

# Runtime Verification

Where to go from here?



# What is Runtime Verification?

Verifies the running system is doing what the model describes

Hooks into tracepoints to move to a new state

On a bad state, triggers a reaction (print, crash, etc)

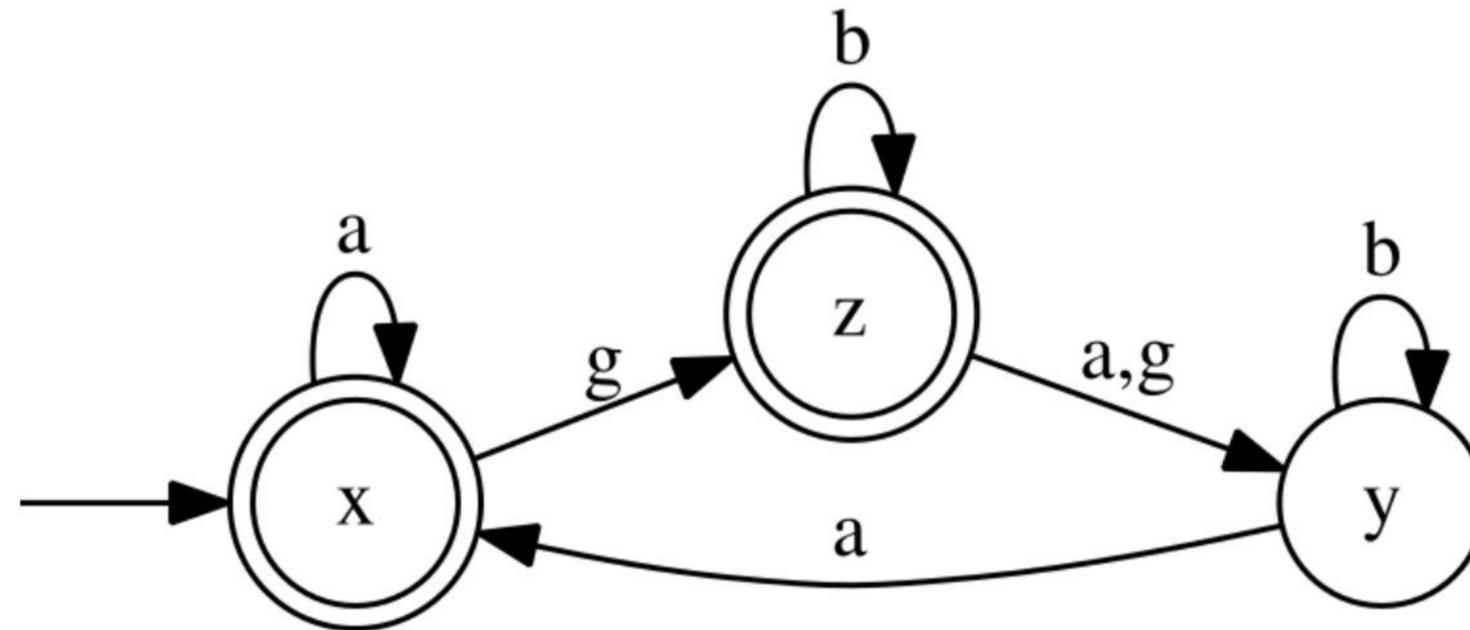
