

# **no more boot loader: please use the kernel instead**

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**what is nml?**

kernel

kernel command line

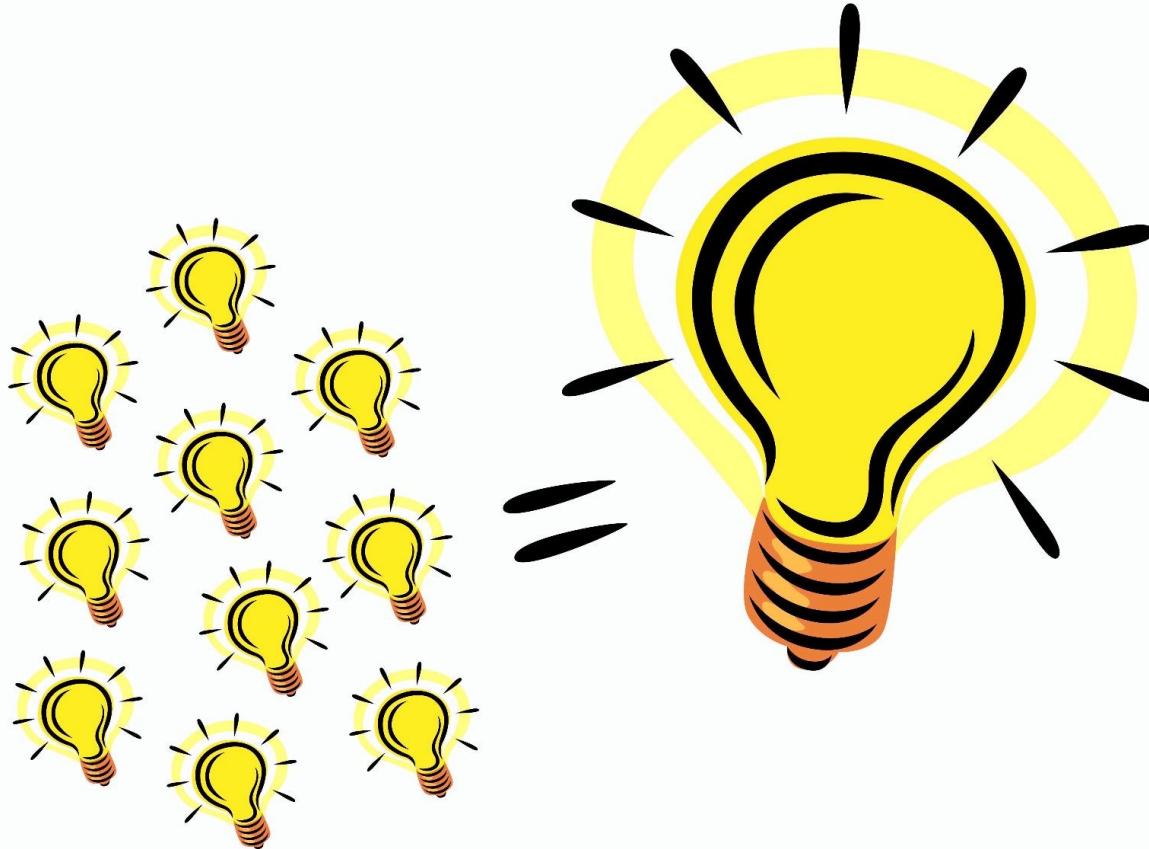
initramfs

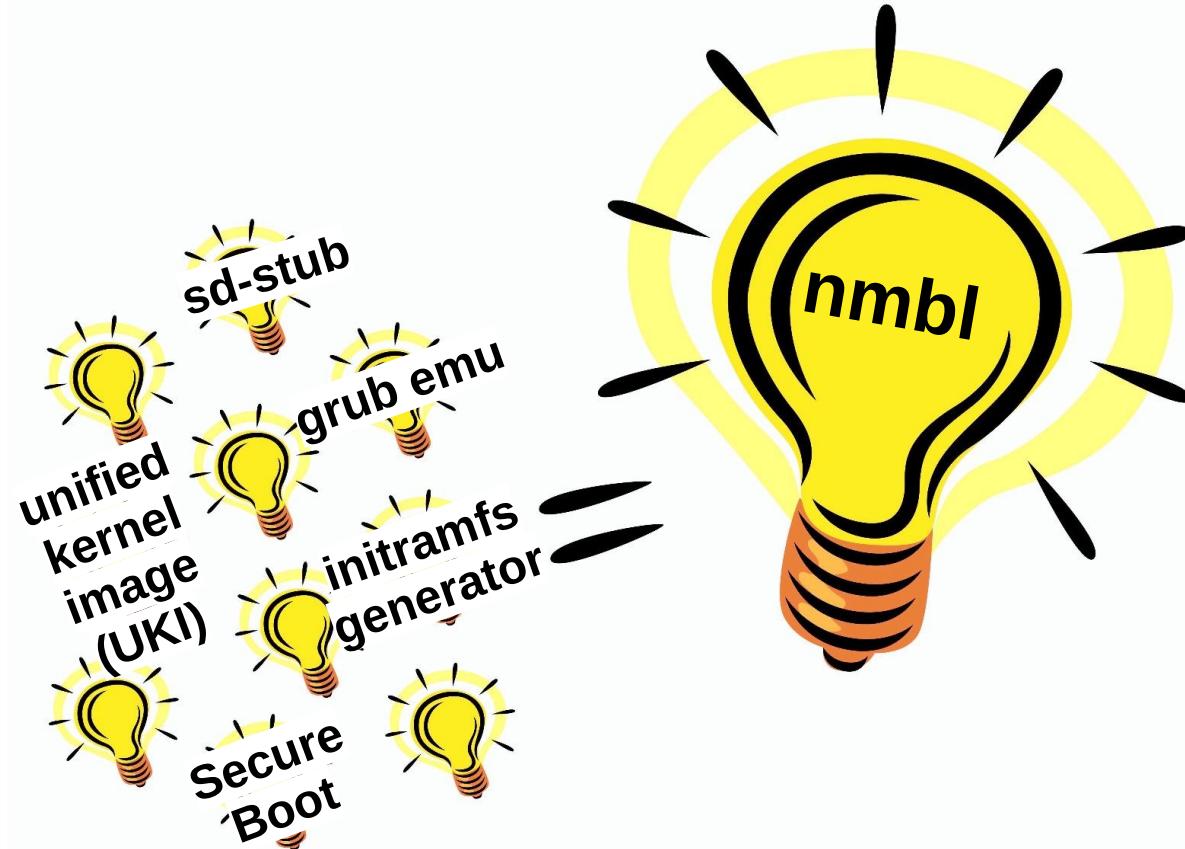
efi stub

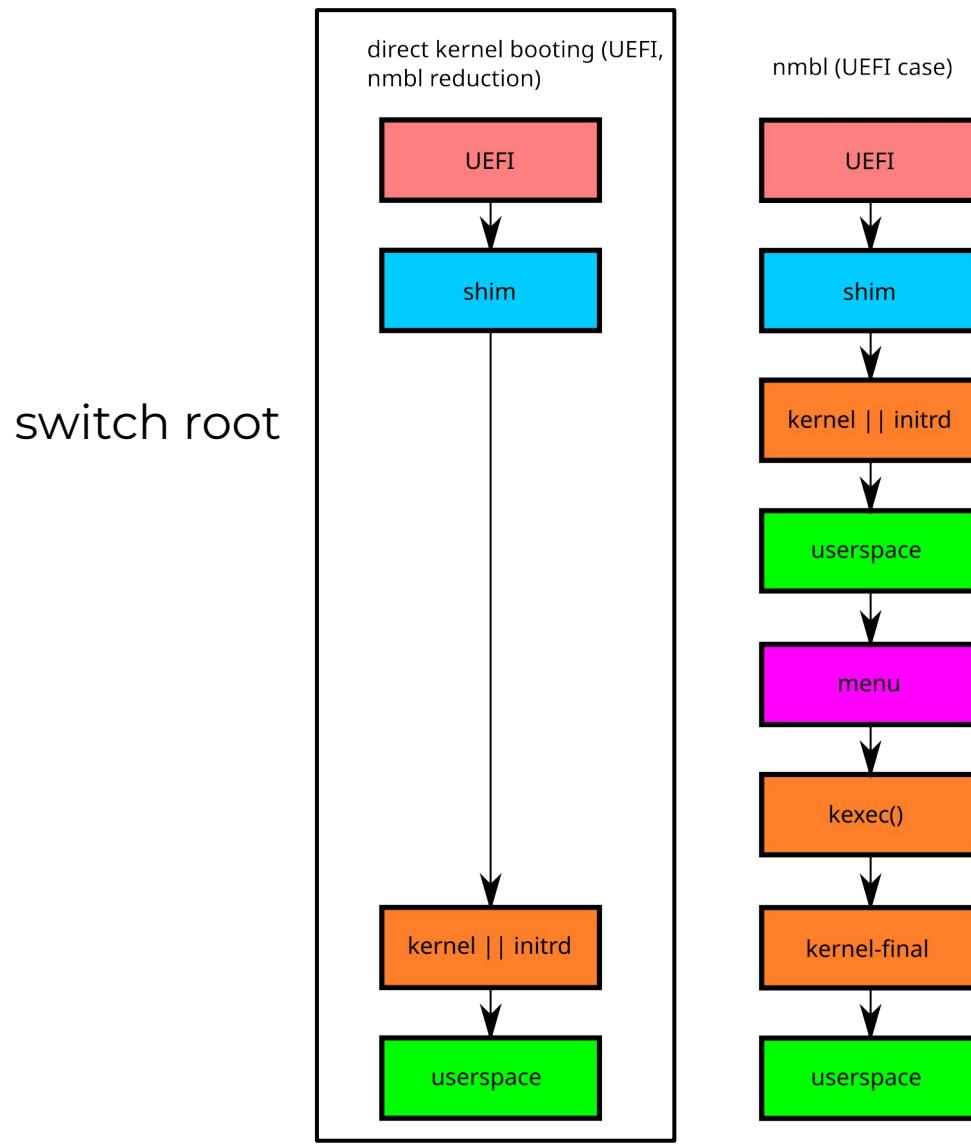
