



## ***Red Hat Enterprise Linux Release 9.2 Manual Pages on 'ip-link.8' command***

**\$ man ip-link.8**

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### NAME

ip-link - network device configuration

### SYNOPSIS

ip link { COMMAND | help }

ip link add [ link DEVICE ] [ name ] NAME

[ txqueuelen PACKETS ]

[ address LLADDR ] [ broadcast LLADDR ]

[ mtu MTU ] [ index IDX ]

[ numtxqueues QUEUE\_COUNT ] [ numrxqueues QUEUE\_COUNT ]

[ gso\_max\_size BYTES ] [ gso\_max\_segs SEGMENTS ]

[ gro\_max\_size BYTES ] [ netns { PID | NETNSNAME } ]

type TYPE [ ARGS ]

ip link delete { DEVICE | group GROUP } type TYPE [ ARGS ]

ip link set { DEVICE | group GROUP }

[ { up | down } ]

[ type ETYPE TYPE\_ARGS ]

[ arp { on | off } ]

[ dynamic { on | off } ]

[ multicast { on | off } ]

[ allmulticast { on | off } ]

[ promisc { on | off } ]

[ protodown { on | off } ]

```

[ protodown_reason PREASON { on | off } ]

[ trailers { on | off } ]

[ txqueuelen PACKETS ]

[ max_gso_size BYTES ] [ max_gso_segs SEGMENTS ] [ max_gro_size
BYTES ]

[ name NEWNAME ]

[ address LLADDR ]

[ broadcast LLADDR ]

[ mtu MTU ]

[ netns { PID | NETNSNAME } ]

[ link-netnsid ID ]

[ alias NAME ]

[ vf NUM [ mac LLADDR ]

    [ VFVLAN-LIST ]

    [ rate TXRATE ]

    [ max_tx_rate TXRATE ]

    [ min_tx_rate TXRATE ]

    [ spoofchk { on | off } ]

    [ query_rss { on | off } ]

    [ state { auto | enable | disable } ]

    [ trust { on | off } ]

    [ node_guid eui64 ]

    [ port_guid eui64 ] ]

[ { xdp | xdpgeneric | xdpdrv | xdpoffload } { off |
    object FILE [ { section | program } NAME ] [ verbose ]
    |
    pinned FILE } ]

[ master DEVICE ]

[ nomaster ]

[ vrf NAME ]

[ addrgenmode { eui64 | none | stable_secret | random } ]

[ macaddr [ MACADDR ]

    [ { flush | add | del } MACADDR ]

```

```
[ set MACADDR ] ]
```

```
ip link show [ DEVICE | group GROUP ] [ up ] [ master DEVICE
```

```
] [ type ETYPE ] [ vrf NAME ] [ nomaster ]
```

```
ip link xstats type TYPE [ ARGS ]
```

```
ip link afstats [ dev DEVICE ]
```

```
ip link help [ TYPE ]
```

```
TYPE := [ amt | bareudp | bond | bridge | can | dsa | dummy |
```

```
erspan | geneve | gre | gretap | gtp | hsr | ifb |
```

```
ip6erspan | ip6gre | ip6gretap | ip6tnl | ipip |
```

```
ipoib | ipvlan | ipvtap | lowpan | macsec | macvlan |
```

```
macvtap | netdevsim | nlmon | rmnet | sit | vcan |
```

```
veth | virt_wifi | vlan | vrf | vti | vxcan | vxlan |
```

```
xfrm ]
```

```
ETYPE := [ TYPE | bridge_slave | bond_slave ]
```

```
VFVLAN-LIST := [ VFVLAN-LIST ] VFVLAN
```

```
VFVLAN := [ vlan VLANID [ qos VLAN-QOS ] [ proto VLAN-PROTO ]
```

```
]
```

```
ip link property add dev DEVICE [ altname NAME .. ]
```

```
ip link property del dev DEVICE [ altname NAME .. ]
```

## DESCRIPTION

ip link add - add virtual link

link DEVICE

specifies the physical device to act operate on.

NAME specifies the name of the new virtual device.

TYPE specifies the type of the new device.

Link types:

amt - Automatic Multicast Tunneling (AMT)

bareudp - Bare UDP L3 encapsulation support

bond - Bonding device bridge - Ethernet Bridge device

can - Controller Area Network

dsa - Distributed Switch Architecture

dummy - Dummy network interface

erspan - Encapsulated Remote SPAN over GRE and IPv4

geneve - GEneric NEtwork Virtualization Encapsulation

gre - Virtual tunnel interface GRE over IPv4

gretap - Virtual L2 tunnel interface GRE over IPv4

gtp - GPRS Tunneling Protocol

hsr - High-availability Seamless Redundancy device

ifb - Intermediate Functional Block device

ip6erspan - Encapsulated Remote SPAN over GRE and IPv6

ip6gre - Virtual tunnel interface GRE over IPv6

ip6gretap - Virtual L2 tunnel interface GRE over IPv6

ip6tnl - Virtual tunnel interface IPv4|IPv6 over IPv6

ipip - Virtual tunnel interface IPv4 over IPv4

ipoib - IP over Infiniband device

ipvlan - Interface for L3 (IPv6/IPv4) based VLANs

ipvtap - Interface for L3 (IPv6/IPv4) based VLANs and  
TAP

lowpan - Interface for 6LoWPAN (IPv6) over IEEE 802.15.4  
/ Bluetooth

macsec - Interface for IEEE 802.1AE MAC Security (MAC?  
sec)

macvlan - Virtual interface base on link layer address  
(MAC)

macvtap - Virtual interface based on link layer address  
(MAC) and TAP.

netdevsim - Interface for netdev API tests

nlmon - Netlink monitoring device

rmnet - Qualcomm rmnet device

sit - Virtual tunnel interface IPv6 over IPv4

vcan - Virtual Controller Area Network interface

veth - Virtual ethernet interface

virt\_wifi - rtnetlink wifi simulation device

vlan - 802.1q tagged virtual LAN interface

vrf - Interface for L3 VRF domains

vti - Virtual tunnel interface

vxcan - Virtual Controller Area Network tunnel interface

vxlان - Virtual eXtended LAN

xfrm - Virtual xfrm interface

numtxqueues QUEUE\_COUNT

specifies the number of transmit queues for new device.

numrxqueues QUEUE\_COUNT

specifies the number of receive queues for new device.

gso\_max\_size BYTES

specifies the recommended maximum size of a Generic Segment Off?

load packet the new device should accept.

gso\_max\_segs SEGMENTS

specifies the recommended maximum number of a Generic Segment

Offload segments the new device should accept.

gro\_max\_size BYTES

specifies the maximum size of a packet built by GRO stack on

this device.

index IDX

specifies the desired index of the new virtual device. The link

creation fails, if the index is busy.

netns { PID | NAME }

specifies the desired network namespace to create interface in.

VLAN Type Support

For a link of type VLAN the following additional arguments are supported:

```
ip link add link DEVICE name NAME type vlan [ protocol
VLAN_PROTO ] id VLANID [ reorder_hdr { on | off } ] [ gvrp { on
| off } ] [ mvrp { on | off } ] [ loose_binding { on | off } ] [
bridge_binding { on | off } ] [ ingress-qos-map QOS-MAP ] [
egress-qos-map QOS-MAP ]
```

protocol VLAN\_PROTO - either 802.1Q or 802.1ad.

id VLANID - specifies the VLAN Identifier to use. Note

that numbers with a leading " 0 " or " 0x " are inter?

preted as octal or hexadecimal, respectively.

