Boot Linux

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Booting



- Booting
 - A bootstrapping process that starts an operating system when user turns on a computer system
- Booting Sequence
 - The set of operations the computer performs when it is switched on that load an operating system

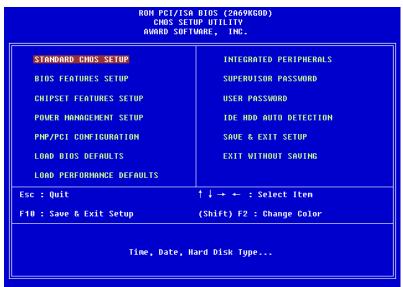
Sequence of Linux Booting

- Power-up/Reset
 - 1) System startup: BIOS/Boot Monitor
 - Stage1 boot loader : MBR (Master Boot ☐ Record)
 - 3) Stage2 boot loader: LILO, GRUB2, etc
 - 4) Kernel: Linux D
 - 5) Init: User-space services



- Basic Input Output System
 - The software code runs by a computer when first powered on
- Primary function of BIOS
 - Recognize and control various device
 - e.g. Find bootable devices etc.
- Entering BIOS setup
 - Usually "F2" is used
 - c.f. "F12" is usually used forboot device menu

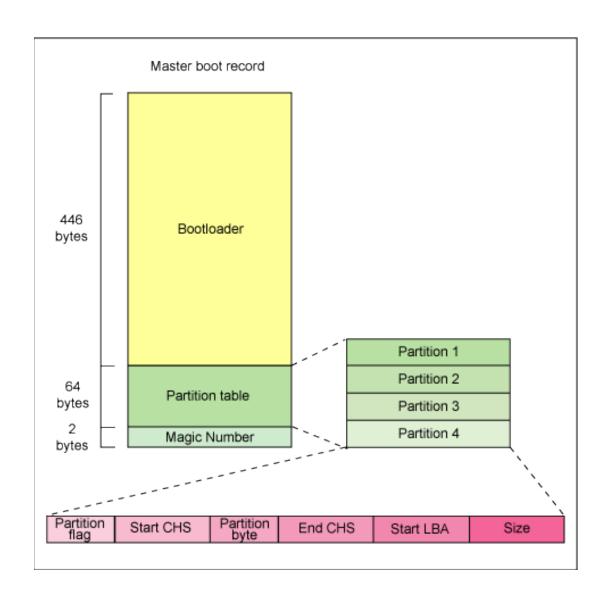




MBR (Master Boot Record)

- Generally, Linux is booted from a hard disk, where the *Master Boot Record* contains the primary boot loader
- 512-byte sector, located in the first sector on the disk
 - Sector 1 of cylinder 0, head 0
- After the MBR is loaded into RAM, the BIOS yields control to it.

Anatomy of MBR



Details of MBR

- First 446 Bytes
 - Primary boot loader
 - Executable code and error message text
- Next 64 bytes
 - Partition table
 - A record for each of four partitions
- Final two bytes
 - Validation check of the MBR
 - Usually "0xAA55" is used

Example

```
root@ubuntu: /tmp
File Edit View Terminal Help
root@ubuntu:/tmp# dd if=/dev/sda of=mbr.bin bs=512 count=1
1+0 records in
1+0 records out
512 bytes (512 B) copied, 0.000385055 s, 1.3 MB/s
root@ubuntu:/tmp# cat mbr.bin
| BOOROPER | BIBOO} OPER | OBIHOAOOUOPIR r=OOUOu7OOBI21OODBEODOODBEEROPI | fofope | fo\
ଡିଡିଡିZଡି2p1x@ଲକ୍ଲେମ୍ବର ହେଲେମ୍ବର Error
ଡ଼ି !ଡିଡିଡିଡିଲେଅଡିଡିଡିଡିଡିଡିଡିଲେଆଆଡିroot@ubuntu:/tmp# od -xa mbr.bin
        63eb
              1090
                           00bc
                                 b8b0
                                        0000
                                              d88e
0000000
                     d08e
                                                    c08e
          c dle dle so P
                          < nul
                                    8 nul nul
                                                Х
        befb
              7c00
                     00bf
                           b906
                                 0200
                                        a4f3
0000020
                                              21ea
                                                    0006
       { > nul
                | ? nul ack 9 nul stx
                                       s $
                                                ! ack nul
        be00 07be 0438 0b75
                                 c683
                                        8110 fefe
                                                    7507
0000040
      nul > > bel
                    8 eot
                          u vt etx F dle soh
                                             ~ ~ bel
        ebf3
                     b002
                           bb01
                                        80b2
                                              748a
0000060
            b416
                                 7c00
                                                    8b01
          k syn 4 stx 0 soh ; nul
                                       2 nul
                                                t soh vt
0000100
        024c
              13cd
                     00ea
                           007c
                                 eb00
                                        00fe
                                              0000
                                                    0000
              M dc3
                          | nul nul
                                       ~ nul nul nul nul nul
       L stx
                    i nul
```

