

Linux on System z Update: Current & Future Linux on System z Technology

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IBM collaborates with the Linux community

- …has been an active participant since 1999
- …is one of the leading commercial contributors to Linux
- …has over 600 full-time developers working with Linux and open source





Facts on Linux

- Last year, 75% of the Linux code was developed by programmers working for corporations.
- \$7.37 billion: projected cost to produce the 283 million lines of code which are contained in Linux Distribution in a commercial environment.
- IDC forecasts show that Linux server revenue will grow by 85.5% between 2008 and 2012 in the non-x86 server space equalling a four year compound annual growth rate of 16.7%.
- Linux is Linux, but ...features, properties and quality differ dependent on your platform

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Linux kernel development: Rate of Change

Average: 6683 lines added, 3774 lines removed, 1797 lines changed every day for the last 5 1/2 years.



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IBM Linux on System z Development

IBM Linux on System z Development contributes in the following areas: Kernel, s390-tools, Open Source Tools (e.g. eclipse, ooprofile), GCC, GLIBC, Binutils



....the code you use is the result of the efforts of an anonymous army of blue penguins involved in developing, testing, documenting,

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IBM Supported Linux Distributions for System z



http://www-03.ibm.com/systems/z/os/linux/resources/testedplatforms.html



Structure of Linux on System z

Many Linux software packages did not require any code change to run on Linux on System z

0.28 % platform specific code in GCC 4.1 Linux Applications **GNU Runtime Environment** Backend Linux Kernel Architecture Network Protocols Filesystems Independent Code Memory Process **Generic Drivers** Management Management platform Platform Dependent HW Dependent Drivers Code

ELS Instruction Set and I/O Hardware

0.55 % of specific code in Glibc 2.5

1.81 % platform specific code in Linux Kernel 2.6.25 © 2011 IBM Corporation

Backend



Linux kernel development: System z contributions

Changesets per 2.6.x kernel release





Linux on System z Development Focus



Application Serving · z/OS & z/VSE integration

Data Hub

Database Consolidation



Virtualization & Virtualization Management

- Ease of Use
- Serviceability
- Hosting capacity



Security

- Certifications
- Data security & privacy



Continuous Availability & Data Replication

- RAS
- Differentiation for mission critical workloads



Customer Requirements

Address customer observed deficiencies

Competitiveness

- Close competitive gaps
- Differentiation / innovation that matters

Hardware Support

- Exploitation of new System z HW
- Storage exploitation

Linux

Maintainership & code currency



Future Linux on System z Technology

Software which has already been developed and integrated into the Linux Kernel – but is **not** yet available in any Enterprise Linux Distribution





Kernel news – Common code

Linux version 2.6.35 (2010-08-01)

 Filesystems: btrfs improvements, XFS delayed logging Support for multiple multicast route tables Support for Layer 2 Tunneling Protocol L2TP Version 3 Memory compaction 	 Filesystems: better SMP scalability for ext4, XFS scalability improvements Removal of the BKL: Big Kernel Lock I/O throttling support for process groups Jump labels: performance optimization for disabled tracepoints 				
Linux version 2.6.36 (2010-10-20)	Linux version 2.6.38-rc4 (2011-02-07)				
 Tilera architecture support Concurrency-managed workqueues Improve VM-related desktop responsiveness Integration of AppArmor New out-of-memory killer (OOM) 	 Automatic process grouping (SCHED_AUTOGROUP) RCU-based path name lookup (dcache scalability) Transparent huge pages Transmit packet steering (XPS) for multiqueue devices 				

Linux version 2.6.37 (2011-01-04)



System z Kernel Features - Core

Improved QDIO performance statistics (kernel 2.6.33)
 Converte global statistics to per device statistics and adds now

Converts global statistics to per-device statistics and adds new counter for the input queue fill condition.

