CS333 - Project 1 Linux kernel module driver

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1. Function

File RanNum_drv.c

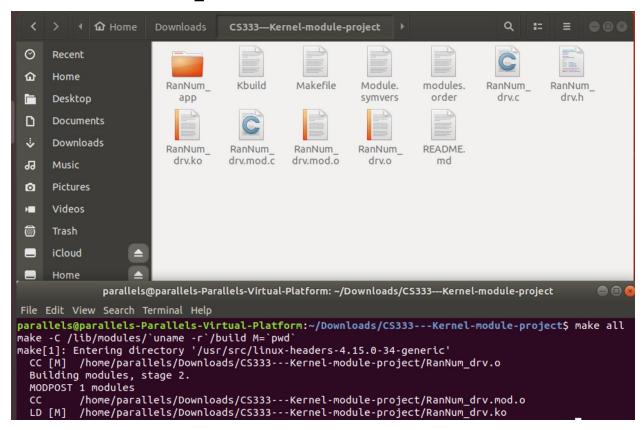
	Function	Description
OS specific	<pre>// Ham entry point Open static int RanNum_driver_open(struct inode *inode, struct file *filp)</pre>	The Linux kernel has a structure used to describe character devices - cdev. Whenever the char driver wants to control a character device, the char driver has to "submit" its cdev structure to the Linux kernel. The cdev structure has a field of file_operations structure type that describes what functions do, corresponding to a system call. Each function is called an entry point.
	<pre>// Ham entry point Release static int RanNum_driver_release(stru ct inode *inode, struct file *filp)</pre>	This function is invoked to cause the device to stop working. If it returns 0, then releasing the device file is successful. Otherwise, fail to release the device file when it returns an integer different from 0.
	// Ham entry point Read Random Number static ssize_t RanNum_driver_read(struct file *filp, char *user_buffer, size_t len, loff_t *offset)	Use get_random_bytes(&randomNumber, sizeof(randomNumber)) to generate a random number with the size is sizeof(char) which is assigned to parameter randomNumber. Then split up each character and append it to kernel_buffer string. Input the use_buffer string and size of len which is received from User Space. Output the string that contains numbers to kernel

		log. Use copy_to_user function to copy from kernel buffer to user buffer so that random number can be displayed in user console.
	// Ham khoi tao driver static intinit RanNum_driver_init(void)	This function does some jobs: allocate device number, create device file, allocate data structure of driver, initialize a virtual character device, register entry point with kernel.
	<pre>// Ham ket thuc driver static voidexit RanNum_driver_exit(void)</pre>	The function does some jobs: unregister entry point with kernel, release a virtual character device, deallocate memory for driver data, remove device file, release device number.
Device specific	<pre>// Ham khoi tao thiet bi int vchar_hw_init(vchar_dev_t *hw)</pre>	In order for the char driver to interact with the device "vchar_device", we define the structure vchar_dev_t, and also add the *vchar_hw field into the vchar_drv structure. The process of interacting with the device including device initialization, release, read / write device registers. This function initializes the registers of the device "vchar_device".
	// Ham giai phong thiet bi void vchar_hw_exit(vchar_dev_t *hw)	This function releases the registers of the device "vchar_device".

In order to test whether the char device has operated exactly, we create a folder name RanNum_app. Inside the folder is the program RanNum_generate.c. This is a program on user space which interacts with the RanNum_driver through **open and close** system calls to check the operation of **open and release** entry points. The system calls **read** function to read from the driver and show a random number in the console of the application.

2. How to build and run "Generate random number module"

• make all to build RanNum drv.ko



- sudo insmod RanNum drv.ko to install module to kernel
- cat /proc/devices to check whether device has installed and the major number of driver

