

cs5460/6460: Operating Systems

Lecture: System Init (Kernel Memory Allocator and Page Table)

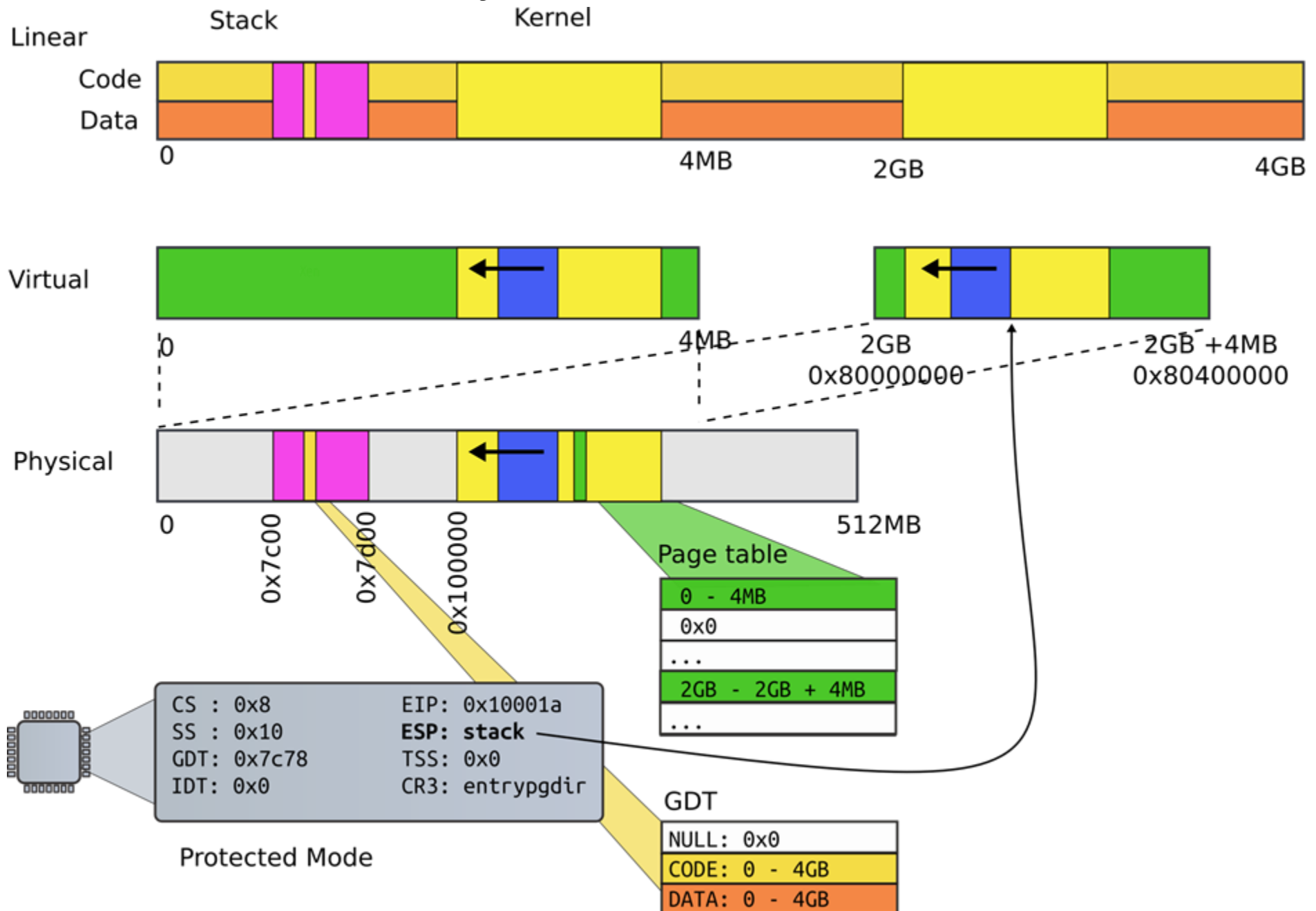
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Recap of the boot sequence

- Setup segments (data and code)
- Switched to protected mode
- Loaded GDT (segmentation is on)
- Setup stack (to call C functions)
- Loaded kernel from disk
- Setup first page table
 - 2 entries [0 : 4MB] and [2GB : (2GB + 4MB)]
- Setup high-address stack
- Jumped to main()

