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Lab Title: Exception

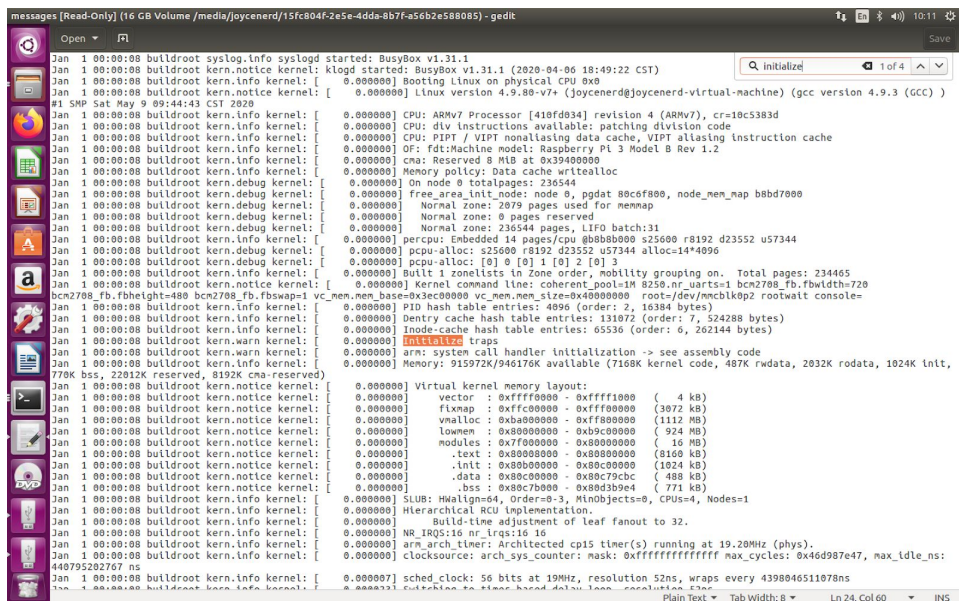
Lab Purpose:

First, observe the initialization of the exception. Second, observe the implementation of system calls. Third, add a new system call.

Lab Procedure:

1. Observe exception handle

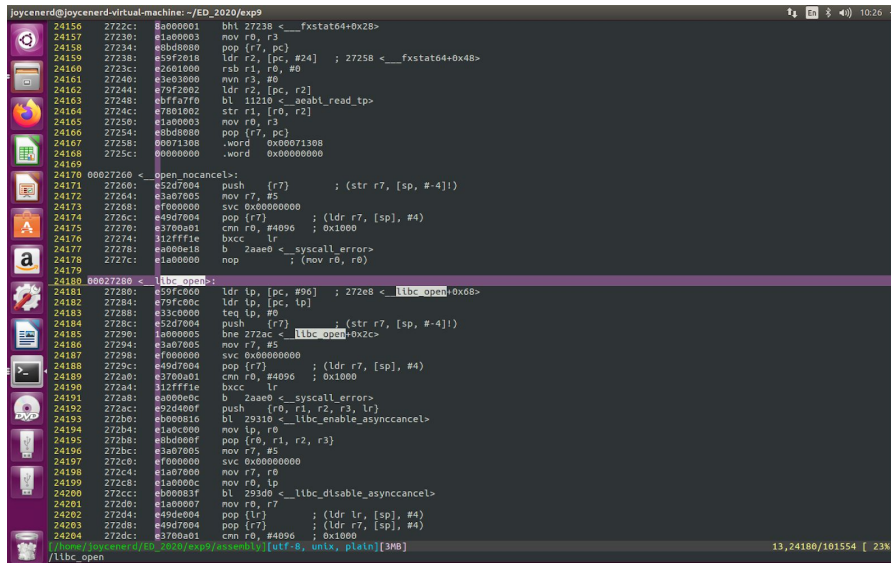
- Download Linux kernel source code for Raspberry Pi
- Add a printk statement “**Initialize traps\n**” into `~/pi_kernel/linux/init/main.c`
- Add a printk statement “**arm: system call handler initialization -> see assembly code\n**” in the function `void __init trap_init(void)`
- Compile the kernel:
 - `cd ~/pi_kernel/linux`
 - `make ARCH=arm bcm2709_defconfig`
 - `make ARCH=arm CROSS_COMPILE=arm-linux-gnueabi- bzImage`
- Copy the compiled zImage to SD card
 - Plug the SD card into your laptop
 - `mount /dev/sdb1 ~/mmc1`
 - `sudo rm ~/mmc1/zImage`
 - `cd ~/pi_kernel/linux/arch/arm/boot`
 - `sudo cp -rf zImage ~/mmc1`
 - `sudo umount ~/mmc1`
- Put the SD card back to Pi and power on
- `dmesg`



