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Chapter 1

DBL

1.1 Introduction

DBL provides a very low-latency interface for sending and receiving UDP datagrams or TCP packets as part of the DBL extensions. The DBL library communicates directly with the firmware on the NIC to send and receive packets, removing the overhead associated with kernel calls and the TCP/UDP stack.

1.1.1 Terms and Concepts

The DBL API uses 3 different entities: "devices", "channels", and "send handles".

A device is the abstraction of a NIC, and there will generally be one device per NIC in a given process. A device is created by calling `dbl_open()`. Several channels can attach to a device.

A channel is roughly the equivalent of a socket opened on a device, with a port number specified. A channel is created by calling `dbl_bind()` on a particular device. When calling `dbl_bind` the type of the channel (e.g TCP or UDP) must be specified.

A send handle is a handle associated with a specific destination that is used to very efficiently send packets to that destination. Send handles are not necessary for sending. A send handle is created by calling `dbl_send_connect()`.

Demultiplexing of incoming data on a device is done by the user code in order to reduce overhead in the library. There is a single call, `dbl_recvfrom()` that will return the next packet available from a given device. A buffer is passed into this function, and any received data will be placed into the buffer upon return. The received packet may be intended for any channel associated with the specified device. A device allows for the mix of UDP or TCP channels.

1.1.2 Example Pseudo-Code

Example use cases:

A device is opened via a call to `dbl_open()`. An interface is specified to `dbl_open` via its first argument which is a struct `in_addr`. The DBL interface whose IP address matches this address will be opened and a device handle returned.

```
dbl_init();  
dbl_open(interface, flags, &dev);
```

The following pseudo-code demonstrates typical multi-port receiver. For each port on which the program wished to receive data, a

[dbl_bind\(\)](#) is used to bind a port to a channel. In this example, two different ports are bound, each with a different context value. The context is returned in the [dbl_receive_info](#) structure filled in by [dbl_rcvfrom\(\)](#) and can be used to demultiplex based on the receiving channel.

```
dbl_init();
dbl_open(interface, flags, &dev);
dbl_bind(dev, port1, flags, context1, &chan1);
dbl_bind(dev, port2, flags, context2, &chan2);
while (!done) {
    dbl_rcvfrom(dev, mode, buf, maxlen, &info);
    user_packet_handler(buf, info.msg_len, info.chan_context);
}
```

The basic send function is [dbl_sendto\(\)](#). The following pseudo-code demonstrates sending a packet to a destination specified by the address parameter. address is a [sockaddr_in](#) as used by [socket sendto\(\)](#);

```
dbl_init();
dbl_open(interface, flags, &dev);
dbl_bind(dev, port1, flags, context1, &chan1);
dbl_sendto(chan1, address, buf, buflen, flags);
```

An alternate and slightly faster way to send can be used when you have a known set of destinations to which you are sending. A "send handle" is first created using [dbl_send_connect\(\)](#). A send handle is used internally to save precomputed information for sending to that particular destination.

```
dbl_init();
dbl_open(interface, flags, &dev);
dbl_bind(dev, port1, flags, context1, &chan1);
dbl_send_connect(chan1, address, flags, ttl, &send_handle);
dbl_send(send_handle, buf, buflen, flags);
```

To receive multicast packets, a channel joins the multicast group via [dbl_mcast_join\(\)](#).

```
dbl_init();
dbl_open(interface, flags, &dev);
dbl_bind(dev, port1, flags, context1, &chan1);
dbl_mcast_join(chan1, mcast_addr, NULL);
dbl_rcvfrom(dev, mode, buf, maxlen, &info);
user_packet_handler(buf, info.msg_len, info.chan_context);
```

Each channel may join many multicast groups. The example below will receive packets sent to [mcast_addr1:port1](#), [mcast_addr2:port1](#), [mcast_addr1:port2](#), and [mcast_addr3:port2](#). The packets sent to port1 will have context = context1 and those to port2 will have context = context2.

```
dbl_init();
dbl_open(interface, flags, &dev);
dbl_bind(dev, port1, flags, context1, &chan1);
dbl_bind(dev, port2, flags, context2, &chan2);
dbl_mcast_join(chan1, mcast_addr1, NULL);
dbl_mcast_join(chan1, mcast_addr2, NULL);
dbl_mcast_join(chan2, mcast_addr1, NULL);
dbl_mcast_join(chan2, mcast_addr3, NULL);
dbl_rcvfrom(dev, mode, buf, maxlen, &info);
user_packet_handler(buf, info.msg_len, info.chan_context);
```


1.2 Interaction with Sockets

Since DBL packets move straight from the NIC to the user-level library, there is generally no opportunity for these packets to be shared with other processes using the socket interface. Thus, under default conditions, if a process using the DBL API and one using the socket API both open and bind to the same address (using appropriate REUSEADDR-style flags), only the DBL process will actually receive the packets. This is because the packets are never delivered to the kernel and the DBL process has no way to know that another process is listening for the packets.

In order to allow sockets-based processes to receive packets that are being received by DBL processes, the DBL process must not only specify the DBL_BIND_REUSEADDR flag to `dbl_bind()`, it must also specify the DBL_BIND_DUP_TO_KERNEL flag which will cause the firmware on the NIC to duplicate each packet to the kernel UDP stack for possible delivery to any sockets-based processes wishing to receive them. Note that this duplication will happen for every packet delivered to the socket address (IP and port number) specified in the call to `dbl_bind` with the DUP_TO_KERNEL flag, regardless of whether there is a socket application bound to the address or not.

Specifying DBL_BIND_DUP_TO_KERNEL will add 1.8 us or less to each packet whose destination is the address specified in the `dbl_bind()` call.

1.3 Receive Data Buffering

There are two different places that packets are buffered in DBL. The first level of buffering is a 48k buffer onboard on the NIC. This buffer is used directly by the hardware on the NIC and is serviced independently of activity on the host.

The second level of buffering is in host memory, and is on a per-device basis, since `dbl_recvfrom` reads from a `dbl_device_t`. This is a circular buffer which defaults to 128Mb on Linux (the size of the buffer can be changed, see `recvq_size` in `dbl_device_attrs` and `dbl_device_set_attrs`). The NIC asynchronously moves data into this buffer, and the only involvement required from the host is to drain data from this buffer.

On the host buffer, each packet has its length rounded up to a multiple of 64 bytes. Since ethernet packets are a minimum of 64 bytes on lengths and there is bookkeeping data included with the packet, each packet occupies a minimum of 128 bytes of buffer space. This translates to a worst-case capacity of one million packets, or 64 megabytes of data, or roughly 64 milliseconds worth of minimum-sized packets.

There are two different counters that indicate when packets are dropped due to lack of buffering. The first counter, "Net overflow drop" indicates that packets are arriving faster than the NIC can process them. The second counter, "Receive Queue full," indicates that the user application is not draining packets from the host queue quickly enough.

1.4 Direct Access to Ring Contents

The DBL API allows an application to directly access the packet buffers. An application can peek at a packet without consuming it. For example, a trading application could peek at the packet to search for a specific sequence or symbol. The application can then consume packets, without overhead, until a meaningful sequence or symbol is found, which may improve overall latency.

