## **Linux Devlink Documentation**

devlink is an API to expose device information and resources not directly related to any device class, such as chip-wide/switch-ASIC-wide configuration.

## Locking

Driver facing APIs are currently transitioning to allow more explicit locking. Drivers can use the existing  $devlink_*$  set of APIs, or new APIs prefixed by  $devl_*$ . The older APIs handle all the locking in devlink core, but don't allow registration of most sub-objects once the main devlink object is itself registered. The newer  $devl_*$  APIs assume the devlink instance lock is already held. Drivers can take the instance lock by calling  $devl_lock$ (). It is also held in most of the callbacks. Eventually all callbacks will be invoked under the devlink instance lock, refer to the use of the  $devl_lock$  flag in devlink core to find out which callbacks are not converted, yet.

Drivers are encouraged to use the devlink instance lock for their own needs.

## **Interface documentation**

The following pages describe various interfaces available through devlink in general.

```
System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\linux-
master\Documentation\networking\devlink\((linux-master)\) (Documentation) (networking)
(devlink) index.rst, line 29)
Unknown directive type "toctree".
   .. toctree::
      :maxdepth: 1
      devlink-dpipe
      devlink-health
      devlink-info
      devlink-flash
      devlink-params
      devlink-port
      devlink-region
      devlink-resource
      devlink-reload
      devlink-trap
```

## **Driver-specific documentation**

Each driver that implements devlink is expected to document what parameters, info versions, and other features it supports.

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System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\linux-
master\Documentation\networking\devlink\((linux-master)\) (Documentation) (networking)
(devlink) index.rst, line 49)
Unknown directive type "toctree".
   .. toctree::
      :maxdepth: 1
      bnxt
      hns3
      ionic
      ice
      mlx4
      mlx5
      mlxsw
      mv88e6xxx
      netdevsim
      nfp
      ti-cpsw-switch
      am65-nuss-cpsw-switch
      prestera
      iosm
      octeontx2
```

