

OS Assignment

A. Kernel Version : **4.9.8**

B. Steps followed (Source: <https://kernelnewbies.org/KernelBuild>):

1. Downloaded the Kernel 4.9.8 for Linux in Ubuntu 16.04 LTS from kernel.org.
2. In order to build the linux kernel from source, we needed several tools: `git`, `make`, `gcc`, etc. These were downloaded by typing the following in terminal:

```
sudo apt-get install libncurses5-dev gcc make git exuberant-ctags bc libssl-dev
```
3. Then, we duplicated our current config and copied the file into the source directory as `.config` file:

```
cp /boot/config-`uname -r`* .config
```
4. We, then, make the default config:

```
make defconfig
```
5. Now, we built the kernel:

```
make -j2
```

Here, `j2` specifies that we have two cores in our processor.
6. To install the kernel, we ran the following command:

```
sudo make modules_install install
```
7. To make the grub menu always appear on boot under Ubuntu, we removed `GRUB_HIDDEN_TIMEOUT`, `GRUB_HIDDEN_TIMEOUT_QUIET` lines from `/etc/default/grub` and increased the `GRUB_DEFAULT_TIMEOUT` to 15 sec.
8. Now, we updated our grub.

```
sudo update-grub2
```
9. Rebooted the virtual machine and we were done.

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