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Initialization	<code>usptr_t *usinit(const char *)</code>
Allocation	<code>void *uscalloc(size_t, size_t, usptr_t *)</code> <code>void usfree(void *, usptr_t *)</code> <code>void *usmalloc(size_t, usptr_t *)</code> <code>void *usrealloc(void *, size_t, usptr_t *)</code> <code>void *usrealloc(void *, size_t, size_t, usptr_t *)</code>

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semop(semid,&sops,(size_t) 1); // "obtain" the semaphore
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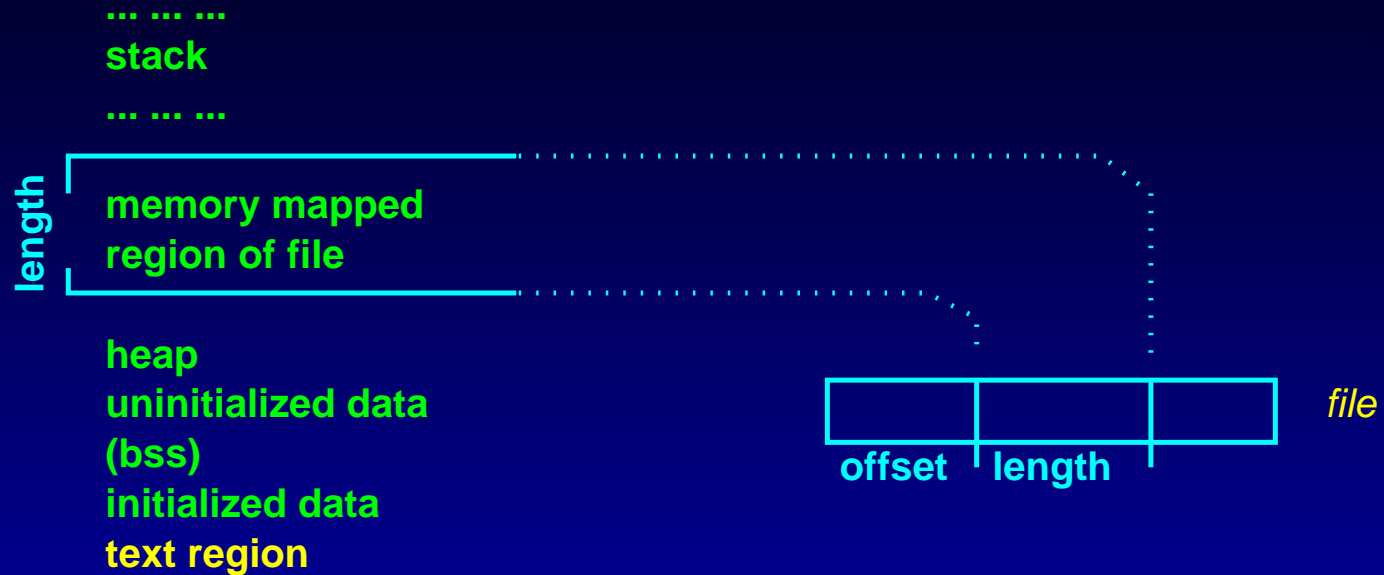
