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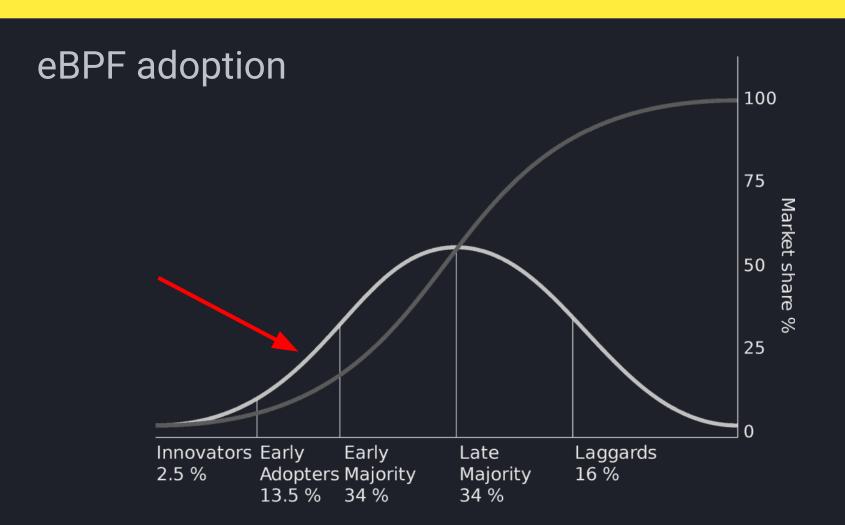


eBPF is great

- Do cool things with the kernel
- Safe(er)
- Fast

eBPF is great, but...

- ...it is complex
- ...it is quickly evolving
- ...not well documented



Resources for learning

- Blogs / articles
 - Lacking detail or age quickly
- Videos
 - Not searchable
- Kernel sources
 - Not beginner friendly
- Docs...

Shoutouts and kudos

- https://docs.kernel.org/bpf/
- https://man7.org/linux/man-pages/man7/bpf-helpers.7.html
- https://github.com/iovisor/bcc/tree/master/docs
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Motivation

- Helping people on slack and stackoverflow
- The same questions kept coming up
- Multiple links required or no links available
- Missing docs for certain questions
 - Can I use X in kernel Y (I need to support kernels going back to vX.YY)?
 - Can I use X in program type Y?
 - What does field X on context Y do?
 - Can I use loops in eBPF?
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Goals

- One stop shop
- For eBPF devs, not kernel devs
- Internal linking (wikipedia style)
- Linkable content, separate pages, and bookmarks
- Searchable content, internally and via search engines
- Answers to practical questions

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Welcome to the eBPF Docs! eBPF is an amazing technology which enables its users to extend the functionality of operating systems in a fast and secure way. eBPF is powerful, but also very complex, especially for newcomers.

This site aims to provide technical documentation for eBPF. If you are looking for specific information, we recommend you to use the search feature in to top right. You can use the navigation bar on the left for a hierarchical view, or use the condensed table of contents below to jump to a particular general topic.

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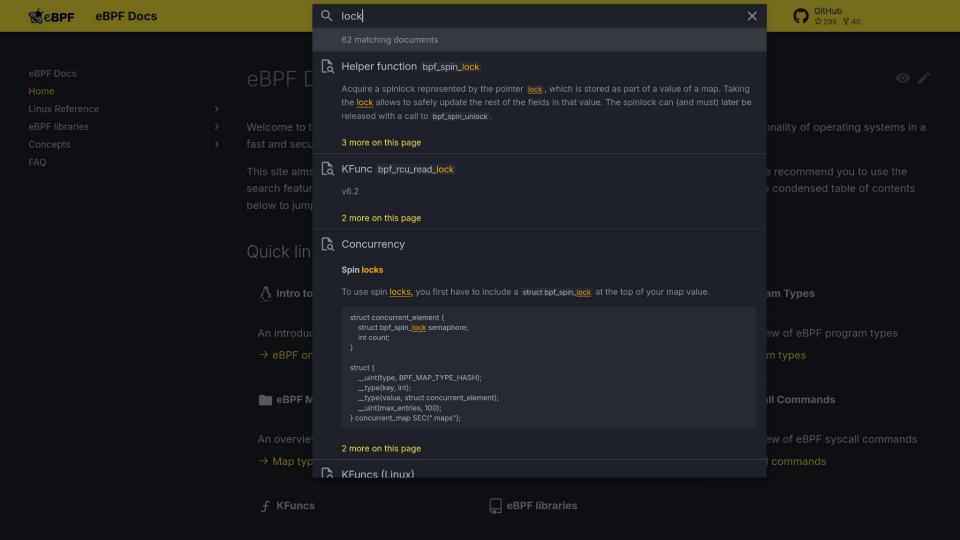