An application can operate on ring data without copying the payload. The API has functions to get a pointer to the first and next packets in the queue and pointers to the header and data sections of a given packet. There is also a function to consume the packet using two modes: DBL_CONSUME_SINGLE, which consumes a single packet at the head of the queue; and DBL_CONSUME_ALL, which consumes all outstanding packets. See the following functions

[dbl_eventq_open](#) [dbl_eventq_close](#) [dbl_eventq_peek_head](#) [dbl_eventq_peek_next](#) [dbl_eventq_inspect](#) [dbl_eventq_consume](#)

See the example programs in the bin/tests directory and described in the DBL User Guide: [dbl_ring_access](#) and [dbl_eventq](#)

1.5 Batch Receive

The DBL API allows an application to determine if further packets are pending. The API also provides a function [dbl_ext_rcvfrom](#) that allows you to receive multiple packets in one call instead of receiving packets sequentially, one at a time [dbl_rcvfrom](#), minimizing overhead. See the following function: [dbl_ext_rcvfrom](#)

See the example program in the bin/tests directory and described in the DBL User Guide: [dbl_batch_rcv](#)

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5.1 API Reference

API Reference for DBL.

Data Structures

- struct [dbl_device_attrs](#)
- struct [dbl_ext_rcv_info](#)
Information about the packet received.
- struct [dbl_rcv_info](#)
Information about the packet received.

Modules

- Flags used for [dbl_open\(\)](#)
- Flags used for [dbl_bind\(\)](#)
- Flags for [dbl_send\(\)](#).

Macros

- `#define DBL_VERSION_API 0x0003`

Enumerations

- enum [dbl_filter_mode](#) { [DBL_RECV_FILTER_NORMAL](#) = 0, [DBL_RECV_FILTER_ALLMULTI](#) = 1, [DBL_RECV_FILTER_RAW](#) = 2 }
- enum [dbl_ext_rcvmode](#) { [DBL_EXT_RECV_DEFAULT](#) = 0, [DBL_EXT_RECV_NONBLOCK](#) = 1, [DBL_EXT_RECV_COMPLETE](#) = 2 }

- enum `dbl_recvmode` {
`DBL_RECV_DEFAULT = 0, DBL_RECV_NONBLOCK = 1, DBL_RECV_BLOCK = 2, DBL_RECV_PEEK = 3,`
`DBL_RECV_PEEK_MSG = 4, DBL_RECV_TX_TIMESTAMP = 6, DBL_RECV_DEFAULT_RAW = 7 }`

Functions

- `dbl_init` (uint16_t api_version)
Initializes the dbl library.
- `dbl_open` (const struct in_addr *interface_addr, int flags, dbl_device_t *dev_out)
Creates an instance of a dbl_device.
- `dbl_open_if` (const char *ifname, int flags, dbl_device_t *dev_out)
Creates an instance of a dbl_device.
- `dbl_device_get_attrs` (dbl_device_t dev, struct dbl_device_attrs *attr)
- `dbl_device_set_attrs` (dbl_device_t dev, const struct dbl_device_attrs *attr)
- `dbl_device_enable` (dbl_device_t dev)
- `dbl_set_filter_mode` (dbl_device_t dev, enum dbl_filter_mode mode)
- `dbl_device_handle` (dbl_device_t dev)
Returns a descriptor for use with poll() or select().
- `dbl_close` (dbl_device_t dev)
Close a dbl device.
- `dbl_bind` (dbl_device_t dev, int flags, int port, void *context, dbl_channel_t *handle_out)
Create a channel on dbl device.
- `dbl_bind_addr` (dbl_device_t dev, const struct in_addr *ipaddr, int flags, int port, void *context, dbl_channel_t *handle_out)
Creates a channel, using specified ip address.
- `dbl_unbind` (dbl_channel_t handle)
Destroys a channel.
- `dbl_getaddress` (dbl_channel_t ch, struct sockaddr_in *sin)
Returns the address to which a channel is bound.
- `dbl_getticks` (dbl_device_t dev, dbl_ticks_t *ticks)
Returns the current NIC time. It reports both values, NIC ticks and time in usec since epoch.
- `dbl_gettime` (dbl_device_t dev, dbl_timespec_t *ts)
Retrieve the current NIC clock value.
- `dbl_mcast_join` (dbl_channel_t ch, const struct in_addr *mcast_addr, void *unused)
Join a multicast group.
- `dbl_mcast_join_source` (dbl_channel_t ch, const struct in_addr *mcast_addr, const struct in_addr *src)
Join a multicast group on a given source address.
- `dbl_mcast_leave` (dbl_channel_t ch, const struct in_addr *mcast_addr)
Leave a multicast group.
- `dbl_mcast_leave_source` (dbl_channel_t ch, const struct in_addr *mcast_addr, const struct in_addr *src)
Leave a multicast group.
- `dbl_mcast_block_source` (dbl_channel_t ch, const struct in_addr *join_addr, const struct in_addr *block_addr)
block sender.

- **dbl_mcast_unblock_source** (dbl_channel_t ch, const struct in_addr *join_addr, const struct in_addr *block_addr)
 - unblock sender.*
- **dbl_get_params** (dbl_device_t dev, void *dbl_params)
 - Used to query global and local DBL settings.*
- **dbl_shutdown** (dbl_device_t dev, int how)
 - Unblock dbl_rcvfrom/dbl_ext_rcvmsg.*
- **dbl_ext_rcvfrom** (dbl_device_t dev, enum **dbl_ext_rcvmode** mode, int *num, struct **dbl_ext_rcv_info** *info)
 - Receive (UDP) data.*
- **dbl_rcvfrom** (dbl_device_t dev, enum **dbl_rcvmode** mode, void *buf, size_t len, struct **dbl_rcv_info** *info)
 - Receive data.*
- **dbl_send_connect** (dbl_channel_t chan, const struct sockaddr_in *dest_sin, int flags, int ttl, dbl_send_t *hsend)
 - Create a send_handle for faster sending.*
- **dbl_send** (dbl_send_t sendh, const void *buf, size_t len, int flags)
 - Send a packet using a send handle.*
- **dbl_send_disconnect** (dbl_send_t hsend)
 - Release a send handle.*
- **dbl_sendto** (dbl_channel_t ch, const struct sockaddr_in *sin, const void *buf, size_t len, int flags)
 - Send a packet.*

5.1.1 Detailed Description

API Reference for DBL.

5.1.2 API Reference

5.1.3 Macro Definition Documentation

5.1.3.1 #define DBL_VERSION_API 0x0003

DBL API version number (16 bits) Least significant byte increases for minor backwards compatible changes in the API. Most significant byte increases for incompatible changes in the API

0x0002: Added timestamp to **dbl_rcv_info** 0x0003: Added TCP extensions 0x0004: Added tx timestamping

5.1.4 Enumeration Type Documentation

5.1.4.1 enum **dbl_ext_rcvmode**

Specifies behavior of the **dbl_ext_rcvfrom** call

Enumerator

DBL_EXT_RECV_DEFAULT Busy poll forever until at least one packet has been received.

DBL_EXT_RECV_NONBLOCK Return a packet if available, else return EAGAIN.

DBL_EXT_RECV_COMPLETE wait until all provided buffers are filled.

5.1.4.2 enum dbl_filter_mode

Filtering modes (advanced functionality).

Remarks

Selecting anything but the NORMAL filter causes all other DBL devices to be deprived of data. The ALLMULTI and RAW modes cause all matching data from the underlying port to be delivered to the one endpoint. The OS-setting of dup to kernel is honored with all filtering modes, albeit with the same performance constraints.

5.1.4.3 enum dbl_recvmode

Specifies behavior of the dbl_recvfrom call

Enumerator

DBL_RECV_DEFAULT Busy poll forever until a packet is received.

DBL_RECV_NONBLOCK Return a packet if available, else return EAGAIN.

