

## Re: what is the story on if\_index allocation ?

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On Mon, Apr 19, 2004 at 03:43:30PM -0700, Bill Fumerola wrote:

> *On Mon, Apr 19, 2004 at 12:28:23PM -0700, Julian Elischer wrote:*

> > *It's completely un-needed except that some standards want to access*

> > *interfaces by index for statitics purposes.*

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> *they're "un-needed" in much the same way that statically assigning disk*

> *numbers is "un-needed". sure, the disks don't light on fire without it,*

> *but some consistancy and persistance does make things nice.*

My very own AODV routing daemon uses the if\_index to track interfaces going away and coming back...

BMS

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