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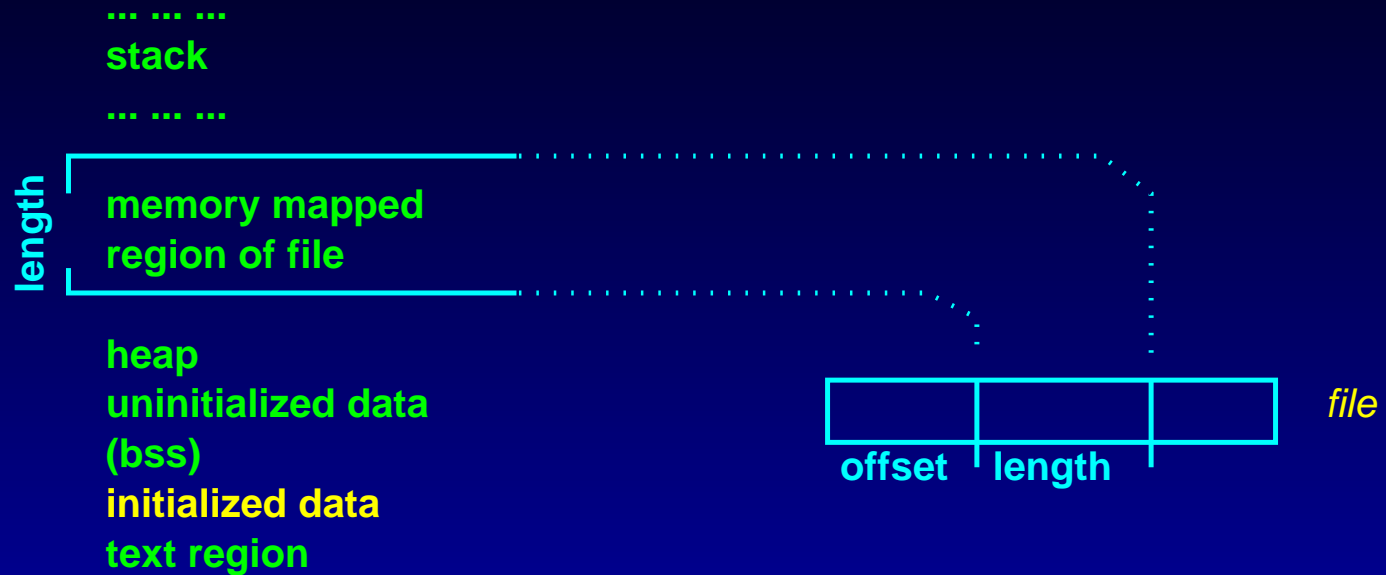
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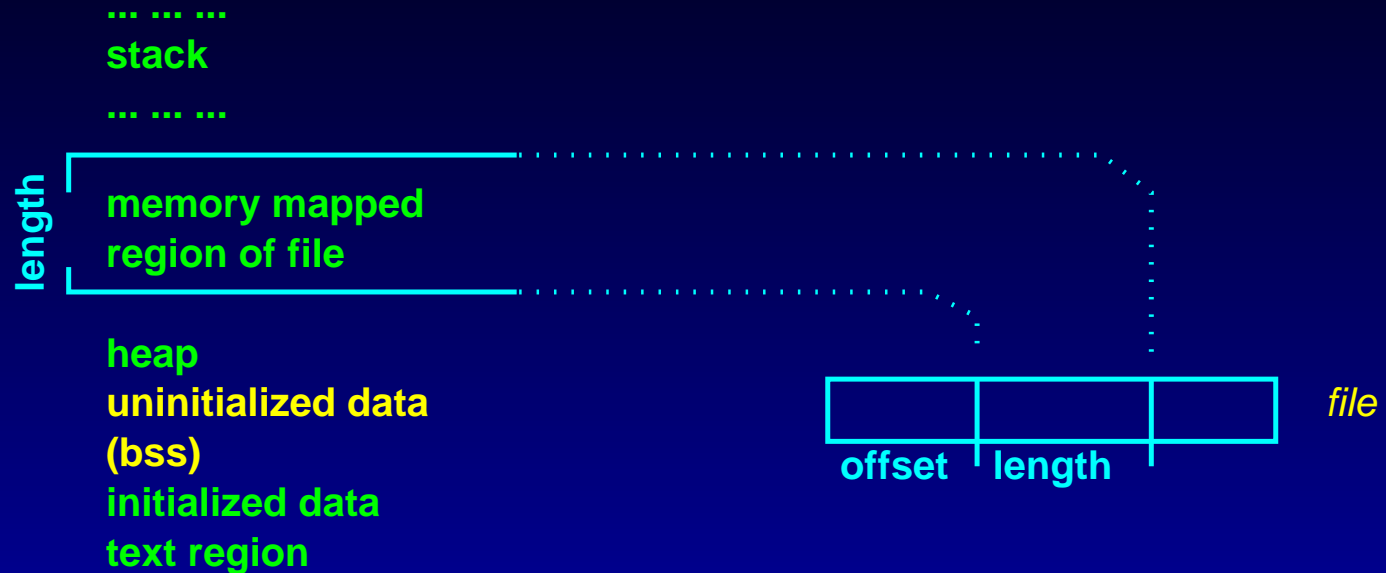
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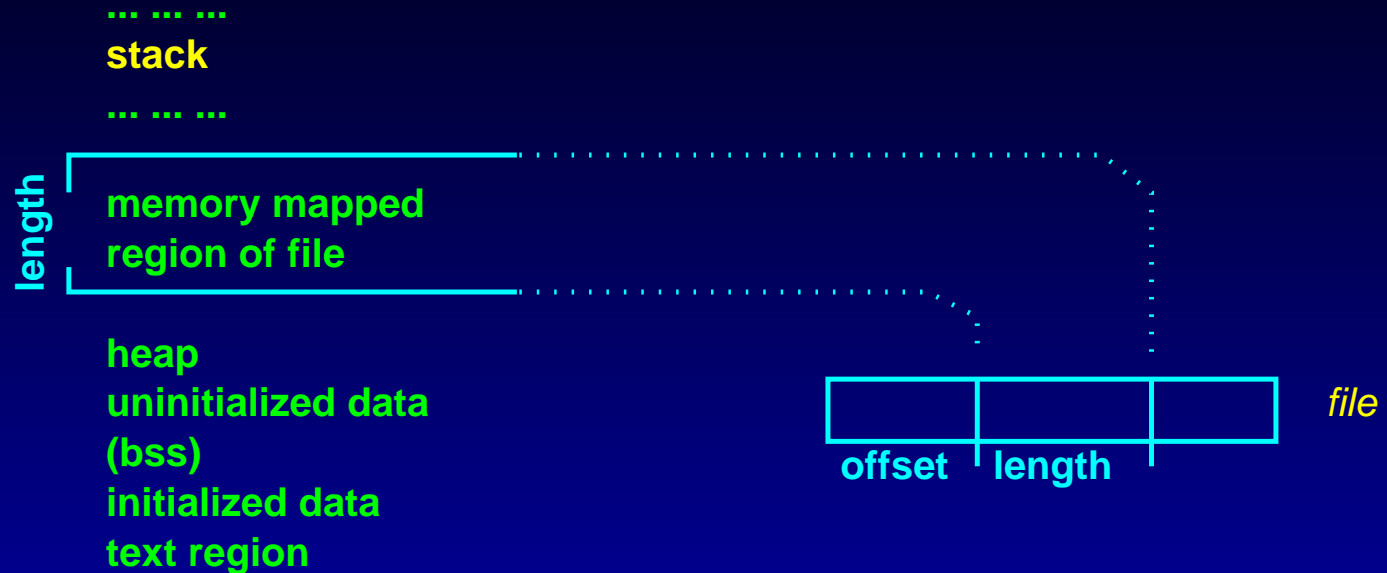


