

libnftables

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Work in progress

Work for me

- Running a libnftables version of nft
- Test program is working too

Diff statistics

32 files changed, 1003 insertions(+), 682 deletions(-)

Lib usage: basic usage

```
#include <nftables/nftables.h>
const char CMD[] = "list ruleset";
int main(int argc, char * const *argv)
{
    nft_context_t *context = NULL;
    /* Global init to be call once */
    nft_global_init();
    /* Open a thread-safe context */
    context = nft_open();
    /* Run a command */
    nft_run_command(context, CMD, strlen(CMD));
    /* Free ressource for context */
    nft_close(context);
    /* Global deinit function */
    nft_global_deinit();
    return 0;
}
```

transaction support

```
#include <nftables/nftables.h>
const char ADD1[] = "add rule inet filter input counter";
const char ADD2[] = "add rule inet filter output position 40 counter";
int main(int argc, char * const *argv) {
    nft_context_t *context = NULL;
    nft_global_init();
    context = nft_open();
    /* Start a transaction */
    if (nft_transaction_start(context) != 0) {
        nft_print_error(context); return -1;
    }
    /* Add a command to the transaction */
    if (nft_transaction_add(context, ADD1, strlen(ADD1)) != 0) {
        nft_print_error(context); return -1;
    }
    nft_transaction_add(context, ADD2, strlen(ADD2));
    /* Commit transaction to kernel */
    if (nft_transaction_commit(context) != 0) {
        nft_print_error(context); return -1;
    }
    nft_close(context);
    nft_global_deinit();
    return 0;
}
```

Main structure

```
typedef struct _nft_context {
    struct netlink_ctx *nl_ctx;
    struct mnl_socket *nf_sock;
    struct mnl_socket *mon_sock;
    struct nftnl_batch *batch;

    struct list_head cmds;
    struct list_head msgs;
    int seq;
    unsigned int batch_seqnum;
    bool cache_initialized;
    bool batch_supported;
    const struct input_descriptor *indesc;
} nft_context_t;
```

Current API

```
void nft_global_init(void);
void nft_global_deinit(void);

nft_context_t * nft_open(void);
int nft_close(nft_context_t *ctx);

int nft_run_command(nft_context_t *ctx, const char * buf,
                   size_t buflen);

int nft_transaction_start(nft_context_t *ctx);
int nft_transaction_add(nft_context_t *ctx, const char * buf,
                       size_t buflen);
int nft_transaction_commit(nft_context_t *ctx);

int nft_print_error(nft_context_t *ctx);
```

Short term TODO list

Output

- Redirect output
- Json output
- Error message

API update

- Use identifier
- Documentation

Long term TODO list

Monitor event

- Get event
- Filter them
- Select output format

Set handling

- Typed set handling

Bindings

- Python bindings