

IPFire 3: Networking

Basics of the next generation of networking in IPFire

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One to rule them all

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Built around new concepts without any patchwork

We can do fancy stuff...

Initialises everything in parallel for fast bootup

Everything is hotpluggable

Auto-completion on command line

Easily extensible =
common language + modular design + huge library of functions for everything

Good Alpha state, testers welcome

Zones

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Their only requirement is to create an Ethernet-like device
that can have an IP address assigned

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```
Zone up10 (enabled, bridge)
  Status                               UP
  MTU                                  1500

  Statistics
    Received      1946547 packets   170M (0 errors)
    Sent          891860 packets   354M (0 errors)

  Spanning Tree Protocol information
    Version                Spanning Tree Protocol
    ID                     0200.8e0aa9032f5f
    Priority                 512
    This bridge is root.

    Topology changing      no
    Topology change time   0s
    Topology change count  0

  Ports
    p1                     FORWARDING - DSR: 8e:0a:a9:03:2f:5f - Cost: 4
    p2                     FORWARDING - DSR: 8e:0a:a9:03:2f:5e - Cost: 4

  Configurations
    ipv4-dhcp              UP
      IPv4 address         192.168.160.126/24
      Gateway               192.168.160.253

      DNS-Servers           192.168.160.253
```

The 'pppoe' hook

The PPPoE protocol is used for many dial-up connections like DSL, VDSL, some aerial connections or satellite links

Uses a port to connect to a physical network

Modular design - Takes a single (physical) port

The 'modem' hook

Used from 56k modems over UMTS/3G to LTE/4G

Simply creates a PPP session over a (serial) link

The 'wireless' hook

Connects to an (encrypted) wireless network

Other hooks (only IPv6 transition protocols)

6to4-tunnel	Hurricane Electric tunnels
6rd	The 6rd transitioning protocol used by some ISPs
aiccu	AYIYA (anything-in-anything) protocol used by SIXXS.net

What have we seen?

We support everything that is supported in IPFire 2:
Ethernet (Cable + Fibre), WiFi & PPP (PPPoE, mobile connections)

Except: PPTP

Ports

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They can also be virtual

The 'ethernet' hook

For Ethernet adapters in the system
(physical and virtual)

- Get automatically created when a new network device is plugged in

```
[root@prime ~]# network port p1 status
Port p1 (ethernet)
  Status      UP
  Address     00:c0:08:87:ef:4a
  MTU         1500
  Promisc     true

  Statistics
    Received   1952204 packets  197M (0 errors)
    Sent       2461555 packets  432M (0 errors)

[root@prime ~]# network device p1 status
Device status: p1
  Name      p1
  Status    UP
  Type      ethernet
  Ethernet-compatible true
  Address   00:c0:08:87:ef:4a

  Link      1000 MBit/s full duplex
  MTU       1500

  Statistics
    Received   1952262 packets  197M (0 errors)
    Sent       2461604 packets  432M (0 errors)

  Has carrier? true
  Promisc     true
```

The 'vlan' hook

Plain 802.1q

```
[root@prime ~]# network port new vlan --parent-device=d0 --tag=10
Configuration check succeeded.
Writing settings file /etc/network/ports/d0v10.
[root@prime ~]# network port d0v10 create
vlan device 'd0v10' has been created
[root@prime ~]# network port d0v10 up
Setting up device 'd0v10'
[root@prime ~]# network port d0v10 status
Port d0v10 (vlan)
  Status                               UP
  Address                             b6:2a:2d:f2:ce:13
  MTU                                  1500
  Promisc                              false

  Statistics
    Received                          0 packets    0B (0 errors)
    Sent                              0 packets    0B (0 errors)

  VLAN
    Parent                            d0
    VID                                10
```

The 'bonding' hook

Combines several ports to one

- Also called “Trunk”, “LAG” or “Bond”
- Adds layer 2 failover & redundancy
- Can add the throughput of multiple links (20G, 40G, ...)

```
[root@prime ~]# network port new bonding b0 --slave=d0 --slave=d1
Configuration check succeeded.
Writing settings file /etc/network/ports/b0.
[root@prime ~]# network port b0 create
Loading module 'bonding'.
Successfully created bonding device 'b0'
Set mode of bond 'b0' to '802.3ad'
Setting address of 'b0' from 'ee:2f:65:02:2e:40' to '9e:db:22:40:46:b0'
[root@prime ~]# network port b0 up
Setting up device 'b0'
[root@prime ~]# network port b0 status
Port b0 (bonding)
  Status                               NO-CARRIER
  Address                             9e:db:22:40:46:b0
  MTU                                  1500
  Promisc                             false

Statistics
  Received      0 packets      0B (0 errors)
  Sent          0 packets      0B (0 errors)

