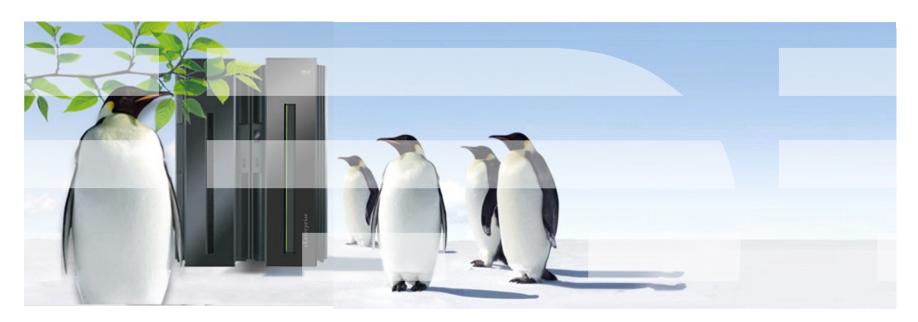


What's New in Linux on System z

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How Linux on System z is developed

How does the "community" work.



The IBM Linux development process

IBM Linux on System z development contribues in the following areas: Kernel, s390-tools, open source tools (e.g. eclipse, ooprofile), gcc, glibc,

binutils **Upstream** Kernel **Developer Works** open source Website Community **red**hat Customer



Facts on Linux

- Linux kernel 1.0.0 was released with 176,250 lines of code How many lines of code has the kernel version 3.10 ? 16,961,959 lines of code (+1,963,222 since v3.2)
- How many of the world's top 500 supercomputers run Linux (Jun 2013)? 476 / 95.2%
- What percentage of web servers run Linux (Jul 2013) ? 65.7% run Unix, of those 47.5% run Linux (50.6% unknown) = 31.2%
- What percentage of desktop clients run Linux (Jun 2013)?
 2.89% (+1.14 since Dec 2012), 5.01% via Android
- What is the architecture with the larges amount of core changes? ARM, for v3.10 ~112 KLOC, followed by mips, powerpc and x86 ~25 KLOC, System z (alias s390) had ~8 KLOCS
- Linux is Linux, but ...features, properties and quality differ dependent on your platform and your use case

Source: http://kernel.org

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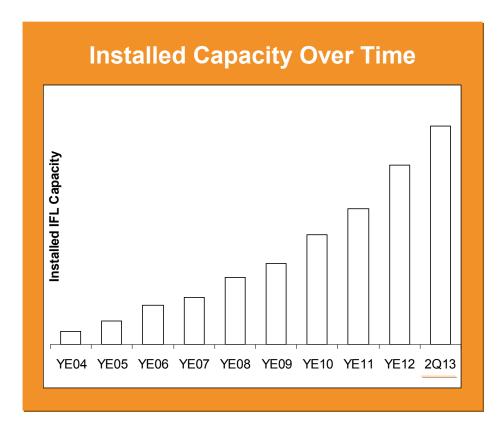
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Linux on IBM System z in 2Q2013

Installed Linux MIPS at 48% CAGR*

- 25.1% of Total installed MIPS run Linux as of 2Q13
- Installed IFL MIPS increased 40% from 2Q12 to 2Q13
- 37% of System z Customers have IFL's installed as of 1Q13
- 76 of the top 100 System z Customers are running Linux on the mainframe as of 2Q13 **
- 33% of all System z servers have IFLs