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s@parallels-Parallels-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/CS333---Kernel-module-project$ sudo insmod RanNum_drv.ko
parallels@parallels-Parallels-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/CS333---Kernel-module-project$ cat /proc/devices | grep RanNum_drv
parallels@parallels-Parallels-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/CS333---Kernel-module-project$ cat /proc/devices
Character devices:
  1 mem
  4 /dev/vc/0
4 tty
4 ttys
  5 /dev/tty
5 /dev/console
  5 /dev/ptmx
5 ttyprintk
  6 lp
7 vcs
 10 misc
 13 input
 21 sg
29 fb
 81 video4linux
 89 i2c
99 ppdev
108 ppp
116 alsa
128 ptm
136 pts
180 usb
189 usb_device
204 ttyMAX
226 drm
242 RanNum_device
243 media
244 hidraw
245 aux
246 bsg
247 hmm_device
248 watchdog
249 rtc
250 dax
251 dimmctl
252 ndctl
254 gpiochip
```

Or you could use cat $/proc/devices | grep RanNum_device$ to see the direct major number of the device

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parallels@parallels-Parallels-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/CS333---Kernel-module-project$
cat /proc/devices | grep RanNum_device
242 RanNum_device
```

dmesg to view kernel log -> You should see Initial RanNum driver successfully

```
[ 5257.697188] Exit RanNum driver
[ 5260.226560] Allocated device number (242,0)
[ 5260.226784] Initialize RanNum driver successfully
[ 5280.934710] Exit RanNum driver
[ 5294.353257] Allocated device number (242,0)
[ 5294.354897] Initialize RanNum driver successfully
parallels@parallels-Parallels-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/CS333---Kernel-module-project$
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- sudo chmod 666 /dev/RanNum dev to give access for user app
- 1s -la /dev/RanNum dev to check giving access successfully

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[ 5294.354897] Initialize RanNum driver successfully
parallels@parallels-Parallels-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/CS333---Kernel-module-project$ sudo chmod 666 /dev/RanNum_dev
parallels@parallels-Parallels-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/CS333---Kernel-module-project$ ls -la /dev/RanNum_dev
parallels@parallels-Parallels-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/CS333---Kernel-module-project$
```

cd RanNum app

make all to build RanNum_generate.c

```
parallels@parallels-Parallels-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/CS333---Kernel-module-project$ cd RanNum_app/
parallels@parallels-Parallels-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/CS333---Kernel-module-project/RanNum_app$ make all
cc -o RanNum_generate RanNum_generate.c
parallels@parallels-Parallels-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/CS333---Kernel-module-project/RanNum_app$
```

 ./RanNum_generate to run the program. Now you should see a random number is display in your program

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parallels@parallels-Parallels-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/CS333---Kernel-module-project/R
anNum_app$ ./RanNum_generate
Reading from the device...
Random number is 352
```

• dmesg to check the random number in kernel log

```
[13000.29335] Allocated device number (242,0)
[13000.293991] Initialize RanNum driver successfully
[15604.522251] Handle open event (1)
[15604.522319] Handle read event
[15604.522321] Random number is 552
[15604.522322] Random number is [Kernel_buffer] 552
[15604.522336] Handle close event
[15752.343443] Handle open event (2)
[15752.343514] Handle read event
[15752.343516] Random number is 352
[15752.343517] Random number is [Kernel_buffer] 352
parallels@parallels-Parallels-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/CS333---Kernel-module-project/RanNum_app$
```

 Make sure to remove the module after you finish running by using sudo rmmod RanNum_drv. Check whether it is actually removed by lsmod | grep RanNum drv.ko

```
parallels@parallels-Parallels-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/CS333---Kernel-module-project/RanNum_app$ sudo rmmod RanNum_drv
parallels@parallels-Parallels-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/CS333---Kernel-module-project/RanNum_app$ cd ..
parallels@parallels-Parallels-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/CS333---Kernel-module-project$ lsmod | grep RanNum_drv.ko
parallels@parallels-Parallels-Virtual-Platform:~/Downloads/CS333---Kernel-module-project$
```

Or using dmesg to check whether the module exit successfully.

```
[13000.29335] Allocated device number (242,0)
[13000.293991] Initialize RanNum driver successfully
[15604.52231] Handle open event (1)
[15604.522321] Random number is 552
[15604.522322] Random number is [Kernel_buffer] 552
[15604.522336] Handle close event
[15752.343443] Handle open event (2)
[15752.343514] Handle read event
[15752.343516] Random number is 352
[15752.343531] Random number is [Kernel_buffer] 352
[15752.343531] Handle close event
[15848.863403] Exit RanNum driver
```