OpenvSwitch 代码分析

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1. 源代码结构

1.1. 配置相关

acinclude.m4

宏定义文件,供 aclocal/automake 使用。

configure.ac

autoconf 的宏文件

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Makefile.am

整体的 automake 配置文件

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INSTALL.Libvirt

INSTALL.RHEL

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```
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```

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注: 1.8.90 版本,所有 C 源码行数为 189964,其中 datapath 模块 28131,vswitchd 模块 5888,ovsdb 模块 10549,lib 为 101592,ofproto 为 18571。

find openvswitch -name "*.[ch]" | xargs cat | wc -l

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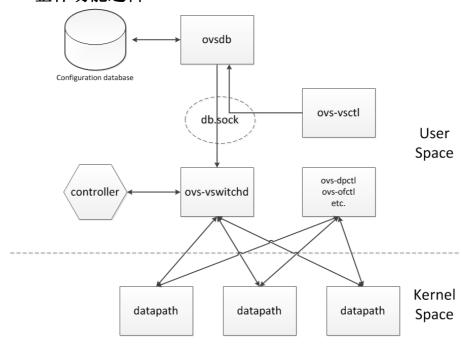
支持第三方的插件,包括让 tcpdump 支持解析 of 协议的补丁。

utilities/

小工具,包括用户操作命令,例如 ovs-dpctl、ovs-ofctl、ovs-controller、ovs-vsctl 等 等。其中 ovs-vsctl 是主要的对配置数据库进行交互的接口。 xenserver/

xenserver 集成信息。

1.6. 整体功能逻辑



2. datapath 模块

2.1. 整体分析

datapath 模块的代码主要包括如下几个关键子模块: 主文件 datapath.h/c,vport 的实现 vport-(generic/gre/capwap/netdev/internal/patch),genl 子模块。

2.1.1. action 模块

action.c 中定义了对网包执行操作的各个接口。

包括对 vlan 头的处理,对 skb 执行一系列给定的操作,发出网包,发 skb 给用户态 (ovsd),采样,设置包头各个域的属性等。

2.1.2. flow 模块

包括 flow.h 和 flow.c。

定义维护交换机本地流表相关的数据结构和操作,包括流表结构的创建、更新、删除,对每条流的管理等。

2.1.3. genl 模块

genl-exec.h 中定义了对 genl 的相关操作,包括

```
typedef int (*genl_exec_func_t)(void *data);
int genl_exec(genl_exec_func_t func, void *data);
int genl_exec_init(void);
void genl_exec_exit(void);
```

genl_exec_family 的定义为

```
static struct genl_family genl_exec_family = {
    .id = GENL_ID_GENERATE, //channel number: will be assigned by the controller
    .name = "ovs_genl_exec",
    .version = 1,
};
```

genl_exec_ops[]的定义为

2.1.4. vport 和 vport_ops

关键的逻辑实现在 vport 子模块中。在 vport.h/c 中定义了抽象的 vport 结构。对外的 对 vport 进行操作的接口如下

```
int ovs_vport_init(void);
void ovs_vport_exit(void);

struct vport *ovs_vport_add(const struct vport_parms *);
void ovs_vport_del(struct vport *);

struct vport *ovs_vport_locate(struct net *net, const char *name);

int ovs_vport_set_addr(struct vport *, const unsigned char *);
void ovs_vport_set_stats(struct vport *, struct ovs_vport_stats *);
void ovs_vport_get_stats(struct vport *, struct ovs_vport_stats *);
int ovs_vport_set_options(struct vport *, struct nlattr *options);
int ovs_vport_get_options(const struct vport *, struct sk_buff *);
int ovs_vport_send(struct vport *, struct sk_buff *);
```

这些接口对外提供统一的用户操作界面。部分并没有立刻定义,即使定义的接口中,大部分依次或者单独调用某种类型的 vport 上绑定的 vport_ops 中提供的接口,对所有支持的 vport 进行操作。例如,初始化过程中,实际上是初始化了一个 vport_ops_list[],依次初始化不同类型的 vport,并放到该 list 中。再比如 ovs_vport_add 接口实际上先进行查找,找到给定的类型之后,进行对应的操作。

而具体到某个 vport, 其能进行操作的接口在 vport ops 结构体中声明, 为

```
struct vport_ops {
 enum ovs_vport_type type;
 u32 flags;
 /* Called at module init and exit respectively. */
 int (*init)(void);
 void (*exit)(void);
 /* Called with RTNL lock. */
 struct vport *(*create)(const struct vport_parms *);
 void (*destroy)(struct vport *);
 int (*set_options)(struct vport *, struct nlattr *);
 int (*get_options)(const struct vport *, struct sk_buff *);
 int (*set_addr)(struct vport *, const unsigned char *);
 /* Called with rcu_read_lock or RTNL lock. */
 const char *(*get_name)(const struct vport *);
 const unsigned char *(*get_addr)(const struct vport *);
 void (*get_config)(const struct vport *, void *);
 struct kobject *(*get_kobj)(const struct vport *);
 unsigned (*get_dev_flags)(const struct vport *);
 int (*is_running)(const struct vport *);
 unsigned char (*get_operstate)(const struct vport *);
 int (*get_ifindex)(const struct vport *);
 int (*get_mtu)(const struct vport *);
 int (*send)(struct vport *, struct sk_buff *);
```

```
static const struct vport_ops *base_vport_ops_list[] = {
    &ovs_netdev_vport_ops,
    &ovs_internal_vport_ops,
    &ovs_patch_vport_ops,
    &ovs_gre_vport_ops,
#if LINUX_VERSION_CODE >= KERNEL_VERSION(2,6,26)
    &ovs_capwap_vport_ops,
#endif
};
```

以 ovs_netdev_vport_ops 为例,定义了一系列的函数指针。

```
const struct vport_ops ovs_netdev_vport_ops = {
               = OVS_VPORT_TYPE_NETDEV,
 .type
          = VPORT_F_REQUIRED,
 .flags
 .init
               = netdev_init,
               = netdev_exit,
 .exit
               = netdev_create,
 .create
             = netdev_destroy,
 .destroy
 .set addr
              = ovs_netdev_set_addr,
 .get_name
              = ovs_netdev_get_name,
 .get_addr
              = ovs_netdev_get_addr,
              = ovs_netdev_get_kobj,
 .get_kobj
 .get_dev_flags = ovs_netdev_get_dev_flags,
 .is_running
               = ovs_netdev_is_running,
 .get_operstate = ovs_netdev_get_operstate,
 .get_ifindex = ovs_netdev_get_ifindex,
 .get_mtu
               = ovs_netdev_get_mtu,
 .send
               = netdev_send,
};
```

2.1.5. netdev_vport

绑定到具体网络设备上的 vport 的结构。

该结构的定义十分简单,封装了一个 net_device 结构,定义如下。

```
struct netdev_vport {
   struct net_device *dev;
};
```

2.2. datapath.c

模块的主文件。实现了一个简单的交换机。

2.2.1. 注册和回收

```
module_init(dp_init); //call when this module is loaded into kernel
module_exit(dp_cleanup); //call when the module is removed from kernel
```

注册后,调用 dp_init 来完成各项初始化工作,dp_init 也是模块的主函数。

当模块被卸载时,调用 dp_cleanup 完成清理工作,回收各项数据结构。

dp_init 主要过程为:

```
genl_exec_init()
ovs_workqueues_init()
ovs_tnl_init()
ovs_flow_init()
ovs_vport_init()
register_pernet_device(&ovs_net_ops)
register_netdevice_notifier(&ovs_dp_device_notifier)
dp_register_genl()
schedule_delayed_work(&rehash_flow_wq, REHASH_FLOW_INTERVAL)
```

2.2.2. GENL EXEC RUN 初始化

genl_exec_init(),完成 genl_exec_run 的相关注册,仅在 KERNEL_VERSION <2.6.35 时生效。主要代码为

```
err = genl_register_family_with_ops(&genl_exec_family,
genl_exec_ops, ARRAY_SIZE(genl_exec_ops));
```

注册的 generic netlink family: genl_exec_family。

```
static struct genl_family genl_exec_family = {
    .id = GENL_ID_GENERATE, //new family, will be assigned by the controller
    .name = "ovs_genl_exec",
    .version = 1,
};
```

对应操作的结构为

2.2.3. 工作队列初始化

ovs_workqueues_init()

创建 worker_thread, 初始化 more_work 工作队列,轮询检测执行队列中的任务。

主要代码为

```
workq_thread = kthread_create(worker_thread, NULL, "ovs_workq"); //just create
wake_up_process(workq_thread); //run the created thread
```

2.2.4. port_table 初始化

ovs_tnl_init(), 初始化 port_table 数据结构

主要代码为

2.2.5. flow_cache 初始化

ovs_flow_init(), 申请 flow_cache, 主要代码为

flow_cache = kmem_cache_create("sw_flow", sizeof(struct sw_flow), 0,0, NULL);

2.2.6. *vport 数据结构初始化

ovs_vport_init(),初始化 dev_table 和 vport_op 的 list,按照 base_vport_ops_list 模板,创建一个新的 vport_ops_list,并执行各个 vport_ops 实例模板的初始化函数。目前 vport_ops 实例模板包括

```
static const struct vport_ops *base_vport_ops_list[] = {
    &ovs_netdev_vport_ops,
    &ovs_internal_vport_ops,
    &ovs_patch_vport_ops,
    &ovs_gre_vport_ops,

#if LINUX_VERSION_CODE >= KERNEL_VERSION(2,6,26)
    &ovs_capwap_vport_ops,
#endif
};
```

2.2.7. 注册网络名字空间设备

register_pernet_device(&ovs_net_ops),注册网络名字空间设备,仅在KERNEL_VERSION<2.6.32 时生效。主要代码为

```
void *ovs_net = kzalloc(pnet->size, GFP_KERNEL);
err = net_assign_generic(net, *pnet->id, ovs_net);
err = pnet->init(net);
```

2.2.8. 注册设备通知事件

register_netdevice_notifier(&ovs_dp_device_notifier),注册设备通知事件,包括 NETDEV_UNREGISTER, NETDEV_CHANGENAME。该通知的数据结构为

```
struct notifier_block ovs_dp_device_notifier = {
    .notifier_call = dp_device_event
};
```

2.2.9. *dp 相关的 netlink 族和命令注册

dp_register_genl(),位于 datapath/datapath.c,负责注册 dp_genl_families 中的 family 和 op。dp_genl_families 数据结构的定义为

这部分实现主要的对交换机、端口、网流和网包的各个事件的处理机制的注册。各个消息总结如下:

表格 1 datapath 注册的 netlink 消息总结

类型	消息前缀	消息
datapath	OVS_DP	NEW、DEL、GET、SET
vport	OVS_VPORT	NEW、DEL、GET、SET
flow	OVS_FLOW	NEW、DEL、GET、SET
packet	OVS_PACKET	EXECUTE

注册过程主要代码为

```
const struct genl_family_and_ops *f = &dp_genl_families[i];
err = genl_register_family_with_ops(f->family, f->ops,f->n_ops);
```

2.2.10. 定期 rehash

schedule_delayed_work(&rehash_flow_wq, REHASH_FLOW_INTERVAL),主要实现一个工作队列,定期执行 rehash。

3. vswitchd 模块

生成 ovs-vswitchd 文件, 主文件为 ovs-vswitchd.c。

3.1. 整体分析

Vswitchd 模块主要包括 bridge、ofproto 等模块。作为主模块,负责解析和执行其他各个 ovs 命令。

3.1.1. bridge 模块

负责所管理的所有 datapath,对外的接口很简单,包括

```
void bridge_init(const char *remote);
void bridge_exit(void);

void bridge_run(void);
void bridge_run_fast(void);
void bridge_wait(void);

void bridge_get_memory_usage(struct simap *usage);
```

数据结构主要在 bridge.c 中定义了 bridge 结构,定义为

```
struct bridge {
  struct hmap_node node; /* In 'all_bridges'. */
  char *name;
                     /* User-specified arbitrary name. */
  char *type;
                    /* Datapath type. */
  uint8_t ea[ETH_ADDR_LEN]; /* Bridge Ethernet Address. */
  uint8_t default_ea[ETH_ADDR_LEN]; /* Default MAC. */
  const struct ovsrec_bridge *cfg;
  /* OpenFlow switch processing. */
  struct ofproto *ofproto; /* OpenFlow switch. */
  /* Bridge ports. */
  struct hmap ports; /* "struct port"s indexed by name. */
  struct hmap ifaces; /* "struct iface"s indexed by ofp_port. */
  struct hmap iface by name; /* "struct iface"s indexed by name. */
  struct list ofpp_garbage; /* "struct ofpp_garbage" slated for removal. */
  struct hmap if_cfg_todo; /* "struct if_cfg"s slated for creation.
                  Indexed on 'cfg->name'. */
  /* Port mirroring. */
  struct hmap mirrors; /* "struct mirror" indexed by UUID. */
 /* Synthetic local port if necessary. */
  struct ovsrec_port synth_local_port;
  struct ovsrec_interface synth_local_iface;
  struct ovsrec_interface *synth_local_ifacep;
```

