Linux

Not Unix, but implements the Unix API (POSIX and SUS). Under GNU General Public License (GPL).

OS kernal

Kernel-space refers to the elevated system state (full access to hardware) and its protected memory space. Applications execute a system call in kernel space, and the kernel is running in process context. The interrupt handlers run in an interrupt context, which is not associated with any process.



GNU C Library (glibc)

Library for system call interfaces, provides entries for switching from user mode to kernel mode.

Linux Kernel

system call interface, process management, memory management, virtual file system, network stack, device drivers, hardware dependent code.

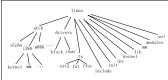
Linux Feature

Dynamic loading of modules. A task can be preempted when executing in the kernel. All threads are implemented as processes that share resources. Removed poorly designed Unix features (such as STREAMS). Free and practical, no market bullets. SMP support.

Linux Kernel Subsystems

System Call Interface: Functional call from user space to kernel space. Basic functions like "read" or "write". Process Mgmt: manages the CPU usage for processes. Memory Mgmt: Multiple processes share the main memory safely. VFS: hides the hardware complexity, provides unified interface for all devices.

Linux kernel Code Tree



arch: architecture dependent code, e.g. i386 is the subtree for Intel CPU and its compatible CPUs. include: most header files are stored here. Those hardware-independent headers are under include/linux, those for Intel CPU are under include/asm-i386, while those for scsi devices are under include/scsi. init: kernel boot & initialization code, including two files main.c and version.c. mm: memory mgmt independent on CPU architecture, e.g. paging allocation and deallocation, those for specific architectures are under arch/*/mm/, e.g. arch/i386/mm/fault.c. kernel: the main kernel code. Most linux kernel functions are

implemented here. Sched.c contains the code for scheduler; architecture-dependent code is under arch/*/kernel. drivers; device drivers. Device initialization code is in device_setup() in drivers/block/genhd.c. lib: library_code for the kernel. net: network code in the kernel. ipc: IPC code. fs; All FS code and all sorts of file operations. Each FS is in a subdirectory. E.g. FAT and ext2. scripts: scripts for compiling the kernel.

special about Kernel Programming

No libc or standard headers: kernel source files cannot include outside headers, cannot use outside libs. Uses GNU C: inline functions, inline assembly, branch annotation such as 'asm' and 'unlikely'. No memory protection: No trap, simply a kernel error, not pageable. Synchronization & concurrency: preemptive kernel, supports SMP. Different code may preempt and access the same resource. Need spinlocks and semaphores. No use of floating point: user space FP instruction traps and enters FP mode. Kernel cannot trap itself, must save/restore FP registers. Small, fixed-size stack: 8KB on 32-bit architectures, and 16KB on 64-bit architectures.

Kernel Images

Linux kernel images are stored under /boot and named like vmlinuz-2.6.15.5: **Normal kernel image**: zlmage(Image compressed with gzip), no greater than 512k. **Big zipped image**: bzlmage(big Image compressed with gzip), includes most kernel functionalities.

Compiling Linux kernel

sudo apt-get install libncurses5-dev Store linux-3.18.24.tar.xz in ~ tar -xvf linux-3.18.24.tar.xz cd linux-3.18.24

cp/boot/config-`uname -r`.config or cp/boot/config-<Tab>.config make menuconfig //generate the .config file make or make -i4

sudo make modules_install sudo make install

sudo gedit /boot/grub/grub.cfg //Check sudo reboot uname -r

Linux Boot

Real mode initialization (setup.S). Protected mode initialization (head.S::startup_32)

Start_kernel (main.c). User space init (init process):1.Read/etc/inittab (system init config file); 2. Execute init scripts (/etc/rc.d/rc*.d/, ...) per current run level).

Process Management in Linux

A thread in Linux is a special kind of process. PCB

Managed by circular doubly linked list (task list). Priori to 2.6 kernel, task_struct was stored at the end of the kernel stack of each process. Now it is allocated via the slab allocator. A new structure thread_info is stored at the end of the kernel stack. 最多 512.

Find Process

list for each (list, ¤t->children) { task = list_entry(list, struct task_struct, sibling); //task now points to one of current's children} list_entry (task-stasks. next, struct task struct, tasks) //next task. Use prev to find prev task.