Very low overhead

Can be running in a production system



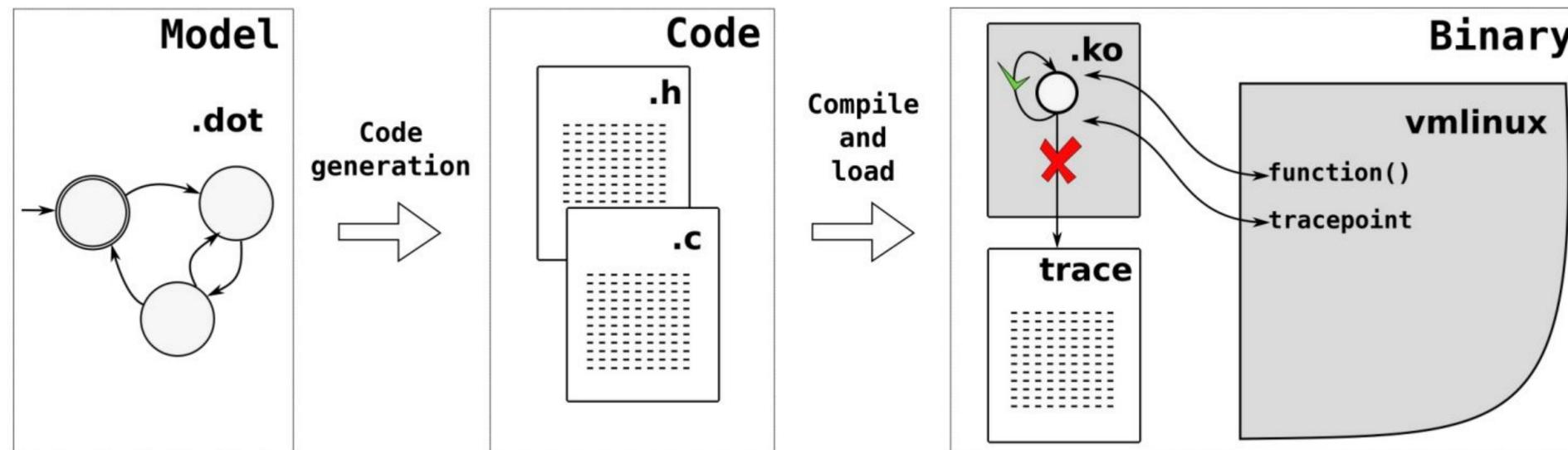
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Automata and Discrete Event Systems (DES)



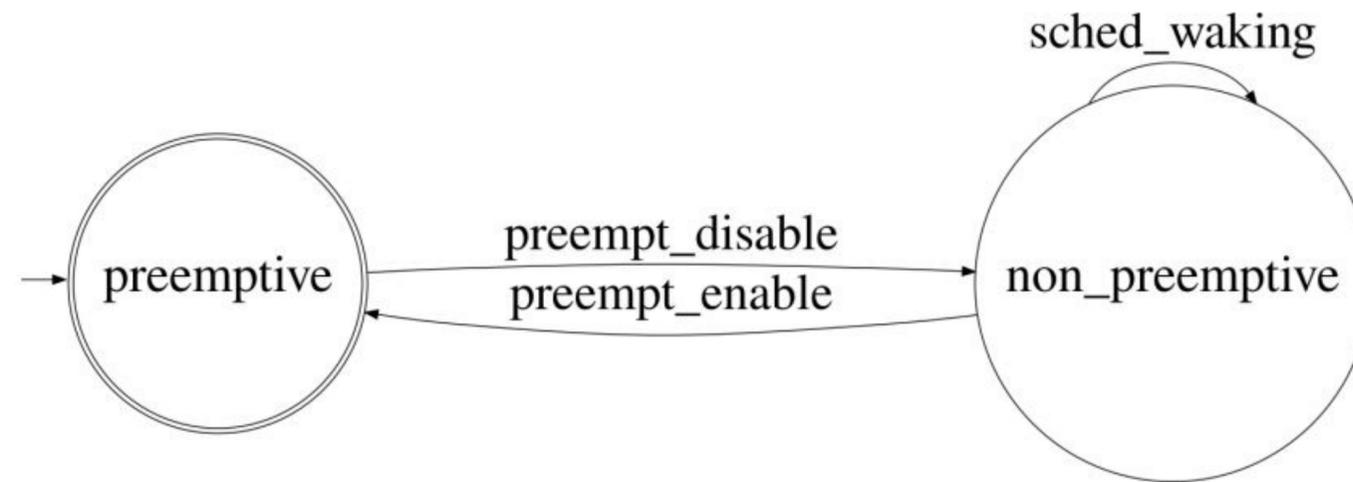
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## Flow of work



