OS Assignment 1

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Kernel version: 4.9.8

Steps followed:

- 1. Download the latest stable version of kernel from kernel.org
- 2. Go to the folder where the tar file is downloaded. (In my case, it is Downloads)

cd Downloads

3. Untar the kernel folder

A folder named linux-4.9.8 is created in the same folder

4. Cd into this folder.

cd linux-4.9.8

5. Install packages for make.

6. Now, we need to create the config file. There are several methods to do so, however I will be using the default configuration.

make defconfig

A .config will be created in the same folder which will be used by make to compile the kernel.

7. Compile the kernel using (I will assign two threads to the process since I have one core in VM's processor.)

8. Install the required modules.

sudo make modules_install install

[The second install will make the new compiled kernel as default.]

9. We need to change the grub configuration to log into the new compiled kernel. This can be done by editing the grub configuration file present /etc/default

sudo vi /etc/default/grub

Comment the following line:

#GRUB_HIDDEN_TIMEOUT=0

Change the grub timeout to 10 seconds to provide ample time to switch between the kernel options.

GRUB_TIMEOUT=10

Exit vi editor.

Apply the changes using the following command:

sudo update_grub

10. Now, reboot the system to log into the new compiled kernel. In the grub menu, go to the advanced options and select the kernel version 4.9.8.