DBL_RECV_BLOCK Block until a packet is available, sleep until interrupt if necessary.

DBL_RECV_PEEK Check for a packet one time, return info, or EAGAIN if no packet.

DBL_RECV_PEEK_MSG Peek but also copy data, return info, or EAGAIN if no packet. Unsupported in the DBL TCP extensions

DBL_RECV_TX_TIMESTAMP nonblocking recv for retrieving full payloads and associated timestamps for outgoing (tx) traffic, restricted to dbl_ext functions only, EINVAL reported otherwise

DBL_RECV_DEFAULT_RAW blocking recv for retrieving full headers and payloads and associated timestamps for incoming (rx) traffic.

5.1.5 Function Documentation

5.1.5.1 dbl_bind (dbl_device_t dev, int flags, int port, void * context, dbl_channel_t * handle_out)

Create a channel on dbl device.

Creates a channel on a specified device through which UDP datagrams or TCP streams (if using the DBL TCP extensions), may be sent and received. Any packets sent through this channel will have "port" as their source port and packets arriving on the interface addressed to "port" will be received on this channel. By default, only unicast packets, not broadcast or multicast, will be received on the channel.

Parameters

<i>dev</i>	A DBL device handle returned by a call to dbl_open() .
<i>flags</i>	See Flags used for dbl_bind() .
<i>port</i>	The port to send/receive on.
<i>context</i>	The value of context is returned on future receives on this channel.
<i>handle_out</i>	The handle to the created channel.

Return values

<i>0</i>	Success
<i>EINVAL</i>	Error in arguments
<i>EEXIST</i>	port already in use
<i>?</i>	Other values indicate various OS failures in the bind process

If `dbl_bind()` is called multiple times on the same port on a single device, unicast packets will only be delivered to the oldest channel currently bound to the port.

Remarks

This function can be used in the context of DBL TCP API, with some restriction. The `DBL_BIND_DUP_TO_KERNEL` and `DBL_BIND_NO_UNICAST` options are not supported.

5.1.5.2 `dbl_bind_addr (dbl_device_t dev, const struct in_addr * ipaddr, int flags, int port, void * context, dbl_channel_t * handle_out)`

Creates a channel, using specified ip address.

Creates a channel on a specified device, just like `dbl_bind`, except that it associates the channel with the specified address instead of the one specified in the `dbl_open` call.

The address used must correspond to an OS-level interface that maps to the same underlying Ethernet port as the interface specified in `dbl_open`. For example, this can be a VLAN interface.

Parameters

<i>dev</i>	A DBL device handle returned by a call to <code>dbl_open()</code> .
<i>ipaddr</i>	Specifies the IP address of the interface with which the channel created will be associated. This must be on the same underlying interface as the one used in the <code>dbl_open</code> call.
<i>flags</i>	See Flags used for dbl_bind() .
<i>port</i>	The port to send/receive on.
<i>context</i>	The value of context is returned on future receives on this channel.
<i>handle_out</i>	The handle to the created channel.

Return values

<i>0</i>	Success
<i>EINVAL</i>	Error in arguments. Specifying an address that is not on the same underlying interface as that specified with <code>dbl_open</code> will return <code>EINVAL</code> .
<i>EEXIST</i>	port already in use
<i>?</i>	Other values indicate various OS failures in the bind process

Remarks

DBL TCP supported

5.1.5.3 `dbl_close (dbl_device_t dev)`

Close a dbl device.

Terminate usage of a device returned by `dbl_open()` and free all resources associated with it.

Parameters

<i>dev</i>	The device handle returned from <code>dbl_open()</code> .
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Return values

<i>0</i>	Success
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5.1.5.4 `dbl_device_enable (dbl_device_t dev)`

Function to enable a device if opened with `DBL_OPEN_DISABLED`

Remarks

If this call fails, the user is still responsible for calling `dbl_close()` on the underlying device to free resources

5.1.5.5 `dbl_device_get_attrs (dbl_device_t dev, struct dbl_device_attrs * attr)`

Function to retrieve device attributes.

Parameters

<i>dev</i>	The device handle returned from <code>dbl_open()</code>
<i>attr</i>	Device attributes will be copied out.

Remarks

Can be used before and after calls that open and enable DBL devices.

5.1.5.6 `dbl_device_handle (dbl_device_t dev)`

Returns a descriptor for use with `poll()` or `select()`.

Returns an OS-specific file descriptor which can be passed to `poll()` or `select()` to block on receive data available. For UNIX systems, this is a file descriptor, on Windows it is a HANDLE.

Parameters

<i>dev</i>	The DBL device whose OS handle is needed.
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Returns

OS-specific handle for device

5.1.5.7 `dbl_device_set_attrs (dbl_device_t dev, const struct dbl_device_attrs * attr)`

Function to set device attributes before a device is enabled

Parameters

<i>dev</i>	The device handle returned from dbl_open() with flag DBL_OPEN_DISABLED.
<i>attr</i>	Device attributes that will be set on the device.

Remarks

Can't be called without having the contents of *attr* previously filled out by a call to [dbl_device_get_attrs](#). The implementation can change the size of requests to accomodate internal alignment and sizing requirements. If these sizes are changed, the new sizes are reflected during a subsequent call to [dbl_device_get_attrs](#).

5.1.5.8 `dbl_ext_recvfrom (dbl_device_t dev, enum dbl_ext_recvmode mode, int * num, struct dbl_ext_recv_info * info)`

Receive (UDP) data.

Used to check for and read data from the channels associated with a particular `dbl_device`.

Parameters

<i>dev</i>	The underlying device via <code>dbl_open</code>
<i>mode</i>	See dbl_ext_recvmode
<i>num</i>	In / Out value of given buffers pointed by struct dbl_ext_recv_info and buffers detected via underlying receive operations.
<i>info</i>	A pointer to an array. See dbl_ext_recv_info .

Return values

<i>0</i>	Success
<i>EAGAIN</i>	Returned if using mode DBL_RECV_NONBLOCK or DBL_RECV_COMPLETE when no packet is available.
<i>EINTR</i>	in case dbl_shutdown() was called
<i>ENOBUS</i>	provided buffer was filled successfully but more data is pending.
<i>?</i>	Other codes indicate various OS failures.

Remarks

[dbl_ext_recvfrom\(\)](#) will, by default, busy-poll checking for data available on the device. This consumes 100% of the CPU available to this single thread, but also guarantees the lowest possible latency for packet delivery. DBL TCP not supported.

5.1.5.9 `dbl_get_params (dbl_device_t dev, void * dbl_params)`

Used to query global and local DBL settings.

Used to query global and local DBL settings

Parameters

<i>dev</i>	The underlying device via <code>dbl_open</code>
<i>params</i>	struct pointer

Remarks

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Return values

<i>0</i>	Success, parameter len updated with actual length
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5.1.5.10 dbl_getaddress (dbl_channel_t ch, struct sockaddr_in * sin)

Returns the address to which a channel is bound.

Returns the address to which a channel is bound.

Parameters

<i>ch</i>	Specifies the channel whose bind information is required.
<i>sin</i>	sockaddr_in to which the address will be copied out.

Return values

<i>0</i>	Success
<i>EINVAL</i>	Bad channel specified

Remarks

DBL TCP supported

5.1.5.11 dbl_getticks (dbl_device_t dev, dbl_ticks_t * ticks)

Returns the current NIC time. It reports both values, NIC ticks and time in usec since epoch.

Returns the current NIC time.

