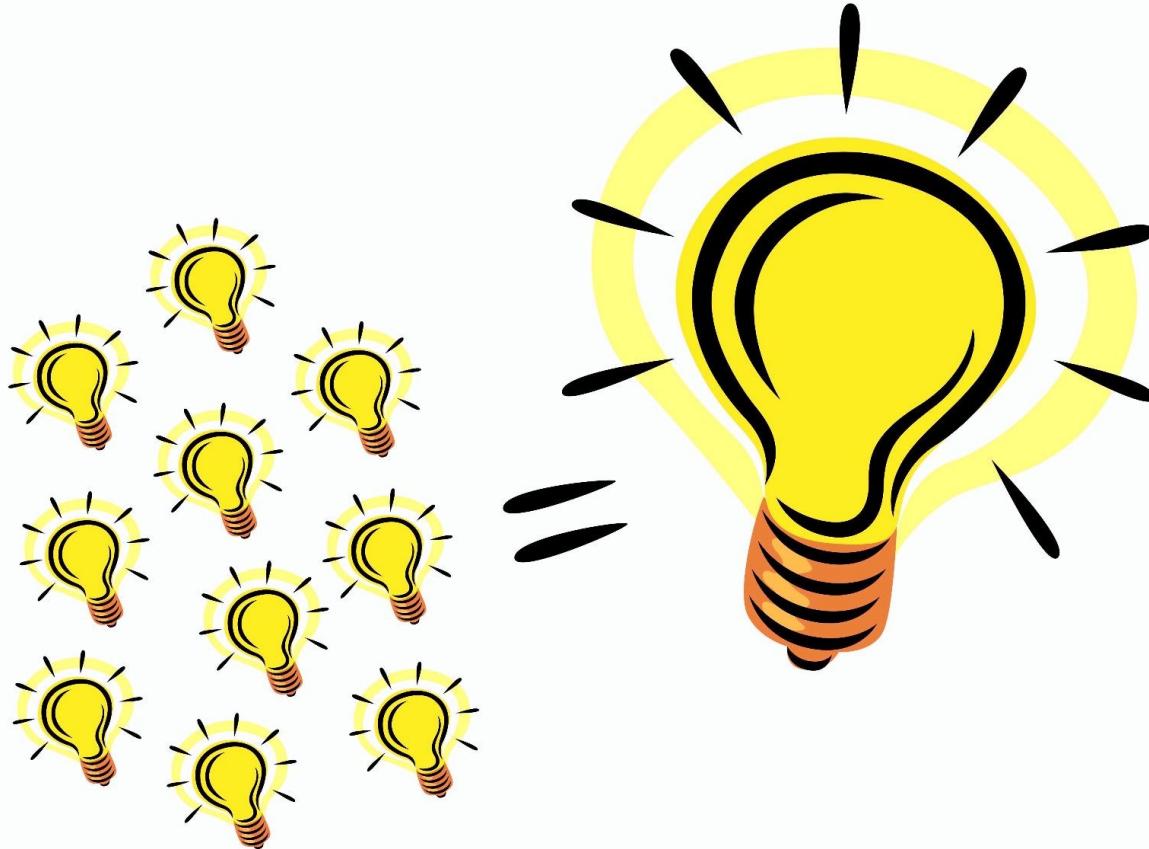
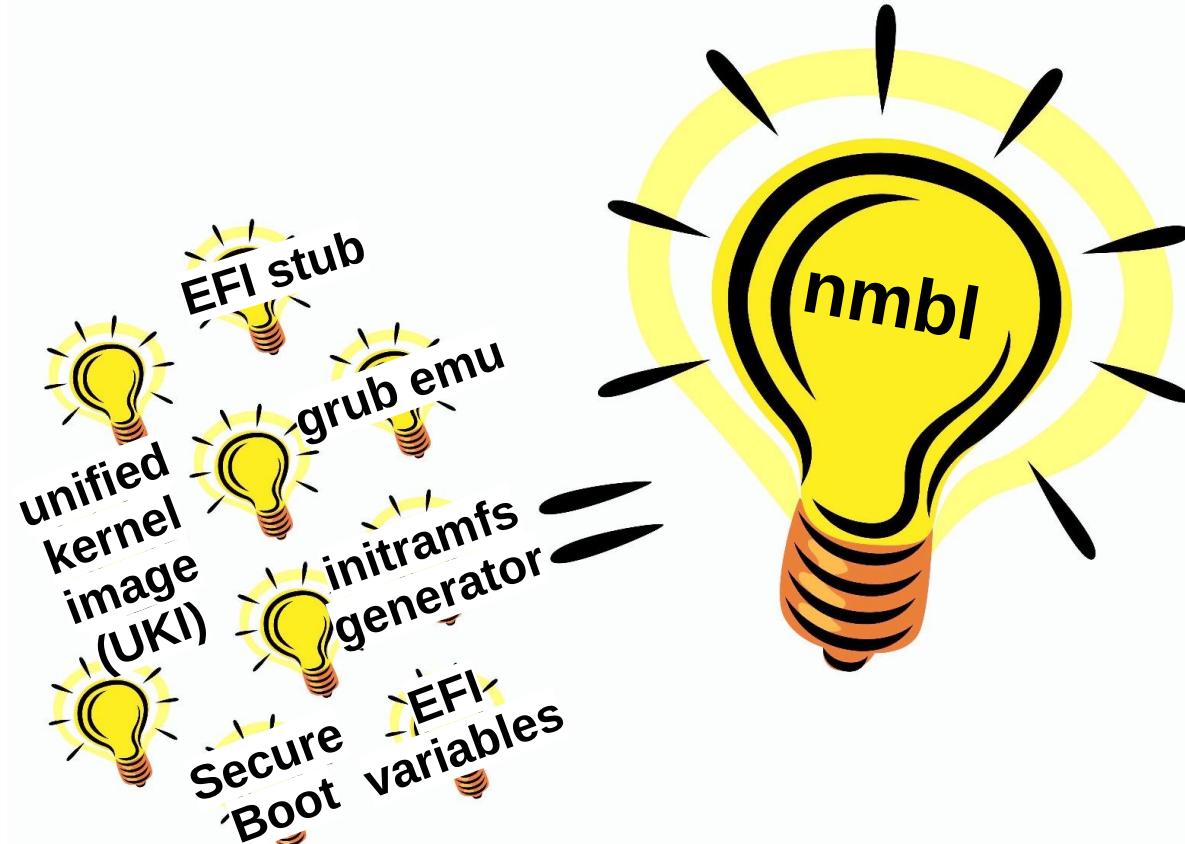


