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Operating Systems Project

Write a kernel module that lists all current tasks in a Linux system beginning from the **init** task. Refer to Chapter 2 in the text book for creating Linux kernel modules. Output the task name (known as executable name), state and process id of each task in a tree structure.

Step 1 - Creating Kernel Modules

Command Ismod can be used to list all the kernel modules that are currently loaded.

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[04/13/22]seed@VM:~/.../PES1UG20CS204 Keerthana$ lsmod
                               Used by
Module
                         Size
vboxsf
                        45056
snd intel8x0
                        36864
snd_ac97_codec
                       106496
                               1 snd_intel8x0
ac97 bus
                        16384
                                 snd ac97 codec
snd pcm
                               2 snd_ac97_codec,snd_intel8x0
                        94208
crc32_pclmul
                        16384
snd_seq_midi
snd_seq_midi_event
                        16384
                               0
                        16384
                               1 snd_seq_midi
snd rawmidi
                        28672
                               1 snd seq midi
                        20480
aesni intel
aes_i586
                        20480
                               1 aesni_intel
                                1 aesni intel
lrw
                        16384
snd_seq
ablk_helper
                        57344
                               2 snd_seq_midi_event,snd_seq_midi
                        16384
                                1 aesni intel
cryptd
                        20480
                               1 ablk helper
                        16384
snd_seq_device
                               3 snd seq, snd rawmidi, snd seq midi
input leds
                        16384
serio raw
                        16384
joydev
                        20480
                               Θ
snd timer
                        32768
                               2 snd_seq,snd_pcm
snd
                        69632
                               11 snd_seq,snd_ac97_codec,snd_timer,snd_rawmidi,snd_intel8x0,snd_seq_devi
ce, snd pcm
                        20480
i2c_piix4
                        16384
soundcore
                                 snd
                       253952
                               5 vboxsf
vboxquest
                        16384
                               0
mac_hid
binfmt_misc
                        20480
                        32768
parport_pc
ppdev
                        20480
ĺρ
                        20480
                        49152
                                 lp,parport_pc,ppdev
parport
autofs4
                        40960
hid generic
                        16384
                        49152
usbhid
hid
                        98304
                                 hid generic, usbhid
vmwgfx
                       208896
                        94208
                                 vmwgfx
                       151552
drm kms helper
                                1 vmwgfx
                        16384
                               1 drm kms helper
syscopyarea
```

Program for kernel – project.c

```
#includeux/init.h>
#include<linux/kernel.h>
#include<linux/module.h>
#include<linux/sched.h>
void dfs(struct task struct *task){
     struct task_struct *task_next;
     struct list head *list;
     list for each(list, &task->children) {
           task next = list entry(list, struct task struct, sibling);
           printk(KERN INFO "pid: %d | pname: %s | state: %ld\n", task next-
>pid, task next->comm, task next->state);
           dfs(task next);
}
int tasks lister dfs init(void)
{
 printk(KERN INFO "Loading module...\n");
 dfs(&init task);
 printk(KERN_INFO "Module loaded.\n");
 return 0;
}
void tasks_lister_dfs_exit(void)
{
 printk(KERN INFO "Module removed.\n");
}
/*Macros for registering module entry and exit points*/
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module_init(tasks_lister_dfs_init);
module_exit(tasks_lister_dfs_exit);
```

About the code

- linux/init.h header file includes all things related to _init part.
- linux/module.h header file where module_init (tells the kernel what is the entry point to our program) and module_exit (tells the kernel what is the exit point to our program) are present.
- linux/kernel.h header file where all the workload happening features are listed.
- linux/sched.h header file that contains scheduling parameters required for implementation of each supported scheduling policy.
- task_struct declared under linux/sched.h.
- list_for_each used to iterate over a list.
- list_entry gets the struct for this entry. Arguments are the struct head pointer, type of struct it is embedded in and name of the head pointer within the struct.
- task_next->pid is to display the process ID of the task.
- task_next->comm is the command that triggered that event.
- task_next->state is used to indicate the process state. (In this case, all events are interruptible, since their states are displayed as 1)

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#define TASK_RUNNING
#define TASK_INTERRUPTIBLE
#define TASK_UNINTERRUPTIBLE
#define TASK_ZOMBIE
#define TASK_STOPPED
```

- The function tasks_lister_dfs_init is used to load a module and traverse the tree in DFS (depth first search).
- The function tasks_lister_dfs_exit is to remove the module.

Makefile – used for compiling the kernel module obj-m += project.o

all:

make -C /lib/modules/\$(shell uname -r)/build M=\$(PWD) modules

clean:

make -C /lib/modules/\$(shell uname -r)/build M=\$(PWD) clean

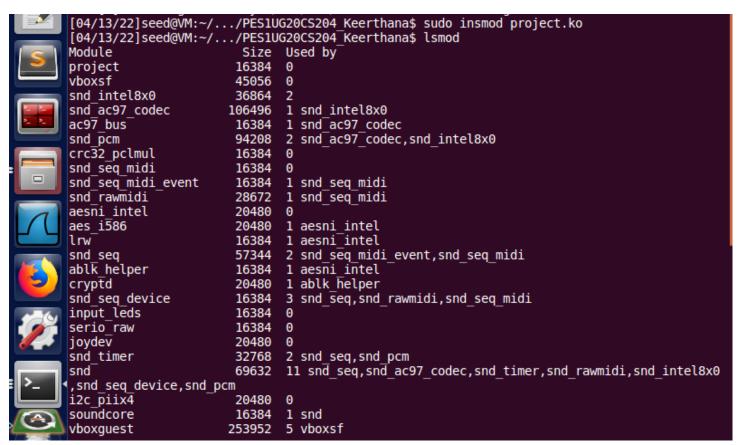
Step 2 - Compile the project.c code using make command – files like project.ko (compiled kernel module), project.mod.o (object file) and project.o (object file) get created.

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[04/13/22]seed@VM:~/.../PES1UG20CS204_Keerthana$ gedit project.c
[04/13/22]seed@VM:~/.../PES1UG20CS204_Keerthana$ make
make -C /lib/modules/4.8.0-36-generic/build M=/home/seed/Desktop/PES1UG20CS204_Keerthana m
odules
make[1]: Entering directory '/usr/src/linux-headers-4.8.0-36-generic'
CC [M] /home/seed/Desktop/PES1UG20CS204_Keerthana/project.o
Building modules, stage 2.
MODPOST 1 modules
CC /home/seed/Desktop/PES1UG20CS204_Keerthana/project.mod.o
LD [M] /home/seed/Desktop/PES1UG20CS204_Keerthana/project.ko
make[1]: Leaving directory '/usr/src/linux-headers-4.8.0-36-generic'
[04/13/22]seed@VM:~/.../PES1UG20CS204_Keerthana$

[04/13/22]seed@VM:~/.../PES1UG20CS204_Keerthana$
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Step 3 - Load the kernel using the insmod command – sudo insmod project.ko. It can be seen that the project module has been added.



Step 4 - To check the contents of the message in the kernel log buffer, command dmesg can be used. It will display all the contents of the module in the tree structure, traversed in the depth first search manner.