State of the system after boot

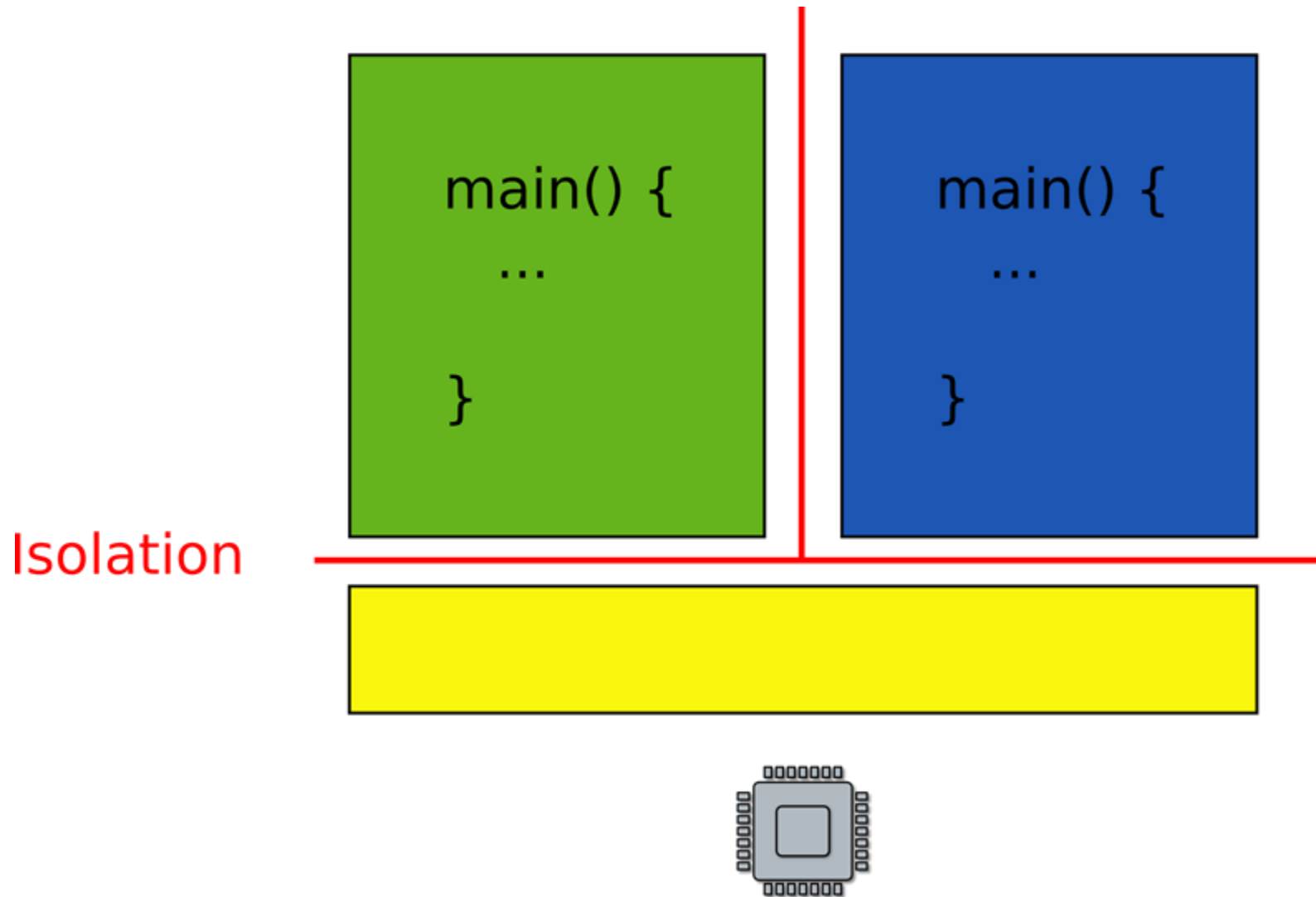


Running in main()

```
1313 // Bootstrap processor starts running C code here.
1314 // Allocate a real stack and switch to it, first
1315 // doing some setup required for memory allocator to work.
1316 int
1317 main(void)
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```

What's next?

We want to run multiple processes



But what is a process?

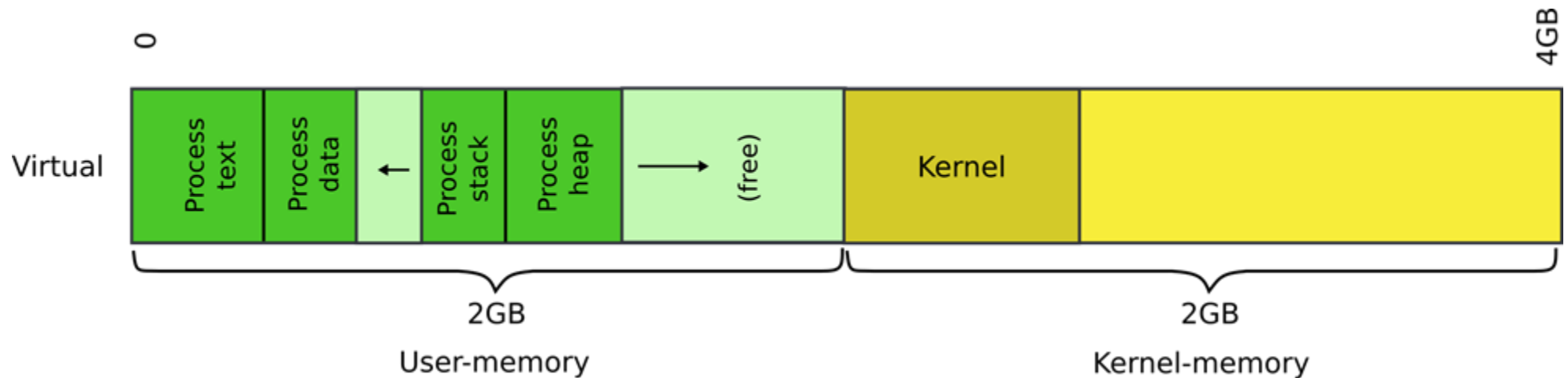
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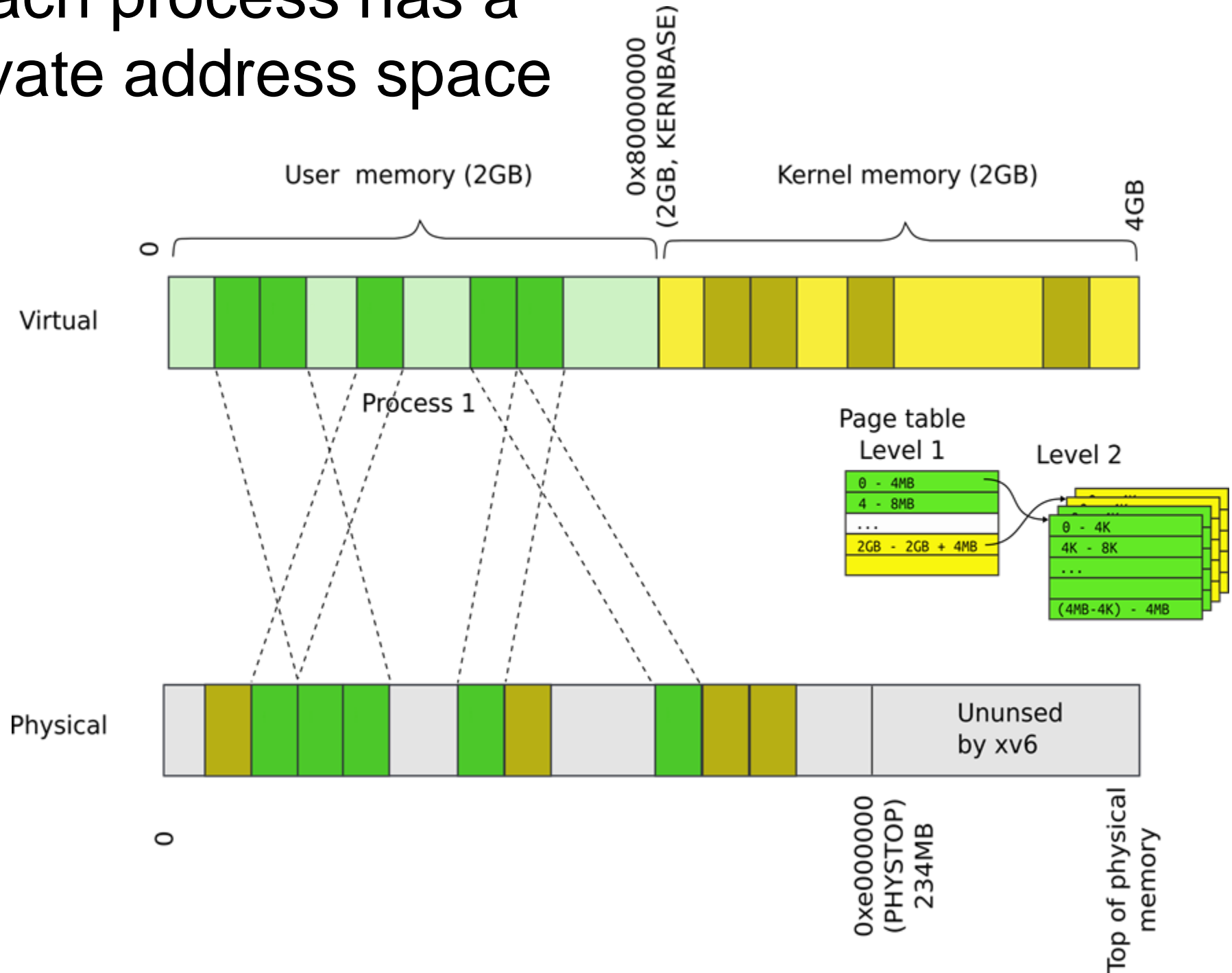
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 - E.g., open file descriptors, network sockets (connections)
- Processes are **isolated** from each other
- Processes **don't trust** each other
 - Individual users, some privileged
- Can't interfere with other processes
- Can't change kernel (to affect other processes)

Each process will have a 2GB/2GB private address space

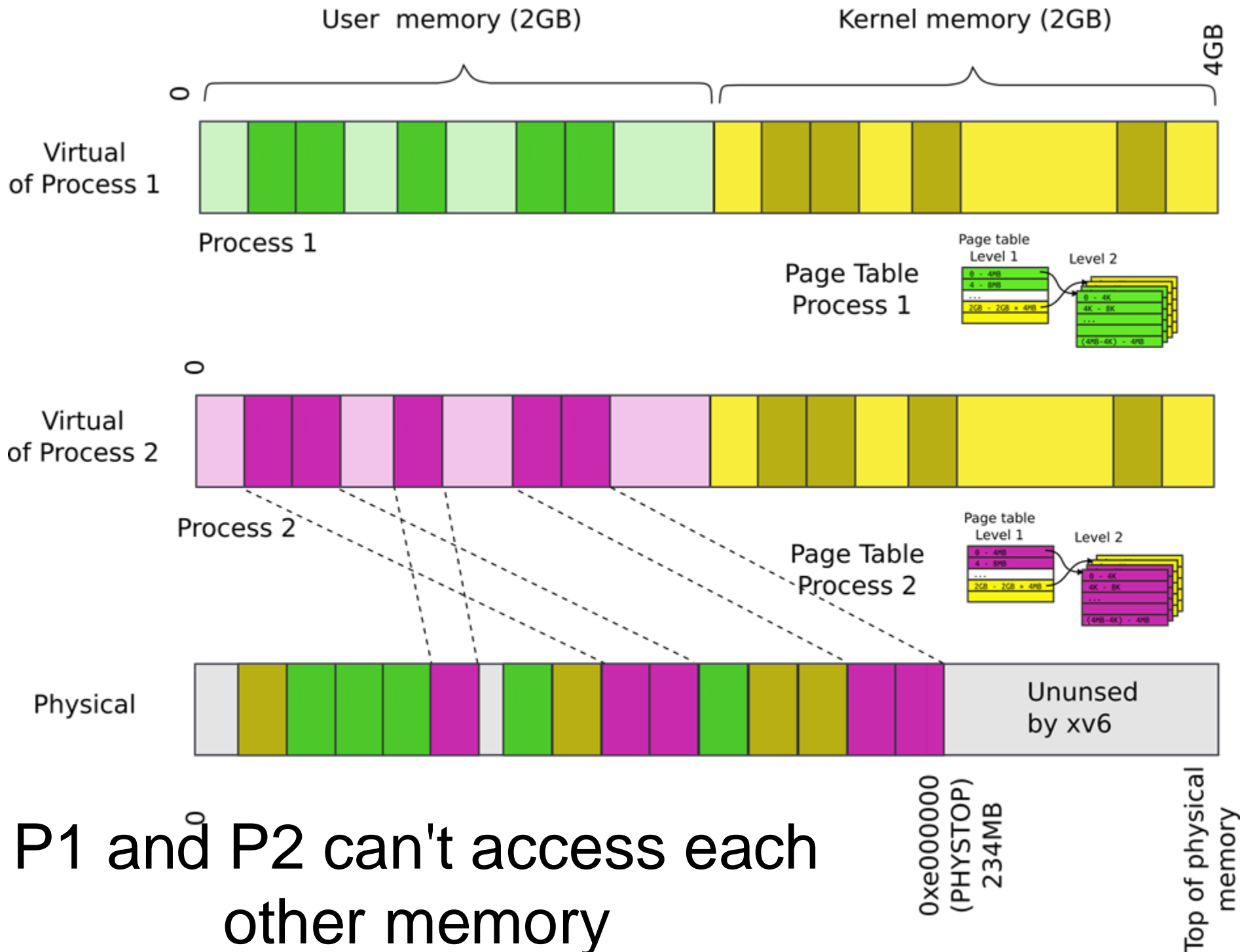


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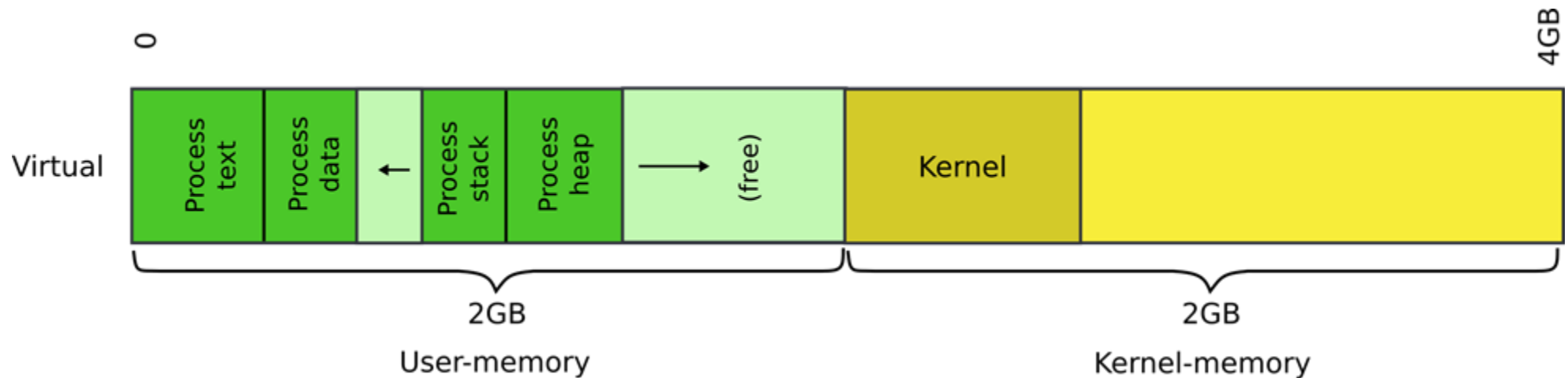


Each process maps the kernel

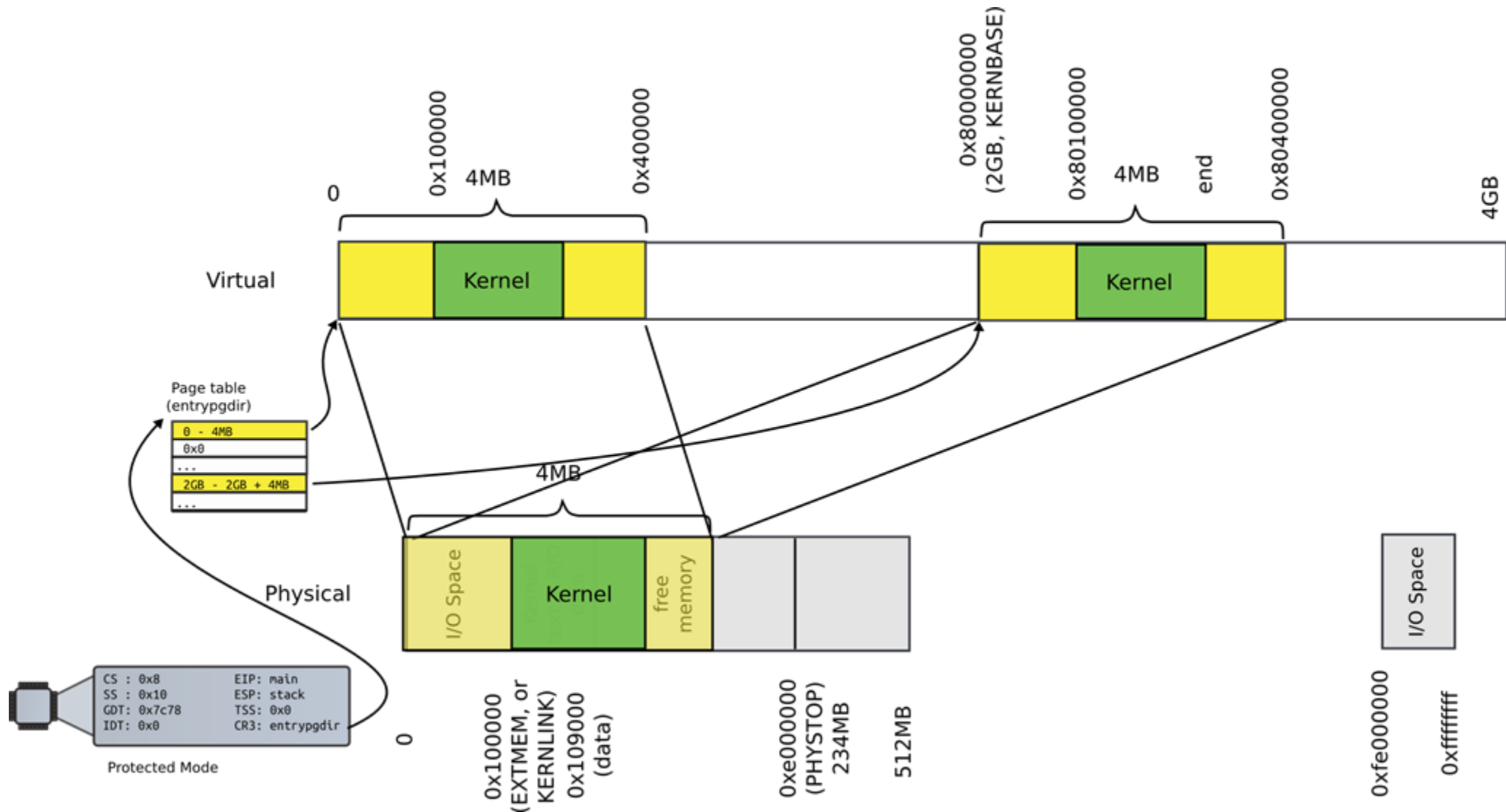
- It's not strictly required
- But convenient for system calls
- No need to change the page table when process enters the kernel with a system call
- **Things are much faster!**



Our goal: 2GB/2GB address space



Memory after boot



Outline

- Create the kernel address space
- Create kernel memory allocator