#define list_for_each(pos, head) for (pos = (head)->next; pos != (head); pos = pos->next) #define for_each_process(p) for (p = &init_task; (p = next_task(p)) != &init_task;)

Process States

TASK RUNNING: Runnable, either running or on a runqueue waiting to run. (running both in user space and kernel space). TASK IN-TERRUPTIBLE: Sleeping (blocked), waiting for some condition to exist. When condition exists, set to TASK RUNNING, If signal received it awakes prematurely also. TASK UNINTERRUPTIBLE: same as above, except that it does NOT wake up when receiving a signal. The process must wait (e.g. holding a semaphore). TASK STOPPED: Process is stopped by signal SIGSTOP, SIGTSTP, SIGTTIN, or SIGTTOU. Can be waken up by other signals. TASK TRACED: Process is traced by another process, such as a debugger, via ptrace.

task_structure (include/linux/sched.h): Line 701 struct task struct {

volatile long state;

/* -1 unrunnable, 0 runnable, >0 stopped */
struct thread_info *thread_info;
atomic_t usage;
unsigned long flags;

/* per process flags, defined below */...
int prio, static_prio;
struct list_head run_list;
prio_array_t *array; ...
unsigned long sleep_avg;
unsigned long long timestamp, last_ran;
unsigned long long sched time;

/* sched_clock time spent running */
int activated;

unsigned long policy:----

}

? 1. 讲程的状态和标志

volatile long state //进程的状态 unsigned long flags //进程的标志 2.进程的标识

int pid //进程标识号

unsigned short uid, gid//用户标识号,组标识号 unsigned short euid, egid//用户、组有效标识号 unsigned short suid, sgid//用户、组备份标识号 unsigned short fsuid, fsgid//用户、组标识号 3.排程的族亲关系

struct task_struct *p_opptr //指向祖先进程 PCB struct task_struct *p_optr //指向文进程 PCB struct task_struct *p_optr //指向子进程 PCB struct task_struct *p_vsptr //指向另进程 PCB

4. 进程间的链接信息 struct task_struct *next_task //指向下一个 PCB struct task_struct *prev_task //指向上一个 PCB

struct task struct *prev_task //指向工一个PCB
struct task_struct *next_run //指向可运行队列的下一个PCB

p->comm //comm 类型为 char[16],代表进程名 p->parent //指向父进程 task_struct 的地址

fork(

Copy-on-write (COW): delays/prevents the copying. Parent and child share a single copy. A page is duplicated only if it is written to. Child runs first: eliminates copy-on-write overhead if parent ran first and began writing to the address space. The only overhead: dup of parent's page table and the creation of PCB.

sys_clone(),sys_vfork(),sys_fork() 可以实现 创建子进程,这三个系统调用最终都会调用 do_fork()。在 arch/i386/kernel/process.c 中。 do_fork() (kernel/fork.c):

1) 调用 alloc task struct()分配子进程 task struct 空间。严格地讲,此时子进程还 未生成。2) 把父进程 task struct 的值全部 赋给子进程 task struct。3) 检查是否超过了 资源限制,如果是,则结束并返回出错信息。 更改一些统计量的信息。4) 修改子进程 task struct 的某些成员的值使其正确反映子 进程的状况,如进程状态被置成 TASK UNINTERRUPTIBLE 。 5) 调用 get pid()函数为子进程得到一个pid号。6) 共享或复制父进程文件处理、信号处理及进 程虚拟地址空间等资源。7)调用 copy thread()初始化子进程的内核栈,内核 栈保存了进程返回用户空间的上文。此处与 平台相关,以 i386 为例,其中很重要的-点是寄存器 eax 值的位置被置 0,这个值就 是执行系统调用后子进程的返回值。8) 将 父进程的当前的时间配额 counter 分一半给 子进程。9) 利用宏 SET LINKS 将子进程 插入所有讲程都在其中的双向链表。调用 hash pid(),将子进程加入相应的 hash 队 列。10) 调用 wake up process(),将该子进 程插入可运行队列。至此,子进程创建完毕, 并在可运行队列中等待被调度运行。11) 如 果 clone flags 包含有 CLONE VFORK 标 志,则将父进程挂起直到子进程释放进程空 间。进程控制块中有一个信号量 vfork sem 可以起到将进程挂起的作用。12) 返回子进 程的 pid 值,该值就是系统调用后父进程的 返回值。

