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*Linux Device Drivers* "O'Reilly Media, Inc."

This book is written for students or professionals who quickly want to learn Linux Kernel programming and device driver development. Each chapter in this book is associated with code samples and code commentary so that the readers may quickly un.

[Linux for Embedded and Real-time Applications](#) Packt Publishing Ltd

To thoroughly understand what makes Linux tick and why it's so efficient, you need to delve deep into the heart of the operating system--into the Linux kernel itself. The kernel is Linux--in the case of the Linux operating system, it's the only bit of software to which the term "Linux" applies. The kernel handles all the requests or completed I/O operations and determines which programs will share its processing time, and in what order. Responsible for the sophisticated memory management of the whole

system, the Linux kernel is the force behind the legendary Linux efficiency. The new edition of *Understanding the Linux Kernel* takes you on a guided tour through the most significant data structures, many algorithms, and programming tricks used in the kernel. Probing beyond the superficial features, the authors offer valuable insights to people who want to know how things really work inside their machine. Relevant segments of code are dissected and discussed line by line. The book covers more than just the functioning of the code, it explains the theoretical underpinnings for why Linux does things the way it does. The new edition of the book has been updated to cover version 2.4 of the kernel, which is quite different from version 2.2: the virtual memory system is entirely new, support for multiprocessor systems is improved, and whole new classes of hardware devices have been added. The authors explore each new feature in detail. Other topics in the book include: Memory management including file buffering, process swapping, and Direct memory

Access (DMA) The Virtual Filesystem and the Second Extended Filesystem Process creation and scheduling Signals, interrupts, and the essential interfaces to device drivers Timing Synchronization in the kernel Interprocess Communication (IPC) Program execution Understanding the Linux Kernel, Second Edition will acquaint you with all the inner workings of Linux, but is more than just an academic exercise. You'll learn what conditions bring out Linux's best performance, and you'll see how it meets the challenge of providing good system response during process scheduling, file access, and memory management in a wide variety of environments. If knowledge is power, then this book will help you make the most of your Linux system.

### **Linux Kernel and Driver Development - Practical Labs**

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Harness the power of Linux to create versatile and robust embedded solutions  
 Key Features Learn how to develop and configure robust embedded Linux devices Explore the new features of Linux 5.4 and the Yocto Project 3.1 (Dunfell) Discover different ways to debug and profile your code in both user space and the Linux kernel Book Description Embedded Linux runs many of the devices we use every day. From smart TVs and Wi-Fi routers to test equipment and industrial controllers, all of them have Linux at their heart. The Linux OS is one of the foundational technologies comprising the core of the Internet of Things (IoT). This book starts by breaking down the fundamental elements that underpin all embedded Linux projects: the toolchain, the bootloader, the kernel, and the root filesystem. After that, you will learn how to create each of these elements from

scratch and automate the process using Buildroot and the Yocto Project. As you progress, the book explains how to implement an effective storage strategy for flash memory chips and install updates to a device remotely once it's deployed. You'll also learn about the key aspects of writing code for embedded Linux, such as how to access hardware from apps, the implications of writing multi-threaded code, and techniques to manage memory in an efficient way. The final chapters demonstrate how to debug your code, whether it resides in apps or in the Linux kernel itself. You'll also cover the different tracers and profilers that are available for Linux so that you can quickly pinpoint any performance bottlenecks in your system. By the end of this Linux book, you'll be able to create efficient and secure embedded devices using Linux. What you will learn  
 Use Buildroot and the Yocto Project to create embedded Linux systems  
 Troubleshoot BitBake build failures and streamline your Yocto development workflow  
 Update IoT devices securely in the field using Mender or balena  
 Prototype peripheral additions by reading schematics, modifying device trees, soldering breakout boards, and probing pins with a logic analyzer  
 Interact with hardware without having to write kernel device drivers  
 Divide your system up into services supervised by BusyBox runit  
 Debug devices remotely using GDB and measure the performance of systems using tools such as perf, ftrace, eBPF, and Callgrind  
 Who this book is for If you're a systems software engineer or system administrator who wants to learn Linux implementation on embedded devices, then this book is for you. Embedded systems engineers accustomed to programming for low-power

microcontrollers can use this book to help make the leap to high-speed systems on chips that can run Linux. Anyone responsible for developing new hardware that needs to run Linux will also find this book useful. Basic working knowledge of the POSIX standard, C programming, and shell scripting is assumed.

