



Key Points in This Diagram

- 1. Kernel vs systemd roles**
 - Kernel:** Resource manager, process creator, hardware interface.
 - systemd:** Orchestrates services, manages dependencies, monitors processes.
- 2. Targets vs Units**
 - Target:** Defines system state (like old runlevels).
 - Units:** Actual services, sockets, mounts, timers that get started.
- 3. Dependency graph**
 - systemd starts units in **dependency order**, not sequentially by a fixed number.
 - Parallel startup = faster boot.