- Allocate memory for page tables
 - Page table directory and page table

Kernel memory allocator

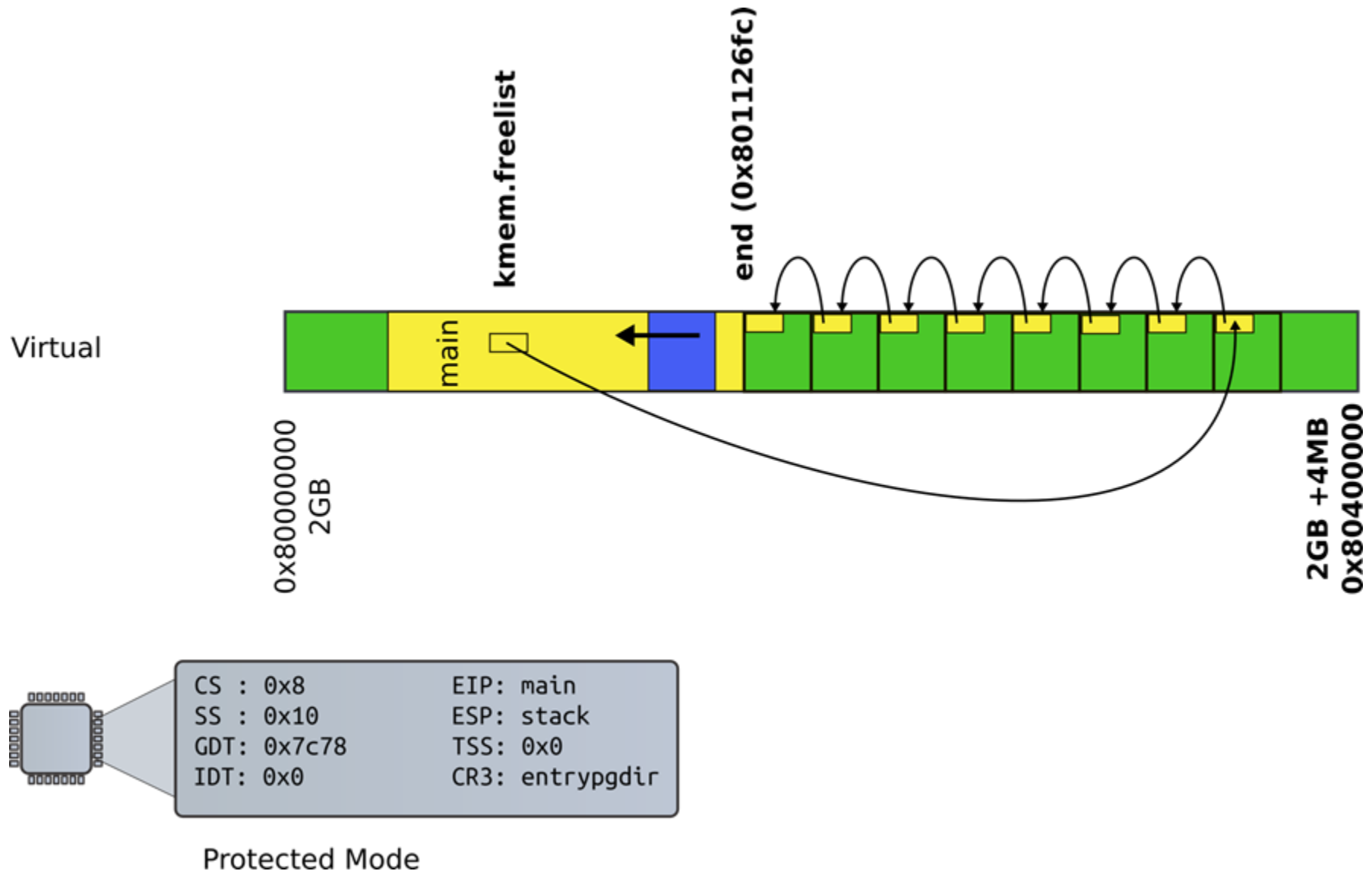
- Kernel needs normal 2 level, 4KB page table
- Right now we have
 - One (statically allocated) page table
 - That has only two entries
- And it is a page table for 4MB pages
- 4KB page table is a better choice
 - Xv6 processes are small
 - Wasting 4MB on a program that fits into 1KB is absurd
- But to create page tables we need memory
- Where can it come from?

Simple memory allocator

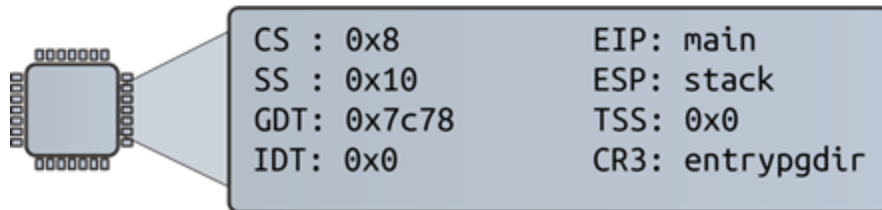
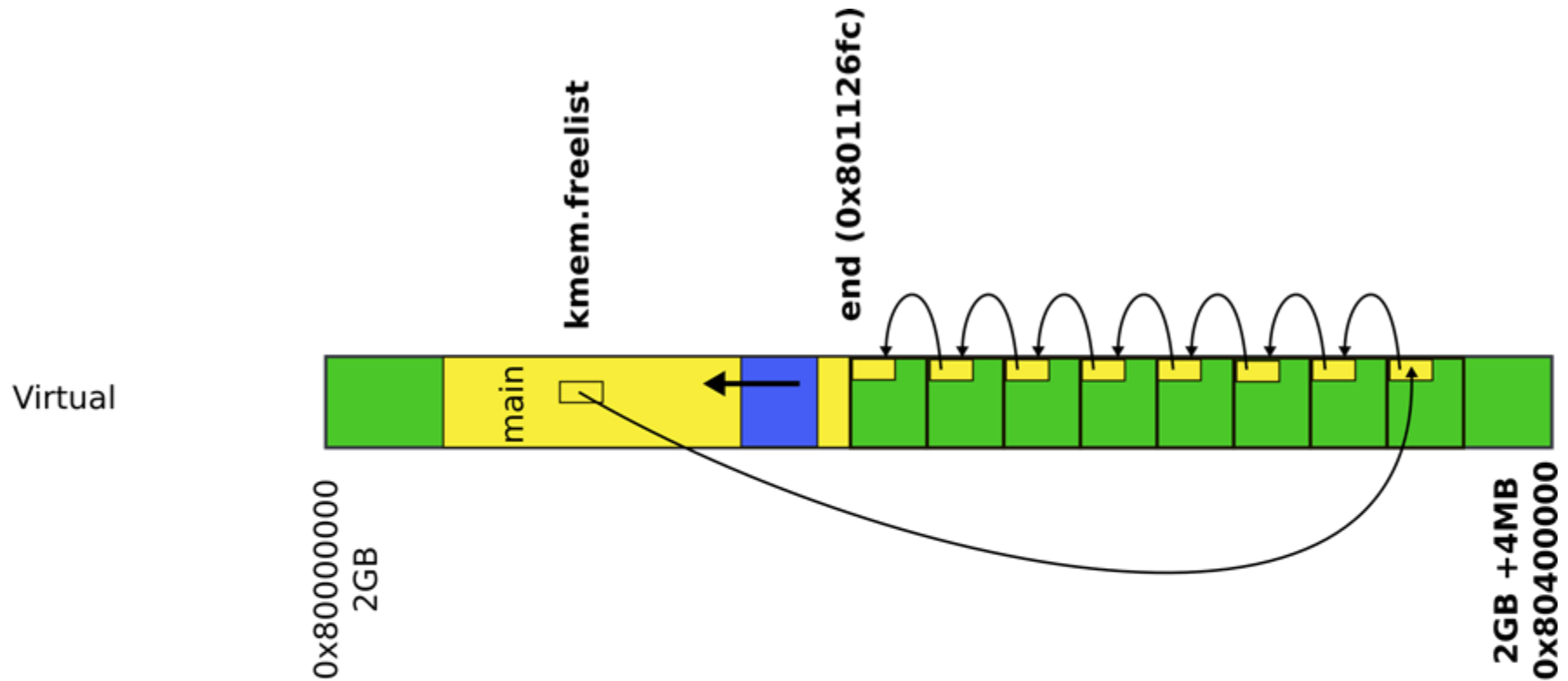
- Goal:
 - `alloc()` and `free()`
 - To allocate page tables, stacks, data structures, etc.

What can it look like?

Page allocator



Page allocator



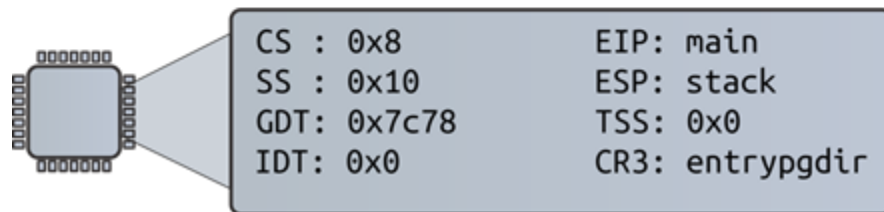
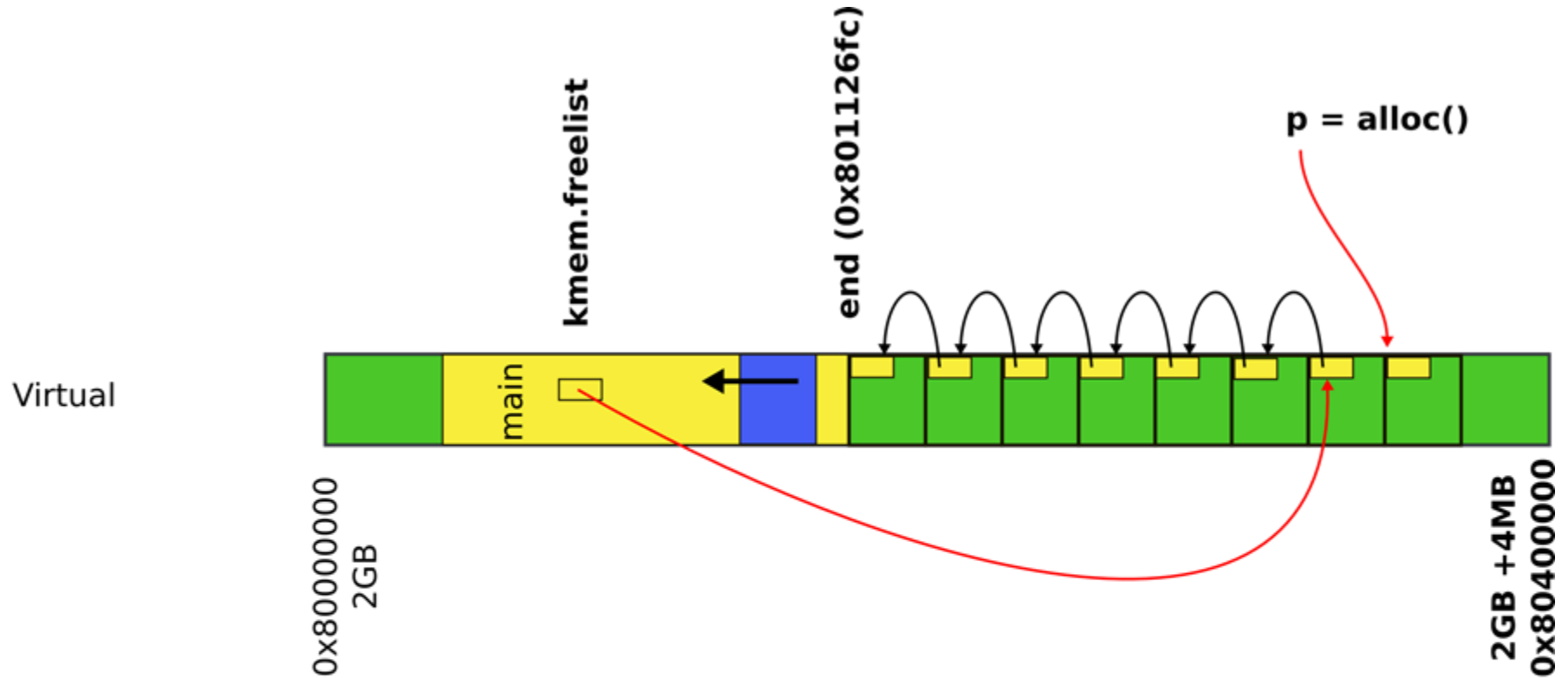
Protected Mode

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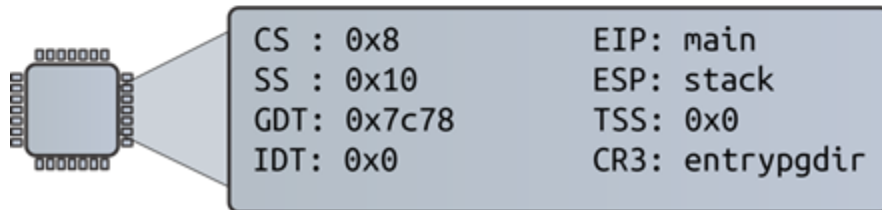
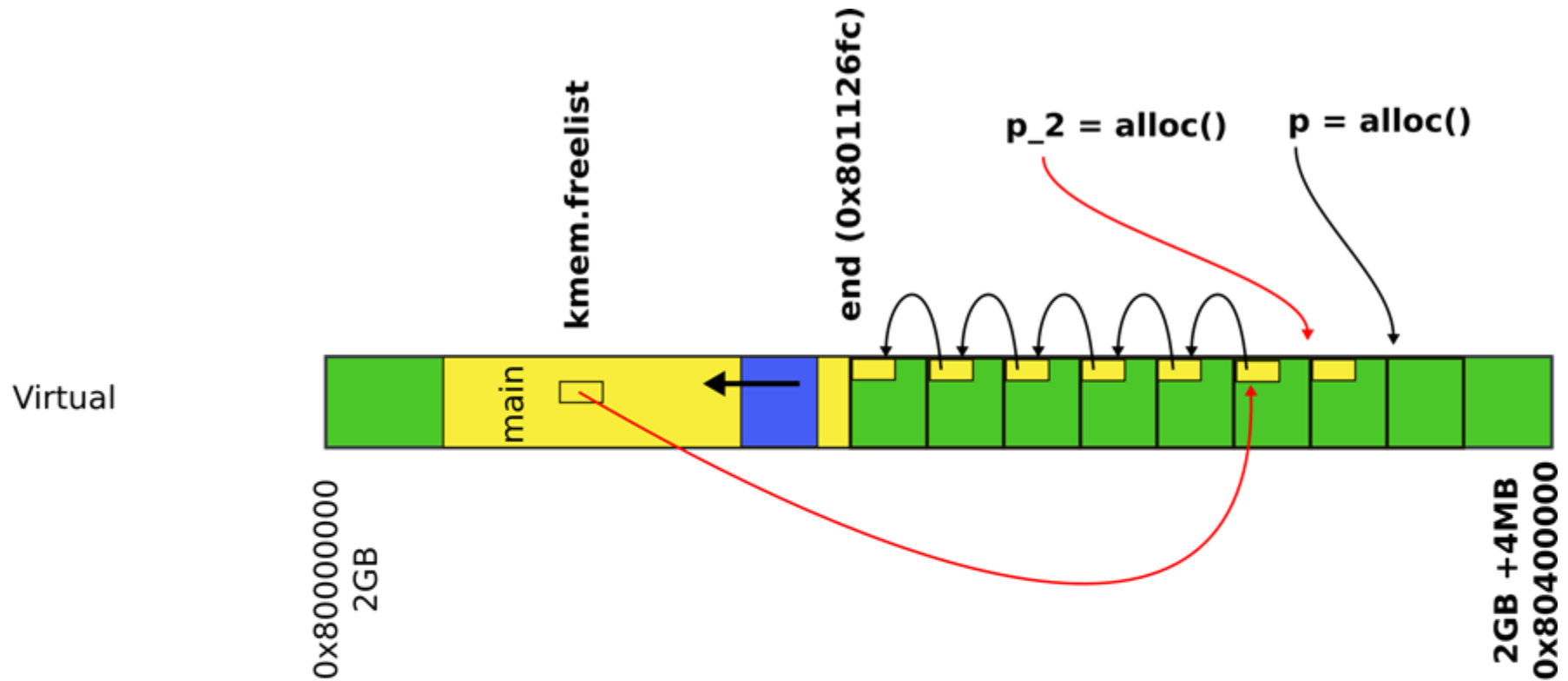
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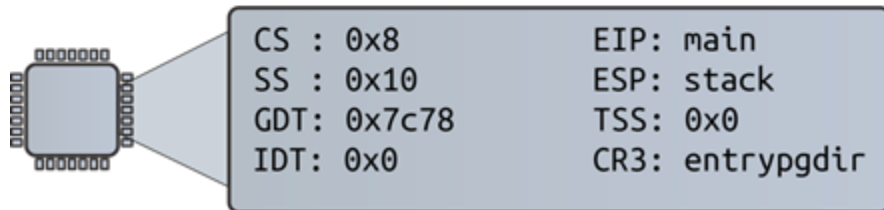
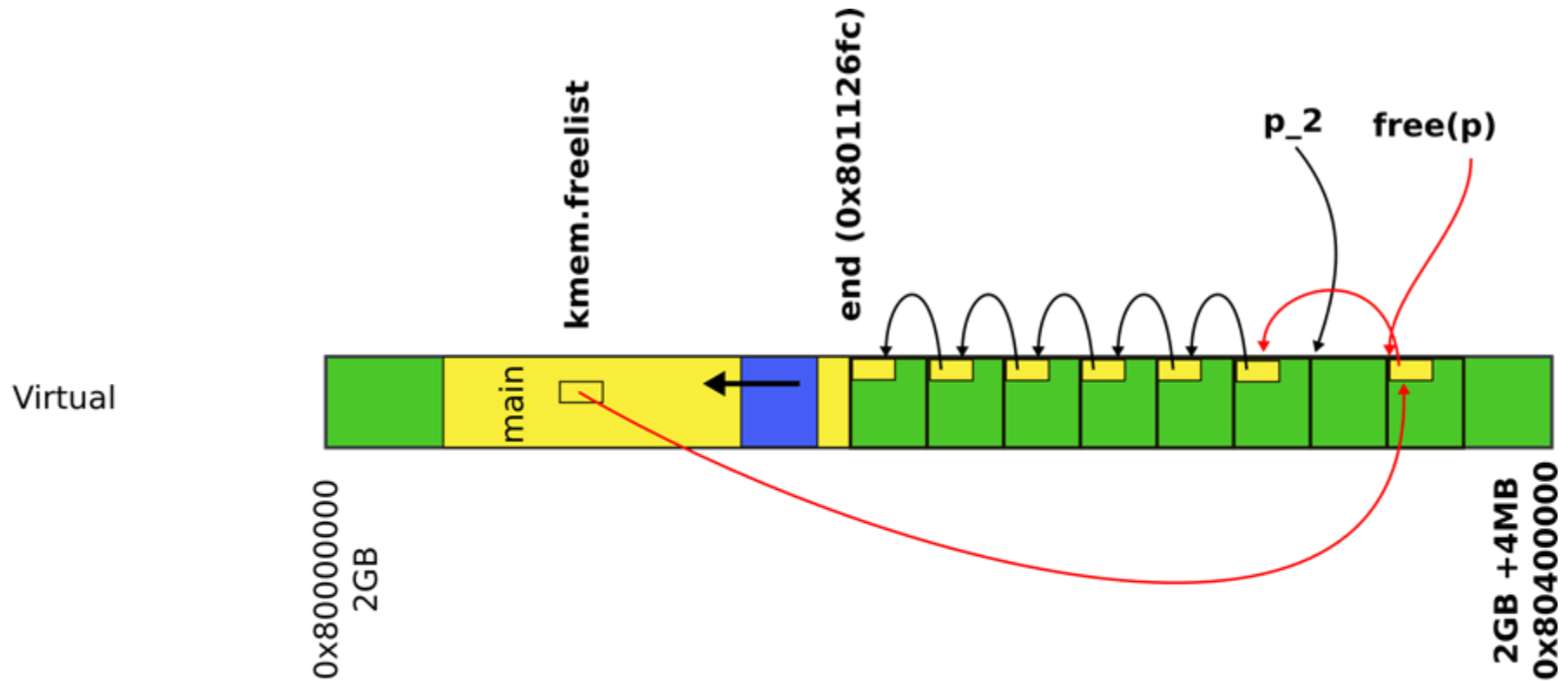
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kalloc() - kernel allocator

3087 char*

3088 kalloc(void)

3089 {

3090 struct run *r;

...

3094 r = kmem.freelist;

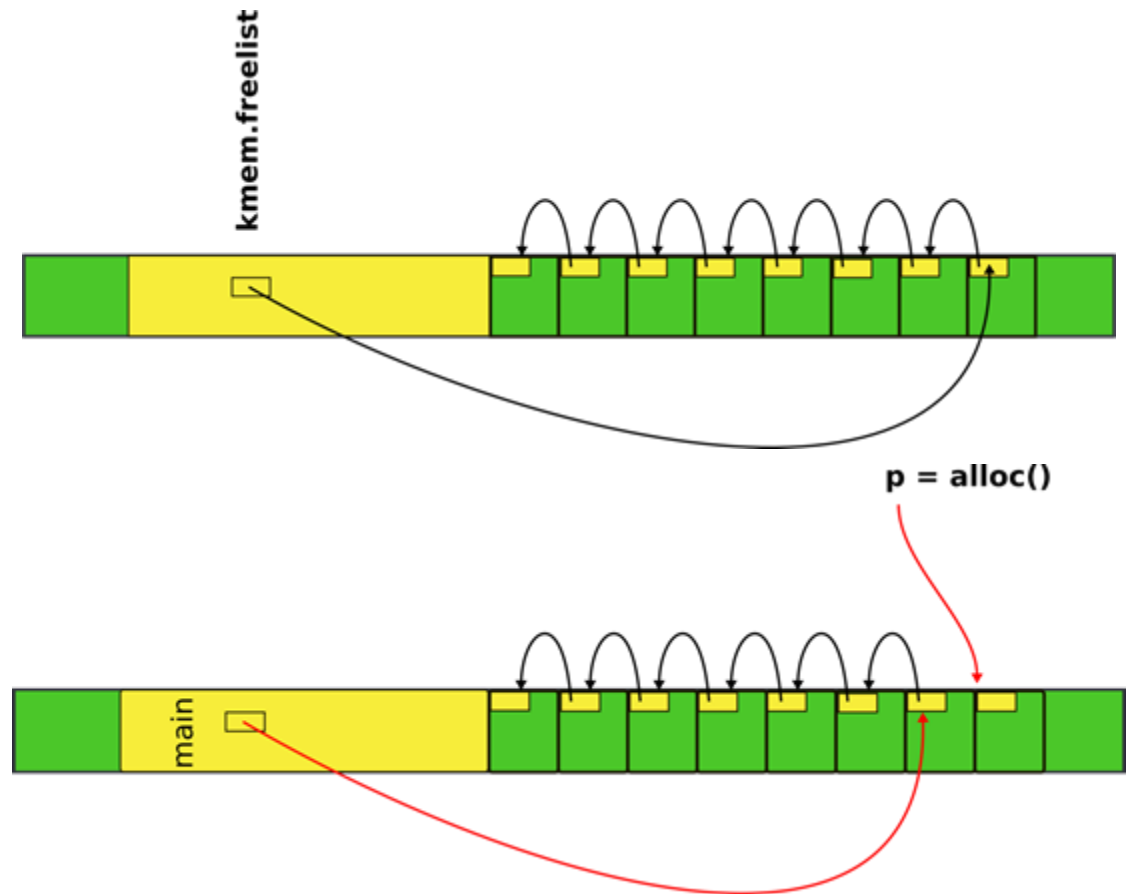
3095 if(r)

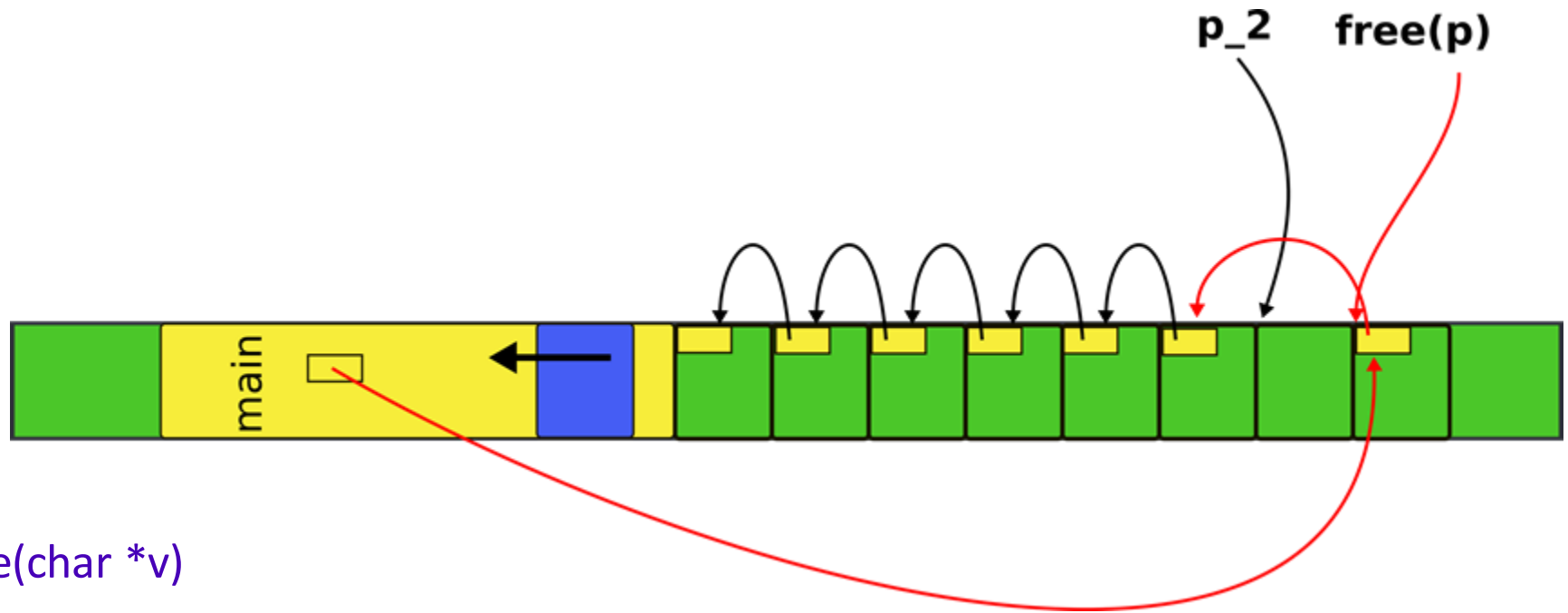
3096 kmem.freelist = r->next;

...

3099 return (char*)r;

3099 }





