

Rump Kernels, Just Components

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rump kernel CANs ...

- ... driver container
- ... unmodified NetBSD kernel drivers
- ... runs anywhere
- ... interconnection agnostic
- ... component-oriented
- ... application interfaces
- ... any other interfaces

rump kernel CANNOTs ...

- ... execute programs
- ... create/modify vm spaces
- ... deal with privileged instructions
- ... schedule/preempt threads

original focus: *kernel development*

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*run-anywhere driver+app stacks,
shoehorn into them as you please*

so !policy

rump kernels ...

wow

- ... run when called
- ... are indifferent to vm
- ... do not use privileged instructions
- ... use host threads

very integration

tick tock

- 1: anykernel
- 2: hypercalls

platform hypercalls:

any machine architecture (ISA)

posix (and javascript)

linux kernel

xen

i/o hypercalls: networking

dpdk
netmap
snabb switch
tap
tap'ish
xen

i/o hypercalls: block devices

read/write

aio

xen

be lazy

do not be lazy!

too little is less than more

coding is easy

(disclaimer1: making it work is hard)
(disclaimer2: keeping it working is also hard)

Lester says:
test or die

contributions, always wanted

use, give feedback
contribute to NetBSD
fund/develop: e.g. tcp/ip or zfs

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