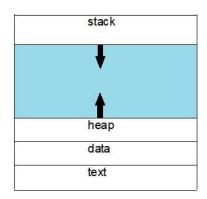


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Memory segment(Section) and how does a process look like. TEXT

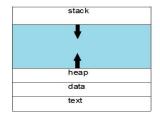
The program code or a code segment is known as Text Section.

Contains the executable instructions of a program.

Contains constants, macros and it is read-only segment.

to prevent accidentally modification of an instruction.

Another process can use this whenever it is required.



## **DATA**

Data segment of memory contains the global and static variables that are initialized by the programmer prior to the execution of a program.

## **HEAP**

To allocate memory for variables whose size cannot be statically determined by the compiler before program execution.

A requirement of **dynamic allocation of memory** which is done in heap segment. Managed via system calls to malloc, calloc, free, delete etc.

## **STACK**

Stack contains temporary data i.e. function parameters, return addresses, and local variables.

On x86 architecture it grows downwards to lower addresses.

Some other architectures it may grow the opposite direction.

Stack grows opposite direction of heap

for avoiding overlapping problem.

A **stack pointer** register keeps the tracks of the top of the stack. "pushed", "pushed"

When a program is created

it is just pieces of Bytes stored in Hard Disk as **a passive entity**. Then the program starts

loading in memory and become an active entity, (double-clicked in windows, GUI) (entering executable file on the command line, CLI)

A program loaded into memory(Image) and executing(Process) is called a process. In simple, a process is a program in execution on processor.