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Entering the Kernel, main

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# Where are we?

## 1. POWERUP.

- The Boot processor executes instructions. MMU inactive.

## 2. ROM code loads 512-bytes boot block to address 0x07C0 and up.

- ROM terminates by JMPing to address 0x07C0.

## 3. Boot block code loads the kernel from ide0 into 0x00100000 and up.

- Boot block code terminates by JMPing into the kernel's entry point.
- The entry point address is found at a fixed location in the kernel ELF.
- The entry point code is in Assembly and is labeled entry.

## entry's aim

### entry

sets up a temporary kernel programming model.

- MMU is activated with a table coding the following translation:

$$[0x80000000, 0x803FFFFFF] \mapsto [0x00000000, 0x003FFFFFF]$$

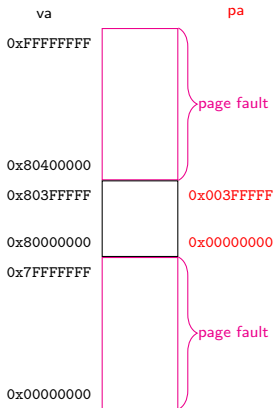
- esp is set to the end of a 4KB buffer.
- entry finishes by JMPing into main.

## The REAL entry point on the primary processor is **\_start/entry**

**entry** does the following:

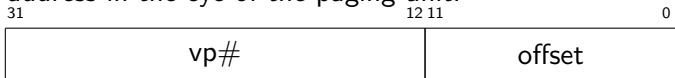
- Builds a temporary page table which maps 4MB of virtual addresses beginning at 0x80000000 to 4MB of physical address beginning at 0x00000000.
- Note the kernel was loaded at physical address 0x0010000 and the programming model is the kernel begins at 0x80100000.
- Starts the paging unit with the above constructed table.
- Points register **esp** to a 4KB stack area.
- (This would be the kernel stack of the primary processor.)
- Jumps to **main**.

# Memory after **entry** execution

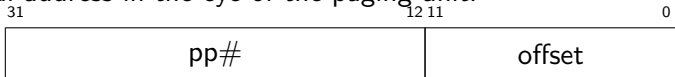


## Recall

- Virtual address in the eye of the paging unit:



- Physical address in the eye of the paging unit:



- Page table entry:



## Setting up the temporary translation table

## The 4MB translation

- 4MB range : 0x00000000-0x003FFFFFFF.
- In ranges of 1MB:

0x800xxxxx  $\mapsto$  0x000xxxxx

0x801xxxxx  $\mapsto$  0x001xxxxx

0x802xxxxx  $\mapsto$  0x002xxxxx

0x803xxxxx  $\mapsto$  0x003xxxxx

- In ranges of 4KB:

0x80000xxx  $\mapsto$  0x00000xxx

0x80001xxx  $\mapsto$  0x00001xxx

0x80002xxx  $\mapsto$  0x00002xxx

0x80003xxx  $\mapsto$  0x00003xxx

$\vdots$



The rule:  $0x800xxxxx \mapsto 0x000xxxxx$

- Translating to pages we have:  $0x800xx \mapsto 0x000xx$ .
- In table form:

vp#		pp#	
dec	hex	hex	dec
524288	80000	00000	0
524289	80001	00001	1
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
524541	800FE	000FE	254
524542	800FF	000FF	255

- Coding it (for an **hypothetical** linear page table):

```
for (i = 0; i < 256; i++)  
    pgtbl[0x80000+i] = (i << 12) | 3;
```

## The rule: $0x801xxxxx \mapsto 0x001xxxxx$

- The rule for pages is:  $0x801xx \mapsto 0x001xx$ .
- In table form:

vp#		pp#	
dec	hex	hex	dec
524544	80100	00100	256
524545	80101	00101	257
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
524798	801FE	001FE	510
524799	801FF	001FF	511

- Coding it (for linear page table):

```
for (i = 0x100; i < 0x200; i++)  
    pgtbl[0x80000+i] = (i << 12) | 3;
```

## Hypothetical code for the four rules

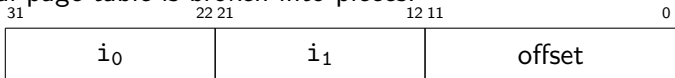
```
for (i = 0x000; i < 0x100; i++)  
    pgtbl[0x80000+i] = (i << 12) | 3;  
for (i = 0x100; i < 0x200; i++)  
    pgtbl[0x80000+i] = (i << 12) | 3;  
for (i = 0x200; i < 0x300; i++)  
    pgtbl[0x80000+i] = (i << 12) | 3;  
for (i = 0x300; i < 0x400; i++)  
    pgtbl[0x80000+i] = (i << 12) | 3;
```