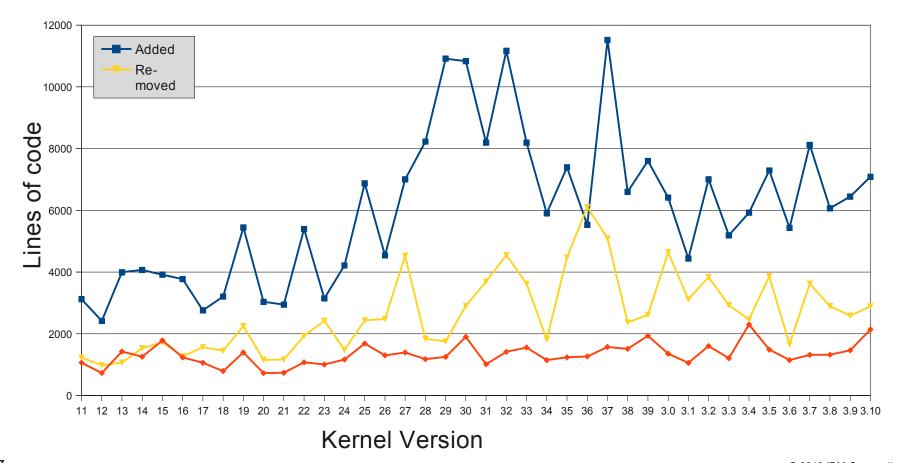
^{*} Based on YE 2003 to 2Q 2013

^{**}Top 100 is based on total installed MIPS



Linux kernel development: rate of change

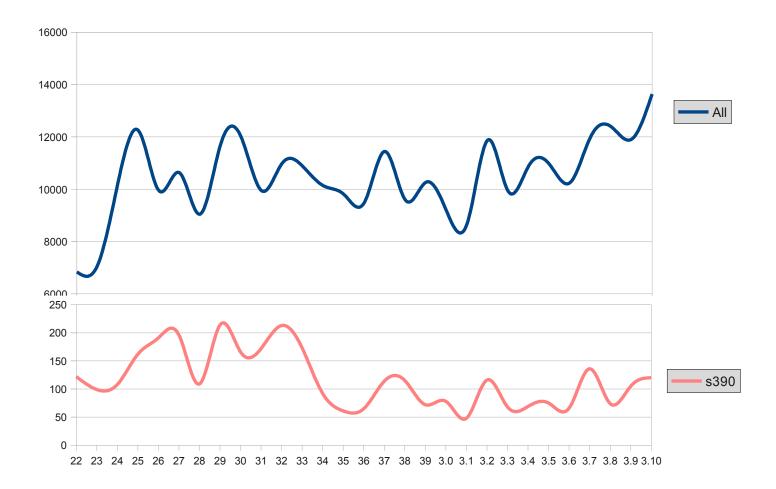
Average for the last 8 1/2 years (without renames): 78 days per release, 5990 lines added, 2633 lines removed and 1304 lines modified **per day**





Linux kernel development: System z contributions

Changesets per 2.6.x / 3.x kernel release





Linux on System z distributions (Kernel 2.6 based)

- SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 9 (GA 08/2004)
 - Kernel 2.6.5, GCC 3.3.3, Service Pack 4 (GA 12/2007), end of regular life cycle
- SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 10 (GA 07/2006)
 - Kernel 2.6.16, GCC 4.1.0, Service Pack 5 (GA 05/2012)
- SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11 (GA 03/2009)
 - Kernel 2.6.27, GCC 4.3.3, Service Pack 1 (GA 06/2010), Kernel 2.6.32
 - Kernel 3.0, GCC 4.3.4, Service Pack 3 (GA 06/2013)
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux AS 4 (GA 02/2005)
 - Kernel 2.6.9, GCC 3.4.3, Update 9 (GA 02/2011), end of regular life cycle
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux AS 5 (GA 03/2007)
 - Kernel 2.6.18, GCC 4.1.0, Update 9 (GA 01/2013)
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux AS 6 (GA 11/2010)
 - Kernel 2.6.32, GCC 4.4.0 Update 4 (GA 02/2013)
- Others
 - Debian, Slackware,
 - Support may be available by some third party



Supported Linux Distributions

Distribution	zEnterprise EC12	zEnterprise - z114 and z196	System z10	System z9	zSeries	
RHEL 6	✓ (1)	~	~	~	×	Two options for zSeries
RHEL 5	✓ (2)	~	~	~		
RHEL 4 (*)	×	✓ (5)	~	~		
SLES 11	✓ (3)	~	~	~	×	machines
SLES 10	✓ (4)	~	~	~		
SLES 9 (*)	×	✓ (8)	~	~	~	



Indicates that the distribution (version) has been tested by IBM on the hardware platform, will run on the system, and is an IBM supported environment. Updates or service packs applied to the distribution are also supported.