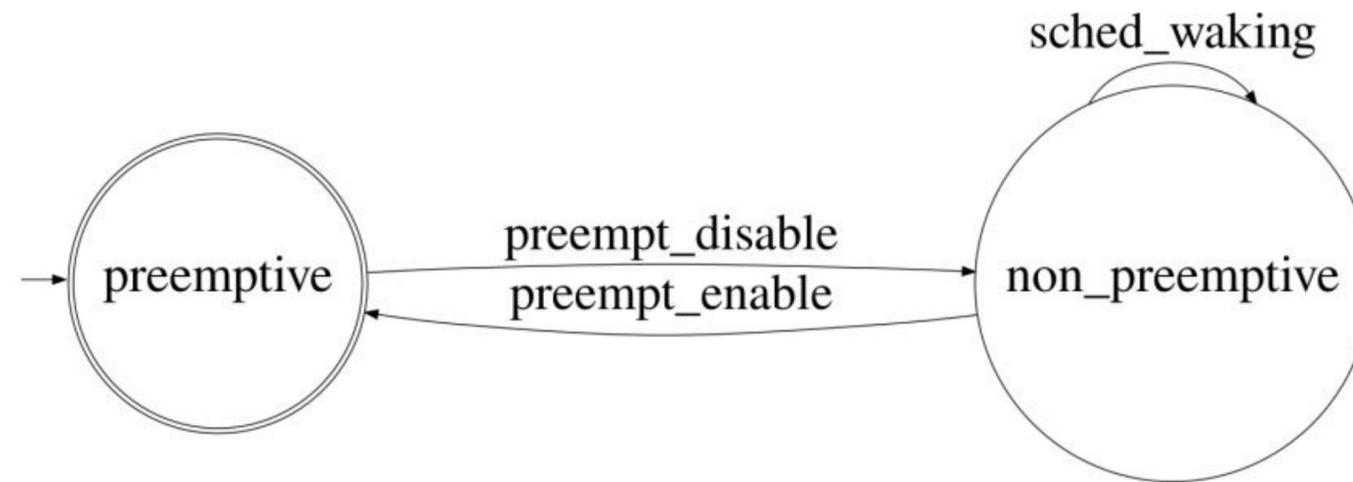
# Example

WIP (Work In Progress?)