Parameters

<i>dev</i>	Specifies the dev channel from dbl_open
<i>ticks</i>	Specifies the dbl_ticks_t structure holding the timing information

Return values

<i>0</i>	Success
<i>EINVAL</i>	Bad dev specified

Remarks

DBL TCP supported

Under TA , a ioctl/WSAIoctl socket call can use cmd SIO_GETNICTIME

5.1.5.12 dbl_gettime (dbl_device_t dev, dbl_timespec_t * ts)

Retrieve the current NIC clock value.

Retrieves the current NIC clock value by reading the timestamp register on the NIC.

Parameters

<i>dev</i>	The dev channel from <code>dbl_open</code> .
<i>ts</i>	<code>dbl_timespec_t</code> that will hold the clock value upon return.

Return values

<i>0</i>	Success
<i>EINVAL</i>	Argument error such as bad dev.

Remarks

Reading the timestamp register is a blocking read operation that goes over local interconnect and may have non-trivial delays on the order of 1 microsecond. This method does not adjust the clock value read from the NIC in any way.

5.1.5.13 `dbl_init (uint16_t api_version)`

Initializes the dbl library.

Initializes the dbl library.

Parameters

<i>api_version</i>	Must always be <code>DBL_VERSION_API</code> . This is used to ensure compatibility between the application binary and the DBL library.
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Return values

<i>0</i>	Success
<i>EINVAL</i>	Bad/incompatible version passed.

Remarks

`dbl_init()` must be called once at the start of any application that uses DBL.

5.1.5.14 `dbl_mcast_block_source (dbl_channel_t ch, const struct in_addr * join_addr, const struct in_addr * block_addr)`

block sender.

Indicates that the specified channel wishes to stop receiving packets from a given source and therefore block that sender
Prerequisites : prior call to `dbl_mcast_join` on same multicast address.

Parameters

<i>ch</i>	Handle for the channel to leave the specified multicast group.
<i>join_addr</i>	Address of the multicast group to join.
<i>block_addr</i>	Address to block. The multicast packets will not be received from the blocked source

Return values

<i>0</i>	Success
<i>EINVAL</i>	Argument error, such as address not multicast group.
<i>EADDRNOTAVAIL</i>	Not currently joined to group "address"
<i>EAGAIN</i>	internal resources temporarily unavailable, try again.
<i>?</i>	Other non-zero codes indicate various OS failures in the leave process

5.1.5.15 dbi_mcast_join (dbi_channel_t ch, const struct in_addr * mcast_addr, void * unused)

Join a multicast group.

Indicates that the specified channel wishes to receive packets addressed to the multicast address specified.

Parameters

<i>ch</i>	Handle for the channel to add to the specified multicast group.
<i>mcast_addr</i>	Address of the multicast group to join.

Return values

<i>0</i>	Success
<i>EINVAL</i>	Argument error, such as address is not a multicast group.
<i>?</i>	Other values indicate various OS specific failures in the join process.

5.1.5.16 dbi_mcast_join_source (dbi_channel_t ch, const struct in_addr * mcast_addr, const struct in_addr * src)

Join a multicast group on a given source address.

Indicates that the specified channel wishes to receive packets addressed to the multicast address specified from a specific source. For multiple sources, call this function again with the desired sources to receive from.

Parameters

<i>ch</i>	Handle for the channel to add to the specified multicast group.
<i>mcast_addr</i>	Address of the multicast group to join.
<i>src</i>	Address of source to receive multicast from

Return values

<i>0</i>	Success
<i>EINVAL</i>	Argument error, such as address is not a multicast group.
<i>?</i>	Other values indicate various OS specific failures in the join process.

5.1.5.17 dbi_mcast_leave (dbi_channel_t ch, const struct in_addr * mcast_addr)

Leave a multicast group.

Indicates that the specified channel wishes to stop receiving packets addressed to the multicast address specified.

Parameters

<i>ch</i>	Handle for the channel to leave the specified multicast group.
<i>mcast_addr</i>	Address of the multicast group to leave.

Return values

<i>0</i>	Success
<i>EINVAL</i>	Argument error, such as address not multicast group.
<i>EADDRNOTAVAIL</i>	Not currently joined to group "address"
<i>EAGAIN</i>	internal resources temporarily unavailable, try again.
<i>?</i>	Other non-zero codes indicate various OS failures in the leave process

5.1.5.18 `dbl_mcast_leave_source (dbl_channel_t ch, const struct in_addr * mcast_addr, const struct in_addr * src)`

Leave a multicast group.

Indicates that the specified channel wishes to stop receiving packets addressed to the multicast address specified.

Parameters

<i>ch</i>	Handle for the channel to leave the specified multicast group.
<i>mcast_addr</i>	Address of the multicast group to leave.
<i>src</i>	Address of the source to drop

Return values

<i>0</i>	Success
<i>EINVAL</i>	Argument error, such as address not multicast group.
<i>EADDRNOTAVAIL</i>	Not currently joined to group "address"
<i>EAGAIN</i>	internal resources temporarily unavailable, try again.
<i>?</i>	Other non-zero codes indicate various OS failures in the leave process

5.1.5.19 `dbl_mcast_unblock_source (dbl_channel_t ch, const struct in_addr * join_addr, const struct in_addr * block_addr)`

unblock sender.

Indicates that the specified channel wishes to unblock a sender. Receiving packets will commence from the unblocked sender Prerequisites : prior call to `dbl_mcast_join` on same multicast address. Prior call to `dbl_mcast_block_source`.

Parameters

<i>ch</i>	Handle for the channel to leave the specified multicast group.
<i>join_addr</i>	Address of the multicast group to join.
<i>block_addr</i>	Address to unblock. The multicast packets will again be received from the unblocked source

Return values

<i>0</i>	Success
<i>EINVAL</i>	Argument error, such as address not multicast group.
<i>EADDRNOTAVAIL</i>	Not currently joined to group "address"

<i>EAGAIN</i>	internal resources temporarily unavailable, try again.
?	Other non-zero codes indicate various OS failures in the leave process

5.1.5.20 dbl_open (const struct in_addr * interface_addr, int flags, dbl_device_t * dev_out)

Creates an instance of a dbl_device.

Creates an instance of a dbl device which can be used to subsequently open channels via [dbl_bind\(\)](#).

Parameters

<i>interface_addr</i>	Specifies the IP address of the interface with which channels created using dbl_bind() will be associated.
<i>flags</i>	A bitmask of flags to alter open behavior. See Flags used for dbl_open()
<i>dev_out</i>	On successful return, this is where the handle for the newly opened device will be placed.

Return values

0	Success
<i>EINVAL</i>	bad usage. includes dbl_init not called first and bad interface_addr.
<i>ENODEV</i>	no matching IP address found on DBL-enabled NIC
<i>EAGAIN</i>	internal resources temporarily unavailable, try again.

Remarks

Unlike traditional sockets, a DBL channel cannot be associated with multiple network interfaces. Using the TCP extensions, dbl_open opens an endpoint on which several channels of type UDP and TCP can be demultiplexed

5.1.5.21 dbl_open_if (const char * ifname, int flags, dbl_device_t * dev_out)

Creates an instance of a dbl_device.

Like dbl_open () except it takes an interface name instead of an ip address.

Parameters

<i>ifname</i>	Specifies the name of the interface with which channels created using dbl_bind() will be associated.
<i>flags</i>	A bitmask of flags to alter open behavior. See Flags used for dbl_open()
<i>dev_out</i>	On successful return, this is where the handle for the newly opened device will be placed.