**Exploring BeagleBone** Sams Publishing  
Explore Implementation of core kernel subsystems About This Book Master the design, components, and structures of core kernel subsystems Explore kernel programming interfaces and related algorithms under the hood Completely updated material for the 4.12.10 kernel Who This Book Is For If you are a kernel programmer with a knowledge of kernel APIs and are looking to build a comprehensive understanding, and eager to explore the implementation, of kernel subsystems, this book is for you. It sets out to unravel the underlying details of kernel APIs and data structures, piercing through the complex kernel layers and gives you the edge you need to take your skills to the next level. What You Will Learn Comprehend processes and files—the core abstraction mechanisms of the Linux kernel that promote effective simplification and dynamism Decipher process scheduling and understand effective capacity utilization under general and real-time dispositions Simplify and learn more about process communication techniques through signals and IPC mechanisms Capture the rudiments of memory by grasping the key concepts and principles of physical and virtual memory management Take a sharp and precise look at all the key aspects of interrupt management and the clock subsystem Understand concurrent execution on SMP platforms through

kernel synchronization and locking techniques In Detail Mastering Linux Kernel Development looks at the Linux kernel, its internal arrangement and design, and various core subsystems, helping you to gain significant understanding of this open source marvel. You will look at how the Linux kernel, which possesses a kind of collective intelligence thanks to its scores of contributors, remains so elegant owing to its great design. This book also looks at all the key kernel code, core data structures, functions, and macros, giving you a comprehensive foundation of the implementation details of the kernel's core services and mechanisms. You will also look at the Linux kernel as well-designed software, which gives us insights into software design in general that are easily scalable yet fundamentally strong and safe. By the end of this book, you will have considerable understanding of and appreciation for the Linux kernel. Style and approach Each chapter begins with the basic conceptual know-how for a subsystem and extends into the details of its implementation. We use appropriate code excerpts of critical routines and data structures for subsystems.

### **Explore Linux system programming interfaces, theory, and practice**

Addison-Wesley

Offers a comprehensive view of the underpinnings of the Linux kernel on the Intel x86 and the Power PC.

*Advanced Linux Programming* No Starch Press

Linux Driver Development with Raspberry Pi - Practical Labs Embedded systems have become an integral part of our daily life. They are deployed in mobile devices, networking infrastructure, home and consumer

devices, digital signage, medical imaging, automotive infotainment and many other industrial applications. The use of embedded systems is growing exponentially. Many of these embedded systems are powered by an inexpensive yet powerful system-on-chip (SoC) that is running a Linux operating system. The BCM2837 from Broadcom is one of these SoCs, running quad ARM Cortex A53 cores at 1.2GHz. This is the SoC used in the popular Raspberry Pi 3 boards. This book follows the learning by doing approach, so you will be playing with your Raspberry Pi since the first chapter. Besides the Raspberry Pi board, you will use several low-cost boards to develop the hands-on examples. In the labs, it is described what each step means in detail so that you can use your own hardware components adapting the content of the book to your needs. You will learn how to develop Linux drivers for the Raspberry Pi boards. You will start with the simplest ones that do not interact with any external hardware, then you will develop Linux drivers that manage different kind of devices: Accelerometer, DAC, ADC, RGB LED, Buttons, Joystick controller, Multi-Display LED controller and I/O expanders controlled via I2C and SPI buses. You will also develop DMA drivers, USB device drivers, drivers that manage interrupts and drivers that write and read on the internal registers of the SoC to control its GPIOs. To ease the development of some of these drivers, you will use different types of Linux kernel subsystems: Miscellaneous, LED, UIO, USB, Input and Industrial I/O. More than 30 kernel modules have been written (besides several user applications), which can be downloaded from the book's GitHub repository. This book uses the Long Term Support (LTS) Linux kernel 5.4, which

was released on November 2019 and will be maintained until December 2025. The Linux drivers and applications developed in the labs have been ported to three different Raspberry Pi boards: Raspberry Pi 3 Model B, Raspberry Pi 3 Model B+ and Raspberry Pi 4 Model B. This book is a learning tool to start developing drivers without any previous knowledge about this field, so the intention during its writing has been to develop drivers without a high level of complexity that both serve to reinforce the main driver development concepts and can be a starting point to help you to develop your own drivers. And, remember that the best way to develop a driver is not to write it from scratch. You can reuse free code from similar Linux kernel mainline drivers. All the drivers written throughout this book are GPL licensed, so you can modify and redistribute them under the same license.

#### Mastering Linux Device Driver

Development John Wiley & Sons

Over the last few years, Linux has grown both as an operating system and a tool for personal and business use.

