Linux Device Drivers

Deep dive into leveraging devices

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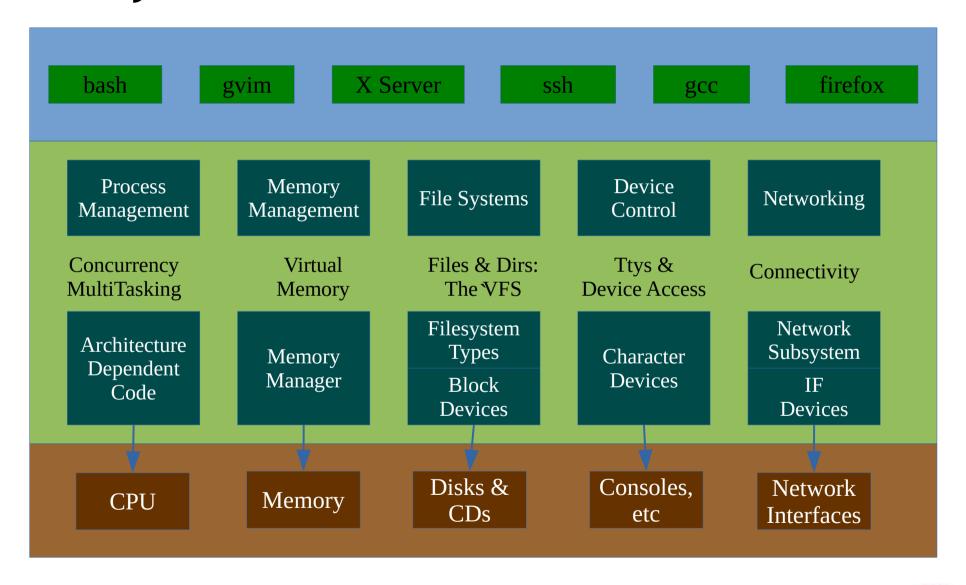
Introduction

Familiarity Check

- Good C & Programming Skills
- Linux & the Filesytem
 - Root, User Space Headers & Libraries
- Files
 - Regular, Special, Device
- Toolchain
 - gcc & friends
- Make & Makefiles
- Kernel Sources (Location & Building)



Linux Driver Ecosystem





The Flow

- Introduction
- Character Drivers
- Memory & Hardware
- Time & Timings
- USB Drivers
- Interrupt Handling
- Block Drivers
- PCI Drivers

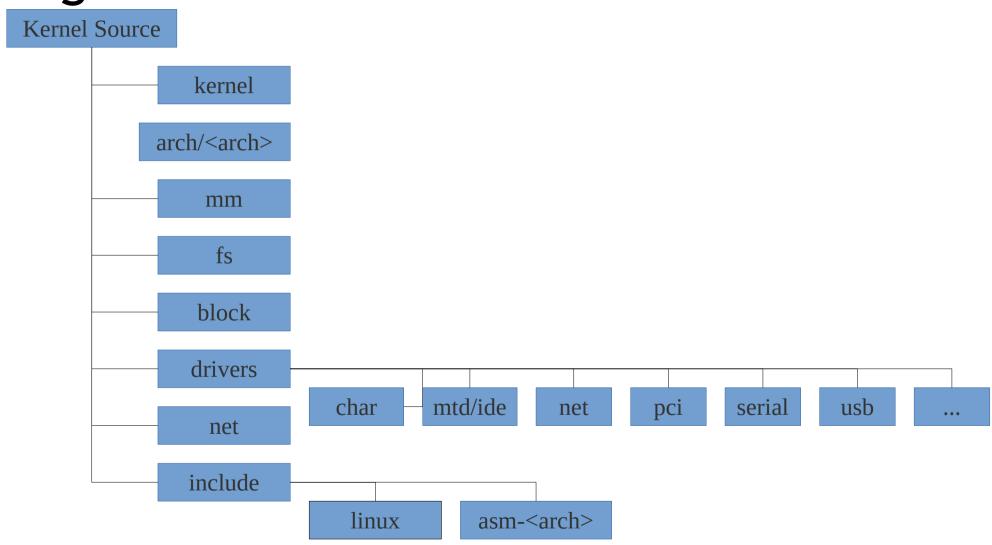


Hands-On

- Your First Driver
- Character Drivers
 - Null Driver
 - Memory Driver
 - UART Driver for Customized Hardware
- USB Drivers
 - USB Device Hot-plug-ability
 - USB to Serial Hardware Driver
- Filesystem Modules
 - VFS Interfacing
 - "Pseudo" File System with Memory Files



Kernel Source Organization





The Locations & Config Files

- Kernel Source Path: /usr/src/linux
- Std Modules Path:
 - /lib/modules/<kernel version>/kernel/...
- Module Configuration: /etc/modprobe.conf
- Kernel Windows:
 - /proc
 - /sys
- System Logs: /var/log/messages



The Commands

- lsmod
- insmod
- modprobe
- rmmod
- dmesg
- objdump
- nm
- cat /proc/<file>



The Kernel's C

- ctor & dtor
 - init_module, cleanup_module
- printf
 - printk
- Libraries
 - <kernel src>/kernel
- Headers
 - <kernel src>/include