其中,最重要的是 ofproto 指针,指向一个 openflow switch,负责进行 openflow switch 的所有处理。实际上,vswitchd 的主要功能就是不断检测并调用所有 bridge 上的 ofproto,执行其上的处理函数。

3.1.2. ofproto

类型定义在 ofproto/ofproto-provider.h 中。

```
struct ofproto {
  struct hmap_node hmap_node; /* In global 'all_ofprotos' hmap. */
  const struct ofproto_class *ofproto_class;
  char *type;
                   /* Datapath type. */
                    /* Datapath name. */
 char *name;
 /* Settings. */
 uint64_t fallback_dpid; /* Datapath ID if no better choice found. */
 uint64_t datapath_id; /* Datapath ID. */
  unsigned flow_eviction_threshold; /* Threshold at which to begin flow
                    * table eviction. Only affects the
                    * ofproto-dpif implementation */
                         /* Option to allow forwarding of BPDU frames
 bool forward_bpdu;
                 * when NORMAL action is invoked. */
  char *mfr desc;
                      /* Manufacturer. */
  char *hw_desc;
                      /* Hardware. */
                     /* Software version. */
 char *sw_desc;
 char *serial_desc;
                      /* Serial number. */
  char *dp desc;
                       /* Datapath description. */
  enum ofp_config_flags frag_handling; /* One of OFPC_*. */
 /* Datapath. */
 struct hmap ports;
                       /* Contains "struct ofport"s. */
 struct shash port_by_name;
 /* Flow tables. */
 struct oftable *tables;
 int n_tables;
 /* OpenFlow connections. */
 struct connmgr *connmgr;
  /* Flow table operation tracking. */
```

```
/* Internal state. */
int state;
                      /* List of "struct ofopgroup"s. */
struct list pending;
unsigned int n_pending; /* list_size(&pending). */
struct hmap deletions; /* All OFOPERATION DELETE "ofoperation"s. */
/* Flow table operation logging. */
int n_add, n_delete, n_modify; /* Number of unreported ops of each kind. */
long long int first_op, last_op; /* Range of times for unreported ops. */
long long int next_op_report; /* Time to report ops, or LLONG_MAX. */
long long int op_backoff; /* Earliest time to report ops again. */
/* Linux VLAN device support (e.g. "eth0.10" for VLAN 10.)
* This is deprecated. It is only for compatibility with broken device
* drivers in old versions of Linux that do not properly support VLANs when
* VLAN devices are not used. When broken device drivers are no longer in
* widespread use, we will delete these interfaces. */
unsigned long int *vlan_bitmap; /* 4096-bit bitmap of in-use VLANs. */
bool vlans changed;
                           /* True if new VLANs are in use. */
                       /* Current MTU of non-internal ports. */
int min_mtu;
```

其中最关键的是 ofproto_class,是 ofproto 交换机的具体实现,定义了对于 of 协议的处理(包括 run 和 run_fast 函数,前者处理更为全面,调用了后者)。处理函数的实现在 ofproto/ofproto-dpif.c 中。

3.1.3. run fast()

位于 ofproto-dpif.c 中。

分析 run fast 函数,主要完成了两个需要周期性及时完成的事情。

首先对各个 port 上调用 port_run_fast,检查是否要发送连续性检查的网包消息 (CCM,参考 IEEE 802.1aq),如果是,则发出。

```
HMAP_FOR_EACH (ofport, up.hmap_node, &ofproto->up.ports) {
    port_run_fast(ofport);
}
```

然后,检查是否有 upcall,对所有的来自 datapath 的 upcall 进行处理。

```
while (work < FLOW_MISS_MAX_BATCH) {
   int retval = handle_upcalls(ofproto, FLOW_MISS_MAX_BATCH - work);
   if (retval <= 0) {
      return -retval;
   }
   work += retval;
}</pre>
```

3.1.4. handle_upcalls()

位于 ofproto-dpif.c 中。

该函数从对应的 dpif 中获取到 upcalls 后,对 upcalls 进行类型检查。对于 SFLOW_UPCALL 和 BAD_UPCALL,进行对应处理后释放存有 upcall 消息的 buf,而对于 MISS_UPCALL 类型,则调用 handle_miss_upcalls 进行后续的处理。

其中,upcall 的类型为 dpif_upcall (lib/dpif.h) ,定义为

```
/* A packet passed up from the datapath to userspace.

*

* If 'key' or 'actions' is nonnull, then it points into data owned by

* 'packet', so their memory cannot be freed separately. (This is hardly a

* great way to do things but it works out OK for the dpif providers and

* clients that exist so far.)

*/

struct dpif_upcall {

/* All types. */

enum dpif_upcall_type type;

struct ofpbuf *packet; /* Packet data. */

struct nlattr *key; /* Flow key. */

size_t key_len; /* Length of 'key' in bytes. */

/* DPIF_UC_ACTION only. */

uint64_t userdata; /* Argument to OVS_ACTION_ATTR_USERSPACE. */

};
```

3.1.5. handle_miss_upcalls ()

位于 ofproto-dpif.c 中。

该函数从 upcall 中提取相关的流信息,把属于同一个 key 的网包放到一起,最后放进 todo list 中。最后检查 todo list 中的每个元素,调用 handle_flow_miss()进行处理。

```
HMAP_FOR_EACH (miss, hmap_node, &todo) {
    handle_flow_miss(ofproto, miss, flow_miss_ops, &n_ops);
}
```

处理完毕后,调用 dpif_operate()(位于 vswitchd/dpif.c)执行查找到的行动。

```
for (i = 0; i < n_ops; i++) {
     dpif_ops[i] = &flow_miss_ops[i].dpif_op;
}</pre>
```

dpif_operate(ofproto->dpif, dpif_ops, n_ops);

3.1.6. handle_miss_upcall ()

位于 ofproto/ofproto-dpif.c 中。

该函数处理给定的某个 miss_upcall。首先,先判断是否发生了精确匹配,如果发生了,则直接按照匹配结果调用 handle_flow_miss_with_facet(); 如果没有精确匹配结果,则调用 handle_flow_miss_without_facet()。

3.1.7. unixctl_server 相关

主循环中调用了 unixctl_server_run()函数。该函数首先获取到远端 server 的连接,然后,执行连接中的命令,代码为。

```
LIST_FOR_EACH_SAFE (conn, next, node, &server->conns) {
   int error = run_connection(conn);
   if (error && error != EAGAIN) {
      kill_connection(conn);
   }
}
```

3.2. ovs-vswitchd.c

主文件,其中 main()为入口主函数,执行一系列的初始化,并配置各个队列,最后是主循环,进行任务处理。分析主要代码如下

```
Int main(int argc, char *argv[])
  char *unixctl_path = NULL;
  struct unixctl_server *unixctl;
  struct signal *sighup;
  char *remote;
  bool exiting;
  int retval;
  proctitle_init(argc, argv); //backup orignal argvs
  set_program_name(argv[0]);
  stress_init_command(); //register stress cmds to the commands
  remote = parse_options(argc, argv, &unixctl_path);
  signal(SIGPIPE, SIG_IGN); //ignore the pipe read end signal
  sighup = signal register(SIGHUP); //register the SIGHUP signal handler
  process_init(); //create notification pipe and register signal for child process exit
  ovsrec_init(); //todo: make clear here
  daemonize_start(); //daemonize the process
  if (want_mlockall) {
#ifdef HAVE_MLOCKALL
    if (mlockall(MCL_CURRENT | MCL_FUTURE)) {
      VLOG_ERR("mlockall failed: %s", strerror(errno));
    }
#else
    VLOG_ERR("mlockall not supported on this system");
#endif
  worker_start(); //start a worker subprocess, call worker_main (receive data and
process)
  retval = unixctl_server_create(unixctl_path, &unixctl);//create a unix domain socket
  if (retval) {
    exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
```

```
unixctl_command_register("exit", "", 0, 0, ovs_vswitchd_exit, &exiting);
  bridge_init(remote);//ini the bridge, configure from the ovsdb server, register ctrl
commands
  free(remote);
  exiting = false;
  while (!exiting) {
    worker_run(); //reply with the worker subprocess
    if (signal_poll(sighup)) {
      vlog_reopen_log_file();
    }
    memory_run();//monitor the memory
    if (memory_should_report()) {
      struct simap usage;
      simap_init(&usage);
      bridge_get_memory_usage(&usage);
      memory_report(&usage);
      simap_destroy(&usage);
    }
    bridge_run_fast(); //check each bridge and run it's handler
    bridge_run(); //main process part, process of pkts
    bridge_run_fast();
    unixctl_server_run(unixctl);
    netdev_run(); //run periodic functions by all network devices.
    worker_wait();
    signal_wait(sighup);
    memory_wait();
    bridge_wait();
    unixctl_server_wait(unixctl);
    netdev_wait();
    if (exiting) {
      poll_immediate_wake();
```

```
}
    poll_block();
}
bridge_exit();
unixctl_server_destroy(unixctl);
signal_unregister(sighup);
return 0;
}
```

3.2.1. proctitle_init(argc, argv)

复制出输入的参数列表到新的存储中,让 argv 指向这块内存,主要是为了后面的 proctitle_set()函数(在 daemonize_start()->monitor_daemon()中调用,可能修改原 argv 存储)做准备。

3.2.2. set_program_name(argv[0])

设置程序名称、版本、编译日期等信息。

3.2.3. stress_init_command()

注册 stress 相关命令(list、set、enable、disable)到 commands 结构。

3.2.4. remote = parse_options(argc, argv, &unixctl_path)

解析参数,其中 unixctl_path 存储 unixctrl 域的 sock 名,作为接受外部控制命令的渠道;而 remote 存储连接到 ovsdb 的信息,即连接到配置数据库的 sock 名。

3.2.5. signal(SIGPIPE, SIG_IGN)

忽略 pipe 读结束的信号。

3.2.6. sighup = signal_register(SIGHUP)

注册对 SIGHUP 信号(终端挂起)的处理函数。处理函数为写到 fds[1]中空字符。

3.2.7. process init()

注册对 SIGCHLD 信号(子进程结束)的处理函数。处理函数为执行 all_process 上的所有进程。

3.2.8. ovsrec_init()

数据表结构初始化。包括 13 张数据表。表的具体结构请参考 ovsdb 的相关文档。

3.2.9. daemonize_start()

让进程变成守护程序。

3.2.10. worker_start()

开启一个 worker 子进程。子进程与主进程交互数据。

3.2.11. unixctl_server_create(unixctl_path, &unixctl)

创建一个 unixctl server(存放在 unixctl),并监听在 unixctl_path 指定的 punix 路径。 该路径作为 ovs-appctl 发送命令给 ovsd 的通道。

3.2.12. unixctl_command_register("exit", "", 0, 0, vs_vswitchd_exit, &exiting)

注册 unixctl 命令。

3.2.13. bridge_init(remote)

从 remote 数据库获取配置信息,并初始化 bridge。

3.2.14. 主循环

```
exiting = false;
  while (!exiting) {
    worker_run(); //reply with the worker subprocess
    if (signal_poll(sighup)) {
      vlog_reopen_log_file();
    }
    memory_run();//monitor the memory
    if (memory_should_report()) {
      struct simap usage;
      simap_init(&usage);
      bridge_get_memory_usage(&usage);
      memory_report(&usage);
      simap_destroy(&usage);
    }
    bridge_run_fast(); //check each bridge and run it's handler
    bridge_run(); //main process part, process of pkts
    bridge_run_fast();
    unixctl_server_run(unixctl);
    netdev_run(); //run periodic functions by all network devices.
    worker_wait();
    signal_wait(sighup);
    memory_wait();
    bridge_wait();
    unixctl_server_wait(unixctl);
    netdev_wait();
    if (exiting) {
      poll_immediate_wake();
    }
    poll_block();
```

3.2.15. worker_run()

执行从 worker 子进程中获取的 RPC reply,执行其中的 cb_reply 回调函数。主要过程为

```
rxbuf_run(&client_rx, client_sock, sizeof(struct worker_reply));
reply->reply_cb(&client_rx.payload, client_rx.fds, client_rx.n_fds, reply->reply_aux);
```

3.2.16. bridge_run_fast()

执行在 all_bridge 上的每个 bridge 的 ofproto 上的 run_fast。主要是监听和处理来自 datapath 的 upcall,主要过程为

```
HMAP_FOR_EACH (br, node, &all_bridges) {
    ofproto_run_fast(br->ofproto);
}
```

