## Lazy Allocation for xv6

## Task 1. freepmem() system call

From this task to implement the freepmem() system call which allows the program to check how much free memory is available currently in the system without having to allocated it. I also learned more about memory allocation and the use of other functions like malloc which allows the allocation of memory for programs. Learned how lazy allocation works and how it can be implemented.

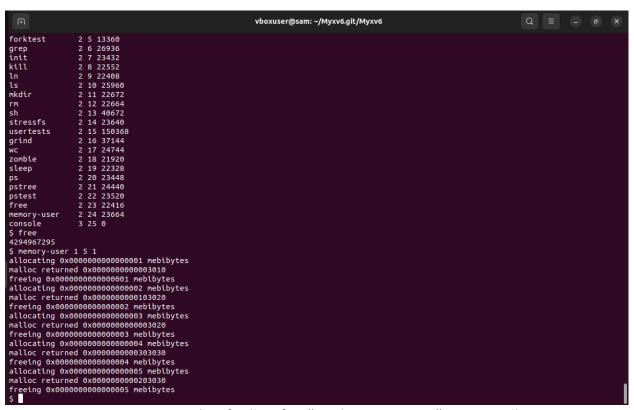


Figure 1: Results of calling free() and memory-user() system calls.

Task 2. Change sbrk() so that it does not allocate physical memory.

After implementing this task in which I change sbrk () function to not allocate physical memory a usertrap () error occurs. The usertrap () indicates that something wrong happened in the user-level process. The scause 0x...00f is associated with the load and/or store fault exception. It might mean that the user level process was attempting to access memory that is not allocated yet, triggering the usertrap ().

What I learned by doing this task is what the usertrap function does, why it appeared for this task. How sbrk() function works, how it's important for heap memory management and how to modify it in order to make it not allocate physical memory.

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                                                                                                                          vboxuser@sam: ~/Mvxv6.git/Mvxv6
riscv64-linux-gnu-objdump -S user/_pstree > user/pstree.asm
riscv64-linux-gnu-objdump -t user/_pstree | sed '1,/SYMBOL TABLE/d; s/ .* / /; /^$/d' > user/pstree.sym
riscv64-linux-gnu-objdump -t user/_pstree | sed '1,/SYMBOL TABLE/d; s/ .* / /; /^$/d' > user/pstree.sym
riscv64-linux-gnu-cc -Wall -Werror -O -fno-omit-frame-pointer -ggdb -MD -mcmodel=medany -ffreestanding -fno-common -nostdlib -mno-r
elax -I. -fno-stack-protector -fno-pie -no-pie -c -o user/pstest.o user/pstest.c
riscv64-linux-gnu-ld -z max-page-size=4096 -N -e main -Ttext 0 -o user/_pstest user/pstest.o user/ulib.o user/usys.o user/printf.o u
riscv64-linux-gnu-td -2 max-page-size=4096 -N -e main -flext 0 -0 user/_pstest user/pstest.0 user/utto.0 user/usys.0 user/printr.0 o ser/unalloc.0 riscv64-linux-gnu-objdump -5 user/_pstest > user/pstest.asm riscv64-linux-gnu-objdump -t user/_pstest | sed '1,/SYMBOL TABLE/d; s/ .* / /; /^$/d' > user/pstest.sym riscv64-linux-gnu-gcc -wall -werror -0 -fno-omit-frame-pointer -ggdb -MD -mcmodel=medany -ffreestanding -fno-common -nostdlib -mno-relax -1. -fno-stack-protector -fno-pie -no-pie -c -o user/free.o user/free.c riscv64-linux-gnu-ld -z max-page-size=4096 -N -e main -Ttext 0 -o user/_free user/free.o user/ulib.o user/usys.o user/printf.o user/
umalloc.o

riscv64-linux-gnu-objdump -S user/_free > user/free.asm

riscv64-linux-gnu-objdump -t user/_free | sed '1,/SYMBOL TABLE/d; s/ .* / /; /^S/d' > user/_free.sym

