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1 PROJECT SCOPE

This assignment is designed to demonstrate modifying CPU Identification (CPUID) processor instruction behavior inside the KVM hypervisor. This instruction used by system utilities and operating systems for capturing detailed information about the CPU.

1.1 GITHUB REPO

https://github.com/tlavette/cmpe283assignment-2.git

2 Prerequisite:

Prerequisites: Working completion of Assignment #1

3 TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

CPUID leaf node	The most significant or highest EAX command parameter of the EAX set
KVM	Kernel Based Virtual Machine
Kernel	An architecture standpoint it stands in between the Applications and CPU, Memory and Devices and is the main interface between the physical hardware and the processes running on it.
Kernel module	Code that can be loaded and unloaded to the Kernel
Ismod	Displays loaded modules
rmmod	Command used to remove running modules
modprobe	Program used to add and remove modules from the Linux Kernel
RDTSC	Read time Stamp Counter measures the number of CPU cycles since its reset.
CPU	Central Processing Unit
module	Are extensions used to create and manage various components of virtual machines such as networking, storage, and networking.
SSH	Secure Shell
GCP	Google Cloud Platform

4 IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 DYNAMIC TEAMWORK - TEAM CONTRIBUTION

The following was the overall effort dynamic placed in the completion of this assignment. We met and collaborated on the strategy and each one of us had point lead for the bulleted items, however, we spent much time collaborating via Zoom in peer configuration and code triage. We also spent time engaging in knowledge transfer as each item had slightly different requirements and needs for ultimate completion.

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- Confirmed the VM module and kernel were successfully running.
- > Perform collaborative review of the requirements to determine the resources needed to complete.
- Created Nested VM
- Installed build essentials and cupid package nested VM.
- Perform code update of CPUID leaf node %eax=0x4FFFFFFF
- ➤ Worked on modifying the cpuid.c and vmx.c programs for calculating the total count of all exits when eax=0x4FFFFFF
- Created and compiled test program to ensure the code worked as expected.
- Performed test and debug collaboration.
- Collected and compiled documentation.
- > Performed final code refactoring and compilation.

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- > Perform collaborative review of the requirements to determine the resources needed to complete.
- Installed the nested Ubuntu VM inside the outer VM.
- As part of nested VM installation, installed other packages like Virt-Manger, and downloaded OS ISO images.
- Performed code update CPUID leaf node %eax=0x4FFFFFFE
- Worked on modifying the cupid.c and vmx.c programs for calculating CPU cycles for processing all exits when eax=0x4FFFFFE
- Created and compiled test program to ensure the code worked as expected.
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4.2 ENVIRONMENT SET UP

The steps used in completing this lab is as follows. The user will need to consider the libraries and components needed may vary by CPU type, Server OS, memory etc. Please note it is required to use an Intel CPU Platform that supports nested environments. For this lab we used the following:

4.2.1 Server Type

Google Cloud Platform VM Server Machine Type: n1-standard-8 CPU Platform: Intel Haswell Architecture: x86/64 Boot Disk: debian-11-bullseye-v20231115 200G

4.2.2 Environment Setup – As completed in assignment 1 and included here for context. Cloned the GitHub repository-

\$git clone https://github.com/torvalds/linux.git

Enter root mode - \$sudo bash

4.2.3 Install the build essentials.

\$ apt-get install build-essential kernel-package fakeroot

libncurses5-devlibssl-dev ccache bison flex libelf-dev

4.2.4 Confirm KVM is not already loaded, remove actively loaded, and perform add the kernel modules.

Ismod | grep kvm

Ismod | grep kvm_intel

Remove KVM modules actively loaded.

rmmod kvm_intel and rmmod kvm

modprobe kvm

mod probe kvm_intel

4.3 UPDATE KERNEL CODE FILES

4.3.1 Update kvm hypervisor files: cupid.c and vmx.c files

cpuid.c

Modified kvm_emulate_cpuid code for CPUID exit handling.

