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Exploring possibilities for integrating StrictDoc and ELISA's requirements

template approach for the Linux kernel

RE: Defining and maintaining requirements in the Linux Kernel

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StrictDoc tool

- Created in 2019, inspired by Doorstop
- Apache 2 license, 1.9K pull requests, 5K+ commits, 30K+ LOC
- In a nutshell:
 - Let's cut prose and code into atomic nodes, give them UUIDs and attributes, and link them together to form a graph
- Key highlights:
 - Connecting docs, requirements, source and test code, test reports, coverage.
 - Web-based requirements editor.
 - SDoc format for storing requirements with metadata. Internal representation is a graph.
 - Other formats can be read or written. Native RegIF bi-directional interface.
 - RST export for interfacing with Sphinx. Possible direction: sphinx-strictdoc plugin.
 - Work with the SPDX FuSa WG. Establishing the equivalence between SPDX and SDoc.



RFC: Showcase on GitHub



Linux + ELISA + StrictDoc

https://github.com/strictdoc-project/linux-strictdoc

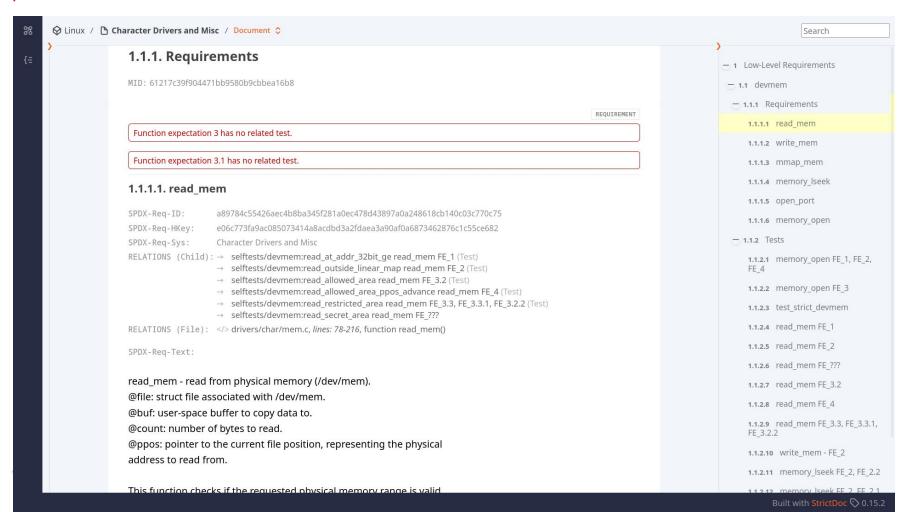
Results from CI: rendered document traceability graph



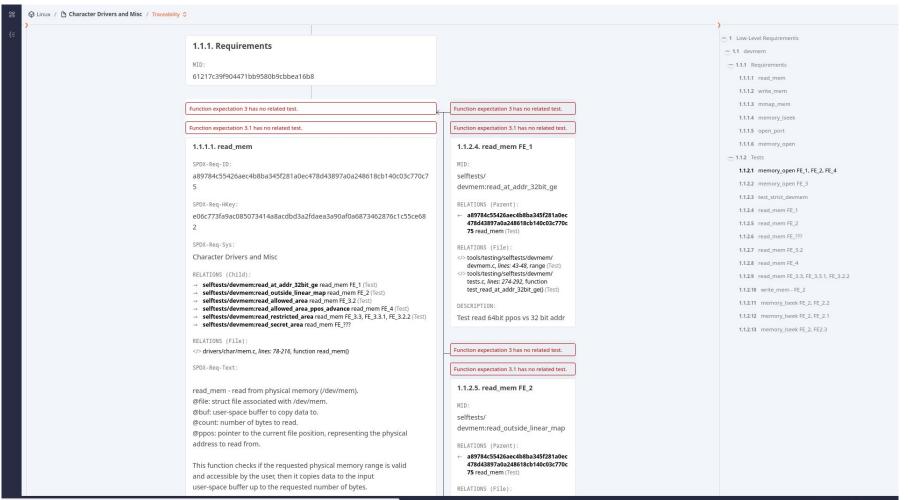
Input: Requirements from C Comments and Sidecar

```
/**
 * SPDX-Reg-ID: 080fa9a6d27aa94dfaf8cbceb9715cbc146b0671bbe53c10dccf173f911b1a5e
 * SPDX-Req-Text:
 * trace set clr event - enable or disable an event within a system.
 * @system: system name (NULL for any system).
 * [...]
 * Function's expectations:
 * - This function shall retrieve the pointer of the global trace array (global
   tracer) and pass it, along the rest of input parameters, to
   ftrace set clr event nolock.
 * [...]
 * SPDX-Req-End
int trace set clr event(...) {...}
                                                                                                                   next
                                                                                            make htmlregs (*)
                                                                                                                   slide
[REQUIREMENT]
MID: 080fa9a6d27aa94dfaf8cbceb9715cbc146b0671bbe53c10dccf173f911b1a5e
HASH: f8f29e7907a29e320df18a0950fa64b161dcd5cdd7960b44896e396bccb437c2
SPDX-Reg-Sys: Tracing
TITLE: trace set_clr_event
RELATIONS:
- TYPE: Parent
                                                                                                         (*) strictdoc export
 VALUE: 428a5db6e481de87fc424119c30738d83e378b34bb42e12295ddfcba9839e5b3
```

