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## How to find which kernel version is installed on my Linux system

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**Q.** I am a new proud Linux user. My question to you is - how do I find which kernel version installed on my Linux system? How do I upgrade my kernel to latest version? Any help would be greatly appreciated.

**A.** The Linux kernel is the central component of most computer operating systems (OSs). Its responsibilities include managing the system's resources and the communication between hardware and software components.



[1]

You need to use `uname` command to print certain system information including kernel name. Type the following command to print [kernel version](#) <sup>[2]</sup> number:

```
$ uname -r
```

Output:

```
2.6.20-15-generic
```

See [How DO I Upgrade Linux kernel?](#) <sup>[3]</sup>

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