no more boot loader: boot using the Linux kernel

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what is nml?





kernel

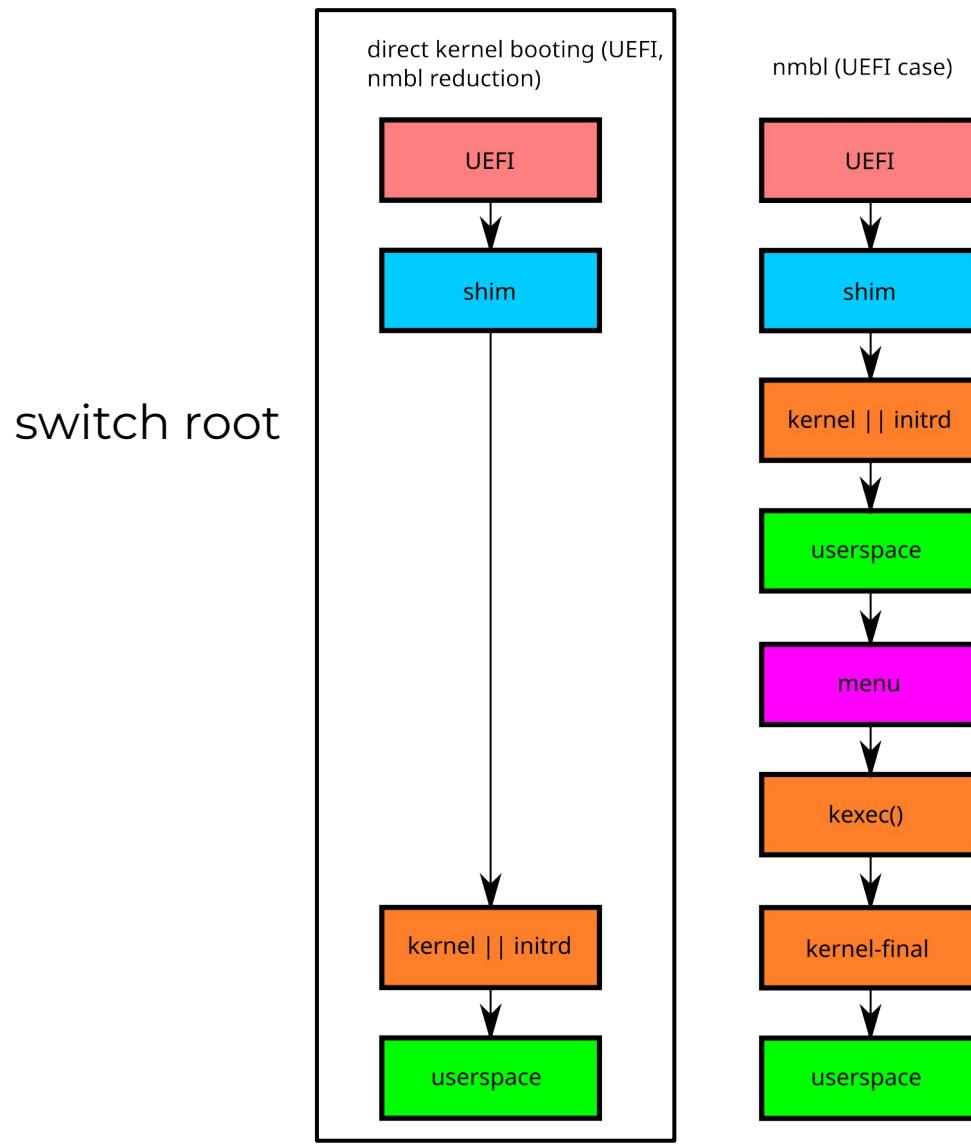
kernel command line

initramfs