The Init Code

```
static int __init mfd_init(void)
  printk(KERN_INFO "mfd registered");
  return 0;
module_init(mfd_init);
```



The Cleanup Code

```
static void __exit mfd_exit(void)
{
    printk(KERN_INFO "mfd deregistered");
    ...
}
module_exit(mfd_exit);
```



Usage of printk

- linux/kernel.h>
- Constant String for Log Level

```
KERN_EMERG "<0>" /* system is unusable */
KERN_ALERT "<1>" /* action must be taken immediately */
KERN_CRIT "<2>" /* critical conditions */
KERN_ERR "<3>" /* error conditions */
KERN_WARNING "<4>" /* warning conditions */
KERN_NOTICE "<5>" /* normal but significant condition */
KERN_INFO "<6>" /* informational */
KERN_DEBUG "<7>" /* debug-level messages */
```

printf like arguments



The Other Basics & Ornaments

- Headers
 - #include linux/module.h>
 - #include linux/version.h>
 - #include linux/kernel.h>
- MODULE_LICENSE("GPL");
- MODULE_AUTHOR("Emertxe");
- MODULE_DESCRIPTION("First Device Driver");



Building the Module

- Our driver needs
 - The Kernel Headers for Prototypes
 - The Kernel Functions for Functionality
 - The Kernel Build System & the Makefile for Building
- Two options
 - Building under Kernel Source Tree
 - Put our driver under drivers folder
 - Edit Kconfig(s) & Makefile to include our driver
 - Create our own Makefile to do the right invocation

Our Makefile

```
ifneq (${KERNELRELEASE},)
   obj-m += <module>.o
else
   KERNEL_SOURCE := <kernel source directory path>
   PWD := $(shell pwd)
default:
   $(MAKE) -C ${KERNEL_SOURCE} SUBDIRS=$(PWD) modules
clean:
   $(MAKE) -C ${KERNEL_SOURCE} SUBDIRS=$(PWD) clean
endif
```



Try Out your First Driver

Character Drivers

Major & Minor Number

- ls -l /dev
- Major is to Driver; Minor is to Device
- linux/types.h> (>= 2.6.0)
 - dev_t: 12 & 20 bits for major & minor
- linux/kdev_t.h>
 - MAJOR(dev_t dev)
 - MINOR(dev_t dev)
 - MKDEV(int major, int minor)



Registering & Unregistering

- Registering the Device Driver

 - int alloc_chrdev_region(dev_t *dev, unsigned int firstminor, unsigned int cnt, char *name);
- Unregistering the Device Driver
 - void unregister_chrdev_region(dev_t first, unsigned int count);
- Header: linux/fs.h>



The file operations

- #include linux/fs.h>
- struct file_operations

```
- int (*open)(struct inode *, struct file *);
- int (*release)(struct inode *, struct file *);
- ssize_t (*read)(struct file *, char __user *, size_t, loff_t *);
- ssize_t (*write)(struct file *, const char __user *, size_t, loff_t *);
- struct module owner = THIS_MODULE; / linux/module.h> */
- loff_t (*llseek)(struct file *, loff_t, int);
- int (*unlocked_ioctl)(struct file *, unsigned int, unsigned long);
```



User level I/O

- int open(const char *path, int oflag, ...)
- int close(int fd);
- ssize_t write(int fd, const void *buf, size_t nbyte)
- ssize_t read(int fd, void *buf, size_t nbyte)
- int ioctl(int d, int request, ...)
 - The ioctl() function manipulates the underlying device parameters of special files.
 - The argument d must be an open file descriptor.
 - The second argument is a device-dependent request code.



The file & inode structures

- struct file
 - mode_t f_mode
 - loff_t f_pos
 - unsigned int f_flags
 - struct file_operations *f_op
 - void * private_data
- struct inode
 - unsigned int iminor(struct inode *);
 - unsigned int imajor(struct inode *);



Registering the file operations

- #include ux/cdev.h>
- 1st way initialization:
 - struct cdev *my_cdev = cdev_alloc();
 - my_cdev->owner = THIS_MODULE;
 - my_cdev->ops = &my_fops;
- 2nd way initialization:
 - struct cdev my_cdev;
 - cdev_init(&my_cdev, &my_fops);
 - my_cdev.owner = THIS_MODULE;
 - my_cdev.ops = &my_fops;



Registering the file operations...

- The Registration
 - int cdev_add(struct cdev *cdev, dev_t num, unsigned int count);
- The Unregistration
 - void cdev_del(struct cdev *cdev);

