

Progress Reports of MP-safe Networking in NetBSD

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Network Components at a Glance

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See `src/doc/TODO.smpnet` for the complete lists

How to try

- Disabled by default in -current yet
 - The big lock(s) remain
- Enabled by `NET_MPSAFE` kernel option
- Recommended setups
 - Router
 - IPv4/IPv6 forwarding
 - npf
 - Intel 1/10 Gbps NICs
- Have fun
 - ...at your own risk