

This project involved creating a Linux Kernel Module that allows users to read and write process information through the /proc file system. The module lets user-space applications write a process identifier (PID) to /proc/pid and read details about the process like its command, PID, and state.

During the development, I faced several challenges such as function pointer mismatches and compilation errors. These were caused by incorrect function setups and were fixed by adjusting the order of function declarations and ensuring proper function prototypes.

Error handling and security were major focuses to prevent system crashes and security risks. I paid close attention to managing memory safely and handling errors carefully to make sure the module did not cause any harm to the system or expose sensitive information.

Another challenge was making the kernel module easy for users to interact with. Kernel modules aren't usually built for direct interaction with users, but our user-space scripts bridged this gap effectively.

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7598 ?      00:00:00 snap
8415 ?      00:00:00 gvfsd-computer
9025 ?      00:00:00 gvfsd-metadata
10888 ?     00:00:14 qterminal
10909 ?     00:00:03 kworker/1:2-cgroup_destroy
10922 pts/0   00:00:00 bash
11507 ?     00:00:00 kworker/u4:0-ext4-rsv-conversion
11754 ?     00:00:03 kworker/0:0-cgroup_destroy
12349 ?     00:00:00 kworker/1:0-events
12692 ?     00:00:00 kworker/u4:3-flush-8:0
13046 ?     00:00:00 kworker/0:2-mm_percpu_wq
13048 ?     00:00:00 kworker/0:1-events
13062 ?     00:00:00 kworker/u4:1-events_unbound
13063 ?     00:00:00 kworker/u4:2-events_unbound
13064 ?     00:00:00 anacron
13077 ?     00:00:00 kworker/1:1-cgroup_destroy
13078 ?     00:00:00 kworker/1:3-events
13088 ?     00:00:00 cupsd
13089 ?     00:00:00 kworker/1:4-events
13090 ?     00:00:00 cups-browsed
13104 ?     00:00:00 kworker/0:3-events
13167 pts/0   00:00:00 ps
student@csc362:~$ echo "11507"| sudo tee /proc/pid
11507
student@csc362:~$ cat /proc/pid
command = [kworker/u4:0] pid = [11507] state = [1026]
student@csc362:~$ nano pid.c
student@csc362:~$ █
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student@csc362: ~
File Actions Edit View Help

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make[2]: *** [scripts/Makefile.build:297: /home/student/pid.o] Error 1
make[1]: *** [Makefile:1902: /home/student] Error 2
make[1]: Leaving directory '/usr/src/linux-headers-5.15.0-57-generic'
make: *** [Makefile:4: all] Error 2
student@csc362:~$ nano pid.c
student@csc362:~$ make
make -C /lib/modules/5.15.0-57-generic/build M=/home/student modules
make[1]: Entering directory '/usr/src/linux-headers-5.15.0-57-generic'
CC [M] /home/student/pid.o
/home/student/pid.c: In function 'my_proc_open':
/home/student/pid.c:63:30: error: passing argument 2 of 'single_open' from
type [-Werror=incompatible-pointer-types]
   63 |         return single_open(file, proc_read, NULL);
      |                                ^~~~~~
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      |                                ssize_t (*)(struct file *, char *, siz
ong int (*)(struct file *, char *, long unsigned int, long long int *))}
In file included from /home/student/pid.c:8:
./include/linux/seq_file.h:150:32: note: expected 'int (*)(struct seq_file
nt is of type 'ssize_t (*)(struct file *, char *, size_t, loff_t *)' {aka
ile *, char *, long unsigned int, long long int *)'}
   150 | int single_open(struct file *, int (*)(struct seq_file *, void *),
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