arguments

*phydev*

the `phy_device` struct

*handler*

callback function for state change notifications

## Description

The PHY infrastructure can run a state machine which tracks whether the PHY is starting up, negotiating, etc. This function starts the timer which tracks the state of the PHY. If you want to be notified when the state changes, pass in the callback *handler*, otherwise, pass `NULL`. If you want to maintain your own state machine, do not call this function.

# phy\_stop\_machine

## LINUX

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## Name

`phy_stop_machine` — stop the PHY state machine tracking

## Synopsis

```
void phy_stop_machine (struct phy_device * phydev);
```



## Arguments

*phydev*

target phy\_device struct

## Description

Stops the state machine timer, sets the state to UP (unless it wasn't up yet). This function must be called BEFORE phy\_detach.

# phy\_force\_reduction

## LINUX

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## Name

`phy_force_reduction` — reduce PHY speed/duplex settings by one step

## Synopsis

```
void phy_force_reduction (struct phy_device * phydev);
```

## Arguments

*phydev*

target phy\_device struct

## Description

Reduces the speed/duplex settings by one notch, in this order-- 1000/FULL, 1000/HALF, 100/FULL, 100/HALF, 10/FULL, 10/HALF. The function bottoms out at 10/HALF.

## phy\_error

### LINUX

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## Name

`phy_error` — enter HALTED state for this PHY device

## Synopsis

```
void phy_error (struct phy_device * phydev);
```

## Arguments

*phydev*

target `phy_device` struct

## Description

Moves the PHY to the HALTED state in response to a read or write error, and tells the controller the link is down. Must not be called from interrupt context, or while the `phydev->lock` is held.

# phy\_interrupt

## LINUX

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### Name

`phy_interrupt` — PHY interrupt handler

### Synopsis

```
irqreturn_t phy_interrupt (int irq, void * phy_dat);
```

### Arguments

*irq*

interrupt line

*phy\_dat*

phy\_device pointer

### Description

When a PHY interrupt occurs, the handler disables interrupts, and schedules a work task to clear the interrupt.

# phy\_change

## LINUX

## Name

`phy_change` — Scheduled by the `phy_interrupt`/timer to handle PHY changes

## Synopsis

```
void phy_change (struct work_struct * work);
```

## Arguments

*work*

`work_struct` that describes the work to be done

# phy\_state\_machine

## LINUX

## Name

`phy_state_machine` — Handle the state machine

## Synopsis

```
void phy_state_machine (struct work_struct * work);
```

## Arguments

*work*

work\_struct that describes the work to be done

## get\_phy\_id

### LINUX

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## Name

get\_phy\_id — reads the specified addr for its ID.

## Synopsis

```
int get_phy_id (struct mii_bus * bus, int addr, u32 * phy_id);
```

## Arguments

*bus*

the target MII bus

*addr*

PHY address on the MII bus

*phy\_id*

where to store the ID retrieved.

## Description

Reads the ID registers of the PHY at *addr* on the *bus*, stores it in *phy\_id* and returns zero on success.

# get\_phy\_device

## LINUX

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## Name

`get_phy_device` — reads the specified PHY device and returns its *phy\_device* struct

## Synopsis

```
struct phy_device * get_phy_device (struct mii_bus * bus, int  
addr);
```

## Arguments

*bus*

the target MII bus

*addr*

PHY address on the MII bus

## Description

Reads the ID registers of the PHY at *addr* on the *bus*, then allocates and returns the *phy\_device* to represent it.

# phy\_device\_register

## LINUX

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### Name

`phy_device_register` — Register the phy device on the MDIO bus

### Synopsis

```
int phy_device_register (struct phy_device * phydev);
```

### Arguments

*phydev*

phy\_device structure to be added to the MDIO bus

# phy\_connect\_direct

## LINUX

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### Name

`phy_connect_direct` — connect an ethernet device to a specific phy\_device

## Synopsis

```
int phy_connect_direct (struct net_device * dev, struct
phy_device * phydev, void (*handler) (struct net_device *),
u32 flags, phy_interface_t interface);
```

## Arguments

*dev*

the network device to connect

*phydev*

the pointer to the phy device

*handler*

callback function for state change notifications

*flags*

PHY device's dev\_flags

*interface*

PHY device's interface

## phy\_connect

**LINUX**

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## Name

`phy_connect` — connect an ethernet device to a PHY device



## Synopsis

```
struct phy_device * phy_connect (struct net_device * dev,  
const char * bus_id, void (*handler) (struct net_device *),  
u32 flags, phy_interface_t interface);
```

## Arguments

*dev*

the network device to connect

*bus\_id*

the id string of the PHY device to connect

*handler*

callback function for state change notifications

*flags*

PHY device's dev\_flags

*interface*

PHY device's interface

## Description

Convenience function for connecting ethernet devices to PHY devices. The default behavior is for the PHY infrastructure to handle everything, and only notify the connected driver when the link status changes. If you don't want, or can't use the provided functionality, you may choose to call only the subset of functions which provide the desired functionality.

