

# Linux Kernel Development

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<p>page 49, first line after the "Real-Time" heading</p> <p>Linux provides two real-time scheduling policies, <b>SCHED_FF</b> and <b>SCHED_RR</b>.</p>	<p>Linux provides two real-time scheduling policies, <b>SCHED_FIFO</b> and <b>SCHED_RR</b>.</p>
<p>Page 50, Table 3.3: The descriptions for <code>sched_setaffinity()</code> and <code>sched_getaffinity()</code> are swapped.</p>	
<p>Page 62, code snippet at bottom of page</p> <pre>#define NR_open    5</pre>	<pre>#define_NR_open    5</pre>
<p>Page 63, last bullet on page</p> <p>Chapter <b>13</b>, "Virtual Filesystems," provides more details.</p>	<p>Chapter <b>11</b>, "Virtual Filesystems," provides more details.</p>
<p>Page 67, text in "Top Halves Versus Bottom Halves" section</p> <p>The bottom half runs later, at a more convenient time, with all interrupts <b>disabled..</b></p>	<p>The bottom half runs later, at a more convenient time, with all interrupts <b>enabled..</b></p>
<p>Page 75, first paragraph</p> <p>If so, it calls <code>hardware_irq_event()</code> to run the installed interrupt handlers for the line.</p>	<p>If so, it calls <code>handle_irq_event()</code> to run the installed interrupt handlers for the line.</p>
<p>Page 77, second paragraph in "Interrupt Control" section</p> <p>Neither disabling interrupt <b>deliver</b> nor disabling kernel preemption provides any protection from concurrent access from another processor, however.</p>	<p>Neither disabling interrupt <b>delivery</b> nor disabling kernel preemption provides any protection from concurrent access from another processor, however.</p>

<p>Page 79, paragraph before "Status of the Interrupt System"</p> <p>Disabling the line disables interrupt <b>deliver</b> for <i>all</i> devices on the line.</p>	<p>Disabling the line disables interrupt <b>delivery</b> for <i>all</i> devices on the line.</p>
<p>Page 80, all occurrences of <b>deliver</b> in Table 5.1 should be <b>delivery</b></p>	
<p>Page 83, fourth paragraph</p> <p>The top half could mark whether the bottom half would run by <b>sitting</b> a bit in a 32-bit integer.</p>	<p>The top half could mark whether the bottom half would run by <b>setting</b> a bit in a 32-bit integer.</p>
<p>Page 89, last paragraph</p> <p>Tasklets are represented by the <b>tasklist_struct</b> structure.</p>	<p>Tasklets are represented by the <b>tasklet_struct</b> structure.</p>
<p>Page 90, first paragraph in "Scheduling Tasklets" section</p> <p><i>Scheduled</i> tasklets (the equivalent of raised softirqs) are stored in two per-processor structures: <b>tasklist_vec</b> (for regular tasklets) and <b>tasklet_hi_vec</b> (for high-priority tasklets).</p>	<p><i>Scheduled</i> tasklets (the equivalent of raised softirqs) are stored in two per-processor structures: <b>tasklet_vec</b> (for regular tasklets) and <b>tasklet_hi_vec</b> (for high-priority tasklets).</p>
<p>Page 90, third bullet</p> <p>Add the tasklet to-be-scheduled to the head of the <b>tasklet_vec</b> or <b>tasklist_hi_vec</b> linked list, which is unique to each processor in the system.</p>	<p>Add the tasklet to-be-scheduled to the head of the <b>tasklet_vec</b> or <b>tasklet_hi_vec</b> linked list, which is unique to each processor in the system.</p>
<p>Page 92, second paragraph</p> <p>Both of these macros statically create a struct <b>tasklist_struct</b> with the given name.</p>	<p>Both of these macros statically create a struct <b>tasklet_struct</b> with the given name.</p>

<p>Page 99, last paragraph</p> <p>To create the structure statically at <b>run-time</b>:</p>	<p>To create the structure statically at <b>compile-time</b>:</p>
<p>page 125, second paragraph below the "Spin Locks and Bottom Halves" heading</p> <p>Because a bottom half may preempt process context code, if data is shared between a bottom half process context, you must protect the data in process context with both a lock and the disabling of bottom halves.</p>	<p>Because a bottom half may preempt process context code, if data is shared between a bottom half <b>and</b> process context, you must protect the data in process context with both a lock and the disabling of bottom halves.</p>
<p>Page 128, first paragraph</p> <p>...one of the tasks on the wait queue will be <b>awakened</b> up so that it can acquire the semaphore.</p>	<p>...one of the tasks on the wait queue will be <b>woken</b> up so that it can acquire the semaphore.</p>
<p>Page 128, middle paragraph, next-to-last sentence</p> <p>Additionally, unlike spin locks, semaphores do not disable kernel preemption and, consequently, code holding a <b>spin lock</b> can be preempted.</p>	<p>Additionally, unlike spin locks, semaphores do not disable kernel preemption and, consequently, code holding a <b>semaphore</b> can be preempted.</p>
<p>Page 132, paragraph before Table 8.7</p> <p>After the event has occurred, calling <b>complete()</b> signals <b>all</b> waiting <b>tasks</b> to wake up.</p>	<p>After the event has occurred, calling <b>complete()</b> signals <b>a</b> waiting <b>task</b> to wake up.</p>
<p>Page 133, Table 8.7</p> <p>Signals <b>any</b> waiting <b>tasks</b> to wake up</p>	<p>Signals <b>a</b> waiting <b>task</b> to wake up</p>
<p>Page 153, paragraph in middle of page</p> <p>The <b>xtime.v_nsec</b> value stores the number of nanoseconds that have elapsed in the last second.</p>	<p>The <b>xtime.tv_nsec</b> value stores the number of nanoseconds that have elapsed in the last second.</p>