Boot Loader

- Kernel Loader
 - Kernel is loaded into memory by a boot loader
- Allows one of several operating systems to be loaded
 - Multiple versions of the Linux kernel
 - Dual-booting with Windows and other OSes
- Popular bootloader: LILO and GRUB

LILO (Linux LOader)

- Not depend on a specific file system
- Can boot from harddisk and floopy
- Up to 16 different images
- Must change LILO when kernel image file or config file is changed
 - Config file: /etc/lilo.conf
 - Representation of "name=value" mapping
 - Linux kernels: "image=value"
 - Other OSes: "other=value"

/etc/lilo.conf

```
boot = /dev/hda # put loader on the MBR
root = /dev/hda1 # device to mount as /
delay = 40 # 4 second delay
compact # may make booting faster
prompt # show interactive prompt
read-only # needed to allow root to be fscked
image = /vmlinuz-2.2.20 # stable kernel (default because it's 1st)
         label = linux - 2 2 20
         alias = linux # shorter label
         vga = ask # let us choose the console size
image = /vmlinuz-2.5.1 # cutting edge kernel
         label = linux-2.5.1
other = /dev/hda3 # Windows is installed on a different partition
         label = windows
         table = /dev/hda
```



Useful Kernel Parameters in "lilo.conf"

- Kernel parameters can be specified in lilo.conf
- Common parameters have lilo.conf option names
 - "root=device"
 - Set the filesystem to mount as root
 - "ro" and "rw"
 - Mount the root filesystem read-only or read-write, respectively
 - "nfsroot=server"
 - Use a network filesystem as root
 - Netbook or diskless workstation
 - "init=program"
 - The name of the first program the kernel will run
 - Usually /sbin/init

Example of LILO

	LILO 22.7 Boot M enu	
	Windows Gentoo	
	Hit any key to cancel timeout 00:18 Use ←↑↓→ arrow keys to make selection Enter choice & options, hit CR to boot	
boot: _		

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Lilo.png

Error of LILO

- L: First stage boot loader has been loaded and started.
 - Media failure or mismatch (bad disk parameters)
- LI: First stage boot loader was able to load the second stage boot loader.
 - Mismatch of boot program
- LIL: The second boot loader has been started, but descriptor table from the map file can not be loaded
 - Media failure
- LILO: All parts of LILO have been successfully loaded

GRUB(GRand Unified Bootloader)

- Operating system independent boot loader
- A multiboot software packet from GNU
- Flexible command line interface
- File system access
- Support multiple executable format
- Support diskless system
- Etc.

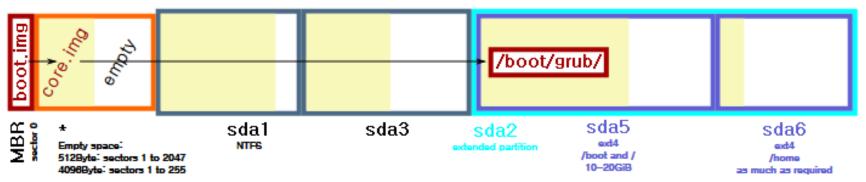
How does GRUB work?