`reorder_hdr { on | off }` - specifies whether ethernet headers are reordered or not (default is on).

If `reorder_hdr` is on then VLAN header will be not inserted immediately but only before passing to the physical device (if this device does not support VLAN offloading), the similar on the RX direction - by default the packet will be untagged before being received by VLAN device. Reordering allows one to accelerate tagging on egress and to hide VLAN header on ingress so the packet looks like regular Ethernet packet, at the same time it might be confusing for packet capture as the VLAN header does not exist within the packet.

VLAN offloading can be checked by `ethtool(8)`:

```
ethtool -k <phy_dev> | grep tx-vlan-offload
```

where `<phy_dev>` is the physical device to which VLAN device is bound.

`gvrp { on | off }` - specifies whether this VLAN should be registered using GARP VLAN Registration Protocol.

`mvrp { on | off }` - specifies whether this VLAN should be registered using Multiple VLAN Registration Protocol.

`loose_binding { on | off }` - specifies whether the VLAN device state is bound to the physical device state.

`bridge_binding { on | off }` - specifies whether the VLAN device link state tracks the state of bridge ports that are members of the VLAN.

`ingress-qos-map QOS-MAP` - defines a mapping of VLAN header prio field to the Linux internal packet priority on incoming frames. The format is FROM:TO with multiple mappings separated by spaces.

`egress-qos-map QOS-MAP` - defines a mapping of Linux internal packet priority to VLAN header prio field but for outgoing frames. The format is the same as for ingress-

qos-map.

Linux packet priority can be set by iptables(8):

```
iptables -t mangle -A POSTROUTING [...] -j CLAS?
```

```
SIFY --set-class 0:4
```

and this "4" priority can be used in the egress qos

mapping to set VLAN prio "5":

```
ip link set veth0.10 type vlan egress 4:5
```

## VXLAN Type Support

For a link of type VXLAN the following additional arguments are supported:

```
ip link add DEVICE type vxlan id VNI [ dev PHYS_DEV ] [ { group  
| remote } IPADDR ] [ local { IPADDR | any } ] [ ttl TTL ] [ tos  
TOS ] [ df DF ] [ flowlabel FLOWLABEL ] [ dstport PORT ] [ src?  
port MIN MAX ] [ [no]learning ] [ [no]proxy ] [ [no]rsc ] [  
[no]l2miss ] [ [no]l3miss ] [ [no]udpcsum ] [ [no]udp6zerocsumtx  
] [ [no]udp6zerocsumrx ] [ ageing SECONDS ] [ maxaddress NUMBER  
] [ [no]external ] [ gbp ] [ gpe ] [ [no]vnifilter ]
```

id VNI - specifies the VXLAN Network Identifier (or VXLAN Segment Identifier) to use.

dev PHYS\_DEV - specifies the physical device to use for tunnel endpoint communication.

group IPADDR - specifies the multicast IP address to join. This parameter cannot be specified with the remote parameter.

remote IPADDR - specifies the unicast destination IP address to use in outgoing packets when the destination link layer address is not known in the VXLAN device forwarding database. This parameter cannot be specified with the group parameter.

local IPADDR - specifies the source IP address to use in outgoing packets.

ttl TTL - specifies the TTL value to use in outgoing packets.

tos TOS - specifies the TOS value to use in outgoing packets.

df DF - specifies the usage of the Don't Fragment flag (DF) bit in outgoing packets with IPv4 headers. The value inherit causes the bit to be copied from the original IP header. The values unset and set cause the bit to be always unset or always set, respectively. By default, the bit is not set.

flowlabel FLOWLABEL - specifies the flow label to use in outgoing packets.

dstport PORT - specifies the UDP destination port to communicate to the remote

VXLAN tunnel endpoint.

srcport MIN MAX - specifies the range of port numbers to use as UDP source ports to communicate to the remote VXLAN tunnel endpoint.

[no]learning - specifies if unknown source link layer addresses and IP addresses are entered into the VXLAN device forwarding database.

[no]rsc - specifies if route short circuit is turned on.

[no]proxy - specifies ARP proxy is turned on.

[no]l2miss - specifies if netlink LLADDR miss notifications are generated.

[no]l3miss - specifies if netlink IP ADDR miss notifications are generated.

[no]udpchecksum - specifies if UDP checksum is calculated for transmitted packets over IPv4.

[no]udp6zerocsumtx - skip UDP checksum calculation for transmitted packets over IPv6.

[no]udp6zerocsumrx - allow incoming UDP packets over IPv6 with zero checksum field.

ageing SECONDS - specifies the lifetime in seconds of FDB entries learnt by the kernel.



maxaddress NUMBER - specifies the maximum number of FDB entries.

[no]external - specifies whether an external control plane (e.g. ip route encap) or the internal FDB should be used.

[no]vnifilter - specifies whether the vxlan device is capable of vni filtering. Only works with a vxlan device with external flag set. once enabled, bridge vni command is used to manage the vni filtering table on the device. The device can only receive packets with vni's configured in the vni filtering table.

gbp - enables the Group Policy extension (VXLAN-GBP).

Allows one to transport group policy context across VXLAN network peers. If enabled, includes the mark of a packet in the VXLAN header for outgoing packets and fills the packet mark based on the information found in the VXLAN header for incoming packets.

Format of upper 16 bits of packet mark (flags);

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|-|-|-|-|-|-|-|D|-|-|A|-|-|

+++++

D := Don't Learn bit. When set, this bit indicates that the egress VTEP MUST NOT learn the source address of the encapsulated frame.

A := Indicates that the group policy has already been applied to this packet. Policies MUST NOT be applied by devices when the A bit is set.

Format of lower 16 bits of packet mark (policy ID):

+++++

| Group Policy ID |

+++++

Example:

iptables -A OUTPUT [...] -j MARK --set-mark

0x800FF

gpe - enables the Generic Protocol extension (VXLAN-GPE). Currently, this is only supported together with the external keyword.

#### VETH, VXCAN Type Support

For a link of types VETH/VXCAN the following additional arguments are supported:

```
ip link add DEVICE type { veth | vxcan } [ peer name NAME ]
```

peer name NAME - specifies the virtual pair device name of the VETH/VXCAN tunnel.

#### IPIP, SIT Type Support

For a link of type IPIP or SIT the following additional arguments are supported:

```
ip link add DEVICE type { ipip | sit } remote ADDR local ADDR [
encap { fou | gue | none } ] [ encap-sport { PORT | auto } ] [
encap-dport PORT ] [ [no]encap-csum ] [ [no]encap-remcsum ] [
mode { ip6ip | ipip | mplsip | any } ] [ external ]
```

remote ADDR - specifies the remote address of the tunnel.

local ADDR - specifies the fixed local address for tunneling packets. It must be an address on another interface on this host.

encap { fou | gue | none } - specifies type of secondary UDP encapsulation. "fou" indicates Foo-Over-UDP, "gue" indicates Generic UDP Encapsulation.

encap-sport { PORT | auto } - specifies the source port in UDP encapsulation. PORT indicates the port by number, "auto" indicates that the port number should be chosen automatically (the kernel picks a flow based on the flow hash of the encapsulated packet).

[no]encap-csum - specifies if UDP checksums are enabled in the secondary encapsulation.