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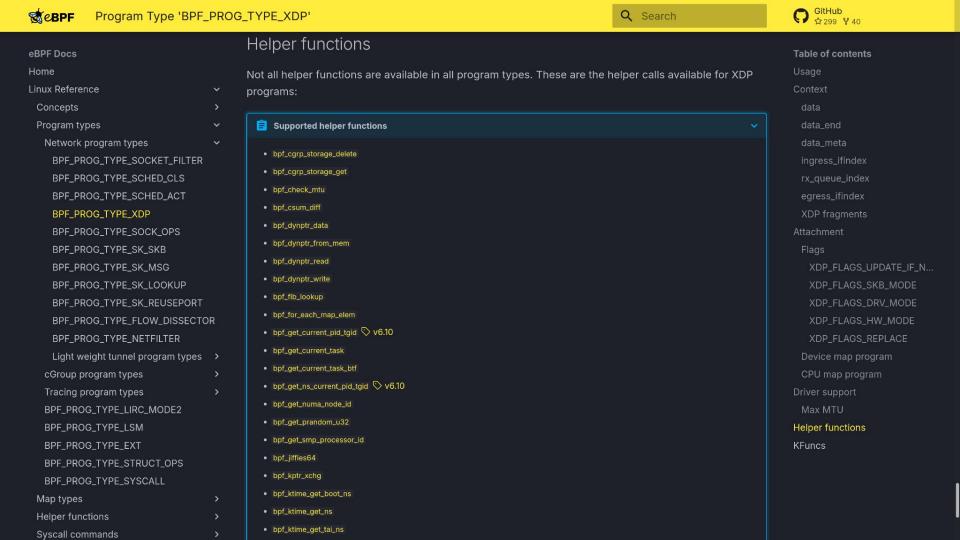
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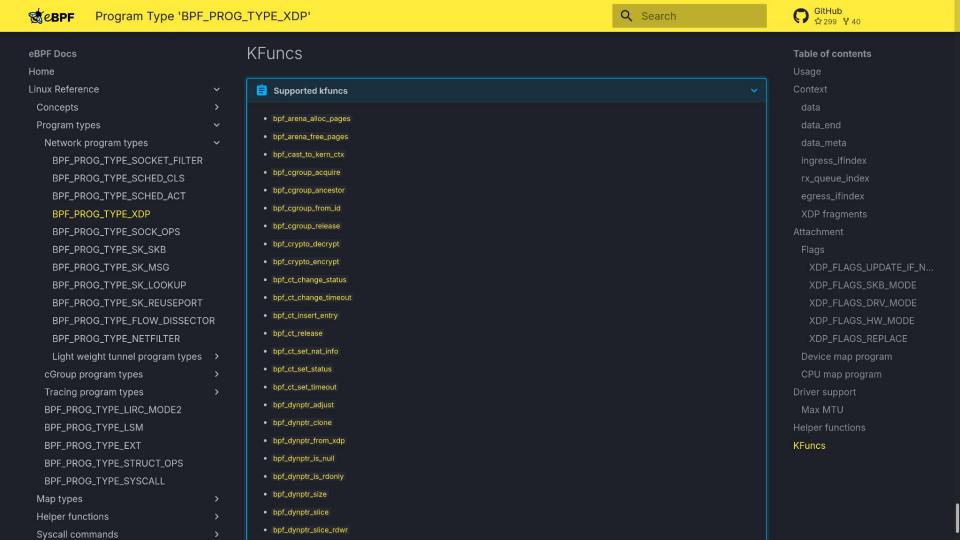
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- XDP_DROP Discards the packet. It should be noted that since we drop the packet very early, it will





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Generic map types

These map types are not limited to a very specific use case but can be used in a number of different use cases to store data.

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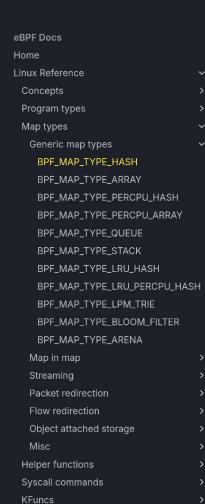
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These map types hold references to other map types as their values.

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Map type BPF_MAP_TYPE_HASH







The hash map type is a generic map type with no restrictions on the structure of the key and value. Hash-maps are implemented using a hash table, allowing for lookups with arbitrary keys.

Attributes

While the size of the key and value are essentially unrestricted both value_size and key_size must be at least zero and their combined size no larger than KMALLOC_MAX_SIZE . KMALLOC_MAX_SIZE is the maximum size which can be allocated by the kernel memory allocator, its exact value being dependant on a number of factors. If this edge case is hit a -E2BIG error number is returned to the map create syscall.

Syscall commands

The following syscall commands work with this map type:

