

# Steps to Create a Simple Linux Kernel Module

## LAB3 - instruction

### 1. Set Up the Environment

Install build tools and kernel headers (on Ubuntu):

**Note : to fixed any problem with update, run this:**

```
sudo sed -i -re 's/([a-z]{2}\.)?archive.ubuntu.com|security.ubuntu.com/old-releases.ubuntu.com/g' /etc/apt/sources.list
```

```
sudo apt-get update
```

```
sudo apt-get install build-essential linux-headers-$(uname -r)
```

### 2. Create Source Code for the Module

Make a new folder (e.g. hello\_module).

In a file called hello.c, put the following code:

```
#include <linux/init.h>
#include <linux/module.h>
#include <linux/kernel.h>
```

```
MODULE_LICENSE("GPL");
MODULE_AUTHOR("OSLAB404LAB3");
```

```
static int __init hello_init(void) {
    printk(KERN_INFO "Hello, World!\n");
    return 0;
}
```

```
static void __exit hello_exit(void) {
    printk(KERN_INFO "Goodbye, World!\n");
}
```

```
module_init(hello_init);
module_exit(hello_exit);
```

### 3. Create a Makefile

In the same folder, add a file named Makefile:

**Note: be careful with spaces**

```
obj-m += hello.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
```

### 4. Build the Kernel Module

Run in terminal:

```
make
```

### 5. Load and Unload the Kernel Module

Load the module:

Before loading the module you can list the current module on the terminal by:

```
lsmod
```

```
sudo insmod hello.ko
```

To be sure about loading the specific module, you can run in terminal:

```
lsmod grep module_name
```

### Check message output:

Run in terminal:

```
dmesg
```

```
dmesg | tail
```

### Unload the module:

Run in terminal:

```
sudo rmmod hello
```