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messages [Read-Only] (16 GB Volume /media/joycenerd/15fc04f-2e5e-4dda-b7f-a56b2e58085) - gedit
Jan 1 00:00:08 buildroot syslog.info syslogd started: BusyBox v1.31.1
Jan 1 00:00:08 buildroot kern.notice kernel: klogd started: BusyBox v1.31.1 (2020-04-06 18:49:22 CST)
Jan 1 00:00:08 buildroot kern.info kernel: [ 0.000000] Booting Linux on physical CPU 0xa
Jan 1 00:00:08 buildroot kern.notice kernel: [ 0.000000] Linux version 4.9.80-v7+ (joycenerd@joycenerd-virtual-machine) (gcc version 4.9.3 (gcc) )
#1 SMP Sat May 9 09:44:43 CST 2020
Jan 1 00:00:08 buildroot kern.info kernel: [ 0.000000] CPU: ARMv7 Processor [410fd034] revision 4 (ARMv7), cr=10c5383d
Jan 1 00:00:08 buildroot kern.info kernel: [ 0.000000] CPU: div instructions available: patching division code
Jan 1 00:00:08 buildroot kern.info kernel: [ 0.000000] CPU: PIPT / VIPT nonaliasing data cache, VIPT aliasing instruction cache
Jan 1 00:00:08 buildroot kern.info kernel: [ 0.000000] OF: fdt:Machine model: Raspberry Pi 3 Model B Rev 1.2
Jan 1 00:00:08 buildroot kern.info kernel: [ 0.000000] cma: Reserved 8 MB at 0x39400000
Jan 1 00:00:08 buildroot kern.info kernel: [ 0.000000] Memory policy: Data cache writealloc
Jan 1 00:00:08 buildroot kern.debug kernel: [ 0.000000] On node 0 totalpages: 236544
Jan 1 00:00:08 buildroot kern.debug kernel: [ 0.000000] free_area_init_node: node 0, pgdat 80c5f800, node_mem_map b8bd7000
Jan 1 00:00:08 buildroot kern.debug kernel: [ 0.000000] Normal zone: 2879 pages used for memmap
Jan 1 00:00:08 buildroot kern.debug kernel: [ 0.000000] Normal zone: 0 pages reserved
Jan 1 00:00:08 buildroot kern.debug kernel: [ 0.000000] Normal zone: 236544 pages, LIFO batch:31
Jan 1 00:00:08 buildroot kern.debug kernel: [ 0.000000] percpu: Embedded 14 pages/cpu @0b0b000 s25600 r8192 d23552 u57344
Jan 1 00:00:08 buildroot kern.debug kernel: [ 0.000000] pcpu-alloc: s25600 r8192 d23552 u57344 alloc=14*4096
Jan 1 00:00:08 buildroot kern.debug kernel: [ 0.000000] pcpu-alloc: [0] 0 [0] 1 [0] 2 [0] 3
Jan 1 00:00:08 buildroot kern.info kernel: [ 0.000000] Built 1 zonelists in zone order, mobility grouping on. Total pages: 234465
Jan 1 00:00:08 buildroot kern.info kernel: [ 0.000000] kernel command line: coherent_pool=1M 8250.nr_uaarts=1 bcm2708_fb.fbwidth=728
bcm2708_fb.fbheight=480 bcm2708_fb.fbswap=1 vc_mem.mem_base=0x3ec00000 vc_mem.mem_size=0x40000000 root=/dev/mmcblk0p2 rootwait console=
Jan 1 00:00:08 buildroot kern.info kernel: [ 0.000000] PID hash table entries: 4096 (order: 2, 16384 bytes)
Jan 1 00:00:08 buildroot kern.info kernel: [ 0.000000] Dentry cache hash table entries: 131072 (order: 7, 524288 bytes)
Jan 1 00:00:08 buildroot kern.info kernel: [ 0.000000] Inode-cache hash table entries: 65536 (order: 6, 262144 bytes)
Jan 1 00:00:08 buildroot kern.warn kernel: [ 0.000000] Initialize traps
Jan 1 00:00:08 buildroot kern.info kernel: [ 0.000000] arm: system call handler initialization -> see assembly code
Jan 1 00:00:08 buildroot kern.info kernel: [ 0.000000] Memory: 915972K/946176K available (7168K kernel code, 487K rdata, 2032K rodata, 1024K init,
778K bss, 22012K reserved, 8192K cma-reserved)
Jan 1 00:00:08 buildroot kern.notice kernel: [ 0.000000] Virtual kernel memory layout:
Jan 1 00:00:08 buildroot kern.notice kernel: [ 0.000000] vector : 0xffff0000 - 0xffff1000 ( 4 kB)
Jan 1 00:00:08 buildroot kern.notice kernel: [ 0.000000] fixmap : 0xffc00000 - 0xffff0000 (3072 kB)
Jan 1 00:00:08 buildroot kern.notice kernel: [ 0.000000] vmalloc : 0xba000000 - 0xffff0000 (1112 MB)
Jan 1 00:00:08 buildroot kern.notice kernel: [ 0.000000] lowmem : 0x00000000 - 0xb0000000 ( 924 MB)
Jan 1 00:00:08 buildroot kern.notice kernel: [ 0.000000] modules : 0x7f000000 - 0x80000000 ( 16 MB)
Jan 1 00:00:08 buildroot kern.notice kernel: [ 0.000000] .text : 0x00000000 - 0x00000000 (8100 kB)
Jan 1 00:00:08 buildroot kern.notice kernel: [ 0.000000] .init : 0x00000000 - 0x00000000 (1024 kB)
Jan 1 00:00:08 buildroot kern.notice kernel: [ 0.000000] .data : 0x00c00000 - 0x00c70000 ( 468 kB)
Jan 1 00:00:08 buildroot kern.notice kernel: [ 0.000000] .bss : 0x00c70000 - 0x00d3b0e4 ( 771 kB)
Jan 1 00:00:08 buildroot kern.info kernel: [ 0.000000] SLUB: Hwalign=64, Order=0-3, MinObjects=0, CPUs=4, Nodes=1
Jan 1 00:00:08 buildroot kern.info kernel: [ 0.000000] Hierarchical RCU implementation.
Jan 1 00:00:08 buildroot kern.info kernel: [ 0.000000] Build-time adjustment of leaf fanout to 32.
Jan 1 00:00:08 buildroot kern.info kernel: [ 0.000000] NR_IRQS:16 nr_irqs:16 16
Jan 1 00:00:08 buildroot kern.info kernel: [ 0.000000] arch_timer: Architected cp15 timer(s) running at 19.20MHz (phys).
Jan 1 00:00:08 buildroot kern.info kernel: [ 0.000000] clocksource: arch_sys_counter: mask: 0xffffffffffffff max_cycles: 0x46d987e47, max_idle_ns:
440795202707 ns
Jan 1 00:00:08 buildroot kern.info kernel: [ 0.000000] sched_clock: 56 bits at 19MHz, resolution 52ns, wraps every 4398046511878ns
Jan 1 00:00:08 buildroot kern.info kernel: [ 0.000000] clocksource: ttc0: mask: 0xffffffff max_cycles: 0x100000000, max_idle_ns: 279550 ns
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2. Observe the system call mechanism