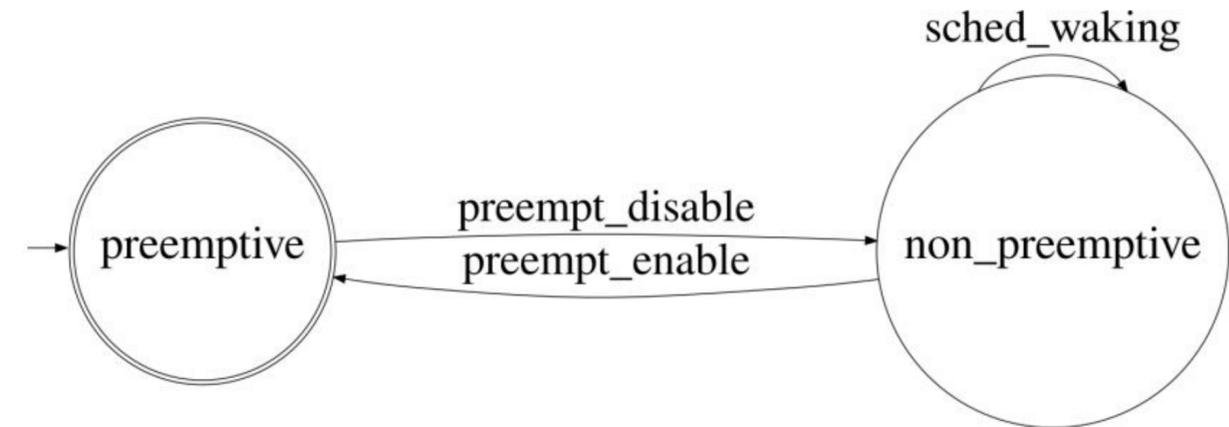
# Example

## WIP (Wakeup In Preempt)



# Example

wip.dot



```
digraph state_automaton {
    {node [shape = circle] "non_preemptive"};
    {node [shape = plaintext, style=invis, label=""] "__init_preemptive"};
    {node [shape = doublecircle] "preemptive"};
    {node [shape = circle] "preemptive"};
    "__init_preemptive" -> "preemptive";
    "non_preemptive" [label = "non_preemptive"];
    "non_preemptive" -> "non_preemptive" [ label = "sched_waking" ];
    "non_preemptive" -> "preemptive" [ label = "preempt_enable" ];
    "preemptive" [label = "preemptive"];
    "preemptive" -> "non_preemptive" [ label = "preempt_disable" ];
    { rank = min ;
    "__init_preemptive";
    "preemptive";
    }
}
```



# Example

wip.dot

```
$ dot2c wip.dot
```

```
enum states {
    preemptive = 0,
    non_preemptive,
    state_max
};

#define INVALID_STATE state_max

enum events {
    preempt_disable = 0,
    preempt_enable,
    sched_waking,
    event_max
};

struct automaton {
    char *state_names[state_max];
    char *event_names[event_max];
    unsigned char function[state_max][event_max];
    unsigned char initial_state;
    bool final_states[state_max];
};
```

```
static const struct automaton aut = {
    .state_names = {
        "preemptive",
        "non_preemptive"
    },
    .event_names = {
        "preempt_disable",
        "preempt_enable",
        "sched_waking"
    },
    .function = {
        { non_preemptive, INVALID_STATE, INVALID_STATE },
        { INVALID_STATE, preemptive, non_preemptive },
    },
    .initial_state = preemptive,
    .final_states = { 1, 0 },
};
```

