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# Tested on RHEL 5, 6 & 7

# Sometimes it may be necessary to rebuild the initial ramdisk (also
known as initrd or
# initramfs) to include new kernel modules, files, etc.

# RHEL 3, 4 & 5: Rebuilding the initrd
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cp /boot/initrd-$(uname -r).img /boot/initrd-$(uname -r).img.bak

mkinitrd -f -v /boot/initrd-$(uname -r).img $(uname -r)

# If we are in a kernel version different to the initrd we are
building we must specify
# the full kernel version, without architecture:

mkinitrd -f -v /boot/initrd-2.6.18-348.2.1.el5.img 2.6.18-348.2.1.el5

# RHEL 6 & 7: Rebuilding the initramfs
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cp /boot/initramfs-$(uname -r).img /boot/initramfs-$(uname
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-r).img.bak
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dracut -f
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# If we are in a kernel version different to the initrd we are  
building we must specify
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# the full kernel version, including architecture:
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dracut -f /boot/initramfs-2.6.32-220.7.1.el6.x86_64.img
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2.6.32-220.7.1.el6.x86_64
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# *** Consider adding a new grub/grub2 entry pointing to the initial  
ramdisk image, that
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# will allow you to choose the old version at boot time without  
restoring the backup
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