riscv64-linux-gnu-gcc -Wall -Werror -O -fno-omit-frame-pointer -ggdb -MD -mcmodel=medany -ffreestanding -fno-common -nostdlib -mno-r
elax -I. -fno-stack-protector -fno-pie - c -o user/memory-user.o user/memory-user.o user/_memory-user.o user/_memory-user.o user/_memory-user.o user/_memory-user.o
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printf.o user/umalloc.o
  iscv64-linux-gnu-objdump -S user/_memory-user > user/memory-user.asm
riscv64-linux-gnu-objdump -t user/_memory-user | sed '1,/SYMBOL TABLE/d; s/ .* / /; /^$/d' > user/memory-user.sym
mkfs/mkfs fs.img README user/_cat user/_echo user/_forktest user/_grep user/_init user/_kill user/_ln user/_ls user/_mkdir user/_rm
user/_sh user/_stressfs user/_usertests user/_grind user/_wc user/_zomble user/_sleep user/_ps user/_pstree user/_pstest user/_free
user/_memory-user
nmeta 46 (boot, super, log blocks 30 inode blocks 13, bitmap blocks 1) blocks 954 total 1000
balloc: first 733 blocks have been allocated
balloc: write bitmap block at sector 45
demu-system-riscv64 -machine virt -bios none -kernel kernel/kernel -m 128M -smp 3 -nographic -drive file=fs.img,if=none,format=raw,i
d=x0 -device virtio-blk-device,drive=x0,bus=virtio-mmio-bus.0
xv6 kernel is booting
hart 2 starting
 hart 1 starting
init: starting sh
usertrap(): unexpected scause 0x000000000000000f pid=3
sepc=0x0000000000012b8 stval=0x0000000000004008 panic: uvmunmap: not mapped
QEMU: Terminated
                                       xv6.git/Mvxv6S
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Figure 2: Results of running qemu after updating the sbrk() function. (Displays usertrap and panic: uvnumap)

Task 3. Handle the load and store faults that result from Task 2

The panic uvmunmap still appears because there is still an error that is somewhere in the virtual memory system and it's related to the unmapping of the memory. There was probably an attempt to unmap some memory that hasn't been mapped.

In this task I learned how to handle errors (when panic triggers). How the usertrap function works and how it's responsible for handling exceptions and other system calls. Learned about load and store fault handling, how the process of handling exception occurs when a program in user mode tries to access memory.

One ocaused difficulties that I ran into while working on this task was trying to understand how to what cause and how to fix the usertrap that appeared. I had to go back and read how it worked.

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vboxuser@sam: ~/Myxv6.git/Myxv6
 riscv64-linux-gnu-objdump -S user/_pstree > user/pstree.asm
riscv64-linux-gnu-objdump -t user/_pstree | sed '1,/SYMBOL TABLE/d; s/ .* / /; /^$/
riscv64-linux-gnu-gcc -Wall -Werror -O -fno-omit-frame-pointer -ggdb -MD -mcmodel=m
elax -I. -fno-stack-protector -fno-pie -no-pie -c -o user/pstest.c
riscv64-linux-gnu-ld -z max-page-size=4096 -N -e main -Ttext 0 -o user/_pstest user
 ser/umalloc.o
 iscv64-linux-gnu-objdump -S user/_pstest > user/pstest.asm
  iscv64-linux-gnu-objdump -t user/_pstest | sed '1,/SYMBOL TABLE/d; s/ .* / /; /^$/
riscv64-linux-gnu-gcc -Wall -Werror -O -fno-omit-frame-pointer -ggdb -MD -mcmodel=r
elax -I. -fno-stack-protector -fno-pie -no-pie -c -o user/free.o user/free.c
 iscv64-linux-gnu-ld -z max-page-size=4096 -N -e main -Ttext 0 -o user/_free user/
umalloc.o
unatoc.or
riscv64-linux-gnu-objdump -S user/_free > user/free.asm
riscv64-linux-gnu-objdump -t user/_free | sed '1,/SYMBOL TABLE/d; s/ .* / /; /^$/d'
riscv64-linux-gnu-gcc -Wall -Werror -O -fno-omit-frame-pointer -ggdb -MD -mcmodel=m
elax -I. -fno-stack-protector -fno-pie -no-pie -c -o user/memory-user.o user/memo
riscv64-linux-gnu-ld -z max-page-size=4096 -N -e main -Ttext 0 -o user/_memory-user
printf.o user/umalloc.o
riscv64-linux-gnu-objdump -S user/_memory-user > user/memory-user.asm
riscv64-linux-gnu-objdump -t user/_memory-user | sed '1,/SYMBOL TABLE/d; s/ .* / /;
mkfs/mkfs fs.img README user/_cat user/_echo user/_forktest user/_grep user/_init u
user/_sh user/_stressfs user/_usertests user/_grind user/_wc user/_zombie user/_sle
user/_memory-user
nmeta 46 (boot, super, log blocks 30 inode blocks 13, bitmap blocks 1) blocks 954 t
balloc: first 733 blocks have been allocated
balloc: write bitmap block at sector 45
qemu-system-riscv64 -machine virt -bios none -kernel kernel/kernel -m 128M -smp 3
d=x0 -device virtio-blk-device,drive=x0,bus=virtio-mmio-bus.0
xv6 kernel is booting
hart 2 starting
hart 1 starting
 init: starting sh
$ ls
panic: uvmunmap: not mapped
QEMU: Terminated
 boxuser@sam:~/Myxv6.git/Myxv6$
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Figure 3: Results of running gemu after task 3 changes. (Displays panic: uvnumap)