3.2.17. **bridge_run()**

主要对网包进行完整处理过程。包括完成必要的配置更新(在配置更新中会从数据库读入配置信息,生成必要的 bridge 和 dp 等数据结构)。以及对 all_bridge 上的每个 bridge 的 ofproto 执行 ofproto_run()。

ofproto_run()

ofproto run()位于 ofproto.c 中,核心代码为

```
int
ofproto_run(struct ofproto *p)
  error = p->ofproto_class->run(p);
 if (p->ofproto_class->port_poll) {
    char *devname;
    while ((error = p->ofproto_class->port_poll(p, &devname)) != EAGAIN) {
      process_port_change(p, error, devname);
   }
 }
 /* Update OpenFlow port status for any port whose netdev has changed.
  * Refreshing a given 'ofport' can cause an arbitrary ofport to be
  * destroyed, so it's not safe to update ports directly from the
  * HMAP_FOR_EACH loop, or even to use HMAP_FOR_EACH_SAFE. Instead, we
  * need this two-phase approach. */
  sset init(&changed netdevs);
  HMAP_FOR_EACH (ofport, hmap_node, &p->ports) {
    unsigned int change_seq = netdev_change_seq(ofport->netdev);
   if (ofport->change_seq != change_seq) {
      ofport->change_seq = change_seq;
      sset_add(&changed_netdevs, netdev_get_name(ofport->netdev));
    }
 SSET_FOR_EACH (changed_netdev, &changed_netdevs) {
    update_port(p, changed_netdev);
 }
 sset_destroy(&changed_netdevs);
 switch (p->state) {
 case S_OPENFLOW: //of commands, run its parser
```

```
connmgr_run(p->connmgr, handle_openflow);
  break;
case S_EVICT: //evict flow from over-limit tables
  connmgr_run(p->connmgr, NULL);
  ofproto_evict(p);
 if (list_is_empty(&p->pending) && hmap_is_empty(&p->deletions)) {
    p->state = S_OPENFLOW;
  }
  break;
case S_FLUSH: //delete all flow table rules
  connmgr_run(p->connmgr, NULL);
  ofproto_flush__(p);
 if (list_is_empty(&p->pending) && hmap_is_empty(&p->deletions)) {
    connmgr_flushed(p->connmgr);
    p->state = S_OPENFLOW;
 }
  break;
default:
  NOT_REACHED();
}
```

首先是 p->ofproto_class->run(p)执行给定的 ofproto 中的 ofproto_class 上的 run 函数, 该函数依次调用了如下函数:

调用 dpif_run()处理所有注册的 netlink notifier 的汇报事件。

调用 run_fast()处理常见的周期性事件,包括对 upcalls 的处理等。

可选调用 netflow_run()和 sflow_run(),进行对 netflow 和 sflow 的支持。

可选调用 port_run()进行发送 CCM。

可选调用 bundle_run()处理 LACP、bonding 等杂项。

可选调用 stp_run()进行 STP 支持。

mac_learning_run()获取超时的 mac 表项,并将其删除掉。

可选调用 governor_run()进行限速处理。

之后,对控制器 ofproto 消息进行处理:

```
switch (p->state) {
  case S_OPENFLOW: //of commands, run its parser
    connmgr_run(p->connmgr, handle_openflow);
    break;
  case S_EVICT: //evict flow from over-limit tables
    connmgr_run(p->connmgr, NULL);
    ofproto_evict(p);
    if (list_is_empty(&p->pending) && hmap_is_empty(&p->deletions)) {
      p->state = S_OPENFLOW;
    }
    break;
  case S_FLUSH: //delete all flow table rules
    connmgr_run(p->connmgr, NULL);
    ofproto_flush__(p);
    if (list_is_empty(&p->pending) && hmap_is_empty(&p->deletions)) {
      connmgr_flushed(p->connmgr);
      p->state = S_OPENFLOW;
    }
    break;
  default:
    NOT_REACHED();
```

根据输入参数的状态,分别执行相应的 openflow 操作。

其中, connmgr run()函数处理与控制器的周期性交互,代码为

```
void
connmgr_run(struct connmgr *mgr,
      bool (*handle_openflow)(struct ofconn *, struct ofpbuf *ofp_msg))
{
 struct ofconn *ofconn, *next_ofconn;
  struct ofservice *ofservice;
 size_t i;
 if (handle_openflow && mgr->in_band) {
    if (!in_band_run(mgr->in_band)) {
      in_band_destroy(mgr->in_band);
      mgr->in_band = NULL;
   }
 }
 LIST_FOR_EACH_SAFE (ofconn, next_ofconn, node, &mgr->all_conns) {
    ofconn_run(ofconn, handle_openflow);
 }
  ofmonitor_run(mgr);
 /* Fail-open maintenance. Do this after processing the ofconns since
  * fail-open checks the status of the controller rconn. */
 if (handle_openflow && mgr->fail_open) {
    fail_open_run(mgr->fail_open);
 }
 HMAP_FOR_EACH (ofservice, node, &mgr->services) {
   struct vconn *vconn;
   int retval;
    retval = pvconn_accept(ofservice->pvconn, OFP10_VERSION, &vconn);
    if (!retval) {
      struct rconn *rconn;
```

```
char *name;
    /* Passing default value for creation of the rconn */
    rconn = rconn_create(ofservice->probe_interval, 0, ofservice->dscp);
    name = ofconn_make_name(mgr, vconn_get_name(vconn));
    rconn_connect_unreliably(rconn, vconn, name);
    free(name);
    ofconn = ofconn_create(mgr, rconn, OFCONN_SERVICE,
                ofservice->enable_async_msgs);
    ofconn_set_rate_limit(ofconn, ofservice->rate_limit,
                ofservice->burst_limit);
  } else if (retval != EAGAIN) {
    VLOG_WARN_RL(&rl, "accept failed (%s)", strerror(retval));
  }
}
for (i = 0; i < mgr->n_snoops; i++) {
  struct vconn *vconn;
  int retval;
  retval = pvconn_accept(mgr->snoops[i], OFP10_VERSION, &vconn);
  if (!retval) {
    add_snooper(mgr, vconn);
  } else if (retval != EAGAIN) {
    VLOG_WARN_RL(&rl, "accept failed (%s)", strerror(retval));
  }
}
```

connmgr_run()(ofproto/connmgr.c)首先检查是否存在 in_band 的控制器,之后调用 ofconn_run()处理对 ofproto 的协议解析和行动,并进一步检查 fail-open 模式和接受新的连接。ofconn_run()代码为

```
static void
ofconn_run(struct ofconn *ofconn,
     bool (*handle_openflow)(struct ofconn *, struct ofpbuf *ofp_msg))
{
  struct connmgr *mgr = ofconn->connmgr;
  size_t i;
  for (i = 0; i < N_SCHEDULERS; i++) {
    pinsched_run(ofconn->schedulers[i], do_send_packet_in, ofconn);
 }
  rconn_run(ofconn->rconn);
  if (handle_openflow) {
    /* Limit the number of iterations to avoid starving other tasks. */
    for (i = 0; i < 50 && ofconn_may_recv(ofconn); i++) {
      struct ofpbuf *of_msg;
      of_msg = (ofconn->blocked
           ? ofconn->blocked
           : rconn_recv(ofconn->rconn));
      if (!of_msg) {
        break;
      }
      if (mgr->fail_open) {
        fail_open_maybe_recover(mgr->fail_open);
      }
      if (handle_openflow(ofconn, of_msg)) {
        ofpbuf_delete(of_msg);
        ofconn->blocked = NULL;
      } else {
        ofconn->blocked = of_msg;
```

```
ofconn->retry = false;
}

if (!rconn_is_alive(ofconn->rconn)) {
   ofconn_destroy(ofconn);
} else if (!rconn_is_connected(ofconn->rconn)) {
   ofconn_flush(ofconn);
}
```

其中,rconn_run(ofconn->rconn)负责连接到 controller,rconn_recv(ofconn->rconn)负责从 controller 收取消息。handle_openflow()最终调用 handle_openflow__() (ofproto/ofproto.c)来完成对各个 of 消息的处理,代码为

```
static enum ofperr
handle_openflow__(struct ofconn *ofconn, const struct ofpbuf *msg)
 const struct ofp_header *oh = msg->data;
 enum ofptype type;
 enum ofperr error;
  error = ofptype_decode(&type, oh);
 if (error) {
   return error;
 }
 switch (type) {
   /* OpenFlow requests. */
 case OFPTYPE_ECHO_REQUEST:
   return handle_echo_request(ofconn, oh);
 case OFPTYPE_FEATURES_REQUEST:
   return handle_features_request(ofconn, oh);
 case OFPTYPE_GET_CONFIG_REQUEST:
   return handle_get_config_request(ofconn, oh);
 case OFPTYPE_SET_CONFIG:
   return handle_set_config(ofconn, oh);
 case OFPTYPE_PACKET_OUT:
   return handle_packet_out(ofconn, oh);
 case OFPTYPE_PORT_MOD:
   return handle_port_mod(ofconn, oh);
 case OFPTYPE_FLOW_MOD:
```

```
return handle_flow_mod(ofconn, oh);
case OFPTYPE_BARRIER_REQUEST:
  return handle_barrier_request(ofconn, oh);
 /* OpenFlow replies. */
case OFPTYPE_ECHO_REPLY:
  return 0;
 /* Nicira extension requests. */
case OFPTYPE_ROLE_REQUEST:
  return handle_role_request(ofconn, oh);
case OFPTYPE_FLOW_MOD_TABLE_ID:
 return handle_nxt_flow_mod_table_id(ofconn, oh);
case OFPTYPE_SET_FLOW_FORMAT:
  return handle_nxt_set_flow_format(ofconn, oh);
case OFPTYPE_SET_PACKET_IN_FORMAT:
  return handle_nxt_set_packet_in_format(ofconn, oh);
case OFPTYPE_SET_CONTROLLER_ID:
  return handle_nxt_set_controller_id(ofconn, oh);
case OFPTYPE_FLOW_AGE:
 /* Nothing to do. */
 return 0;
case OFPTYPE_FLOW_MONITOR_CANCEL:
  return handle_flow_monitor_cancel(ofconn, oh);
case OFPTYPE_SET_ASYNC_CONFIG:
```

```
return handle_nxt_set_async_config(ofconn, oh);
 /* Statistics requests. */
case OFPTYPE_DESC_STATS_REQUEST:
 return handle_desc_stats_request(ofconn, oh);
case OFPTYPE_FLOW_STATS_REQUEST:
 return handle_flow_stats_request(ofconn, oh);
case OFPTYPE_AGGREGATE_STATS_REQUEST:
 return handle_aggregate_stats_request(ofconn, oh);
case OFPTYPE_TABLE_STATS_REQUEST:
 return handle_table_stats_request(ofconn, oh);
case OFPTYPE_PORT_STATS_REQUEST:
 return handle_port_stats_request(ofconn, oh);
case OFPTYPE QUEUE STATS REQUEST:
 return handle_queue_stats_request(ofconn, oh);
case OFPTYPE_PORT_DESC_STATS_REQUEST:
 return handle_port_desc_stats_request(ofconn, oh);
case OFPTYPE_FLOW_MONITOR_STATS_REQUEST:
 return handle_flow_monitor_request(ofconn, oh);
case OFPTYPE_HELLO:
case OFPTYPE_ERROR:
case OFPTYPE_FEATURES_REPLY:
case OFPTYPE_GET_CONFIG_REPLY:
case OFPTYPE_PACKET_IN:
case OFPTYPE_FLOW_REMOVED:
```

```
case OFPTYPE_PORT_STATUS:
case OFPTYPE_BARRIER_REPLY:
case OFPTYPE_DESC_STATS_REPLY:
case OFPTYPE_FLOW_STATS_REPLY:
case OFPTYPE_QUEUE_STATS_REPLY:
case OFPTYPE_PORT_STATS_REPLY:
case OFPTYPE_TABLE_STATS_REPLY:
case OFPTYPE_AGGREGATE_STATS_REPLY:
case OFPTYPE_PORT_DESC_STATS_REPLY:
case OFPTYPE_ROLE_REPLY:
case OFPTYPE_FLOW_MONITOR_PAUSED:
case OFPTYPE_FLOW_MONITOR_RESUMED:
case OFPTYPE_FLOW_MONITOR_STATS_REPLY:
default:
 return OFPERR_OFPBRC_BAD_TYPE;
}
```

这些处理,大部分都是在本地数据结构完成整理,并完成相应的 reply 结构之后,通过调用 ofconn_send_replies()发出去。

最后,做相应的信息统计。

以 PACKET_OUT 消息为例进行分析,调用的是 handle_packet_out()函数。该函数首先调用 ofputil_decode_packet_out()对 of 消息进行解析。之后调用 ofconn_pktbuf_retrieve()获取 payload 信息,最后利用 ofproto_class->packet_out()将网包发出。