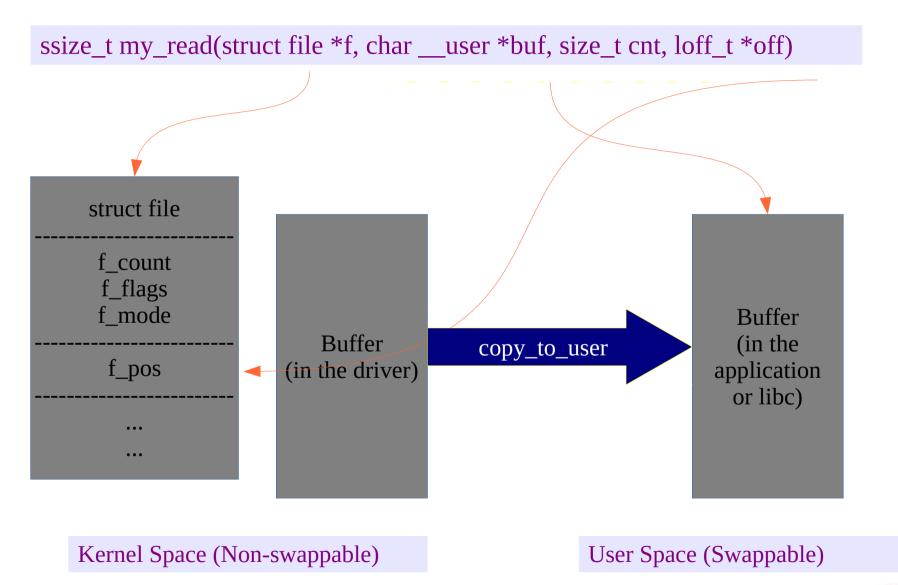


Registering/Unregistering Old Way

- Registering the Device Driver
 - int register_chrdev(undigned int major, const char *name, struct file_operations *fops);
- Unregistering the Device Driver
 - int unregister_chrdev(undigned int major, const char *name);



The read flow





The /dev/null read & write

```
ssize_t my_read(struct file *f, char __user *buf, size_t cnt, loff_t
  *off)
   return read_cnt;
ssize_t my_write(struct file *f, char __user *buf, size_t cnt, loff_t
  *off)
   return wrote_cnt;
```

The mem device read

```
ssize_t my_read(struct file *f, char __user *buf, size_t cnt, loff_t
  *off)
   if (copy_to_user(buf, from, cnt) != 0)
       return -EFAULT;
   return read_cnt;
```

The mem device write

```
ssize_t my_write(struct file *f, char __user *buf, size_t cnt, loff_t
  *off)
   if (copy_from_user(to, buf, cnt) != 0)
       return -EFAULT;
   return wrote_cnt;
```

Dynamic Device Node & Classes

Class Operations

- struct class *class_create(struct module *owner, char *name);
- void class_destroy(struct class *cl);

Device into & Out of Class

- struct class_device *device_create(struct class *cl, NULL, dev_t devnum, NULL, const char *fmt, ...);
- void device_destroy(struct class *cl, dev_t devnum);



The I/O Control API

- int (*ioctl)(struct inode *, struct file *, unsigned int cmd, unsigned long arg)
- Command
 - - < asm-generic/ioctl.h>
 - Macros
 - _IO, _IOR, _IOW, _IOWR
 - Parameters
 - type (character) [15:8]
 - number (index) [7:0]
 - size (param type) [29:16]

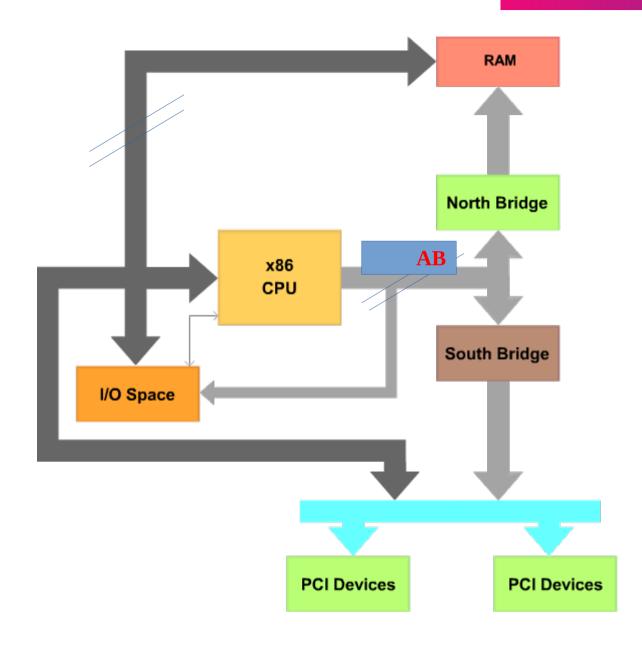


Module Parameters

- linux/moduleparam.h>
 - Macros
 - module_param(name, type, perm)
 - module_param_array(name, type, num, perm)
 - Perm (is a bitmask)
 - -0
 - -S_IRUGO
 - -S_IWUSR | S_IRUGO
 - Loading
 - insmod driver.ko name=10



x86 Architecture

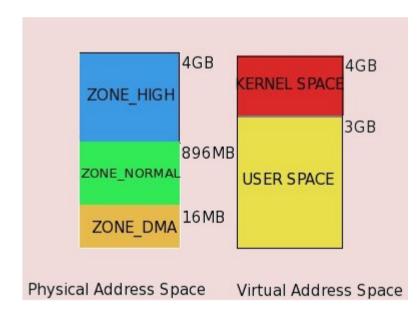




Memory Access

Physical Vs Virtual Memory

- The kernel Organizes Physical memory in to pages
 - Page size Depends on Arch
 - X86-based 4096 bytes
- On 32-bit X86 system Kernel total Virtual address space
 - Total 4GB (pointer size)
 - Kernel Configuration Splits 4GB in to
 - 3BG Virtual Sp for US
 - 1GB Virtual Sp for Kernel
 - 128MB KDS
 - Virtual Address also called





Memory Access from Kernel Space

- Virtual Address on Physical Address
 - #include <linux/gfp.h>
 - unsigned long __get_free_pages(flags, order); etc
 - void free_pages(addr, order); etc
 - #include <linux/slab.h>
 - void *kmalloc(size_t size, gfp_t flags);
 - GFP_ATOMIC, GFP_KERNEL, GFP_DMA
 - void kfree(void *obj);
 - #include <linux/vmalloc.h>
 - void *vmalloc(unsigned long size);
 - void vfree(void *addr);



Memory Access from Kernel Space...