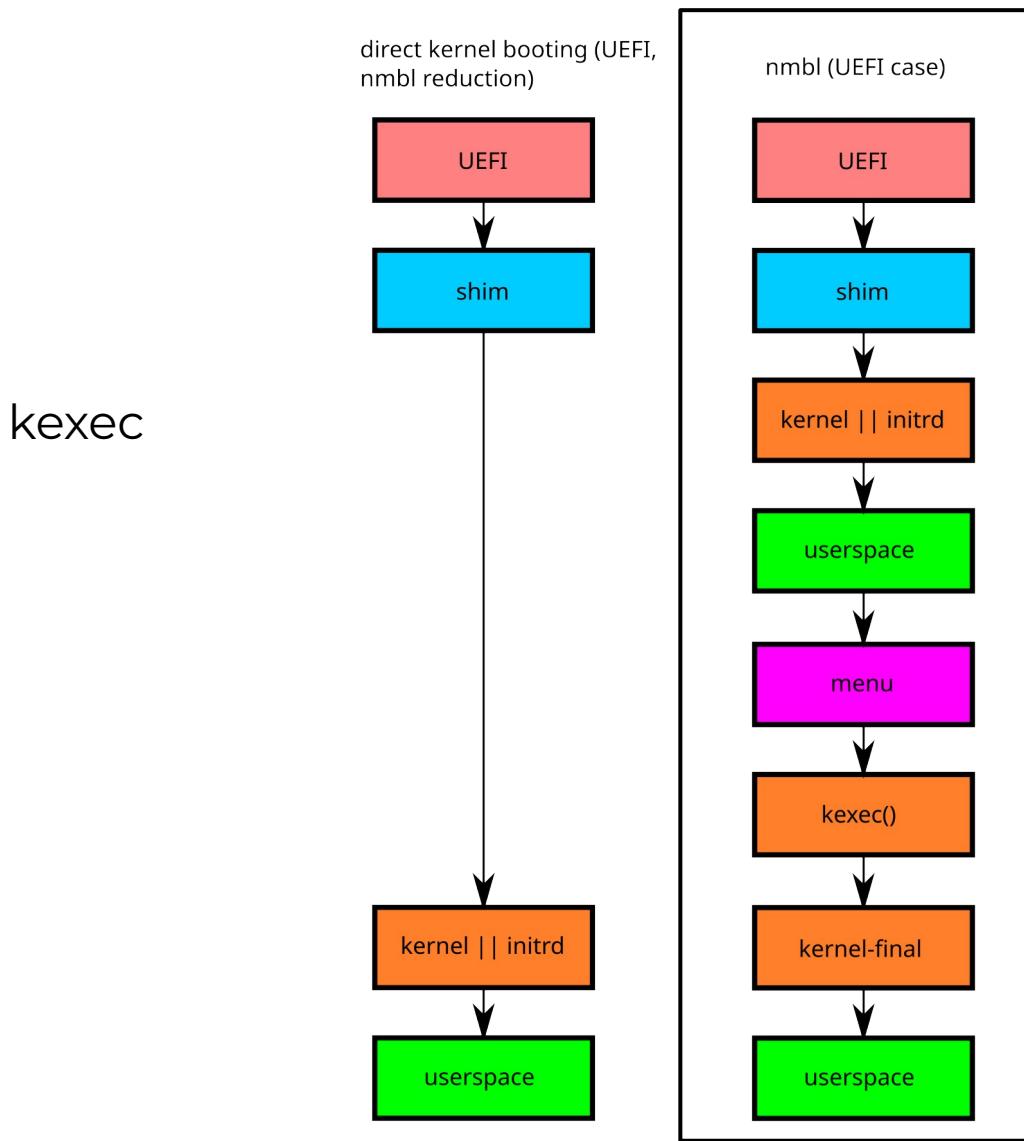
efi stub

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unified kernel image



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why are we doing this?