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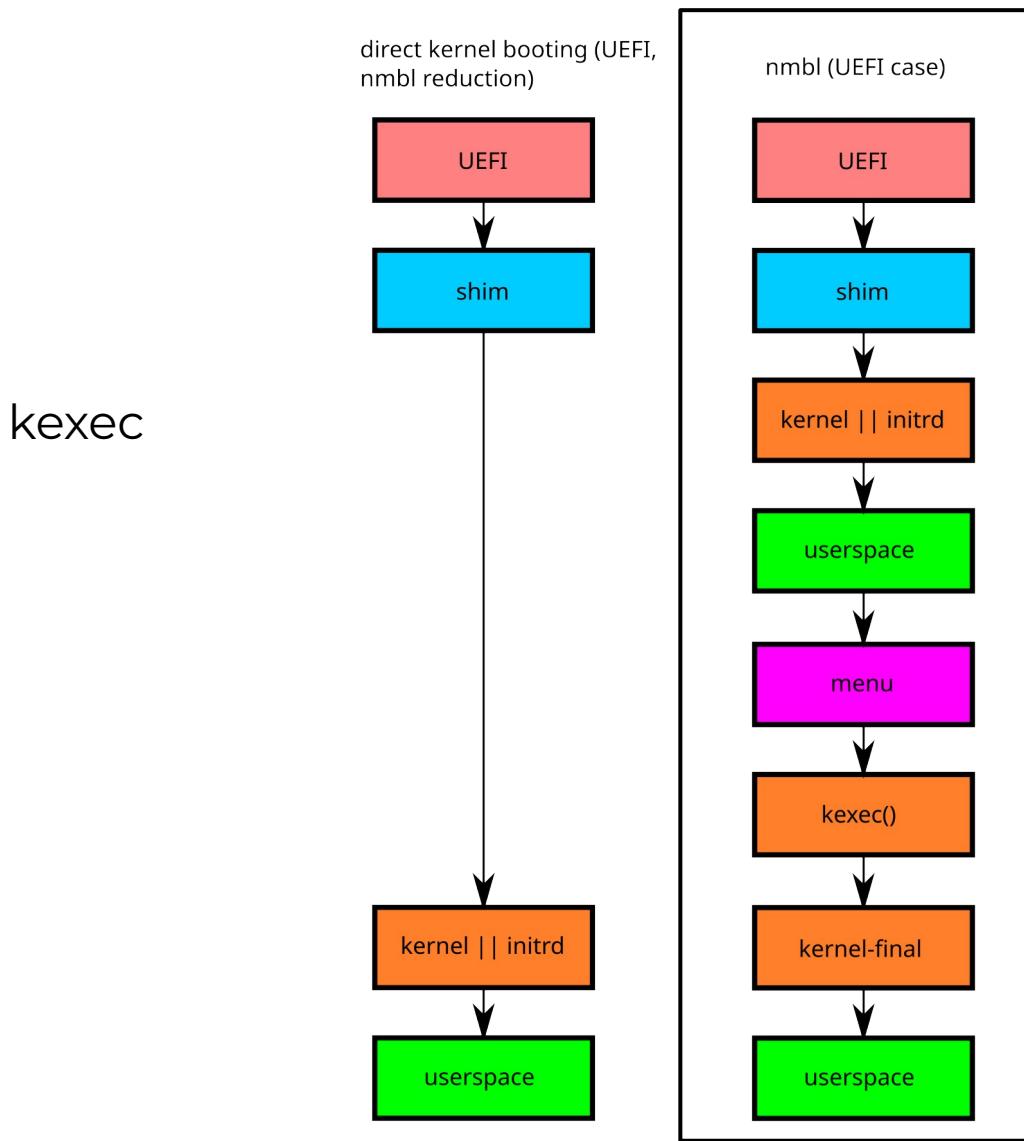
unified kernel image







