

## Linux Kernel Fundamentals: Chapter 4, Examining Linux Kernel Source Code

- 1. Fetch the kernel source as an RPM.
- 2. Fetch the Ubuntu kernel source.
- 3. For your kernel, do make cscope and make tags.
- 4. Look at the first few lines of Makefile. What kernel version is it? Does it match uname -r? In the kernel Makefile, set EXTRAVERSION to -<YOUR NAME>. For example: EXTRAVERSION = -kevin.
- 5. Test the ctags facility of the vi text editor.
  - Look up the function in the Linux kernel called sys\_open(). If you find macro definitions at first, do :tn to find the next definition, and until you find the function definition.
  - The sys\_open() function makes use of other functions. Move your cursor to one of these
    functions and hit Ctrl-]. What happened?
  - Hit the key sequence Ctrl-T. What happened?
  - Use the :tag command to look up the tag atomic\_inc. Use the :tn command. What did this do? What does the :ts command do?
  - Without changing directories, load the file 3c59x.c.
  - Use the command :tags. What does this show?