- BPF_MAP_LOOKUP_ELEM
- BPF_MAP_LOOKUP_AND_DELETE_ELEM
- BPF_MAP_UPDATE_ELEM
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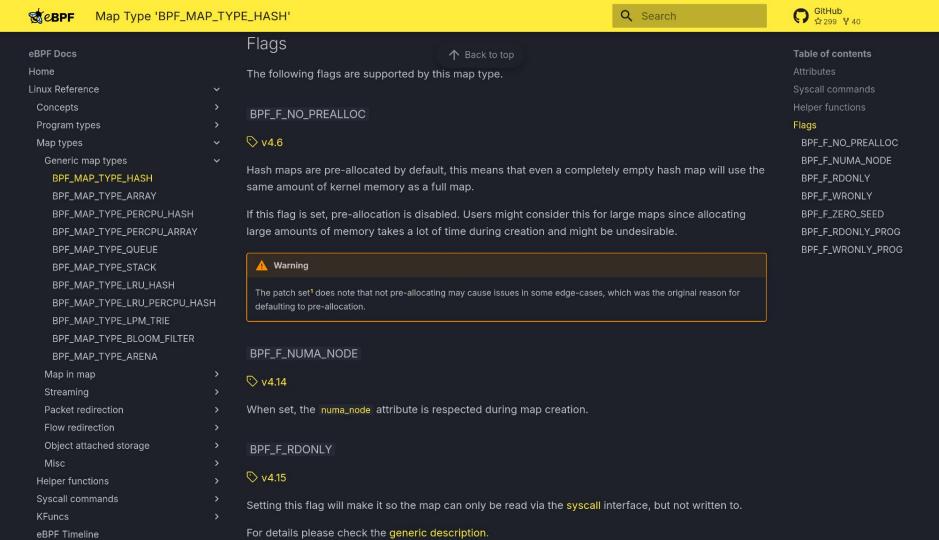
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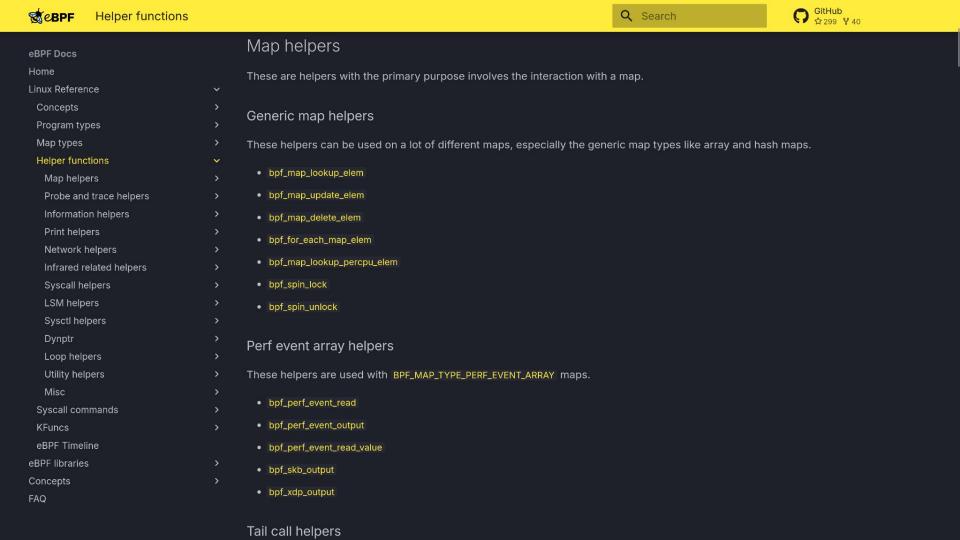
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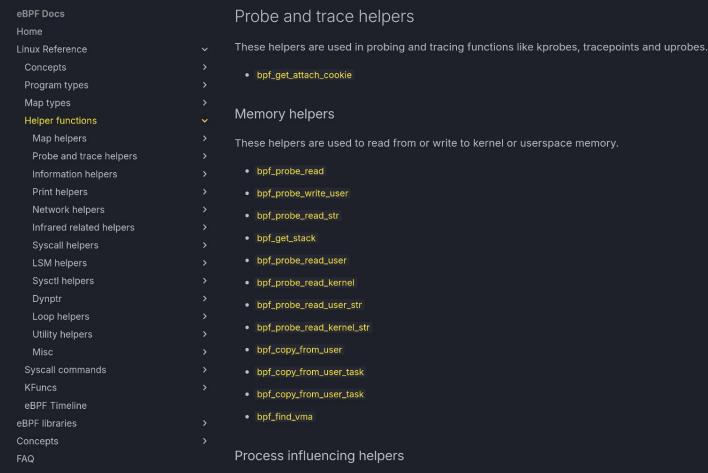
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Definition

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Copy size bytes from data into a ring buffer ringbuf. If BPF_RB_NO_WAKEUP is specified in flags, no notification of new data availability is sent. If BPF_RB_FORCE_WAKEUP is specified in flags, notification of new data availability is sent unconditionally. If **0** is specified in flags, an adaptive notification of new data availability is sent.

An adaptive notification is a notification sent whenever the user-space process has caught up and consumed all available payloads. In case the user-space process is still processing a previous payload, then no notification is needed as it will process the newly added payload automatically.

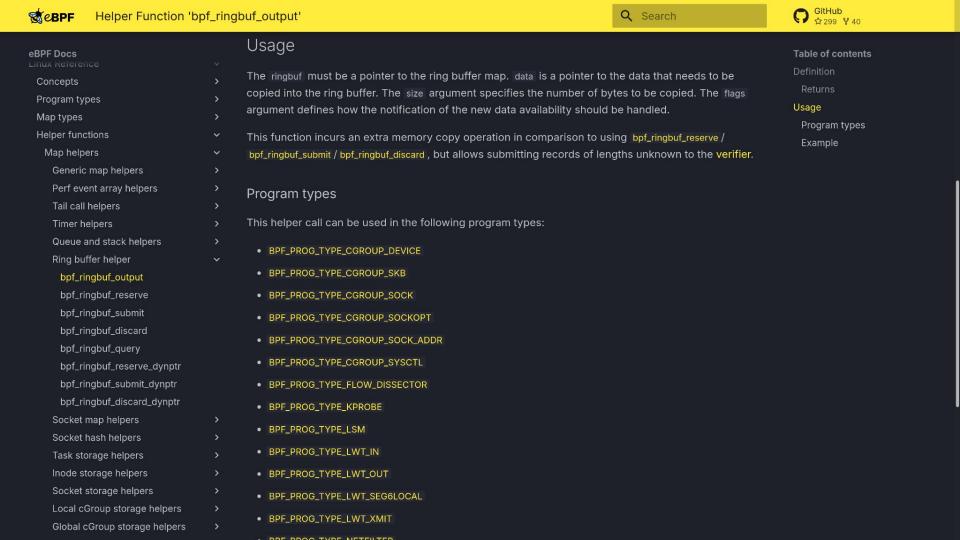
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0 on success, or a negative error in case of failure.