- BIOS find a bootable device and transfer control to the master boot record (MBR)
- 2) The MBR contains GRUB stage 1 (**boot.img**). Given the small size of the MBR, stage 1 just load the next stage of GRUB
- 3) GRUB stage 1.5 located in the first 30 KB of hard disk immediately following the MBR (core.img). Stage 1.5 loads Stage 2.
- GRUB stage 2 receives control and displays to the user the GRUB boot menu (/boot/grub)
- 5) GRUB loads the user-selected (or default) kernel into memory and passes control on to the kernel

GRUB2 boot up sequence



Example 1: an MBR-partitioned harddisc with sector size of 512 or 4096Bytes

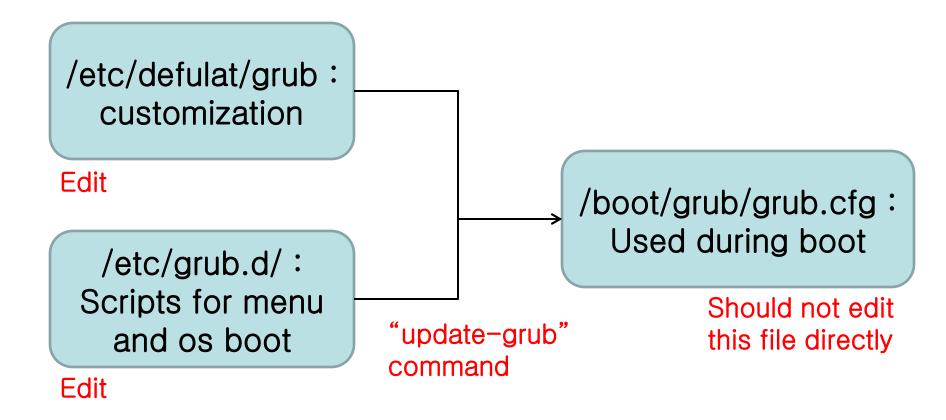


https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GNU_GRUB

Files related to GRUB2

```
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kbkim@ubuntu:~$ ls -l /boot
total 14376
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 652611 2012-01-04 06:22 abi-2.6.32-38-generic
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 116014 2012-01-04 06:22 config-2.6.32-38-generic
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 4096 2012-03-21 07:59 grub
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 8027732 2012-03-21 19:33 initrd.img-2.6.32-38-generic
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 160280 2010-03-23 02:37 memtest86+.bin
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 1692624 2012-01-04 06:22 System.map-2.6.32-38-generic
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 1196 2012-01-04 06:23 vmcoreinfo-2.6.32-38-generic
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 4048512 2012-01-04 06:22 vmlinuz-2.6.32-38-generic
kbkim@ubuntu:~$ ls -l /boot/grub | grep grub
-r--r-- 1 root root 3436 2012-03-21 07:59 grub.cfg
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 1024 2012-05-09 01:41 grubenv
kbkim@ubuntu:~$ ls -l /etc/grub.d
total 40
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 4444 2012-01-20 06:41 00 header
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 1416 2012-01-20 06:24 05 debian theme
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 4843 2012-01-20 06:41 10 linux
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 918 2010-03-23 02:37 20 memtest86+
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 6605 2012-01-20 06:41 30 os-prober
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 214 2012-01-20 06:41 40 custom
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 483 2012-01-20 06:41 README
kbkim@ubuntu:~$ ls -l /etc/default/grub
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 865 2012-02-14 02:47 /etc/default/grub
kbkim@ubuntu:~$
```

How modify the configuration?



"/etc/default/grub"

```
🔞 🔡 🙆 kbkim@ubuntu: ~
File Edit View Terminal Help
# If you change this file, run 'update-grub' afterwards to update
# /boot/arub/arub.cfa.
GRUB DEFAULT=0
GRUB HIDDEN TIMEOUT=0
GRUB HIDDEN TIMEOUT QUIET=true
GRUB TIMEOUT=10
GRUB DISTRIBUTOR=`lsb release -i -s 2> /dev/null || echo Debian`
GRUB CMDLINE LINUX DEFAULT="quiet splash"
GRUB CMDLINE LINUX=""
# Uncomment to disable graphical terminal (grub-pc only)
#GRUB TERMINAL=console
# The resolution used on graphical terminal
# note that you can use only modes which your graphic card supports via VBE
# you can see them in real GRUB with the command `vbeinfo'
#GRUB GFXMODE=640x480
# Uncomment if you don't want GRUB to pass "root=UUID=xxx" parameter to Linux
#GRUB DISABLE LINUX UUID=true
# Uncomment to disable generation of recovery mode menu entries
#GRUB DISABLE LINUX RECOVERY="true"
                                                             Customization
# Uncomment to get a beep at grub start
#GRUB INIT TUNE="480 440 1"
                                                             configuration
```