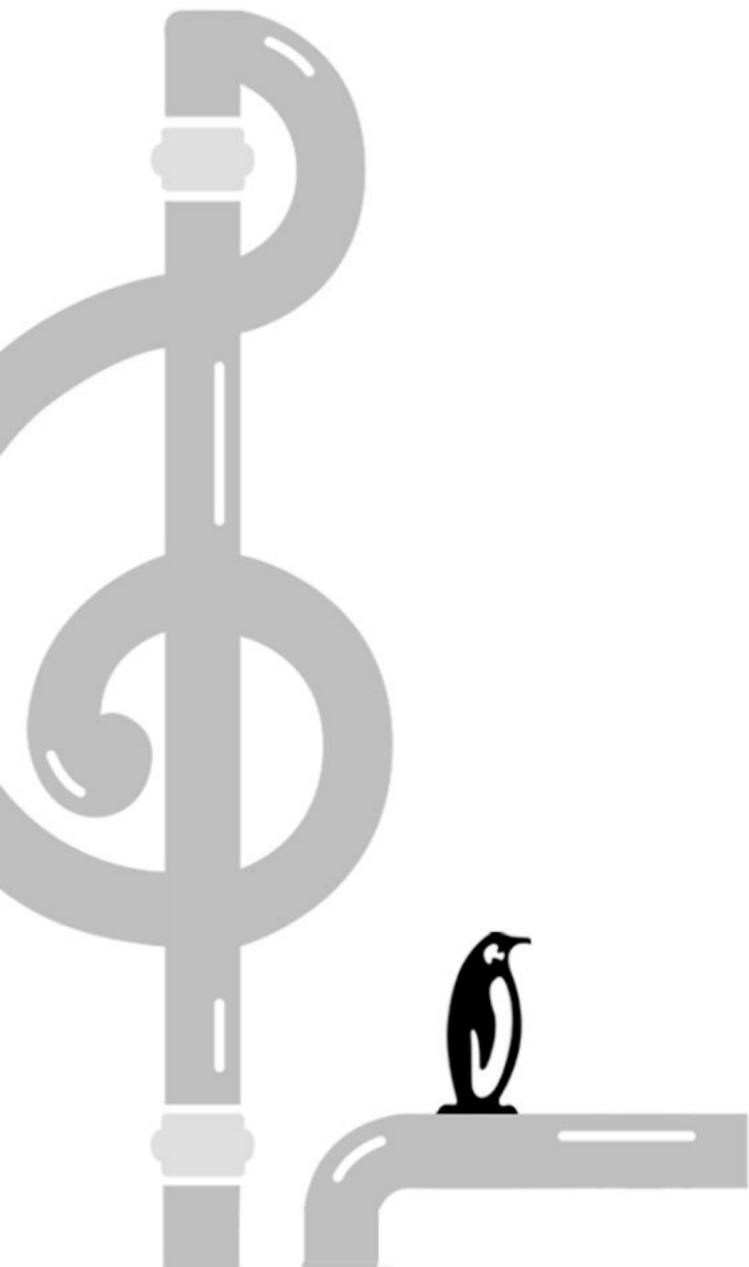


# Example

```
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includes, <N> excludes, <M> modularizes features. Press <Esc><Esc> to
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--- Runtime Verification
[*] wip monitor
[ ] wnr monitor (NEW)
[*] Runtime verification reactors (NEW)
[*] Printk reactor (NEW)
[*] Panic reactor (NEW)

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```



# Example

## Module:

```
static struct rv_monitor rv_wip = {
    .name = "wip",
    .description = "wakeup in preemptive per-cpu testing monitor.",
    .enable = enable_wip,
    .disable = disable_wip,
    .reset = da_monitor_reset_all_wip,
    .enabled = 0,
};

static int __init register_wip(void)
{
    rv_register_monitor(&rv_wip);
    return 0;
}

static void __exit unregister_wip(void)
{
    rv_unregister_monitor(&rv_wip);
}
```



# Example

Module:

```
static int enable_wip(void)
{
    int retval;

    retval = da_monitor_init_wip();
    if (retval)
        return retval;

    rv_attach_trace_probe("wip", preempt_enable, handle_preempt_enable);
    rv_attach_trace_probe("wip", sched_waking, handle_sched_waking);
    rv_attach_trace_probe("wip", preempt_disable, handle_preempt_disable);

    return 0;
}

static void disable_wip(void)
{
    rv_wip.enabled = 0;

    rv_detach_trace_probe("wip", preempt_disable, handle_preempt_disable);
    rv_detach_trace_probe("wip", preempt_enable, handle_preempt_enable);
    rv_detach_trace_probe("wip", sched_waking, handle_sched_waking);

    da_monitor_destroy_wip();
}
```



# Example

## Module:

```
#include "wip.h"

static struct rv_monitor rv_wip;
DECLARE_DA_MON_PER_CPU(wip, unsigned char);

static void handle_preempt_disable(void *data, unsigned long ip, unsigned
long parent_ip)
{
    da_handle_event_wip(preempt_disable_wip);
}

static void handle_preempt_enable(void *data, unsigned long ip, unsigned long
parent_ip)
{
    da_handle_start_event_wip(preempt_enable_wip);
}