<p>Page 165, paragraph after second bulleted list</p> <p>The actual use and layout of the memory zones is architecture <b>independent</b>.</p>	<p>The actual use and layout of the memory zones is architecture <b>dependent</b>.</p>
<p>Page 172, Table 10.5, entry for GFP_HIGHUSER</p> <p>This is an allocation from <b>ZONE_HIGHMEM</b> and might block.</p>	<p>This is an allocation from <b>ZONE_HIGHMEM</b> and might block.</p>
<p>Page 173, second paragraph</p> <p>On the far other end of the spectrum is the <b>GFP_ATOMIC</b> flag.</p>	<p>On the far other end of the spectrum is the <b>GTP_ATOMIC</b> flag.</p>
<p>page 181, first line on the page</p> <p>This creates a cache named <b>task_struct</b>, which stores objects of type struct task_struct.</p>	<p>This creates a cache named <b>task_struct_cachep</b>, which stores objects of type struct task_struct.</p>
<p>Page 194, third line</p> <p><b>/* file creation timestamp */</b></p>	<p><b>/* inode change time */</b></p>
<p>Page 208, second paragraph in "Data Structures Associated with a Process" section</p> <p>The address of this table is pointed to by the files entry in the <b>processor</b> descriptor.</p>	<p>The address of this table is pointed to by the files entry in the <b>process</b> descriptor.</p>
<p>Page 215, paragraph before "The bio structure"</p> <p>...into <b>many</b> multiple buffer_head structures.</p>	<p>...into multiple buffer_head structures.</p>
<p>Page 217, first paragraph after first code snippet</p> <p>In each given block I/O operation, there are bi_vcnt vectors in the bio_vec array starting with <b>bi_io_vecs</b>.</p>	<p>In each given block I/O operation, there are bi_vcnt vectors in the bio_vec array starting with <b>bi_io_vec</b>.</p>

<p>Page 217, paragraph in middle of page</p> <p><b>Table 12.3</b> is a diagram of the relationship between the <code>bio</code> structure, the <code>bio_vec</code> structure, and the <code>page</code> structure.</p>	<p><b>Figure 12.2</b> is a diagram of the relationship between the <code>bio</code> structure, the <code>bio_vec</code> structure, and the <code>page</code> structure.</p>
<p>page 226, footnote 3 at the bottom of the page</p> <p>Newer versions of glibc implement <code>malloc()</code> via <code>mmap()</code> and <b>not</b> <code>brk()</code>.</p>	<p>Newer versions of glibc implement <code>malloc()</code> via <code>mmap()</code> and <code>brk()</code>.</p>
<p>Page 230, next-to-last paragraph</p> <p>Thus, <code>vm_end - vm_start</code> is the size (length) in bytes of the interval.</p>	<p>Thus, <code>vm_end - vm_start+1</code> is the size (length) in bytes of the interval.</p>
<p>page 231, 8th entry in Table 13.1</p> <p><code>VM_MAYSHARE</code>            The <code>VM_SHARE</code> flag can be set</p>	<p><code>VM_MAYSHARE</code>            The <code>VM_SHARED</code> flag can be set</p>
<p>Page 244, first paragraph in "The <code>address_space</code> Object" section</p> <p>Checking the page cache to see if certain data has been cached is rendered more difficult because of the noncontiguous nature of the blocks that <b>can</b> up each page.</p>	<p>Checking the page cache to see if certain data has been cached is rendered more difficult because of the noncontiguous nature of the blocks that <b>can make</b> up each page.</p>
<p>page 245, second to last line of code</p> <pre>struct address_space  *assoc_mapping; /* associated <b>buffres</b> */</pre>	<pre>struct address_space  *assoc_mapping; /* associated <b>buffers</b> */</pre>
<p>Page 257, first paragraph</p> <p>The lone disadvantage of a circular buffer—the possibility of <b>loosing</b> messages—is a small price to pay for the simplicity and robustness it affords.</p>	<p>The lone disadvantage of a circular buffer—the possibility of <b>losing</b> messages—is a small price to pay for the simplicity and robustness it affords.</p>

<p>Page 276, first paragraph in "Byte Order" section</p> <p>The byte ordering is called <i>big-endian</i> if the most significant byte is <b>encoding</b> first with the remaining bytes decreasing in significance.</p>	<p>The byte ordering is called <i>big-endian</i> if the most significant byte is <b>encoded</b> first with the remaining bytes decreasing in significance.</p>
<p>Page 278, first line of code</p> <p><b>u23</b> __cpu_to_be32(u32);</p>	<p><b>u32</b> __cpu_to_be32(u32);</p>

This errata sheet is intended to provide updated technical information. Spelling and grammar misprints are updated during the reprint process, but are not listed on this errata sheet.