Process Schedule

Linux scheduler was simple before 2.4 kernel. Constant-time scheduler, O(1) scheduler, was introduced in 2.5. Scales well for large server workloads, poorly for interactive applications. Completely Fair Scheduler (CFS) since 2.6.23. CFS calculates how long a process should run as a function of the total of runnable processes. CFS uses the nice value to weight the proportion of processor. CFS sets a target latency for the actual TS. Floor on target latency as minimum granularity for TS.

runqueue 结构(kernel/sched.c)

prio_array_t *active, *expired, arrays[2] active 指向时间片没用完、当前可被调度的就绪进程, expired 指向时间片已用完的就绪进程。每一类队列用一个 struct prio_array表示(优先级排序数组)一个任务的时间片用完后,它会被转移到"过期"的队列中。在该队列中,任务仍然是按照优先级排好序当活动队列中的任务均执行完交换指针。

System Handle

User space application signals the kernel via a software interrupt (exception), and the system will switch to kernel mode and execute the exception handler (syscall handler). int \$0x80 (or sysenter instruction) Function system_call() implemented in entry_64.S. The syscall number is fed into the kernel via the eax register. Return value sent via eax. Parameters pass via

registers ebx, ecx, edx,esi,edi. More arguments are passed via a pointer to user space.

应用程序执行系统调用

1、程序调用 libc 库的封装函数。

2、调用软中断 int 0x80 讲入内核。

3、在内核中首先执行 system_call 函数(1. 把系统调用号和该异常处理程序用到的所有 CPU 寄存器 保存到相应的栈中(SAVE_ALL)。2. 把当前进程 task_struct(thread_info)结构的地址存放在 ebx 中。
3. 对用户态进程传递来的系统调用号进行有效性检查。若调用号大于或等于NR_syscalls,系统调用处理程序终止。(sys_call_table)。若系统调用是工资外函数就把-ENOSYS值存放在栈中 eax 寄存器所在的单元,再跳到 ret_from_sys_call()),接着根据系统调用号在系统调用号在系统调用表中查找到对应的系统调用服务例程。

4、执行该服务例程。

5、执行完毕后,转入 ret_from_sys_call 例 程,从系统调用返回。

Project2: Binding a System Call

1. Add an entry to the end of the system call table (for each architecture).

2. For each supported arch, define the syscall number in <asm/unistd.h>.

Compile the syscall into the kernel image. (putting the code in kernel/, such as sys.c)
 Linked List in LK

The Linux kernel approach is to embed a linked list node in the structure.

struct list_head {
 struct list_head *next
 struct list_head *prev;
}

Embed a list node into the fox structure:

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struct fox {
    unsigned long tail_length;
    unsigned long weight;
    bool is_fantastic;
    struct list_head list;
};
```

Defining a list

struct fox *red_fox;
red_fox = kmalloc(sizeof(*red_fox), GFP_KERNEL)
red_fox-stail_length = 40;
red_fox-sweight = 6;
red_fox-sis_fantastic = false;
INIT_LIST_HEAD(&red_fox-slist);

Initialize a list head: static LIST_HEAD(fox_list)
list_add(&f->list, &fox_list);
list_del(&f->list);

nterrupts

Polling: periodically the kernel check the status of the hardware in the system and respond accordingly. Interrupt: hardware signals the kernel when attention is needed Interrupt handler/Interrupt service routine: The interrupt handler for a device is part of the device's driver – the kernel code that manages the device.

The Interrupt Handler is the top half. The top half is run immediately upon receipt of the interrupt (time-critical work). Work can be later performed until the bottom half.

Interrupt Handlers

Interrupt handlers are declared by

static irqreturn_t intr_handler(int irq, void *dev)

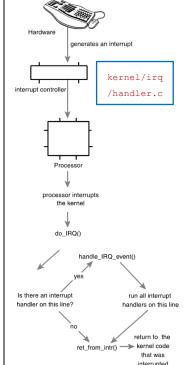
irq is the number of the interrupt line.
The return value can be IRQ_NONE or IRO HANDLED

If all the handlers on a given interrupt line return IRQ_NONE, the kernel will detect the problem. Interrupt handlers in Linux need not be reentrant! No nested interrupts.

Kernel Space Context

When executing in interrupt handler, the kernel is in interrupt context. When executing a system call, or running a kernel thread, it is in process context (macro current points to the associated task).

In interrupt context, the current macro is not relevant (no associated process), thus it cannot sleep, as it would not reschedule. As stack size is limited, Interrupt Handlers have their own interrupt stacks.



Interrupt Control

The Kernel provides interfaces for disabling the interrupt system for the current processor.

unsigned long flags;