- Breaking event address for user space programs (kernel 2.6.35)
 Store the breaking-event-address for user space programs
 Valuable aid in the analysis of wild branches
- **z196 enhanced node affinity support (kernel 2.6.37)** Allows the Linux scheduler to optimize its decisions based on the z196 topology.
- **Performance indicator bytes (kernel 2.6.37)** Display capacity adjustment indicator introduced with z196 via /proc/sysinfo.
- QDIO outbound scan algorithm (kernel 2.6.38)
 Improved scheduling of QDIO tasklets, OSA / HiperSockets / zfcp need different thresholds.
- Precise process accounting (> kernel 2.6.38)
 Extend the taskstats interface to provide better process accounting values
 Quality goal is a resolution of 10ths of microseconds in a snapshot over all tasks





System z Kernel Features - z/VM

- Deliver z/VM CP special messages as uevent (kernel 2.6.34) Allows to forward SMSG messages starting with "APP" to user space.udev rules can be used to trigger application specific actions
- Automatic detection of read-only devices (2.6.34)
 Improve usability by automatically detection of read-only dasd devices with diagnose 210
- CMSFS user space file system support
 (s390-tools 1.9.0 for the read-only cmsfs support) Implement a FUSE file system that allows to read from and write to CMSFS minidisks.
 Writing is difficult, the record based CMSFS does not fit well into the byte steam oriented Linux VFS
- CMSFS configurable code page conversion (s390-tools 1.12.0) Adds a configuration file to CMSFS that defines which CMS files are automatically converted from EBCDIC to ASCII.



How can you read files on a CMS disk with Linux? About the CMS user space file system (fuse) support

- Allows to mount a z/VM minidisk to a Linux mount point
- z/VM minidisk needs to be in the enhanced disk format (EDF)
- The cmsfs fuse file system transparently integrates the files on the minidisk into the Linux VFS, no special command required

root@larsson:~> cmsfs-fuse /dev/dasde /mnt/cms
root@larsson:~> ls -la /mnt/cms/PROFILE.EXEC

-r--r--- 1 root root 3360 Jun 26 2009

/mnt/fuse/PROFILE.EXEC

- By default no conversion is performed
 - Mount with '-t' to get automatic EBCDIC to ASCII conversion

root@larsson:~> cmsfs-fuse -t /dev/dasde /mnt/cms

- Write support is work in progress, almost completed
 - use "vi" to edit PROFILE.EXEC anyone ?
- Use fusermount to unmount the file system again

root@larsson:~> fusermount -u /mnt/cms

¹⁴ The future version will have write support



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hyptop - Display hypervisor performance data

The hyptop command provides a dynamic real-time view of a hypervisor environment on System z.

- It works with both the z/VM and the LPAR PR/SM hypervisor.
- Depending on the available data it shows, for example, CPU and memory information about running LPARs or z/VM guest operating systems.

The following things are required to run hyptop:

- The debugfs file system must be mounted.
- The hyptop user must have read permission for the required debugfs files:
 - z/VM: <debugfs mount point>/s390_hypfs/diag_2fc
 - LPAR: <debugfs mount point>/s390_hypfs/diag_204
- To monitor all LPARs or z/VM guest operating systems of the hypervisor, your system must have additional permissions:
 - For z/VM: The guest must be privilege class B.
 - For LPAR: On the HMC or SE security menu of the LPAR activation profile, select the Global performance data control checkbox.



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hyptop – Displaying hypervisor performance data Displaying performance data for the z/VM hypervisor

10:11:56	CPU-T	: UN(10	6)					<u>?</u> =h	nelp
s <u>y</u> stem	<u>#</u> cpu	<u>с</u> ри	<u>C</u> pu+	<u>o</u> nline	mem <u>u</u> se	memm <u>a</u> x	wcu <u>r</u>		
(str)	(#)	(%)	(hm)	(dhm)	(GiB)	(GiB)	(#)		
T6360003	6	<u>506.92</u>	3404:17	44:20:53	7.99	8.00	100		
T6360017	2	<u>199.58</u>	8:37	29:23:50	0.75	0.75	100		
T6360004	6	99.84	989:37	62:00:00	1.33	2.00	100		
T6360005	2	0.77	0:16	5:23:06	0.55	2.00	100		
T6360015	4	0.15	9:42	18:23:04	0.34	0.75	100		
T6360035	2	0.11	0:26	7:18:15	0.77	1.00	100		
T6360027	2	0.07	2:53	62:21:46	0.75	0.75	100		
T6360049	2	0.06	1:27	61:17:35	0.65	1.00	100		
T6360010	6	0.06	5:55	61:20:56	0.83	1.00	100		
T6360021	2	0.06	1:04	48:19:08	0.34	4.00	100		
T6360048	2	0.04	0:27	49:00:51	0.29	1.00	100		
T6360016	2	0.04	6:09	34:19:37	0.30	0.75	100		
T6360008	2	0.04	3:49	47:23:10	0.35	0.75	100		
T6360006	2	0.03	0:57	25:20:37	0.54	1.00	100		
NSLCF1	1	0.01	0:02	62:21:46	0.03	0.25	500		
VTAM	1	0.00	0:01	62:21:46	0.01	0.03	100		
T6360023	2	0.00	0:04	6:21:20	0.46	0.75	100		
PERFSVM	1	0.00	2:12	7:18:04	0.05	0.06	0		
AUTOVM	1	0.00	0:03	62:21:46	0.00	0.03	100		
FTPSERVE	1	0.00	0:00	62:21:47	0.01	0.03	100		
TCPIP	1	0.00	0:01	62:21:47	0.01	0.12	3000		
DATAMOVE	1	0.00	0:06	62:21:47	0.00	0.03	100		
VMSERVU	1	0.00	0:00	62:21:47	0.00	0.03	1500		
OPERSYMP	1	0.00	0:00	62:21:47	0.00	0.03	100		



