

Re: "ifconfig -vlandev" syntax

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On Thu, Sep 22, 2005 at 02:41:05PM +0400, Yar Tikhiiy wrote:

> *Hi folks,*

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> *As our ifconfig(8) is growing more options for special interface*

> *types, inconsistencies sneak into their syntax. In particular,*

> *-vlandev takes a useless argument (vlan(4) cannot attach to more*

> *than one parent anyway) while, e.g., -carpdev doesn't need one.*

> *Personally, I like the latter since having to type unneeded words*

> *on the command line annoys me. Do you think that making -vlandev*

> *need no arguments in CURRENT would break many existing things?*

I agree the argument is useless. Unfortunately, it's going to be hard to deprecate the old syntax so we may need to keep it around.

-- Brooks

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Any statement of the form "X is the one, true Y" is FALSE.

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