[no]encap-remcsum - specifies if Remote Checksum Offload

is enabled. This is only applicable for Generic UDP Encapsulation.

mode { ip6ip | ipip | mplsip | any } - specifies mode in which device should run. "ip6ip" indicates IPv6-Over-IPv4, "ipip" indicates "IPv4-Over-IPv4", "mplsip" indicates MPLS-Over-IPv4, "any" indicates IPv6, IPv4 or MPLS Over IPv4. Supported for SIT where the default is "ip6ip" and IPIP where the default is "ipip".

IPv6-Over-IPv4 is not supported for IPIP.

external - make this tunnel externally controlled (e.g. ip route encap).

## GRE Type Support

For a link of type GRE or GRE-TAP the following additional arguments are supported:

```
ip link add DEVICE type { gre | gretap } remote ADDR local ADDR  
[ [no][i|o]seq ] [ [i|o]key KEY | no[i|o]key ] [ [no][i|o]csum ]  
[ ttl TTL ] [ tos TOS ] [ [no]pmtudisc ] [ [no]ignore-df ] [ dev  
PHYS_DEV ] [ encap { fou | gue | none } ] [ encap-sport { PORT |  
auto } ] [ encap-dport PORT ] [ [no]encap-csum ] [ [no]encap-  
remcsum ] [ external ]
```

remote ADDR - specifies the remote address of the tunnel.

local ADDR - specifies the fixed local address for tunnelled packets. It must be an address on another interface on this host.

[no][i|o]seq - serialize packets. The oseq flag enables sequencing of outgoing packets. The iseq flag requires that all input packets are serialized.

[i|o]key KEY | no[i|o]key - use keyed GRE with key KEY. KEY is either a number or an IPv4 address-like dotted quad. The key parameter specifies the same key to use in both directions. The ikey and okey parameters specify different keys for input and output.

[no][i]o]csum - generate/require checksums for tunneled packets. The ocsum flag calculates checksums for outgoing packets. The icsum flag requires that all input packets have the correct checksum. The csum flag is equivalent to the combination icsum ocsum .

ttl TTL - specifies the TTL value to use in outgoing packets.

tos TOS - specifies the TOS value to use in outgoing packets.

[no]pmtudisc - enables/disables Path MTU Discovery on this tunnel. It is enabled by default. Note that a fixed ttl is incompatible with this option: tunneling with a fixed ttl always makes pmtu discovery.

[no]ignore-df - enables/disables IPv4 DF suppression on this tunnel. Normally datagrams that exceed the MTU will be fragmented; the presence of the DF flag inhibits this, resulting instead in an ICMP Unreachable (Fragmentation Required) message. Enabling this attribute causes the DF flag to be ignored.

dev PHYS\_DEV - specifies the physical device to use for tunnel endpoint communication.

encap { fou | gue | none } - specifies type of secondary UDP encapsulation. "fou" indicates Foo-Over-UDP, "gue" indicates Generic UDP Encapsulation.

encap-sport { PORT | auto } - specifies the source port in UDP encapsulation. PORT indicates the port by number, "auto" indicates that the port number should be chosen automatically (the kernel picks a flow based on the flow hash of the encapsulated packet).

[no]encap-csum - specifies if UDP checksums are enabled in the secondary encapsulation.

[no]encap-remcsum - specifies if Remote Checksum Offload is enabled. This is only applicable for Generic UDP Encap

encapsulation.

external - make this tunnel externally controlled (e.g.

ip route encap).

## IP6GRE/IP6GRETAP Type Support

For a link of type IP6GRE/IP6GRETAP the following additional arguments are supported:

```
ip link add DEVICE type { ip6gre | ip6gretap } remote ADDR local  
ADDR [ [no][i|o]seq ] [ [i|o]key KEY | no[i|o]key ] [  
[no][i|o]csum ] [ hoplimit TTL ] [ encapslimit ELIM ] [ tclass  
TCLASS ] [ flowlabel FLOWLABEL ] [ dscp inherit ] [ [no]allow-  
localremote ] [ dev PHYS_DEV ] [ external ]
```

remote ADDR - specifies the remote IPv6 address of the tunnel.

local ADDR - specifies the fixed local IPv6 address for tunneled packets. It must be an address on another interface on this host.

[no][i|o]seq - serialize packets. The oseq flag enables sequencing of outgoing packets. The iseq flag requires that all input packets are serialized.

[i|o]key KEY | no[i|o]key - use keyed GRE with key KEY. KEY is either a number or an IPv4 address-like dotted quad. The key parameter specifies the same key to use in both directions. The ikey and okey parameters specify different keys for input and output.

[no][i|o]csum - generate/require checksums for tunneled packets. The ocsum flag calculates checksums for outgoing packets. The icsum flag requires that all input packets have the correct checksum. The csum flag is equivalent to the combination icsum ocsum.

hoplimit TTL - specifies Hop Limit value to use in outgoing packets.

encapslimit ELIM - specifies a fixed encapsulation limit.

Default is 4.

flowlabel FLOWLABEL - specifies a fixed flowlabel.

[no]allow-localremote - specifies whether to allow re?

mote endpoint to have an address configured on local host.

tclass TCLASS - specifies the traffic class field on

tunneled packets, which can be specified as either a

two-digit hex value (e.g. c0) or a predefined string

(e.g. internet). The value inherit causes the field to

be copied from the original IP header. The values in?

herit/STRING or inherit/00..ff will set the field to

STRING or 00..ff when tunneling non-IP packets. The de?

fault value is 00.

external - make this tunnel externally controlled (or

not, which is the default). In the kernel, this is re?

ferred to as collect metadata mode. This flag is mutu?

ally exclusive with the remote, local, seq, key, csum,

hoplimit, encapslimit, flowlabel and tclass options.

## IPoIB Type Support

For a link of type IPoIB the following additional arguments are

supported:

```
ip link add DEVICE name NAME type ipoib [ pkey PKEY ] [ mode  
MODE ]
```

pkey PKEY - specifies the IB P-Key to use.

mode MODE - specifies the mode (datagram or connected)

to use.

## ERSPAN Type Support

For a link of type ERSPAN/IP6ERSPAN the following additional ar?

guments are supported:

```
ip link add DEVICE type { erspan | ip6erspan } remote ADDR local  
ADDR seq key KEY erspan_ver version [ erspan IDX ] [ erspan_dir  
{ ingress | egress } ] [ erspan_hwid hwid ] [ [no]allow-localre?  
mote ] [ external ]
```

remote ADDR - specifies the remote address of the tun?

nel.

local ADDR - specifies the fixed local address for tun?

neled packets. It must be an address on another inter?

face on this host.

erspan\_ver version - specifies the ERSPAN version num?

ber. version indicates the ERSPAN version to be cre?

ated: 0 for version 0 type I, 1 for version 1 (type II)

or 2 for version 2 (type III).

erspan\_IDX - specifies the ERSPAN v1 index field. IDX

indicates a 20 bit index/port number associated with the

ERSPAN traffic's source port and direction.

erspan\_dir { ingress | egress } - specifies the ERSPAN

v2 mirrored traffic's direction.

erspan\_hwid hwid - an unique identifier of an ERSPAN v2

engine within a system. hwid is a 6-bit value for users

to configure.

[no]allow-localremote - specifies whether to allow re?

mote endpoint to have an address configured on local

host.

external - make this tunnel externally controlled (or

not, which is the default). In the kernel, this is re?

ferred to as collect metadata mode. This flag is mutu?

ally exclusive with the remote, local, erspan\_ver,

erspan, erspan\_dir and erspan\_hwid options.