```
3065 kfree(char *v)
```

```
3066 {
```

```
3067  struct run *r;
```

```
...
```

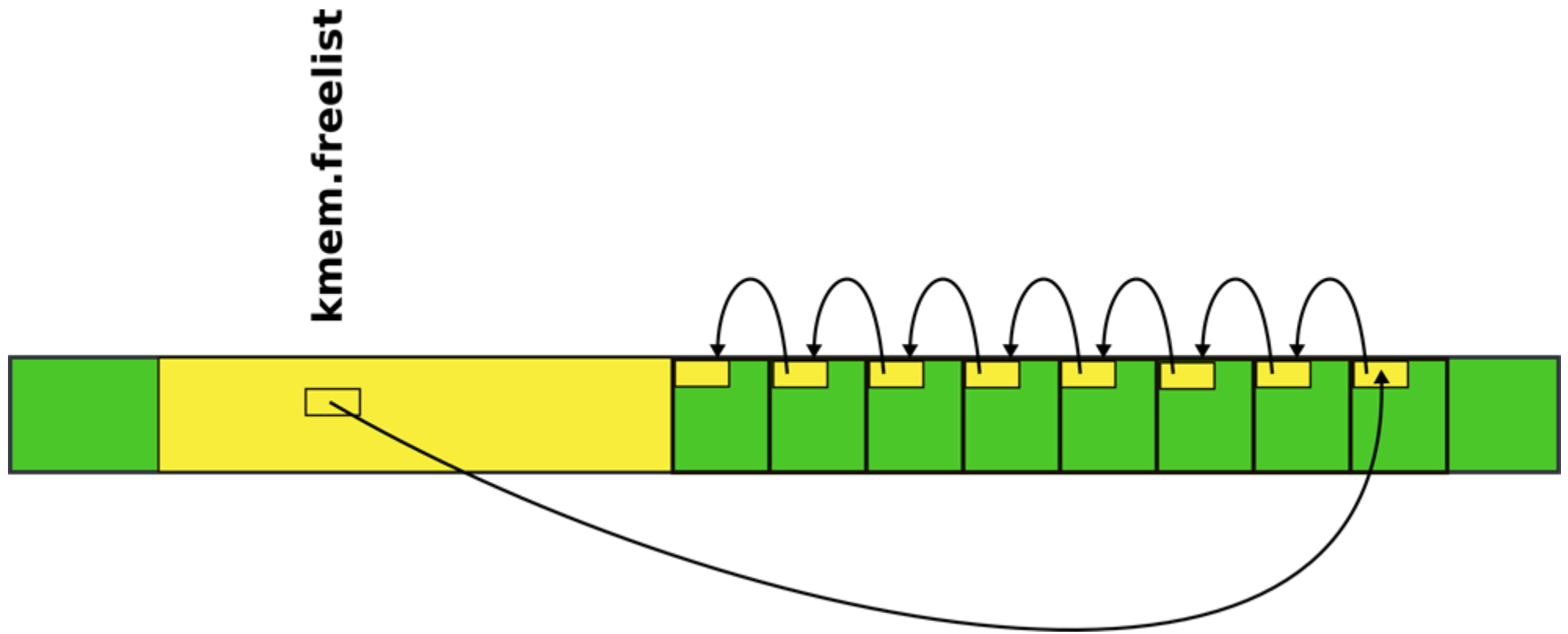
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3077  r = (struct run*)v;
```

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3078  r->next = kmem.freelist;
```

```
3079  kmem.freelist = r;
```

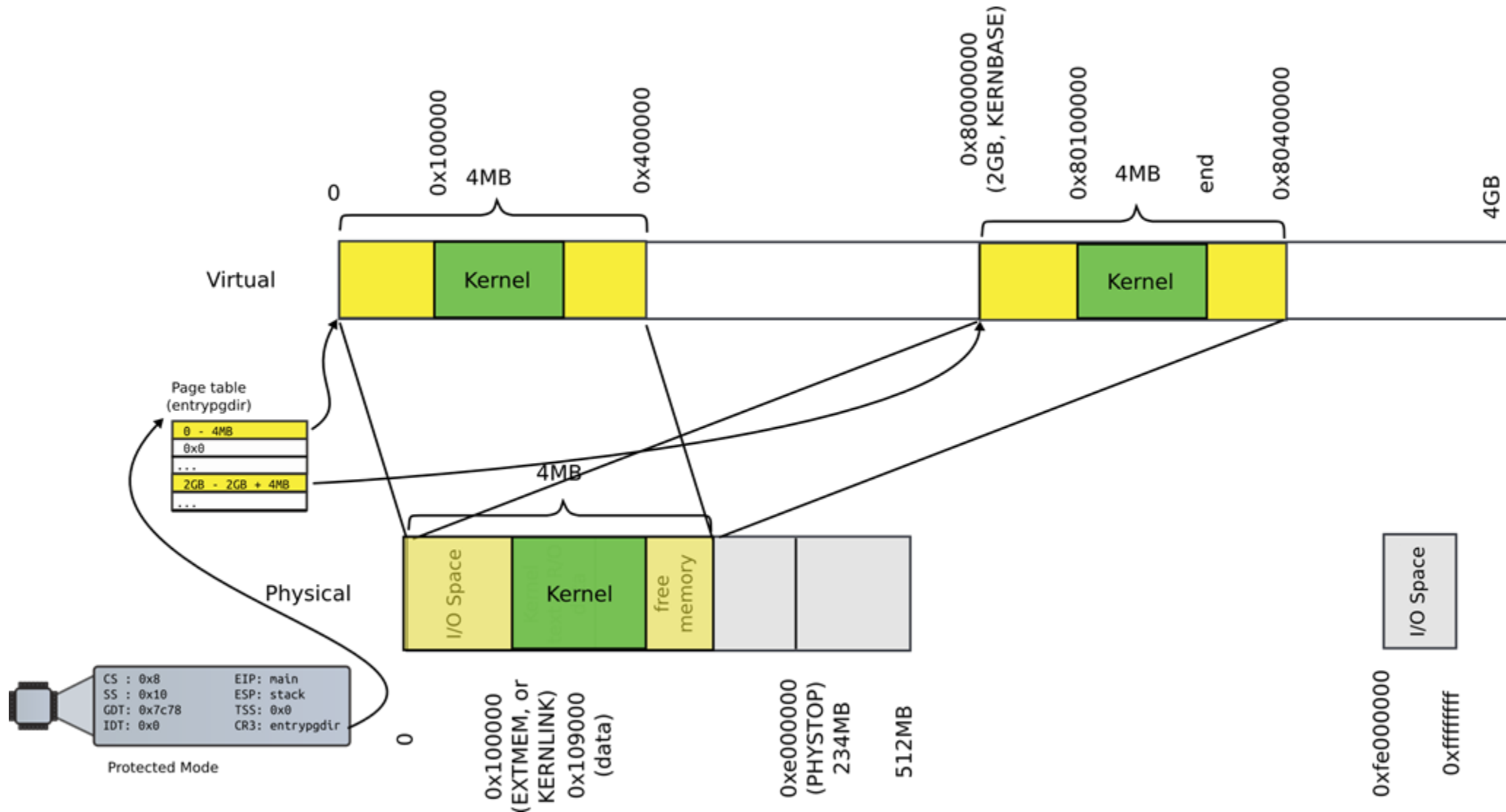
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...
```

```
2832 }
```

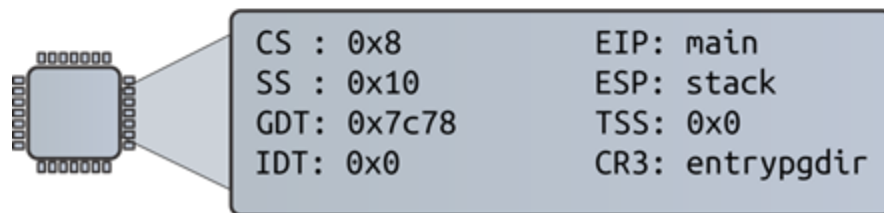
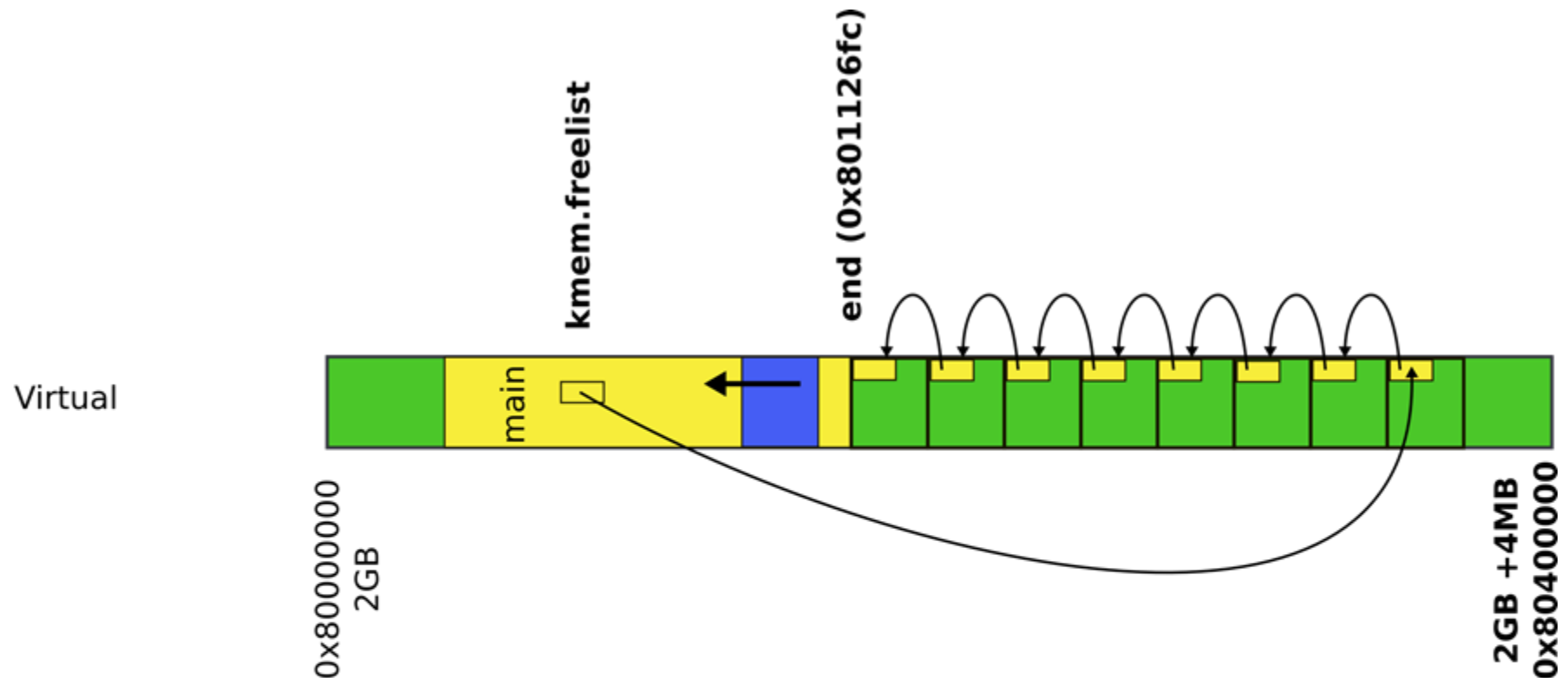


- Where can we get memory to keep the list itself?
- Note, the list is maintained within each page
- It has to write each page though to update the “next” pointer

There is a bit of free memory in the 4MB page we've mapped



Donate this free memory to the allocator



Protected Mode

- Take memory from the end of the kernel binary
- To the end of the 4MB page

kinit1(): initialize the allocator with free memory

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...
1340 }
```

Freerange()

```
3030 kinit1(void *vstart, void *vend)
3031 {
...
3034  freerange(vstart, vend);
3035 }
```

- Free range of memory from `vstart` to `vend` giving it to the allocator
- i.e., adding pages to the list

freerange()

```
3051 freerange(void *vstart, void *vend)
3052 {
3053     char *p;
3054     p = (char*)PGROUNDUP((uint)vstart);
3055     for(; p + PGSIZE <= (char*)vend; p += PGSIZE)
3056         kfree(p);
3057 }
```

- freerange() internally simply frees the pages from vstart to vend
- kfree() adds them to the allocator list

Where do we start?

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1316 int
```

```
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- What is this **end**?