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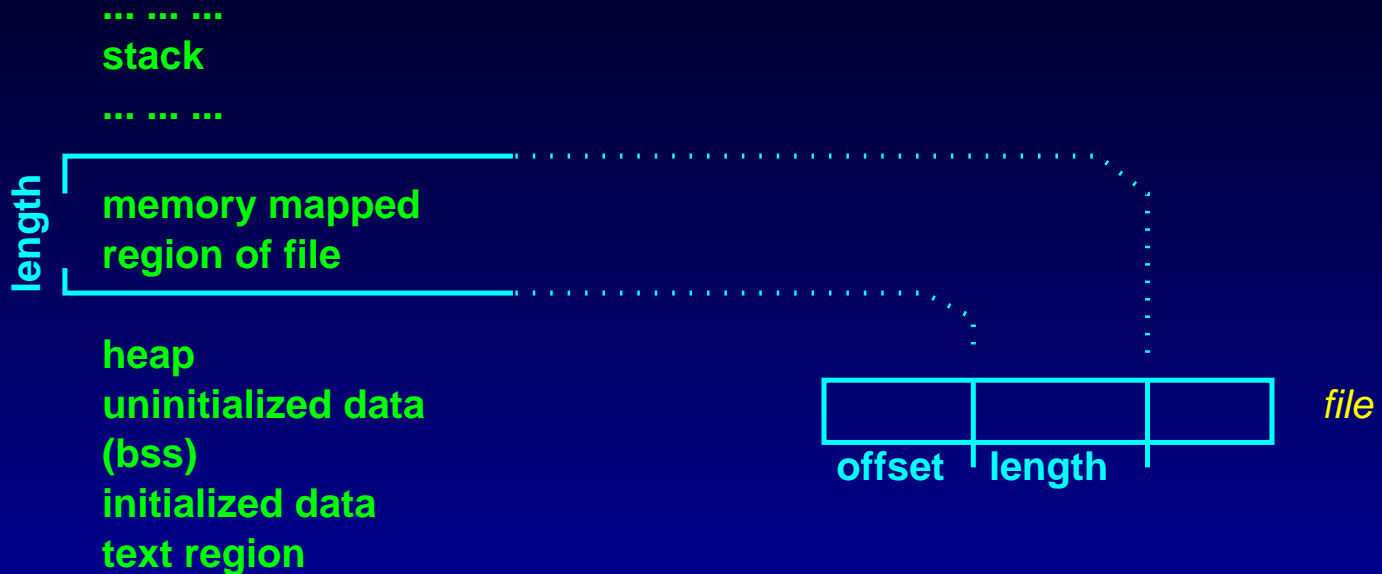
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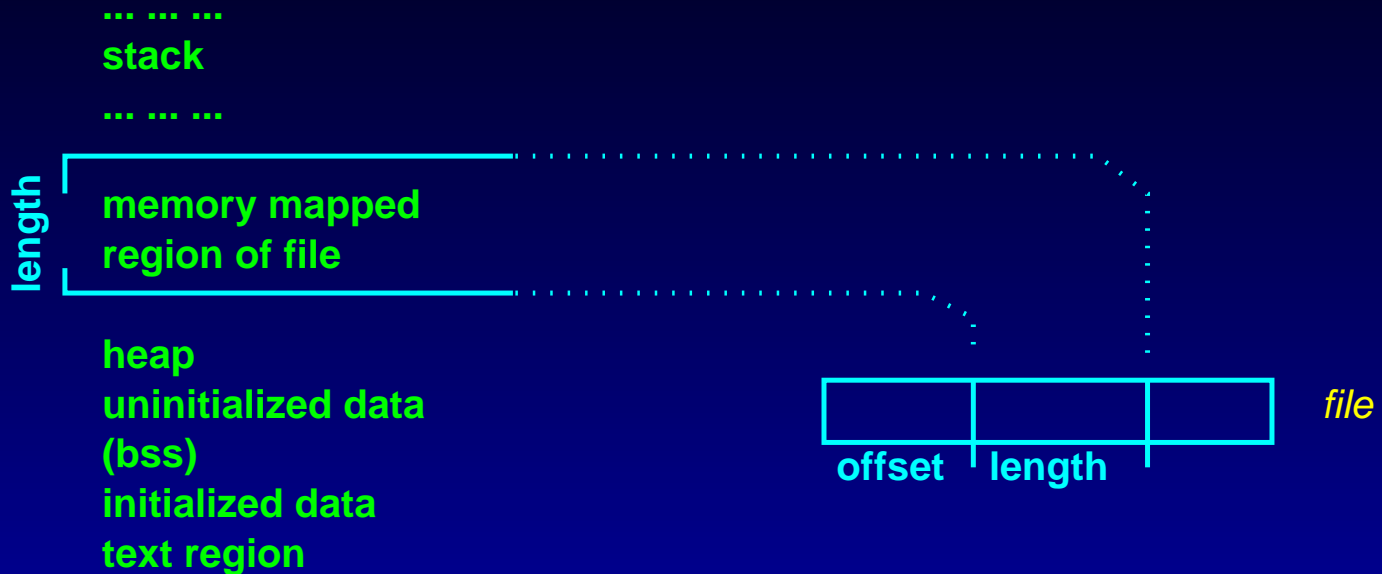
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