## GENEVE Type Support

For a link of type GENEVE the following additional arguments are supported:

ip link add DEVICE type geneve id VNI remote IPADDR [ ttl TTL ]

[ tos TOS ] [ df DF ] [ flowlabel FLOWLABEL ] [ dstport PORT ] [

[no]external ] [ [no]udpcsum ] [ [no]udp6zerocsumtx ] [

[no]udp6zerocsumrx ] [ innerprotoinherit ]

id VNI - specifies the Virtual Network Identifier to

use.

remote IPADDR - specifies the unicast destination IP address to use in outgoing packets.

ttl TTL - specifies the TTL value to use in outgoing packets. "0" or "auto" means use whatever default value, "inherit" means inherit the inner protocol's ttl. Default option is "0".

tos TOS - specifies the TOS value to use in outgoing packets.

df DF - specifies the usage of the Don't Fragment flag (DF) bit in outgoing packets with IPv4 headers. The value inherit causes the bit to be copied from the original IP header. The values unset and set cause the bit to be always unset or always set, respectively. By default, the bit is not set.

flowlabel FLOWLABEL - specifies the flow label to use in outgoing packets.

dstport PORT - select a destination port other than the default of 6081.

[no]external - make this tunnel externally controlled (or not, which is the default). This flag is mutually exclusive with the id, remote, ttl, tos and flowlabel options.

[no]udpcsum - specifies if UDP checksum is calculated for transmitted packets over IPv4.

[no]udp6zerocsumtx - skip UDP checksum calculation for transmitted packets over IPv6.

[no]udp6zerocsumrx - allow incoming UDP packets over IPv6 with zero checksum field.

innerprotoinherit - use IPv4/IPv6 as inner protocol instead of Ethernet.

## Bareudp Type Support

For a link of type Bareudp the following additional arguments are supported:



```
ip link add DEVICE type bareudp dstport PORT ethertype PROTO [
srcportmin PORT ] [ [no]multiproto ]
```

dstport PORT - specifies the destination port for the UDP tunnel.

ethertype PROTO - specifies the ethertype of the L3 protocol being tunnelled. ethertype can be given as plain Ethernet protocol number or using the protocol name ("ipv4", "ipv6", "mpls\_uc", etc.).

srcportmin PORT - selects the lowest value of the UDP tunnel source port range.

[no]multiproto - activates support for protocols similar to the one specified by ethertype. When ethertype is "mpls\_uc" (that is, unicast MPLS), this allows the tunnel to also handle multicast MPLS. When ethertype is "ipv4", this allows the tunnel to also handle IPv6. This option is disabled by default.

#### AMT Type Support

For a link of type AMT the following additional arguments are supported:

```
ip link add DEVICE type AMT discovery IPADDR mode { gateway |
relay } local IPADDR dev PHYS_DEV [ relay_port PORT ] [ gateway_port PORT ] [ max_tunnels NUMBER ]
```

discovery IPADDR - specifies the unicast discovery IP address to use to find remote IP address.

mode { gateway | relay } - specifies the role of AMT, Gateway or Relay

local IPADDR - specifies the source IP address to use in outgoing packets.

dev PHYS\_DEV - specifies the underlying physical interface from which transform traffic is sent and received.

relay\_port PORT - specifies the UDP Relay port to communicate to the Relay.

gateway\_port PORT - specifies the UDP Gateway port to

communicate to the Gateway.

max\_tunnels NUMBER - specifies the maximum number of tunnels.

## MACVLAN and MACVTAP Type Support

For a link of type MACVLAN or MACVTAP the following additional arguments are supported:

```
ip link add link DEVICE name NAME type { macvlan | macvtap }  
mode { private | vepa | bridge | passthru [ nopromisc ] |  
source [ nodst ] } [ bcqueuelen { LENGTH } ]
```

type { macvlan | macvtap } - specifies the link type to use. macvlan creates just a virtual interface, while macvtap in addition creates a character device /dev/tapX to be used just like a tuntap device.

mode private - Do not allow communication between macvlan instances on the same physical interface, even if the external switch supports hairpin mode.

mode vepa - Virtual Ethernet Port Aggregator mode. Data from one macvlan instance to the other on the same physical interface is transmitted over the physical interface. Either the attached switch needs to support hairpin mode, or there must be a TCP/IP router forwarding the packets in order to allow communication. This is the default mode.

mode bridge - In bridge mode, all endpoints are directly connected to each other, communication is not redirected through the physical interface's peer.

mode passthru [ nopromisc ] - This mode gives more power to a single endpoint, usually in macvtap mode. It is not allowed for more than one endpoint on the same physical interface. All traffic will be forwarded to this endpoint, allowing virtio guests to change MAC address or set promiscuous mode in order to bridge the interface or create vlan interfaces on top of it. By default, this

mode forces the underlying interface into promiscuous mode. Passing the nopromisc flag prevents this, so the promisc flag may be controlled using standard tools.

mode source [ nodst ] - allows one to set a list of allowed mac address, which is used to match against source mac address from received frames on underlying interface. This allows creating mac based VLAN associations, instead of standard port or tag based. The feature is useful to deploy 802.1x mac based behavior, where drivers of underlying interfaces doesn't allow that. By default, packets are also considered (duplicated) for destination-based MACVLAN. Passing the nodst flag stops matching packets from also going through the destination-based flow.

bcqueuelen { LENGTH } - Set the length of the RX queue used to process broadcast and multicast packets. LENGTH must be a positive integer in the range [0-4294967295].

Setting a length of 0 will effectively drop all broadcast/multicast traffic. If not specified the macvlan driver default (1000) is used. Note that all macvlans that share the same underlying device are using the same queue. The parameter here is a request, the actual queue length used will be the maximum length that any macvlan interface has requested. When listing device parameters both the bcqueuelen parameter as well as the actual used bcqueuelen are listed to better help the user understand the setting.

#### High-availability Seamless Redundancy (HSR) Support

For a link of type HSR the following additional arguments are supported:

```
ip link add link DEVICE name NAME type hsr slave1 SLAVE1-IF
slave2 SLAVE2-IF [ supervision ADDR-BYTE ] [ version { 0 | 1 } ]
proto { 0 | 1 } ]
```

type hsr - specifies the link type to use, here HSR.

slave1 SLAVE1-IF - Specifies the physical device used for the first of the two ring ports.

slave2 SLAVE2-IF - Specifies the physical device used for the second of the two ring ports.

supervision ADDR-BYTE - The last byte of the multicast address used for HSR supervision frames. Default option is "0", possible values 0-255.

version { 0 | 1 } - Selects the protocol version of the interface. Default option is "0", which corresponds to the 2010 version of the HSR standard. Option "1" activates the 2012 version.

proto { 0 | 1 } - Selects the protocol at the interface. Default option is "0", which corresponds to the HSR standard. Option "1" activates the Parallel Redundancy Protocol (PRP).