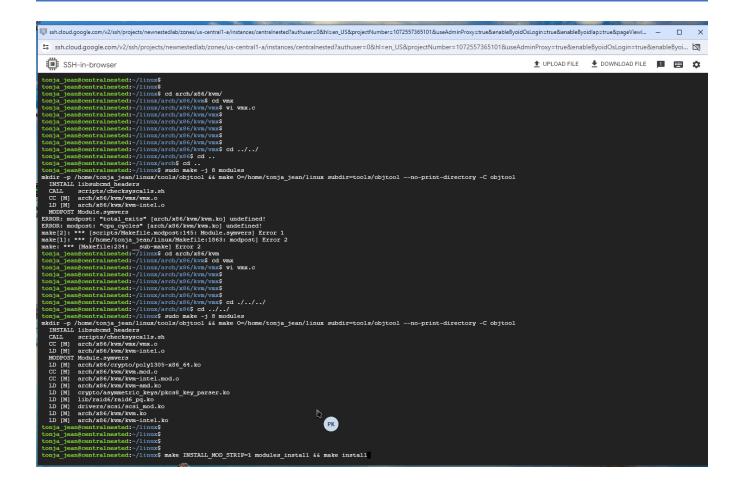
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vmx.c

Modified vmx.c code vmx_handle_exit to increment the total number of exits.

sudo make modules -j 8 modules

Initial run errors found. These were corrected in the vmx.c file and the job reran.



make INSTALL_MOD_STRIP=1 && make install

Collaboration Session:

4.4 CREATE L2 VM AND TEST CPUID ASSIGNMENT

4.4.1 Create Nested L2 VM

sudo apt-get install virt-manager sudo apt-get install libvirt-bin libvert-doc sudo apt-get install gemu-system sudo virt-manager

Installing Virt-Manager

```
tonja jean@centralnested:-/linux$
tonja jean@centralnested:-/linux$ sudo apt-get install qemu-kvm libvirt-daemon-system libvirt-clients bridge-utils
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
Reading dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
Reading state information... Done
Reading state information... Done
Reading dependency tree... Done
Reading database ... 104349 files and directories currently installed.)
Preparing to unpack ... /bridge-utils_1.7-1_amd64.deb ...
Unpacking bridge-utils (1.7-1) ...
Setting up bridge-utils (1.7-1) inux$
tonja jean@centralnested:-/linux$
```

```
tonja_jean@centralnested:~/linux$ uname -a
Linux centralnested 6.7.0-rc3+ #6 SMP PREEMPT DYNAMIC Sun Dec 17 02:46:03 UTC 2023 x86 64 GNU/Linux
tonja jean@centralnested:~/linux$ sudo adduser 'puja' libvirt
adduser: The user `puja' does not exist.
tonja_jean@centralnested:~/linux$ sudo getent group | grep libvirt
libvirt:x:116:
libvirt-qemu:x:64055:libvirt-qemu
tonja jean@centralnested:~/linux$ sudo adduser 'libvirt-qemu:x:64055:libvirt-qemu' libvirt
adduser: The user `libvirt-qemu:x:64055:libvirt-qemu' does not exist.
tonja jean@centralnested:~/linux$ sudo getent group | grep kvm
kvm:x:110:
tonja jean@centralnested:~/linux$ sudo adduser libvirt-qemu:x:64055:libvirt-qemu libvirt
adduser: The user `libvirt-qemu:x:64055:libvirt-qemu' does not exist.
tonja jean@centralnested:~/linux$ users
tonja_jean tonja_jean
tonja jean@centralnested:~/linux$ sudo adduser 'tonja jean' libvirt
Adding user `tonja jean' to group `libvirt' ...
Adding user tonja jean to group libvirt
Done.
tonja jean@centralnested:~/linux$ sudo getent group | grep libvirt
libvirt:x:116:tonja_jean
libvirt-qemu:x:64055:libvirt-qemu
tonja_jean@centralnested:~/linux$
tonja jean@centralnested:~/linux$
tonja jean@centralnested:~/linux$
tonja jean@centralnested:~/linux$
tonja jean@centralnested:~/linux$ sudo adduser 'tonja jean' kvm
Adding user `tonja_jean' to group `kvm' ...
Adding user tonja_jean to group kvm
tonja_jean@centralnested:~/linux$ sudo getent group | grep kvm
kvm:x:110:tonja jean
```