Simultaneously becoming more user friendly and more powerful as a back-end system, Linux has achieved new plateaus: the newer filesystems have solidified, new commands and tools have appeared and become standard, and the desktop--including new desktop environments--have proved to be viable, stable, and readily accessible to even those who don't consider themselves computer gurus. Whether you're using Linux for personal software projects, for a small office or home office (often termed the SOHO environment), to provide services to a small group of colleagues, or to administer a site responsible for millions of email and web connections each day, you need quick

access to information on a wide range of tools. This book covers all aspects of administering and making effective use of Linux systems. Among its topics are booting, package management, and revision control. But foremost in Linux in a Nutshell are the utilities and commands that make Linux one of the most powerful and flexible systems available. Now in its fifth edition, Linux in a Nutshell brings users up-to-date with the current state of Linux. Considered by many to be the most complete and authoritative command reference for Linux available, the book covers all substantial user, programming, administration, and networking commands for the most common Linux distributions. Comprehensive but concise, the fifth edition has been updated to cover new features of major Linux distributions. Configuration information for the rapidly growing commercial network services and community update services is one of the subjects covered for the first time. But that's just the beginning. The book covers editors, shells, and LILO and GRUB boot options. There's also coverage of Apache, Samba, Postfix, sendmail, CVS, Subversion, Emacs, vi, sed, gawk, and much more. Everything that system administrators, developers, and power users need to know about Linux is referenced here, and they will turn to this book again and again.

**Linux Internals Simplified** O'Reilly & Associates Incorporated

This is the eBook version of the printed book. If the print book includes a CD-ROM, this content is not included within the eBook version. Advanced Linux Programming is divided into two parts. The first covers generic UNIX system services, but with a particular eye towards Linux specific information. This

portion of the book will be of use even to advanced programmers who have worked with other Linux systems since it will cover Linux specific details and differences. For programmers without UNIX experience, it will be even more valuable. The second section covers material that is entirely Linux specific. These are truly advanced topics, and are the techniques that the gurus use to build great applications. While this book will focus mostly on the Application Programming Interface (API) provided by the Linux kernel and the C library, a preliminary introduction to the development tools available will allow all who purchase the book to make immediate use of Linux.

**Talking Directly to the Kernel and C Library** Packt Publishing Ltd

A guide to using Linux on embedded platforms for interfacing to the real world. "Embedded Linux" is one of the first books available that teaches readers development and implementation of interfacing applications on an Embedded Linux platform.

*Linux Kernel in a Nutshell* "O'Reilly Media, Inc."

A True Textbook for an Introductory Course, System Administration Course, or a Combination Course Linux with Operating System Concepts, Second Edition merges conceptual operating system (OS) and Unix/Linux topics into one cohesive textbook for undergraduate students. The book can be used for a one- or two-semester course on Linux or Unix. It is complete with review sections, problems, definitions, concepts and relevant introductory material, such as binary and Boolean logic, OS kernels and the role of the CPU and memory hierarchy. Details for Introductory and Advanced Users The

book covers Linux from both the user and system administrator positions. From a user perspective, it emphasizes command-line interaction. From a system administrator perspective, the text reinforces shell scripting with examples of administration scripts that support the automation of administrator tasks. Thorough Coverage of Concepts and Linux Commands The author incorporates OS concepts not found in most Linux/Unix textbooks, including kernels, file systems, storage devices, virtual memory and process management. He also introduces computer science topics, such as computer networks and TCP/IP, interpreters versus compilers, file compression, file system integrity through backups, RAID and encryption technologies, booting and the GNUs C compiler. New in this Edition The book has been updated to systemd Linux and the newer services like Cockpit, NetworkManager, firewalld and journald. This edition explores Linux beyond CentOS/Red Hat by adding detail on Debian distributions. Content across most topics has been updated and improved.

**Kernel Projects for Linux** Addison-Wesley Professional

Pro Linux Kernel Module Programming is your step-by-step guide to developing, debugging, and testing Linux Kernel Modules (LKMs) with ease. As LKMs and the applications that use them become more widely used, there are an increasing number of system software developers who wish to become involved in the development and maintenance of Linux-based systems. Some of these engineers are motivated purely by personal interest; some work for Linux companies, some work for hardware manufacturers, and some are involved