- (1) Recommended level: RHEL 6.3
- (2) Recommended level: RHEL 5.8
- (3) Recommended level: SLES 11 SP2
- (4) Recommended level: SLES 10 SP4 with latest maintenance updates
- (5) RHEL 4.8 only. Some functions have changed or are not available with the z196, e.g. the Dual-port OSA cards support to name one of several. Please check with your service provider regarding the end of service.
- (6) SLES 9 SP4 with latest maintenance updates only. Some functions have changed or are not available with the z196, e.g. the Dual-port OSA cards support to name one of several. Please check with your service provider regarding the end of service.
- Indicates that the distribution is not supported by IBM on this server.
- (*) The distribution is out of service, extended support is required.



Current Linux on System z Technology

Features & Functionality developed in the <u>past 2 years</u> contained in the SUSE & Red Hat Distributions



Linux on System z features – zEC12 support

Transactional execution (kernel 3.7)



- Also known as hardware transactional memory
- CPU features that allows to execute a group of instructions atomically
- Optimistic execution, if a transaction conflicts a rollback to a saved state is done

Storage class memory – Flash Express (kernel 3.7)



- Internal Flash Solid State Disk (SSD)
- Accessed via Extended Asynchronous Data Mover (EADM) sub-channels
- Up to four pairs of cards with a maximum capacity of 4x1.4TB = 5.6TB
- Support for concurrent MCL updates with kernel version 3.8

Support for Crypto Express 4S cards (kernel 3.7)



- New generation of crypto adapters plug-able into the I/O drawer
- New type 10 which uses a bit field to indicate capabilities of the crypto card



System zEC12 features – Transactional Execution





- Transactional execution is a concurrency mechanism of the CPU comparable to database transactions
 - Several reads and stores from/to memory logically occur at the same time
 - Improves performance for fine-grained serialization
 - Useful for lock-less data structures and speculative compiler optimizations
- Two types of transactions: constraint and non-constraint
- Conflicting memory accesses will cause the transaction to abort
 - Transaction abort is rather expensive
 - Constraint transaction will automatically restart
 - Ratio of successful vs. aborted transaction is important for performance
- Kernel support is required to enable user programs to use transactional execution
 - Control registers setup
 - Debugging support for additional PER controls via ptrace