"/etc/grub.d/" directory

- Contains scripts for GRUB menu information and operating system boot scripts.
 - 00_header → script load GRUB setting from /etc/default/grub (timeout, default, etc)
 - 05_debian_theme → defines background, colors, and themes
 - 10_linux → loads menu entries for the installed distribution
 - 20_memtest86+ → loads the memtest utility
 - 30_os-prober -> scan the hard disks for other operating systems and add them to the boot menu
 - 40_custom → a template you can use to create additional entries

/boot/grub/grub.cfg file

```
kbkim@ubuntu: ~
File Edit View Terminal Help
# DO NOT EDIT THIS FILE
# It is automatically generated by /usr/sbin/grub-mkconfig using templates
# from /etc/grub.d and settings from /etc/default/grub
### BEGIN /etc/grub.d/00 header ###
if [ -s $prefix/grubenv ]; then
 load env
set default="0"
if [ ${prev saved entry} ]; then
 set saved entry=${prev saved entry}
 save env saved entry
                                               Main configuration file
 set prev saved entry=
 save env prev saved entry
 set boot once=true
fi
function savedefault {
 if [ -z ${boot once} ]; then
   saved entry=${chosen}
   save env saved entry
```

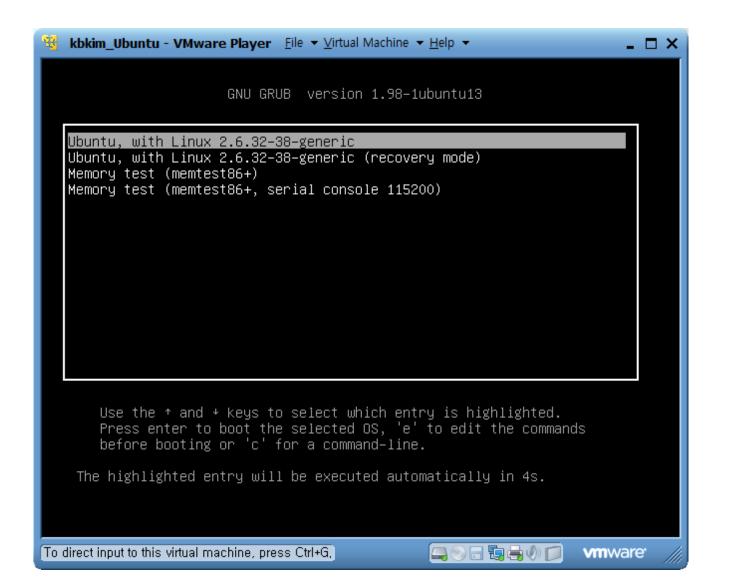
"/boot/grub/grub.cfg" [readonly] 119L, 3436C

to show the menu of user selection, automatically generated by "update-grub"

Simple example: Show GRUB menu Always



GRUB menu



Add a new selection

- By modifying 40_custom script file
- XX_osname
 - XX: values for ordering
 - osname: describing the os
- Adding a menuentry in the scriptfile
 - Linux: linux, initrd
 - Windows: chainloader
- Then, run "update-grub"