with in-house development projects. However, all face a common problem: the learning curve for the kernel module is getting longer and steeper. The system is becoming increasingly complex, and it is very large. This is where Pro Linux Kernel Module Programming comes in. This book takes you from downloading Linux kernel all the way to extending it by writing your own modules, and everything in between. Discover common errors people make, and best practices you can follow. Written in a free-flowing fashion, and explaining concepts first with lots of examples, you will learn the relevant kernel data structures, and the actual implementation. You will understand kernel module development, for example: device types, kernel development process, kernel objects, kernel interfaces; which will help you to understand why and how module works. You will then move onto developing LKMs with ease. Understand and demystify LKMs today using Pro Linux Kernel Module Programming. What you'll learn How Linux Kernel Modules (LKMs) work How to develop LKMs How to debug LKMs How to test LKMs Who this book is for As the Linux kernel and the applications that use it become more widely used, there are increasing number of system software developers who wish to become involved in the development and maintenance of Linux based systems. Some of these engineers are motivated purely by personal interest; some work for Linux companies, some work for hardware manufacturers, and some are involved with in-house development projects. This book is for anyone who wants to develop Linux kernel modules in any setting.

**The Linux Kernel Primer** John Wiley & Sons

UNIX, UNIX LINUX & UNIX TCL/TK. Write software that makes the most effective use of the Linux system, including the kernel and core system libraries. The majority of both Unix and Linux code is still written at the system level, and this book helps you focus on everything above the kernel, where applications such as Apache, bash, cp, vim, Emacs, gcc, gdb, glibc, ls, mv, and X exist. Written primarily for engineers looking to program at the low level, this updated edition of Linux System Programming gives you an understanding of core internals that makes for better code, no matter where it appears in the stack. -- Provided by publisher.

*Professional Linux Kernel Architecture*  
Packt Publishing Ltd

Learn how to write high-quality kernel module code, solve common Linux kernel programming issues, and understand the fundamentals of Linux kernel internals

**Key Features** Discover how to write kernel code using the Loadable Kernel Module framework

**Explore industry-grade techniques** to perform efficient memory allocation and data synchronization within the kernel

**Understand the essentials** of key internals topics such as kernel architecture, memory management, CPU scheduling, and kernel synchronization

**Book Description** Linux Kernel Programming is a comprehensive introduction for those new to Linux kernel and module development. This easy-to-follow guide will have you up and running with writing kernel code in next-to-no time. This book uses the latest 5.4 Long-Term Support (LTS) Linux kernel, which will be maintained from November 2019 through to December 2025. By working with the 5.4 LTS kernel throughout the book, you can be confident that your knowledge will

continue to be valid for years to come. This Linux book begins by showing you how to build the kernel from the source. Next, you'll learn how to write your first kernel module using the powerful Loadable Kernel Module (LKM) framework. The book then covers key kernel internals topics including Linux kernel architecture, memory management, and CPU scheduling. Next, you'll delve into the fairly complex topic of concurrency within the kernel, understand the issues it can cause, and learn how they can be addressed with various locking technologies (mutexes, spinlocks, atomic, and refcount operators). You'll also benefit from more advanced material on cache effects, a primer on lock-free techniques within the kernel, deadlock avoidance (with lockdep), and kernel lock debugging techniques. By the end of this kernel book, you'll have a detailed understanding of the fundamentals of writing Linux kernel module code for real-world projects and products. What you will learn

**Write high-quality modular kernel code** (LKM framework) for 5.x kernels

**Configure and build a kernel** from source

**Explore the Linux kernel architecture**

**Get to grips** with key internals regarding memory management within the kernel

**Understand and work** with various dynamic kernel memory alloc/dealloc APIs

**Discover key internals** aspects regarding CPU scheduling within the kernel

**Gain an understanding** of kernel concurrency issues

**Find out how to work** with key kernel synchronization primitives

**Who this book is for** This book is for Linux programmers beginning to find their way with Linux kernel development. Linux kernel and driver developers looking to overcome frequent and common kernel development issues,

as well as understand kernel internals, will benefit from this book. A basic understanding of Linux CLI and C programming is required.

**Windows Kernel Programming** Packt Publishing Ltd

**Linux Kernel Module Programming Guide** is for people who want to write kernel modules. It takes a hands-on approach starting with writing a small "hello, world" program, and quickly moves from there. Far from a boring text on programming, **Linux Kernel Module Programming Guide** has a lively style that entertains while it educates. An excellent guide for anyone wishing to get started on kernel module programming. \*\*\* Money raised from the sale of this book supports the development of free software and documentation.

**Write custom device drivers to support computer peripherals in Linux operating systems** Prentice Hall CD-ROM contains: Linux kernel version 2.4.4, plus sources from other programs and documents from the Linux Documentation Project.