## BRIDGE Type Support

For a link of type BRIDGE the following additional arguments are supported:

```
ip link add DEVICE type bridge [ ageing_time AGEING_TIME ] [
group_fwd_mask MASK ] [ group_address ADDRESS ] [ forward_delay
FORWARD_DELAY ] [ hello_time HELLO_TIME ] [ max_age MAX_AGE ] [
stp_state STP_STATE ] [ priority PRIORITY ] [ no_linklocal_learn
NO_LINKLOCAL_LEARN ] [ vlan_filtering VLAN_FILTERING ] [
vlan_protocol VLAN_PROTOCOL ] [ vlan_default_pvid VLAN_DE?
FAULT_PVID ] [ vlan_stats_enabled VLAN_STATS_ENABLED ] [
vlan_stats_per_port VLAN_STATS_PER_PORT ] [ mcast_snooping MUL?
TICAST_SNOOPING ] [ mcast_vlan_snooping MULTICAST_VLAN_SNOOPING
] [ mcast_router MULTICAST_ROUTER ] [ mcast_query_use_ifaddr
MCAST_QUERY_USE_IFADDR ] [ mcast_querier MULTICAST_QUERIER ] [
mcast_hash_elasticity HASH_ELASTICITY ] [ mcast_hash_max
HASH_MAX ] [ mcast_last_member_count LAST_MEMBER_COUNT ] [
mcast_startup_query_count STARTUP_QUERY_COUNT ] [
```

mcast\_last\_member\_interval LAST\_MEMBER\_INTERVAL ] [ mcast\_membership\_interval MEMBERSHIP\_INTERVAL ] [ mcast\_querier\_interval QUERIER\_INTERVAL ] [ mcast\_query\_interval QUERY\_INTERVAL ] [ mcast\_query\_response\_interval QUERY\_RESPONSE\_INTERVAL ] [ mcast\_startup\_query\_interval STARTUP\_QUERY\_INTERVAL ] [ mcast\_stats\_enabled MCAST\_STATS\_ENABLED ] [ mcast\_igmp\_version IGMP\_VERSION ] [ mcast\_mld\_version MLD\_VERSION ] [ nf\_call\_iptables NF\_CALL\_IPTABLES ] [ nf\_call\_ip6tables NF\_CALL\_IP6TABLES ] [ nf\_call\_arptables NF\_CALL\_ARPTABLES ]

ageing\_time AGEING\_TIME - configure the bridge's FDB en?

tries ageing time, ie the number of seconds a MAC ad?

dress will be kept in the FDB after a packet has been received from that address. after this time has passed, entries are cleaned up.

group\_fwd\_mask MASK - set the group forward mask. This is the bitmask that is applied to decide whether to forward incoming frames destined to link-local addresses, ie addresses of the form 01:80:C2:00:00:0X (defaults to 0, ie the bridge does not forward any link-local frames).

group\_address ADDRESS - set the MAC address of the multicast group this bridge uses for STP. The address must be a link-local address in standard Ethernet MAC address format, ie an address of the form 01:80:C2:00:00:0X, with X in [0, 4..f].

forward\_delay FORWARD\_DELAY - set the forwarding delay in seconds, ie the time spent in LISTENING state (before moving to LEARNING) and in LEARNING state (before moving to FORWARDING). Only relevant if STP is enabled. Valid values are between 2 and 30.

hello\_time HELLO\_TIME - set the time in seconds between hello packets sent by the bridge, when it is a root

bridge or a designated bridges. Only relevant if STP is enabled. Valid values are between 1 and 10.

max\_age MAX\_AGE - set the hello packet timeout, ie the time in seconds until another bridge in the spanning tree is assumed to be dead, after reception of its last hello message. Only relevant if STP is enabled. Valid values are between 6 and 40.

stp\_state STP\_STATE - turn spanning tree protocol on (STP\_STATE > 0) or off (STP\_STATE == 0). for this bridge.

priority PRIORITY - set this bridge's spanning tree priority, used during STP root bridge election. PRIORITY is a 16bit unsigned integer.

no\_linklocal\_learn NO\_LINKLOCAL\_LEARN - turn link-local learning on (NO\_LINKLOCAL\_LEARN == 0) or off (NO\_LINKLOCAL\_LEARN > 0). When disabled, the bridge will not learn from link-local frames (default: enabled).

vlan\_filtering VLAN\_FILTERING - turn VLAN filtering on (VLAN\_FILTERING > 0) or off (VLAN\_FILTERING == 0). When disabled, the bridge will not consider the VLAN tag when handling packets.

vlan\_protocol { 802.1Q | 802.1ad } - set the protocol used for VLAN filtering.

vlan\_default\_pvid VLAN\_DEFAULT\_PVID - set the default PVID (native/untagged VLAN ID) for this bridge.

vlan\_stats\_enabled VLAN\_STATS\_ENABLED - enable (VLAN\_STATS\_ENABLED == 1) or disable (VLAN\_STATS\_ENABLED == 0) per-VLAN stats accounting.

vlan\_stats\_per\_port VLAN\_STATS\_PER\_PORT - enable (VLAN\_STATS\_PER\_PORT == 1) or disable (VLAN\_STATS\_PER\_PORT == 0) per-VLAN per-port stats accounting. Can be changed only when there are no port VLANs configured.

mcast\_snooping MULTICAST\_SNOOPING - turn multicast snooping on (MULTICAST\_SNOOPING > 0) or off (MULTICAST\_SNOOPING == 0).

mcast\_vlan\_snooping MULTICAST\_VLAN\_SNOOPING - turn multicast VLAN snooping on (MULTICAST\_VLAN\_SNOOPING > 0) or off (MULTICAST\_VLAN\_SNOOPING == 0).

mcast\_router MULTICAST\_ROUTER - set bridge's multicast router if IGMP snooping is enabled. MULTICAST\_ROUTER is an integer value having the following meaning:

0 - disabled.

1 - automatic (queried).

2 - permanently enabled.

mcast\_query\_use\_ifaddr MCAST\_QUERY\_USE\_IFADDR - whether to use the bridge's own IP address as source address for IGMP queries (MCAST\_QUERY\_USE\_IFADDR > 0) or the default of 0.0.0.0 (MCAST\_QUERY\_USE\_IFADDR == 0).

mcast\_querier MULTICAST\_QUERIER - enable (MULTICAST\_QUERIER > 0) or disable (MULTICAST\_QUERIER == 0) IGMP querier, ie sending of multicast queries by the bridge (default: disabled).

mcast\_querier\_interval QUERIER\_INTERVAL - interval between queries sent by other routers. if no queries are seen after this delay has passed, the bridge will start to send its own queries (as if mcast\_querier was enabled).

mcast\_hash\_elasticity HASH\_ELASTICITY - set multicast database hash elasticity, ie the maximum chain length in the multicast hash table (defaults to 4).

mcast\_hash\_max HASH\_MAX - set maximum size of multicast hash table (defaults to 512, value must be a power of 2).

mcast\_last\_member\_count LAST\_MEMBER\_COUNT - set multicast last member count, ie the number of queries the

bridge will send before stopping forwarding a multicast group after a "leave" message has been received (default faults to 2).

mcast\_last\_member\_interval LAST\_MEMBER\_INTERVAL - interval between queries to find remaining members of a group, after a "leave" message is received.

mcast\_startup\_query\_count STARTUP\_QUERY\_COUNT - set the number of IGMP queries to send during startup phase (default faults to 2).

mcast\_startup\_query\_interval STARTUP\_QUERY\_INTERVAL - interval between queries in the startup phase.

mcast\_query\_interval QUERY\_INTERVAL - interval between queries sent by the bridge after the end of the startup phase.

mcast\_query\_response\_interval QUERY\_RESPONSE\_INTERVAL - set the Max Response Time/Maximum Response Delay for IGMP/MLD queries sent by the bridge.

