List or Check Installed Linux Kernels

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Q. How do I list all installed kernel on Linux operating system? How do I find out current kernel version?

A. You can use standard package listing command to list installed kernels.



RedHat / CentOS / RHEL / Fedora Linux user

You need to use standard rpm command to list installed software. Type the following command at shell prompt:

\$ rpm -qa kernel

Output:

kernel-2.6.18-4.1.15.el5 kernel-2.6.18-8.1.14.el5 kernel-2.6.18-8.1.10.el5

To list / display current kernel

Type the following command:

\$ uname -r

\$ uname -mrs

Output:

Linux 2.6.18-8.1.14.el5 x86 64

Debian / Ubuntu Linux user

Use dpkg command to list all installed kernel, enter:

\$ dpkg --list | grep linux-image

Output:

ii linux-image-2.6.20-15-generic 2.6.20-15.27 Linux kernel image for version 2.6.20 on

x86/

ii linux-image-2.6.20-16-generic 2.6.20-16.32 Linux kernel image for version 2.6.20 on

x86/

ii linux-image-generic 2.6.20.16.28.1 Generic Linux kernel image

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