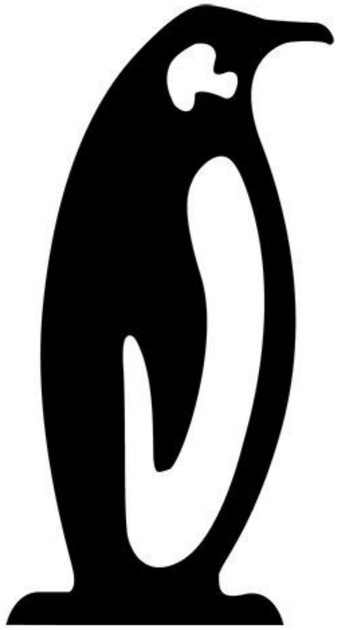

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# The big softirq lock

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# Per vector masking

- [PATCH 00/37] softirq: Per vector masking v3 *(feb 2019)*

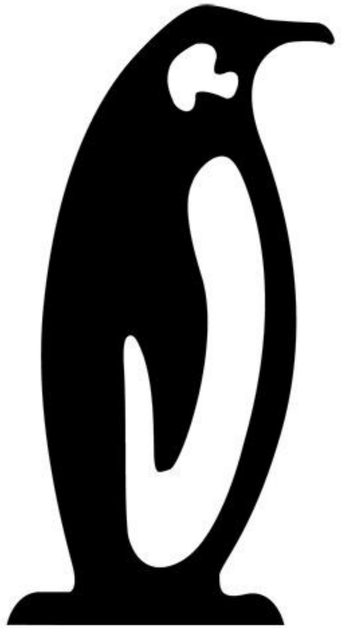
- Disable specific vectors only
  Ex:
  local_bh_disable(NET_RX_SOFTIRQ | TIMER_SOFTIRQ)
  local_bh_enable(NET_RX_SOFTIRQ | TIMER_SOFTIRQ)

- Also spinlocks/rwlocks, etc…
  Ex:
  spin_lock_bh(NET_RX_SOFTIRQ | TIMER_SOFTIRQ)
  spin_unlock_bh(NET_RX_SOFTIRQ | TIMER_SOFTIRQ)

# Per vector unmasking

- Re-enable softirqs while servicing from callback and then push up to the callers

- __do_softirq() // disable all softirqs
  run_timer_softirq()
  some_timer_callback()
  local_bh_enable(NET_RX_SOFTIRQ | ….)
  // do work
  local_bh_disable(NET_RX_SOFTIRQ | ….)



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