Output: Document View with Links and Validations



Output: Traceability View



Q/A: Adding a new requirement to Linux

pipx install strictdoc

```
ret = ftrace_event_enable_disable(file, val);
                                                                             VALUE: 428a5db6e481de87fc424119c30738d83e378b34bb42e12295ddfcba9839e5b
                if (ret < 0)
                        return ret;
                                                                           [REQUIREMENT]
                break:
                                                                           MID: dfa044fb2e2570c8691dc83f65ab96142120f1dd61a5d746947f9d36d10c0223
       default:
                                                                           HASH: cfecd529348a4e4b03c4df242bf53845e108ab1347364da515e0dbbaa0ddb1ef
                return -EINVAL;
                                                                           SPDX-Reg-Sys: Tracing
                                                                           TITLE: event enable read
                                                                           [REOUIREMENT]
        *ppos += cnt;
                                                                           MID: 4e996e6ac0d952336cac1f8497fb9fdb73407c3942008b2853ae2bc417db4f93
                                                                           HASH: a87575aecf3aa1cd0b6331c326ce148e818e1f6b44a0d0827b815d3e47ae8f36
        return cnt;
                                                                           SPDX-Reg-Sys: Tracing
                                                     SPDX-Req-ID = MID
                                                                           TITLE: event_enable_write
  SPDX-Req-ID: TMP-trace_events_enabled
                                                                           [REQUIREMENT]
                                                                           MID: TMP-trace events enabled
* SPDX-Reg-Text:
* trace events enabled - check if events are enabled.
                                                                           SPDX-Req-Sys: Tracing
* @trace array: array to search.
                                                                           TITLE: trace events enabled
* @system: optional trace system name.
                                                                           [[/SECTION]]
 * This function shall check if a given trace list has enabled events.
                                                                           [[/SECTION]]
  Returns:
    0 : no events exist?
                                                                           [[/SECTION]]
    1: all events are disabled
    2 : all events are enabled
    3 : some events are enabled and some are enabled
int trace_events_enabled(struct trace_array *tr, const char *system)
       struct trace event call *call;
       struct trace event file *file;
        int set = 0;
                                                                                                       vim -0 kernel/trace/trace events.c \
       quard(mutex)(&event mutex);
                                                                                                             Documentation/requirements/tracing.sdoc
        list_for_each_entry(file, &tr->events, list) {
                call = file->event call;
kernel/trace/trace events.c
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```

Q/A: Adding a new requirement to Linux

Create IDs

strictdoc manage auto-uid .

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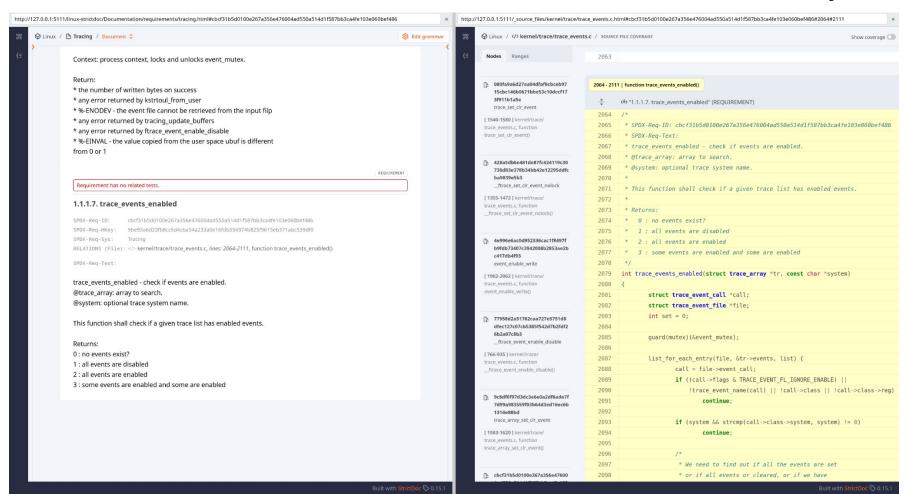
generated MID

generated HASH