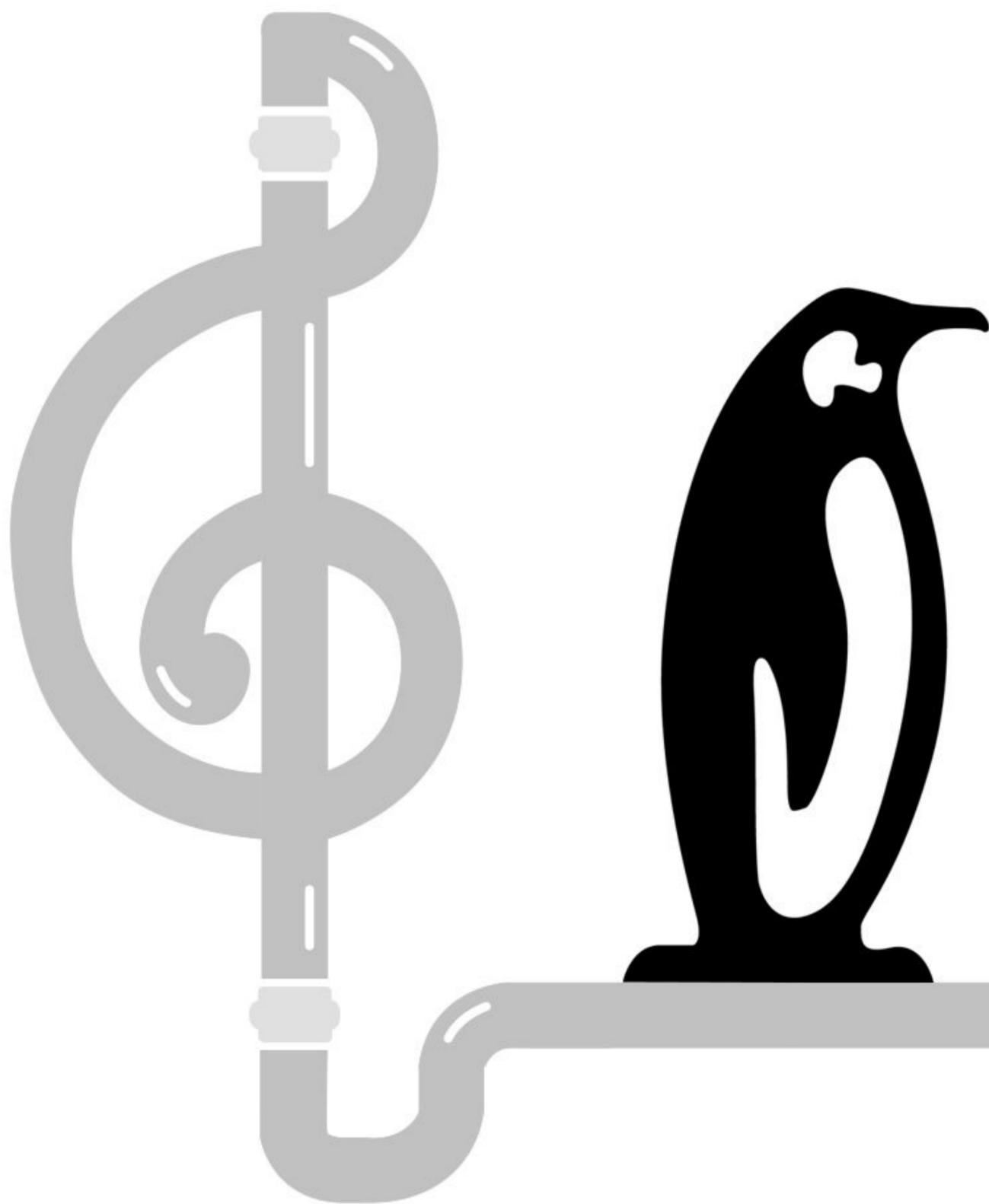
static void handle_sched_waking(void *data, struct task_struct *task)
{
    da_handle_event_wip(sched_waking_wip);
}
```



# Where to go from here?

- Easier way to create DOT files (GUI tooling?)
- Verify more places in the Kernel (DRM)
- BPF hooks
- What else?





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