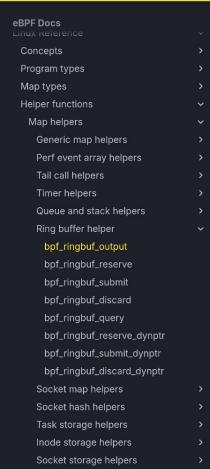
static long (* const bpf_ringbuf_output) (void *ringbuf, void *data, _u64 size, _u64 flags) = (void *) 130;

Usage

The ringbuf must be a pointer to the ring buffer map, data is a pointer to the data that needs to be copied into the ring buffer. The size argument specifies the number of bytes to be copied. The flags







- BPF_PROG_TYPE_PERF_EVENT
- BPF_PROG_TYPE_RAW_TRACEPOINT
- BPF_PROG_TYPE_RAW_TRACEPOINT_WRITABLE
- BPF_PROG_TYPE_SCHED_ACT
- BPF_PROG_TYPE_SCHED_CLS
- BPF_PROG_TYPE_SK_LOOKUP
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Example

// Copy data into the ring buffer bpf_ringbuf_output(&my_ringbuf, &my_data, sizeof(my_data), 0);



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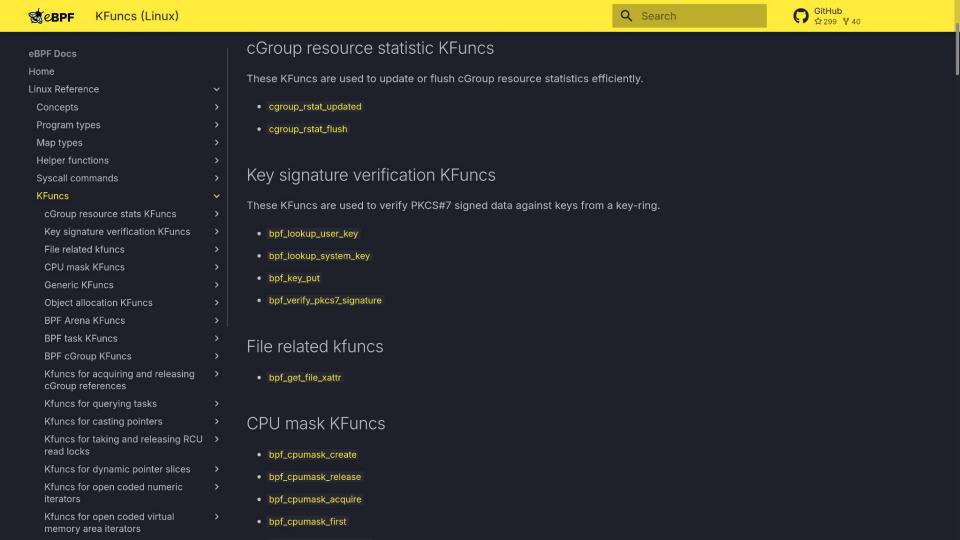






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Create a mutable BPF crypto context.

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Allocates a crypto context that can be used, acquired, and released by a BPF program. The crypto context returned by this function must either be embedded in a map as a kptr, or freed with bpf_crypto_ctx_release . As crypto API functions use GFP_KERNEL allocations, this function can only be used in sleepable BPF programs.

params: pointer to struct bpf_crypto_params which contains all the details needed to initialise crypto context.

params_sz: size of steuct bpf_crypto_params usef by bpf program

err: integer to store error code when NULL is returned.

Returns

Returns an allocated crypto context on success, may return NULL if no memory is available.

struct bpf_crypto_ctx *bpf_crypto_ctx_create(const struct bpf_crypto_params *params, u32 params_sz, int *err)



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Note

This kfunc returns a pointer to a refcounted object. The verifier will then ensure that the pointer to the object is eventually released using a release kfunc, or transferred to a map using a referenced kptr (by invoking bpf_kptr_xchg). If not, the verifier fails the loading of the BPF program until no lingering references remain in all possible explored states of the program.

Note

The pointer returned by the kfunc may be NULL. Hence, it forces the user to do a NULL check on the pointer returned from the kfunc before making use of it (dereferencing or passing to another helper).

Note

This function may sleep, and therefore can only be used from sleepable programs.

Usage

This kfunc is used to allocate a new BPF crypto context which can then be used in bpf_crypto_encrypt and bpf_crypto_decrypt to encrypt or decrypt network packets. The creation allocates memory and thus may sleep, so this must be done outside of packet processing context in a syscall program.

The created context can be stored and shared with network programs via a map containing a kernel pointer.

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The following program types can make use of this kfunc:

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```
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#include "bpf_tracing_net.h"
#include "bpf_misc.h"
#include "bpf_kfuncs.h"
struct bpf_crypto_ctx *bpf_crypto_ctx_create(const struct bpf_crypto_params *params,
             u32 params_sz, int *err) _ksym;
struct bpf_crypto_ctx *bpf_crypto_ctx_acquire(struct bpf_crypto_ctx *ctx) __ksym;
void bpf_crypto_ctx_release(struct bpf_crypto_ctx *ctx) __ksym;
  struct bpf_crypto_ctx __kptr * ctx;
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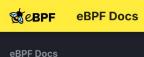
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Loops in BPF

Loops in programming is a common concept, however, in BPF they can be a bit more complicated than in most environments. This is due to the verifier and the guaranteed "safe" nature of BPF programs.

