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 $devlink_lock_lock$ 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.

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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 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
```