分析 packet_out()(位于 ofproto/ofproto-dpif.c)函数,代码如下:

```
static enum ofperr
packet_out(struct ofproto *ofproto_, struct ofpbuf *packet,
     const struct flow *flow,
     const struct ofpact *ofpacts, size_t ofpacts_len)
  struct ofproto_dpif *ofproto = ofproto_dpif_cast(ofproto_);
  enum ofperr error;
  if (flow->in_port >= ofproto->max_ports && flow->in_port < OFPP_MAX) {
    return OFPERR_NXBRC_BAD_IN_PORT;
  }
  error = ofpacts_check(ofpacts, ofpacts_len, flow, ofproto->max_ports);
  if (!error) {
    struct odputil_keybuf keybuf;
    struct dpif_flow_stats stats;
    struct ofpbuf key;
    struct action_xlate_ctx ctx;
    uint64_t odp_actions_stub[1024 / 8];
    struct ofpbuf odp_actions;
    ofpbuf_use_stack(&key, &keybuf, sizeof keybuf);
    odp_flow_key_from_flow(&key, flow);
    dpif_flow_stats_extract(flow, packet, time_msec(), &stats);
    action_xlate_ctx_init(&ctx, ofproto, flow, flow->vlan_tci, NULL,
                packet_get_tcp_flags(packet, flow), packet);
    ctx.resubmit_stats = &stats;
    ofpbuf_use_stub(&odp_actions,
```

Packet_out()函数首先检查 action 的格式是否正确。

之后调用 xlate_actions()将 ofpacts 转化为 dp 的行动格式 odp_actions。

调用 dpif_execute()函数让 dpif 执行给定的 action,构建 OVS_PACKET_CMD_EXECUTE netlink 消息并发给 datapath。

而 datapath 中将对应调用 ovs_packet_cmd_execute()函数(datapath/datapath.c)处理收到的 nlmsg。

```
ovs_packet_cmd_execute()的调用过程为
ovs_packet_cmd_execute()→ovs_execute_actions()→do_execute_actions()
```

3.2.18. unixctl_server_run(unixctl)

从 unixctl 指定的 server 中获取来自 ovs-appctl 发出的命令数据,并执行对应的命令。 主要过程为

```
struct unixctl_conn *conn = xzalloc(sizeof *conn);
list_push_back(&server->conns, &conn->node);
conn->rpc = jsonrpc_open(stream);
```

在实现上(参考 lib/stream-*.c 文件),该通道采用函数指针,可以支持包括 tcp、unix、文件等多种通讯类型,这些类型也被 ovsd 跟 ovsdb 之间通信所使用。

目前采用的是文件(/usr/local/var/run/openvswtich/ovs-vswitchd.pid.ctl),ovs-appctl 可以通过该通道向 ovsd 发出相关的命令,包括

```
bond/disable-slave
                     port slave
 bond/enable-slave
                      port slave
 bond/hash
                   mac [vlan] [basis]
 bond/list
 bond/migrate
                    port hash slave
 bond/set-active-slave port slave
 bond/show
                    [port]
 bridge/dump-flows
                       bridge
 bridge/reconnect
                      [bridge]
 cfm/set-fault
                   [interface] normal|false|true
 cfm/show
                   [interface]
 coverage/show
 exit
 fdb/flush
                  [bridge]
 fdb/show
                  bridge
 help
 lacp/show
                  [port]
 memory/show
 ofproto/clog
 ofproto/list
 ofproto/self-check
                      [bridge]
 ofproto/trace
                    bridge {tun_id in_port packet | odp_flow [-generate]}
 ofproto/unclog
 qos/show
                  interface
 stp/tcn
                 [bridge]
 stress/disable
 stress/enable
 stress/list
stress/set
                  option period [random | periodic]
 version
 vlog/list
 vlog/reopen
 vlog/set
                 {spec | PATTERN:facility:pattern}
```

3.2.19. **netdev_run()**

如果打开了一些 netdev,则执行对应在 netdev_classes 上定义的每个 netdev_class 实体,调用它们的 run()。主要过程为

```
SHASH_FOR_EACH(node, &netdev_classes) {
    const struct netdev_class *netdev_class = node->data;
    if (netdev_class->run) {
        netdev_class->run();
    }
}
```

包括处理网卡注册的各个通知事件,获取网卡的最新的 mii 信息等。

netdev_class 的抽象声明在 netdev_provider.h 中,而各类 netdev_class 的具体定义在 lib/netdev-*.c,包括 bsd、linux、dummy、vport。

3.2.20. 循环等待事件处理

包括 woker、signal、memory、bridge、unixctl_server、netdev 等事件,被poll_fd_wait()注册。

3.2.21. poll_block(void)

阻塞,直到之前被 poll_fd_wait()注册过的事件发生,或者等待时间超过 poll_timer_wait()注册的最短时间。

3.2.22. 清理工作

退出 bridge,关闭 unixctl 连接,取消对 sighup 信号的处理注册。

```
bridge_exit();
unixctl_server_destroy(unixctl);
signal_unregister(sighup);
```

3.3. 通用类型

3.3.1. 基础宏定义

首先分析下几个常见的基础宏。

CONTAINER_OF 宏:返回拥有某个给定 member 的 struct 结构的起始地址。其中, struct 为所定义的数据结构,其中有一个变量名字为 member,pointer 为指向 member 变 量的一个指针。该宏返回包含有 pointer 作为 member 变量地址的 struct 数据结构的起始地址。定义为

```
#define CONTAINER_OF(POINTER, STRUCT, MEMBER)

((STRUCT *) (void *) ((char *) (POINTER) - offsetof (STRUCT, MEMBER)))
```

类似的,OBJECT_CONTAINING 宏:返回含有某个给定 member(ponter 指向该 member)的对象 object 的数据结构地址。

```
#define OBJECT_CONTAINING(POINTER, OBJECT, MEMBER)

((OVS_TYPEOF(OBJECT)) (void *)

((char *) (POINTER) - OBJECT_OFFSETOF(OBJECT, MEMBER)))
```

ASSIGN CONTAINER 宏: 返回含有某个给定 member 的对象 object 和 1。

```
#define ASSIGN_CONTAINER(OBJECT, POINTER, MEMBER) \
((OBJECT) = OBJECT_CONTAINING(POINTER, OBJECT, MEMBER), 1)
```

3.3.2. 普通列表

ovs 代码中大量使用了列表的结构。列表的声明在 lib/list.h 中。列表的抽象结构用户不必关心,用户只需要维护好自己关心的节点的数据结构即可。

使用一个 list: struct list L = LIST INITIALIZER(&L)。

正向遍历:

```
#define LIST_FOR_EACH(ITER, MEMBER, LIST) \
for (ASSIGN_CONTAINER(ITER, (LIST)->next, MEMBER); \
&(ITER)->MEMBER != (LIST); \
ASSIGN_CONTAINER(ITER, (ITER)->MEMBER.next, MEMBER))
```

逆向遍历

```
#define LIST_FOR_EACH_REVERSE(ITER, MEMBER, LIST)

for (ASSIGN_CONTAINER(ITER, (LIST)->prev, MEMBER);

&(ITER)->MEMBER != (LIST);

ASSIGN_CONTAINER(ITER, (ITER)->MEMBER.prev, MEMBER))
```

安全遍历

```
#define LIST_FOR_EACH_SAFE(ITER, NEXT, MEMBER, LIST)

for (ASSIGN_CONTAINER(ITER, (LIST)->next, MEMBER);

(&(ITER)->MEMBER != (LIST)

? ASSIGN_CONTAINER(NEXT, (ITER)->MEMBER.next, MEMBER) \
: 0);

(ITER) = (NEXT))
```

3.3.3. Hash 列表

列表的声明在 lib/hmap.h 中。

Hmap 列表,包含两个指针,指向其中含有的节点,定义为

```
/* A hash map. */
struct hmap {
    struct hmap_node **buckets; /* Must point to 'one' iff 'mask' == 0. */
    struct hmap_node *one;
    size_t mask;
    size_t n;
};
```

而 hmap node 类型,包括一个 hash 值和一个后继指针,定义为

对 hmap 的列表遍历似乎通过如下宏来实现的

```
#define HMAP_FOR_EACH(NODE, MEMBER, HMAP)

for (ASSIGN_CONTAINER(NODE, hmap_first(HMAP), MEMBER);

&(NODE)->MEMBER != NULL;

ASSIGN_CONTAINER(NODE, hmap_next(HMAP, &(NODE)->MEMBER), MEMBER))
```

其中 ASSIGN_CONTAINER 有三个参数,分别是一个输出指针 NODE,一个输入指针 HMAP 和一个成员 MEMBER。输入指针指向该成员,而输出指针获取指向包含有该成员的 类型的地址。

所以遍历宏实际上,遍历了给定 hmap 变量的每个节点(在 hmap 上的成员其实是 member),并将包含该节点的数据结构 NODE 逐个返回。或者说,NODE 类型含有一个

member 成员,这些成员作为 hmap 上的节点实际链在一起。该遍历返回的是各个被逻辑链在一起的对应的 NODE 类型的变量。

3.3.4. ofproto

3.3.5. ofproto_class

3.3.6. log 消息

```
#define VLOG_FATAL(...) vlog_fatal(THIS_MODULE, __VA_ARGS__)
#define VLOG_ABORT(...) vlog_abort(THIS_MODULE, __VA_ARGS__)
#define VLOG_EMER(...) VLOG(VLL_EMER, __VA_ARGS__)
#define VLOG_ERR(...) VLOG(VLL_ERR, __VA_ARGS__)
#define VLOG_WARN(...) VLOG(VLL_WARN, __VA_ARGS__)
#define VLOG_INFO(...) VLOG(VLL_INFO, __VA_ARGS__)
#define VLOG_DBG(...) VLOG(VLL_DBG, __VA_ARGS__)
```

4. 动态过程

4.1. datapath 收到网包

在 dp_init 中通过调用 dp_register_genl()注册了对于 dp,vport,flow,packet 四种类型事件的 netlink family 和 ops。

当内核中的 openvswitch.ko 收到一个添加网桥的指令时候,即接收到 OVS_DATAPATH_FAMILY 通道的 OVS_DP_CMD_NEW 命令。该命令绑定的回调函数为 ovs_dp_cmd_new。相关实现在 datapath/datapath.c 文件中,关键代码如下:

```
static struct genl_ops dp_datapath_genl_ops[] = {
 { .cmd = OVS_DP_CMD_NEW,
   .flags = GENL_ADMIN_PERM, /* Requires CAP_NET_ADMIN privilege. */
   .policy = datapath_policy,
   .doit = ovs_dp_cmd_new
 },
  { .cmd = OVS_DP_CMD_DEL,
   .flags = GENL_ADMIN_PERM, /* Requires CAP_NET_ADMIN privilege. */
   .policy = datapath_policy,
   .doit = ovs_dp_cmd_del
 },
 { .cmd = OVS_DP_CMD_GET,
                          /* OK for unprivileged users. */
   .flags = 0,
   .policy = datapath_policy,
   .doit = ovs_dp_cmd_get,
   .dumpit = ovs_dp_cmd_dump
 },
 { .cmd = OVS_DP_CMD_SET,
   .flags = GENL_ADMIN_PERM, /* Requires CAP_NET_ADMIN privilege. */
   .policy = datapath_policy,
   .doit = ovs_dp_cmd_set,
 },
};
```

ovs_dp_cmd_new 函数除了初始化 dp 结构外,还调用 new_vport()函数来生成一个新的 vport。而 new_port 函数则调用 ovs_vport_add()函数,来尝试生成一个新的 vport。关键代码如下:

```
static struct vport *new_vport(const struct vport_parms *parms)
{
    struct vport *vport;

    vport = ovs_vport_add(parms);
    if (!IS_ERR(vport)) {
        struct datapath *dp = parms->dp;
        struct hlist_head *head = vport_hash_bucket(dp, vport->port_no);

        hlist_add_head_rcu(&vport->dp_hash_node, head);
        dp_ifinfo_notify(RTM_NEWLINK, vport);
    }
    return vport;
}
```

ovs_vport_add()函数会检查 vport 类型,并调用相关的 create()函数来生成 vport 结构。关键代码为

```
struct vport *ovs_vport_add(const struct vport_parms *parms)
 struct vport *vport;
 int err = 0;
 int i;
 ASSERT_RTNL();
 for (i = 0; i < n_vport_types; i++) {
         if (vport_ops_list[i]->type == parms->type) {
                 struct hlist_head *bucket;
                 vport = vport_ops_list[i]->create(parms);
                 if (IS_ERR(vport)) {
                         err = PTR_ERR(vport);
                         goto out;
                 }
                 bucket = hash_bucket(ovs_dp_get_net(vport->dp),
                                   vport->ops->get_name(vport));
                 hlist_add_head_rcu(&vport->hash_node, bucket);
                 return vport;
         }
 }
 err = -EAFNOSUPPORT;
out:
 return ERR_PTR(err);
```