# phy\_disconnect

## LINUX

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### Name

`phy_disconnect` — disable interrupts, stop state machine, and detach a PHY device

### Synopsis

```
void phy_disconnect (struct phy_device * phydev);
```

### Arguments

*phydev*

target `phy_device` struct

# phy\_attach\_direct

## LINUX

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### Name

`phy_attach_direct` — attach a network device to a given PHY device pointer

## Synopsis

```
int phy_attach_direct (struct net_device * dev, struct
phy_device * phydev, u32 flags, phy_interface_t interface);
```

## Arguments

*dev*

network device to attach

*phydev*

Pointer to phy\_device to attach

*flags*

PHY device's dev\_flags

*interface*

PHY device's interface

## Description

Called by drivers to attach to a particular PHY device. The phy\_device is found, and properly hooked up to the phy\_driver. If no driver is attached, then the genphy\_driver is used. The phy\_device is given a ptr to the attaching device, and given a callback for link status change. The phy\_device is returned to the attaching driver.

## phy\_attach

**LINUX**

## Name

`phy_attach` — attach a network device to a particular PHY device

## Synopsis

```
struct phy_device * phy_attach (struct net_device * dev, const
char * bus_id, u32 flags, phy_interface_t interface);
```

## Arguments

*dev*

network device to attach

*bus\_id*

Bus ID of PHY device to attach

*flags*

PHY device's `dev_flags`

*interface*

PHY device's interface

## Description

Same as `phy_attach_direct` except that a PHY `bus_id` string is passed instead of a pointer to a struct `phy_device`.

# phy\_detach

## LINUX

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### Name

`phy_detach` — detach a PHY device from its network device

### Synopsis

```
void phy_detach (struct phy_device * phydev);
```

### Arguments

*phydev*

target `phy_device` struct

# genphy\_config\_advert

## LINUX

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### Name

`genphy_config_advert` — sanitize and advertise auto-negotiation parameters

## Synopsis

```
int genphy_config_advert (struct phy_device * phydev);
```

## Arguments

*phydev*

target phy\_device struct

## Description

Writes MII\_ADVERTISE with the appropriate values, after sanitizing the values to make sure we only advertise what is supported. Returns < 0 on error, 0 if the PHY's advertisement hasn't changed, and > 0 if it has changed.

# genphy\_restart\_aneg

## LINUX

Kernel Hackers Manual March 2012

## Name

`genphy_restart_aneg` — Enable and Restart Autonegotiation

## Synopsis

```
int genphy_restart_aneg (struct phy_device * phydev);
```

## Arguments

*phydev*

target phy\_device struct

# genphy\_config\_aneg

## LINUX

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## Name

genphy\_config\_aneg — restart auto-negotiation or write BMCR

## Synopsis

```
int genphy_config_aneg (struct phy_device * phydev);
```

## Arguments

*phydev*

target phy\_device struct

## Description

If auto-negotiation is enabled, we configure the advertising, and then restart auto-negotiation. If it is not enabled, then we write the BMCR.

# genphy\_update\_link

## LINUX

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### Name

`genphy_update_link` — update link status in *phydev*

### Synopsis

```
int genphy_update_link (struct phy_device * phydev);
```

### Arguments

*phydev*

target phy\_device struct

### Description

Update the value in `phydev->link` to reflect the current link value. In order to do this, we need to read the status register twice, keeping the second value.

# genphy\_read\_status

## LINUX



## Name

`genphy_read_status` — check the link status and update current link state

## Synopsis

```
int genphy_read_status (struct phy_device * phydev);
```

## Arguments

*phydev*

target phy\_device struct

## Description

Check the link, then figure out the current state by comparing what we advertise with what the link partner advertises. Start by checking the gigabit possibilities, then move on to 10/100.

