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## Rocky Enterprise Linux 9.2 Manual Pages on command 'NetworkManager-dispatcher.8'

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NetworkManager-dispatcher - Dispatch user scripts for NetworkManager

#### **SYNOPSIS**

NetworkManager [OPTIONS...]

#### **DESCRIPTION**

NetworkManager-dispatcher service is a D-Bus activated service that runs user provided scripts upon certain changes in NetworkManager.

NetworkManager-dispatcher will execute scripts in the

/{etc,usr/lib}/NetworkManager/dispatcher.d directory or subdirectories in alphabetical order in response to network events. Each script should be a regular executable file owned by root. Furthermore, it must not be writable by group or other, and not setuid.

Each script receives two arguments, the first being the interface name of the device an operation just happened on, and second the action. For device actions, the interface is the name of the kernel interface suitable for IP configuration. Thus it is either VPN\_IP\_IFACE, DEVICE\_IP\_IFACE, or DEVICE\_IFACE, as applicable. For the hostname action the device name is always "none" and for connectivity-change it is empty.

The actions are:

pre-up

The interface is connected to the network but is not yet fully activated. Scripts acting on this event must be placed or symlinked into the /etc/NetworkManager/dispatcher.d/pre-up.d directory, and NetworkManager will wait for script execution to complete before indicating to applications that the interface is

fully activated.

up

The interface has been activated.

#### pre-down

The interface will be deactivated but has not yet been disconnected from the network.

Scripts acting on this event must be placed or symlinked into the

/etc/NetworkManager/dispatcher.d/pre-down.d directory, and NetworkManager will wait

for script execution to complete before disconnecting the interface from its network.

Note that this event is not emitted for forced disconnections, like when carrier is

lost or a wireless signal fades. It is only emitted when there is an opportunity to

cleanly handle a network disconnection event.

down

The interface has been deactivated.

vpn-pre-up

The VPN is connected to the network but is not yet fully activated. Scripts acting on

this event must be placed or symlinked into the

/etc/NetworkManager/dispatcher.d/pre-up.d directory, and NetworkManager will wait for

script execution to complete before indicating to applications that the VPN is fully

activated.

vpn-up

A VPN connection has been activated.

vpn-pre-down

The VPN will be deactivated but has not yet been disconnected from the network.

Scripts acting on this event must be placed or symlinked into the

/etc/NetworkManager/dispatcher.d/pre-down.d directory, and NetworkManager will wait

for script execution to complete before disconnecting the VPN from its network. Note

that this event is not emitted for forced disconnections, like when the VPN terminates

unexpectedly or general connectivity is lost. It is only emitted when there is an

opportunity to cleanly handle a VPN disconnection event.

vpn-down

A VPN connection has been deactivated.

hostname

The system hostname has been updated. Use gethostname(2) to retrieve it. The interface

name (first argument) is empty and no environment variable is set for this action.

dhcp4-change

The DHCPv4 lease has changed (renewed, rebound, etc).

dhcp6-change

The DHCPv6 lease has changed (renewed, rebound, etc).

connectivity-change

The network connectivity state has changed (no connectivity, went online, etc).

The environment contains more information about the interface and the connection. The following variables are available for the use in the dispatcher scripts:

#### NM DISPATCHER ACTION

The dispatcher action like "up" or "dhcp4-change", identical to the first command line argument. Since NetworkManager 1.12.0.

#### CONNECTION\_UUID

The UUID of the connection profile.

## CONNECTION\_ID

The name (ID) of the connection profile.

## CONNECTION\_DBUS\_PATH

The NetworkManager D-Bus path of the connection.

## CONNECTION\_FILENAME

The backing file name of the connection profile (if any).

#### CONNECTION\_EXTERNAL

If "1", this indicates that the connection describes a network configuration created outside of NetworkManager.

## DEVICE\_IFACE

The interface name of the control interface of the device. Depending on the device type, this differs from DEVICE\_IP\_IFACE. For example for ADSL devices, this could be 'atm0' or for WWAN devices it might be 'ttyUSB0'.

## DEVICE\_IP\_IFACE

The IP interface name of the device. This is the network interface on which IP addresses and routes will be configured.

## IP4\_ADDRESS\_N

The IPv4 address in the format "address/prefix gateway", where N is a number from 0 to (# IPv4 addresses - 1). gateway item in this variable is deprecated, use IP4\_GATEWAY

instead.

#### **IP4 NUM ADDRESSES**

The variable contains the number of IPv4 addresses the script may expect.

### **IP4\_GATEWAY**

The gateway IPv4 address in traditional numbers-and-dots notation.

## IP4\_ROUTE\_N

The IPv4 route in the format "address/prefix next-hop metric", where N is a number from 0 to (# IPv4 routes - 1).

#### IP4 NUM ROUTES

The variable contains the number of IPv4 routes the script may expect.

#### **IP4 NAMESERVERS**

The variable contains a space-separated list of the DNS servers.

#### IP4\_DOMAINS

The variable contains a space-separated list of the search domains.

## DHCP4\_<dhcp-option-name>

If the connection used DHCP for address configuration, the received DHCP configuration is passed in the environment using standard DHCP option names, prefixed with "DHCP4\_", like "DHCP4\_HOST\_NAME=foobar".

## IP6\_<name> and DHCP6\_<name>

The same variables as for IPv4 are available for IPv6, but the prefixes are IP6\_ and DHCP6\_ instead.

# CONNECTIVITY\_STATE

The network connectivity state, which can take the values defined by the NMConnectivityState type, from the org.freedesktop.NetworkManager D-Bus API: unknown, none, portal, limited or full. Note: this variable will only be set for connectivity-change actions.

In case of VPN, VPN\_IP\_IFACE is set, and IP4\_\*, IP6\_\* variables with VPN prefix are exported too, like VPN\_IP4\_ADDRESS\_0, VPN\_IP4\_NUM\_ADDRESSES.

Dispatcher scripts are run one at a time, but asynchronously from the main NetworkManager process, and will be killed if they run for too long. If your script might take arbitrarily long to complete, you should spawn a child process and have the parent return immediately. Scripts that are symbolic links pointing inside the

for the termination of previous scripts, and in parallel. Also beware that once a script is queued, it will always be run, even if a later event renders it obsolete. (Eg, if an interface goes up, and then back down again quickly, it is possible that one or more "up" scripts will be run after the interface has gone down.)

#### **BUGS**

Please report any bugs you find in NetworkManager at the NetworkManager issue tracker[1].

## SEE ALSO

NetworkManager home page[2], NetworkManager(8),

## **NOTES**

- NetworkManager issue tracker
  https://gitlab.freedesktop.org/NetworkManager/NetworkManager/-/issues
- NetworkManager home page https://networkmanager.dev

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