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WEBSITE URL REFERRED: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nsWklEuhRmM>,

### Summary/Abstract/Review:

Comparison -

#### 1. Data Structures

##### Windows

- windows uses tree data structure.
- each node of the tree is called Virtual address descriptors (VAD)
- free nodes are unused nodes.
- Reserved nodes cannot be used until reservation is lifted off.

##### Linux

- it uses linked list data structure.
- it maintains a list of vm-area-structs.
- this list is searched whenever a page is to be found.
- it also records the range of address.
- linux uses data structure depending upon the situation.





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## 2. Distribution of process address space

### Windows

- windows on 32 bit x86 system can access upto 4GB of physical memory
- the upper 2GB is kept for windows kernel mode.
- the lower 2GB is for the address space is reserved for user mode.

### Linux

- 3GB of memory space is reserved for user mode.
- 1GB is kept for kernel mode.

## 3. Address Structure

### Windows

- Address is divided into two parts
  - page number
  - page offset.

### Linux

- Linear address is broken into four parts
  - Global Directory
  - Middle Directory
  - page table
  - offset.

### Conclusion:

We have compared the linux and windows behalf of Memory Management.

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