

ASSIGNMENT 10

Problem Statement : Implement a new system call add this new system call in LINUX kernel (any kernel source, any architecture and any Linux kernel distribution) and demonstrate use of same.

Theory :

Adding a Simple System Call

Simple Example -

Say we wanted to add our own version of system call `getpid()`. Lets call our version `mygetpid()`.

The implementation of `mygetpid()` is
`asmlinkage long sys = getpid(void)`

{

return current → `tgid` ;

}

`asmlinkage` must appear before every system call. It tells the compiler to only look on the stack for function argument

Steps needed to follow to add this system call-

- 1) Implement function call and put it in appropriate file.
- 2) Add an entry to end of system call table.
- 3) Define system call number in include `/usr/include/asm/unistd.h`
- 4) Recompile your kernel and boot to it.

Accessing the system call from User - Space -

Compile Command -

```
gcc -I /The /location /of /your /linux /include  
test syscall.c
```

Adding swipe () system call

Swipe () that steals the collective time slice for a specified set of processes and adds it to target process timeslice. The swipe () system call takes a target process id, an integer that provides type of set of processes and an integer that provides the process set.

The system call returns the total amount of the timeslice swiped or a negative number if an error occurred. Therefore, the prototype of function is :

```
int swipe (Pid_t target, int which, int who)
```

Using Swipe () :-

- 1) Create a process that monopolizes the CPU
- 2) Create a wrapper program that takes a simple command starting with the collective timeslices of all processes in the set

Conclusion :

I have successfully understood the concept of new system call.