```
local_irq_save(flags);
/* ... */
local irg restore(flags);
```

If work is time-sensitive: top half If work related to h/w: top half

If work must not be interrupted by another interrupt: top half

Everything else: bottom half

Multiple mechanisms are available for implementing a bottom half. Softirgs are a set of statically defined bottom halves that can run simultaneously on any processor; even two of the same type can run concurrently. Tasklets are flexible, dynamically created bottom halves built on top of softirgs. Two different tasklets can run concurrently on different processors, but two of the same type of tasklet cannot run simultaneously. Work queues are a simple vet useful method of queuing work to later be performed in process context.

Physical Memory Management

An instance of the page structure is allocated for each frame.



Allocating kernel memory

Due to h/w limitation, pages are not treated equally. They are divided into zones. Allocating pages: alloc page(), alloc pages()

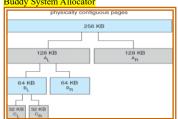
Returns struct page* pointer.

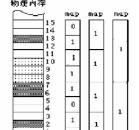
Use void *page address(struct page *page) to return the logical address of the page. Freeing pages: free page(), free pages()

Defined in linux/gfp.h>

kmalloc() is preferred compared with vmalloc() Because the latter not ensure physically contiguous memory being returned. 2. needs to set up page table entries; 3. Greater TLB thrashing. Use vmalloc() only if large regions are needed.

Buddy System Allocator





Each element of array free area[] manages the free blocks at k-th order (free blocks of size 2k pages). All blocks at k-th order are linked via

a double-linked list. typedef struct free area struct { struct list head free list: unsigned int *man: /* 指向 bitmap */

free area t; static struct free area struct free area[NR MEM LISTS]:

Slab Allocator

The slab layer (allocator) acts as a generic data structure-caching layer to control free lists.

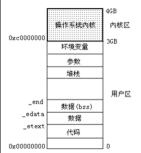
One cache (kmem cache) per object type. e.g. one cache for task structure, another for inode objects. kmalloc interface is built on top of slab layer. Caches are divided into slabs.

Slabs are composed of one or more physically contiguous frames, each contains a number of objects (data structures).

The Process Address Space

Processes can choose to share their address space with others: these are threads.

Process can address up to 4GB (32-bit), but it doesn't have permission to access all of it. The intervals of legal addresses are memory areas.



Kernel space cannot be swapped out.

The kernel space is mapped to the physical memory starting from 0x00000000.

The kernel image is stored at 0x00100000 (physical address starting at 1MB).

The Memory Descriptor

A process's address space is described in a mm struct (defined in linux/mm types.h>). mmap and mm rb are different data structures that contain the same thing. They form a threaded tree.

mmap;	/ list of memory areas */
mm_rb;	/* red-black tree of VMAs */
mmap_cache;	/ last used memory area */
free_area_cache;	/* 1st address space hole */
pgd;	/ page global directory */
mm_users;	/* address space users */
mm_count;	/* primary usage counter */
map_count;	/* number of memory areas */
mmap_sem;	/* memory area semaphore */
page_table_lock;	/* page table lock */
mmlist;	/* list of all mm_structs */
start_code;	/* start address of code */
end_code;	/* final address of code */
start_data;	/* start address of data */
end data;	/* final address of data */
start brk;	/* start address of heap */