- Virtual Address for Bus/IO Address
 - #include <asm/io.h>
 - void *ioremap(unsigned long offset, unsigned long size);
 - void iounmap(void *addr);
- I/O Memory Access
 - #include <asm/io.h>
 - unsigned int ioread[8|16|32](void *addr);
 - unsigned int iowrite[8|16|32](u[8|16|32] value, void *addr);
- Barriers
 - #include linux/kernel.h>: void barrier(void);
 - #include <asm/system.h>: void [r|w|]mb(void);



Hardware Access

I/O Accesses from Kernel Space

- I/O Port Access
 - #include <asm/io.h>
 - unsigned in[b|w|l](unsigned port);
 - void out[b|w|l](unsigned [char|short|int] value, unsigned port);



Hands-On the Hardware

Debugging

Debugging Options

- Printing & syslogd
- Querying
 - /proc
 - Using ioctl
 - sysfs
- Watching
 - strace
 - Oops



Creating / proc entry's

- Creating read-only / proc entry's
 - #include <linux/pros_fs.h>
 - proc_dir_entry *proc_create(const char *name, umode_t mode, struct proc_dir_entry *parent, const struct file_operations *proc_fops);
 - remove_proc_entry(const char *name, struct proc_dir_entry *parent)



Advanced Debugging

- Debuggers
 - gdb <kernel src>/vmlinux /proc/kcore
 - Non-official Kernel Debugger kdb (oss.sgi.com)
 - kgdb & Remote Debugging
- Use Mode Linux (UML)
- LTT (http://www.opersys.com/LTT)



Concurrency

Concurrency & Locking

- Semaphore: <asm/semaphore.h>
 - Type: struct semaphore
 - DECLARE_*, init_MUTEX, down[_trylock], up
- Spin Locks: linux/spinlock.h>
 - Type: spinlock_t
 - spin_lock_init, spin_[try]lock, spin_unlock



Concurrency without Locking

- Atomic Variables: <asm/atomic.h>
 - Type: atomic_t
 - ATOMIC_INIT, atomic_*
- Atomic Bit Operations: <asm/bitops.h>
 - [set|clear|change|test*]_bit(nr, void *addr)



Time Keeping

Time since Bootup

- linux/param.h> HZ
- linux/jiffies.h> jiffies & jiffies_64
 - time_after, time_before, ...
 - get_jiffies_64, ...
 - timespec/timeval vs jiffies
- Platform specific "Time Stamp Counter"
 - <asm/msr.h> rdtsc
 - - linux/timex.h> get_cycles



Absolute Time

- linux/time.h>
 - mktime(y, m, d, h, m, s) Seconds since Epoch
 - void do_gettimeofday(struct timeval *tv);
 - struct timespec current_kernel_time(void);



Delays

Busy Wait & Yielding

- Busy wait: cpu_relax
 while (time_before(jiffies, j1))
 cpu_relax();
- Yielding: schedule/schedule_timeout while (time_before(jiffies, j1)) schedule();
- linux/wait.h>: Wait Qs
 - wait_event_timeout
 - wait_event_interruptible_timeout



The WaitQ Example

```
wait_queue_head_t wait;
init_waitqueue_head(&wait);
wait_event_interruptible_timeout(wait, 0, delay)
```



More Precise Busy Waiting

- #include linux/delay.h>
- Architecture specific impl. in <asm/delay.h>
- void ndelay(unsigned long ndelays);
- void udelay(unsigned long udelays);
- void mdelay(unsigned long mdelays);



Back to Yielding

- #include linux/delay.h>
- void msleep(unsigned int millisecs);
- unsigned long msleep_interruptible(unsigned int millisecs);
- void ssleep(unsigned int secs);



Timers

Kernel Timers

- Back end of the various delays
- linux/timer.h>
- void init_timer(struct timer_list *);
- struct timer_list TIMER_INITIALIZER(f, t, p);
- void add_timer(struct timer_list *);
- void del_timer(struct timer_list *);
- int mod_timer(struct timer_list *, unsigned long);
- int del_timer_sync(struct timer_list *);



Tasklets

- Timers without specific Timing
- linux/interrupt.h>
- void tasklet_init(struct tasklet_struct *t, void (*func) (unsigned long), unsigned long data);
- DECLARE_TASKLET(name, func, data);
- tasklet_disable/enable(t);
- tasklet_[hi_|]_schedule(t);
- tasklet_kill(t);



Work Queues

- In context of "Special Kernel Process" linux/workqueue.h>
- struct workqueue_struct *q = create_workqueue(name);
- struct workqueue_struct *q = create_singlethread_workqueue(name);
- DECLARE_WORK(w, void (*function)(void *), void *data);
- int queue_work(q, &w);
- int queue_delayed_work(q, &w, d); / int cancel_delayed_work(&w);
- flush/destroy_workqueue(q);