mcast\_membership\_interval MEMBERSHIP\_INTERVAL - delay after which the bridge will leave a group, if no membership reports for this group are received.

mcast\_stats\_enabled MCAST\_STATS\_ENABLED - enable (MCAST\_STATS\_ENABLED > 0) or disable (MCAST\_STATS\_ENABLED == 0) multicast (IGMP/MLD) stats accounting.

mcast\_igmp\_version IGMP\_VERSION - set the IGMP version.

mcast\_mld\_version MLD\_VERSION - set the MLD version.

nf\_call\_iptables NF\_CALL\_IPTABLES - enable (NF\_CALL\_IPTABLES > 0) or disable (NF\_CALL\_IPTABLES == 0) iptables hooks on the bridge.

nf\_call\_ip6tables NF\_CALL\_IP6TABLES - enable (NF\_CALL\_IP6TABLES > 0) or disable (NF\_CALL\_IP6TABLES == 0) ip6tables hooks on the bridge.

nf\_call\_arptables NF\_CALL\_ARPTABLES - enable (NF\_CALL\_ARPTABLES > 0) or disable (NF\_CALL\_ARPTABLES ==



0) arptables hooks on the bridge.

## MACsec Type Support

For a link of type MACsec the following additional arguments are supported:

```
ip link add link DEVICE name NAME type macsec [ [ address
<lladdr> ] port PORT | sci SCI ] [ cipher CIPHER_SUITE ] [
icvlen { 8..16 } ] [ encrypt { on | off } ] [ send_sci { on |
off } ] [ end_station { on | off } ] [ scb { on | off } ] [ pro?
tect { on | off } ] [ replay { on | off } window { 0..2^32-1 } ]
[ validate { strict | check | disabled } ] [ encodingsa { 0..3 }
]
```

address <lladdr> - sets the system identifier component of secure channel for this MACsec device.

port PORT - sets the port number component of secure channel for this MACsec device, in a range from 1 to 65535 inclusive. Numbers with a leading " 0 " or " 0x " are interpreted as octal and hexadecimal, respectively.

sci SCI - sets the secure channel identifier for this MACsec device. SCI is a 64bit wide number in hexadecimal format.

cipher CIPHER\_SUITE - defines the cipher suite to use.

icvlen LENGTH - sets the length of the Integrity Check Value (ICV).

encrypt on or encrypt off - switches between authenticated encryption, or authenticity mode only.

send\_sci on or send\_sci off - specifies whether the SCI is included in every packet, or only when it is necessary.

end\_station on or end\_station off - sets the End Station bit.

scb on or scb off - sets the Single Copy Broadcast bit.

protect on or protect off - enables MACsec protection on the device.

replay on or replay off - enables replay protection on the device.

window SIZE - sets the size of the replay window.  
dow.

validate strict or validate check or validate disabled - sets the validation mode on the device.

encodingsa AN - sets the active secure association for transmission.

## VRF Type Support

For a link of type VRF the following additional arguments are supported:

ip link add DEVICE type vrf table TABLE  
table table id associated with VRF device

## RMNET Type Support

For a link of type RMNET the following additional arguments are supported:

ip link add link DEVICE name NAME type rmnet mux\_id MUXID  
mux\_id MUXID - specifies the mux identifier for the rmnet device, possible values 1-254.

## XFRM Type Support

For a link of type XFRM the following additional arguments are supported:

ip link add DEVICE type xfrm dev PHYS\_DEV [ if\_id IF\_ID ] [ external ]

dev PHYS\_DEV - specifies the underlying physical interface from which transform traffic is sent and received.  
if\_id IF-ID - specifies the hexadecimal lookup key used to send traffic to and from specific xfrm policies.

Policies must be configured with the same key. If not set, the key defaults to 0 and will match any policies which similarly do not have a lookup key configuration.

external - make this device externally controlled. This flag is mutually exclusive with the dev and if\_id options.

tions.

## GTP Type Support

For a link of type GTP the following additional arguments are supported:

ip link add DEVICE type gtp role ROLE hsize HSIZE

role ROLE - specifies the role of the GTP device, either  
sgsn or ggsn

hsize HSIZE - specifies size of the hashtable which  
stores PDP contexts

restart\_count RESTART\_COUNT - GTP instance restart  
counter

ip link delete - delete virtual link

dev DEVICE

specifies the virtual device to act operate on.

group GROUP

specifies the group of virtual links to delete. Group 0 is not  
allowed to be deleted since it is the default group.

type TYPE

specifies the type of the device.

ip link set - change device attributes

Warning: If multiple parameter changes are requested, ip aborts immedi-  
ately after any of the changes have failed. This is the only case when  
ip can move the system to an unpredictable state. The solution is to  
avoid changing several parameters with one ip link set call. The modi-  
fier change is equivalent to set.

dev DEVICE

DEVICE specifies network device to operate on. When configuring  
SR-IOV Virtual Function (VF) devices, this keyword should spec-  
ify the associated Physical Function (PF) device.

group GROUP

GROUP has a dual role: If both group and dev are present, then  
move the device to the specified group. If only a group is spec-  
ified, then the command operates on all devices in that group.

up and down

change the state of the device to UP or DOWN.

arp on or arp off

change the NOARP flag on the device.

multicast on or multicast off

change the MULTICAST flag on the device.

allmulticast on or allmulticast off

change the ALLMULTI flag on the device. When enabled, instructs network driver to retrieve all multicast packets from the net? work to the kernel for further processing.

promisc on or promisc off

change the PROMISC flag on the device. When enabled, activates promiscuous operation of the network device.

trailers on or trailers off

change the NOTRAILERS flag on the device, NOT used by the Linux and exists for BSD compatibility.

protodown on or protodown off

change the PROTDOWN state on the device. Indicates that a protocol error has been detected on the port. Switch drivers can react to this error by doing a phys down on the switch port.

protodown\_reason PREASON on or off

set PROTDOWN reasons on the device. protodown reason bit names can be enumerated under /etc/iproute2/protodown\_reasons.d/. possible reasons bits 0-31

dynamic on or dynamic off

change the DYNAMIC flag on the device. Indicates that address can change when interface goes down (currently NOT used by the Linux).

name NAME

change the name of the device. This operation is not recommended if the device is running or has some addresses already configured.

txqueuelen NUMBER

txqlen NUMBER

change the transmit queue length of the device.

mtu NUMBER

change the MTU of the device.

address LLADDRESS

change the station address of the interface.

broadcast LLADDRESS

brd LLADDRESS

peer LLADDRESS

change the link layer broadcast address or the peer address when the interface is POINTOPOINT.

netns NETNSNAME | PID

move the device to the network namespace associated with name NETNSNAME or process PID.