其中 vport_ops_list[]在 ovs_vport_init()的初始化过程中,被定义为与base_vport_ops_list 相同。关键代码如下

```
int ovs_vport_init(void)
 int err;
 int i;
 dev_table = kzalloc(VPORT_HASH_BUCKETS * sizeof(struct hlist_head),
                   GFP_KERNEL);
 if (!dev_table) {
         err = -ENOMEM;
         goto error;
 }
 vport_ops_list = kmalloc(ARRAY_SIZE(base_vport_ops_list) *
                          sizeof(struct vport_ops *), GFP_KERNEL);
 if (!vport_ops_list) {
         err = -ENOMEM;
         goto error_dev_table;
 }
 /* create a vport_ops_list, templated from base_vport_ops_list.*/
 for (i = 0; i < ARRAY_SIZE(base_vport_ops_list); i++) {</pre>
         const struct vport_ops *new_ops = base_vport_ops_list[i]; //check each
vport_ops instance
         if (new_ops->init)
                 err = new_ops->init(); //init each vport_ops
         else
                 err = 0;
         if (!err)
                 vport_ops_list[n_vport_types++] = new_ops;
         else if (new_ops->flags & VPORT_F_REQUIRED) {
                 ovs_vport_exit();
```

```
goto error;
}

return 0;

error_dev_table:
kfree(dev_table);
error:
return err;
}
```

而 base_vport_ops_list[]变量的成员目前有 5 种,分别为

```
/* List of statically compiled vport implementations. Don't forget to also

* add yours to the list at the bottom of vport.h. */

static const struct vport_ops *base_vport_ops_list[] = {

&ovs_netdev_vport_ops, //netdev instance

&ovs_internal_vport_ops,

&ovs_patch_vport_ops,

&ovs_gre_vport_ops,

#if LINUX_VERSION_CODE >= KERNEL_VERSION(2,6,26)

&ovs_capwap_vport_ops,

#endif
};
```

因此,当 vport 定义为网络类型时,会执行 ovs_netdev_vport_ops 中定义的相关函数,包括 init、create 等,函数列表如下:

```
const struct vport_ops ovs_netdev_vport_ops = {
                 = OVS_VPORT_TYPE_NETDEV,
 .type
 .flags
            = VPORT_F_REQUIRED,
 .init
                 = netdev init,
 .exit
                 = netdev_exit,
 .create
                 = netdev_create,
 .destroy
                = netdev_destroy,
 .set_addr
                = ovs_netdev_set_addr,
 .get_name
                = ovs_netdev_get_name,
 .get_addr
                = ovs_netdev_get_addr,
 .get kobj
                = ovs_netdev_get_kobj,
 .get_dev_flags = ovs_netdev_get_dev_flags,
 .is_running
                = ovs_netdev_is_running,
 .get_operstate = ovs_netdev_get_operstate,
 .get ifindex
                = ovs_netdev_get_ifindex,
  .get_mtu
                 = ovs_netdev_get_mtu,
  .send
                 = netdev_send,
};
```

可见,当 dp 是网络设备时(vport-netdev.c),最终由 ovs_vport_add()函数调用的是 netdev_create()函数,而 netdev_create()函数中最关键的一步是注册了收到网包时的回调 函数。

```
err = netdev_rx_handler_register(netdev_vport->dev, netdev_frame_hook, vport);
```

该操作将 netdev_vport->dev 收到网包时的相关数据由, netdev_frame_hook()函数来处理。后面都是进行一些辅助处理后,依次调用各处理函数,中间从 ovs_vport_receive()回到 vport.c,从 ovs_dp_process_received_packet()回到 datapath.c,进行统一处理。

```
netdev\_frame\_hook() \rightarrow netdev\_port\_receive() \rightarrow ovs\_vport\_receive() \rightarrow ovs\_dp\_process\_r eceived\_packet()
```

在 ovs_dp_process_received_packet()(datapath/datapath.c)中进行复杂的包处理过程,进行流查表,查表后执行对应的行为。当查找失败时候,使用 ovs_dp_upcall()发送upcall 到用户空间(ovs-vswitchd)。此后处理过程交给 ovsd 处理。

```
ovs_dp_process_received_packet() \rightarrow ovs_dp_upcall() \rightarrow queue_userspace_packet()
```

4.2. ovs-vswitchd 快速处理

ovs-vswitchd 利用 bridge_run()/bridge_fast_run()(vswitchd/bridge.c)不断轮询各个bridge,执行相应的操作。

主要通过调用 ofproto_run_fast()和 ofproto_run()来运行各个 bridge 上的 ofproto 的处理过程。其中 run_fast()函数简化了一些不必要的处理,主要处理 upcall,运行速度更快。

4.2.1. bridge_run_fast()

下面我们首先以 run_fast()函数为例进行分析。

```
void
bridge_run_fast(void)
{
   struct bridge *br;

HMAP_FOR_EACH (br, node, &all_bridges) {
   ofproto_run_fast(br->ofproto);
   }
}
```

ofproto_run_fast()调用 struct ofproto_class {}中对应的 run_fast()。其中 struct ofproto_class(ofproto/ofproto-provider.h)是 j 个抽象类。run_fast()是个函数指针,实际上,在 bridge_run()中进行了赋值。

可能的 ofproto_class 类型在 ofproto_classes[]变量中声明。而 ofproto_classes[]变量是通过 ofproto_initialize()来进行初始化的。在 ofproto/ofproto.c 中有如下的代码

```
static void
ofproto_initialize(void)
{
    static bool inited;

    if (!inited) {
        inited = true;
        ofproto_class_register(&ofproto_dpif_class);
    }
}
```

其中, ofproto_class_register()定义如下。

可见,ofproto_classes 在初始化 ofproto_initialize()(该初始化函数多次被调用,但仅执行一次)后仅含有一个变量,即 ofproto_dpif_class,而 ofproto_dpif_class 的定义在 ofproto/ofproto-dpif.c 中,声明了各个变量和操作函数,如下

```
const struct ofproto_class ofproto_dpif_class = {
 enumerate_types,
 enumerate_names,
 del,
 alloc,
 construct,
 destruct,
 dealloc,
 run,
 run_fast,
 wait,
 get_memory_usage,
 flush,
 get_features,
 get_tables,
 port_alloc,
 port_construct,
 port_destruct,
 port_dealloc,
 port_modified,
 port_reconfigured,
 port_query_by_name,
 port_add,
 port_del,
 port_get_stats,
 port_dump_start,
 port_dump_next,
 port_dump_done,
 port_poll,
 port_poll_wait,
 port_is_lacp_current,
                   /* rule_choose_table */
 NULL,
 rule_alloc,
```

```
rule_construct,
  rule_destruct,
  rule_dealloc,
  rule_get_stats,
  rule_execute,
  rule_modify_actions,
  set_frag_handling,
  packet_out,
  set_netflow,
  get_netflow_ids,
  set_sflow,
  set_cfm,
  get_cfm_fault,
  get_cfm_opup,
  get_cfm_remote_mpids,
  get_cfm_health,
  set_stp,
  get_stp_status,
  set_stp_port,
  get_stp_port_status,
  set_queues,
  bundle_set,
  bundle_remove,
  mirror_set,
  mirror_get_stats,
  set_flood_vlans,
  is_mirror_output_bundle,
  forward_bpdu_changed,
  set_mac_idle_time,
  set_realdev,
};
```

Ofproto_class 的初始化多次被调用,一个可能的流程如下:

除了这个过程以外,在 ofproto_class_find__()中也都调用了 ofproto_initialize()。

因此,ofproto_class 中的成员的函数指针实际上指向了 ofproto_dpif_class 中的各个函数。

4.2.2. run_fast()

我们来看 ofproto_dpif_class 中的 run_fast(struct ofproto *ofproto)(ofproto/ofproto-dpif.c)的代码。

```
static int
run_fast(struct ofproto *ofproto_)
  struct ofproto_dpif *ofproto = ofproto_dpif_cast(ofproto_);
  struct ofport_dpif *ofport;
  unsigned int work;
  HMAP_FOR_EACH (ofport, up.hmap_node, &ofproto->up.ports) {
    port_run_fast(ofport);
  }
  /* Handle one or more batches of upcalls, until there's nothing left to do
  * or until we do a fixed total amount of work.
  * We do work in batches because it can be much cheaper to set up a number
  * of flows and fire off their patches all at once. We do multiple batches
  * because in some cases handling a packet can cause another packet to be
  * queued almost immediately as part of the return flow. Both
  * optimizations can make major improvements on some benchmarks and
  * presumably for real traffic as well. */
  work = 0;
  while (work < FLOW_MISS_MAX_BATCH) {
    int retval = handle_upcalls(ofproto, FLOW_MISS_MAX_BATCH - work);
    if (retval <= 0) {
      return -retval;
    }
    work += retval;
  }
  return 0;
```

实际上主要是做了对 handle_upcalls()的调用。这也可以理解,因为 ovs-vswitchd 在各个 bridge 上很重要的一个操作就是要监听和处理来自各个 bridge 上的请求。

4.2.3. handle_upcalls()

代码如下:

```
static int
handle_upcalls(struct ofproto_dpif *ofproto, unsigned int max_batch)
 struct dpif_upcall misses[FLOW_MISS_MAX_BATCH];
 struct ofpbuf miss_bufs[FLOW_MISS_MAX_BATCH];
 uint64_t miss_buf_stubs[FLOW_MISS_MAX_BATCH][4096 / 8];
 int n_processed;
 int n_misses;
 int i;
 assert(max_batch <= FLOW_MISS_MAX_BATCH);</pre>
 n_misses = 0;
 for (n_processed = 0; n_processed < max_batch; n_processed++) {
    struct dpif_upcall *upcall = &misses[n_misses];
    struct ofpbuf *buf = &miss_bufs[n_misses];
   int error;
    ofpbuf_use_stub(buf, miss_buf_stubs[n_misses],
            sizeof miss_buf_stubs[n_misses]);
    error = dpif_recv(ofproto->dpif, upcall, buf);
   if (error) {
      ofpbuf_uninit(buf);
      break;
    }
    switch (classify_upcall(upcall)) {
   case MISS_UPCALL:
      /* Handle it later. */
      n_misses++;
      break;
    case SFLOW_UPCALL:
```

```
if (ofproto->sflow) {
    handle_sflow_upcall(ofproto, upcall);
}
    ofpbuf_uninit(buf);
    break;

case BAD_UPCALL:
    ofpbuf_uninit(buf);
    break;
}

/* Handle deferred MISS_UPCALL processing. */
handle_miss_upcalls(ofproto, misses, n_misses);
for (i = 0; i < n_misses; i++) {
    ofpbuf_uninit(&miss_bufs[i]);
}

return n_processed;
}</pre>
```

在这部分代码中,完成对相关的 upcall 的处理。包括 datapath 找不到流表时的 MISS_UPCALL 和 SFLOW 相关流量处理等。对流表 MISS_UPCALL 部分的处理主要在 handle_miss_upcalls()(ofproto/ofproto-dpif.c)。其中,handle_miss_upcalls()的主要过程为 执行 handle_flow_miss()和 dpif_operate()。handle_flow_miss()负责查找出对 upcall 的对应行动,后者根据行动执行操作。

```
HMAP_FOR_EACH (miss, hmap_node, &todo) {
    handle_flow_miss(ofproto, miss, flow_miss_ops, &n_ops);
}
assert(n_ops <= ARRAY_SIZE(flow_miss_ops));

/* Execute batch. */
for (i = 0; i < n_ops; i++) {
    dpif_ops[i] = &flow_miss_ops[i].dpif_op;
}
dpif_operate(ofproto->dpif, dpif_ops, n_ops);
```

handle_flow_miss()

位于 ofproto/ofproto-dpif.c,主要过程如下

```
static void
handle_flow_miss(struct ofproto_dpif *ofproto, struct flow_miss *miss,
         struct flow_miss_op *ops, size_t *n_ops)
{
  struct facet *facet;
  uint32_t hash;
  /* The caller must ensure that miss->hmap_node.hash contains
  * flow_hash(miss->flow, 0). */
  hash = miss->hmap_node.hash;
  facet = facet_lookup_valid(ofproto, &miss->flow, hash);
  if (!facet) {
    struct rule_dpif *rule = rule_dpif_lookup(ofproto, &miss->flow);
    if (!flow_miss_should_make_facet(ofproto, miss, hash)) {
      handle_flow_miss_without_facet(miss, rule, ops, n_ops);
      return;
    }
    facet = facet_create(rule, &miss->flow, hash);
  handle_flow_miss_with_facet(miss, facet, ops, n_ops);
```