The memory descriptor associated with a task is stored in the mm field of the task struct. Can be accessed via **current->mm** in the process context. The copy mm() function copies the parent's mm struct to its child during fork(). A process may choose to share its address space with its children by means of the

CLONE VM flag to clone(). We call the children threads!

Kernel Threads

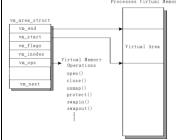
Kernel threads do not have a process address space (no memory descriptor, the mm field of kernle thread's process descriptor is NULL). This is the definition of a kernel thread processes that have no user context. Kernel threads do not access any user-space memory. As kernel threads need to access memory, they use the mm struct of whatever task ran **previously**, without wasting memory. This can be done, because the information in the address space of kernel memory is the same

Virtual Memory Areas (VMA)

Describes a single area over a contiguous interval in a given address space. Each VMA has properties (permissions) and a set of operations. [vm start, vm end) is the contiguous range for the VMA.

	Vm_area_struct {							
;	struct mm_struct	*vm_mm;	/*	associated mm_struct *				
	unsigned long	vm_start;	/*	VMA start, inclusive *				
	unsigned long	vm_end;	/*	VMA end , exclusive */				
	struct vm_area_struct	*vm_next;	/*	list of VMA's */				
	pgprot_t	vm_page_prot;	/*	access permissions */				
	unsigned long	vm_flags;	1*	flags */				
	struct rb_node	vm_rb;	/*	VMA's node in the tree				
	union { /* links to address_space->i_mmap or i_mmap_nonlinear							
	struct {							
	struc	t list_head	- 1	list;				
	void		parent;					
	struc	t vm area struct	,	head;				
	} vm set;							
	struct prio tree node prio tree node;							
	} shared;							
	struct list_head	anon_vma_node;		/* anon_vma entry */				
	struct anon_vma	*anon_vma;		/* anonymous VMA objec				
	vm_operations_struct	*vm_ops;		/* associated ops */				
	unsigned long	vm_pgoff;		/* offset within file				
	struct file	*vm_file;		<pre>/* mapped file, if any</pre>				
	void	*vm_private_data	ij.	/* private data */				

If two separate processes map the same file to their respective address space, each has a unique vm area struct to identify its unique memory area. Two threads sharing an address space also share all the VMA structures.



The operations are defined in linux/mm.h>

		struct {				-
		(struct	vm_	area_	struct	*);
void	(*close)	(struct	vm	area	struct	*):

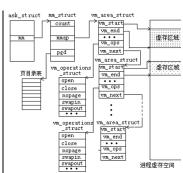
int (*fault) (struct vm_area_struct *, struct vm_fault *) int (*page mkwrite) (struct vm area struct *vma, struct v int (*access) (struct vm area struct *, unsigned long , void *, int, int);

The fault() function is invoked by the page fault handler.

find vma(): finds the VMA in which a given address resides.

find vma prev(): works as find vma(), but also returns the last VMA before it. find vma intersection(): returns the first

VMA that overlaps a given address interval. do mmap() function is used to create a new linear address interval (not always new VMA).



进程虚存空间管理 Virtual-to-physical address lookup

The top-level: page global directory (PGD) The second-level:page middle directory (PMD) The final-level: page table entries (PTE)



/ : root directory where the file system begins

/bin, /usr/bin: These two directories contain

Linux File System

