

“Weekend Workshop on Linux File System Drivers” by Anil Pugalia

Day 1

+ **Goal 1: Understanding the Project & its Pre-requisites**

- W's of this project? – Goals & Expectations
- Setting up the Project Development Environment
- First level debugging Techniques: syslog & Oops
- Fundamentals of 'Kernel C' programming: Concurrency, Delays, Work Queues
- Linux USB Drivers Refresher

+ **Goal 2: Understanding the Block Drivers**

- Request Queue Ecosystem
- Kernel C APIs & Data Structures
- Creating a RAM Block Device
- Partitioning a Block Device
- Coding for LDDK as a USB Block Device

+ **Goal 3: File System Design & Implementation**

- Virtual File System & its Role
- File System Design & Challenges
- Hardware File System & Formatting

Day 2

+ **Goal 4: File System Implementation (Contd.)**

- Kernel File System
- The 5 Operation Sets
- Coding for the bunch of System Calls

+ **Goal 5: File System in Action**

- Modifications, Enhancements, Feature Additions

+ **Wrap Up**

- Conclusion
- What Next?

Caution: All sessions are highly interactive & hands-on with hardware

Project Guidance Details

- + Provided with an individual PC
- + Feel free, if you want to bring & setup your laptop
- + Decide yourself to do the project individually, or as a team
- + Initiate yourself with design discussions
- + Indulge yourself in TODO based Coding
- + Guidance available for:
 - Setting up the Development Environment
 - Kernel C APIs & Data Structures
 - Debugging Techniques
 - Project Flow & Design

Hands-On Details (Goal-wise)

- + **Goal 1: Project Development Environment**
 - Setting up the project development environment
- + **Goal 2: Understanding the Block Drivers**
 - Experiments with a RAM-based Block driver
 - Creating Partitions and Formatting them
 - Integrating the LDDK's memory into Block vertical over USB
- + **Goals 3 & 4: File System Design & Implementation**
 - Designing your custom File System
 - Application to Format your File System
 - Coding for a hardware-less File System
 - Mounting the File System over LDDK
- + **Goal 5: File System in Action & TODOs**
 - Experiments with fundamental File System operations
 - Add the feature of (efficient) renaming of files (Homework)
 - Enhance the File System to Support bigger file sizes (optional Homework)