

# Scaling IP address handling in CTDB

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- The event scripts contain **takeip** and **releaseip** (and **updateip**) events for manipulating IP addresses

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## Taking an IP...

```
case "$1" in
takeip)
    iface=$2
    ip=$3
    maskbits=$4

    add_ip_to_iface $iface $ip $maskbits ||
        exit 1;

    # cope with the script being killed while we have the interface blocked
    iptables -D INPUT -i $iface -d $ip -j DROP 2> /dev/null

    # flush our route cache
    set_proc sys/net/ipv4/route/flush 1
;;
```

## 15 scripts are enabled by default. . .

```
[root@mini ~]# ctdb scriptstatus
15 scripts were executed last monitor cycle
00.ctdb                Status:OK      Duration:0.012 Tue May 6 10:47:24 2014
01.reclock             Status:OK      Duration:0.016 Tue May 6 10:47:25 2014
10.interface          Status:OK      Duration:0.033 Tue May 6 10:47:25 2014
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91.lvs                Status:OK      Duration:0.009 Tue May 6 10:47:25 2014
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- Can still do *solution #1* if this isn't enough. . . some of the hard work will already be done



# Making running event scripts more efficient

## vfork + exec can be cheaper than (ctdb\_)fork

```
bafa467 ctdb-daemon: Deprecate RELOAD and STATUS events
7aa20cc ctdb-daemon: No need to call event scripts with CTDB_CALLED_BY_USER
2879404 ctdb-daemon: Add ctdb_vfork_with_logging()
69324b6 ctdb-daemon: Add helper process to execute event scripts
d86662a ctdb-daemon: Replace ctdb_fork_with_logging with ctdb_vfork_with_logging (part 1)
18c1f43 ctdb-daemon: Replace ctdb_fork_with_logging with ctdb_vfork_with_logging (part 2)
97575e1 ctdb-daemon: Remove unused code to run eventscripts
dd98b9d ctdb-tests: Set CTDB_EVENT_HELPER when running with local daemons
a92fd11 ctdb-daemon: Remove ctdb_fork_with_logging()
```

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### Justification

- If the ctdbd process is large then doing fork(2) many times is expensive
- Instead, vfork(2) and exec(3) a small helper program
- Helper allows correct logging and termination handling

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