Context Specific Functions

- <asm/hardirq.h>
- in_interrupt()
- in_atomic()



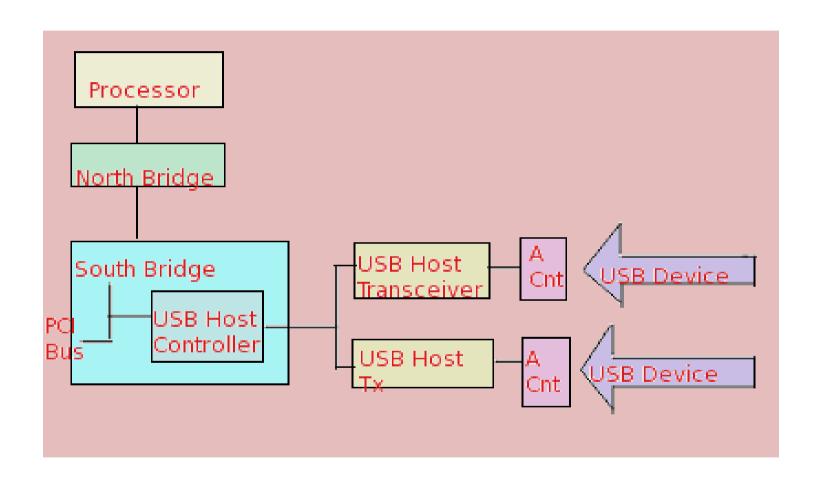
USB Drivers

USB Key Features

- Single Master on Host
- Polls the Peripheral Slaves
- Started as a Unified Bus for Slow Devices
- High Speed Specifications
- Bandwidth Allocation Ability
- Linux Device Driver Support
 - USB Host Driver
 - USB Gadget Driver

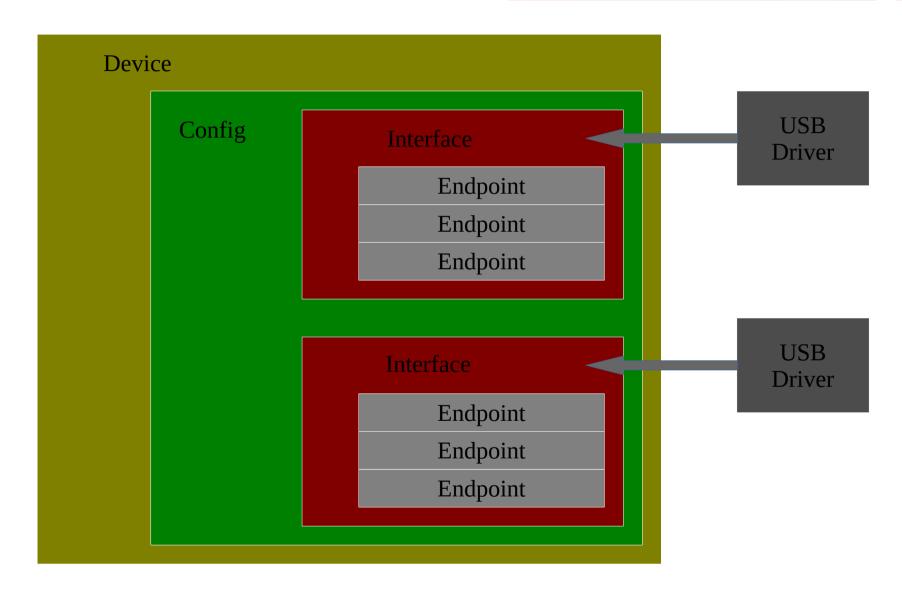


USB In PC Env





USB Device Overview





USB Endpoints

- Also called Pipes
- Direction
 - OUT (host->device)
 - IN (device->host)
- Types
 - Control
 - Interrupt
 - Bulk
 - Isochronous

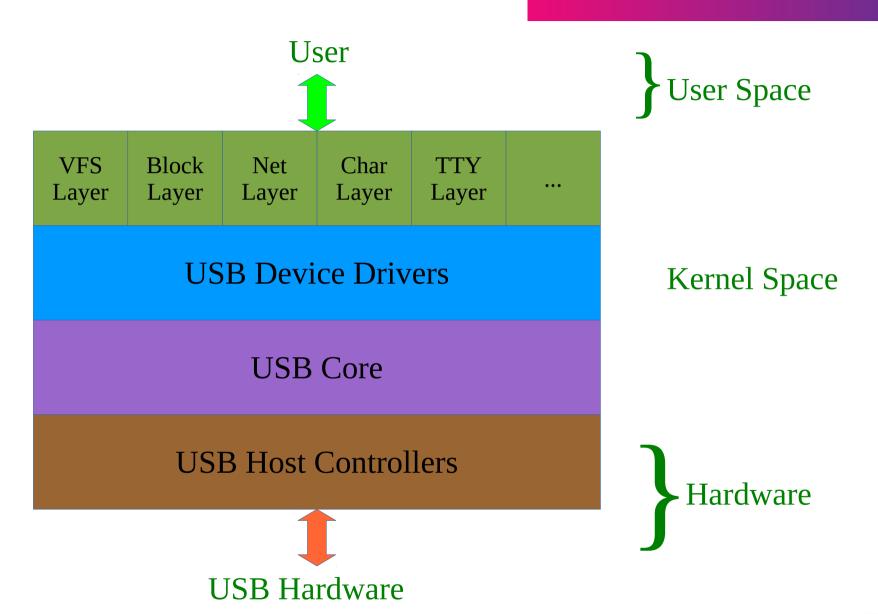


USB Data Structures

- struct usb_host_endpoint
 - struct usb_endpoint_descriptor
- struct usb_interface
- struct usb_host_config
- struct usb_device
 - interface_to_usbdev