System zEC12 features – Transactional Execution





Example of a list_add operation

```
struct spinlock t list lock;
struct list_head list_head;
void list add(struct list head *new)
    spin_lock(&list_lock, 0, 1);
                                            Typical pattern:
    list_add(new, &list_head);
                                            1) lock, 2) a short operation, 3) unlock
    spin unlock(&list lock, 1, 0);
    Traditional code:
                                                    Transactional code
           # spin lock
                                                    # begin transaction
                   %r3,list lock
                                                  \rightarrow tbeginc 0,0
           larl
           lhi
                   %r1,1
    lock: lhi
                   %r0,0
                   %r0,%r1,0(%r3)
           CS
           1tr
                   %r0,%r0
           ine
                   lock
           # list_add
                                                    # list_add
           larl
                   %r4,list_head
                                                    larl
                                                             %r4,list_head
                   %r5,0(%r4)
                                                             %r5,0(%r4)
           lq
                                                    lq
                   %r4,0(%r2)
                                                             %r4,0(%r2)
           stq
                                                    stq
                   %r5,8(%r2)
                                                             %r5,8(%r2)
           stq
                                                    stq
           stg
                   %r2,0(%r5)
                                                    stg
                                                             %r2,0(%r5)
                   %r2,8(%r4)
                                                             %r2,8(%r4)
           sta
                                                    sta
           # spin unlock
                                                    # end transaction
                   %r1,%r0,0(%r3)
                                                    tend
           CS
           br
                   %r14
                                                    br
                                                             %r14
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Linux on System z features – Core kernel

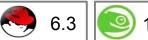
Jump label support (kernel 3.0)



Branch optimization for conditions that are rarely toggled, e.g. tracepoints

Two stage dumper / kdump support (kernel 3.2, s390-tools-1.17.0)

Use a Linux kernel to create a system dump



- Use a preloaded crash-kernel to run in case of a system failure
- Can be triggered either as panic action or by the stand-alone dumper, integrated into the shutdown actions framework

- Pro

- Enhanced dump support that is able to reduce dump size, shared disk space, dump to network, dump to a file-system etc.
- The makedumpfile tool can be used to filter the memory of the crashed system
- Dump disk space sharing is possible for server farms using network dump

- Con

- kdump is not as reliable as the stand-alone dump tools
- kdump cannot dump a z/VM named saved system (NSS)
- For systems running in LPAR kdump consumes memory



Liux on System z features – two stage dumper / kdump support



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Add a crashkernel= to the kernel command line

crashkernel=<size>@<offset>

Boot your system and check the reservation

#cat /proc/iomem

00000000-3fffffff : System RAM

00000000-005f1143 : Kernel code

005f1144-00966497 : Kernel data

00b66000-014c4e9f : Kernel bss

40000000-47ffffff : Crash kernel

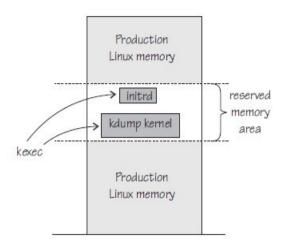
48000000-7fffffff : System RAM

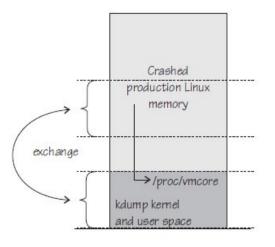
Load the kdump kernel with kexec

kexec -p kdump.image -initrd kdump.initrd
--command-line="dasd=1234 root=/dev/ram0"

Manually trigger for kdump under z/VM

#cp system restart







Linux on System z features – Core kernel

Allow to compare dump system with boot system



- With z/VM 6.2 Single-System-Image it is possible to move active Linux instances between different z/VM instances
- To aid debugging a log of past live-guest-relocations is made available in both the live system and in the dump of a system

Fuzzy Live Dump (kernel 3.5)



- Add the capability to generate a dump of a live system.
- Not all data structures will be consistent but the dump may still be useful.



Linux on System z features – Crypto

CP ACF exploitation of System z196 (kernel 3.0)



Add support for new HW crypto modes:
 cipher feedback mode (CFB), output feedback mode (OFB),
 counter mode (CTR), Galois counter mode (GCM),
 XEX based Tweaked Code Book with Cipher Text Stealing (XTS),
 cipher based message authentication mode (CMAC),
 and counter with cipher block chaining message authentication (CCM)

New libica APIs for supported crypto modes (libica 2.1.1)







- Provide a programmatic way to query for supported crypto ciphers, modes and key sizes.
- Deliver information whether the cryptographic features are implemented in hardware or in software

AP adapter resiliency (kernel 3.7)



- Improve RAS capabilities of the AP bus and the zcrypt devices.
- External AP bus configuration changes are now handled correctly.



Linux on System z features – FICON

Extended DASD statistics (kernel 3.1)



- Add detailed per-device debugging of DASD I/Os via debugfs
- Useful to analyze problems in particular for PAV and HPF

DASD sanity check to detect path connection errors (kernel 3.3)



- An incorrect physical connection between host and storage server which is not detected by hardware or microcode can lead to data corruption
- Add a check in the DASD driver to make sure that each available channel path leads to the same storage server

FICON Express8S hardware data router support for FCP (kernel 3.2)

- Hardware data router support requires an adapted qdio request format.

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Improves performance by reducing the path length for data.



Linux on System z features – Networking

Add OSA concurrent hardware trap (kernel 3.0)







- To ease problem determination the geth driver requests a hardware trace when the device driver or the hardware detect an error
- Allows to correlate between OSA and Linux traces.

Support VEPA Mode (kernel 3.8, s390-tools 1.22)



- Virtual Ethernet Port Aggregator (VEPA) mode support
- All packages are sent to the networking switch to enable external routing
- Reduces CPU overhead in the virtual machine
- Uses the security, filtering, and management features of the physical switch



Linux on System z features – s390-tools

Improve memory ballooning with cpuplugd (s390-tools 1.15.0)



- A number of improvements to the memory balloon part to cpuplugd to make it more useful.
- Extend Iscpu tool and add new chcpu tool (util-linux 2.21)



- Improve the Iscpu tool to display CPU topology and CPU state
- Add the new chcpu tool to change CPU state, rescan CPUs and change the CPU dispatching mode (horizontal vs. vertical polarization)



Iscpu & chcpu



Query CPU information

