

Linux Kernel Finally Deprecating A.out Support

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Linux has supported ELF binaries since the 1.x kernel days and now 25 years later, its support for A.out binaries is being deprecated. The Linux kernel developers have announced that support for A.out binaries will be removed in the next stable release. This means that any software that still uses A.out binaries will no longer be able to run on Linux.

Following the announcement, Linus Torvalds has also noted that none of the Linux kernel developers plan on dropping the support for A.out binaries in the near future.

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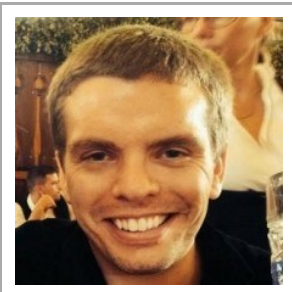
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