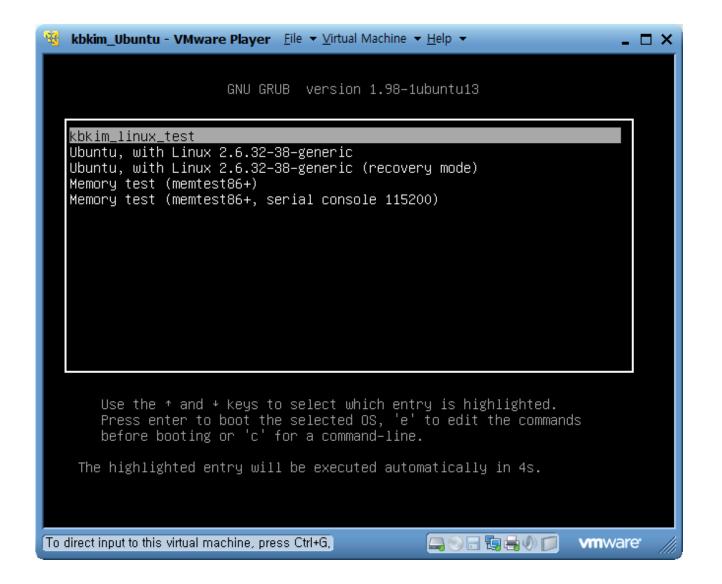
Example

```
kbkim@ubuntu: /etc/grub.d
File Edit View Terminal Help
kbkim@ubuntu:/etc/grub.d$ ls -l
total 44
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 4444 2012-01-20 06:41 00 header
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 1416 2012-01-20 06:24 05 debian theme
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 401 2012-05-10 07:51 09 kbkim linux
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 4843 2012-01-20 06:41 10 linux
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 918 2010-03-23 02:37 20 memtest86+
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 6605 2012-01-20 06:41 30 os-prober
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 214 2012-01-20 06:41 40 custom
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 483 2012-01-20 06:41 README
kbkim@ubuntu:/etc/grub.d$ cat 09 kbkim linux
#!/bin/sh
exec tail -n +3 $0
# This file provides an easy way to add custom menu entries. Simply type the
# menu entries you want to add after this comment. Be careful not to change
# the 'exec tail' line above.
menuentry "kbkim linux test"{
        insmod ext2
        set root='(hd0.1)'
       linux /boot/vmlinuz kbkim root=UUID=22a8bf2e-f825-45df-905b-cdb6c80231b3 ro quiet splash
        initrd /boot/initrd kbkim.ima
kbkim@ubuntu:/etc/grub.d$
```

Modified gurb.cfg after conducting "update-grub"

```
kbkim@ubuntu: /etc/grub.d
File Edit View Terminal Help
### BEGIN /etc/grub.d/09 kbkim linux ###
# This file provides an easy way to add custom menu entries. Simply type the
# menu entries you want to add after this comment. Be careful not to change
# the 'exec tail' line above.
menuentry "kbkim linux test"{
        insmod ext2
        set root='(hd0.1)'
        linux /boot/vmlinuz kbkim root=UUID=22a8bf2e-f825-45df-905b-cdb6c80231b3 ro quiet splash
        initrd /boot/initrd kbkim.img
### END /etc/grub.d/09 kbkim linux ###
### BEGIN /etc/grub.d/10 linux ###
menuentry 'Ubuntu, with Linux 2.6.32-38-generic' --class ubuntu --class gnu-linux --class gnu --cl
ass os {
        recordfail
        insmod ext2
        set root='(hd0,1)'
        search --no-floppy --fs-uuid --set 22a8bf2e-f825-45df-905b-cdb6c80231b3
      linux /boot/vmlinuz-2.6.32-38-generic root=UUID=22a8bf2e-f825-45df-905b-cdb6c80231b3 ro
  quiet splash
"/boot/grub/grub.cfg" [readonly] 118 lines --68%--
                                                                                81,1-8
                                                                                              62%
```

New Grub Menu



Kernel Image

- The kernel is the central part of OS
 - Management of system's resources and the communication between hardware and software
- Kernel is always stored in memory during computer is on
- Kernel image is not executable code, but a compressed image

You can compile kernel code

- Download linux source tar file and uncompress
 - ftp or wget or apt-get install
 - "tar -xjvf linux-source-x.x.xx.tar.bz2 -C /usr/src"
- Compile
 - "make menuconfig"
 - "make gconfig" or "make xconfig" for graphical configuration
 - "make" and "make module"
 - Becomes root, then "make modules_install" and "make install"
 - Then you will get newly compiled linux images under "/boot/"

Linux source directory

```
kbkim@ubuntu: /usr/src
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kbkim@ubuntu:/usr/src$ ls
linux-headers-2.6.32-38
                               linux-source-2.6.32
linux-headers-2.6.32-38-generic linux-source-2.6.32.tar.bz2
kbkim@ubuntu:/usr/src$ ls -l linux-source-2.6.32.tar.bz2
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 65965436 2012-03-29 10:12 linux-source-2.6.32.tar.bz2
kbkim@ubuntu:/usr/src$ du -sh linux-source-2.6.32
428M
       linux-source-2.6.32
kbkim@ubuntu:/usr/src$ du -sh linux-headers-2.6.32-38
73M
       linux-headers-2.6.32-38
kbkim@ubuntu:/usr/src$ du -sh linux-headers-2.6.32-38-generic/
8.7M linux-headers-2.6.32-38-generic/
kbkim@ubuntu:/usr/src$ sudo apt-get install linux-2.6.32
```