Return values

0	Success
<i>EINVAL</i>	bad usage. includes dbl_init not called first and bad interface_addr.
<i>EAGAIN</i>	internal resources temporarily unavailable, try again.

Remarks

Unlike traditional sockets, a DBL channel cannot be associated with multiple network interfaces.

5.1.5.22 db_l_recvfrom (db_l_device_t dev, enum db_l_recvmode mode, void * buf, size_t len, struct db_l_recv_info * info)

Receive data.

Used to check for and read data from the channels associated with a particular db_l_device.

Parameters

<i>dev</i>	The underlying device via db_l_open
<i>mode</i>	See db_l_recvmode
<i>buf</i>	Buffer in which to place received data.
<i>len</i>	Maximum number of bytes to write into buf.
<i>info</i>	See db_l_recv_info .

Return values

<i>0</i>	Success
<i>EAGAIN</i>	Returned if using mode DBL_RECV_NONBLOCK or DBL_RECV_PEEK when no packet is available.
<i>EINTR</i>	in case db_l_shutdown() was called
<i>?</i>	Other codes indicate various OS failures.

Remarks

[db_l_recvfrom\(\)](#) will, by default, busy-poll checking for data available on the device. This consumes 100% of the CPU available to this single thread, but also guarantees the lowest possible latency for packet delivery. A blocking mode of operation may be specified through the *recv_mode* parameter, reducing CPU load at the expense of a few microseconds of message latency.

DBL TCP supported. Receiving a return value of 0 with a *msg_len* of 0 means the channel is disconnected.

On endpoints with mixed channels e.g DBL and DBL extension (TCP) channels the DBL channels are prioritized to avoid packet drops

5.1.5.23 db_l_send (db_l_send_t sendh, const void * buf, size_t len, int flags)

Send a packet using a send handle.

Sends a packet to the address associated with the specified send handle. The *send_handle* must have been previously created by a call to [db_l_send_connect\(\)](#). If internal resources are unavailable to execute the send immediately, the send call will block until resources are available to proceed.

Parameters

<i>sendh</i>	Send handle specifying destination for packe.
<i>buf</i>	The data to send.
<i>len</i>	The number of bytes to send.
<i>flags</i>	See Flags for db_l_send() .

Return values

<i>0</i>	Success
<i>EAGAIN</i>	DBL_NONBLOCK specified and no resources available.

<i>EAGAIN</i>	SO_TIMESTAMPING option enabled and no TX timestamping queue exhausted. An application would need to retrieve TX packets via the DBL_RECV_MSG_ERRQUEUE at this time to be able to send again or disable the TX timestamping option.
?	Other codes indicate various OS failures in the send process.

Remarks

DBL TCP supported with no DBL flags. The function will block until all data has been transferred. For advanced handling use `dbl_ext_send` for TCP channels

Return values

<i>EISCONN</i>	channel already connected
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5.1.5.24 `dbl_send_connect (dbl_channel_t chan, const struct sockaddr_in * dest_sin, int flags, int ttl, dbl_send_t * hsend)`

Create a `send_handle` for faster sending.

Used to create a send handle for fast sending to a remote destination.

Parameters

<i>chan</i>	The channel to be associated with this send handle.
<i>dest_sin</i>	Destination address of packets sent using this handle.
<i>flags</i>	Bitmask of flags to modify default <code>send_connect</code> operation. Currently no flags are supported.
<i>ttl</i>	The value to put in the TTL field of the IP header.
<i>hsend</i>	The <code>send_handle</code> to be used in future calls to <code>dbl_send()</code> is returned here.

Return values

0	Success
<i>EINVAL</i>	Errors in arguments
?	Other codes indicate various OS failures in the send process.

Remarks

The returned send handle is a reference to a set of precomputed data that is needed to send a packet to a particular destination. This precomputed data is saved and cached by DBL as a matter of course through the `dbl_sendto()` function, but holding a `send_handle` avoids the need for a hash lookup to find the necessary information. This can take 100-200 ns off the time required to do a send.

Since `dbl_send_connect` will re-use a cached send handle to the same destination, the `ttl` parameter, if non-zero, will overwrite the `ttl` value in the cached sendhandle. This means that any future `dbl_sendto` operations to the same destination will use the new `ttl` value. This also means that if there is a need to use `dbl_sendto` with a different `ttl` than the default, it is possible to use a call to `dbl_send_connect` to change the `ttl`.

DBL TCP supported. One can use the `dbl` semantics (reuse the exact same call, besides the `ttl` value) to retrieve a send handle, or one can specify a NULL value for `dest_sin` to retrieve a new send handle which could be clearer in the code than keeping the `dest_sin` value.

5.1.5.25 dbl_send_disconnect (dbl_send_t hsend)

Release a send handle.

Release the resources associated with a send handle.

Parameters

<i>hsend</i>	The send handle.
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Return values

0	Success
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Remarks

DBL TCP supported - in this case the connected peer will receive an EOF which will show up with a msg of len 0. The local channel is re-transitioned into the unconnected state and can be used again in dbl_send_connect

5.1.5.26 dbl_sendto (dbl_channel_t ch, const struct sockaddr_in * sin, const void * buf, size_t len, int flags)

Send a packet.

Send a packet to the address specified.

Parameters

<i>ch</i>	Handle for the channel to send over.
<i>sin</i>	The destination address
<i>buf</i>	The data to send.
<i>len</i>	The length of the data to send.
<i>flags</i>	See Flags for dbl_send() .

Return values

0	Success
<i>EAGAIN</i>	DBL_NONBLOCK specified and no resources available.
?	Other codes indicate various OS failures in the send process.

5.1.5.27 dbl_set_filter_mode (dbl_device_t dep, enum dbl_filter_mode mode)

Function to control per-port DBL filtering modes (advanced functionality).

5.1.5.28 dbl_shutdown (dbl_device_t dev, int how)

Unblock dbl_recvfrom/dbl_ext_recvmsg.

Used to unblock a blocking dbl_recvfrom/dbl_ext_recvmsg.

Parameters

<i>dev</i>	The underlying device via <code>dbl_open</code>
<i>how</i>	Unused for now

Remarks

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5.1.5.29 `dbl_unbind (dbl_channel_t handle)`

Destroys a channel.

Destroys a channel and releases all the resources associated with it.

Parameters

<i>handle</i>	The handle of the channel to unbind.
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Return values

<i>0</i>	Success
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Remarks

DBL TCP supported

5.2 Flags used for `dbl_open()`

Macros

- `#define DBL_OPEN_THREADSAFE 0x1`
- `#define DBL_OPEN_DISABLED 0x2`
- `#define DBL_OPEN_HW_TIMESTAMPING 0x4`
- `#define DBL_OPEN_RAW_MODE 0x8`

5.2.1 Detailed Description

5.2.2 Macro Definition Documentation

5.2.2.1 `#define DBL_OPEN_DISABLED 0x2`

A device can be opened but separately enabled through `dbl_device_enable`. This allows users to change the size of buffers or other properties before it is enabled and ready to receive packets. By setting this flag, users are required to separately call `dbl_device_enable` after, perhaps, having changed device attributes using `dbl_device_get_attrs` followed by `dbl_device_set_attrs`.

5.2.2.2 `#define DBL_OPEN_HW_TIMESTAMPING 0x4`

Request that incoming packets provide a hardware timestamp to indicate when the packet was received by the NIC. The timestamp provided is a conversion from raw NIC nanoseconds to host nanoseconds as would be returned by `gettimeofday()`. Unless HW timestamping is requested, packets will return a timestamp of 0.