```
strictdoc manage auto-uid . > /dev/null
linux-strictdoc on | HEAD (aaf252a) [!?] via 🐍 v3.13.5 took 7s
) git diff
diff --git a/Documentation/requirements/tracing.sdoc b/Documentation/requireme
nts/tracing.sdoc
index 8223bd1ab13a..5c69bb2e4c44 100644
--- a/Documentation/requirements/tracing.sdoc
+++ b/Documentation/requirements/tracing.sdoc
@@ -68,7 +68,8 @@ SPDX-Reg-Sys: Tracing
TITLE: event enable write
 [REQUIREMENT]
-HASH: 9be93a6d23fb8cc6d4cba54a233a0e16fdb556974b825f9615eb371abc539df0
SPDX-Reg-Sys: Tracing
TITLE: trace events enabled
diff --git a/kernel/trace/trace events.c b/kernel/trace/trace events.c
index cc40f0459d2d..e0a14964f497 100644
--- a/kernel/trace/trace events.c
+++ b/kernel/trace/trace_events.c
@@ -2062,7 +2062,7 @@ event_enable_write(struct file *filp, const char __user
*ubuf, size t cnt,
 * SPDX-Req-ID: bcd1f157fdb9ef73fae5368c0d19dcef38e33236e3b4b21d6f318ca6bbfc1,
 * SPDX-Reg-Text:
 * trace events enabled - check if events are enabled.
 * @trace_array: array to search.
linux-strictdoc on | HEAD (aaf252a) [!?] via 🐍 v3.13.5
```

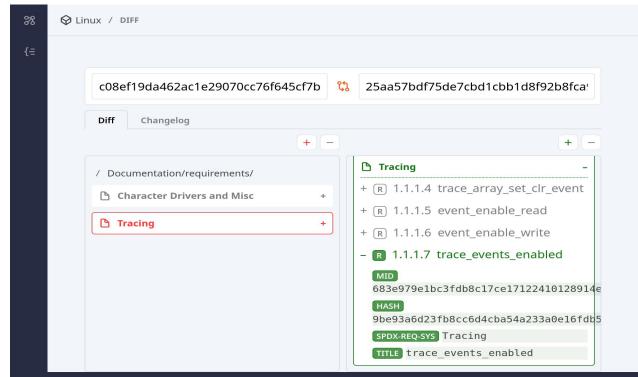
Q/A: Adding a new requirement to Linux: **Compile**

strictdoc export .



Q/A: Adding a new requirement to Linux

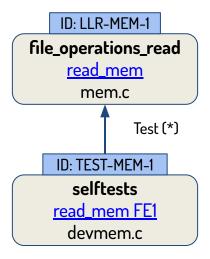
Submit for Review





RFC: Which Items do we Want to Trace?

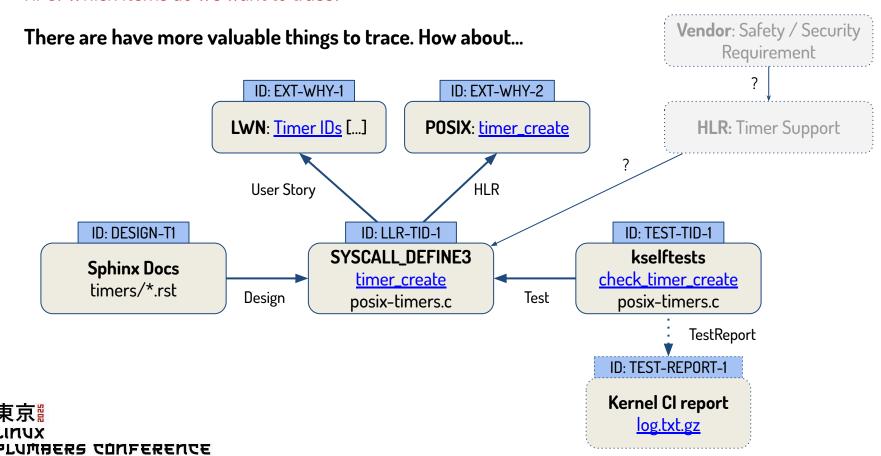
Current Demo: Low Level Requirements and Tests





RFC: Which items do we want to trace?

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Q: Refining the Sidecar

- Sidecar Pro:
 - Keeps Meta-Data out of Code
 - The place where typical StrictDoc projects have their requirements, not only meta data
 - Obvious place for HLRs

Hint: Sidecar = all *.sdoc files in the demo



Q: Refining the Sidecar - To be clarified

- **Structure wanted:** How do .c and .sdoc correlate? One .sdoc per one .c file? One sdoc per subsystem? Mirroring structure creates maintenance overhead.
- **Home wanted:** Sidecar files probably committed to Linux tree, but could also be a separate project
- Format wanted:

Should be a "standard" format

- o sdoc to become an <u>SPDX serialization format</u>?
- Should be human- and machine readable.
 - <u>JSON(-LD)</u> not human readable. sdoc is great in that regard.



Q: Integration Sphinx, kernel-doc, StrictDoc

make htmldocs

make htmlreqs

Event Tracing ¶

Author: Theodore Ts'o

Updated: Li Zefan and Tom Zanussi

1. Introduction

Tracepoints (see <u>Using the Linux Kernel Tracepoints</u>) can be used without creating custom kernel modules to register probe functions using the event tracing infrastructure.

Not all tracepoints can be traced using the event tracing system; the kernel developer must provide code snippets which define how the tracing information is saved into the tracing buffer, and how the tracing information should be printed.

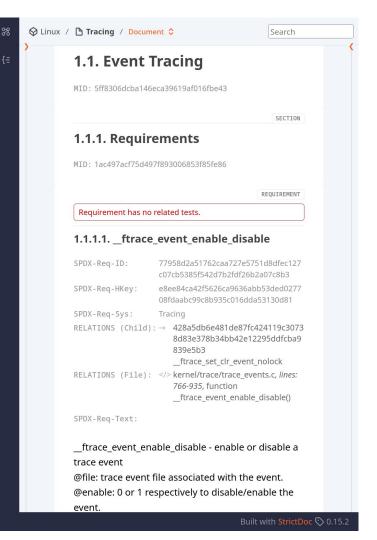


2. Using Event Tracing

2.1 Via the 'set event' interface

The events which are available for tracing can be found in the file /sys/kernel/tracing/available events.

To enable a particular event, such as 'sched_wakeup', simply echo it to /sys/kernel/tracing/set_event. For example:



RFC: Semantic search for critical functions with Coccinelle

How to spot the **most critical functions**? (*)

How can developers check if they missed something important?

It's reasonable to consider **internal and external API** as critical. <u>The ELISA paper names them</u>, and the GitHub demo adds a **SmPL** search for the following:

- <u>Syscalls</u>
- Sysfs attributes
- Exported symbols
- File-like operations

(*) naive assumption: maintainers, developers and industry agree on what is most critical



Appendix: Screenshot: Trace to Tests