"init Process

- init pid 1
- The first thing the kernel does is to execute "init" program
- The ancestor of all processes in Linux
- Init process boots a Linux system to a specific system state based on the runlevel
 - Different runlevel provides different features and levels of functionality

Runlevel

- Linux systems normally have seven runlevels, numbered from 0 to 6
 - Three levels are mandatory
 - 0 = halt, 6 = reboot, 1 = single-user
 - Four levels are user-defined
 - 2 ~ 5

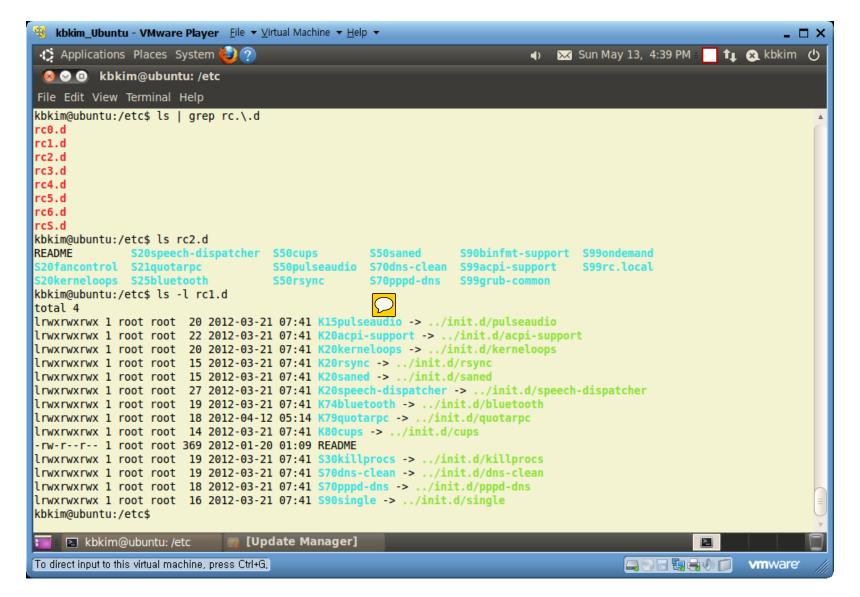
Runlevel of Ubuntu

- 0 → known as "halt", used to shutdown
- 1 → "single user", which boots Ubuntu to a root access shell prompt where only root user may log in. (rescue mode)
- 2 → default runlevel for Ubuntu
- 3-5 → not used in Ubuntu
- 6 → used to reboot the system

Runlevel 2 in Ubuntu

- It starts the system as normal
- It leaves you inside the X window system
 - For the case of a desktop linux distribution.
- Login prompt with Gnome
 - For the case of a desktop linux distribution.
- All the initial services are related to level 2 is stored in /etc/rc2.d
 - c.f.) For level 1 \rightarrow /etc/rc1.d
 - c.f.) For level $n \rightarrow /\text{etc/rc} n.d$
 - Exception: /etc/rcS.d → for single user

Example



/etc/rcn.d directory

- Contains symbolic links to system service scripts
 - Actual scripts reside in the /etc/init.d
- Control the sequence and the run
 - K15 or S10
 - K the service should be killed (stop)
 - -S → the service should be started (start)
 - Number (15 or 10) → order of run

Example of Init Script

```
kbkim_Ubuntu - VMware Player File ▼ Virtual Machine ▼ Help ▼
🔥 Applications Places System 🕙 🕜
                                                                                              Wired network connection 'Auto eth0' active
 🔞 😔 📵 kbkim@ubuntu: /etc
File Edit View Terminal Help
#! /bin/sh
### BEGIN INIT INFO
# Provides:
                     single
# Required-Start: $local fs $all killprocs
# Required-Stop:
# Default-Start:
# Default-Stop:
# Short-Description: executed by init(8) upon entering runlevel 1 (single).
### END INIT INFO
PATH=/sbin:/bin
 /lib/lsb/init-functions
do start () {
        log action msg "Will now switch to single-user mode"
        exec init -t1 S
case "$1" in
 start)
        do start
  restart | reload | force-reload)
        echo "Error: argument '$1' not supported" >&2
        exit 3
 stop)
        # No-op
        echo "Usage: $0 start|stop" >&2
        exit 3
esac
                                                                                                                              All
                                                                                                               1,1
    kbkim@ubuntu: /etc
                                  [Update Manager]
                                                                                                    To direct input to this virtual machine, press Ctrl+G,
                                                                                                                        vmware<sup>*</sup>
```

