



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.