```
# lscpu -a
Architecture:
                        s390x
CPU op-mode(s):
                        32-bit, 64-bit
Byte Order:
                        Big Endian
CPU(s):
On-line CPU(s) list:
                        0 - 2
Thread(s) per core:
Core(s) per socket:
Socket(s) per book:
Book(s):
Vendor ID:
                        IBM/S390
BogoMIPS:
                        18115.00
Hypervisor:
                        z/VM 6.2.0
Hypervisor vendor:
                        IBM
Virtualization type:
                        full
                        horizontal
Dispatching mode:
Lld cache:
                        96K
                        64K
Lli cache:
L2d cache:
                        1024K
L2i cache:
                        1024K
```

Change CPU configuration, e.g. disable a CPU

```
# chcpu -d 2
CPU 2 disabled
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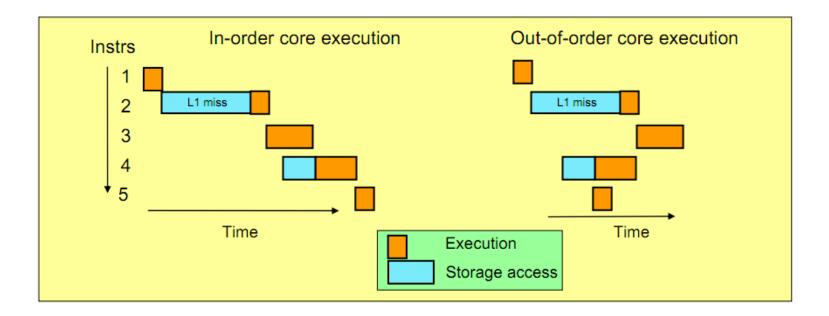


Linux on System z features – Compiler toolchain

zEnterprise 196 exploitation (gcc 4.6)



- Use option -march=z196 to utilize the new instructions added with z196
- Use -mtune=z196 to schedule the instruction appropriate for the new out-of-order pipeline of z196
- Re-compiled code/apps get further performance gains through 110+ new instructions





Future Linux on System z Technology

Software which has already been developed and integrated into the upstream Linux Kernel

- but is <u>not yet available</u> in any Enterprise Linux Distribution



LNXHC – Linux Health Checker

- The Linux Health Checker is a command line tool for Linux.
- Its purpose is to identify potential problems before they impact your system's availability or cause outages.
- It collects and compares the active Linux settings and system status for a system with the values provided by health-check authors or defined by you. It produces output in the form of detailed messages, which provide information about potential problems and the suggested actions to take.
- The Linux Health Checker will run on any Linux platform which meets the software requirements. It can be easily extended by writing new health check plug-ins.
- The Linux Health Checker is an open source project sponsored by IBM. It is released under the Eclipse Public License v1.0
- http://lnxhc.sourceforge.net/



System z kernel features – Core kernel

Add support for physical memory > 4TB (kernel 3.3)

- Increase the maximum supported memory size from 4TB to 64TB.
- Memory sizes large than 4TB require a 4-level page table
- Makes memory accesses by the kernel slightly slower, the kernel will automatically use a 3-level page table for memory sizes <= 4TB