Virt-manager running successfully on the VM

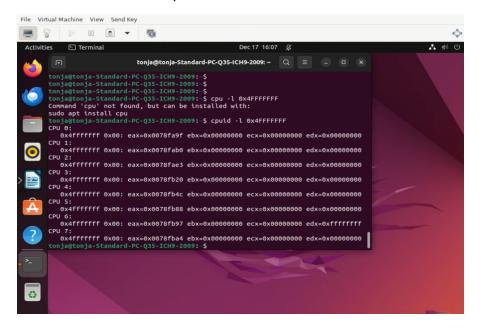
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onja_jean@centralnested:~/linux$ sudo virsh list --all
Id Name State
tonja_jean@centralnested:~/linux$ sudo systemctl status libvirtd
 libvirtd.service - Virtualization daemon
    Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/libvirtd.service; enabled; vendor preset: enabled)
    Active: active (running) since Sun 2023-12-17 19:31:23 UTC; 6min ago
TriggeredBy: • libvirtd.socket
            • libvirtd-admin.socket
            • libvirtd-ro.socket
      Docs: man:libvirtd(8)
            https://libvirt.org
  Main PID: 1081 (libvirtd)
     Tasks: 19 (limit: 32768)
    Memory: 31.9M
       CPU: 223ms
    CGroup: /system.slice/libvirtd.service
            └1081 /usr/sbin/libvirtd
Dec 17 19:31:21 centralnested systemd[1]: Starting Virtualization daemon...
Dec 17 19:31:23 centralnested systemd[1]: Started Virtualization daemon.
tonja jean@centralnested:~/linux$
```

4.4.2 Installed GEMO compatible Ubuntu OS on the inner VM using Chrome Remote Desktop

4.5 Perform CPUID confirmation test - Results

Run cupid command from inside the inner VM to test the functionality and checked the dmesg log in the outer VM to verify the exit responses.

Test 1: Tested functionality for %eax=04xFFFFFFF -



Verified in dmesg log

```
[ 44.103331] process 'subagents/fluent-bit/bin/fluent-bit' started with e
[ 199.844759] CPUID(0x4FFFFFF), total exit count: 749902
[ 199.850608] CPUID(0x4FFFFFF), total exit count: 749926
[ 199.856433] CPUID(0x4FFFFFF), total exit count: 749944
[ 199.863432] CPUID(0x4FFFFFF), total exit count: 749988
[ 199.871914] CPUID(0x4FFFFFF), total exit count: 750062
[ 199.878367] CPUID(0x4FFFFFF), total exit count: 750148
[ 199.884875] CPUID(0x4FFFFFF), total exit count: 750185
[ 199.893459] CPUID(0x4FFFFFFF), total exit count: 750231
tonja_jean@centralnested:~/linux$
```

Test 2: Tested functionality for %eax=04xFFFFFFE –

```
tonja@tonja-Standard-PC-035-ICH9-2009:~$ cpuid -l 0x4FFFFFFE
CPU 0:
   0x4ffffffe 0x00: eax=0x4ffffffe ebx=0x00000000 ecx=0x0e5c670c edx=0x000000000
   0x4ffffffe 0x00: eax=0x4ffffffe ebx=0x00000000 ecx=0x0e5c6756 edx=0x000000000
CPU 2:
   0x4ffffffe 0x00: eax=0x4ffffffe ebx=0x00000000 ecx=0x0e5c6838 edx=0x00000000
CPU 3:
   0x4ffffffe 0x00: eax=0x4ffffffe ebx=0x00000000 ecx=0x0e5c6884 edx=0x000000000
CPU 4:
   0x4ffffffe 0x00: eax=0x4ffffffe ebx=0x00000000 ecx=0x0e5c6941 edx=0x00000000
CPU 5:
   0x4ffffffe 0x00: eax=0x4ffffffe ebx=0x00000000 ecx=0x0e5c69e4 edx=0x000000000
CPU 6:
   0x4ffffffe 0x00: eax=0x4ffffffe ebx=0x00000000 ecx=0x0e5c6a32 edx=0x00000000
CPU 7:
   0x4ffffffe 0x00: eax=0x4ffffffe ebx=0x00000000 ecx=0x0e5c6aec edx=0x000000000
tonja@tonja-Standard-PC-Q35-ICH9-2009:~$
```

Verified in dmesg log –

```
[ 271.582526] CPUID(0x4FFFFFE), total cpu cycles count: 33918081 [ 271.589183] CPUID(0x4FFFFFE), total cpu cycles count: 33918295 [ 271.596647] CPUID(0x4FFFFFE), total cpu cycles count: 33918984 [ 271.604074] CPUID(0x4FFFFFE), total cpu cycles count: 33919531 [ 271.611919] CPUID(0x4FFFFFE), total cpu cycles count: 33919885 [ 271.61217] CPUID(0x4FFFFFE), total cpu cycles count: 33920949 [ 271.626573] CPUID(0x4FFFFFE), total cpu cycles count: 33921678 [ 271.634132] CPUID(0x4FFFFFE), total cpu cycles count: 33922007 tonja jean@centralnested:~/linux$
```

4.6 DEBUGGING

Errors with kvm_emulate_cpuid

```
tonja_jeandcontralnested:-/linux/arch/sde/kvm/wmsd

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INSTALLINUsbend_pededscalls.sh

CC [8] arch/sde/kvm/wmx/wmx.o

LD [8] arch/sde/kvm/kvm.incel.o

MONDFOT Module.symwers

ERROR: modpot: "tonja_centils_contralnested:-/linux/arch/sde/kvm/kvm.ko] undefined!