Task 4. Fix kernel panic and any other errors.

The main file I changed was vm.c.

In this file I modified the uvmunmap and uvmcopy. In uvmunmap I modify it to check the mapping status before the function tries to unmap pages that are not mapped and also removed the panic for uvmunmap: not mapped.

In uvmcopy one of the changes was replacing some panics with continue statements in order when a page table entry wasn't found or if the page didn't exist it would continue instead of stopping.

I keep learning more on how virtual memory, page tables, memory mapping work and how I can modify them. Learned how uvmunmap unmaps virtual memory pages for given process for unmmaped pages, non-leaf pages and other stuff. Learned that uvmcopy is for copying virtual memory pages from a page table to a new one.

For difficulties I really didn't know where to start in order to fix this panic, so it took me some time to complete this task because I was changing different functions and files. But I understood the kernel panic would have to be fixed in the vm.c file since I read and understood the most functions that are related to virtual memory management would be in this file.

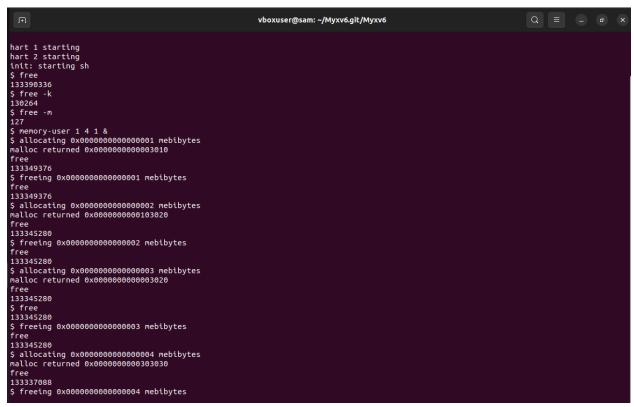


Figure 4: After fixing panic and other errors in task 4

Task 5. Test your lazy memory allocation.

Test case 1: allocating and freeing memory without touching it.

This test case verifies that memory allocation is deferred until it's used. We are checking if physical memory gets allocated only when it's necessary and making sure that the system is avoiding allocation when it's not needed. This testcase file contains the free.c code.

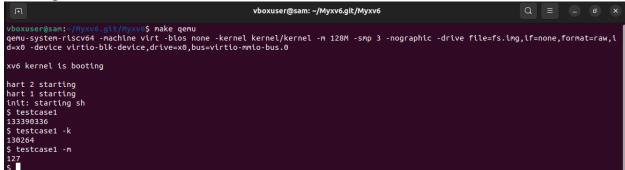


Figure 5: testing results for allocating and freeing memory without touching it.

Test case 2: allocating and touching memory.

The second test case is making sure there are no problems when memory is being allocated and being touched. We are making sure that the modified memory allocation functions correctly by handling the allocation and the usage of memory. The code is based on the memory-user.c.

