

**NAME**

**disc** - software discard network interface

**SYNOPSIS**

**device disc**

**DESCRIPTION**

The **disc** interface is a software discard mechanism which may be used for performance analysis and/or software testing. As with other network interfaces, the discard interface must have network addresses assigned for each address family with which it is to be used. These addresses may be set or changed with the SIOCSIFADDR ioctl(2).

Each **disc** interface is created at runtime using interface cloning. This is most easily done with the ifconfig(8) **create** command or using the *cloned\_interfaces* variable in rc.conf(5).

**SEE ALSO**

inet(4), intro(4)

**HISTORY**

The **disc** device appears to have been derived from the lo(4) device around the time of 4.4BSD. This manpage was adapted from lo(4) and first appeared in FreeBSD 5.0.