Bonding information
  Mode          802.3ad
  LACP rate     slow
```

The 'wireless-ap' hook

- For Ethernet adapters in the system (physical and virtual)

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[root@prime ~]# network port new bonding b0 --slave=d0 --slave=d1
Configuration check succeeded.
Writing settings file /etc/network/ports/b0.
[root@prime ~]# network port b0 status
Port b0 (unknown)
  Status                                DOWN
  Address
[root@prime ~]# network port b0 create
Loading module 'bonding'.
Successfully created bonding device 'b0'
Set mode of bond 'b0' to '802.3ad'
Setting address of 'b0' from 'ee:2f:65:02:2e:40' to '9e:db:22:40:
[root@prime ~]# network port b0 up
Setting up device 'b0'
[root@prime ~]# network port b0 status
Port b0 (bonding)
  Status                                NO-CARRIER
  Address                               9e:db:22:40:46:b0
  MTU                                    1500
  Promisc                                false

  Statistics
    Received                            0 packets    0B (0 errors)
    Sent                                0 packets    0B (0 errors)

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Other hooks

wireless-adhoc	Wireless Ad-hoc networks
dummy	Dummy devices
batman-adv	For wireless mesh networks with B.A.T.M.A.N

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```
[root@prime ~]# network zone new net9 bridge
Configuration check succeeded.
Writing settings file /etc/network/zones/net9/settings.
Auto-start enabled for zone net9
Started service 'network@net9.service', code=0.
[root@prime ~]# network zone net9 port attach b0
Configuration check succeeded.
Writing settings file /etc/network/zones/net9/ports/b0.
b0 has been attached to net9
bridge: device 'b0' has been attached to bridge 'net9'
[root@prime ~]# network zone net9 port attach d0v10
Configuration check succeeded.
Writing settings file /etc/network/zones/net9/ports/d0v10.
d0v10 has been attached to net9
bridge: device 'd0v10' has been attached to bridge 'net9'
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[root@prime ~]# network zone net9 port attach d0v10
Configuration check succeeded.
Writing settings file /etc/network/zones/net9/ports/d0v10.
d0v10 has been attached to net9
bridge: device 'd0v10' has been attached to bridge 'net9'
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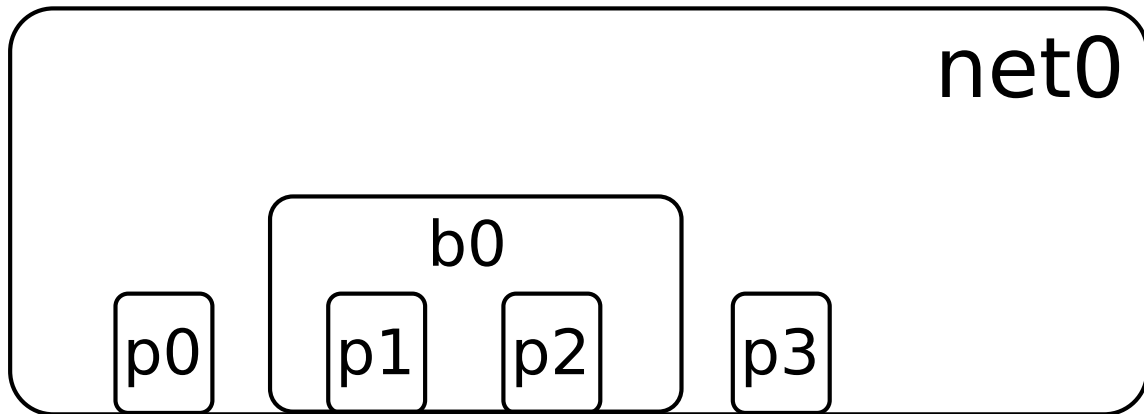
```
[root@prime ~]# network status net9
Zone net9 (enabled, bridge)
  Status          UP
  MTU              1500

Statistics
  Received        0 packets    0B (0 errors)
  Sent            7 packets    738B (0 errors)

Spanning Tree Protocol information
  Version          Rapid Spanning Tree Protocol
  ID               0200.caddf06a9f59
  Priority          512
  This bridge is root.

Topology changing      no
Topology change time   5m
Topology change count  0

Ports
  b0                 NO-CARRIER
  d0v10              FORWARDING - DSR: ca:dd:f0:6a:9f:59
                               - Cost: 2000000
```



Configs

Everything has been only layer 2 so far...
Configs add layer 3

The 'ipv{6,4}-static' hook

Static IP address assignment
for IPv6 and IPv4

```
[root@prime ~]# network zone net9 config new ipv6-static \
    --address=2001:db8:: --prefix=32
Configuration check succeeded.
Writing settings file /etc/network/zones/net9/configs/ipv6-static
IP address '2001:db8::' (ipv6) was successfully configured on dev
[root@prime ~]# ip addr show dev net9
22: net9@NONE: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,PROMISC,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500
    link/ether ca:dd:f0:6a:9f:59 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet6 2001:db8::/32 scope global
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 fe80::c8dd:f0ff:fe6a:9f59/64 scope link
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
```

The 'ipv{6,4}-dhcp' hook

Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol

```
[root@prime ~]# network zone net9 config new ipu4-dhcp  
Started service 'dhclient4@net9.service', code=0.
```

Other hooks

pppoe-server	Runs a PPPoE server on a zone with IPv6 & IPv4
ipv6-auto	IPv6 auto-configuration (which is pretty much useless for us)

Static Routes

DNS

Imports DNS servers from dynamically configured connections

DHCP Server



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- Code: `git://git.ipfire.org/network.git`
- GitWeb: `http://git.ipfire.org/?p=network.git;a=summary`