The instructions below are for experimenting with the scull device driver module:

• compile:

make -C /lib/modules/2.6..../build M=`pwd` modules

Note: The version number of the currently running kernel can be queried via the following command:

uname -a

• when testing the scull module, it's better to become root instead of using sudo for commands: sudo su

• load:

insmod ./scull.ko

- get the major number (if dynamic): grep scull /proc/devices
- create the device nodes (assuming major number is 250): mknod /dev/scull0 c 250 0 mknod /dev/scull1 c 250 1

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- write to the device:
 echo testing > /dev/scull0
- read from the device: cat /dev/scull0
- write more than one quantum:
 cp /etc/services /dev/scull1
- trace the system calls:

strace cp /etc/services /dev/scull0

- write more than the capacity of the device: strace cp /usr/bin/inkscape /dev/scull0
- test with quantum size 8192:

rmmod scull
insmod ./scull.ko scull_quantum=8192
strace cp /etc/services /dev/scull0