Add support for System z hardware counters (kernel 3.4)

- Enables hardware counters for Linux running in an LPAR
- Available counters are: basic counter set, problem-state counter set, crypto-activity counter set, extended counter set with System z10
- System zEC12 counter set with kernel version 3.7

BPF JIT compiler for System z (kernel 3.7)

- The Berkeley Packet Filter is an interface and a language definition that allows to pass a filter to the kernel to select network packets to send on a socket
- The BPF JIT compiler in the kernel translates the interpreted BPF code to System z code.
- A secondary use of the BFP language is system call filtering.



System z kernel features – Core kernel

Expose CPU cache topology in sysfs (kernel 3.7)

- Add an interface to expose the CPU cache topology to user space.
- System z only provides information about CPU caches which are private to a CPU, information about shared caches is not exposed.

Add page table dumper (kernel 3.7)

- Add a sysfs interface to read the current layout of the kernel address space.
- Useful information for the kernel developer.

Transparent huge page support (kernel 3.7)

- Make the common code transparent huge page support available for Linux on System z.
- With THP 1MB pages will be used to back normal anonymous memory mappings.
- Any application will benefit from using huge pages.
- Not as effective as using the large pages directly, no memory savings for page tables due to huge page splitting.



System z kernel features – Core kernel

- Kernel compile & disassemble support for zEC12 (kernel 3.8)
 - Add new instructions to the kernel disassembler and allow compiling with -march=zEC12
- Implement write protection based dirty page detection (kernel 3.8)
 - Convert dirty page detection from the change-bit in the storage key to a fault based method. An unmodified page is now always mapped read-only.
 - Due to dirty page accounting for memory mappings no additional faults are necessary
 - Reduces the amount of storage key operations which improves performance
- Add robustness against missing interrupts to non-path-grouped internal IO requests (kernel 3.8, s390-tools 1.22)
 - Improve the Linux behavior in case of a missing interrupt during path grouping
- Add channel ID sysfs attribute (kernel 3.10)
 - Add an attribute to each channel-path description with the channel-ID of the path



System z kernel features – Storage FICON / FCP

FCP support for DIF/DIX (kernel 3.2)

- End to end data checking (aka data integrity extension) is no longer experimental.
- Can be used with either direct I/O with a file system that fully supports end-to-end data consistency checking. <u>Currently XFS only</u>.

No automatic port rescan on events (kernel 3.7)

- The rescan of a zfcp port following a fabric change event can cause high fabric traffic, especially when many Linux images share an FCP channel over multiple subchannels with NPIV enabled. This can lead to errors due to timeouts.
- Ports are still scanned when the adapter is set online and on manual user triggered writes to the port_rescan sysfs attribute.

Safe offline interface for DASD devices (kernel 3.8, s390-tools 1.21)

Gracefully complete all outstanding I/O requests before a DASD is set offline.

Improve speed of dasdfmt (kernel 3.10)

Reorganize format I/O requests and enable usage of PAV.



System z kernel features – Networking

Add support for AF_IUCV HiperSockets transport (kernel 3.2)

Use HiperSockets with completion queues as transport channel for AF_IUCV sockets

• Allow multiple paths with netiucv between z/VM guests (kernel 3.3)

- Adds support for multiple point-to-point netiucv interfaces between guests
- Speed up netiucv by using parallel IUCV paths.

Add query OSA address table support (kernel 3.4)

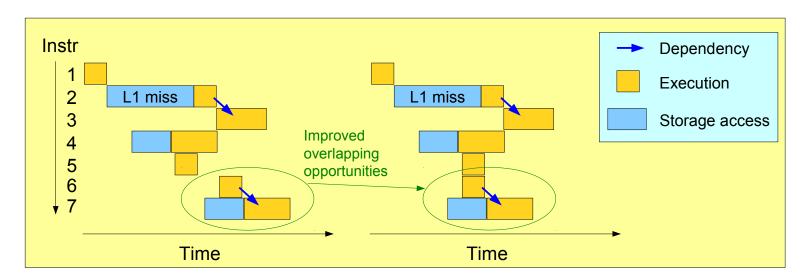
- The new qethqoat command queries the OSA address table and displays physical and logical device information.
- Viewing the OSA address table is a low level diagnostic requirement.