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vboxuser@sam: ~/Myxv6.git/Myxv6
  riscv64-linux-gnu-gcc -Wall -Werror -O -fno-omit-frame-pointer -ggdb -MD -mcmodel=medany -ffreestanding -fno-common -nostdlib -mno-r
elax -I. -fno-stack-protector -fno-pie -no-pie -c -o user/testcase2.o user/testcase2.c riscv64-linux-gnu-ld -z max-page-size=4096 -N -e main -Ttext 0 -o user/_testcase2 user/testcase2.o user/ulib.o user/usys.o user/prin
 riscv64-linux-gnu-objdump -S user/testcase2 > user/testcase2.asm
riscv64-linux-gnu-objdump -t user/testcase2 | sed '1,/SYMBOL TABLE/d; s/ .* / /; /^S/d' > user/testcase2.sym
riscv64-linux-gnu-objdump -t user/testcase2 | sed '1,/SYMBOL TABLE/d; s/ .* / /; /^S/d' > user/testcase2.sym
riscv64-linux-gnu-gcc -Wall -Werror -0 -fno-omit-frame-pointer -ggdb -MD -mcmodel=medany -ffreestanding -fno-common -nostdlib -mno-r
elax -I. -fno-stack-protector -fno-pie -o-o-user/testcase3.o user/testcase3.c
riscv64-linux-gnu-ld -z max-page-size=4096 -N -e main -Ttext 0 -o user/testcase3 user/testcase3.o user/usloo
riscv64-linux-gnu-ld -z max-page-size=4096 -N -e main -Ttext 0 -o user/_testcase3 user/testcase3.o user/ulib.o user/usys.o user/prin tf.o user/umalloc.o riscv64-linux-gnu-objdump -5 user/_testcase3 > user/testcase3.asm riscv64-linux-gnu-objdump -t user/_testcase3 | sed '1,/SYMBOL TABLE/d; s/ .* / /; /^$/d' > user/testcase3.sym mkfs/mkfs fs.img README user/_testcase3 | sed '1,/SYMBOL TABLE/d; s/ .* / /; /^$/d' > user/testcase3.sym mkfs/mkfs fs.img README user/_cat user/_echo user/_free user/_grep user/_int user/_kill user/_ln user/_ls user/_mkdir user/_rm user/_sh user/_stressfs user/_usertests user/_grind user/_word user/_zomble user/_sleep user/_ps user/_pstree user/_pstest user/_free user/_memory-user user/_testcase1 user/_testcase2 user/_testcase3 nmeta 46 (boot, super, log blocks 30 inode blocks 13, bitmap blocks 1) blocks 954 total 1000 balloc: first 806 blocks have been allocated balloc: write bitmap block at sector 45 qemu-system-riscv64 -machine virt -bios none -kernel kernel/kernel -m 128M -smp 3 -nographic -drive file=fs.img,if=none,format=raw,id=x0 device virtio-bilk-device.drive=x0.bus=virtio-mmio-bus.0
 d=x0 -device virtio-blk-device,drive=x0,bus=virtio-mmio-bus.0
 xv6 kernel is booting
 hart 1 starting
 hart 2 starting
init: starting sh
 allocating 0x0000000000000001 mebibytes
  malloc returned 0x0000000000003010
 freeing 0x0000000000000001 mebibytes allocating 0x00000000000000002 mebibytes malloc returned 0x0000000000103020
freeing 0x000000000000003 mebibytes allocating 0x0000000000000004 mebibytes
   malloc returned 0x0000000000303030
freeing 0x000000000000000 mebibytes
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Figure 6: testing results for allocating and touching memory.

Test case 3: allocating memory and randomly touching just some pages.

The purpose of this last test case is to evaluate how the system handles allocating memory and the random touching of some of the pages. The test case is simulating scenarios where only some of the allocated memory is currently being used. We are verifying that our system is allocating physical memory dynamically and also allows selective access to allocated memory pages.

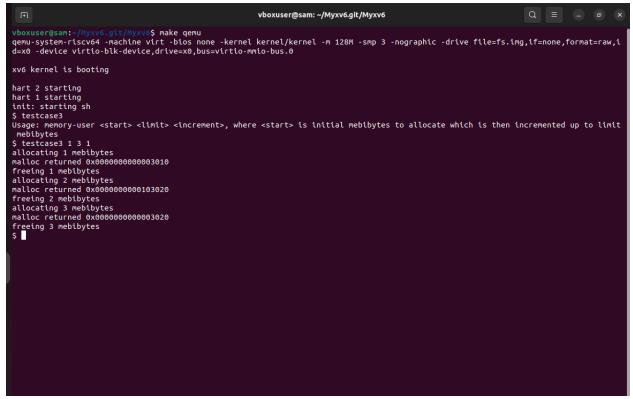


Figure 7: testing results for allocating memory and randomly touching just some pages.