**Software Engineering for Embedded Systems** Packt Publishing Ltd  
Expand Raspberry Pi capabilities with fundamental engineering principles  
**Exploring Raspberry Pi** is the innovators guide to bringing Raspberry Pi to life. This book favors engineering principles over a 'recipe' approach to give you the skills you need to design and build your own projects. You'll understand the fundamental principles in a way that transfers to any type of electronics, electronic modules, or external peripherals, using a "learning by doing" approach that caters to both beginners and experts. The book begins with basic Linux and programming skills, and helps you stock your inventory with common

parts and supplies. Next, you'll learn how to make parts work together to achieve the goals of your project, no matter what type of components you use. The companion website provides a full repository that structures all of the code and scripts, along with links to video tutorials and supplementary content that takes you deeper into your project. The Raspberry Pi's most famous feature is its adaptability. It can be used for thousands of electronic applications, and using the Linux OS expands the functionality even more. This book helps you get the most from your Raspberry Pi, but it also gives you the fundamental engineering skills you need to incorporate any electronics into any project. Develop the Linux and programming skills you need to build basic applications Build your inventory of parts so you can always "make it work" Understand interfacing, controlling, and communicating with almost any component Explore advanced applications with video, audio, real-world interactions, and more Be free to adapt and create with **Exploring Raspberry Pi. Linux Kernel Programming Part 2 - Character Device Drivers and Kernel Synchronization** Elsevier Inc. Chapters Uncovering the development of the hacking toolset under Linux, this book teaches programmers the methodology behind hacker programming techniques so that they can think like an attacker when developing a defense. Analyses and cutting-edge programming are provided of aspects of each hacking item and its source code—including ping and traceroute utilities, viruses, worms, Trojans, backdoors, exploits (locals and remotes), scanners (CGI and port), smurf and fraggle attacks, and brute-force attacks. In addition to information on how to exploit buffer overflow errors in



the stack, heap and BSS, and how to exploit format-string errors and other less common errors, this guide includes the source code of all the described utilities on the accompanying CD-ROM.

[Linux Kernel Programming](#) Packt Publishing Ltd

This book contains the practical labs corresponding to the "Linux Kernel and Driver Development: Training Handouts" book from Bootlin. Get your hands on an embedded board based on an ARM processor (the Beagle Bone Black board), and apply what you learned: write a Device Tree to declare devices connected to your board, configure pin multiplexing, and implement drivers for I2C and serial devices. You will learn how to manage multiple devices with the same driver, to access and write hardware registers, to allocate memory, to register and manage interrupts, as well as how to debug your code and interpret the kernel error messages. You will also keep an eye on the board and CPU datasheets so that you will always understand the values that you feed to the kernel.

[Linux Kernel Programming Part 2 - Character Device Drivers and Kernel](#)

[Synchronization](#) Createspace

Independent Publishing Platform

In-depth instruction and practical techniques for building with the BeagleBone embedded Linux platform Exploring BeagleBone is a hands-on guide to bringing gadgets, gizmos, and robots to life using the popular BeagleBone embedded Linux platform. Comprehensive content and deep detail provide more than just a BeagleBone instruction manual—you'll also learn the underlying engineering techniques that will allow you to create your own projects.

The book begins with a foundational

primer on essential skills, and then gradually moves into communication, control, and advanced applications using C/C++, allowing you to learn at your own pace. In addition, the book's companion website features instructional videos, source code, discussion forums, and more, to ensure that you have everything you need. The BeagleBone's small size, high performance, low cost, and extreme adaptability have made it a favorite development platform, and the Linux software base allows for complex yet flexible functionality. The BeagleBone has applications in smart buildings, robot control, environmental sensing, to name a few; and, expansion boards and peripherals dramatically increase the possibilities. Exploring BeagleBone provides a reader-friendly guide to the device, including a crash course in computer engineering. While following step by step, you can: Get up to speed on embedded Linux, electronics, and programming Master interfacing electronic circuits, buses and modules, with practical examples Explore the Internet-connected BeagleBone and the BeagleBone with a display Apply the BeagleBone to sensing applications, including video and sound Explore the BeagleBone's Programmable Real-Time Controllers Hands-on learning helps ensure that your new skills stay with you, allowing you to design with electronics, modules, or peripherals even beyond the BeagleBone. Insightful guidance and online peer support help you transition from beginner to expert as you master the techniques presented in Exploring BeagleBone, the practical handbook for the popular computing platform.

[Hardware, Software, and Interfacing](#) Packt Publishing Ltd

Presents an overview of kernel

configuration and building for version 2.6  
of the Linux kernel.