USB Driver Overview





USB Core Driver

- Sysfs
- USB Driver Registration / Unregistration
- USB Device Hot Plugability
 - probe: USB Device Registration
 - disconnect: USB Device Unregistration
- USB Transfers through URBs



USB & Sysfs

- /sbin/lspci
 - <dom>:<bus>:<fn> for <usbhubid>
- / sys/devices/pci0000:00/<usbhubid>/usb<hub>
 - usb_device fields
 - roothub-hubport:config.interface
 - usb_interface fields



USB Driver Registration

- struct usb_driver
 - struct module *owner
 - const char *name
 - const struct usb_device_id *id_table
 - int (*probe)(struct usb_interface *, struct usb_device_id *)
 - int (*disconnect)(struct usb_interface *)
- int usb_register(struct usb_driver *)
- int usb_deregister(struct usb_driver *)



USB Device Hot-plug-ability

- Callback probe
 - int usb_register_dev(intf, class)
- Callback disconnect
 - int usb_deregister_dev(intf, class)
- void usb_set_intfdata(intf, void *data)
- void *usb_get_intfdata(intf)



USB Request Block

- struct urb
 - struct usb_device *dev
 - unsigned int pipe
 - unsigned int transfer_flags
 - void *transfer_buffer
 - int transfer_buffer_length
 - usb_complete_t complete
 - int actual_length
 - int status
 - Pipe type specific fields



URB Operations

- usb_alloc_urb / usb_free_urb
- usb_fill_[int|bulk|control]_urb
- usb_submit_urb
- usb_unlink_urb / usb_kill_urb



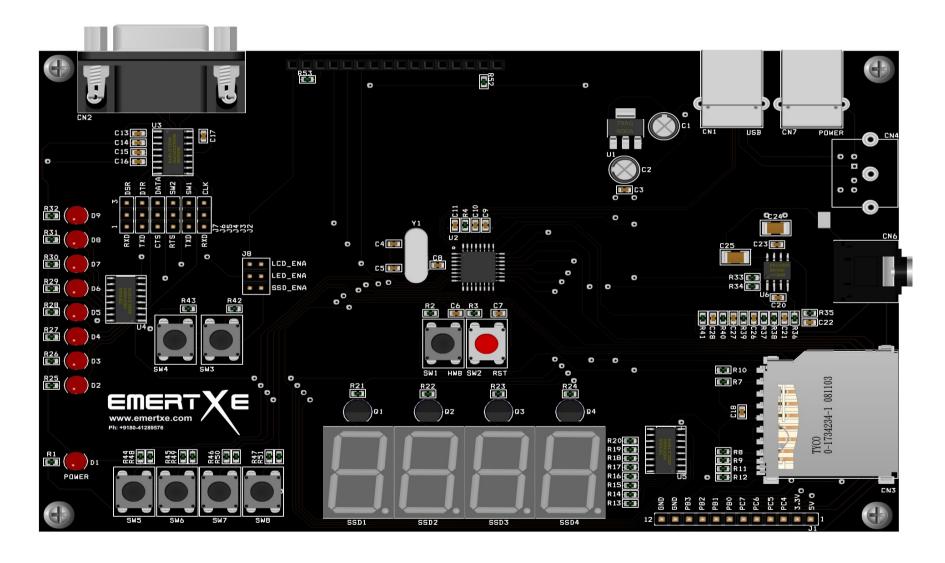
USB Transfer Wrappers

- usb_bulk_msg(dev, pipe, data, len, &act_len, timeout);
- usb_control_msg(dev, pipe, req, req_type, value, index, data, size, timeout);



The Real USB Device

USB to Serial Hardware





Interrupts

LSPs

- Architecture Specific Code:
 - arch/<arch>
 - include/asm
- Machine Specific Code:
 - arch/<arch>/mach-*
 - include/asm/mach-*
- Linux Support Package
 - Machine or Board Specific Code
 - include/asm/mach-default



IRQs

- Numbers derived by CPU & Board
- Programmed in Interrupt Controller
- x86 Specific: 0x00 to 0x1F
- Board Specific: 0x20 to 0xFF
 - <asm/interrupt.h> -> <asm/irq.h> -> irq_vectors.h



The APIs

- <asm/interrupt.h>
- typedef irqreturn_t (*irq_handler_t)(int, void *);
- int request_irq(unsigned int irq, irq_handler_t handler, unsigned long flags, const char *name, void *dev_id);
- void free_irq(unsigned int irq, void *dev_id);
- int can_request_irq(irq, flags);
- Flags
 - IRQF_TRIGGER_RISING, IRQF_TRIGGER_FALLING, IRQF_SHARED, ...



