

Re: [PATCH] Delete cryptoloop

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dpf-lkml@fountainbay.com wrote:

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> *Hopefully someone else will follow up, but I hope I'm somewhat convincing:*

Not really ;)

Your points can be simplified to "I don't use cryptoloop, but someone else might" and "we shouldn't do this in a stable kernel".

Well, I want to hear from "someone else". If removing cryptoloop will irritate five people, well, sorry. If it's 5,000 people, well maybe not.

Yes, I buy the "stable kernel" principle, but here we have an example where it conflicts with the advancement of the kernel, and we need to make a judgement call.

Actually, my most serious concern with cryptoloop is the claim that it is insufficiently secure. If this is true then we'd be better off removing the feature altogether rather than (mis)leading our users into thinking that their data is secure.

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