

# configurable packet steering with nft

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- ▶ RPS: Receive packet steering: distribute packets based on rxhash
  - ▶ select cpu to process packet
  - ▶ place skb on a cpu backlog queue
  - ▶ signalling via IPI
  - ▶ cpu selection via sysfs
  - ▶ some heuristics (flow limit)
- ▶ RFS: Receive Flow Steering
  - ▶ uses RPS mechanisms
  - ▶ maps flows to cpu where application is running

## nft meta

- ▶ used to match in/out interface, skb mark, etc  
can also match cpu
- ▶ instead of "meta cpu 2" ... allow to set it: meta cpu set 2
- ▶ return NF\_STOLEN
- ▶ other cpu will continue processing that skb
- ▶ could e.g. be used to split away some packets e.g. for ipsec, forwarding, ... in a configureable fashion

still early toy stage

## poc details

- ▶ per cpu data: work queue, skb\_array, nft hook state
- ▶ multiple producers (rx processing), one consumer
- ▶ skb + state gets placed in skb array of desired cpu
- ▶ then uses `queue_work_on` for that cpu
- ▶ work queue dequeues all skbs
- ▶ then reinject them into stack (calls `state->okfn(.. skb ..)`)

# todo

- ▶ get numbers
- ▶ depending on positive results:
- ▶ resume processing in next netfilter hook (table) instead of okfn
- ▶ ... could generalize nfqueue infrastructure for this