The Additional Info

- IRQ Control
 - enable_irq(irq)
 - disable_irq(irq)
- Autoprobing IRQs
 - irqs = probe_irq_on();
 - irq = probe_irq_off(irqs);
- IRQ Handler returns
 - IRQ_NONE
 - IRQ_HANDLED



Soft IRQs

- Timer
- Network
- Block
- Tasklet
- Scheduler
- High Resolution Timer



Top & Bottom Halves

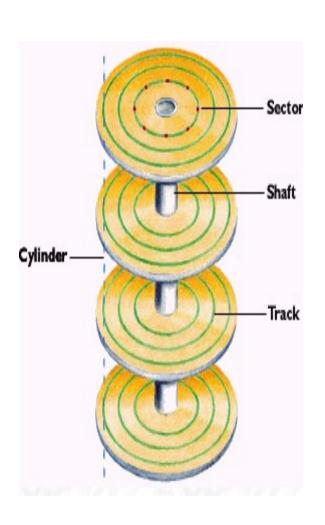
- Top Half
 - Registered through request_irq
- Bottom Half
 - Tasklet
 - Soft IRQ Context
 - Fast & Atomic
 - Workqueue
 - Special Kernel Process Context
 - Allowed to sleep



Block Drivers

How the Block Device fits in Linux Kernel





System Call Interface's Virtual File System(VFS) File System(Ext3,JFFS,..) Block Device Drivers SSCSI Others



Registration

- Driver Registration
 - linux/fs.h>
 - int register_blkdev(major, name);
 - int unregister_blkdev(major, name);
- Disk Drive Registration
 - linux/genhd.h>
 - struct gendisk *gd = alloc_disk(minors);
 - del_gendisk(gd);
 - add_disk(gd);



struct gendisk

- int major
- int first_minor
- int minors
- char disk_name[32]
- struct block_device_operations *fops
- struct request_queue *queue
- int flags (GENHD_FL_REMOVABLE, ...)
- sector_t capacity
- void *private_data



Block Device Operations

- int open(struct block_device *, fmode_t);
- int close(struct gendisk *, fmode_t);
- int ioctl(struct block_device *, fmode_t, unsigned, unsigned long);
- int compat_ioctl(struct block_device *, fmode_t, unsigned, unsigned long);
- int media_changed(struct gendisk *);
- int revalidate_disk(struct gendisk *gd);
- int getgeo(struct block_device *, struct hd_geometry *);
- struct module *owner;



Request Queues & Processing

- linux/blkdev.h>
- typedef void (*request_fn_proc)(request_queue_t *queue);
- request_queue_t *q = blk_init_queue(rqf, lock);
- blk_cleanup_queue(q);
- struct request *req = blk_fetch_request(q);
- __blk_end_request(req);
- __blk_end_request_all(req, ret);



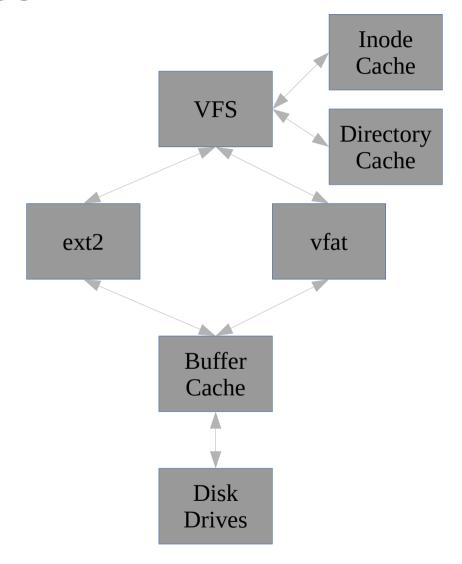
struct request

- sector_t sector
- unsigned long nr_sectors
- char *buffer
- rq_data_dir(req)
 - zero: read from device
 - non-zero: write to the device
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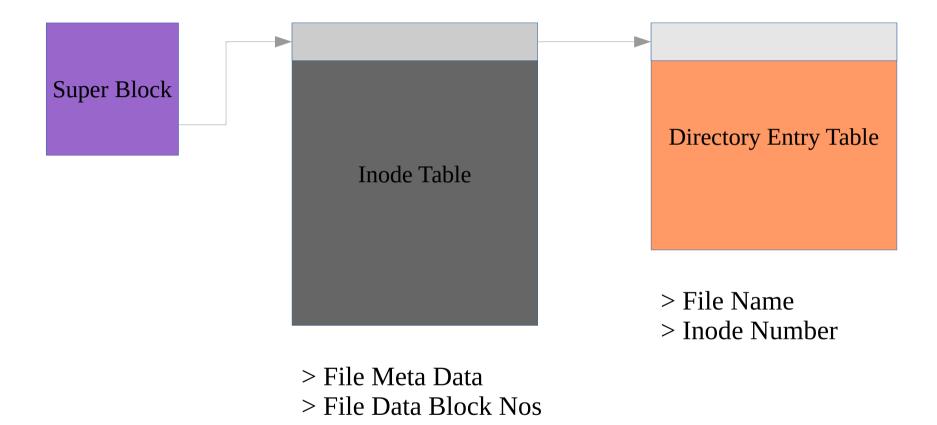
FileSystem Modules