Unrolling

Before \checkmark v5.3 loops in BPF bytecode were not allowed because the verifier wasn't smart enough to determine if a loop would always terminate. The workaround for a long time was to unroll loops in the compiler. Unrolling loops increases the size of a program and can only be done if the amount of iterations is known at compile time. To unroll a loop you can use the #pragma unroll pragma as such:

```
#pragma unroll
for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
    // do something
}
```

Bounded loops

Since ∇ v5.3 the verifier is smart enough to determine if a loop will stop or not. These are referred to as "bounded loops". Users of this feature still have to be careful though, because its easy to write a loop which makes your program too complex for the verifier to handle. The verifier will check every possible permutation of a loop, so if you have a loop that goes up to 100 times with a body of 20 instructions and a few branches, then that loop counts for a few thousand instructions towards the complexity limit.

A common mistake is to use variables with a huge range as the bounds for a loop. For example:

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BPF Token is a mechanism for delegating some of the BPF subsystem functionalities to an unprivileged process (e.g., container) within user-namespace from a privileged process (e.g., container runtime) in the init-namespace.

eBPF and the Linux Capabilities

When eBPF was first introduced in the Linux kernel, it required CAP_SYS_ADMIN to load programs, create maps, etc. However, having CAP_SYS_ADMIN for eBPF applications gives too many privileges beyond just interacting with the BPF subsystem.

That's why CAP_BPF has been introduced since v5.8. It allows more granular control of which eBPF functionalities the process can use. For example, to load network-related eBPF programs such as TC or XDP, it requires CAP_BPF + CAP_NET_ADMIN; to load tracing-related eBPF programs like kprobe or raw_tracepoint, it requires CAP_BPF + CAP_PERFMON and so on.

eBPF and User Namespaces

User Namespace is a namespace that isolates UID, GID, keys, and capabilities. Within the User Namespace, a process can behave like having the root privilege, but only for the resources governed by the User Namespaces.

For example, the process within the User Namespace can even have a CAP_NET_ADMIN and create a

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Dynptrs (Dynamic Pointers)



A "dynptr" or "dynamic pointer" is a concept in the Linux eBPF verifier. It is a pointer with additional metadata so that certain safety check can be performed at runtime. This is useful for situations where it might be difficult to statically prove the safety of certain actions.

For example, consider the situation where you have a map with a setting that instructs a program to read or write an arbitrary spot in a packet. Since the map value can be any value and the size of the packet is variable as well, it is challenging to statically prove all cases (though likely not impossible). By using dynptrs, we shift the burden of proof to runtime. If the program tries to access memory outside of the packet, the helper function or kfunc will return an error instead.

To a eBPF program, a dynptr is just an opaque pointer. The verifier will not allow the program to dereference it directly. Instead, the program must use helper functions or kfuncs to access the memory it points to. These functions will perform the necessary safety checks.

Helper functions and kfuncs

The following functions create or manipulate dynptrs:

- bpf_dynptr_from_mem Creates a dynptr for a map value or global variable.
- bpf_dynptr_read Attempts to read from a dynptr.
- bpf_dynptr_write Attempts to write to a dynptr.
- bpf_dynptr_data Returns a pointer to the underlying data of a dynptr of a given length at a given offset. The verifier knows about the length and offset and will enforce bounds checks statically.
- bpf_ringbuf_reserve_dynptr Reserves a sample in a ring buffer as dynptr, allowing for runtime

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Libbpf eBPF side

Libbpf contains a number of C header files containing mostly pre-processor macros, forward declarations and type definitions that make it easier to write eBPF programs. This is an index into these useful definitions.

bpf_helper_defs.h

The bpf_helper_defs.h file is automatically generated from the kernel sources. It contains forward declarations for every type that is used by eBPF helper functions and somewhat special forward declarations for the helper functions themselves.

For example, the bpf_map_lookup_elem function is declared as:

static void *(* const bpf_map_lookup_elem)(void *map, const void *key) = (void *) 1;

The normal forward declaration of this function would be

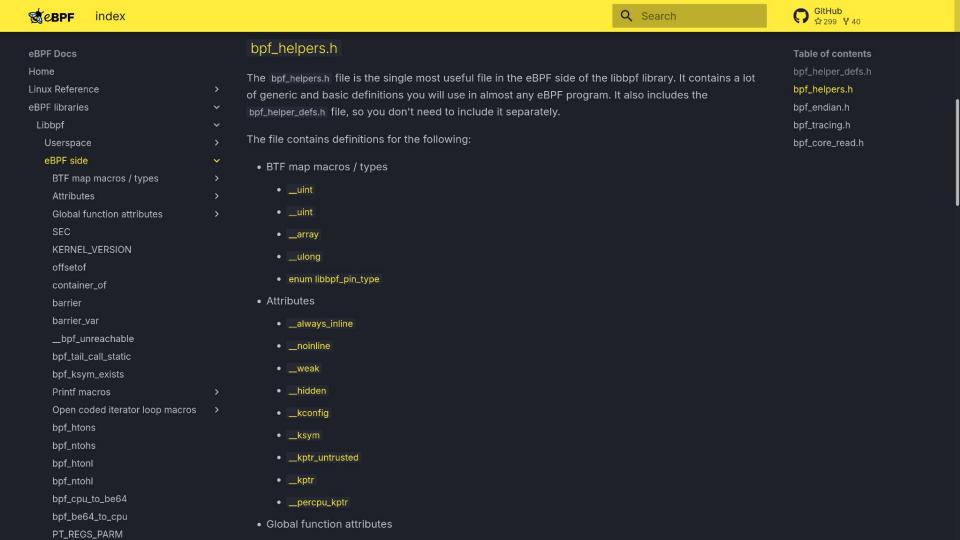
void *bpf_map_lookup_elem(void *map, const void *key); .