Some devices are not allowed to change network namespace: loop?

back, bridge, wireless. These are network namespace local de?

vices. In such case ip tool will return "Invalid argument" er?

ror. It is possible to find out if device is local to a single

network namespace by checking netns-local flag in the output of

the ethtool:

```
ethtool -k DEVICE
```

To change network namespace for wireless devices the iw tool can

be used. But it allows one to change network namespace only for

physical devices and by process PID.

alias NAME

give the device a symbolic name for easy reference.

group GROUP

specify the group the device belongs to. The available groups

are listed in file /etc/iproute2/group.

vf NUM specify a Virtual Function device to be configured. The associ?

ated PF device must be specified using the dev parameter.

mac LLADDRESS - change the station address for the spec?

ified VF. The vf parameter must be specified.

vlan VLANID - change the assigned VLAN for the specified VF. When specified, all traffic sent from the VF will be tagged with the specified VLAN ID. Incoming traffic will be filtered for the specified VLAN ID, and will have all VLAN tags stripped before being passed to the VF. Setting this parameter to 0 disables VLAN tagging and filtering. The vf parameter must be specified.

qos VLAN-QOS - assign VLAN QOS (priority) bits for the VLAN tag. When specified, all VLAN tags transmitted by the VF will include the specified priority bits in the VLAN tag. If not specified, the value is assumed to be 0. Both the vf and vlan parameters must be specified. Setting both vlan and qos as 0 disables VLAN tagging and filtering for the VF.

proto VLAN-PROTO - assign VLAN PROTOCOL for the VLAN tag, either 802.1Q or 802.1ad. Setting to 802.1ad, all traffic sent from the VF will be tagged with VLAN S-Tag. Incoming traffic will have VLAN S-Tags stripped before being passed to the VF. Setting to 802.1ad also enables an option to concatenate another VLAN tag, so both S-TAG and C-TAG will be inserted/stripped for outgoing/incoming traffic, respectively. If not specified, the value is assumed to be 802.1Q. Both the vf and vlan parameters must be specified.

rate TXRATE -- change the allowed transmit bandwidth, in Mbps, for the specified VF. Setting this parameter to 0 disables rate limiting. vf parameter must be specified.

Please use new API max\_tx\_rate option instead.

max\_tx\_rate TXRATE - change the allowed maximum transmit bandwidth, in Mbps, for the specified VF. Setting this parameter to 0 disables rate limiting. vf parameter must be specified.

min\_tx\_rate TXRATE - change the allowed minimum transmit

bandwidth, in Mbps, for the specified VF. Minimum TXRATE should be always  $\leq$  Maximum TXRATE. Setting this parameter to 0 disables rate limiting. vf parameter must be specified.

spoofchk on|off - turn packet spoof checking on or off for the specified VF.

query\_rss on|off - toggle the ability of querying the RSS configuration of a specific VF. VF RSS information like RSS hash key may be considered sensitive on some devices where this information is shared between VF and PF and thus its querying may be prohibited by default.

state auto|enable|disable - set the virtual link state as seen by the specified VF. Setting to auto means a reflection of the PF link state, enable lets the VF to communicate with other VFs on this host even if the PF link state is down, disable causes the HW to drop any packets sent by the VF.

trust on|off - trust the specified VF user. This enables that VF user can set a specific feature which may impact security and/or performance. (e.g. VF multicast promiscuous mode)

node\_guid eui64 - configure node GUID for Infiniband VFs.

port\_guid eui64 - configure port GUID for Infiniband VFs.

xdp object | pinned | off

set (or unset) a XDP ("eXpress Data Path") BPF program to run on every packet at driver level. ip link output will indicate a xdp flag for the networking device. If the driver does not have native XDP support, the kernel will fall back to a slower, driver-independent "generic" XDP variant. The ip link output will in that case indicate xdpgeneric instead of xdp only. If the driver does have native XDP support, but the program is

loaded under xdpgeneric object | pinned then the kernel will use the generic XDP variant instead of the native one. xdpdrv has the opposite effect of requesting that the automatic fallback to the generic XDP variant be disabled and in case driver is not XDP-capable error should be returned. xdpdrv also disables hardware offloads. xdpoffload in ip link output indicates that the program has been offloaded to hardware and can also be used to request the "offload" mode, much like xdpgeneric it forces program to be installed specifically in HW/FW of the adapter.

off (or none) - Detaches any currently attached XDP/BPF program from the given device.

object FILE - Attaches a XDP/BPF program to the given device.

The FILE points to a BPF ELF file (f.e. generated by LLVM) that contains the BPF program code, map specifications, etc. If a XDP/BPF program is already attached to the given device, an error will be thrown. If no XDP/BPF program is currently attached, the device supports XDP and the program from the BPF ELF file passes the kernel verifier, then it will be attached to the device.

If the option -force is passed to ip then any prior attached XDP/BPF program will be atomically overridden and no error will be thrown in this case. If no section option is passed, then the default section name ("prog") will be assumed, otherwise the provided section name will be used. If no verbose option is passed, then a verifier log will only be dumped on load error. See also EXAMPLES section for usage examples.

section NAME - Specifies a section name that contains the BPF program code. If no section name is specified, the default one ("prog") will be used. This option is to be passed with the object option.

program NAME - Specifies the BPF program name that need to be attached. When the program name is specified, the section name parameter will be ignored. This option only works when iproute2 build with libbpf support.



verbose - Act in verbose mode. For example, even in case of success, this will print the verifier log in case a program was loaded from a BPF ELF file.

pinned FILE - Attaches a XDP/BPF program to the given device.

The FILE points to an already pinned BPF program in the BPF file system. The option section doesn't apply here, but otherwise semantics are the same as with the option object described already.

#### master DEVICE

set master device of the device (enslave device).

#### nomaster

unset master device of the device (release device).

#### addrngenmode eui64|none|stable\_secret|random

set the IPv6 address generation mode

eui64 - use a Modified EUI-64 format interface identifier

none - disable automatic address generation

stable\_secret - generate the interface identifier based on a preset

/proc/sys/net/ipv6/conf/{default,DEVICE}/stable\_secret

random - like stable\_secret, but auto-generate a new random secret if none is set

#### link-netnsid

set peer netnsid for a cross-netns interface

#### type ETYPE TYPE\_ARGS

Change type-specific settings. For a list of supported types and arguments refer to the description of ip link add above. In addition to that, it is possible to manipulate settings to slave devices:

#### Bridge Slave Support

For a link with master bridge the following additional arguments are supported:

ip link set type bridge\_slave [ fdb\_flush ] [ state STATE ] [

priority PRIO ] [ cost COST ] [ guard { on | off } ] [ hairpin {

```

on | off } ] [ fastleave { on | off } ] [ root_block { on | off
} ] [ learning { on | off } ] [ flood { on | off } ] [ proxy_arp
{ on | off } ] [ proxy_arp_wifi { on | off } ] [ mcast_router
MULTICAST_ROUTER ] [ mcast_fast_leave { on | off } ] [
bcast_flood { on | off } ] [ mcast_flood { on | off } ] [
mcast_to_unicast { on | off } ] [ group_fwd_mask MASK ] [
neigh_suppress { on | off } ] [ vlan_tunnel { on | off } ] [
isolated { on | off } ] [ locked { on | off } backup_port DEVICE
] [ nobackup_port ]

```

fdb\_flush - flush bridge slave's fdb dynamic entries.

state STATE - Set port state. STATE is a number repre?

sending the following states: 0 (disabled), 1 (listen?

ing), 2 (learning), 3 (forwarding), 4 (blocking).

priority PRIO - set port priority (allowed values are  
between 0 and 63, inclusively).

cost COST - set port cost (allowed values are between 1  
and 65535, inclusively).

guard { on | off } - block incoming BPDU packets on this  
port.

hairpin { on | off } - enable hairpin mode on this port.