?=help

hyptop – Displaying hypervisor performance data Displaying performance data for a single LPAR

10:16:59 H05LP30 CPU-T: IFL(18) CP(3) UN(2)

cpu <u>i</u> d	ty <u>p</u> e	<u>c</u> pu	<u>mg</u> m	<u>v</u> isual		
(#)	(str)	(%)	(%)	(vis)		
0	IFL	29.34	0.72	############		
1	IFL	28.17	0.70	#############		I
2	IFL	32.86	0.74	################		
3	IFL	31.29	0.75	###############	N	1
4	IFL	32.86	0.72	#################	3	I
5	IFL	30.94	0.68	##############		
6	IFL	0.00	0.00			
7	IFL	0.00	0.00			I
8	IFL	0.00	0.00			1
9	IFL	0.00	0.00			
=:V:N		185.46	4.30			





Networking

- OSA QDIO Data Connection Isolation (kernel 2.6.33) Isolate data traffic from Linux on System z guests sharing an OSA card Communication between guests needs to go over via external entity
- HiperSockets Network Traffic Analyser (kernel 2.6.34)
 Trace HiperSockets network traffic for problem isolation and resolution.
 Supported for layer 2 and layer 3
- Offload outbound checksumming (kernel 2.6.35) Move calculation of checksum for non-TSO packets from the driver to the OSA network card
- Toleration of optimized latency mode (kernel 2.6.35) OSA devices in optimized latency mode can only serve a small number of stacks / users. Print a helpful error message if the user limit is reached. Linux does not exploit the optimized latency mode



Networking (cont)

- NAPI support for QDIO and QETH (> kernel 2.6.35)
 Convert QETH to the NAPI interface, the "new" Linux networking API NAPI allows for transparent GRO (generic receive offload)
- **QETH debugging per single card (> kernel 2.6.35)** Split some of the global QETH debug areas into separate per-device areas Simplifies debugging for complex multi-homed configurations
- Configuration tool for System z network devices (s390-tools 1.8.4)

Provide a shell script to ease configuration of System z network devices

• OSX (OSM) CHPIDs for hybrid data network (kernel 2.6.35) The OSA cards for the zBX Blade Center Extension will have a new CHPID type Allows communication between zBX and Linux on System z



znetconf network device configuration tool

- Allows to list, add, remove & configure System z network devices
- For example: list all potential network devices:

root@larsson:~> znetconf -u							
Device Ids	Type Card Type CHPID Drv.						
0.0.f500,0.0.f501,0.0.f502	1731/01 OSA (QDIO) 00 qeth						
0.0.f503,0.0.f504,0.0.f505	1731/01 OSA (QDIO) 01 qeth						

- Configure device 0.0.f503
 root@larsson:~> znetconf -a 0.0.f503
- Configure device 0.0.f503 in layer2 mode and portname "myport" root@larsson:~> znetconf -a 0.0.f503 -o layer2=1 -o

portname=myport

• Remove network device 0.0.f503

root@larsson:~> znetconf -r 0.0.f503



New Linux on System z Storage Features (FICON)

- Resume reordered devices (kernel 2.6.34)
 Allow resume of a guest with different subchannels for individual devices Allow suspend of a system with devices in the disconnected state
- Unit check handling (kernel 2.6.35) Improve handling of unit checks for internal I/O started by the common-I/O layer.