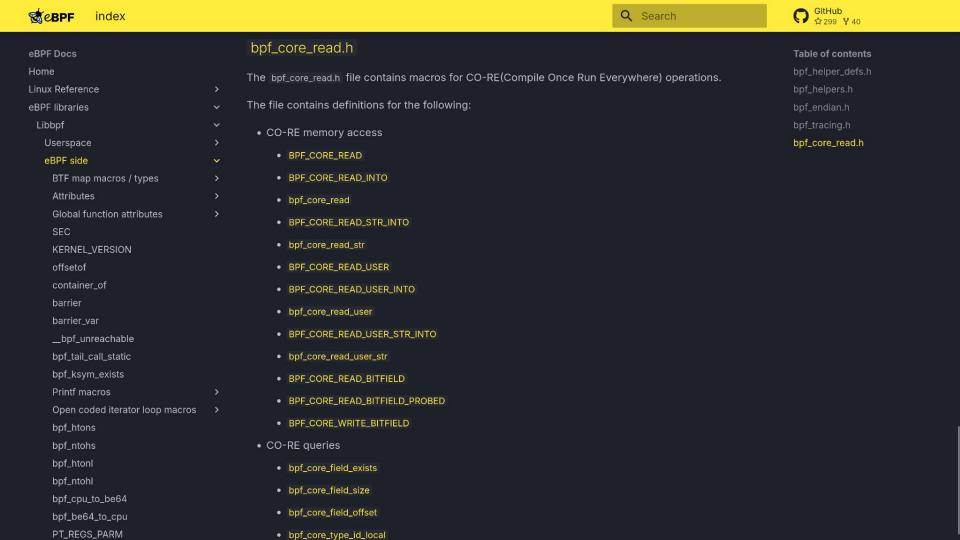
But what the special declaration does is it casts a pointer of value 1 to a const static function pointer.

This causes the compiler to emit a call 1 instruction which the kernel recognizes as a call to the bpf_map_lookup_elem function.

It is entirely possible to copy parts of this file if you are only interested in specific helper functions and their types and even modify their definitions to suit your needs. Though for most people it will be best to include the whole file.

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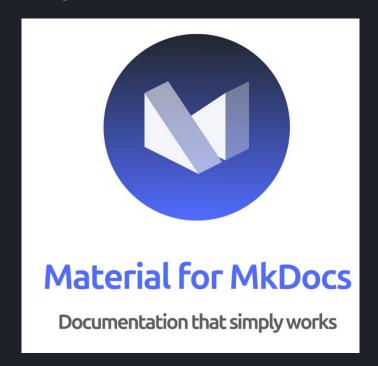


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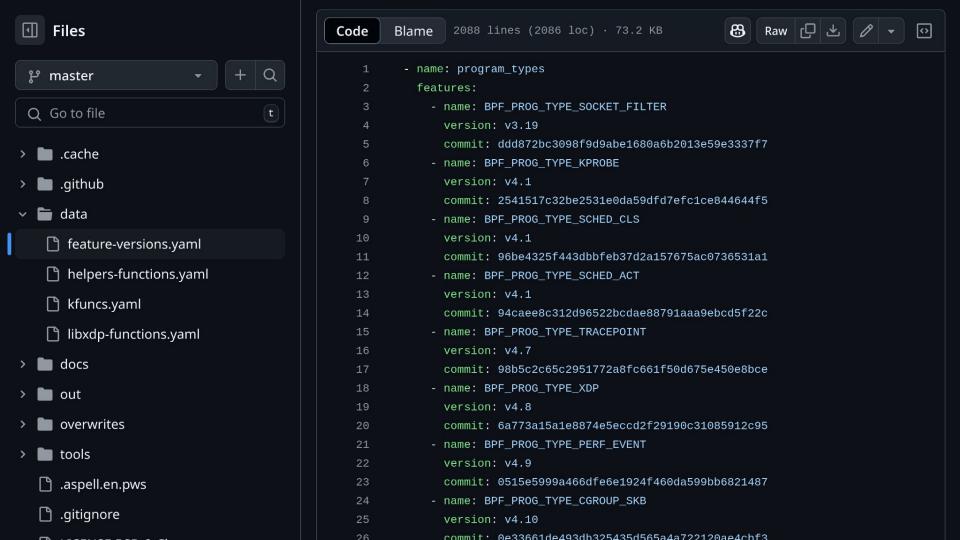
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XDP programs are typically put into an ELF section prefixed with xdp. The XDP program is called by the kernel with a xdp_md context. The return value indicates what action the kernel should take with the packet, the following values are permitted:

- XDP_ABORTED Signals that a unrecoverable error has taken place. Returning this action will cause the kernel to trigger the xdp_exception tracepoint and print a line to the trace log. This allows for debugging of such occurrences. It is also expensive, so should not be used without consideration in production.
- XDP_DROP Discards the packet. It should be noted that since we drop the packet very early, it will

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          files:
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            - arch/*
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                                                                            - name: program_types
            - drivers/media/*
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            - include/*
                                                                              - name: BPF PROG TYPE SOCKET FILTER
            - kernel/bpf/*
                                                                                # regexes: ["BPF_PROG_TYPE_SOCKET_FILTER"]
            - kernel/trace/*
                                                                              - name: BPF_PROG_TYPE_KPROBE
            - kernel/events/*
                                                                              - name: BPF_PROG_TYPE_SCHED_CLS
            - net/*
                                                                              - name: BPF PROG TYPE SCHED ACT
            - security/*
                                                                              - name: BPF_PROG_TYPE_TRACEPOINT
                                                                              - name: BPF_PROG_TYPE_XDP
          # Patterns of tags to check
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- name: BPF PROG TYPE LWT SEG6LOCAL