Alternatively, users can enable/disable the HW timestamping once the device is opened by using `dbl_device_get_attrs` followed by `dbl_device_set_attrs`.

Note, starting with DBL v4, this is enabled by default.

5.2.2.3 `#define DBL_OPEN_RAW_MODE 0x8`

Request that incoming packets not only contain the payload but also fully qualified ethernet and IP headers. Payload then starts with an offset. An endpoint needs to be opened with `DBL_OPEN_RAW_MODE` to be able to use the `DBL_RECV_RAW` `recv` flag. Note that the following flags are not available when using RAW mode: `DBL_RECV_PEEK`, `DBL_RECV_PEEK_MSG`

5.2.2.4 `#define DBL_OPEN_THREADSAFE 0x1`

Used to indicate that multiple threads will be using this device, and that locking should be used internally to serialize access. Thread safety is off by default in order to improve performance for the single-threaded case.

5.3 Flags used for dbl_bind()

Macros

- #define `DBL_BIND_REUSEADDR` 0x02
- #define `DBL_BIND_DUP_TO_KERNEL` 0x04
- #define `DBL_BIND_NO_UNICAST` 0x08
- #define `DBL_BIND_BROADCAST` 0x10
- #define `DBL_BIND_TX_TIMESTAMP` 0x20

Enumerations

- enum `dbl_consumemode` { `DBL_CONSUME_SINGLE` = 0, `DBL_CONSUME_ALL` = 1 }
- enum `dbl_filtermode` { `DBL_ADD_FILTER` = 0, `DBL_REMOVE_FILTER` = 1 }

Functions

- `dbl_raw_send` (dbl_device_t dep, uint8_t *hdr, int hdrlen, uint32_t chksum_hdr, int chksum_offset, const uint8_t *buffer, int paylen, int flags)
Sends RAW packet on a DBL endpoint opened in RAW mode.
- `dbl_eventq_open` (dbl_device_t dep)
Open dbl_device for eventq functions.
- `dbl_eventq_peek_head` (dbl_device_t dep, `dbl_packet_t` *pkt)
Peek first packet.
- `dbl_eventq_peek_next` (dbl_device_t dep, `dbl_packet_t` pkt, `dbl_packet_t` *npkt)
Peek next packet.
- `dbl_eventq_inspect` (dbl_device_t dev, `dbl_packet_t` pkt, char **hdr, char **data, int *len, uint64_t *timestamp)
Get pointers for processing.
- `dbl_eventq_consume` (dbl_device_t dev, `dbl_packet_t` pkt, enum `dbl_consumemode` consume_mode)
Consume the packet. Advance on receive queue.
- `dbl_eventq_close` (dbl_device_t dep)
Close a dbl device opened by `dbl_eventq_open()`.
- `dbl_eventq_count` (dbl_device_t dep)
Count available packets ready to receive.
- `dbl_set_filter` (dbl_device_t dep, enum `dbl_filtermode` how, int ip_proto, struct `sockaddr_in` *dst, int flags)
Set filters on a dbl raw endpoint.

5.3.1 Detailed Description

5.3.2 Macro Definition Documentation

5.3.2.1 #define DBL_BIND_BROADCAST 0x10

Allows this channel to receive broadcast packets.

5.3.2.2 #define DBL_BIND_DUP_TO_KERNEL 0x04

Allows packets to be shared with sockets. (See [Interaction with Sockets](#))

5.3.2.3 #define DBL_BIND_NO_UNICAST 0x08

Instructs this channel not to receive packets addressed to the unicast address.

5.3.2.4 #define DBL_BIND_REUSEADDR 0x02

Allows other [dbl_bind\(\)](#) and [bind\(\)](#) calls on the same port to succeed.

5.3.2.5 #define DBL_BIND_TX_TIMESTAMP 0x20

Allows this channel to receive tx timestamped packets. Requires DBL VERSION API 0x0004 or higher

5.3.3 Function Documentation

5.3.3.1 dbl_eventq_close (dbl_device_t *dev*)

Close a dbl device opened by [dbl_eventq_open\(\)](#).

Terminate usage of a device opened by [dbl_eventq_open\(\)](#)

Parameters

<i>dev</i>	The device handle returned from dbl_open() .
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Return values

0	Success
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5.3.3.2 dbl_eventq_consume (dbl_device_t *dev*, dbl_packet_t *pkt*, enum dbl_consumemode *consume_mode*)

Consume the packet. Advance on receive queue.

Consume the packet

Parameters

<i>pkt</i>	reference packet to consume.
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Returns

0 successful EAGAIN if packet is not head. It will be able to be consumed successful the next time if the *pkt* became head.

5.3.3.3 dbl_eventq_count (dbl_device_t dep)

Count available packets ready to receive.

Counts available packets in recv queue but won't be reporting any packet lengths.

Parameters

<i>dev</i>	A DBL device handle returned by a call to dbl_open() .
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Returns

number of pending packets.

5.3.3.4 dbl_eventq_inspect (dbl_device_t dev, dbl_packet_t pkt, char ** hdr, char ** data, int * len, uint64_t * timestamp)

Get pointers for processing.

Get pointers to hdr and data for given packet

Parameters

<i>dev</i>	A DBL device handle returned by a call to dbl_open() .
<i>pkt</i>	reference packet for inspection
<i>hdr</i>	(Ethernet) HDRs, can be NULL
<i>data</i>	pointer to payload, can be NULL
<i>len</i>	len of payload, can be NULL
<i>timestamp</i>	return timestamp of packet, can be NULL

Returns

0 successful

EINVAL if params don't match

5.3.3.5 dbl_eventq_open (dbl_device_t dep)

Open dbl_device for eventq functions.

Creates an instance of a dbl device which can be used to subsequently open channels via [dbl_bind\(\)](#).

Opens a device for use with eventq functions

Open a dbl device for eventq functions.

Parameters

<i>dev</i>	The device handle returned from dbl_open() .
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Return values

0	Success
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5.3.3.6 db_l_eventq_peek_head (db_l_device_t dep, db_l_packet_t * pkt)

Peek first packet.

Gets pointer to head of receive queue.

Parameters

<i>dev</i>	A DBL device handle returned by a call to db_l_open() .
<i>pkt</i>	for first unread packet in queue

Returns

0 for success, ENOBUFS for empty queue

5.3.3.7 db_l_eventq_peek_next (db_l_device_t dep, db_l_packet_t pkt, db_l_packet_t * npkt)

Peek next packet.

Gets pointer to following packet

Parameters

<i>dev</i>	A DBL device handle returned by a call to db_l_open() .
<i>pkt</i>	reference packet for returning next packet to it
<i>npkt</i>	references to next packet

Returns

0 for success, ENOBUFS for no more packets

5.3.3.8 db_l_raw_send (db_l_device_t dep, uint8_t * hdr, int hdrlen, uint32_t chksum_hdr, int chksum_offset, const uint8_t * buffer, int paylen, int flags)

Sends RAW packet on a DBL endpoint opened in RAW mode.

Sends a fully qualified packet in raw format to device. When using a DBL RAW endpoint, this function expects the provided buffer containing a fully qualified ether frame.

Parameters

<i>dev</i>	A DBL RAW device handle returned by a call to db_l_open() .
<i>hdr</i>	IPV4 HDR
<i>hdrlen</i>	
<i>chksum_hdr</i>	hdr checksum
<i>chksum_offset</i>	offset
<i>buffer</i>	payload
<i>paylen</i>	length
<i>flags</i>	e.g DBL_TX_LOOPBACK or DBL_MCAST_LOOPBACK

5.3.3.9 `dbl_set_filter (dbl_device_t dep, enum dbl_filtermode how, int ip_proto, struct sockaddr_in * dst, int flags)`

Set filters on a dbl raw endpoint.

