

Boot Fedora 33 with CET  
Enabled on Tiger Lake

# Enable CET in an Application

- For C/C++/FORTRAN sources, just compile with -fcf-protection.
  - This has been done by default on Fedora.
- For JIT:
  - Add ENDBR at indirect branch targets.
  - Adjust shadow stack when stack frames are changed.
- For assembly sources:
  - Place ENDBR at all indirect branch targets in assembly codes.
  - Mark all assembly codes as CET enabled.
    - Include the header file, <cet.h>, to automatically generate CET marker in assembly codes.

# Enforce CET Marker on an Application

- A program/library is CET enabled only if all its components are CET enabled.
- Build the program/library with the linker switch, `-z cet-report=error`, identifies input objects with missing CET marker:

```
$ gcc -Wl,-z,cet-report=error x.o
```

```
/usr/bin/ld: x.o: error: missing IBT and SHSTK properties
```

```
collect2: error: ld returned 1 exit status
```

# Check CET Status on a Application

- All CET enabled binaries should have be marked:

```
$ readelf -n /bin/ls 2>&1 | grep SHSTK
```

Properties: x86 feature: IBT, SHSTK

Missing the CET marker means the binary is not CET enabled.

# Enable CET in Fedora 33 on Tiger Lake

Boot into Fedora in GUI mode with CET enabled on Tiger Lake.

- Make a list of failures due to missing CET support in:
  - Assembly codes.
  - JITs.
  - Other high level languages.
- For each CET failure, open a Fedora rawhide bug blocking
  - [https://bugzilla.redhat.com/show\\_bug.cgi?id=1802674](https://bugzilla.redhat.com/show_bug.cgi?id=1802674)
  - Add missing ENDBR and CET marker.

# Milestones

Tasks	Timeline	Linux kernel	Fedora
Install Fedora 31 on Tiger Lake SDVs	March 6		
List of packages missing CET support for GUI mode boot	April 3		
Open bug reports against all failed packages	April 10	XSAVES supervisor states in v5.6	
Move to Fedora 32	July 3	Shadow Stack in v5.7?	Fedora 32 GA
Patches created for each open bug	July 24		Fedora 33 requirement freeze
	Aug 28	IBT in v5.8?	Fedora 33 development end
	Oct 4		Fedora 33 GA