Which is equivalent to the following.

```
for (i = 0; i < 1024; i++)  
    pgtbl[0x80000+i] = (i << 12) | 3;
```

## Real page table is hierarchical

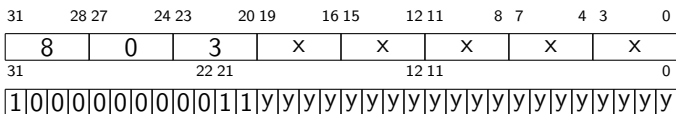
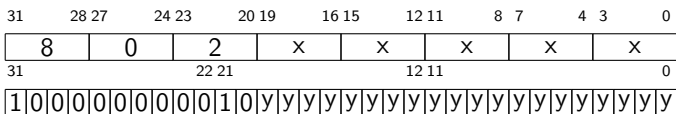
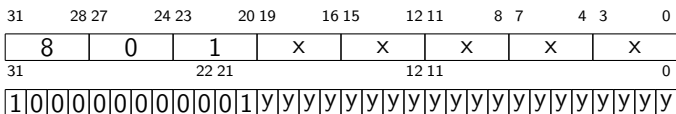
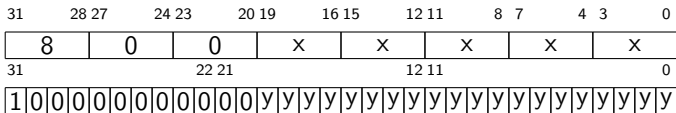
- The real page table is broken into pieces.



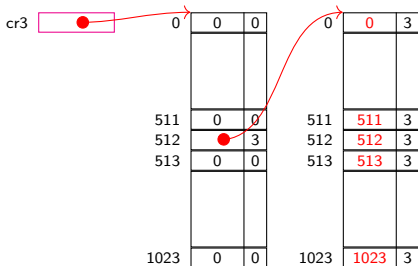
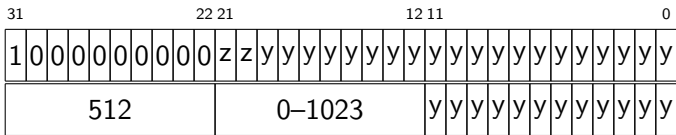
virtual address as viewed by the paging unit

- For each index  $0x80000 + i$  we have:
  - Piece number:  $(0x80000 + i)/1024$ .
  - Index in the piece:  $(0x80000 + i)\%1024$ .
- In computer lingo, for each index  $0x80000 + i$  we have:
  - Piece number:  $(0x80000 + i) >> 10$ .
  - Index in the piece:  $(0x80000 + i) \& 1023$ .

## Pieces in binary



Pieces of  $0x80000 + i$  ( $i < 1024$ )



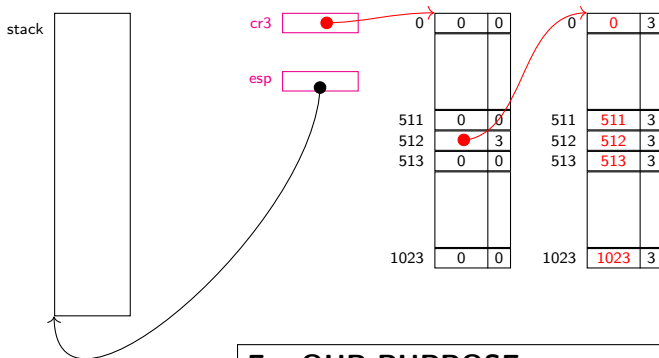
## Coding for real table

```
static int
```

```
    pgdir[1024] __attribute__((aligned(4096))),  
    pgtbl[1024] __attribute__((aligned(4096)));
```

```
memset(pgdir, 4096, 0);  
pgdir[512] = pgtbl | 3;  
for (i = 0; i < 1024; i++) {  
    pgtbl[i] = (i << 12) | 3;  
}  
lcr3(pgdir);  
lcr0(rcr0() | CR0_PG);  
// Paging has gone active  
(Spectacular crash)
```