Handling the system Runlevel

- Check the current Runlevel
 - "runlevel"
- Change the system Runlevel
 - "telinit"
 - e.g.) telinit 0 → shutdown your system
 - -e.g.) telinit 3 → reboot with Runlevel 3

Manually start an individual service

- An init script always takes an argument of "start" or "stop" to start or stop the relevant service
- For example, if the MySQL database server has an init script "/etc/init.d/mysql"
 - \$/etc/init.d/mysql start → start MySQL
 - \$/etc/init.d/mysql stop → stop MySQL
- Alternative method
 - \$service mysqld start/stop/restart

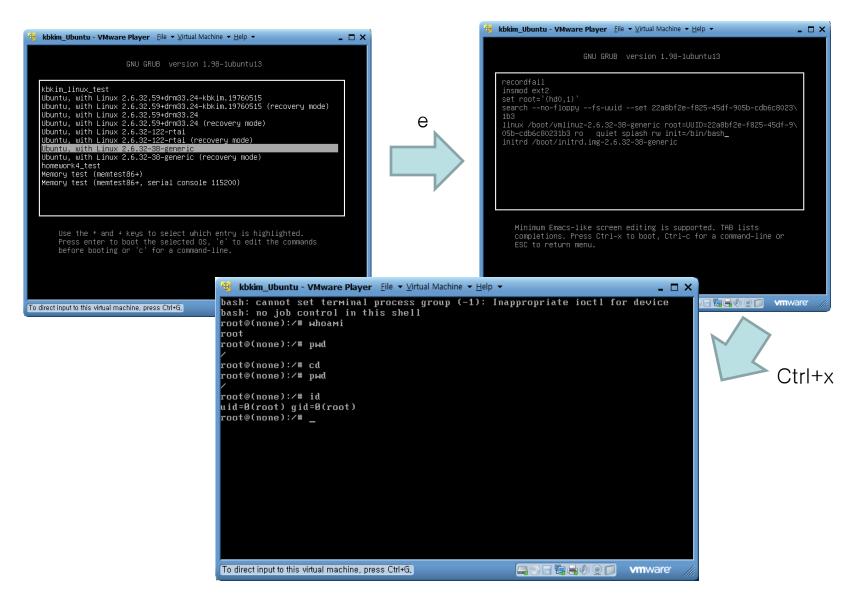
Single-user mode

- A mode in which a multiuser computer OS boots into a single superuser.
- It is mainly used for maintenance of multi-user environments such as network servers.
- This mode can also be used for security purpose
- On some systems a lost superuser password can be changed by switching to single user mode, but not asking for the password in such circumstances is viewed as a security vulnerability

Security hall or useful tool?

- When you lost your (or root) password, how do reset it?
 - Boot the system with single-user and start a bash with root privilege
 - Using GRUB2 and edit booting option of single user mode
 - Select a option and press 'e'
 - Adding option of "rw init=/bin/bash" to boot image description (it is temporaly used)
 - Press 'ctrl+x' for booting with the modified option
 - After booting, the root prompt will be shown

Example



Shutting down and restarting

- To safely shut down the system
 - "halt" command as root
 - This is a safe shutdown
 - Stops all services
 - Disables all network interfaces
 - Unmount all file systems
- To safely reboot the system
 - "reboot" command as root
 - "Ctrl+Alt+Del" on the console

shutdown command

- Alternative way of reboot/shutdown the Linux system
 - Define afterworks with options
 - "-r": reboot after shutdown
 - "-h": halt or poweroff after shutdown
 - "now": right now do the action
 - Schedule the shutdown
 - e.g.) shutdown -h 18:00 → halt at 6:00 pm
 - e.g.) shutdown -r +30
 - → shutdown after 30 min, then reboot