```
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                                                                                   [[SECTION]]
                                                                                   MID: 61217c39f904471bb9580b9cbbea16b8
  SPDX-Reg-ID: a89784c55426aec4b8ba345f281a0ec478d43897a0a248618cb140c03c770c75
                                                                                   TITLE: Requirements
   SPDX-Reg-Text:
 * read mem - read from physical memory (/dev/mem):
                                                                                   [REQUIREMENT]
                                                                                   * Ofile: struct file associated with /dev/mem.
                                                        merged by ID
                                                                                   HASH: e06c773ta9ac085073414a8acdbd3a2tdaea3a90at0a6873462876c1c55ce682
 * Function's expectations:
                                                                                   SPDX-Req-Sys: Character Drivers and Misc
                                                                                   TITLE: read mem
 * 1. This function shall check if the value pointed by ppos exceeds the
      maximum addressable physical address;
                                                                                   [REQUIREMENT]
                                                                                   MID: 6e16917c09ee583de5dc9e8a24a406e75bb229554699a501cfa8efdb308862d7
 * [...]
 * SPDX-Reg-End
                                                                                   HASH: 83f393fd3b6191e7ad88da40799254f4227893e7212c59e9a41ff429b1eba555
                                                                                   SPDX-Req-Sys: Character Drivers and Misc
static ssize_t read_mem(struct file *file, char __user *buf,
                                                                                   TITLE: write_mem
                       size t count, loff t *ppos)
                                                                                   [REQUIREMENT]
       phys_addr_t p = *ppos;
                                                                                   MID: 032b3f1c9e61452bf826328d95fae043c4ea4b966ad6583a0377554d3c4f2d76
       ssize t read, sz;
                                                                                   HASH: 12f2a3571b30462c24cd92d073513eba9e91a052a45057073b1c17de2584546f
                                                                                   SPDX-Reg-Sys: Character Drivers and Misc
       void *ptr;
                                                                                   TITLE: mmap mem
       char *bounce;
                                                                                   Documentation/requirements/charmisc.sdoc
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       int err;
drivers/char/mem.c [+]
                                                                 90.3
                                                                                                                                  LLR is parent of test
                                                                                   [TEST]
int test read at_addr_32bit_ge(struct test_context *t);
                                                                                   MID: selftests/devmem:read at addr 32bit ge
                                                                                   TITLE: read mem FE 1
       if (is_64xit_arch()) {
                                                                                   DESCRIPTION: Test read 64bit ppos vs 32 bit addr
               deb_orintf("Skipped (64-bit architecture)\n");
                                                                                   RELATIONS:
               return SKIPPED;
                                                                                   - TYPE: Parent
                               Test has file relation to C function
                                                                                     VALUE: a89784c55426aec4b8ba345f281a0ec478d43897a0a248618cb140c03c770c75
                                                                                     ROLE: Test
       uint64_t target_addr = 0x1000000000ULL;
                                                                                    TYPE: File
       int ret = try read dev mem(t->fd, target addr, 0, NULL);
                                                                                     ROLE: Test
                                                                                     VALUE: tools/testing/selftests/devmem/tests.c
       if (ret == 0) {
                                                                                     FUNCTION: test_read_at_addr_32bit_ge
                                                                                    TYPE: File
               deb_printf("PASS: Read beyond 4 GiB at 0x%llx returned 0 bytes\n",
                   target addr);
                                                                                     ROLE: Test
               return PASS;
                                                                                     VALUE: tools/testing/selftests/devmem/devmem.c
                                                                                     LINE_RANGE: 43, 48
       deb printf("FAIL: Expected 0 bytes at 0x%llx, got %d (errno=%d)\n",
                   target addr, ret, -ret);
                                                                                   [TEST]
       return FAIL:
                                                                                   MID: selftests/devmem:read_outside_linear_map
                                                                                   TITLE: read mem FE 2
                                                                                   DESCRIPTION: Test read outside linear map
tools/testing/selftests/devmem/tests.c
                                                                 293,0-1
                                                                               49% Documentation/requirements/charmisc.sdoc
                                                                                                                                                    144,41
                                                                                                                                                                  44%
```

Appendix: Listing: Find all Exported Symbols with Coccinelle