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- **replace GRUB**

what about the command line?

shim hive



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shim hive

key1

value1

key2

value2



Boot0001

switch-root

HD(1,GPT,...)/
File(\EFI\fedora\
shimx64.efi)

Boot0002

kexec

HD(1,GPT,...)/
File(\EFI\fedora\
shimx64.efi)

path:

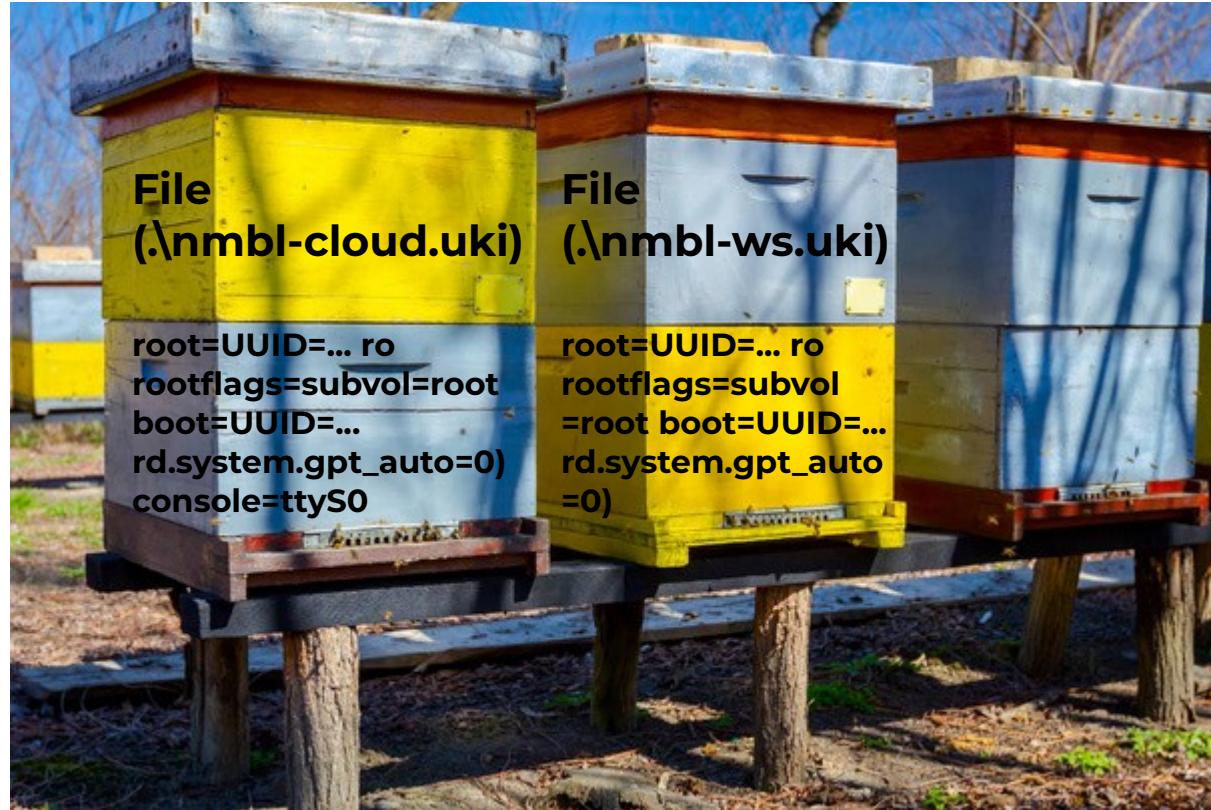
cmdline:

**File
(.\nmbI-cloud.uki)**

**root=UUID=... ro
rootflags=subvol=root
boot=UUID=...
rd.system.gpt_auto=0
console=ttyS0**

**File
(.\nmbI-ws.uki)**

**root=UUID=... ro
rootflags=subvol
=root boot=UUID=...
rd.system.gpt_auto
=0)**



what about fallback?

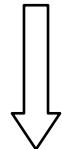
do some update

BootNext: 0002	←--	updated entry
BootCurrent: 0001	←--	last known “good”
BootOrder: 0001,0002,0000		

BootNext: 0002

BootCurrent: 0001

BootOrder: 0001,0002,0000



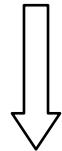
BootCurrent: 0002

BootOrder: 0002,0001,0000

BootNext: 0002

BootCurrent: 0001

BootOrder: 0001,0002,0000



BootCurrent: 0001

BootOrder: 0001,0002,0000

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thank you for your time and attention :)

more information:

<https://github.com/rhboot/nmbl-poc/>

<https://github.com/fwupd/fwupd/tree/hughsie/ShimHive>

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