most of the programs for the system. The /bin directory has the essential programs that the system requires to operate, while /usr/bin contains applications for the system's users. /boot: where the Linux kernel and boot loader filesarekept. The kernel is a file called vmlinuz. /etc: contains the configuration files for the system. /etc/fstab contains a table of devices that get mounted when your system boots. This file defines your disk drives. /etc/hosts lists the network host names and IP addresses that are intrinsically known to the system. /dev: contains devices that are available to the system. /etc/init.d: contains the scripts that start various system services typically at boot time. etc/passwd: contains the essential information for each user. It is here that users are defined. /home: /home is where users keep their personal work. In general, this is the only place users are allowed to write files. /lib:The shared libraries (similar to DLLs in that other operating system) are kept here. /media: used for mount points. /mnt: provides a convenient place for mounting these temporary devices. /proc: doesn't contain files. This directory does not really exist at all. It's virtual. /root: This is the superuser's home directory. /usr: The /usr directory contains a variety of things that support user applications. /var: directory contains files that change as the system is running. This includes: /var/log Directory that contains log files. These are updated as the system runs. /var/spool: This directory is used to hold files that are queued for some process, such as mail messages and print jobs. Linux FCB

Linux filesystems (ext2, ext3, ext4) separate storage for filename & FCB info. An FCB is stored as an inode. Each inode has a unique ID. Directory contains filename and inode info. Directory entry contains the filename and the inode ID.

Ext2

#define EXT2 NAME LEN 255 struct ext2 dir entry 2 { u32 inode; /* Inode number */ u16 rec len;/* Directory entry length ' name len; /* Name length */ file type: char name[EXT2 NAME LEN]; /*File name */

Special Files

Device I/O is implemented as file operations. Devices can be character-based or blockbased FIFO 管道文件: 用于在进程间传递 数据。Linux 对管道的操作与文件操作相同, 它把管道做为文件进行处理。Symbolic Links 符号链接文件,它提供了共享文件的 一种方法。Sockets.

File System Types

Disk based FS: ext2/ext3/ext4 (standard) VFAT, NTFS. Network FS: NFS. Special FS: proc,devfs,sysfs. Linux supports more than 50.





procinfo 命令显示大量的系统信息

/proc/sys 目录是一个特殊目录,支持直接使 用文件系统的操作,可以更改一些系统配置 /proc/self 是当前进程目录的符号链接。 /proc/meminfo 当前内存使用信息

/proc/cpuinfo CPU 的详细信息

/proc/mounts 系统当前挂在的文件系统 Virtual File System

VFS (Virtual File Switch/System) supports

Common File Interface. Interoperate between various file systems. New filesystems and new storage media can work without program rewritten/recompiled. VFS abstracts file operations (e.g. read, write, open) in APIs.



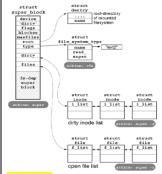
Four primary object types

superblock object (<linux/fs.h>)

一个超级块对应一个文件系统。s list: 指向 超级块链表中前一个和后一个超级块的指 针 s dev: 超级块所在的设备 s blocksize, s blocksize bits: 指定了磁盘文件系统的 块的大小 s type: 指向文件系统的类型的 指针 s dirty: 标记是否被修改 s maxbytes: 文件大小上限 so: 指向超级块操作的指 针 root: 指向目录的 dentry 项

Incore superblock

Incore superblock of mounted filesystem



inode object (<include/linux/fs.h>)

inode 包含文件的元信息, 具体来说有以下 内容: 文件的字节数, 文件拥有者的 User ID, 文件的 Group ID, 文件的读、写、执行 权限,文件的时间戳(ctime 指 inode 上一 次变动的时间, mtime 指文件内容上一次变 动的时间, atime 指文件上一次打开的时间), 链接数(多少文件名指向这个 inode) 文件 数据 block 的位置。注意里面没有文件名。 inode 有两种,一种是 VFS 的 inode,一种 是具体文件系统的 inode。前者在内存(动 态)中,后者在磁盘(静态)中。

i dev: 设备号 i ino: 唯一编号 i mode: 文件的类型和访问权限 i nlink:与该节点 建立链接的文件数(硬链接数) i uid:文件 拥有者标号 i gid:文件所在组标号

VFS 的 inode 组成一个双向链表, 全局变量 first inode 指向链表的表头。

dentry object (<include/linux/dcache.h>) 用来描述文件的逻辑属性,只存在于内存中。 每个 dentry 代表路径中的一个特定部分。

一个有效的 dentry 结构必定有一个 inode 结, 但是一个 inodes 可以对应多个 dentry。

d count: 引用计数 d inode: 与该目录项 关联的 inode d parent: 父目录的目录项 d hash: 目录项形成的哈希表 d subdirs:

本目录所有孩子目录链表头 d child: 该 目录在父目录下的下一个兄弟。

d op: 操作目录项的函数

file object (<include/linux/fs.h>)

文件对象 file 表示进程已打开的文件, 只有 当文件被打开时才在内存中建立 file 对象 的内容。该对象由相应的 open() 系统调用 创建,由close()系统调用销毁。

f list: file 结构链表 f dentry: 指向与文件 对象关联的 dentr 对象。