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Tools: helper-ref-gen

- Read kernel sources, manually maintain data file
- Recreate hierarchy of "groups"
- Flatten and apply "since" metadata
- Render on helper pages and program pages

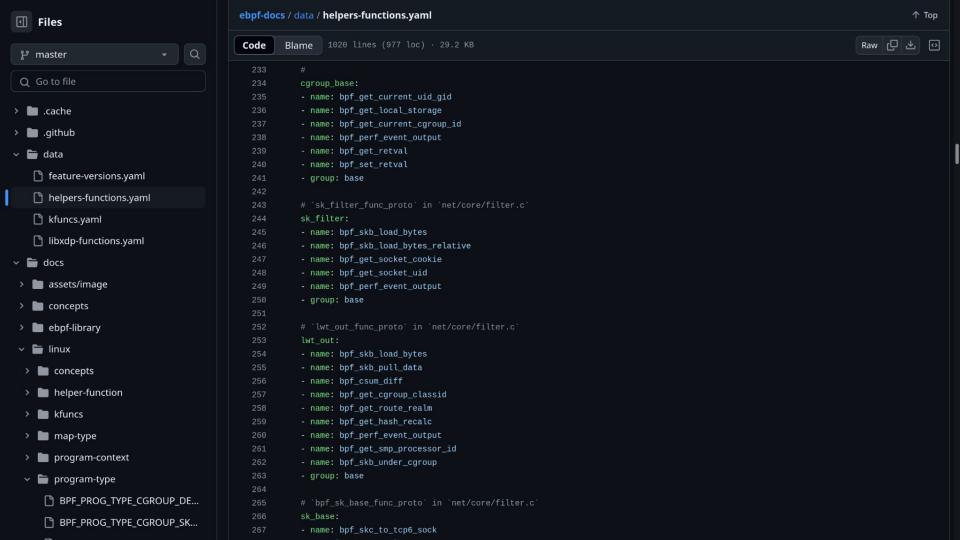
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                                                       # Groups of helper calls which are often allowed together. To be referenced
                                                       # in the `programs` and `maps` section.
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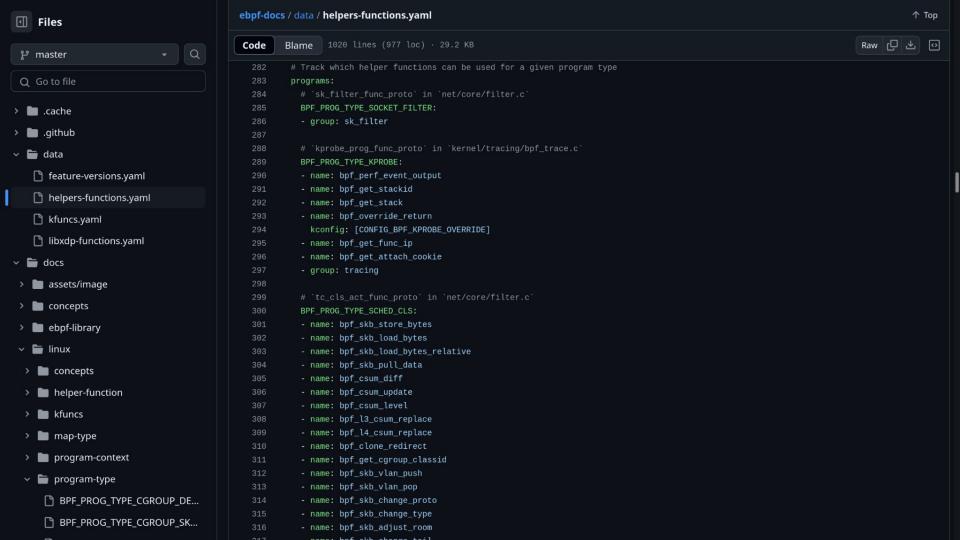
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  > kfuncs
                                                         - name: bpf_for_each_map_elem
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  > map-type
                                                         - name: bpf_strncmp
                                                         - name: bpf spin lock
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                                                      Not all helper functions are available in all program types. These are the helper calls available for XDP programs:
     BPF_PROG_TYPE_SCHED_CLS....
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     BPF PROG TYPE SK LOOKUP....
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                                                          * [`bpf_cgrp_storage_delete`](../helper-function/bpf_cgrp_storage_delete.md)
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Tools: helper-def-scraper

- Grab `bpf_helper_defs.h` from libbpf
- Parse out the comments
- Convert to markdown
- Insert between <!-- [HELPER_FUNC_DEF] and <!-- [/HELPER_FUNC_DEF] -->