Linux on System z features – Compiler toolchain

zEnterprise zEC12 exploitation (gcc 4.8)

- New compiler options in support of the zEC12 CPU
 - -march=zEC12 to utilize the instructions added with zEC12
 - -mtune=zEC12 to schedule the instructions appropriate for the pipeline of zEC12
- zEC12 comes with new instructions:
 - Transactional Memory support
 - Improved branch instructions





System z toolchain

- Oprofile z196 hardware customer mode sampling (kernel 3.3)
 - Extend the hardware sampling to support z196.
- Oprofile zEC12 hardware sample support (kernel 3.10)
 - Extend the hardware sampling to support zEC12

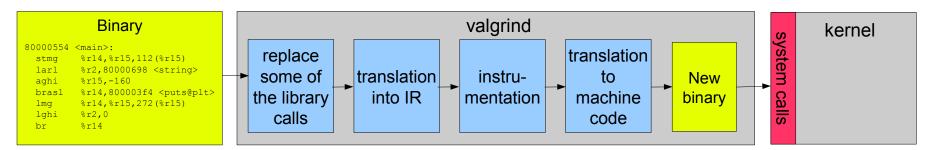
Valgrind System z support

- Valgrind is a generic framework for creating dynamic analysis tools and can be used for memory debugging, memory leak detection and profiling (e.g. cachegrind)
- Valgrind is in essence a virtual machine using just-in-time (JIT) compilation techniques
- Memory debugging is available with Valgrind version 3.7.0



Valgrind System z support

- Several tools, selected with --tool=xxx
 - Memcheck (default): detects memory and data flow problems
 - Cachegrind: cache profiling
 - Massif: heap profiling
 - Helgrind: thread debugging
 - DRD: thread debugging
 - None: no debugging (for valgrind JIT testing)
 - Callgrind: codeflow and profiling
- System z support since version 3.7 (SLES-11-SP2)
- Backports into 3.6 (SLES-10-SP4, RHEL6-U1)





s390-tools package: what is it?

- s390-tools is a package with a set of user space utilities to be used with the Linux on System z distributions.
 - It is the essential tool chain for Linux on System z
 - It contains everything from the boot loader to dump related tools for a system crash analysis.
- This software package is contained in all major (and IBM supported) enterprise Linux distributions which support s390
 - RedHat Enterprise Linux version 4, 5, and 6
 - SuSE Linux Enterprise Server version 9, 10, and 11
- Website: http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/linux/linux390/s390-tools.html
- Feedback: linux390@de.ibm.com



s390-tools package: the content

chccwdev chchp chreipl chshut chcrypt chmem **CHANGE**

dasdfmt dasdinfo dasdstat dasdview fdasd DASD tunedasd

dbginfo dumpconf DUMP zfcpdump zfcpdbf **DEBUG** zgetdump scsi logging level

vmconvert

cms-fuse

vmcp

vmur

Iscss Ischp Isdasd Isluns Isqeth Isreipl Isshut Istape Iszcrypt Iszfcp Ismem DISPLAY

mon fsstatd mon procd ziomon **MONITOR** hyptop ip watcher osasnmpd getharp gethconf **NETWORK** tape390 display

z/VM cpuplugd iucvconn iucvtty ts-shell ttyrun **BOOT** zipl

tape390_crypt TAPE



Kernel news - Common code

Linux version 3.5 (2012-07-21)

- Filesystem improvements: ext4 metadata checksums, btrfs latency reduction
- Uprobes: userspace probes
- Bufferbloat improvements: CoDel queue management
- TCP: connection repair, early retransmit
- SCSI over FireWire and USB

Linux version 3.6 (2012-09-30)

