

# eBPF maps

'maps' is a generic storage of different types for sharing data between kernel and userspace.

The maps are accessed from user space via BPF syscall, which has commands:

- create a map with given type and attributes `map_fd = bpf(BPF_MAP_CREATE, union bpf_attr *attr, u32 size)` using `attr->map_type`, `attr->key_size`, `attr->value_size`, `attr->max_entries` returns process-local file descriptor or negative error
- lookup key in a given map `err = bpf(BPF_MAP_LOOKUP_ELEM, union bpf_attr *attr, u32 size)` using `attr->map_fd`, `attr->key`, `attr->value` returns zero and stores found elem into value or negative error
- create or update key/value pair in a given map `err = bpf(BPF_MAP_UPDATE_ELEM, union bpf_attr *attr, u32 size)` using `attr->map_fd`, `attr->key`, `attr->value` returns zero or negative error
- find and delete element by key in a given map `err = bpf(BPF_MAP_DELETE_ELEM, union bpf_attr *attr, u32 size)` using `attr->map_fd`, `attr->key`
- to delete map: `close(fd)` Exiting process will delete maps automatically

userspace programs use this syscall to create/access maps that eBPF programs are concurrently updating.

maps can have different types: hash, array, bloom filter, radix-tree, etc.

The map is defined by:

- type
- max number of elements
- key size in bytes
- value size in bytes

## Map Types

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.. toctree::
   :maxdepth: 1
   :glob:

   map_*
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