Packages - Bug #2984

linux-libre-Its does not boot with now-default zstd initrd compression

2021-02-26 11:24 PM - respiranto

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Assignee:	bill-auger		
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Description

mkinitcpio switched to zstd as default compression algorithm with version 30, as announced in the Arch news [0]. This happened knowing that, on Arch, linux-lts moved to version 5.10, with support for zstd. However, on Parabola, linux-libre-lts is still at version 5.4, without support for zstd. Furthermore, on armv7h, linux-libre is at version 5.8, also without support for zstd.

Hence, machines updated to the latest versions of mkinitcpio and linux-libre-lts (or linux-libre on armv7h), and the default mkinitcpio.conf will refuse to boot that kernel.

The natural workaround is to set COMPRESSION to some other value in mkinitcpio.conf and to subsequently rebuild the initrd.

It is worth noting that linux-libre-lts is recommended in the Installation Guide [1].

I suggest making an announcement in the news and/or adapting the default mkinitcpio.conf.

History

#1 - 2021-02-26 11:25 PM - respiranto

Forgot the links:

- [0] https://archlinux.org/news/moving-to-zstandard-images-by-default-on-mkinitcpio/
- [1] https://wiki.parabola.nu/Installation Guide#Install a kernel

#2 - 2021-03-01 02:27 AM - bill-auger

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