After a unit check certain setup steps need to be repeated, e.g. for PAV

- Store I/O status and initiate logging (SIOSL) (kernel 2.6.36) Enhance debug capability for FCP attached devices Enables operating system to detect unusual conditions on a device of channel path
- Tunable default grace period for missing interrupts in DASD (kernel 2.6.36)

Provide a user interface to specify the timeout for missings interrupts for standard I/O operations on DASD





New Linux on System z Storage Features (FICON) (cont)

• Dynamic PAV toleration (kernel 2.6.35)

Tolerate dynamic Parallel Access Volume changes for base PAV System management tools can reassign PAV alias device to different base devices.

- CHPID reconfiguration handling (kernel 2.6.37)
 Update data structures after channel-path related information change Inform device drivers about relevant changes
- Query DASD reservation status (kernel 2.6.37)
 New DASd ioctl to read the 'Sense Path Group ID' data
 Allows to determine the reservation status of a DASD in relation to the current Linux
- Multi-track extension for HPF (kernel 2.6.38) Allows to read from and write to multiple tracks with a single CCW
- Improve handling of stolen DASD reservation (kernel 2.6.38)
 Provide alternatives to handle unit checks that indicate stolen reservations
 Fail any request to a device until it is set offline
 Queue I/O until reservation is release again





New Linux on System z Storage Features (FICON) (cont)

- Access to raw ECKD data from Linux (kernel 2.6.38)
 This item allows to access ECKD disks in raw mode
 Use the 'dd' command to copy the disk level content of an ECKD disk to a Linux file, and vice versa.
 Storage array needs to support read-track and write-full-track command.
- Automatic menu support in zipl (s390-tools 1.11.0) Zipl option that will create a boot menu for all eligible non-menu sections in the zipl configuration file
- reIPL from device-mapper devices (s390-tools 1.12.0) The automatic re-IPL function only works with a physical device Enhance the zipl support for device-mapper devices to provide the name of the physical device if the zipl target is located on a logical device





Usability / RAS

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- Dump on panic prevent reipl loop (s390-tools 1.8.4)
 Delay arming of automatic reipl after dump
 Avoids dump loops where the restarted system crashes immediately
- Add support for makedumpfile tool (kernel 2.6.34, s390-tools 1.9.0)

Convert Linux dumps to the ELF file format Use the makedumpfile tool to remove user data from the dump Multi-volume tape dump will be removed

- Breaking event address for user space (kernel 2.6.35)
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System z 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-orderpipeline of z196

64 bit register in 31 bit compat mode

Make use of 64 bit registers in 31 bit application running in z/Architecture mode. Allows to use instruction operating on 64 bits, e.g. 64 bit multiplication Needs kernel support for asynchronous signals

Oprofile hardware customer mode sampling

Provide CPU measurement data to applications for performance tuning Based on hardware counters and samples built into the CPU Use oprofile to communicate the information to user space programs

Valgrind System z support

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





Valgrind System z support

valgrind –tool=memcheck [--leak-check=full] [--track-origins]
 <program>

Detects if your program accesses memory it shouldn't Detects dangerous uses of uninitialized values on a per-bit basis Detects leaked memory, double frees and mismatched frees

valgrind –tool=cachegrind

Profile cache usage, simulates instruction and data cache of the cpu Identifies the number of cache misses

valgrind –tool=massif

Profile heap usage, takes regular snapshots of program's heap Produces a graph showing heap usage over time





System z kernel features - Security

• 4096 bit RSA fast path (kernel 2.6.38)

Make use of 4096 bit RSA acceleration available with Crypto Express 3 GA2 cards.

- Address space randomization (kernel 2.6.38)
 Enable flexible mmap layout for 64 bit
 Randomize start address for the runtime stack and the mmap area
- New libica APIs for supported crypto modes
 Provide a programmatic way to query for supported crypto ciphers, modes and key sizes.
 Deliver information whether the cryptographic features are implemented in

Deliver information whether the cryptographic features are implemented in hardware or in software





Current Linux on System z Technology

Features & Functionality contained in the Novell & Red Hat Distributions



Integration

- AF_IUCV SOCK_SEQPACKET support
 Introduce AF_IUCV sockets of type SOCK_SEQPACKET that map read/write operations to a single IUCV operation.
 The socket data is not fragmented.
 The intention is to help application developers who write applications using the native IUCV interface, e.g. Linux to z/VSE.
- HiperSockets Layer3 support for lpv6
 Providing Layer3 IPv6 communication, for communication to z/OS
- Linux to add Call Home data if running in LPAR Also referred to as Control Program Identification (CPI) or SCLP_CPI Allows the user to set information about the LPAR which will be displayed on the HMC/SE



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Virtualization

TTY terminal server over IUCV

Provide central access to the Linux console for the different guests of a z/VM. Fullscreen applications like *vi* are usable on the console.

