

# Kernel Log: Coming in 3.9 (part 1)

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On Sunday, Linus Torvalds released the fourth pre-release version of Linux kernel 3.9. In his release notes, he noted that development has not yet settled down and called for testing of the RC.

As usual, Torvalds and his the other kernel developers merged all of the major changes planned for Linux 3.9 into the kernel in the two weeks following the release of version 3.8. We are currently in the stabilization phase and major changes during this phase are rare allowing the Kernel Log to provide a comprehensive overview of the major new features to be expected in the new Linux version, which is expected to be released in late April.

This overview will be provided by a series of articles dealing with various facets of the kernel. The series opens with a description of new features in the areas of storage technology and filesystems.

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