Sets a filter for receiving raw packets. When using a DBL RAW endpoint, this function allows for passing in the a filter so that packets go up to user space.

Parameters

<i>dev</i>	A DBL RAW device handle returned by a call to dbl_open() .
<i>how</i>	add or remove filter
<i>ip_proto</i>	UDP or TCP
<i>dst</i>	Destination IP address and port
<i>flags</i>	optional flags for filter DBL_BIND_DUP_TO_KERNEL

Return values

<i>0</i>	Success
<i>EINVAL</i>	DBL EP not opened in RAW mode

5.4 Flags for `dbl_send()`.

Macros

- `#define DBL_NONBLOCK 0x4`
- `#define MSG_WARM 0x20000`
- `#define MSG_WARM 0x20000`
- `#define DBL_MCAST_LOOPBACK 0x10`
- `#define DBL_TX_LOOPBACK 0x8`

5.4.1 Detailed Description

5.4.2 Macro Definition Documentation

5.4.2.1 `#define DBL_MCAST_LOOPBACK 0x10`

Loop back mcast data to local host (default off)

5.4.2.2 `#define DBL_NONBLOCK 0x4`

Return EAGAIN if send request would block for resources

5.4.2.3 `#define MSG_WARM 0x20000`

Optimize send() cost: Keep TCP send path warm. Data is not put on the wire.

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5.5 Extensions

API extensions for DBL.

Modules

- [Specific Options for dbl_ext_setopt\(\)](#).

Macros

- `#define DBL_FUNC(type) type`
- `#define DBL_VAR(type) type`
- `#define DBL_PROTO_IS_MTCP(flags) ((flags & (1 << 7)) != 0)`
- `#define DBL_TYPE_IS_TCP(flags) ((flags & (1 << 8)) != 0)`
- `#define DBL_INITFLAGS(type, proto) (type << 8 | proto << 7)`
- `#define DBL_TCP 1`
- `#define DBL_UDP 0`
- `#define DBL_BSD 1 /* use the BSD stack */`
- `#define DBL_MYRI 0 /* use the DBL_API for UDP */`
- `#define MSG_ERRQUEUE 0x2000`
- `#define DBL_CHANNEL_FLAGS(type, proto) DBL_INITFLAGS(type, proto)`

Enumerations

- `enum { SO_TX_TIMESTAMPING = 0x0900 }`

Functions

- `dbl_ext_send` (`dbl_channel_t ch`, `const void *buf`, `size_t paylen`, `int flags`, `int *nbytes`)
send on a channel and report number of bytes sent
- `dbl_ext_accept` (`dbl_channel_t ch`, `struct sockaddr *sad`, `int *len`, `void *rcontext`, `dbl_channel_t *rch`)
Accept an incoming TCP connection, returns a new channel.
- `dbl_ext_listen` (`dbl_channel_t ch`)
Allow for incoming connections/channels.
- `dbl_ext_recv` (`dbl_channel_t ch`, `enum dbl_recvmode mode`, `void *buf`, `size_t len`, `struct dbl_recv_info *info`)
Receive data from a specific non-DBL channel.
- `dbl_ext_recvmsg` (`dbl_device_t dev`, `enum dbl_recvmode recv_mode`, `struct dbl_recv_info **info`, `int recvmax`)
Receive data from many channels from a same device.
- `dbl_ext_poll` (`dbl_channel_t *chs`, `int nchs`, `int timeout`)
Report on available incoming data on DBL channels.
- `dbl_ext_getchopt` (`dbl_channel_t ch`, `int level`, `int optname`, `void *optval`, `socklen_t *optlen`)
DBL channels are using the same option semantics than in traditional socket environment.
- `dbl_ext_setopt` (`dbl_channel_t ch`, `int level`, `int optname`, `const void *optval`, `socklen_t optlen`)

DBL channels are using the same option semantics than in traditional socket environment.

- `dbl_ext_channel_type` (`dbl_channel_t ch`)

On a given channel TRUE is returned if the channel is TCP.

5.5.1 Detailed Description

API extensions for DBL.

5.5.2 Introduction to extensions

5.5.3 Function Documentation

5.5.3.1 `dbl_ext_accept (dbl_channel_t ch, struct sockaddr * sad, int * len, void * rcontext, dbl_channel_t * rch)`

Accept an incoming TCP connection, returns a new channel.

Accepting incoming TCP channel connection demand.

Parameters

<i>ch</i>	The channel (from <code>dbl_bind()</code>) on which connections are accepted
<i>sad</i>	The argument <i>sad</i> is a pointer to a <code>sockaddr</code> structure. This structure is filled with the address of the peer socket, as known to the communications layer. When <i>addr</i> is NULL, <i>addrlen</i> is not used, and should also be NULL.
<i>len</i>	The <i>len</i> argument is a value-result argument: the caller must initialize it to contain the size (in bytes) of the structure pointed to by <i>sad</i> ; on return it will contain the actual size of the peer address.
<i>rcontext</i>	The value of <i>rcontext</i> is associated with the new channel
<i>rch</i>	The channel which can be used to communicate with the remote peer.

Return values

<i>0</i>	Success
<i>?</i>	Other codes indicate various OS failures.

5.5.3.2 `dbl_ext_channel_type (dbl_channel_t ch)`

On a given channel TRUE is returned if the channel is TCP.

This call returns a bool on whether a channel is TCP or not

Parameters

<i>ch</i>	A valid channel
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Return values

<i>1</i>	Channel is TCP
<i>0</i>	Otherwise

5.5.3.3 db_ext_getchopt (db_channel_t ch, int level, int optname, void * optval, socklen_t * optlen)

DBL channels are using the same option semantics than in traditional socket environment.

This call is used to get information on DBLTCP channel options

Parameters

<i>ch</i>	The channel
<i>level</i>	Level of the option (IPPROTO_IP...)
<i>optname</i>	Option's name (IP_TTL...)
<i>optval</i>	The pointer on the value
<i>optlen</i>	The pointer on the option's length

Return values

==	0 Success
>	0 OS return code

Remarks

DBL channel can not be modified or any option read. A EOPNOTSUPP return code is given back to the user in that case.

5.5.3.4 db_ext_listen (db_channel_t ch)

Allow for incoming connections/channels.

Used to transition the channel into the listening state

Parameters

<i>ch</i>	The channel (from db_bind())
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Return values

0	Success
?	Other codes indicate various OS failures.

5.5.3.5 db_ext_poll (db_channel_t * chs, int nchs, int timeout)

Report on available incoming data on DBL channels.

Polling function for multiplexed channels, in/out channels in chs, timeout in mseconds

Parameters

<i>chs</i>	An array of channels to query
<i>nchs</i>	number of entries in the array
<i>timeout</i>	a timeout in milliseconds, -1 for INFINITE

5.5.3.6 dbl_ext_rcv (dbl_channel_t ch, enum dbf_rcvmode mode, void * buf, size_t len, struct dbf_rcvf_info * info)

Receive data from a specific non-DBL channel.

Used to check for and read data from a specific channel if non-DBL channel

Parameters

<i>ch</i>	The channel (from dbf_bind()) on which a packet has been received.
<i>mode</i>	See dbf_rcvmode
<i>buf</i>	Buffer in which to place received data.
<i>len</i>	Maximum number of bytes to write into buf.
<i>info</i>	See dbf_rcvf_info .