- Write a simple hello world program using C
- Use cross compiler to compile your program: `arm-linux-gnueabi-gcc -static hello.c -o hello.exe`
- Disassemble the program: `arm-linux-gnueabi-objdump -d hello.exe > assembly`



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24156 2722c: 8a000001 bh1 27238 <__fxstat64+0x28>
24157 27230: e1a00003 mov r0, r3
24158 27234: e8bd0000 pop {r7, pc}
24159 27238: e59f0018 ldr r2, [pc, #24] ; 27258 <__fxstat64+0x48>
24160 2723c: e2601000 rsb r1, r0, #0
24161 27240: e3e03000 mvn r3, #0
24162 27244: e19f0002 ldr r2, [pc, r2]
24163 27248: ebffa7f0 bl 11210 <_aabi_read_tp>
24164 2724c: e7801002 str r1, [r0, r2]
24165 27250: e1a00003 mov r0, r3
24166 27254: e8bd0000 pop {r7, pc}
24167 27258: 00071308 .word 0x00071308
24168 2725c: 00000000 .word 0x00000000
24169
24170 00027208 <_open_nocancel>:
24171 27208: e52f0004 push {r7} ; (str r7, [sp, #-4]!)
24172 2720c: e3a07005 mov r7, #5
24173 27208: ef000000 svc 0x00000000
24174 2720c: e59f0004 pop {r7} ; (ldr r7, [sp], #4)
24175 27270: e3700a01 cmn r0, #4096 ; 0x1000
24176 27274: 312ffff1e bcc lr
24177 27278: ea00a018 b 2aa00 <_syscall_error>
24178 2727c: e1a00000 nop ; (mov r0, r0)
24179
24180 00027208 <_libc_open>:
24181 27208: e59fc000 ldr ip, [pc, #96] ; 272e8 <_libc_open+0x68>
24182 2720c: e59fc000 ldr ip, [pc, ip]
24183 27208: e33c0000 teq ip, #0
24184 2728c: e52d7004 push {r7} ; (str r7, [sp, #-4]!)
24185 27290: bne 272ac <_libc_open+0x2c>
24186 27294: e3a07005 mov r7, #5
24187 27298: ef000000 svc 0x00000000
24188 2729c: e59f0004 pop {r7} ; (ldr r7, [sp], #4)
24189 272a0: e3700a01 cmn r0, #4096 ; 0x1000
24190 272a4: 312ffff1e bcc lr
24191 272a8: ea00a018 b 2aa00 <_syscall_error>
24192 272ac: e92d400f push {r0, r1, r2, r3, lr}
24193 272b0: eb000016 bl 29310 <_libc_enable_asynccancel>
24194 272b4: e1a0c000 mov ip, r0
24195 272b8: e8bd000f pop {r0, r1, r2, r3}
24196 272bc: e3a07005 mov r7, #5
24197 272c0: ef000000 svc 0x00000000
24198 272c4: e1a07000 mov r0, ip
24199 272c8: e1a0000c mov r0, r0
24200 272cc: e80003ff bl 29300 <_libc_dtstable_asynccancel>
24201 272d0: e1a00007 mov r0, r7
24202 272d4: e49de004 pop {lr} ; (ldr lr, [sp], #4)
24203 272d8: e59f0004 pop {r7} ; (ldr r7, [sp], #4)
24204 272dc: e3700a01 cmn r0, #4096 ; 0x1000
/./home/joycenerd/ED_2020/esp/assembly [utf-8, unix, plain] [3MB]
13,24180/101554 [ 23K]
/libc_open
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3. Write your own system call