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                                                        # Helper function `bpf_ringbuf_output`
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                                                        > Copyright (c) 2015 The Libbpf Authors. All rights reserved.
     bpf_rc_keydown.md
     bpf_rc_pointer_rel.md
                                                        <!-- [HELPER_FUNC_DEF] -->
     bpf rc repeat.md
                                                        Copy_size_ bytes from _data_ into a ring buffer _ringbuf_. If **BPF_RB_NO_WAKEUP** is specified in _flags_, no notification of new dat
     bpf_read_branch_records.md
                                                        An adaptive notification is a notification sent whenever the user-space process has caught up and consumed all available payloads. In c
     bpf_redirect.md
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     bpf redirect map.md
     bpf_redirect_neigh.md
                                                        0 on success, or a negative error in case of failure.
     bpf_redirect_peer.md
                                                         `#!c static long (* const bpf_ringbuf_output)(void *ringbuf, void *data, __u64 size, __u64 flags) = (void *) 130;`
     bpf_reserve_hdr_opt.md
                                                        <!-- [/HELPER FUNC DEF] -->
     bpf_ringbuf_discard.md
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     bpf_ringbuf_discard_dynptr.md
                                                        The `ringbuf` must be a pointer to the ring buffer map. `data` is a pointer to the data that needs to be copied into the ring buffer. T
     bpf_ringbuf_output.md
                                                        This function incurs an extra memory copy operation in comparison to using [`bpf_ringbuf_reserve`](./bpf_ringbuf_reserve.md)/[`bpf_ringbuf_reserve.md)/[`bpf_ringbuf_reserve.md)/[`bpf_ringbuf_reserve.md]
     bpf_ringbuf_query.md
     bpf ringbuf reserve.md
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                                                        ### Program types
     bpf_ringbuf_reserve_dynptr.md
                                                        This helper call can be used in the following program types:
     bpf_ringbuf_submit.md
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     bpf_ringbuf_submit_dynptr.md
                                                        <!-- [HELPER FUNC PROG REF] -->
                                                         * [`BPF_PROG_TYPE_CGROUP_DEVICE`](../program-type/BPF_PROG_TYPE_CGROUP_DEVICE.md)
     bpf_send_signal.md
                                                         * [`BPF_PROG_TYPE_CGROUP_SKB`](../program-type/BPF_PROG_TYPE_CGROUP_SKB.md)
     bpf_send_signal_thread.md
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Tools: kfunc-gen

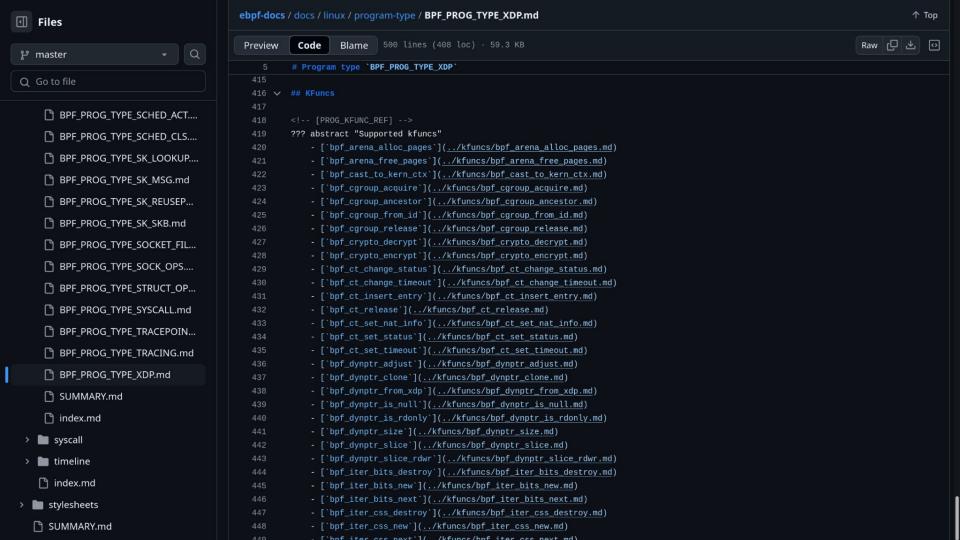
- Manually curate all kfunc sets (program types + KF_* flags)
- Compile a vmlinux with all kfuncs
- Use `bpf_kfunc` decl tag to validate data file
- Generate program <-> kfunc ref from data file
- Generate flag related warnings from data file
- Generate function signature from vmlinux BTF

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         # KFunc `bpf crypto ctx create`
         ## Definition
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         **Returns**
         Returns an allocated crypto context on success, may return NULL if no memory is available.
         <!-- [KFUNC DEF] -->
          `#!c struct bpf_crypto_ctx *bpf_crypto_ctx_create(const struct bpf_crypto_params *params, u32 params__sz, int *err)`
         !!! note
                 This kfunc returns a pointer to a refcounted object. The verifier will then ensure that the pointer to the o
                 is eventually released using a release kfunc, or transferred to a map using a referenced kptr
                  (by invoking [`bpf_kptr_xchg`](../helper-function/bpf_kptr_xchg.md)). If not, the verifier fails the
                 loading of the BPF program until no lingering references remain in all possible explored states of the progr
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         !!! note
                 The pointer returned by the kfunc may be NULL. Hence, it forces the user to do a NULL check on the pointer r
                 from the kfunc before making use of it (dereferencing or passing to another helper).
         !!! note
             This function may sleep, and therefore can only be used from [sleepable programs](../syscall/BPF PROG LOAD.md/#b
         <!-- [/KFUNC DEF] -->
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          # KFunc `bpf_crypto_ctx_create`
          ## Usage
          This kfunc is used to allocate a new BPF crypto context which can then be used in `bpf_crypto_encrypt` and `bpf_cryp
          The created context can be stored and shared with network programs via a map containing a kernel pointer.
          ### Program types
          The following program types can make use of this kfunc:
          <!-- [KFUNC PROG REF] -->
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          - [`BPF_PROG_TYPE_SYSCALL`](../program-type/BPF_PROG_TYPE_SYSCALL.md)
          <!-- [/KFUNC_PROG_REF] -->
          ### Example
          !!! example
                  /* Copyright (c) 2024 Meta Platforms, Inc. and affiliates. */
                  #include "vmlinux.h"
                  #include "bpf_tracing_net.h"
                  #include <bpf/bpf_helpers.h>
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Future work

- Keep up with changes
- Libbpf userspace
- More concept pages
- Tutorial style pages
- Fill the gaps
- Verifier logs
 - How to read them
 - Common errors and solutions
 - Collecting logs at https://github.com/parttimenerd/ebpf-verifier-errors