```
1311 extern char end[];
```

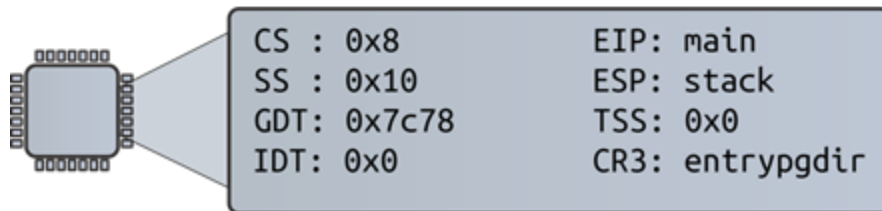
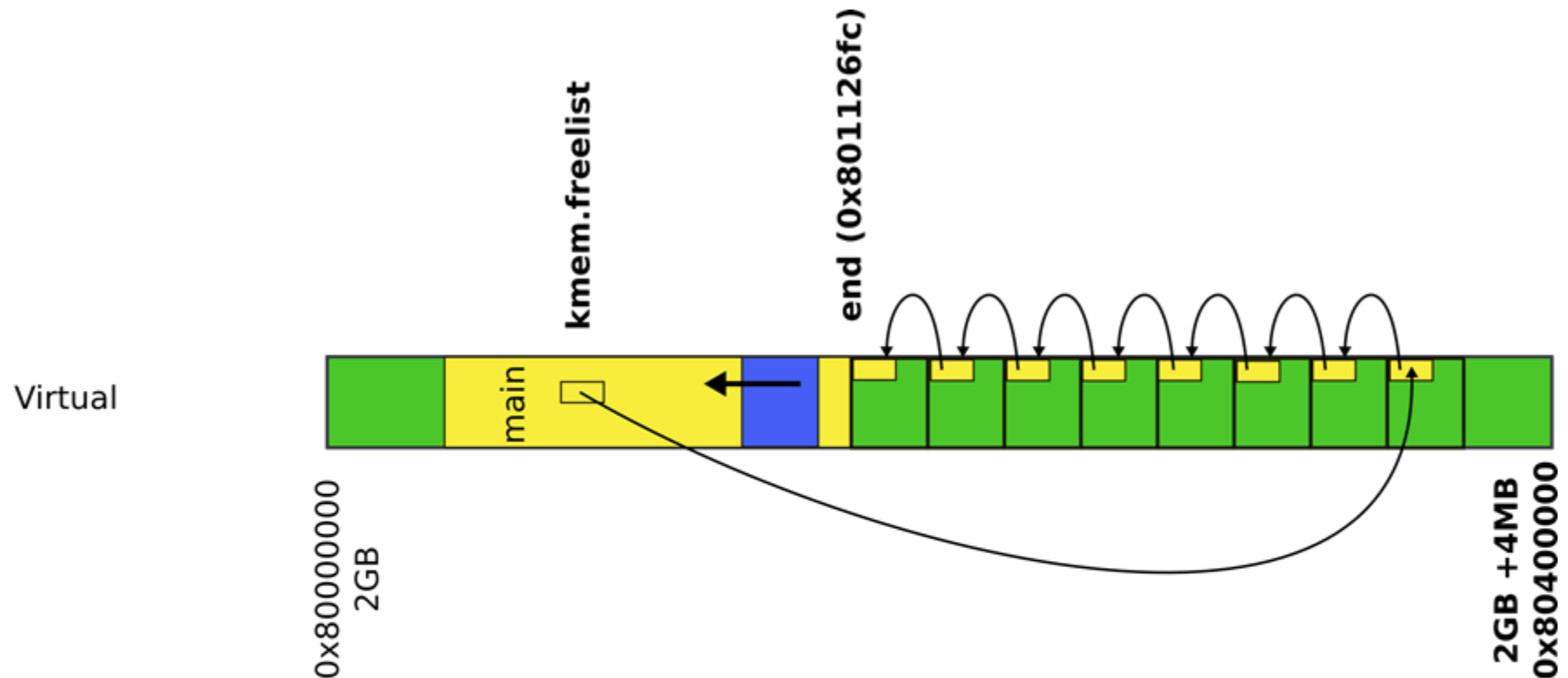
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- What is this **end**?

