

# CGroups: Subsystems as Modules

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# What is this 'cgroups'?

- Part of the core linux kernel
- Group, manage, limit processes
  - cpuacct, cpuset, memory, nsproxy, devices
  - “Subsystems”
- kernel/cgroup.c, include/linux/cgroup.h, ...

# cgroups interface

```
# cd /dev; mkdir cgroup
# mount -t cgroup -o SS1,SS2,... \
  none cgroup/
# ls cgroup/
subsys1.*  tasks
subsys2.*  procs
subsys3.*
```

# Goal (why?)

- Make subsystems compilable as modules
- Why?
  - Dynamic loading/unloading as needed
  - Build subsystems outside of the kernel

# Goal (how? (vague))

- Make subsystems compilable as modules
- How?
  - Within cgroups:
    - `cgroup_init_subsys()`
    - `struct cgroup_subsys *subsys[]`
    - `for_each_subsys()`
  - Module-wise:
    - `initcall()` (for module init/exit)
  - Kernel module build system (`menuconfig`, ...)

- <http://cgrouphacking.blogspot.com/>