Return values

0	Success
EAGAIN	Returned if using mode DBL_RECV_NONBLOCK or DBL_RECV_PEEK when no packet is available.
?	Other codes indicate various OS failures.

Remarks

Receiving a return value of 0 with a msg_len of 0 means the channel is disconnected.

5.5.3.7 dbl_ext_rcvmsg (dbf_device_t dev, enum dbf_rcvmode rcvf_mode, struct dbf_rcvf_info ** info, int rcvfmax)

Receive data from many channels from a same device.

Is the extension of a rcvf from, but to load a array of receive information

Parameters

<i>dev</i>	The device
<i>rcvf_mode</i>	See dbf_rcvmode
<i>info</i>	the array which describes in/out parameters. The important parameters are: the void *unused field used to provide the pointer to the buffer where the data should be copied, the msg_len is an input-output param, describing then len of the buffer in input, and returning the len of the message copied (see dbf_rcvf_info)
<i>rcvfmax</i>	the number of message which can be loaded

Return values

>=	0 number of messages to retrieve in the info array
<	0 error should be retrieved in errno

Remarks

Receiving a msg_len of 0 in the receive info structure means the channel returned is disconnected.

5.5.3.8 `dbl_ext_send (dbl_channel_t ch, const void * buf, size_t paylen, int flags, int * nbytes)`

send on a channel and report number of bytes sent

send on DBL extension channel

Parameters

<i>ch</i>	The connected channel
<i>buf</i>	pointer to buffer
<i>paylen</i>	size to send See Flags for dbl_send() . return the number of bytes sent

Return values

0	Success
?	Other codes indicate various OS failures.

5.5.3.9 `dbl_ext_setopt (dbl_channel_t ch, int level, int optname, const void * optval, socklen_t optlen)`

DBL channels are using the same option semantics than in traditional socket environment.

This call is used to set information on DBLTCP channel options

Parameters

<i>ch</i>	The channel
<i>level</i>	Level of the option (IPPROTO_IP...)
<i>optname</i>	Option's name (IP_TTL...) and specific options, see Specific Options for dbl_ext_setopt() .
<i>optval</i>	The pointer on the value
<i>optlen</i>	The option's type length

Return values

==	0 Success
>	0 OS return code

Remarks

DBL channel can not be modified or any option read. A EOPNOTSUPP return code is given back to the user in that case.

5.6 Specific Options for `dbl_ext_setopt()`.

Macros

- `#define SO_TIMESTAMPING 0x0025`

5.6.1 Detailed Description

5.6.2 Macro Definition Documentation

5.6.2.1 `#define SO_TIMESTAMPING 0x0025`

Enable given channel to perform tx timestamping when sending. Retrieve timestamps via `DBL_MSG_ERRQUEUE`

Chapter 6

Namespace Documentation

6.1 dbi Namespace Reference

6.1.1 Detailed Description

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Chapter 7

Data Structure Documentation

7.1 `dbl__packet` Struct Reference

Data Fields

- struct `dbl__ep` * **dep**
- `uintptr_t` **uevt**
- `uintptr_t` **desc_offset**
- `uintptr_t` **data_offset**
- `uint64_t` **length**
- `void *` **pkt**
- `void *` **hdr**
- `void *` **payload**
- `int` **paylen**
- `uint64_t` **timestamp**

7.2 `dbl_device_attrs` Struct Reference

Data Fields

- `uint32_t` [recvq_filter_mode](#)
- `uint32_t` [recvq_size](#)
- `uint32_t` [hw_timestamping](#)
- `uint32_t` **reserved_1**

7.2.1 Detailed Description

Structure for retrieving and setting device attributes when [dbl_open](#) is opened with [DBL_OPEN_DISABLED](#).

7.2.2 Field Documentation

7.2.2.1 `uint32_t dbl_device_attrs::hw_timestamping`

Timestamp field is filled in for [dbl_rcv_info](#)

7.2.2.2 `uint32_t dbl_device_attrs::rcvq_filter_mode`

DBL receive filter mode, see [dbl_filter_mode](#)

7.2.2.3 `uint32_t dbl_device_attrs::rcvq_size`

Host receive queue size for device

7.3 `dbl_ext_rcv_info` Struct Reference

Information about the packet received.

Data Fields

- `dbl_channel_t chan`
- `void * chan_context`
- `void * buf`
- `int buflen`
- `struct sockaddr_in sin_from`
- `struct sockaddr_in sin_to`
- `uint32_t msg_len`
- `uint64_t timestamp`

7.3.1 Detailed Description

Information about the packet received.

Information about the packet received.

7.3.2 Field Documentation

7.3.2.1 `void* dbl_ext_rcv_info::buf`

The buffer is to be used for data

7.3.2.2 `dbl_channel_t dbl_ext_rcv_info::chan`

The channel (from [dbl_bind\(\)](#)) on which a packet has been received

7.3.2.3 void* dbl_ext_rcv_info::chan_context

The context value passed to [dbl_bind\(\)](#) when a receiving channel was created.

7.3.2.4 uint32_t dbl_ext_rcv_info::msg_len

The actual transmitted length of the packet.

7.3.2.5 struct sockaddr_in dbl_ext_rcv_info::sin_from

Source address of the received packet

7.3.2.6 struct sockaddr_in dbl_ext_rcv_info::sin_to

Destination address of the received packet. This can be used to differentiate between packets to different multicast joins on the same channel.

7.3.2.7 uint64_t dbl_ext_rcv_info::timestamp

Timestamp in nanosecs when the packet was received by the adapter.

7.4 dbl_rcv_info Struct Reference

Information about the packet received.

Data Fields

- [dbl_channel_t chan](#)
- void * [chan_context](#)
- void * [in_buffer](#)
- int **buflen**
- struct sockaddr_in [sin_from](#)
- struct sockaddr_in [sin_to](#)
- uint32_t [msg_len](#)
- uint64_t [timestamp](#)

7.4.1 Detailed Description

Information about the packet received.

Information about the packet received.

7.4.2 Field Documentation

7.4.2.1 `dbl_channel_t dbl_rcv_info::chan`

The channel (from `dbl_bind()`) on which a packet has been received

7.4.2.2 `void* dbl_rcv_info::chan_context`

The context value passed to `dbl_bind()` when a receiving channel was created.

7.4.2.3 `void* dbl_rcv_info::in_buffer`

The `in_buffer` is used in the extension of the DBL API to provide memory references in the `dbl*rcvmsg()` function.

7.4.2.4 `uint32_t dbl_rcv_info::msg_len`

The actual transmitted length of the packet. This may be greater than the number of bytes received if the length parameter is less than the actual number of bytes in the packet. In the case of the DBL TCP API, `msg_len` is an in-out parameter, used to fetch messages and given back to the user to indicate the length of the received packet.

7.4.2.5 `struct sockaddr_in dbl_rcv_info::sin_from`

Source address of the received packet

7.4.2.6 `struct sockaddr_in dbl_rcv_info::sin_to`

Destination address of the received packet. This can be used to differentiate between packets to different multicast joins on the same channel.

7.4.2.7 `uint64_t dbl_rcv_info::timestamp`

Timestamp in nanosecs when the packet was received by the adapter. Timestamping must have been enabled through `dbl_device_set_attr`

7.5 `dbl_ticks` Struct Reference

Data Fields

- `uint64_t nic_ticks`
- `uint64_t host_nsecs`
- `uint64_t host_nsecs_delay`

7.6 dbt_timespec Struct Reference

Data Fields

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- long tv_nsec

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