

Data Plane Device Management

Library (DPDM)

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DPDM



- ▶ DPDM includes a set of user-space libraries and a kernel module.
- ▶ DPDM user-space libraries are data plane device management libraries designed and implemented based upon Intel-initiated Open Source project DPDK.
- ▶ DPDM is based upon a driver extension technology that enables DPDM to support additional device management functionalities that are not in the scope of DPDK.
- ▶ DPDM includes components to support both user-space and kernel-space device management interfaces. This has become critical for Telco* applications since more customers are requesting features to support managing devices over Network Functions Virtualization (NFV) and cloud environment.
- ▶ With DPDM, customers either can write a user-space daemon to invoke supported device features through Inter-Process Communications (IPC) or use existing network device management utilities (Ethool/IP/Ifconfig) to manage network device setup when devices are managed by DPDK driver.

Ethtool and Kernel Driver

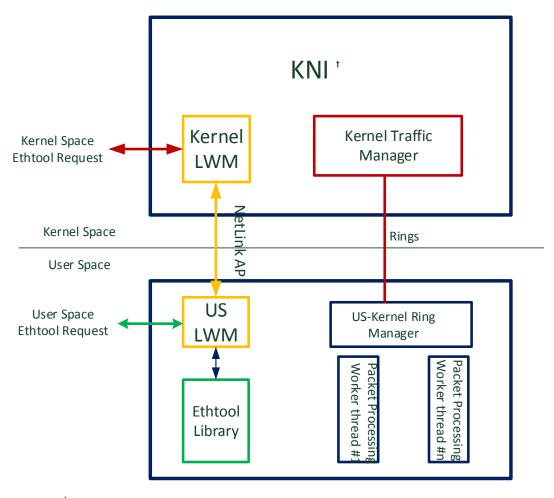


User Space Kernel Space Ethtool command: ioctl(soket-fd, SIOCETHTOOL, ifr-cmd) Kernel socket interface: ethtool_ioctl(net, argup) Kernel joctl interface: dev ioctl(net, SIOCETHTOOL, ifr) Kernel ethtool interface: dev_ethtool(net, ifr) Kernel device driver: dev->ethtool_ops->cmd

DPDK Ethtool Upstream Effort



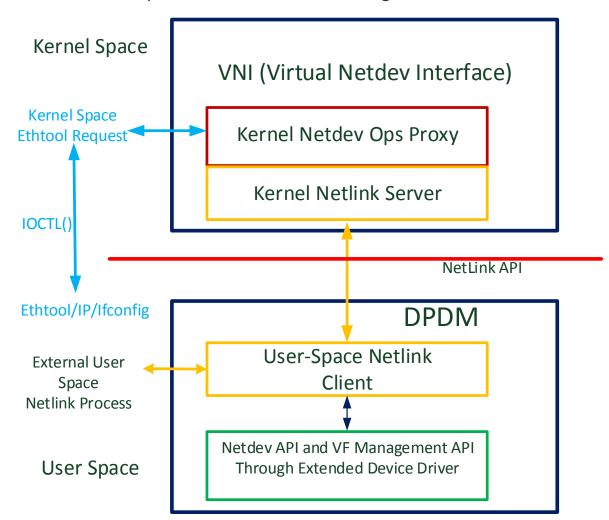
Hybrid Ethtool Library Implementation Model



KNI [†]: remove kernel-space ethtool library and add Kernel LWM



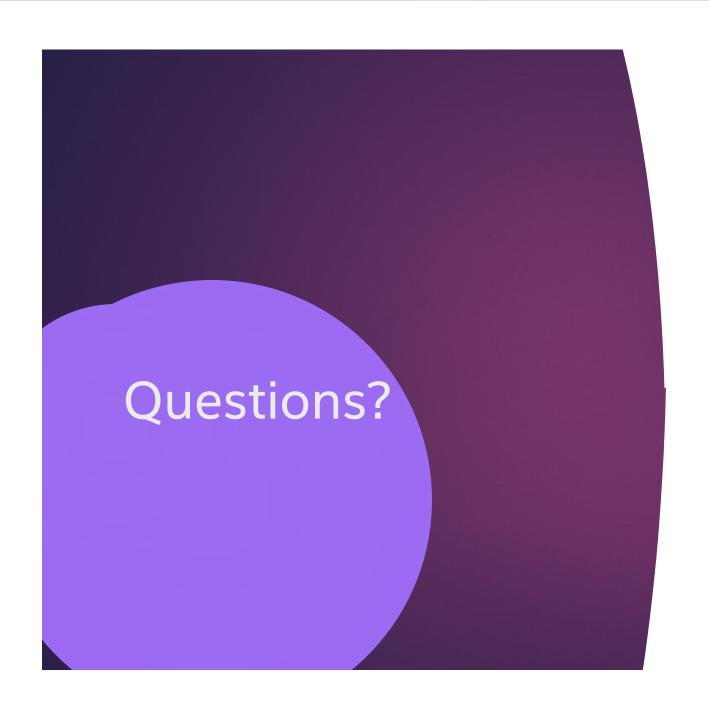
User Space Data Plane Device Management Architecture



DPDK Driver Extension



- Extended Driver Registered Through GCC Constructor
 - Register extender driver before main entry
 - Link extended driver with base driver after rte_eal_init()
- Extended Device Structure
 - struct rte_eth_dev_ex::dev_ethtool_ops, ::dev_netdev_ops
 - ::netdev_data, ::vf_flags, ::vf_mask, ::is_vf
- Run Time Driver Connection
 - rte_dev_probe_extension(...)
- ETH_DEV API Extension
 - rte_ethtool_x and rte_netdev_x
 - rte_eth_get_devs_by_port(...)



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