

# Taskserver Design

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# System Components

L4 Microkernel

Sigma 0

Anonymous Memory Server

Syscall Server

Data Space Providers

ELF Loader

Fileserver

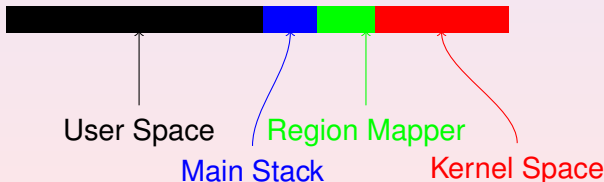
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# Sawmill Inspired Data Spaces

- Every address space has got it's own managing thread, called *region mapper*.
- *region mapper* resides at the end of user address space, just below kernel.
- *region mapper* holds mapping between *VM Region* and *Data Space Provider*





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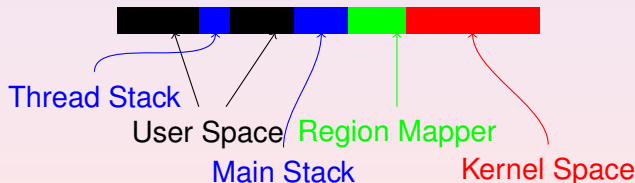
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# Stack Positioning

- *Main program stack* is created just below *Region Mapper*, growing down, towards *heap*
- For every additional thread, *stack space* is allocated from *heap*, surrounded by *read only pages* to detect overflow
- *Thread stacks* are created by *region mapper*



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# New

- *Task server asks memory server to create a new address space*
- *Task server creates a new region mapper inside new address space*
- *Task server sends message to Region mapper, telling it the path of the image to load*
- *Region mapper asks ELF-Loader (or PE-Loader or whatever) to map image into its address space*
- *Region mapper starts mapped program inside new thread*

# Fork

- *Task server asks memory server to create a new address space*
- *Task server creates a new region mapper inside new address space*
- *Task server asks memory server to map old User space and Stack into new address space*
- *Task server sends message to region mapper*
- *Region mapper resumes operation in new address space*

# Exec

- *Task server* kills all *threads* inside address space except *region mapper*
- *Task server* sends message to *Region mapper*, telling it the path of the image to load
- *Region mapper* asks *ELF-Loader* (or *PE-Loader* or whatever) to map image into its *address space*
- *Region mapper* starts mapped program inside new thread

# Kill

- If *TID* is a region mapper: Kill all *threads* in *address space*
- Else kill *thread* specified by *TID*

# StartThread

- *Task server* tells *syscall server* to create a new *thread* inside specified *address space*
- *Task server* tells *region mapper* to start thread
- *Region mapper* creates *thead stack* and sends start message to *thread*



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# SetStatisticInterval

- Sets interval in which statistics are collected

# SetTimeslice

- Sets length of timeslice

# SetPriority

- Sets priority of *thread* identified by *TID*

# SetPreemptionDelay

- Sets preemption delay of *thread* identified by *TID*

# Ping

- Sends *ping message* to *region mapper of address space* to check if it is still responsive

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# Statistics

- Collected statistics are accessed via virtual filesystem