

Building a rt-preempt kernel for Debian Jessie - x86-amd64

There are currently no stock Debian rt-preempt kernels available for Debian Jessie. Building your own is not difficult providing you have a full development system installed. The sample instructions below cover the building of kernel 3.8.11 with rt patch no 7

The best way to approach this is to:

- Go to www.kernel.org/pub/linux/kernel/projects/rt/ and select the latest stable patch
- Then download the matching vanilla kernel from www.kernel.org
- Substitute the kernel version you have for 3.8.11 and the rt-patch version you have for 3.8.11-rt7 in the below instructions
- Cut and Paste [this](#) config to a file called .config in the root directory of the kernel sources. Meaning the linux-3.18.11 directory that got created after unpacking. All the recent rt x86-amd64 patches up to kernel 4.4.9 have been tested and all worked well.

Commands from a terminal

- Commands below should be replaced with the kernel you looked for in the instructions above.

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cd ~
sudo apt-get install build-essential libncurses5-dev
mkdir rtlinux
cd rtlinux
wget -c ftp://ftp.kernel.org/pub/linux/kernel/v3.x/linux-3.18.11.tar.xz
wget -c https://www.kernel.org/pub/linux/kernel/projects/rt/3.18/patch-3.18.11-rt7.patch.gz
tar -xpf linux-3.18.11.tar.xz
gunzip patch-3.18.11-rt7.patch.gz
cp patch-3.18.11-rt7.patch linux-3.18.11
cd linux-3.18.11
cat patch-3.18.11-rt7.patch | patch -p1
make menuconfig
```

- this will make a screen like this one below pop-up

.config - Linux/x86 3.18.11 Kernel Configuration

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Linux/x86 3.18.11 Kernel Configuration
Arrow keys navigate the menu.  <Enter> selects submenus ---> (or empty
submenus ----).  Highlighted letters are hotkeys.  Pressing <Y>
includes, <N> excludes, <M> modularizes features.  Press <Esc><Esc> to
exit, <?> for Help, </> for Search.  Legend: [*] built-in [ ]

[*] 64-bit kernel
    General setup --->
[*] Enable loadable module support --->
[*] Enable the block layer --->
    Processor type and features --->
    Power management and ACPI options --->
    Bus options (PCI etc.) --->
    Executable file formats / Emulations --->
[*] Networking support --->
    Device Drivers --->
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<Select>	< Exit >	< Help >	< Save >	< Load >

- if you want an amd64 kernel, check the 64-bit kernel box
- press 2x <ESC> to exit
- then continue

make -j\$(nproc)

- go and have a coffee. When finished do:

```
sudo make modules_install  
sudo make install
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