```
1311 extern char end[]; // first address after
                        kernel loaded from ELF file
```

Donate this free memory to the allocator



Protected Mode

Recap

- Kernel has a memory allocator
- It allocates memory in chunks of 4KB
- Good enough to maintain kernel data structures

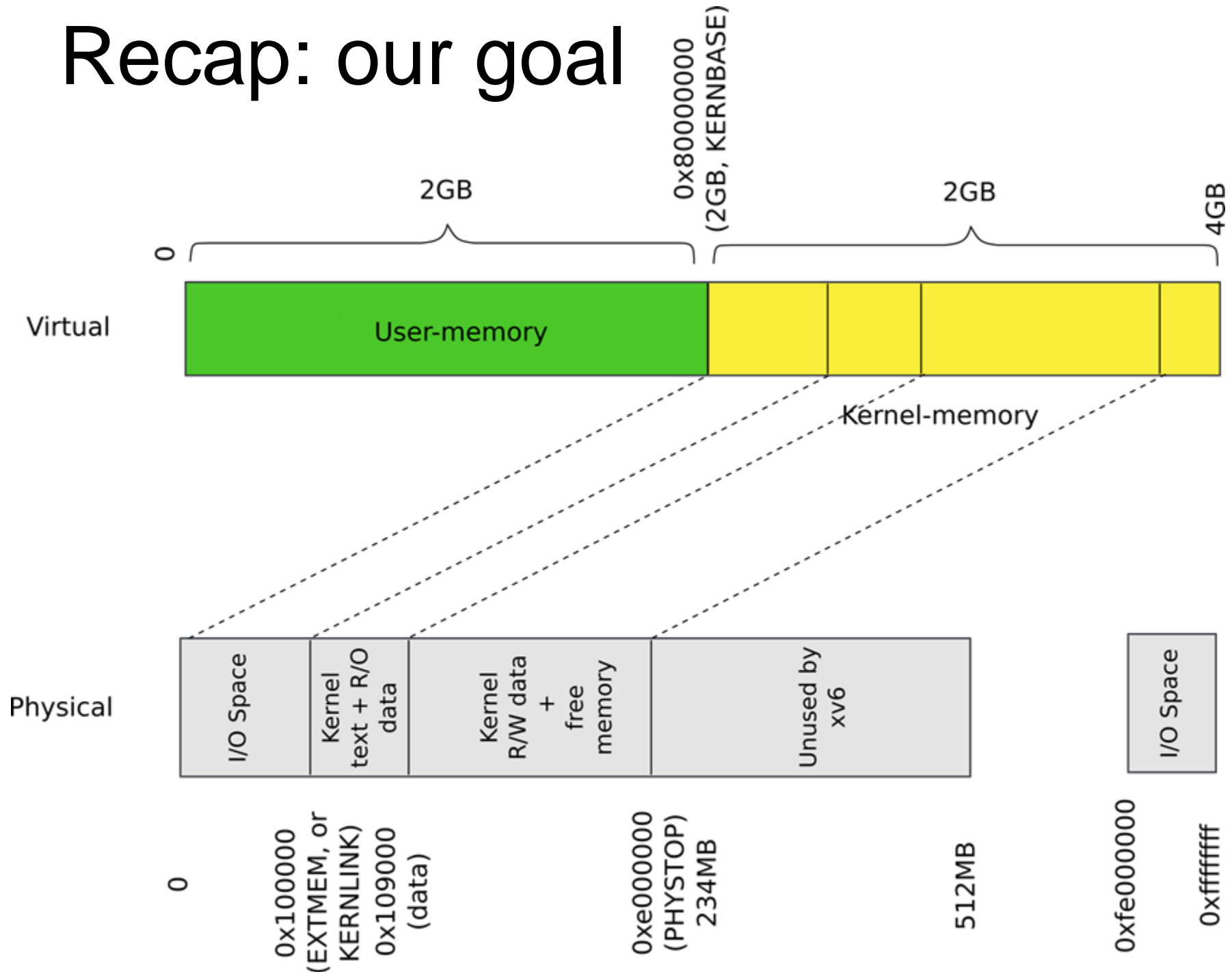
Kernel page table
(for 4KB page tables)

Back to main(): Kernel address space

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- What do you think has to happen?
 - i.e., how do we construct a kernel page table?

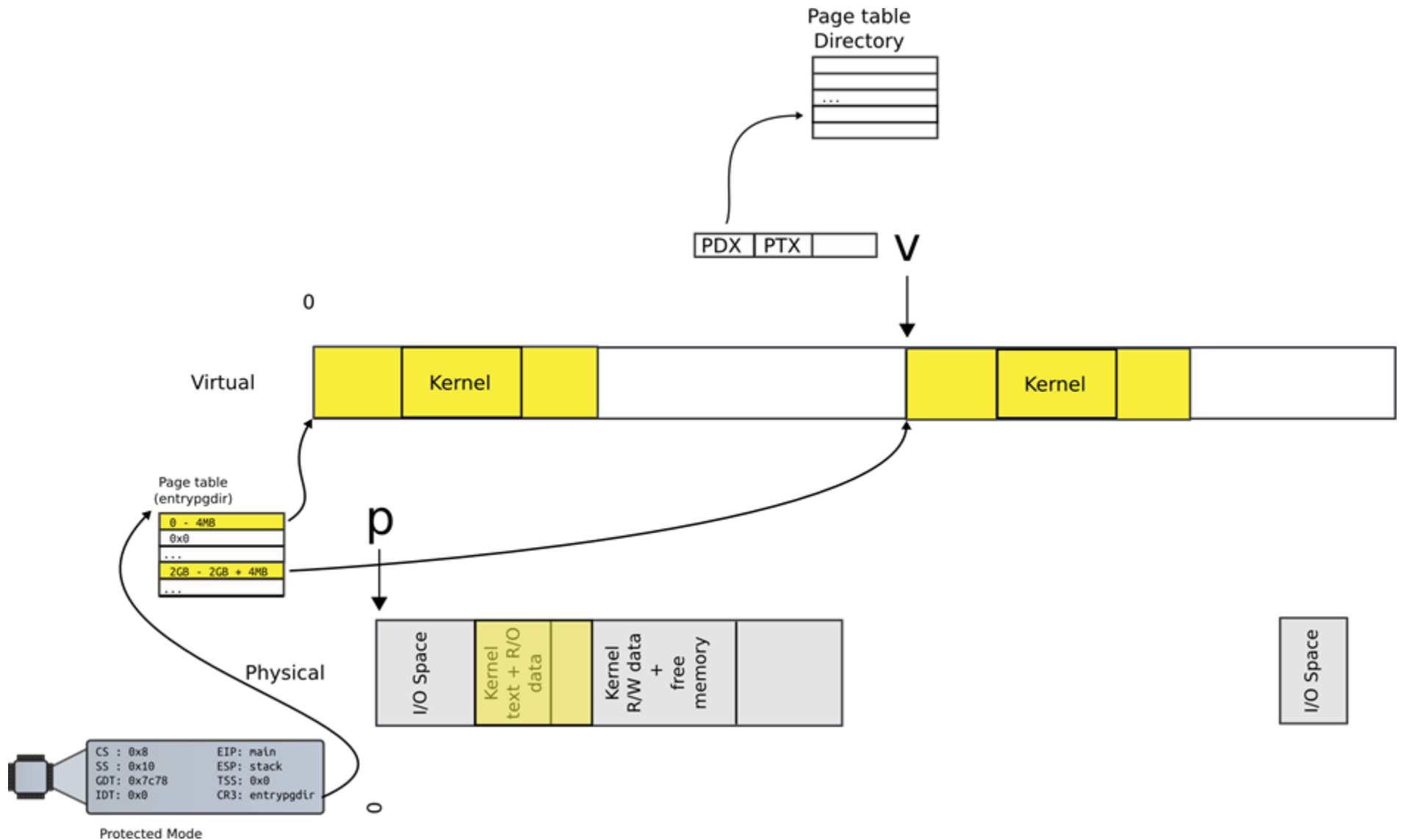
Recap: our goal



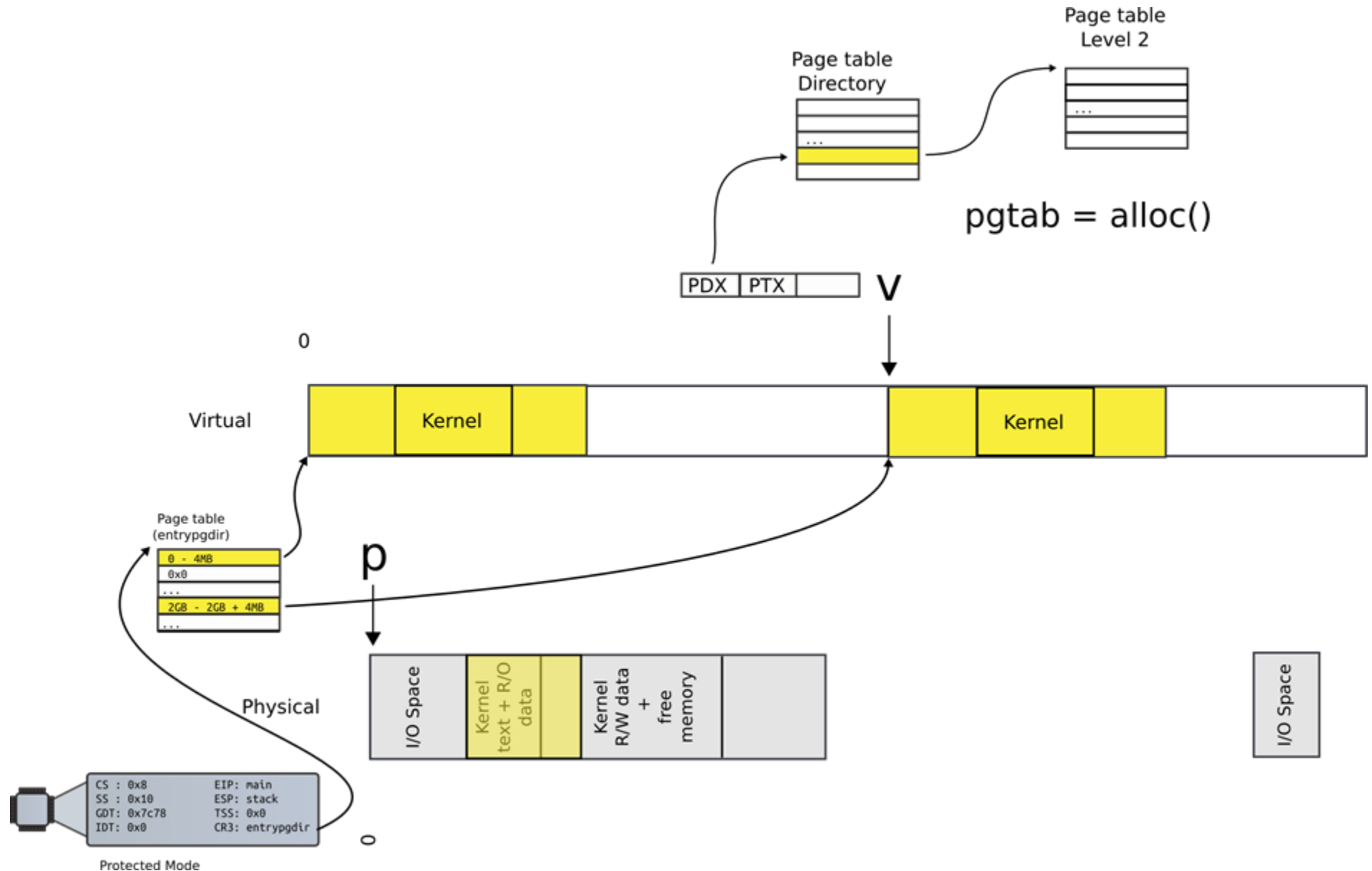
Outline

- Map a region of virtual memory into page tables
 - Start from 2GBs
 - Iterate memory page by page
 - Allocate page table directory and page tables as we go
 - Fill in page table entries with proper physical addresses

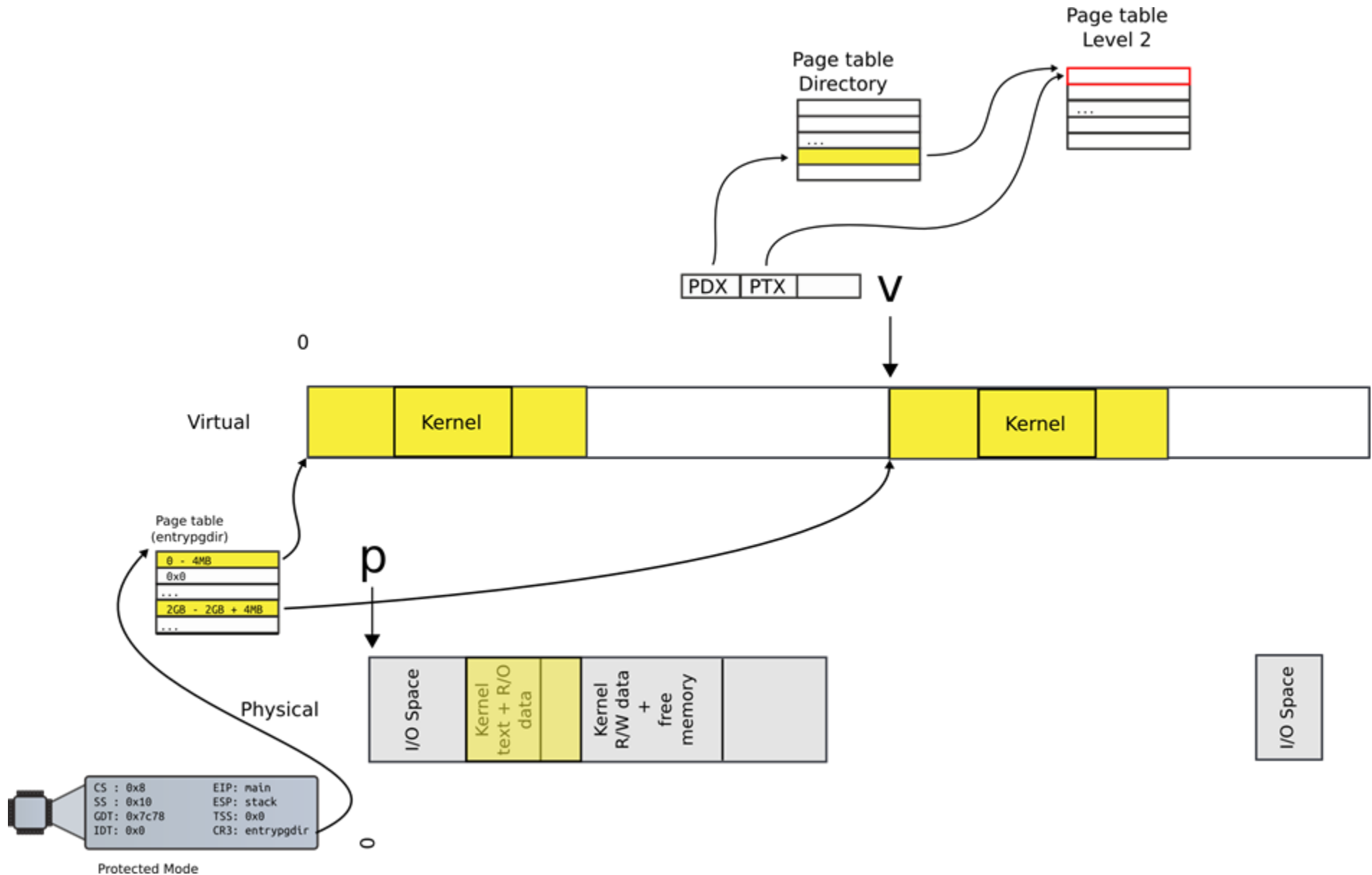
Allocate page table directory entry



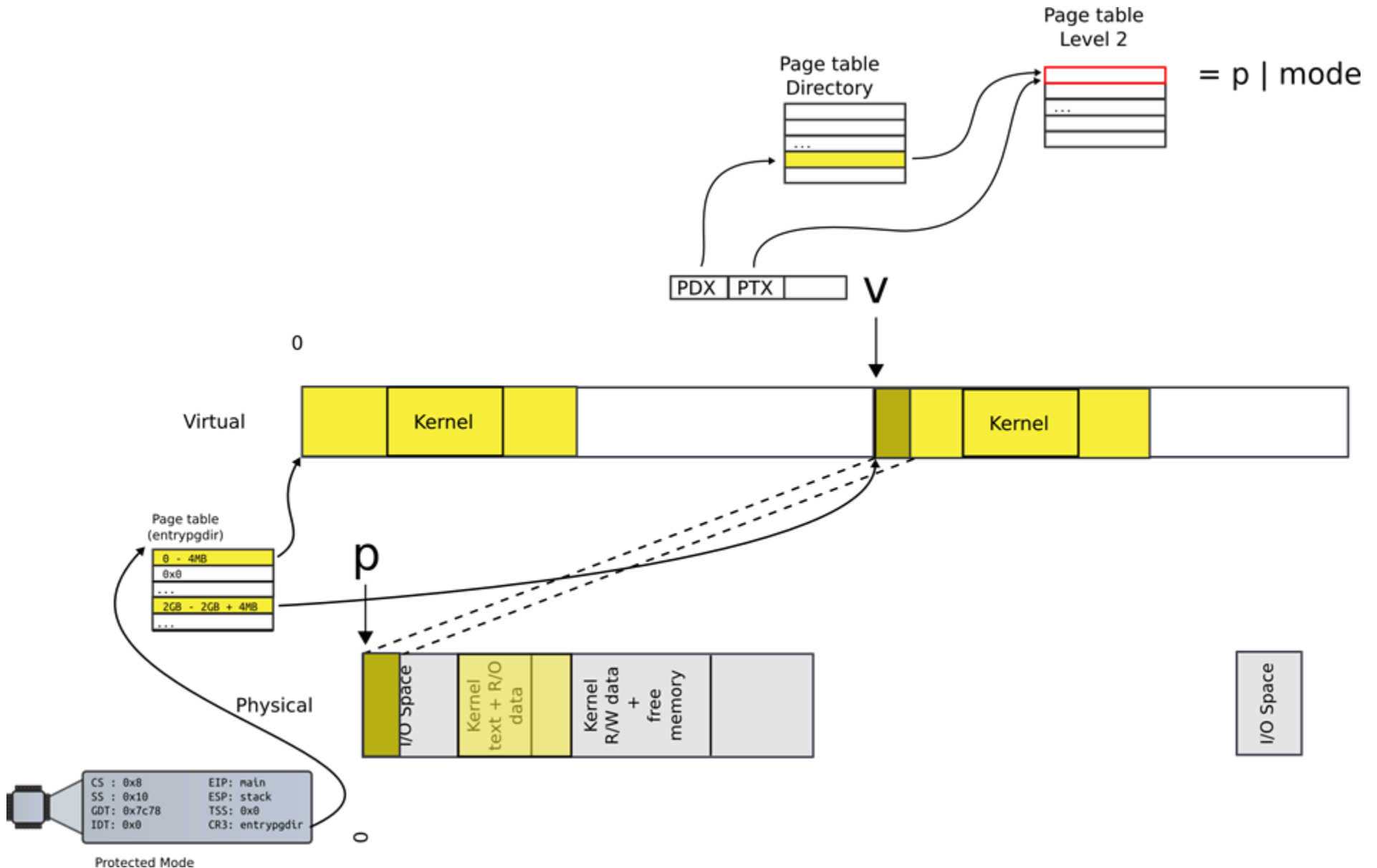
Allocate next level page table



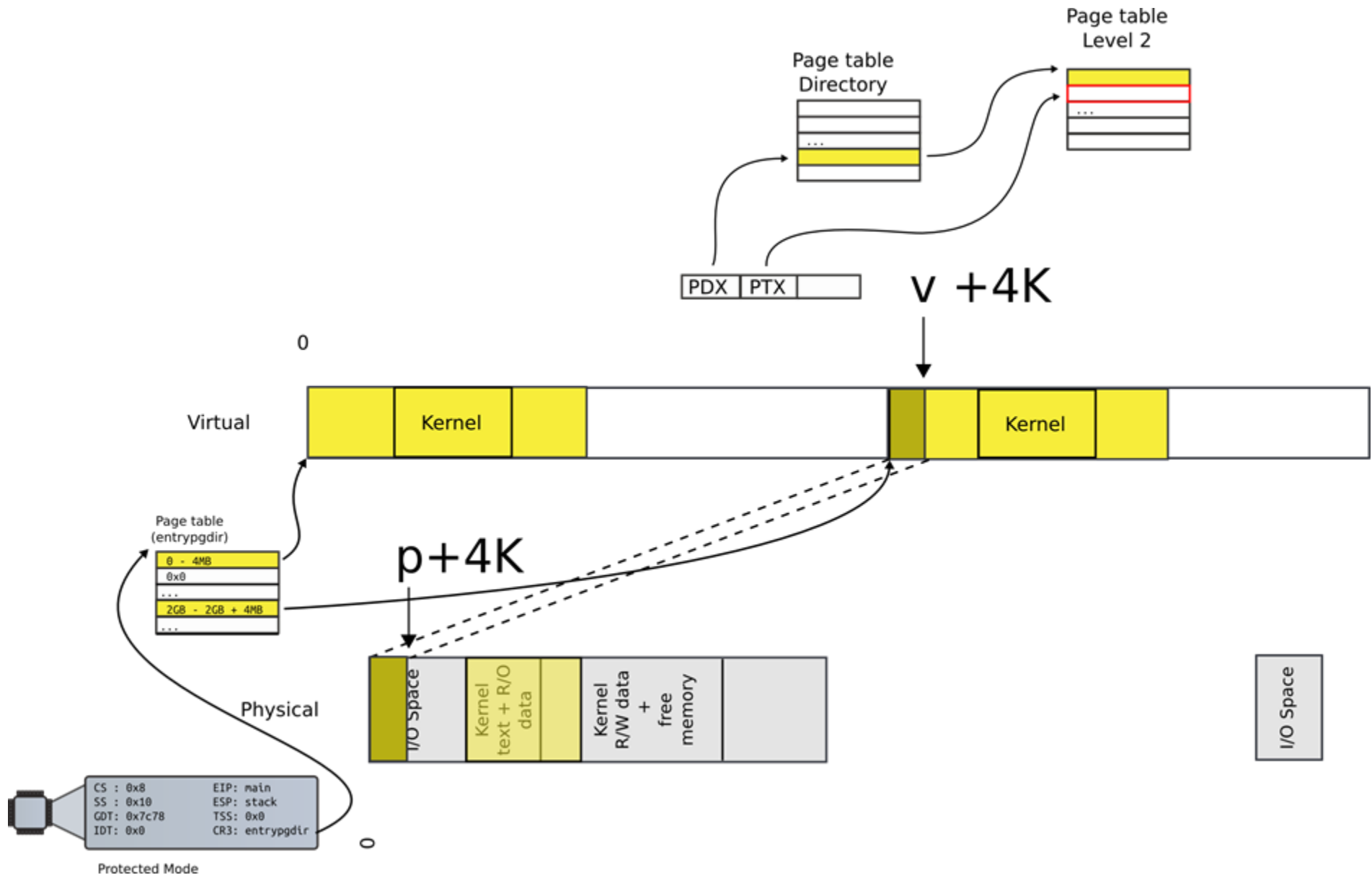
Locate PTE entry



Update mapping with physical addr



Move to next page



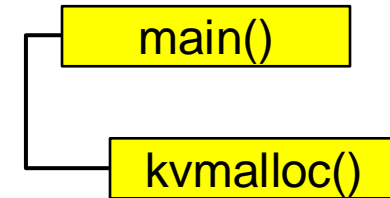
This is exactly what kernel is doing
(let's read the [source code](#))

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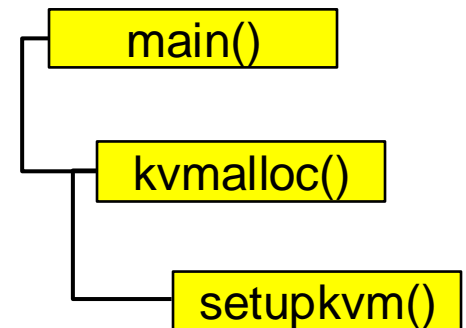
kvmalloc()

```
1857 kvmalloc(void)
1858 {
1859     kpgdir = setupkvm();
1860     switchkvm();
1861 }
```



Allocate page table directory

