CS3003D-OPERATING SYSTEMS

ASSIGNMENT-1

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PROBLEM STATEMENT

Download the latest stable Linux kernel from kernel.org, compile it, and dual boot it with your current Linux version. Your current version as well as the new version should be present in the grub-menu

METHODOLOGY

- > We can directly dual boot with host os, but anything goes wrong then os could be corrupted, it creates problems in loading the kernel.
- ➤ Obtain the kernel source code from the kernel.org
- ➤ Next extract it and configure the features of the kernel.
- ➤ Install the dependencies that are required like build-essentials, bison, flex...
- ➤ Configure and compile the kernel as well.
- ➤ Install the compiled kernel and to the grub entry.
- > Reboot the system.

Explanation

Introduction

A kernel is a piece of software that controls the hardware and does some basic functions like file management. Every operating system has one kernel. The Linux kernel is open source, implying a wide variety of coders together contribute to building it rather than just one company or developer team. In this report, we'll be showing the steps taken to upgrade to the latest stable kernel (which is 5.19.7 at the time of writing this report).

The process of building a Linux kernel takes seven easy steps to complete. However, the procedure requires a significant amount of time to complete, depending on the system speed.

Procedure

1.Getting the latest version of Linux Kernel source code.

\$ wget https://cdn.kernel.org/pub/linux/kernel/v5.x/linux-5.19.7.tar.xz

This will download the kernel code published on https://cdn.kernel.org as a tar file.

2.Extract the tar.xz file and change the directory to linux.5.19.7

\$ tar -xf linux.5.19.7.tar.xz

This will extract the downloaded tar file into the folder linux-5.19.7 folder which contains all the source code. Now the change the directory to linux.5.19.7 by using below command.

\$ cd linux.5.19.7

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pothuri@lokeshpothuri:-$ cd linux-5.19.7
pothuri@lokeshpothuri:-/linux-5.19.7$
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3.configure the features

\$ cp -v /boot/config-\$(uname -r) .config

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4.Install the required compilers and other tools

\$ sudo apt-get install build-essential libncurses-dev bison flex libssl-dev libelf-dev

The above command will install all the required dependencies for the kernel compilation.

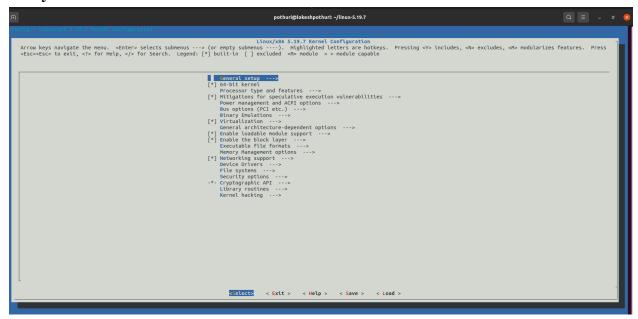
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5.Configure the kernel **\$ make menuconfig**

This is just to make sure we have all the required files in this directory and we are good to compile the code and check the menuconfig.

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This command open up a configuration tool that allows us to go through every module available and enable or disable what we need or don't need.



6.Compile the kernel

\$ make

This command will start compiling the kernel.

To speed up compile time, pass the -j as follows:

use 4 core/thread

\$ make -j 4

get thread or cpu core count using nproc command

\$ make -j \$(nproc)

The \$ nproc on my system gave 4 using which I performed the make command.

\$ make -j 4

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Compiling and building the Linux kernel going take a significant amount of time. The build time depends upon your system's resources such as available CPU core and the current system load. So we must have some patience.

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7.Install the Linux kernel modules↓

\$ sudo make modules_install

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8.Install the Linux kernel

So far we have compiled the Linux kernel and installed kernel modules. It is time to install the kernel itself:

\$ sudo make install

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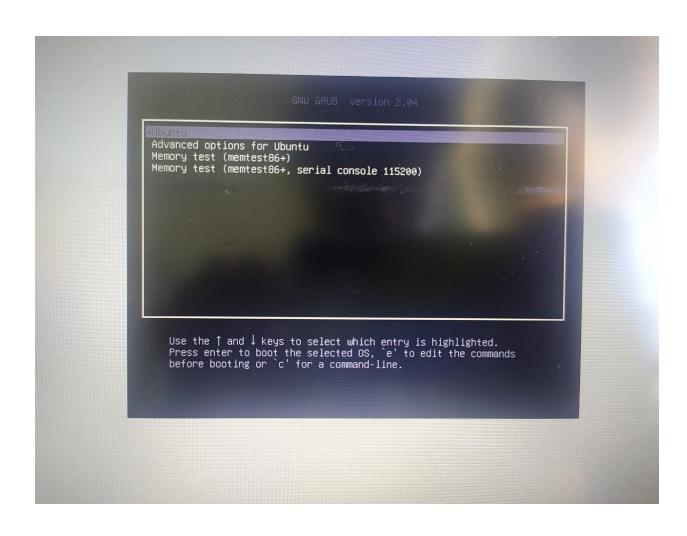
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Grub Menu

We should ideally reboot the virtual system after the completion of this stage.

On turning on hold the right shift key during boot up to access the GRUB menu, which looks like this as shown below



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Use the 1 and 1 keys to select which entry is highlighted.

Press enter to boot the selected OS, 'e' to edit the commands before booting or 'c' for a command-line. ESC to return previous
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To show that the latest kernel is installed, use the command in the note given below, this will print a more specific string with actual release.

\$uname -r

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Conclusion

Linux Compile Kernel version 5.19.7

Configurations! We completed various steps to build the Linux kernel from source code and the compiled kernel should be running on our system.

Flow chart