该过程主要包括两部分,首先是在本地通过 facet_lookup_valid()函数查找流表,看是否有与 flow 精确匹配的规则。

如果不存在 facet,则通过 rule_dpif_lookup()函数来查找匹配的规则,并利用 flow_miss_should_make_facet ()测试是否值得在 ovsd 的 ofproto 中添加相应规则并写到 datapath 中(多数情况下)。如果为是,handle_flow_miss_without_facet()将结果 rule 写入到 ops 或者利用 facet_create()在 ofproto 内添加新的 facet。

如果存在 facet,则利用 handle_flow_miss_with_facet()更新 ops。其中,handle_flow_miss_with_facet()调用 handle_flow_miss_common()进行状态测试:如果在 fail mod,则发送 miss 消息(ofproto/ofproto-dpif.c 文件中,调用

send_packet_in_miss()→connmgr_send_packet_in())给 controller。之后检查是否创建 slow flow 的标记等。

以 rule_dpif_lookup()为例,该函数进一步的调用 rule_dpif_lookup__()函数。其代码为

```
static struct rule_dpif *
rule_dpif_lookup__(struct ofproto_dpif *ofproto, const struct flow *flow,
          uint8_t table_id)
{
  struct cls_rule *cls_rule;
  struct classifier *cls;
  if (table_id >= N_TABLES) {
    return NULL;
 }
  cls = &ofproto->up.tables[table_id].cls;
  if (flow->nw_frag & FLOW_NW_FRAG_ANY
    && ofproto->up.frag_handling == OFPC_FRAG_NORMAL) {
    /* For OFPC_NORMAL frag_handling, we must pretend that transport ports
    * are unavailable. */
    struct flow ofpc_normal_flow = *flow;
    ofpc_normal_flow.tp_src = htons(0);
    ofpc_normal_flow.tp_dst = htons(0);
    cls_rule = classifier_lookup(cls, &ofpc_normal_flow);
 } else {
    cls_rule = classifier_lookup(cls, flow);
  return rule_dpif_cast(rule_from_cls_rule(cls_rule));
```

其中,classifier_lookup()通过对 ofproto 中存储的规则表进行查找,找到最高优先级的匹配规则,并返回该规则。

dpif_operate()

dpif_operate(ofproto->dpif, dpif_ops, n_ops)主要根据 handle_flow_miss()后确定的行动,执行相关的操作。

主要代码如下:

```
/* Execute batch. */
for (i = 0; i < n_ops; i++) {
    dpif_ops[i] = &flow_miss_ops[i].dpif_op;
}
dpif_operate(ofproto->dpif, dpif_ops, n_ops);
```

其中 dpif_operate()首先判断具体的 dpif_class 中是否存在 operate()函数,如果有则调用执行。否则就根据 op 的类型调用具体的 dpif_class 中的 flow_put()、flow_del()、或 execute()函数。

operate()函数存在

先分析存在 operate()函数的情况。

```
dpif->dpif_class->operate(dpif, ops, n_ops);
```

operate()需要根据具体的类型来定。dpif_class 类型仍然在 dpif.c(lib/dpif.c)中通过base_dpif_classes[]来声明。

```
static const struct dpif_class *base_dpif_classes[] = {
#ifdef HAVE_NETLINK
    &dpif_linux_class,
#endif
    &dpif_netdev_class,
};
```

其中 dpif_linux_class 通过 netlink 跟本地的 datapath 通信,而 dpif_netdev_class 则意味着通过网络协议跟远程的 datapath 通信。此处分析以常见的 dpif-linux 为例,其 operate()实际为 dpif_linux_operate()(lib/dpif-linux.c)。

dpif_linux_operate()实际上主要就是调用了 dpif_linux_operate__(),在 dpif_linux_operate__()中,首先利用传入的 dpif_op **ops 对不同类型(PUT、DEL、EXECUTE)的行动分别创建相应的多个 aux->request 消息,之后调用 nl_sock_transact_multiple()函数(lib/netlink-socket.c)来发出 request,并收回 reply。代码为

```
nl_sock_transact_multiple(genl_sock, txnsp, n_ops);
```

注意, txnsp 中同时包括发出的 request 和收回的 reply。

之后,检查 reply 函数,更新相关的统计变量。

operate()函数不存在

如果对于某个具体的 dpif_class,并没有提供 operate(),则需要分别处理不同类型的行为,代码为

```
for (i = 0; i < n_ops; i++) {
    struct dpif_op *op = ops[i];

    switch (op->type) {
    case DPIF_OP_FLOW_PUT:
        op->error = dpif_flow_put__(dpif, &op->u.flow_put);
        break;

    case DPIF_OP_FLOW_DEL:
        op->error = dpif_flow_del__(dpif, &op->u.flow_del);
        break;

    case DPIF_OP_EXECUTE:
        op->error = dpif_execute__(dpif, &op->u.execute);
        break;

    default:
        NOT_REACHED();
    }
}
```

可以处理 DPIF_OP_FLOW_PUT、DPIF_OP_FLOW_DEL 和 DPIF_OP_EXECUTE 三种类型的情况(均在 lib/dpif.h 中定义)。

```
enum dpif_op_type {
    DPIF_OP_FLOW_PUT = 1,
    DPIF_OP_FLOW_DEL,
    DPIF_OP_EXECUTE,
};
```

值得注意的是第三种情况,DPIF_OP_EXECUTE,需要将执行命令发回 datapath。dpif_execute__()调用了 dpif 结构中的 dpif_class 抽象类型中的 execute()函数。

仍然以 dpif-linux (lib/dpif-linux.c) 为例,定义为

```
const struct dpif_class dpif_linux_class = {
  "system",
  dpif_linux_enumerate,
  dpif_linux_open,
 dpif_linux_close,
 dpif_linux_destroy,
 dpif_linux_run,
 dpif_linux_wait,
  dpif_linux_get_stats,
 dpif_linux_port_add,
 dpif_linux_port_del,
  dpif_linux_port_query_by_number,
 dpif_linux_port_query_by_name,
 dpif_linux_get_max_ports,
  dpif_linux_port_get_pid,
  dpif_linux_port_dump_start,
 dpif_linux_port_dump_next,
 dpif_linux_port_dump_done,
  dpif_linux_port_poll,
  dpif_linux_port_poll_wait,
 dpif_linux_flow_get,
  dpif_linux_flow_put,
 dpif_linux_flow_del,
 dpif_linux_flow_flush,
 dpif_linux_flow_dump_start,
  dpif_linux_flow_dump_next,
  dpif_linux_flow_dump_done,
 dpif_linux_execute,
 dpif_linux_operate,
 dpif_linux_recv_set,
  dpif_linux_queue_to_priority,
  dpif_linux_recv,
 dpif_linux_recv_wait,
```

```
dpif_linux_recv_purge,
};
```

所以,执行函数的为 dpif_linux_execute()(lib/dpif-linux.c),该函数首先调用的是 dpif_linux_execute__()函数。

```
static int
dpif_linux_execute__(int dp_ifindex, const struct dpif_execute *execute)
{
    uint64_t request_stub[1024 / 8];
    struct ofpbuf request;
    int error;

    ofpbuf_use_stub(&request, request_stub, sizeof request_stub);
    dpif_linux_encode_execute(dp_ifindex, execute, &request);
    error = nl_sock_transact(genl_sock, &request, NULL);
    ofpbuf_uninit(&request);

    return error;
}
```

该函数创建一个 OVS_PACKET_CMD_EXECUTE 类型的 nlmsg,并利用 nl_sock_transact() 将它发出给 datapath。

4.3. ovs-vswitchd 完整处理

主要通过调用 bridge_run()来完成完整的配置和处理。

该函数执行完整的 bridge 的操作,包括对 of 命令的操作和网桥的维护,数据库信息同步、维护到 controller 的连接等。之后调用 ofproto_run()处理相关的 ofproto 消息(参考 3.2.17)。

最后判断是否到了周期 log 的时间,进行 log 记录(但默认的周期为 LLONG_MAX),并刷新各个连接和状态信息等。

5. datapath 和 ovsd 的通信机制

datapath 运行在内核态,ovsd 运行在用户态,两者通过 netlink 通信。

何为 netlink? netlink 是一种灵活和强大的进程间通信机制(socket),甚至可以沟通用户态和内核态。并且,netlink 是全双工的。作为 socket,netlink 的地址族是 AF_NETLINK(TCP/IP socket 的地址族是 AF_INET)。官方的介绍材料可以参考http://www.infradead.org/~tgr/libnl/。

目前有大量的通信场景应用了 netlink,这些特定扩展和设计的 netlink 通信 bus,被定义为 family。比如 NETLINK_ROUTE、NETLINK_FIREWALL、NETLINK_ARPD 等。

因为大量的专用 family 会占用了 family id,而 family id 数量自身有限(kernel 允许 32 个);同时为了方便用户扩展使用,一个通用的 netlink family 被定义出来,这就是 generic netlink family。

5.1. generic netlink 简介

generic netlink 的架构如下图所示。

++
(2) Generic Netlink bus
++
1 1
++
(4) controller / \
++ / \
I I
++ +++
(3) kernel user "X" (3) kernel user "Y"
++
而 generic netlink 的消息结构如下所示。
0 1 2 3
01234567890123456789012345678901
+-
Netlink message header (nlmsghdr)
+-
Generic Netlink message header (genlmsghdr)
+-
Optional user specific message header
+-
Optional Generic Netlink message payload
+-

要使用 generic netlink,需要熟悉的数据结构包括 genl_family、genl_ops 等。

5.1.1. genl_family

该结构体负责新的 socket bus,声明为

```
struct genl_family
{
   unsigned int
                     id;
   unsigned int
                      hdrsize;
                  name[GENL_NAMSIZ];
   unsigned int
                     version;
   unsigned int
                     maxattr;
   struct nlattr **
                     attrbuf;
   struct list_head
                    ops_list;
   struct list_head
                    family_list;
};
```

其中,各个成员的含义为

- id,新 family 的信道号码,一般复制为 GENL_ID_GENERATE(值为 0),让 controller 来自动赋值。
- hdrsize,如果新 family 指定特殊的包头,则此处为该包头长度,否则一般设置为 0。
- name, family 的名字,该字符串必须唯一,以便 controller 查找信道号。
- version, 版本。
- maxattr, generic netlink family 的属性(attribute)个数上限。
- attrbuf,私有数据,不能修改。
- ops_list,私有数据,不能修改。
- family_list,私有数据,不能修改。

5.1.2. genl_ops

该结构负责 family 的操作,对每一个 family,最多可以定义 255 个操作。

```
struct genl_ops
{
                   cmd;
   u8
   unsigned int
                       flags;
   struct nla_policy
                         *policy;
                  (*doit)(struct sk_buff *skb,
   int
                      struct genl_info *info);
                  (*dumpit)(struct sk_buff *skb,
   int
                       struct netlink_callback *cb);
   struct list head
                        ops list;
};
```

其中,各个成员的含义为

- cmd, 在定义 family 中值唯一, 用于索引 operation。
- flags,用于指定该操作的一些属性,例如 GENL_ADMIN_PERM 表示执行该操作 需要 CAP_NET_ADMIN 权限。
- policy,用于检查在 operation request 消息中的属性的格式。
- doit(),即该操作的回调函数。第一个参数为触发该操作的消息 buffer,第二个为 request 消息一些可能的附加信息。
- dumpit(),也是一个回调函数。如果收到的消息中含有 NLM_F_DUMP 标志位,则该函数被调用。其中第一个参数为预分配的 buffer,函数在 buffer 中写入回复消息,并返回消息长度。该回复消息会自动返回请求端。返回值大于0,说明还有剩余数据需要回复,该函数被重新调用,并分配新的 buffer;当返回值为 0,表明发送完毕。第二个参数可以用来保存状态信息。
- ops_list,私有数据,不能进行修改。

5.1.3. genl_info

用于描述消息的一些相关信息,被用在 genl_ops 中 doit()回调函数的第二个参数。该结构定义为

其中,各个成员的含义为

- snd_seq, request 消息的序列号。
- snd_pid,发送端的 pid (port id),用于标识发送端,并非系统中的进程号。
- nlhdr, 指针指向 request 消息的 netlink 消息头。
- genIhdr, 指针指向 request 消息的 generic netlink 消息头。
- userhdr,如果某个 family 有自定义的头,则该指针指向自定义头。
- attrs, request 消息中可能带有的属性信息。

5.1.4. nla_policy

负责检查 request 消息中属性是否符合标准。定义为

```
struct nla_policy
{
    u16    type;
    u16    len;
};
```

