



RedHat Linux Kernel Internals Laboratory Exercises

Lab 9: Kernel Synchronization with Semaphores

Objective: In this lab you will fix a LKM called “incrementer”. The LKM creates five threads which are not using any kernel synchronization to prevent race conditions. The goal of the lab is to log the start and completion of each thread using a global counter, however without any concurrency mechanisms in place the LKM fails to log properly.

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[ 173.480531] init_module() called
[ 173.488462] incrementer: thread 1 started
[ 173.488463] incrementer:thread 1 finished
[ 173.499415] incrementer: thread 2 started
[ 173.508218] incrementer: thread 3 started
[ 173.508220] incrementer:thread 3 finished
[ 173.516763] incrementer: thread 4 started
[ 173.516766] incrementer:thread 4 finished
[ 173.520512] incrementer: thread 5 started
[ 173.520514] incrementer:thread 5 finished
[ 174.499701] incrementer:thread 5 finished
[ 246.287691] Unloading incrementer ...
[user@localhost Lab9]$

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1. Use your newfound knowledge of semaphores to repair this LKM without the fear of concurrency problems.

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[ 441.443368] init_module() called
[ 441.462531] incrementer: thread 1 started
[ 441.462535] incrementer:thread 1 finished
[ 441.479839] incrementer: thread 2 started
[ 442.489394] incrementer:thread 2 finished
[ 442.489498] incrementer: thread 3 started
[ 442.489500] incrementer:thread 3 finished
[ 442.489525] incrementer: thread 4 started
[ 442.489526] incrementer:thread 4 finished
[ 442.489665] incrementer: thread 5 started
[ 442.489666] incrementer:thread 5 finished
[ 452.422589] Unloading incrementer ...
[user@localhost Lab9]$

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2. Use the following code sequence to get started with the LKM.
 - Create a new project “Lab9” and import the code in your “RHKI/Lab9” folder to get started.