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                  by the kernel and that of the kernel itself. How are
                  Linux programs supposed to behave? Do they behave
                  correctly on exotic hardware? A formal model can help
                  address such questions. Better yet, an executable model
                  allows programmers to experiment with the model to
                  develop their intuition. Thus we offer a model written
                  in the cat language, making it not only formal, but
                  also executable by the herd simulator. We tested our
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