其中

type 为要检查属性的类型,可以为

- NLA_UNSPEC: 未定义
- NLA_U8: 8 位无符号整数
- NLA_U16: 16 位无符号整数

- NLA_U32: 32 位无符号整数
- NLA_U64: 64 位无符号整数
- NLA_FLAG: bool 类型,用作标志
- NLA_MSECS: 64 位的时间值,单位是毫秒
- NLA_STRING: 变长字符串
- NLA_NUL_STRING: 以 null 结尾的变长字符串
- NLA_NESTED: 属性流(stream)。

len 为属性的最大长度,如果定义为 0,则不进行检查。

5.2. generic netlink 简单示例

首先,给出一个简单的示例。

5.2.1. 定义 family

```
/* attributes */
 enum {
   DOC_EXMPL_A_UNSPEC,
   DOC_EXMPL_A_MSG,
    __DOC_EXMPL_A_MAX,
};
 #define DOC_EXMPL_A_MAX (__DOC_EXMPL_A_MAX - 1)
/* attribute policy */
static struct nla_policy doc_exmpl_genl_policy[DOC_EXMPL_A_MAX + 1] = {
    [DOC_EXMPL_A_MSG] = { .type = NLA_NUL_STRING },
};
/* family definition */
static struct genl_family doc_exmpl_gnl_family = {
    .id = GENL_ID_GENERATE,
   .hdrsize = 0,
   .name = "DOC_EXMPL",
   .version = 1,
   .maxattr = DOC_EXMPL_A_MAX,
};
```

5.2.2. 定义操作

```
/* handler */
int doc_exmpl_echo(struct sk_buff *skb, struct genl_info *info)
{
    /* message handling code goes here; return 0 on success, negative
    * values on failure */
}

/* commands */
enum {
```

```
DOC_EXMPL_C_UNSPEC,
DOC_EXMPL_C_ECHO,
__DOC_EXMPL_C_MAX,
};

#define DOC_EXMPL_C_MAX (__DOC_EXMPL_C_MAX - 1)

/* operation definition */
struct genl_ops doc_exmpl_gnl_ops_echo = {
    .cmd = DOC_EXMPL_C_ECHO,
    .flags = 0,
    .policy = doc_exmpl_genl_policy,
    .doit = doc_exmpl_echo,
    .dumpit = NULL,
};
```

5.2.3. 注册 family 到 generic netlink 机制

```
int rc;

rc = genl_register_family(&doc_exmpl_gnl_family);

if (rc != 0)
    goto failure;
```

5.2.4. 将操作注册到 family

```
int rc;

rc = genl_register_ops(&doc_exmpl_gnl_family, &doc_exmpl_gnl_ops_echo);

if (rc != 0)

goto failure;
```

5.2.5. 内核端代码

包含头文件

```
#include/net/netlink.h
#include/net/genetlink.h
```

发送消息

包括三步:分配存储 buffer, 创建消息,发送消息。

分配 buffer 可以用 nlsmsg_new()函数。

```
struct sk_buff *skb;

skb = genlmsg_new(NLMSG_GOODSIZE, GFP_KERNEL);

if (skb == NULL)

goto failure;
```

当不知道消息的大小的时候,可以用 NLMSG_GOODSIZE。genlmsg_new()会自动添加 netlink 消息头和 generic netlink 消息头。

创建消息主要需要填充消息的 payload。

```
int rc;
void *msg_head;

/* create the message headers */
msg_head = genlmsg_put(skb, pid, seq, type, 0, flags, DOC_EXMPL_C_ECHO, 1);
if (msg_head == NULL) {
    rc = -ENOMEM;
    goto failure;
}

/* add a DOC_EXMPL_A_MSG attribute */
rc = nla_put_string(skb, DOC_EXMPL_A_MSG, "Generic Netlink Rocks");
if (rc != 0)
    goto failure;
/* finalize the message */
genlmsg_end(skb, msg_head);
```

其中, genImsg_put()函数利用给定的数值创建消息头。

nla_put_string()函数添加一个字符串属性到消息最后。

genImsg end()函数则在添加完 payload 后更新消息头。

最后一步,是发出消息,代码为

```
int rc;

rc = genlmsg_unicast(skb, pid);

if (rc != 0)

goto failure;
```

5.3. datapath 使用 generic netlink

在 dp_init()函数(datapath.c)中,调用 dp_register_genl()完成对四种类型的 family 以及相应操作的注册,包括 datapath、vport、flow 和 packet。前三种 family,都对应四种操作都包括 NEW、DEL、GET、SET,而 packet 的操作仅为 EXECUTE。

这些 family 和操作的定义均在 datapath.c 中。

以 flow family 为例。代码为

```
static const struct nla_policy flow_policy[OVS_FLOW_ATTR_MAX + 1] = {

[OVS_FLOW_ATTR_KEY] = { .type = NLA_NESTED },

[OVS_FLOW_ATTR_ACTIONS] = { .type = NLA_NESTED },

[OVS_FLOW_ATTR_CLEAR] = { .type = NLA_FLAG },

};

static struct genl_family dp_flow_genl_family = {

.id = GENL_ID_GENERATE,

.hdrsize = sizeof(struct ovs_header),

.name = OVS_FLOW_FAMILY,

.version = OVS_FLOW_VERSION,

.maxattr = OVS_FLOW_ATTR_MAX,

SET_NETNSOK

};
```

而绑定的 ops 的定义为

```
static struct genl_ops dp_flow_genl_ops[] = {
  { .cmd = OVS_FLOW_CMD_NEW,
   .flags = GENL_ADMIN_PERM, /* Requires CAP_NET_ADMIN privilege. */
   .policy = flow policy,
   .doit = ovs_flow_cmd_new_or_set
 },
  { .cmd = OVS_FLOW_CMD_DEL,
   .flags = GENL_ADMIN_PERM, /* Requires CAP_NET_ADMIN privilege. */
   .policy = flow_policy,
   .doit = ovs_flow_cmd_del
 },
  { .cmd = OVS_FLOW_CMD_GET,
                          /* OK for unprivileged users. */
   .flags = 0,
   .policy = flow_policy,
   .doit = ovs flow cmd get,
   .dumpit = ovs_flow_cmd_dump
 },
 { .cmd = OVS_FLOW_CMD_SET,
   .flags = GENL ADMIN PERM, /* Requires CAP NET ADMIN privilege. */
   .policy = flow_policy,
   .doit = ovs_flow_cmd_new_or_set,
 },
};
```

可见,dp 定义的 nlmsg 类型除了 genl 头和 nl 头之外,还有自定义的 ovs_header。

5.4. ovsd 使用 netlink

ovsd 对于 netlink 的实现,主要在 lib/netlink-socket.c 文件中。而对这些 netlink 操作的调用,主要在 lib/dpif-linux.c 文件(以 dpif_linux_class 为例)中对于各个行为的处理,各种可能的消息类型在 datapath 模块中事先进行了内核注册。

datapath 中对 netlink family 类型进行了注册,ovsd 在使用这些 netlink family 之前需要获取它们的信息,这一过程主要在 lib/dpif-linux.c 文件(以 dpif_linux_class 为例),dpif_linux_init()函数。代码为

```
static int
dpif_linux_init(void)
  static int error = -1;
 if (error < 0) {
    unsigned int ovs_vport_mcgroup;
    error = nl_lookup_genl_family(OVS_DATAPATH_FAMILY,
                   &ovs_datapath_family);
    if (error) {
      VLOG_ERR("Generic Netlink family '%s' does not exist. "
           "The Open vSwitch kernel module is probably not loaded.",
          OVS_DATAPATH_FAMILY);
    }
   if (!error) {
      error = nl_lookup_genl_family(OVS_VPORT_FAMILY, &ovs_vport_family);
   }
   if (!error) {
      error = nl_lookup_genl_family(OVS_FLOW_FAMILY, &ovs_flow_family);
   }
   if (!error) {
      error = nl_lookup_genl_family(OVS_PACKET_FAMILY,
                      &ovs_packet_family);
    }
   if (!error) {
      error = nl_sock_create(NETLINK_GENERIC, &genl_sock);
    }
   if (!error) {
      error = nl_lookup_genl_mcgroup(OVS_VPORT_FAMILY, OVS_VPORT_MCGROUP,
                      &ovs_vport_mcgroup,
                      OVS_VPORT_MCGROUP_FALLBACK_ID);
```

完成这些查找后,ovsd 即可利用 dpif 中的 api,通过发出这些 netlink 消息给 datapath 实现对 datapath 的操作。

相关的中间层 API 定义主要在 dpif_class(位于 lib/dpif-provider.h)的抽象类型中。 代码为

```
struct dpif_class {
  /* Type of dpif in this class, e.g. "system", "netdev", etc.
  * One of the providers should supply a "system" type, since this is
  * the type assumed if no type is specified when opening a dpif. */
  const char *type;
  /* Enumerates the names of all known created datapaths, if possible, into
  * 'all_dps'. The caller has already initialized 'all_dps' and other dpif
   * classes might already have added names to it.
  * This is used by the vswitch at startup, so that it can delete any
  * datapaths that are not configured.
  * Some kinds of datapaths might not be practically enumerable, in which
  * case this function may be a null pointer. */
  int (*enumerate)(struct sset *all_dps);
  /* Attempts to open an existing dpif called 'name', if 'create' is false,
  * or to open an existing dpif or create a new one, if 'create' is true.
   * 'dpif_class' is the class of dpif to open.
  * If successful, stores a pointer to the new dpif in '*dpifp', which must
  * have class 'dpif_class'. On failure there are no requirements on what
  * is stored in '*dpifp'. */
  int (*open)(const struct dpif_class *dpif_class,
         const char *name, bool create, struct dpif **dpifp);
  /* Closes 'dpif' and frees associated memory. */
  void (*close)(struct dpif *dpif);
  /* Attempts to destroy the dpif underlying 'dpif'.
```

```
* If successful, 'dpif' will not be used again except as an argument for
* the 'close' member function. */
int (*destroy)(struct dpif *dpif);
/* Performs periodic work needed by 'dpif', if any is necessary. */
void (*run)(struct dpif *dpif);
/* Arranges for poll_block() to wake up if the "run" member function needs
* to be called for 'dpif'. */
void (*wait)(struct dpif *dpif);
/* Retrieves statistics for 'dpif' into 'stats'. */
int (*get_stats)(const struct dpif *dpif, struct dpif_dp_stats *stats);
/* Adds 'netdev' as a new port in 'dpif'. If '*port_no' is not
* UINT16_MAX, attempts to use that as the port's port number.
* If port is successfully added, sets '*port no' to the new port's
* port number. Returns EBUSY if caller attempted to choose a port
* number, and it was in use. */
int (*port_add)(struct dpif *dpif, struct netdev *netdev,
         uint16_t *port_no);
/* Removes port numbered 'port_no' from 'dpif'. */
int (*port_del)(struct dpif *dpif, uint16_t port_no);
/* Queries 'dpif' for a port with the given 'port_no' or 'devname'. Stores
* information about the port into '*port' if successful.
* The caller takes ownership of data in 'port' and must free it with
* dpif_port_destroy() when it is no longer needed. */
int (*port_query_by_number)(const struct dpif *dpif, uint16_t port_no,
```

```
struct dpif_port *port);
int (*port_query_by_name)(const struct dpif *dpif, const char *devname,
              struct dpif_port *port);
/* Returns one greater than the largest port number accepted in flow
* actions. */
int (*get_max_ports)(const struct dpif *dpif);
/* Returns the Netlink PID value to supply in OVS_ACTION_ATTR_USERSPACE
* actions as the OVS_USERSPACE_ATTR_PID attribute's value, for use in
* flows whose packets arrived on port 'port no'.
* A 'port_no' of UINT16_MAX should be treated as a special case. The
* implementation should return a reserved PID, not allocated to any port,
* that the client may use for special purposes.
* The return value only needs to be meaningful when DPIF_UC_ACTION has
* been enabled in the 'dpif''s listen mask, and it is allowed to change
* when DPIF UC ACTION is disabled and then re-enabled.
* A dpif provider that doesn't have meaningful Netlink PIDs can use NULL
* for this function. This is equivalent to always returning 0. */
uint32_t (*port_get_pid)(const struct dpif *dpif, uint16_t port_no);
/* Attempts to begin dumping the ports in a dpif. On success, returns 0
* and initializes '*statep' with any data needed for iteration. On
* failure, returns a positive errno value. */
int (*port_dump_start)(const struct dpif *dpif, void **statep);
/* Attempts to retrieve another port from 'dpif' for 'state', which was
* initialized by a successful call to the 'port_dump_start' function for
* 'dpif'. On success, stores a new dpif_port into 'port' and returns 0.
* Returns EOF if the end of the port table has been reached, or a positive
```

```
* errno value on error. This function will not be called again once it
* returns nonzero once for a given iteration (but the 'port_dump_done'
* function will be called afterward).
* The dpif provider retains ownership of the data stored in 'port'. It
* must remain valid until at least the next call to 'port_dump_next' or
* 'port_dump_done' for 'state'. */
int (*port_dump_next)(const struct dpif *dpif, void *state,
            struct dpif_port *port);
/* Releases resources from 'dpif' for 'state', which was initialized by a
* successful call to the 'port_dump_start' function for 'dpif'. */
int (*port_dump_done)(const struct dpif *dpif, void *state);
/* Polls for changes in the set of ports in 'dpif'. If the set of ports in
* 'dpif' has changed, then this function should do one of the
* following:
* - Preferably: store the name of the device that was added to or deleted
* from 'dpif' in '*devnamep' and return 0. The caller is responsible
* for freeing '*devnamep' (with free()) when it no longer needs it.
* - Alternatively: return ENOBUFS, without indicating the device that was
 * added or deleted.
* Occasional 'false positives', in which the function returns 0 while
* indicating a device that was not actually added or deleted or returns
* ENOBUFS without any change, are acceptable.
* If the set of ports in 'dpif' has not changed, returns EAGAIN. May also
* return other positive errno values to indicate that something has gone
* wrong. */
int (*port_poll)(const struct dpif *dpif, char **devnamep);
```

```
/* Arranges for the poll loop to wake up when 'port_poll' will return a
* value other than EAGAIN. */
void (*port poll wait)(const struct dpif *dpif);
/* Queries 'dpif' for a flow entry. The flow is specified by the Netlink
* attributes with types OVS_KEY_ATTR_* in the 'key_len' bytes starting at
* 'key'.
* Returns 0 if successful. If no flow matches, returns ENOENT. On other
* failure, returns a positive errno value.
* If 'actionsp' is nonnull, then on success '*actionsp' must be set to an
* ofpbuf owned by the caller that contains the Netlink attributes for the
* flow's actions. The caller must free the ofpbuf (with ofpbuf delete())
* when it is no longer needed.
* If 'stats' is nonnull, then on success it must be updated with the
* flow's statistics. */
int (*flow_get)(const struct dpif *dpif,
         const struct nlattr *key, size_t key_len,
         struct ofpbuf **actionsp, struct dpif_flow_stats *stats);
/* Adds or modifies a flow in 'dpif'. The flow is specified by the Netlink
* attributes with types OVS_KEY_ATTR_* in the 'put->key_len' bytes
* starting at 'put->key'. The associated actions are specified by the
* Netlink attributes with types OVS_ACTION_ATTR_* in the
* 'put->actions_len' bytes starting at 'put->actions'.
* - If the flow's key does not exist in 'dpif', then the flow will be
* added if 'put->flags' includes DPIF_FP_CREATE. Otherwise the
* operation will fail with ENOENT.
```

```
* If the operation succeeds, then 'put->stats', if nonnull, must be
* zeroed.
* - If the flow's key does exist in 'dpif', then the flow's actions will
* be updated if 'put->flags' includes DPIF_FP_MODIFY. Otherwise the
* operation will fail with EEXIST. If the flow's actions are updated,
* then its statistics will be zeroed if 'put->flags' includes
* DPIF_FP_ZERO_STATS, and left as-is otherwise.
* If the operation succeeds, then 'put->stats', if nonnull, must be set
* to the flow's statistics before the update.
*/
int (*flow_put)(struct dpif *dpif, const struct dpif_flow_put *put);
/* Deletes a flow from 'dpif' and returns 0, or returns ENOENT if 'dpif'
* does not contain such a flow. The flow is specified by the Netlink
* attributes with types OVS_KEY_ATTR_* in the 'del->key_len' bytes
* starting at 'del->key'.
* If the operation succeeds, then 'del->stats', if nonnull, must be set to
* the flow's statistics before its deletion. */
int (*flow_del)(struct dpif *dpif, const struct dpif_flow_del *del);
/* Deletes all flows from 'dpif' and clears all of its queues of received
* packets. */
int (*flow_flush)(struct dpif *dpif);
/* Attempts to begin dumping the flows in a dpif. On success, returns 0
* and initializes '*statep' with any data needed for iteration. On
* failure, returns a positive errno value. */
int (*flow_dump_start)(const struct dpif *dpif, void **statep);
/* Attempts to retrieve another flow from 'dpif' for 'state', which was
```