# phy\_driver\_register

## LINUX

## Name

`phy_driver_register` — register a phy\_driver with the PHY layer

## Synopsis

```
int phy_driver_register (struct phy_driver * new_driver);
```

## Arguments

*new\_driver*

new phy\_driver to register

## phy\_prepare\_link

### LINUX

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## Name

`phy_prepare_link` — prepares the PHY layer to monitor link status

## Synopsis

```
void phy_prepare_link (struct phy_device * phydev, void  
(*handler) (struct net_device *));
```

## Arguments

*phydev*

target phy\_device struct

*handler*

callback function for link status change notifications

## Description

Tells the PHY infrastructure to handle the gory details on monitoring link status (whether through polling or an interrupt), and to call back to the connected device driver when the link status changes. If you want to monitor your own link state, don't call this function.

# genphy\_setup\_forced

## LINUX

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## Name

`genphy_setup_forced` — configures/forces speed/duplex from *phydev*

## Synopsis

```
int genphy_setup_forced (struct phy_device * phydev);
```

## Arguments

*phydev*

target phy\_device struct

## Description

Configures MII\_BMCR to force speed/duplex to the values in phydev. Assumes that the values are valid. Please see `phy_sanitize_settings`.

# phy\_probe

## LINUX

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## Name

`phy_probe` — probe and init a PHY device

## Synopsis

```
int phy_probe (struct device * dev);
```

## Arguments

*dev*

device to probe and init

## Description

Take care of setting up the `phy_device` structure, set the state to `READY` (the driver's init function should set it to `STARTING` if needed).

# mdiobus\_alloc

## LINUX

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### Name

`mdiobus_alloc` — allocate a `mii_bus` structure

### Synopsis

```
struct mii_bus * mdiobus_alloc ( void );
```

### Arguments

*void*

no arguments

### Description

called by a bus driver to allocate an `mii_bus` structure to fill in.

# mdiobus\_register

## LINUX

## Name

`mdiobus_register` — bring up all the PHYs on a given bus and attach them to bus

## Synopsis

```
int mdiobus_register (struct mii_bus * bus);
```

## Arguments

*bus*

target mii\_bus

## Description

Called by a bus driver to bring up all the PHYs on a given bus, and attach them to the bus.

Returns 0 on success or < 0 on error.

# mdiobus\_free

## LINUX

## Name

`mdiobus_free` — free a struct mii\_bus

## Synopsis

```
void mdiobus_free (struct mii_bus * bus);
```

## Arguments

*bus*

mii\_bus to free

## Description

This function releases the reference to the underlying device object in the mii\_bus. If this is the last reference, the mii\_bus will be freed.

## mdiobus\_read

### LINUX

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## Name

mdiobus\_read — Convenience function for reading a given MII mgmt register

## Synopsis

```
int mdiobus_read (struct mii_bus * bus, int addr, u16 regnum);
```

## Arguments

*bus*

the mii\_bus struct

*addr*

the phy address

*regnum*

register number to read

## NOTE

MUST NOT be called from interrupt context, because the bus read/write functions may wait for an interrupt to conclude the operation.

## mdiobus\_write

### LINUX

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## Name

`mdiobus_write` — Convenience function for writing a given MII mgmt register

## Synopsis

```
int mdiobus_write (struct mii_bus * bus, int addr, u16 regnum,  
u16 val);
```



## Arguments

*bus*

the `mii_bus` struct

*addr*

the phy address

*regnum*

register number to write

*val*

value to write to *regnum*

## NOTE

MUST NOT be called from interrupt context, because the bus read/write functions may wait for an interrupt to conclude the operation.

## mdiobus\_release

### LINUX

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### Name

`mdiobus_release` — `mii_bus` device release callback

### Synopsis

```
void mdiobus_release (struct device * d);
```

## Arguments

*d*

the target struct device that contains the mii\_bus

## Description

called when the last reference to an mii\_bus is dropped, to free the underlying memory.

# mdio\_bus\_match

## LINUX

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## Name

`mdio_bus_match` — determine if given PHY driver supports the given PHY device

## Synopsis

```
int mdio_bus_match (struct device * dev, struct device_driver  
* drv);
```

## Arguments

*dev*

target PHY device

*drv*

given PHY driver

## **Description**

Given a PHY device, and a PHY driver, return 1 if the driver supports the device. Otherwise, return 0.