- Add “**CALL(sys_mysyscall)**” to `~/pi_kernel/linux/arch/arm/kernel/calls.S`
- Add define statement of the system call in `unistd.h`: **#define __NR_mysyscall (__NR_SYSCALL_BASE+397)**
- Write the content of the new added system call into `~/pi_kernel/linux/arch/arm/kernel/mysyscall.c`
- Add the function declaration in `syscalls.h`: **asmlinkage void sys_mysyscall(int a, char* b);**
- Modified the Makefile in `~/pi_kernel/linux/arch/arm/kernel`: add “**my_syscall.o**” at the tail of **obj-y**
- Compile the kernel again and copy the zImage to the SD card

4. Test the system call

- Write a user program (`mytestsys.c`) to test call the system call I added in the previous part
- Use cross compiler to compile the program `arm-linux-gnueabi-gcc -I ~/pi_kernel/linux/include/ -static -g mytestsys.c -o mytestsys.exe`
- Copy `mytestsys.exe` into the second partition of the SD card
- Put the SD card back into Pi and power on
- Execute `mytestsys.exe` to see the system call we added has worked or not

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root@joycenerd-virtual-machine: ~
.....[ 22.721793] Indeed it is in host mode hprt0 = 00001101
[ 22.921773] usb 1-1: device descriptor read/64, error -110
[ 23.041839] Indeed it is in host mode hprt0 = 00001101
[ 23.241763] usb 1-1: new high-speed USB device number 3 using dwc_otg
. timeout!
run-parts: /etc/network/if-pre-up.d/wait_iface: exit status 1
FAIL

Welcome to Buildroot
buildroot login: root
# [ 28.321790] Indeed it is in host mode hprt0 = 00001101
[ 28.521766] usb 1-1: device descriptor read/64, error -110

# cd ..
# ls
bin          linuxrc      mydmesg.log  root        usr
dev          lost+found  nymessage    run         var
etc          media       nymessages   sbin
lib          messages    opt          sys
lib32        mnt         proc         tmp
a            mnt         proc         tmp

# ./[ 43.761784] Indeed it is in host mode hprt0 = 00001101
[ 43.961761] usb 1-1: device descriptor read/64, error -110
[ 44.081792] usb usb1-port1: attempt power cycle
# ./nymessages.exe
[ 52.688427] system call ...
[ 52.694546] init114, staring:system_call_lab in kernel
#

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Problems and Discussions

- Q&A

What is asmlinkage?

This tells the compiler that the function should not expect to find any of its arguments in registers, but only on the CPU's stack. All system calls are marked with the asmlinkage tag, so they all look to the stack for the arguments.

- Discussions

The first problem I encountered is that when using extra monitor and keyboard to display the message of Pi, there is an error about the device, which **doesn't allow the keyboard and mouse or any other extra device**. This error affects a lot cause this means we can't log in to the system in Pi. Another classmate found out that when **using USB to TTL serial transmission cable and remote login the system** although it still shows the error, in this way I can log in to the system cause I'm not plugging an extra device into Pi.



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root@joycenerd-virtual-machine: ~
[ 44.561773] Indeed it is in host mode hprt0 = 00001101
[ 44.761769] usb 1-1: device descriptor read/64, error -110
[ 44.881801] usb usb1-port1: attempt power cycle

Welcome to Buildroot
buildroot login: root
#

```

The second problem is after typing dmesg to see if "Initialize trap" and "arm: system call handler initialization -> see assembly code\n" are shown on the screen. There are so many messages and I can't

roll up to see the previous page. Then I find where the dmesg is saved in, which contains the original dmesg in it. It is in **/var/log/messages**. I search for the specific message inside that file and it actually works.