- Btrfs: subvolume quotas, quota groups, snapshot diff, cross-subvolume file clones
- TCP Fast Open (client side)
- Bufferbloat fight: TCP small queues
- Safe swap over NFS/NBD



Kernel news - Common code

Linux version 3.7 (2012-12-10)

- ARM multi-platform support, 64-bit support
- Btrfs updates: fsync speedups, hole punching, per-file no-cow support
- TCP Fast Open (server side)
- Experimental SMB 2 protocol support

Linux version 3.8 (2013-02-18)

- Ext4: embedding of very small files in the inode
- Btrfs: fast device replacement
- XFS: log checksums
- User namespace support completed
- Huge zero page support
- Removal of support for 386 processors



Kernel news - Common code

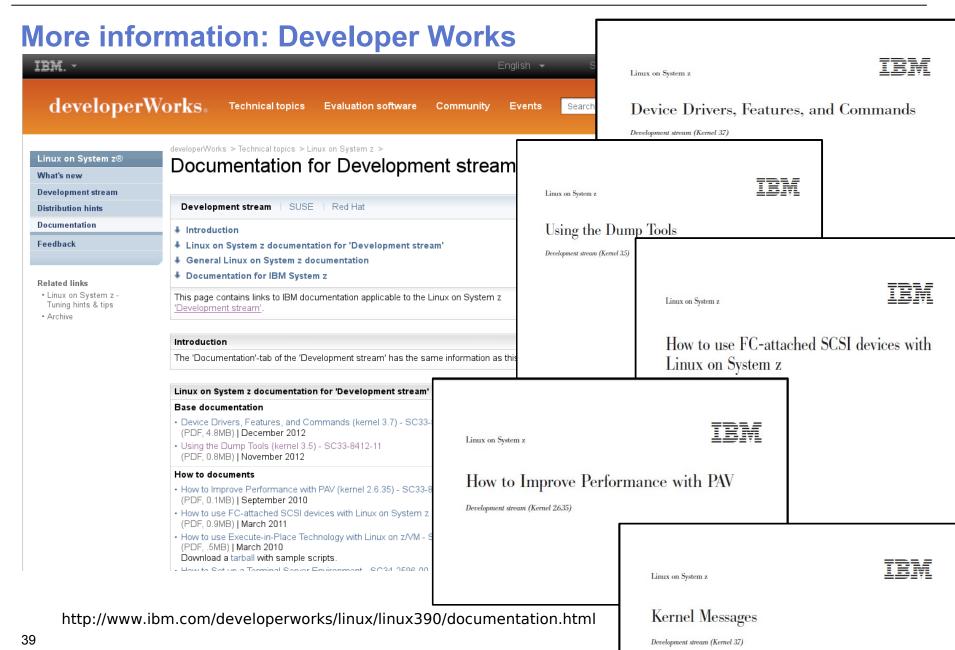
Linux version 3.9 (2013-04-28)

- SSD cache devices
- New architectures: Synopsys ARC 700 processors & Meta Imagination processors
- KVM support in ARM architectures
- New "suspend-freeze" suspend state
- Removal of CONFIG EXPERIMENTAL

Linux version 3.10 (2013-06-30)

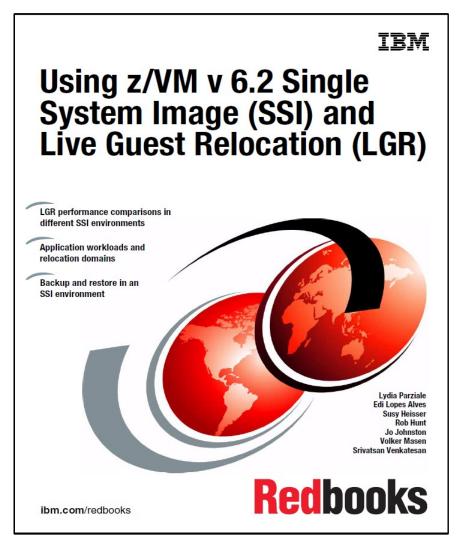
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