

**NAME**

installkernel – install a new kernel image

**SYNOPSIS**

**installkernel** *version zImage System.map [directory]*

**DESCRIPTION**

**installkernel** installs a new kernel image onto the system from the Linux source tree. It is called by the Linux kernel makefiles when **make install** is invoked there.

The new kernel is installed into *{directory}/vmlinuz-{version}*. If a symbolic link *{directory}/vmlinuz* already exists, it is refreshed by making a link from *{directory}/vmlinuz* to the new kernel, and the previously installed kernel is available as *{directory}/vmlinuz.old*.

**BUGS**

installkernel resides in /sbin only because the Linux kernel makefiles call it from there. It should really be in /usr/sbin. It isn't needed to boot a system.