

Lab 1 Report

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seconds.ko

This kernel module creates a proc file named `/proc/seconds` that reports the number of elapsed seconds since the kernel module was loaded. It uses the value *jiffies* and *HZ* rate. When a user enters command:

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cat /proc/seconds
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The kernel module will report the number of seconds the kernel module has been loaded. The file `/proc/seconds` is removed when the module is removed

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/**
 * seconds.c
 *
 * Kernel module that prints the number of seconds
 * elapsed since the kernel module was loaded
 * when cat /proc/seconds is called
 *
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 * Based on John Wiley & Sons – 2018. hello.c
 */

// For kernel programming
#include <linux/init.h>
#include <linux/module.h>
#include <linux/kernel.h>
#include <asm/uaccess.h>
// For proc read
#include <linux/proc_fs.h>
// For jiffies – the number of timer interrupt
#include <linux/jiffies.h>
// For HZ – the frequency of timer interrupt
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#include <asm/param.h>

// Define a constant buffer size for
// the string to be printed
// when cat /proc/seconds is called
#define BUFFER_SIZE 128
// Defines the name of the proc
#define PROCNAME "seconds"

// Define a static variable to store
// the value of jiffies when the
// kernel module first loaded
static unsigned long start_jiffies;

/**
 * Function prototypes
 */
ssize_t proc_read(struct file *file, char *buf, size_t
count, loff_t *pos);

static struct file_operations proc_ops = {
    .owner = THIS_MODULE,
    .read = proc_read,
};

/* This function is called when the module is loaded
 */
int proc_init(void)
{
    // store the initial jiffies value at the start
    // of the kernel module
    start_jiffies = jiffies;

    // creates the /proc/seconds entry
    // the following function call is a wrapper for
    // proc_create_data() passing NULL as the last
    // argument
    proc_create(PROCNAME, 0, NULL, &proc_ops);

    // logs kernel informational message "/proc/

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        seconds created"
// to show /proc/seconds entry is created
printk(KERN_INFO "/proc/%s created\n", PROCNAME);
return 0;
}

/* This function is called when the module is removed
*/
void proc_exit(void)
{
    // removes the /proc/seconds entry
    remove_proc_entry(PROCNAME, NULL);

    // logs kernel informational message "/proc/
    seconds removed"
    // to show /proc/seconds entry is removed
    printk(KERN_INFO "/proc/%s removed\n", PROCNAME);
}

/**
 * This function is called each time the /proc/seconds
 * is read
 */
ssize_t proc_read(struct file *file, char __user *
    usr_buf, size_t count, loff_t *pos)
{
    // use rv to store the number of characters
    printed
    int rv = 0;
    char buffer[BUFFER_SIZE];
    // use secs to store the number of seconds elapsed
    // since the kernel was loaded
    unsigned long secs;
    // use complete as boolean to prevent repeat reads
    static int complete = 0;

    // return 0 to prevent repeated reads if completed
    if (complete)
    {
        complete = 0;
    }

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        return 0;
    }

    // set to 1 after the proc is read
    complete = 1;

    // use current jiffies value minus the initial
    // jiffies value then divide by HZ to calculate
    // the number of seconds elapsed since the
    // kernel was loaded
    secs = (jiffies - start_jiffies) / HZ;

    // store the number of characters printed in rv
    // sprintf returns the number of characters
    // in buffer (excluding null padding characters)
    rv = sprintf(buffer, "seconds elapsed: %lu\n",
        secs);

    // copies the contents of buffer to userspace
    usr_buf
    copy_to_user(usr_buf, buffer, rv);

    // return printed string length
    return rv;
}

/* Set the module entry and exit points */
module_init(proc_init);
module_exit(proc_exit);

/* Maintaining original license */
MODULE_LICENSE("GPL");
MODULE_DESCRIPTION("Seconds Module");
MODULE_AUTHOR("RF");

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