

Kernel Setup



Modifying the Kernel

- Previously, we dynamically inserted kernel modules into the running kernel
- •Now, we need to add new system calls
- System calls are part of the kernel itself
 - Adding new system calls requires recompiling the entire kernel

Kernel Versions

- Your machine should be running kernel version 4.15.0-45generic
 - Verify using `uname -r`
- •We will be downloading, modifying, and installing kernel version 4.19.98
 - This will automatically update our kernel version
 - When there are two kernels on a machine, the machine typically automatically boots into the latest version

Download

- Download the new kernel from https://www.kernel.org/pub/linux/kernel/v4.x/linux-4.19.98.tar.xz
- ·Can visit the link in a web browser or download via wget
- •Extract the tar file:
 - > tar -xvf /path/to/tar -C /usr/src
 - (-C tells tar where to extract the files)

Symlink

- If you don't want to work in /usr/src, you can setup a symlink to the kernel source directory
 - > In -s /usr/src/linux-4.19.98 ~/test_kernel