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### KVM\_APIS:

1. To get the version of KVM API, the KVM\_GET\_API\_VERSION ioctl call is used.

#### **KVM\_GET\_API\_VERSION:**

##### **Brief description of inputs to the ioctl call:**

No specific input parameters required.

##### **Functionality that the ioctl call provides:**

Retrieves the version of the KVM API supported by the kernel.

2. To create a virtual machine (VM), which represents everything associated with one emulated system, including memory and one or more CPUs, the KVM\_CREATE\_VM ioctl call is used.

#### **KVM\_CREATE\_VM:**

##### **Brief description of inputs to the ioctl call:**

Machine type identifier (KVM\_VM\_\*) is given as an input parameter. Providing 0 as input implies that the new virtual machine has zero virtual CPUs and no allocated memory.

##### **Functionality that the ioctl call provides:**

Creates a new KVM virtual machine with the specified machine type and returns its file descriptor.

3. To set the address of the Task State Segment (TSS) for a virtual machine, the KVM\_SET\_TSS\_ADDR ioctl call is used.

#### **KVM\_SET\_TSS\_ADDR:**

##### **Brief description of inputs to the ioctl call:**

unsigned long tss\_address, The address to set as the base address of the TSS.

##### **Functionality that the ioctl call provides:**

Configuring the virtual machine represented by the given file descriptor to use the specified address i.e., unsigned long tss\_address for its

Task State Segment. The Task State Segment (TSS) is a data structure in the x86 architecture that is used to store information about a task during a task switch.

4. To configure the memory region that the guest operating system will use within the virtual machine, The KVM\_SET\_USER\_MEMORY\_REGION ioctl call is used.

#### **KVM\_SET\_USER\_MEMORY\_REGION:**

##### **Brief description of inputs to the ioctl call:**

struct kvm\_userspace\_memory\_region, contains information about the memory region, such as its start address, size, and flags.

##### **Functionality that the ioctl call provides:**

This ioctl allows the user to create, modify or delete a guest physical memory slot. It helps in defining the mapping between guest physical memory and host physical memory.

5. To create a new virtual CPU (vcpu) within a virtual machine, the KVM\_CREATE\_VCPU ioctl call is used.

#### **KVM\_CREATE\_VCPU:**

##### **Brief description of inputs to the ioctl call:**

vcpu id, The vcpu id is an integer in the range [0, max\_vcpu\_id).

##### **Functionality that the ioctl call provides:**

This ioctl call is used to spawn new virtual CPUs within an existing virtual machine. The newly created vCPU becomes part of the virtualized environment and can execute guest code.

6. To generate how much memory to map in the user space for kvm\_run, the KVM\_GET\_VCPU\_MMAP\_SIZE ioctl call is used.

#### **KVM\_GET\_VCPU\_MMAP\_SIZE:**

##### **Brief description of inputs to the ioctl call:**

No specific input parameters required.

##### **Functionality that the ioctl call provides:**

The KVM\_RUN ioctl communicates with userspace via a shared memory region. This ioctl returns the size of that region.

7. For running a virtual CPU (vCPU) in the KVM (Kernel-based Virtual Machine) subsystem, the KVM\_RUN ioctl call is used.

#### **KVM\_RUN:**

##### **Brief description of inputs to the ioctl call:**

No specific input parameters required.

##### **Functionality that the ioctl call provides:**

Its primary purpose is to execute the guest code on the virtual CPU.

8. To read the general purpose registers from the vcpu, the KVM\_GET\_REGS ioctl call is used.

#### **KVM\_GET\_REGS:**

##### **Brief description of inputs to the ioctl call:**

struct kvm\_regs, Pointer to a structure (e.g., struct kvm\_regs) where the register state will be stored.

##### **Functionality that the ioctl call provides:**

This ioctl call retrieves the register state of the specified vCPU and populates the provided data structure (regs) with the values of various registers.

9. To read the special registers from the vcpu, the KVM\_GET\_SREGS ioctl call is used.

#### **KVM\_GET\_SREGS:**

##### **Brief description of inputs to the ioctl call:**

struct kvm\_sregs, Pointer to a structure (e.g., struct kvm\_sregs) where the register state will be stored.

##### **Functionality that the ioctl call provides:**

The ioctl call retrieves the segment register state of the specified vCPU and populates the provided data structure (sregs) with the values of various segment registers. These segment registers include the code segment (CS), data segment (DS), and other segment registers that define the memory segmentation in the virtual CPU.

10. To write special registers into the vcpu, the KVM\_SET\_SREGS ioctl call is used.

**KVM\_SET\_SREGS:**

**Brief description of inputs to the ioctl call:**

struct kvm\_sregs, Pointer to a structure (e.g., struct kvm\_regs) where the register state will be stored.

**Functionality that the ioctl call provides:**

This ioctl call updates the segment register state of the specified vCPU with the values provided in the data structure (sregs).