

Writing a Kernel Module

This program implements a linux system call as a module which can be loaded and unloaded from the kernel. A process name is taken as a command line input from the user and entries of the task struct i.e. PID, PGID, UID & command path are given as output.

The program uses a struct `task_struct` to access all process attributes. The process name taken as input is compared with all processes in the task struct and process entries as printed in the kernel using `printk()`.

Every kernel module contains `init_module()` & `cleanup_module()` which are run while the program is executed.

The makefile compiles the module in the kernel and a kernel object file is created which is ready to be loaded into the kernel.

How to run the program?

- Compile the program using make command and a makefile.
- Load the kernel object file into the kernel by entering the following command:
insmod Q3.ko process_name=" "
- Check the information printed in the kernel logs as `printk()` doesn't output in the terminal.
- Remove the module after execution and run make clean using the following command
rmmod Q3
make clean