Access Linux instances with no external network because IUCV is independent from TCP/IP

Dynamic memory attach/detach

Allows to attach/detach memory for Linux as a guest without needing to reipl.

• Extra kernel parameter via VMPARM

Allows to use z/VM VMPARM variable to add or substitute the kernel command line.

Provide CMS script for initial IPL

Avoids having to create an script to start a new installation under z/VM.













IUCV terminal environment





Virtualization (cont.)

- Exploitation of DCSSs above 2G Solves restriction to use DCSS above or greater than 2GB.
- Provide service levels of HW & Hypervisor in Linux Improves serviceability by providing uCode and z/VM levels via /proc interface

root@larsson:~> cat /proc/service_levels
VM: z/VM Version 5 Release 2.0
service level 0801(64-bit)
qeth: 0.0.f5f0 firmware level 087d







Long Random Numbers Generation

Crypto Express3 cards enablement

Security

solution)











Support for Crypto Express3 Accelerator (CEX3A) and Crypto Express3 Coprocessor (CEX3C)

Provide access to the random number generator feature on the Crypto

Crypto device driver use of thin interrupts Provides better performance and lower CPU consumption.

RAS

Shutdown Actions Interface

The shutdown actions interface allows the specification of a certain shutdown action (stop, ipl, reipl, dump, vmcmd) for each shutdown trigger (halt, power off, reboot, panic) Possible use cases are e.g. to specify that a vmdump should be

automatically triggered in case of a kernel panic or the z/VM logoff command should be executed on halt.

Automatic IPL after dump

The new shutdown action dump_reipl introduces a system configurations which allows to create a dump in case of a Linux panic, followed by a re-ipl of the system, once the dump was successfully created.

Allows to configure system to re-ipl after a dump is taken.









RAS

Suspend / resume support (kernel 2.6.31)

Add the ability to stop a running Linux system and resume operations later on. The image is stored on the swap device and does not use any system resource while suspended.

Only suspend to disk is implemented, suspend to RAM is not supported.

Add Call Home data on halt and panic if running in LPAR (kernel 2.6.32)

Report system failures (kernel panic) via the service element to the IBM service organization. Improves service for customers with a corresponding service contract. (by default this features is deactivated)

Large image dump on DASD

Solves restriction to dump only 48GB of memory to DASD. Now up to 32 ECKD DASDs can be used in a multiple volume configuration













Suspend / resume support

- Ability to stop a running Linux on System z instance and later continue operations
- Memory image is stored on the swap device specified with a kernel parameter: resume=/dev/dasd<x>
- Lower the swap device priority for the resume partition

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root@larsson:~> grep swap /etc/fstab
/dev/dasdb1 swap swap pri=-1 0 0
/dev/dasdc1 swap swap pri=-2 0 0
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• Suspend operation is started with a simple echo:

root@larsson:~> echo disk > /sys/power/state

- Resume is done automatically on next IPL
- Use signal quiesce to automatically suspend a guest

ca::ctrlaltdel:/bin/sh -c "/bin/echo disk > \
/sys/power/state || /sbin/shutdown -t3 -h now"

High Performance FICON

Adds support for the zHPF protocol to the DASD driver. zHPF provides a much simpler link protocol than FICON: Promises increased I/O bandwidth due to better channel utilization This features is available with DS8000 R4.1

FCP - SCSI error recovery hardening

Improve error recovery cooperation between SCSI-mid-layer and zFCP by allowing the SCSI error recovery to wait for completion of the zFCP error recovery. This Increases the stability and availability in scenarios of error recovery, for example firmware/uCode upgrades.

• FICON DS8000 Large Volume (EAV) Support

Large Volume Support is a feature that allows to use ECKD devices with more than 65520 cylinders (>50GB). This features is available with DS8000 R4.0 Allows to exploit

Note: this list comprises selected items only











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