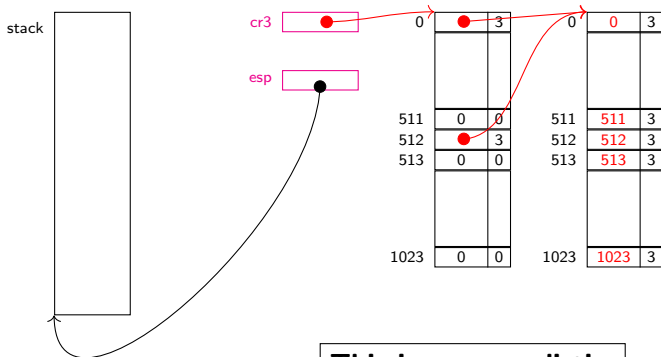
## state when entering main



**For OUR PURPOSE,  
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eventhough it is not the reality.**

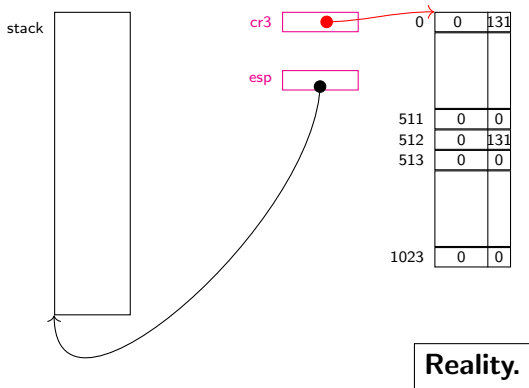


## state when entering main (elective)



**This is more realistic.**

## state when entering main (elective)



## entry.s (elective)

```
.globl _start
_start = V2P_WO(entry)
.globl entry
entry:
    movl %cr4,%eax
    orl $CR4_PSE,%eax
    movl %eax, %cr4
    movl $V2P_WO(entrypgdir),%eax
    movl %eax, %cr3
    movl %cr0, %eax
    orl $CR0_PG|CR0_WP,%eax
    movl %eax,%cr0
```

```
movl $stack+KSTACKSIZE,%esp

mov $main,%eax
jmp *%eax

.comm stack ,KSTACKSIZE
```

## main

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- **main** calls routines initializing the different subsystems.
- We study each initialization together with its subsystem.
- Most subsystems need one initialization per (computer) system.
- Initialization which are needed per-cpu are done in **mpmain**.

The auxiliary processors begins at **entryother**, then proceed to **mpenter**.

## xv6 kernel programming model

- Like for user mode, there is an **xv6** programming model.
- For user mode, the kernel is the maintainer of the model.
- The kernel is the model maintainer for the kernel programming.
- The kernel is trustable, so the model can include a “don’t do” rules

## The xv6 kernel programming model

- The kernel is linked into virtual address 0x80100000 and up.
- The code can freely use the general purpose registers: **eax**, **ecx**, **edx**, **ebx**, **esi**, **edi**, **ebp**.
- There is a 4KB stack for the kernel to use. No messing up with it!
- Registers **cs**, **ds**, **ss**, **es** should not be modified.
- (the base and limit are assumed to be zero and max in the above registers).

## main

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```
int main(void) {  
    kinit1(end,  
            P2V(4*1024*1024));  
    kvmalloc();  
    mpinit();  
    lapicinit();  
    seginit();  
    picinit();  
    ioapicinit();  
    consoleinit();  
    uartinit();  
    pinit();  
    tvinit();  
    binit();
```

```
    fileinit();  
    iinit();  
    ideinit();  
    if (!ismp) timerinit();  
    startothers();  
    kinit2(P2V(4*1024*1024),  
           P2V(PHYSTOP));  
    userinit();  
    mpmain();  
}
```

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## Starting auxiliary processors

In **startothers()**, for each application processor the boot processor executes the following:

1. Copies the **entryother** code into address 0x80007000.
  - **entryother** is a replacement of the **entry** routine.
2. Through the lapic instructs the AP to start executing at 0x0700.
3. Waits for the AP be done with initialization.

# Application processor initialization

1. entryother sets up a temporary kernel programming model.
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- entryother finishes by JMPing into mpenter.

```
1240 static void mpenter(void) {  
    switchkvm();  
    seginit();  
    lapicinit();  
    mpmain();  
}
```

## The initializations we study now

```
kinit1(end, P2V(4*1024*1024)); // phys page allocation
kvmalloc(); // kernel page table
:
segininit(); // set up segments
:
pinit(); // process table
:
:
kinit2(P2V(4*1024*1024), P2V(PHYSTOP)); // must copy
userinit(); // first user process
mpmain();
```