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* initialized by a successful call to the 'flow_dump_start' function for
* 'dpif'. On success, updates the output parameters as described below
* and returns 0. Returns EOF if the end of the flow table has been
* reached, or a positive errno value on error. This function will not be
* called again once it returns nonzero within a given iteration (but the
* 'flow dump done' function will be called afterward).
* On success, if 'key' and 'key_len' are nonnull then '*key' and
* '*key_len' must be set to Netlink attributes with types OVS_KEY_ATTR_*
* representing the dumped flow's key. If 'actions' and 'actions_len' are
* nonnull then they should be set to Netlink attributes with types
* OVS_ACTION_ATTR_* representing the dumped flow's actions. If 'stats'
* is nonnull then it should be set to the dumped flow's statistics.
* All of the returned data is owned by 'dpif', not by the caller, and the
* caller must not modify or free it. 'dpif' must guarantee that it
* remains accessible and unchanging until at least the next call to
* 'flow_dump_next' or 'flow_dump_done' for 'state'. */
int (*flow dump next)(const struct dpif *dpif, void *state,
            const struct nlattr **key, size_t *key_len,
            const struct nlattr **actions, size_t *actions_len,
            const struct dpif_flow_stats **stats);
/* Releases resources from 'dpif' for 'state', which was initialized by a
* successful call to the 'flow_dump_start' function for 'dpif'. */
int (*flow_dump_done)(const struct dpif *dpif, void *state);
/* Performs the 'execute->actions_len' bytes of actions in
* 'execute->actions' on the Ethernet frame specified in 'execute->packet'
* taken from the flow specified in the 'execute->key len' bytes of
* 'execute->key'. ('execute->key' is mostly redundant with
* 'execute->packet', but it contains some metadata that cannot be
* recovered from 'execute->packet', such as tun_id and in_port.) */
```

```
int (*execute)(struct dpif *dpif, const struct dpif_execute *execute);
/* Executes each of the 'n_ops' operations in 'ops' on 'dpif', in the order
* in which they are specified, placing each operation's results in the
* "output" members documented in comments.
* This function is optional. It is only worthwhile to implement it if
* 'dpif' can perform operations in batch faster than individually. */
void (*operate)(struct dpif *dpif, struct dpif_op **ops, size_t n_ops);
/* Enables or disables receiving packets with dpif recv() for 'dpif'.
* Turning packet receive off and then back on is allowed to change Netlink
* PID assignments (see ->port_get_pid()). The client is responsible for
* updating flows as necessary if it does this. */
int (*recv set)(struct dpif *dpif, bool enable);
/* Translates OpenFlow queue ID 'queue_id' (in host byte order) into a
* priority value used for setting packet priority. */
int (*queue to priority)(const struct dpif *dpif, uint32 t queue id,
              uint32_t *priority);
/* Polls for an upcall from 'dpif'. If successful, stores the upcall into
* '*upcall', using 'buf' for storage. Should only be called if 'recv_set'
* has been used to enable receiving packets from 'dpif'.
* The implementation should point 'upcall->packet' and 'upcall->key' into
* data in the caller-provided 'buf'. If necessary to make room, the
* implementation may expand the data in 'buf'. (This is hardly a great
* way to do things but it works out OK for the dpif providers that exist
* so far.)
* This function must not block. If no upcall is pending when it is
* called, it should return EAGAIN without blocking. */
```

各个抽象 API 具体的实现,仍然分为 dpif_linux_class (lib/dpif-linux.c) 和 dpif_netdev_class (lib/dpif-netdev.c) 两个具体类型。这些 api 作为中间层,对上层则被 lib/dpif.c 文件中的高级 api 所封装使用。

这里以 dpif_flow_put()(lib/dpif.c)为例分析 netlink 消息的构建和发出过程。该函数 试图对绑定的 datapath 中的 flow 进行设置。其主要调用了函数 dpif_flow_put__(),而 dpif_flow_put__()的代码为

可见,其调用了具体的 dpif_class 中的抽象接口,以 dpif_linux_class 为例,该接口实际为 dpif_linux_flow_put(),其代码如下

从代码中,可见主要执行两个过程,利用 dpif_linux_init_flow_put()进行初始化,和利用 dpif_linux_flow_transact()发送 nlmsg。

dpif_linux_init_flow_put()利用 put 构建了 request 消息,代码为

```
static void
dpif_linux_init_flow_put(struct dpif *dpif_, const struct dpif_flow_put *put,
             struct dpif_linux_flow *request)
{
 static struct nlattr dummy_action;
 struct dpif_linux *dpif = dpif_linux_cast(dpif_);
  dpif_linux_flow_init(request);
 request->cmd = (put->flags & DPIF_FP_CREATE
          ? OVS_FLOW_CMD_NEW : OVS_FLOW_CMD_SET);
  request->dp_ifindex = dpif->dp_ifindex;
 request->key = put->key;
 request->key_len = put->key_len;
 /* Ensure that OVS_FLOW_ATTR_ACTIONS will always be included. */
 request->actions = put->actions ? put->actions : &dummy_action;
 request->actions_len = put->actions_len;
 if (put->flags & DPIF_FP_ZERO_STATS) {
    request->clear = true;
 }
  request->nlmsg_flags = put->flags & DPIF_FP_MODIFY ? 0 : NLM_F_CREATE;
```

而 dpif_linux_flow_transact()则具体负责发出 nlmsg,代码为

```
static int
dpif_linux_flow_transact(struct dpif_linux_flow *request,
             struct dpif_linux_flow *reply, struct ofpbuf **bufp)
{
  struct ofpbuf *request_buf;
  int error;
  assert((reply != NULL) == (bufp != NULL));
  if (reply) {
    request->nlmsg_flags |= NLM_F_ECHO;
 }
  request_buf = ofpbuf_new(1024);
  dpif_linux_flow_to_ofpbuf(request, request_buf);
  error = nl_sock_transact(genl_sock, request_buf, bufp);
  ofpbuf_delete(request_buf);
  if (reply) {
    if (!error) {
      error = dpif_linux_flow_from_ofpbuf(reply, *bufp);
    }
    if (error) {
      dpif_linux_flow_init(reply);
      ofpbuf_delete(*bufp);
      *bufp = NULL;
    }
  }
  return error;
```

dpif_linux_flow_transact()的第一个参数 request 为发送消息的相关数据,第二个参数 和第三个参数如果给定非空,则用来存储可能收到的回复信息。

该函数首先调用 dpif_linux_flow_to_ofpbuf()函数,利用 request 中的 attrs 信息创建一个 struct ofpbuf *request_buf=ovs_header+attrs。其中 ovs_header 结构 (include/linux/openvswitch.h) 中仅保存了一个 dp_ifindex 信息。之后则调用 nl_sock_transact()函数发出消息。

nl_sock_transact()函数代码为

```
int
nl_sock_transact(struct nl_sock *sock, const struct ofpbuf *request,
         struct ofpbuf **replyp)
  struct nl_transaction *transactionp;
  struct nl_transaction transaction;
  transaction.request = CONST_CAST(struct ofpbuf *, request);
  transaction.reply = replyp ? ofpbuf_new(1024) : NULL;
  transactionp = &transaction;
  nl_sock_transact_multiple(sock, &transactionp, 1);
  if (replyp) {
    if (transaction.error) {
      ofpbuf_delete(transaction.reply);
      *replyp = NULL;
    } else {
      *replyp = transaction.reply;
    }
  }
  return transaction.error;
```

nl_sock_transact()函数进一步调用了 nl_sock_transact_multiple()函数发出消息。

nl_sock_transact_multiple()函数第一个参数为要发送消息的 socket,第二个参数存储了需要发送的消息,第三个参数指定发出消息的数目。函数中主要调用了nl_sock_transact_multiple__()函数构建 nlmsg 并发出。

其他类型的行为的处理过程类似,都遵循如图 1 所示的过程。

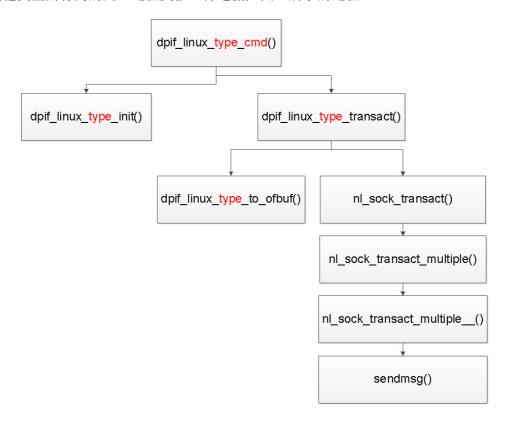


图 1 ovsd 利用 netlink 发送消息流程