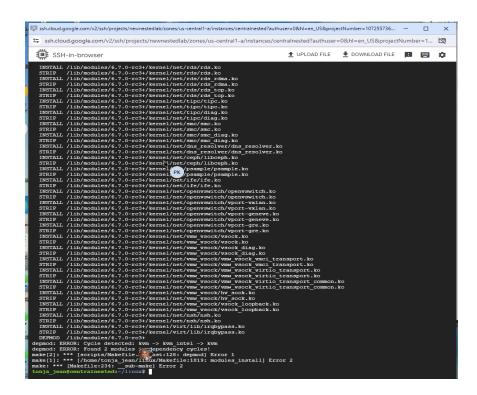
ERROR: modpot: "tonja_centils_contralnested:-/linux/arch/sde/kvm/kvm.ko]

make: '** [Moxefile:23i:_jub=make] Error 2

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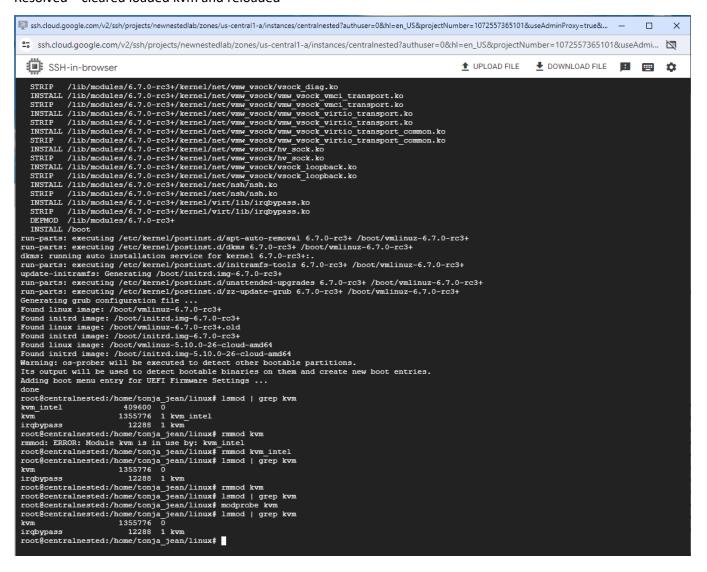
Building modules

```
First run errors:
```

Corrected the errors in the code cuid.c and reran followed with Check for kvm already loaded, clear, and load.

```
Ismod | grep kvm
Ismod | grep kvm_intel
rmmod kvm
modprobe kvm
Ismod | grep kvm
```

Resolved - cleared loaded kym and reloaded

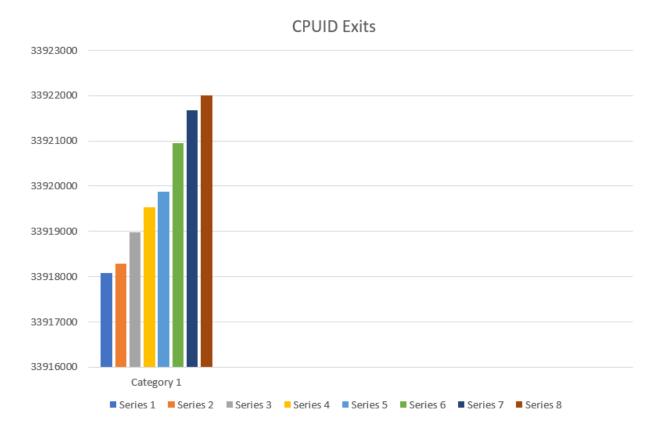


5 SUMMARY AND QUESTIONS

- 1. Team Members: Described in Section 4.1
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- 2. Detailed Steps: Sections 4.2 4.5
- 3. The frequency of exists appears to gradually increase without major spikes in the trend.



During this boot, a full boot cycle appeared to handle 271,359,410 exits.

Of the exit types defined in the SDM, which are the most frequent? Least?

Most Frequent Exit:

• Exit number 48 - EPT Violation

• Exit number 1- External Interrupt

Least Frequent Exit :

- Exit number 54 WBINVD
- Exit number 55 XSETBV