This will allow incoming packets on this port to be re?  
flected back.

fastleave { on | off } - enable multicast fast leave on  
this port.

root\_block { on | off } - block this port from becoming  
the bridge's root port.

learning { on | off } - allow MAC address learning on  
this port.

flood { on | off } - open the flood gates on this port,  
i.e. forward all unicast frames to this port also. Re?  
quires proxy\_arp and proxy\_arp\_wifi to be turned off.

proxy\_arp { on | off } - enable proxy ARP on this port.

proxy\_arp\_wifi { on | off } - enable proxy ARP on this

port which meets extended requirements by IEEE 802.11 and Hotspot 2.0 specifications.

`mcast_router MULTICAST_ROUTER` - configure this port for having multicast routers attached. A port with a multicast router will receive all multicast traffic. `MULTICAST_ROUTER` may be either 0 to disable multicast routers on this port, 1 to let the system detect the presence of routers (this is the default), 2 to permanently enable multicast traffic forwarding on this port or 3 to enable multicast routers temporarily on this port, not depending on incoming queries.

`mcast_fast_leave { on | off }` - this is a synonym to the `fastleave` option above.

`bcast_flood { on | off }` - controls flooding of broadcast traffic on the given port. By default this flag is on.

`mcast_flood { on | off }` - controls whether a given port will flood multicast traffic for which there is no MDB entry. By default this flag is on.

`mcast_to_unicast { on | off }` - controls whether a given port will replicate packets using unicast instead of multicast. By default this flag is off.

`group_fwd_mask MASK` - set the group forward mask. This is the bitmask that is applied to decide whether to forward incoming frames destined to link-local addresses, ie addresses of the form 01:80:C2:00:00:0X (defaults to 0, ie the bridge does not forward any link-local frames coming on this port).

`neigh_suppress { on | off }` - controls whether neighbor discovery (arp and nd) proxy and suppression is enabled on the port. By default this flag is off.

`vlan_tunnel { on | off }` - controls whether vlan tunnel mapping is enabled on the port. By default this flag

is off.

locked { on | off } - sets or unsets a port in locked mode, so that when enabled, hosts behind the port cannot communicate through the port unless a FDB entry repre?

sents the host is in the FDB. By default this flag is off.

backup\_port DEVICE - if the port loses carrier all traf?

fic will be redirected to the configured backup port

nobackup\_port - removes the currently configured backup port

### Bonding Slave Support

For a link with master bond the following additional arguments are supported:

ip link set type bond\_slave [ queue\_id ID ] [ prio PRIORITY ]

queue\_id ID - set the slave's queue ID (a 16bit unsigned value).

prio PRIORITY - set the slave's priority for active slave re-selection during failover (a 32bit signed value). This option only valid for active-backup(1), balance-tlb (5) and balance-alb (6) mode.

### MACVLAN and MACVTAP Support

Modify list of allowed macaddr for link in source mode.

ip link set type { macvlan | macvap } [ macaddr COMMAND MACADDR ... ]

Commands:

add - add MACADDR to allowed list

set - replace allowed list

del - remove MACADDR from allowed list

flush - flush whole allowed list

Update the broadcast/multicast queue length.

ip link set type { macvlan | macvap } [ bcqueuelen LENGTH ]

bcqueuelen LENGTH - Set the length of the RX queue used to process broadcast and multicast packets. LENGTH must

be a positive integer in the range [0-4294967295]. Setting a length of 0 will effectively drop all broadcast/multicast traffic. If not specified the macvlan driver default (1000) is used. Note that all macvlans that share the same underlying device are using the same queue. The parameter here is a request, the actual queue length used will be the maximum length that any macvlan interface has requested. When listing device parameters both the `bcqueuelen` parameter as well as the actual used `bcqueuelen` are listed to better help the user understand the setting.

#### DSA user port support

For a link having the DSA user port type, the following additional arguments are supported:

`ip link set type dsa [ conduit DEVICE ]`

`conduit DEVICE` - change the DSA conduit (host network interface) responsible for handling the locally terminated traffic for the given DSA switch user port. For a description of which network interfaces are suitable for serving as conduit interfaces of this user port, please see <https://www.kernel.org/doc/html/latest/networking/dsa/configuration.html#affinity-of-user-ports-to-cpu-ports> as well as what is supported by the driver in use.

`master DEVICE` - this is a synonym for "conduit".

`ip link show` - display device attributes

`dev NAME` (default)

`NAME` specifies the network device to show.

`group GROUP`

`GROUP` specifies what group of devices to show.

`up` only display running interfaces.

`master DEVICE`

`DEVICE` specifies the master device which enslaves devices to

show.

vrf NAME

NAME specifies the VRF which enslaves devices to show.

type TYPE

TYPE specifies the type of devices to show.

Note that the type name is not checked against the list of sup?

ported types - instead it is sent as-is to the kernel. Later it

is used to filter the returned interface list by comparing it

with the relevant attribute in case the kernel didn't filter al?

ready. Therefore any string is accepted, but may lead to empty

output.

nomaster

only show devices with no master

ip link xstats - display extended statistics

type TYPE

TYPE specifies the type of devices to display extended statis?

tics for.

ip link afstats - display address-family specific statistics

dev DEVICE

DEVICE specifies the device to display address-family statistics

for.

ip link help - display help

TYPE specifies which help of link type to display.

GROUP

may be a number or a string from the file /etc/iproute2/group which can

be manually filled.

## EXAMPLES

ip link show

Shows the state of all network interfaces on the system.

ip link show type bridge

Shows the bridge devices.

ip link show type vlan

Shows the vlan devices.

`ip link show master br0`

Shows devices enslaved by br0

`ip link set dev ppp0 mtu 1400`

Change the MTU the ppp0 device.

`ip link add link eth0 name eth0.10 type vlan id 10`

Creates a new vlan device eth0.10 on device eth0.

`ip link delete dev eth0.10`

Removes vlan device.

`ip link help gre`

Display help for the gre link type.

`ip link add name tun1 type ipip remote 192.168.1.1 local 192.168.1.2`

`ttl 225 encap gue encap-sport auto encap-dport 5555 encap-csum encap-remcsum`

Creates an IPIP that is encapsulated with Generic UDP Encapsula?

tion, and the outer UDP checksum and remote checksum offload are enabled.

`ip link set dev eth0 xdp obj prog.o`

Attaches a XDP/BPF program to device eth0, where the program is lo?

cated in prog.o, section "prog" (default section). In case a

XDP/BPF program is already attached, throw an error.

`ip -force link set dev eth0 xdp obj prog.o sec foo`

Attaches a XDP/BPF program to device eth0, where the program is lo?

cated in prog.o, section "foo". In case a XDP/BPF program is al?

ready attached, it will be overridden by the new one.

`ip -force link set dev eth0 xdp pinned /sys/fs/bpf/foo`

Attaches a XDP/BPF program to device eth0, where the program was

previously pinned as an object node into BPF file system under name

foo.

`ip link set dev eth0 xdp off`

If a XDP/BPF program is attached on device eth0, detach it and ef?

fectively turn off XDP for device eth0.

`ip link add link wpan0 lowpan0 type lowpan`

Creates a 6LoWPAN interface named lowpan0 on the underlying IEEE

802.15.4 device wpan0.

```
ip link add dev ip6erspan11 type ip6erspan seq key 102 local  
fc00:100::2 remote fc00:100::1 erspan_ver 2 erspan_dir ingress  
erspan_hwid 17
```

Creates a IP6ERSPAN version 2 interface named ip6erspan00.

```
ip link set dev swp0 type dsa conduit eth1
```

Changes the conduit interface of the swp0 user port to eth1.

## SEE ALSO

ip(8), ip-netns(8), ethtool(8), iptables(8)

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