```
// Exported Symbols
@export symbol@
declarer name EXPORT SYMBOL;
declarer name EXPORT_SYMBOL_GPL;
identifier fn;
@ @
  EXPORT SYMBOL(fn);
  EXPORT SYMBOL GPL(fn);
@export symbol fn@
identifier export symbol.fn;
position p fn;
@ @
  fn@p fn(...) {...}
@script:python@
fn << export symbol.fn;</pre>
p << export symbol fn.p fn;
(a (a
print(f"exported function: {fn} at {p[0].file}:{p[0].line}")
```



Appendix: Listing: Result of Coccinelle Run

```
syscall: alpha_pipe in ./arch/alpha/kernel/osf_sys.c:1300
syscall: getdtablesize in ./arch/alpha/kernel/osf_sys.c:553
...
exported function: marvel_ioportmap at ./arch/alpha/kernel/core_marvel.c:797
exported function: marvel_ioread8 at ./arch/alpha/kernel/core_marvel.c:804
...
mmap_f (kvm_gmem_fops): kvm_gmem_mmap at ./virt/kvm/guest_memfd.c:397
read (sof_msg_inject_fops): sof_msg_inject_dfs_read at
./sound/soc/sof/sof-client-ipc-msg-injector.c:52
...
sysfs show (RO): device_show at ./arch/arm/mach-rpc/ecard.c:790
sysfs show (RO): dma_show at ./arch/arm/mach-rpc/ecard.c:760
...
Found 41441 elements
```



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