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**why are we doing this?**

→ replace GRUB

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- replace GRUB
- deliver features more quickly & decrease maintenance burden
- increase security & security scrutiny
- **decrease boot time**

**what about the command line?**

# shim hive



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# shim hive

key1

value1

key2

value2



path to next  
boot loader:

command line:

Boot0001

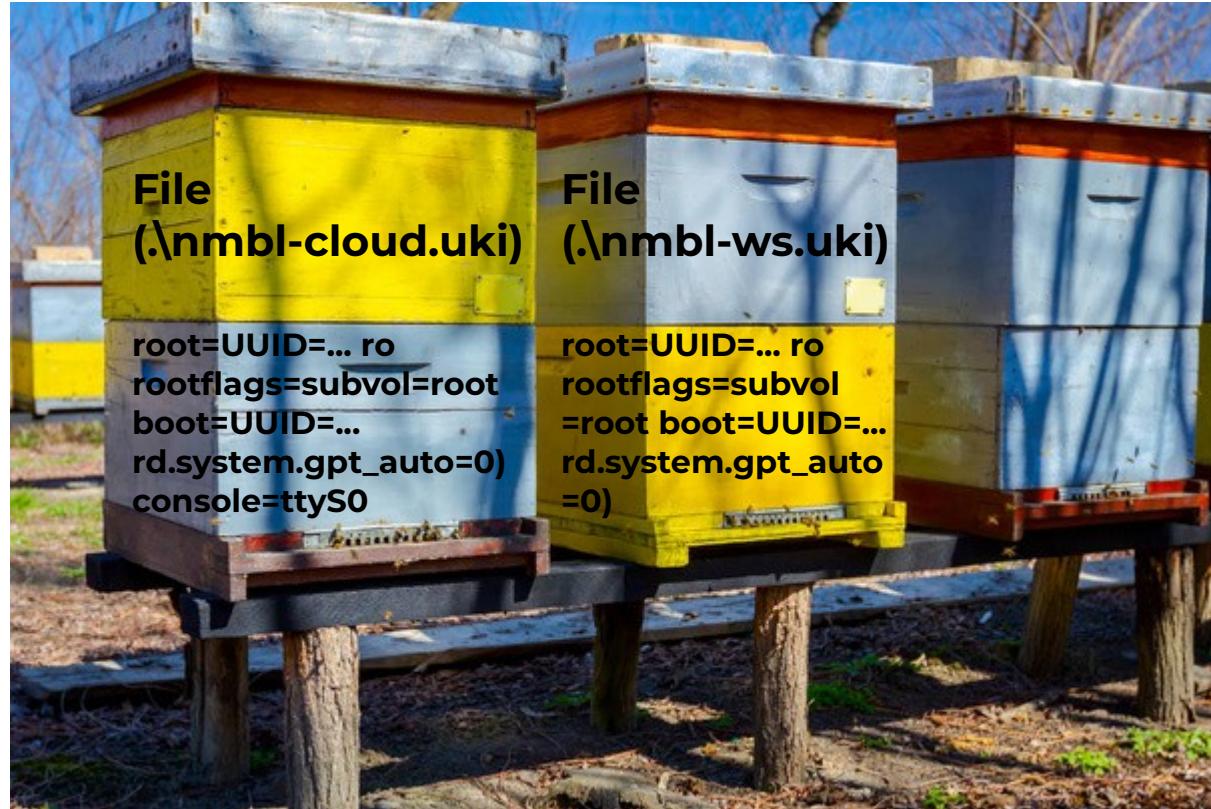
*switch-root*

HD(1,GPT,...)/  
File(\EFI\fedora\  
shimx64.efi)

Boot0002

*kexec*

HD(1,GPT,...)/  
File(\EFI\fedora\  
shimx64.efi)



**what about fallback?**

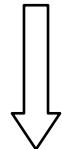
## **do some update**

BootNext: 0002	←--	updated entry
BootCurrent: 0001	←--	last known “good”
BootOrder: 0001,0002,0000		

BootNext: 0002

BootCurrent: 0001

BootOrder: 0001,0002,0000



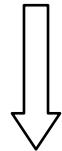
BootCurrent: 0002

BootOrder: 0002,0001,0000

BootNext: 0002

BootCurrent: 0001

BootOrder: 0001,0002,0000



BootCurrent: 0001

BootOrder: 0001,0002,0000

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**thank you for your time and attention :)**

more information:

***<https://github.com/rhboot/nmbl-poc/>***

***<https://github.com/fwupd/fwupd/tree/hughsie/ShimHive>***

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