```
1836 pde_t*
1837 setupkvm(void)
1838 {
1839     pde_t *pgdir;
1840     struct kmap *k;
1841
1842     if((pgdir = (pde_t*)kalloc()) == 0)
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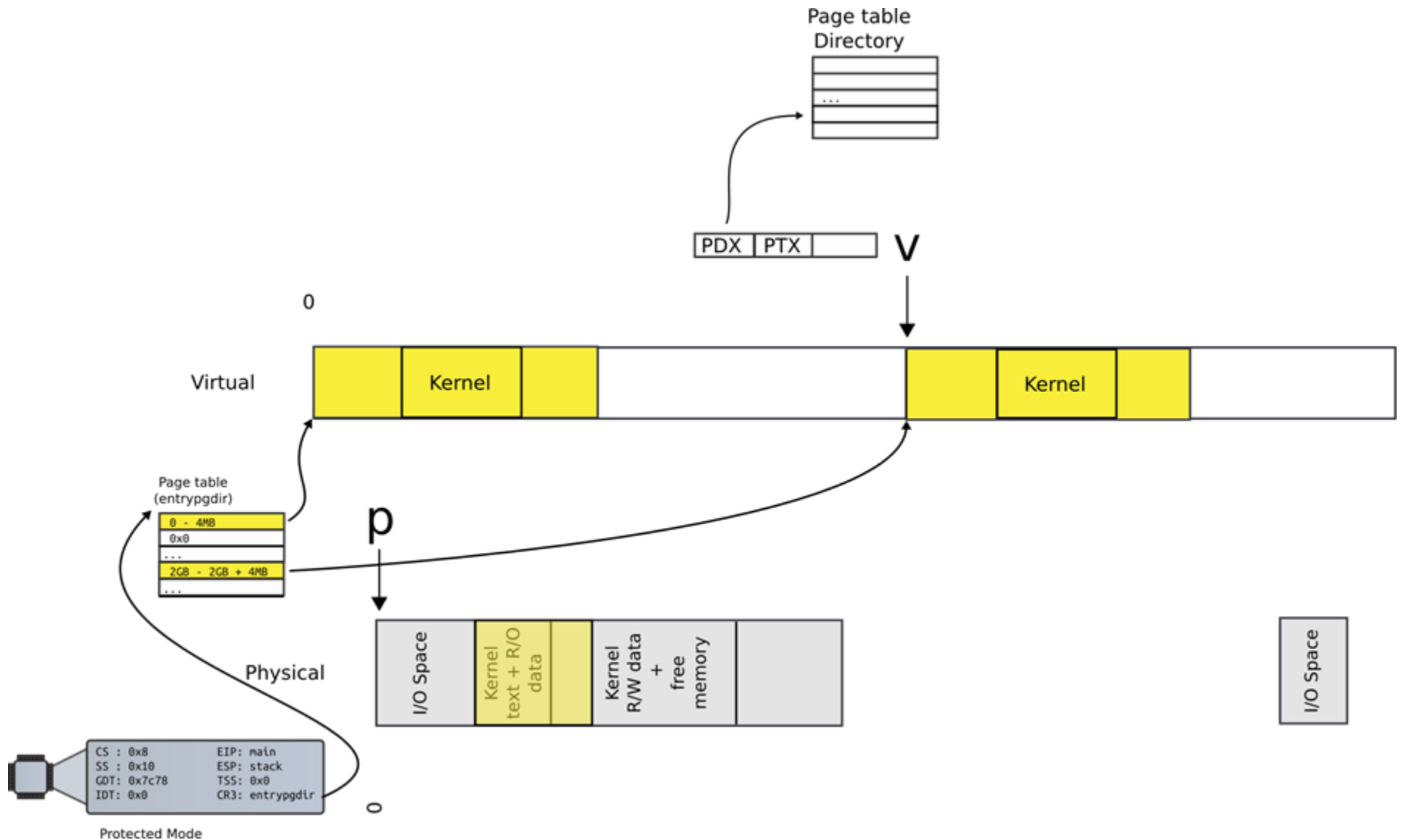
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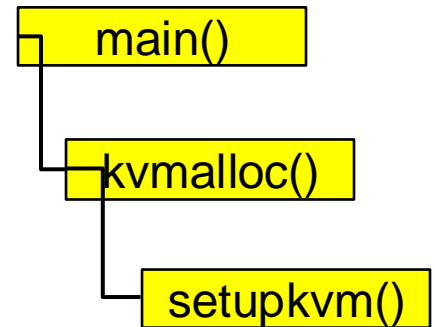
setupkvm()

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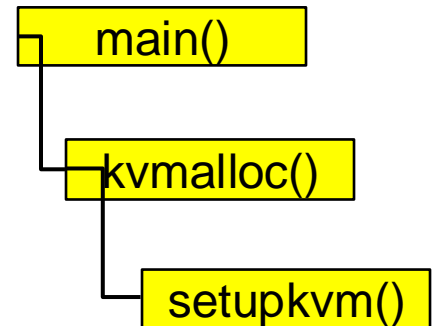
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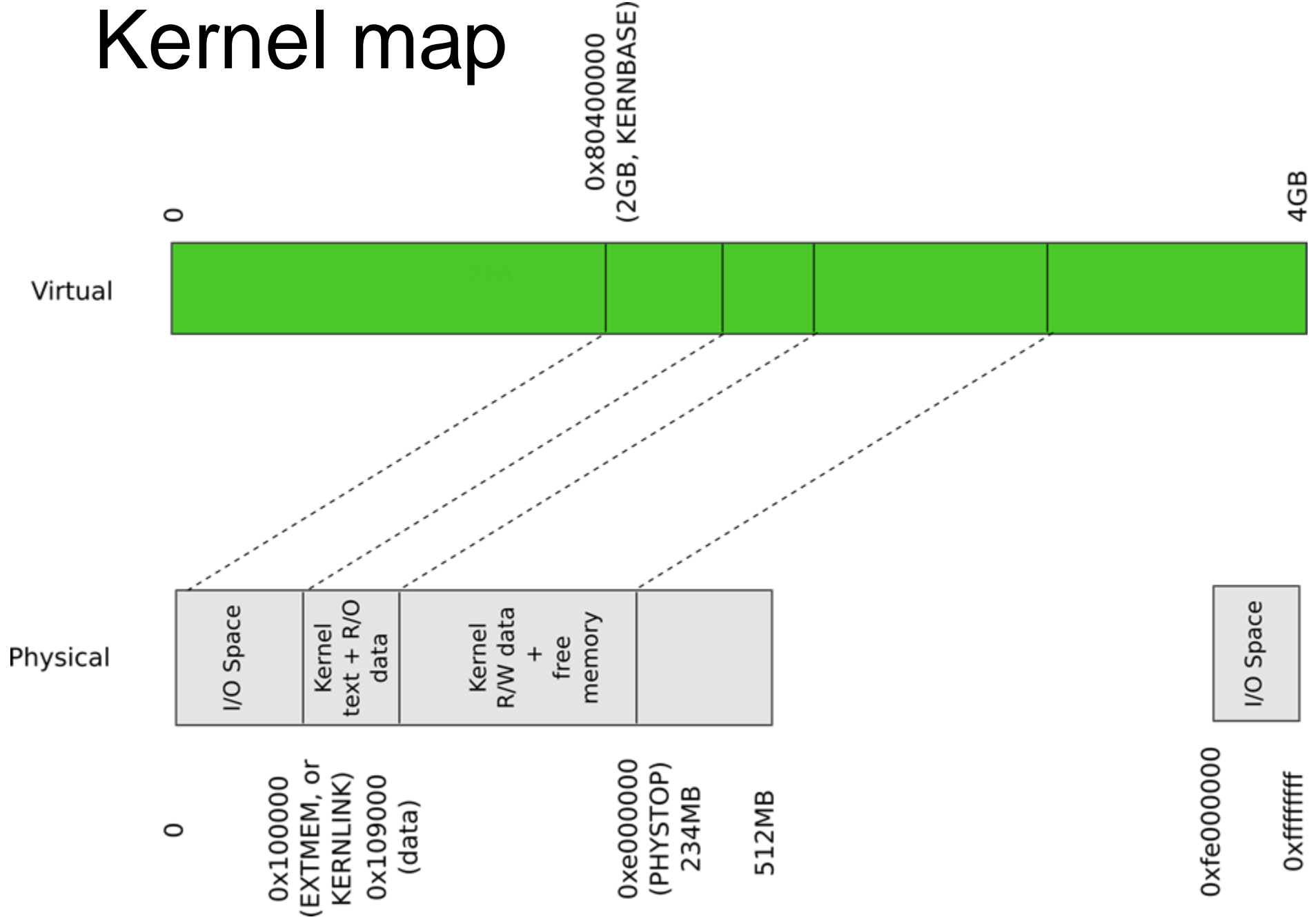


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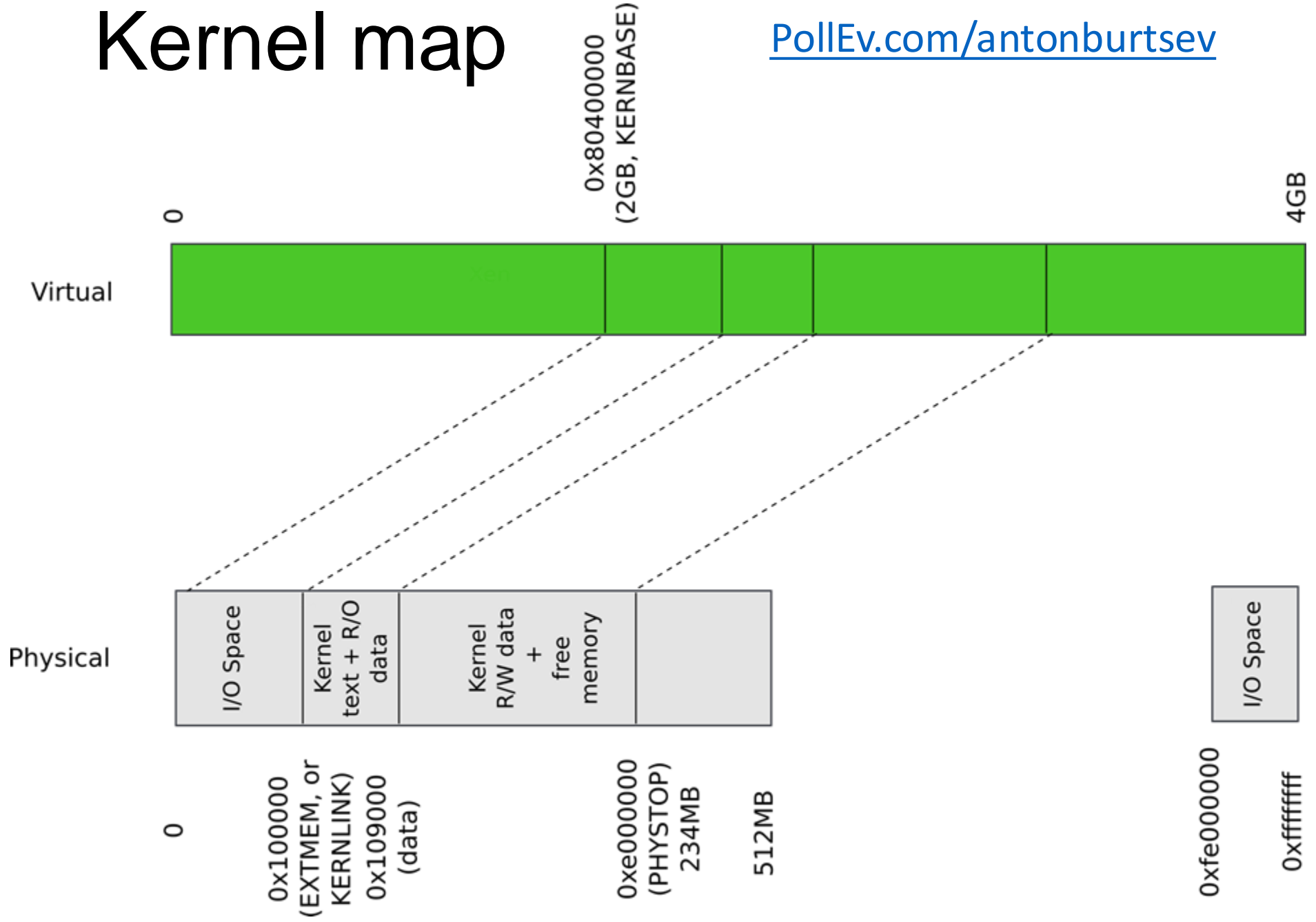


Kernel map



Kernel map

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Kmap – kernel map

```
1823 static struct kmap {
```

```
1824     void *virt;
```

```
1825     uint phys_start;
```

```
1826     uint phys_end;
```

```
1827     int perm;
```

```
1828 } kmap[] = {
```

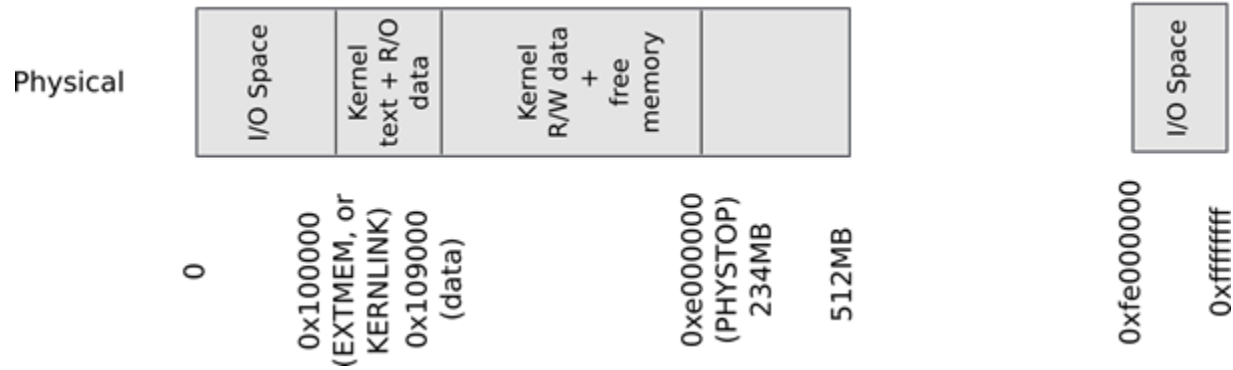
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1829     { (void*)KERNBASE, 0, EXTMEM, PTE_W}, // I/O space
```

```
1830     { (void*)KERNLINK, V2P(KERNLINK), V2P(data), 0}, //text+rodata
```

```
1831     { (void*)data, V2P(data), PHYSTOP, PTE_W}, // kern data+memory
```

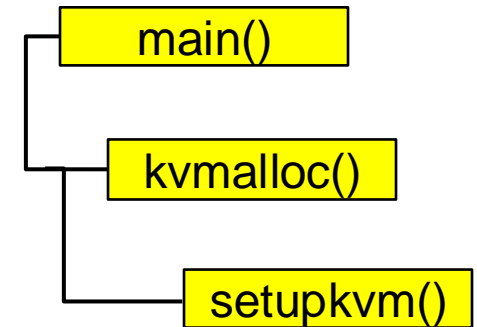
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1832     { (void*)DEVSPACE, DEVSPACE, 0, PTE_W}, // more devices
```

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1833 };
```



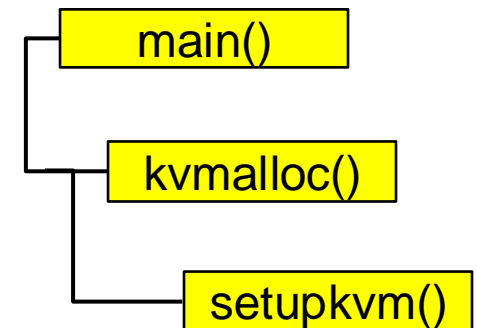
Start virtual address

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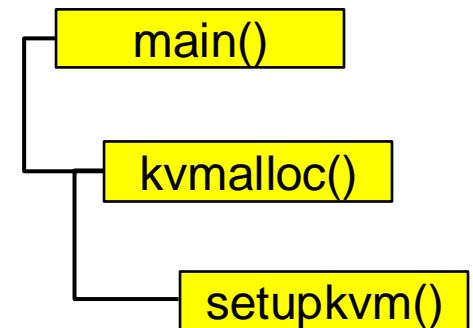
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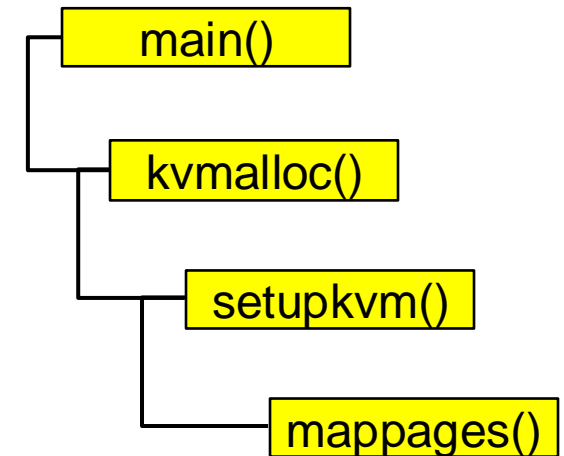
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1836 pde_t*
1887 setupkvm(void)
1838 {
1839     pde_t *pgdir;
1840     struct kmap *k;
1841
1842     if((pgdir = (pde_t*)kalloc()) == 0)
1843         return 0;
1844     memset(pgdir, 0, PGSIZE);
1845     ...
1847     for(k = kmap; k < &kmap[NELEM(kmap)]; k++)
1848         if(mappages(pgdir, k->virt, k->phys_end - k->phys_start,
1849             (uint)k->phys_start, k->perm) < 0)
1850             return 0;
1851     return pgdir;
1852 }
```