Virtual File System Interfaces





Virtual File System Internals





Registration

- linux/fs.h>
- register_filesystem(file_system_type *)
- unregister_filesystem(file_system_type *)
- Filesystem Operations
 - mount: (Invoked by mount)
 - fill_super -> Fill the Super Block
 - kill_sb: (Invoked by umount)



Fill the Super Block

- Block Size & Bits
- Magic Number
- Super Block Operations
- File System type
- Root Inode
 - Inode Operations
 - Inode Mode
 - File Operations



Super Block Operations

- read_inode: Get the Address Operations
- write_inode: Update File Meta Data
- statfs: Get the File Status (Invoked by stat)
 - simple_statfs (Handler from libfs)



Address Space Operations

- Page Cache
- Page Operations
 - readpage (Invoked by generic_file_read)
 - write_start
 - writepage (Invoked by generic_file_write)
 - write_end
- Page Functions
 - PageUptodate/Dirty/Writeback/Locked
 - SetPageUptodate, ClearPageDirty, unlock_page, ...
 - page_address, ...



Inode Operations

lookup

- Search the file name by absolute path
- Traverse the inode chain
- if found matching inode, then populate the dentry with the inode information

Inode Information

- Size
- Mode
- File Operations
- ...



File Operations

- The Usual Ones
 - open -> generic_file_open
 - read -> generic_file_read
 - write -> generic_file_write
 - release
- The New Ones
 - readdir: Change Directory (cd). List Directory (ls)
 - Directory Entry
 - Fill Function
 - fsync: Sync the File (sync)
 - simple_sync_file



Experiments with our File System

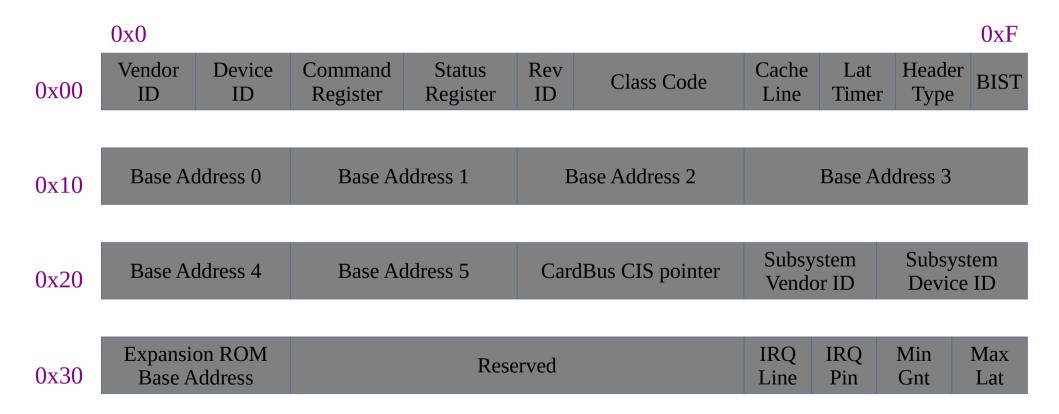
PCI Drivers

PCI Interface

- Replacement for ISA
 - Fast & Platform independent
- Addressing
 - Buses (upto 256)
 - Devices (upto 32)
 - Functions (Upto 8)
- Viewing the Interface Structure
 - lspci
 - cat /proc/bus/pci/devices
 - tree /sys/bus/pci/devices



PCI Device Configuration Space





PCI Configuration Space...

- During Bootup
 - By BIOS
 - By PCI Core (Bootloader or Kernel)
- linux/pci.h>
- pci_read_config_byte/word/dword(struct pci_dev *dev, int where, u8/16/32 *val);
- pci_write_config_byte/word/dword(struct pci_dev *dev, int where, u8/16/32 *val);



PCI Driver Registration

- int pci_register_driver(struct pci_driver *drv);
- int pci_unregister_driver(struct pci_driver *drv);
- struct pci_driver
 - const char *name
 - const struct pci_dev_id *id_table;
 - PCI_DEVICE(vendor, device);
 - PCI_DEVICE_CLASS(dev_class, dev_class_mask);
 - int (*probe)(pci_dev, id_table);
 - void (*remove)(pci_dev);



The 'probe' Function

```
int probe(struct pci_dev *d, struct pci_dev_id *id)
   /* Initialize the PCI Device */
   /* Enable the PCI Device */
    pci_enable_device(d);
    return 0; /* Claimed. Negative for not Claimed */
```



Old-style PCI Probing & Getting

- struct pci_dev *pci_find_*(vendor, device, from);
- struct pci_dev *pci_get_device(v, d, from);
- struct pci_dev *pci_get_subsys(v, d, ssv, ssd, f);
- struct pci_dev *pci_get_slot(bus, devfn);
- pci_dev_put(pci_dev);



PCI Device Access & Operations

- Upto 6 Memory or I/O regions
- unsigned long pci_resource_start(dev, bar);
- unsigned long pci_resource_end(dev, bar);
- unsigned long pci_resource_flags(dev, bar);
 - linux/ioport.h>
 - IORESOURCE_IO
 - IORESOURCE_MEM



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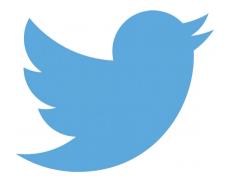
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