Start physical address



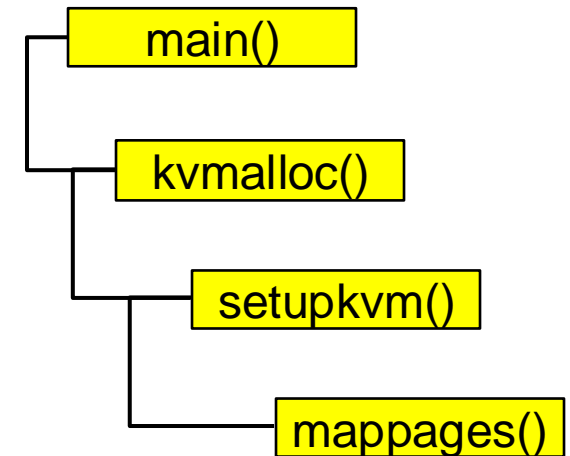
```
1779 mappages(pde_t *pgdir, void *va, uint size, uint pa, int perm)
1780 {
1781   char *a, *last;
1782   pte_t *pte;
1783
1784   a = (char*)PGROUNDDOWN((uint)va);
1785   last = (char*)PGROUNDDOWN(((uint)va) + size - 1);
1786   for(;;){
1787     if((pte = walkpgdir(pgdir, a, 1)) == 0)
1788       return -1;
1789     if(*pte & PTE_P)
1790       panic("remap");
1791     *pte = pa | perm | PTE_P;
1792     if(a == last)
1793       break;
1794     a += PGSIZE;
1795     pa += PGSIZE;
1796   }
1797   return 0;
1798 }
```

Inside mappages()



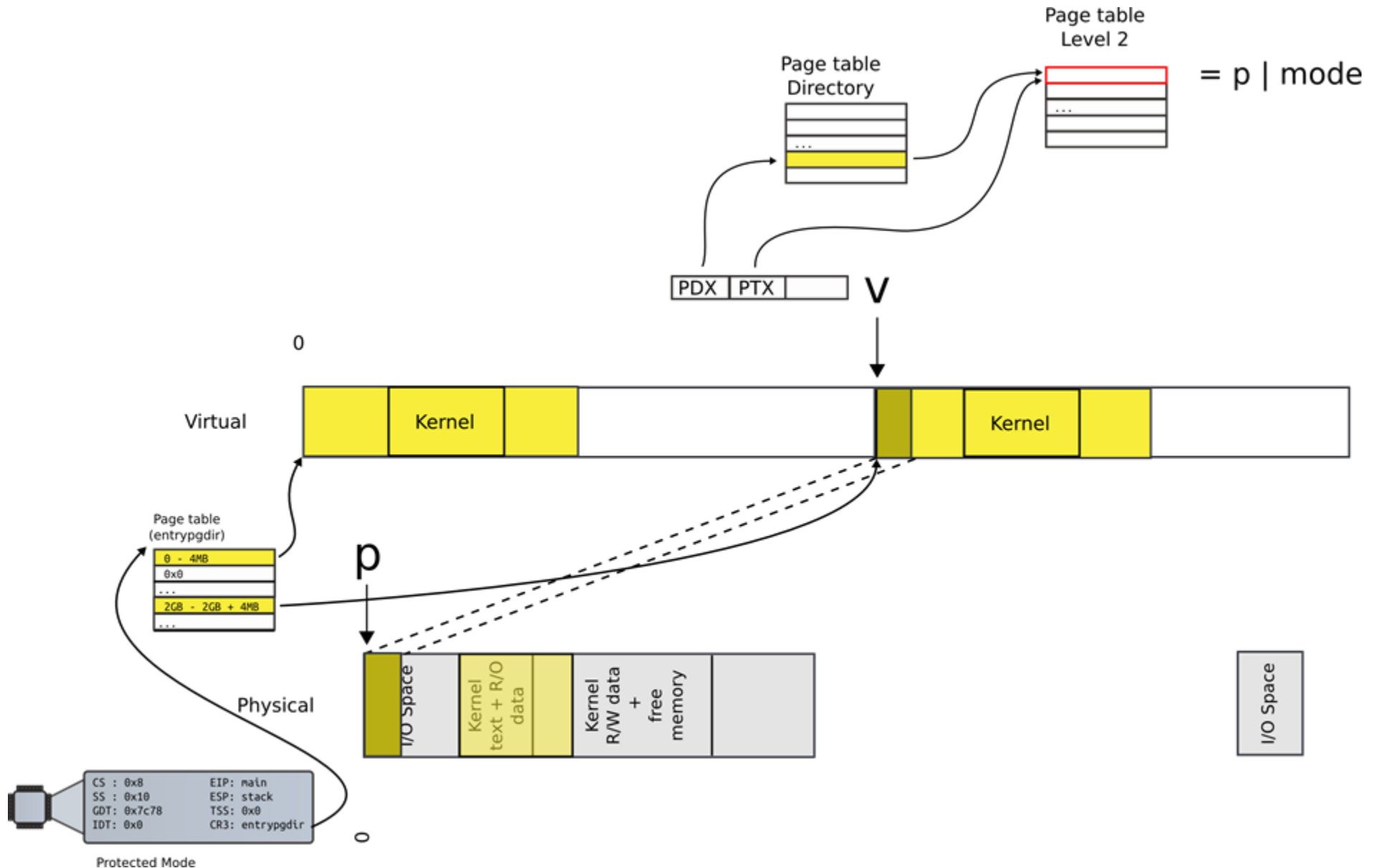
- Get the start (a) and end (last) pages for the virtual address range we are mapping
- Then work in a loop mapping every page one by one


```
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1796   }
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1798 }
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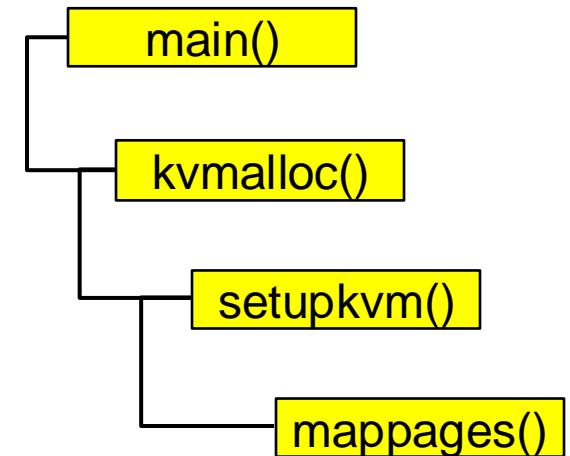


- First lookup the page table entry (pte) corresponding to the virtual address (a) we're mapping

Locate the page table entry

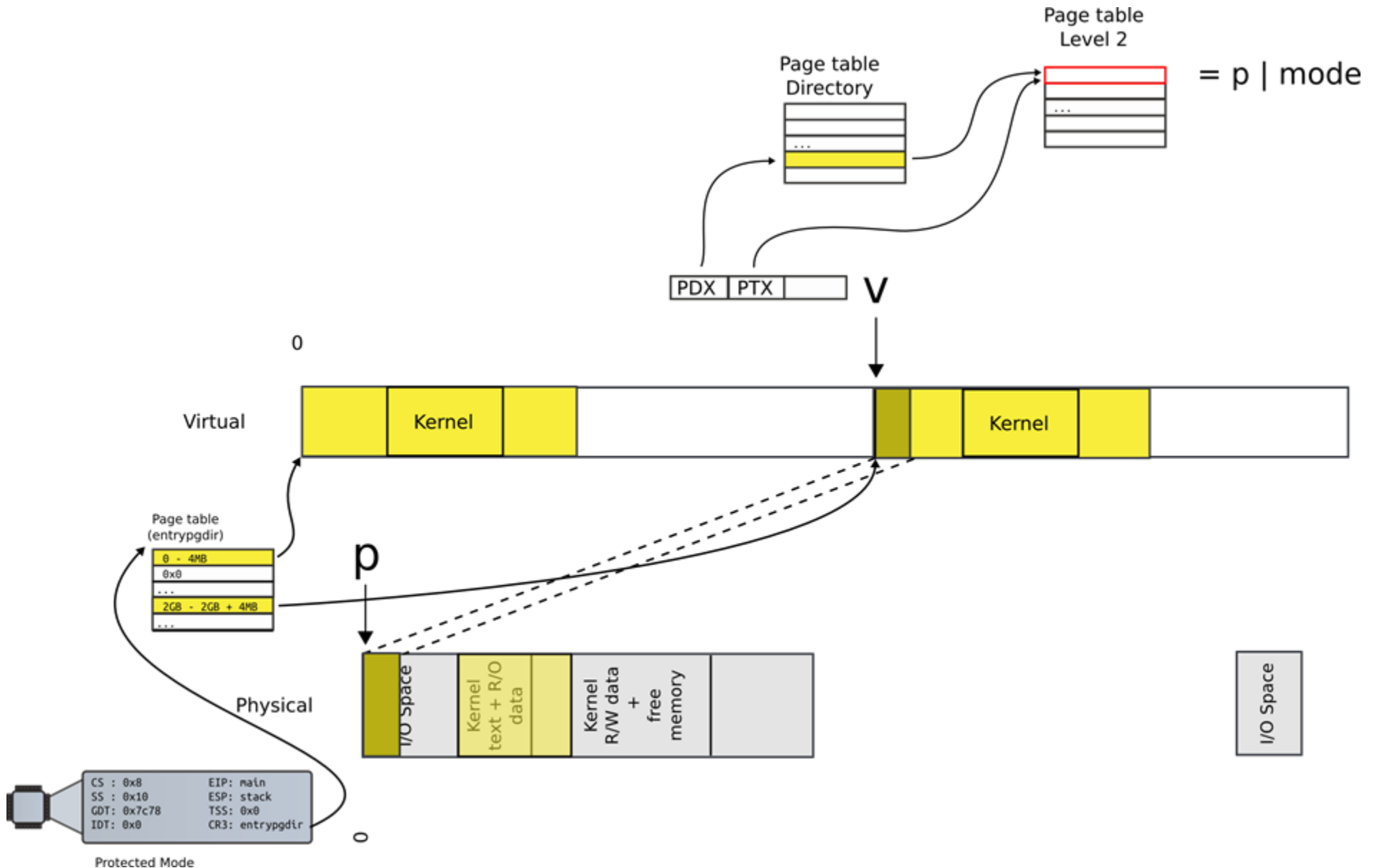


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1780 {
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1790       panic("remap");
1791     *pte = pa | perm | PTE_P;
1792     if(a == last)
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1795     pa += PGSIZE;
1796   }
1797   return 0;
1798 }
```

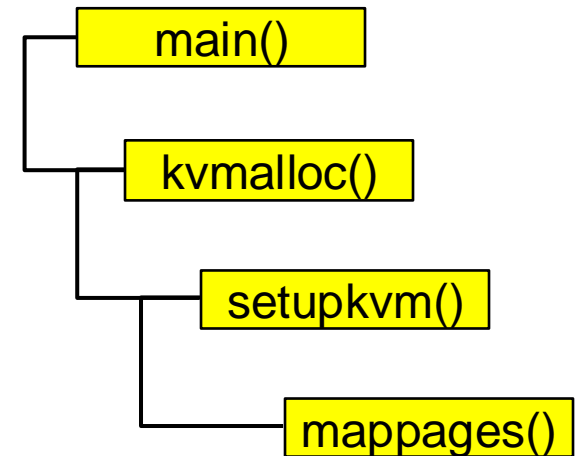


- Update the page directory entry (*pte) with the physical address (pa)

Update mapping with physical addr



```
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1780 {
1781   char *a, *last;
1782   pte_t *pte;
1783
1784   a = (char*)PGROUNDDOWN((uint)va);
1785   last = (char*)PGROUNDDOWN(((uint)va) + size - 1);
1786   for(;;){
1787     if((pte = walkpgdir(pgdir, a, 1)) == 0)
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```

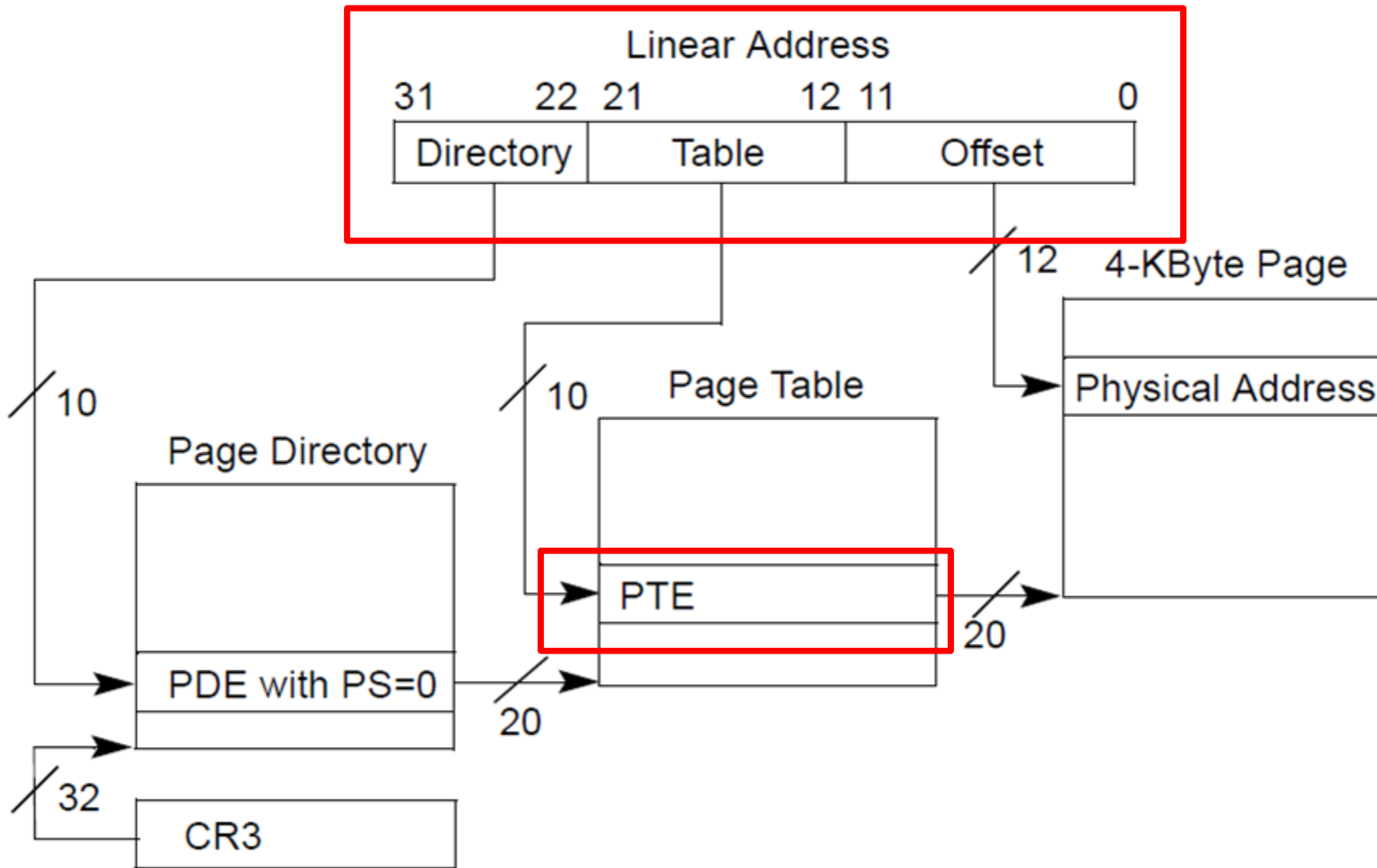


- But we need a function that locates the pte for us...

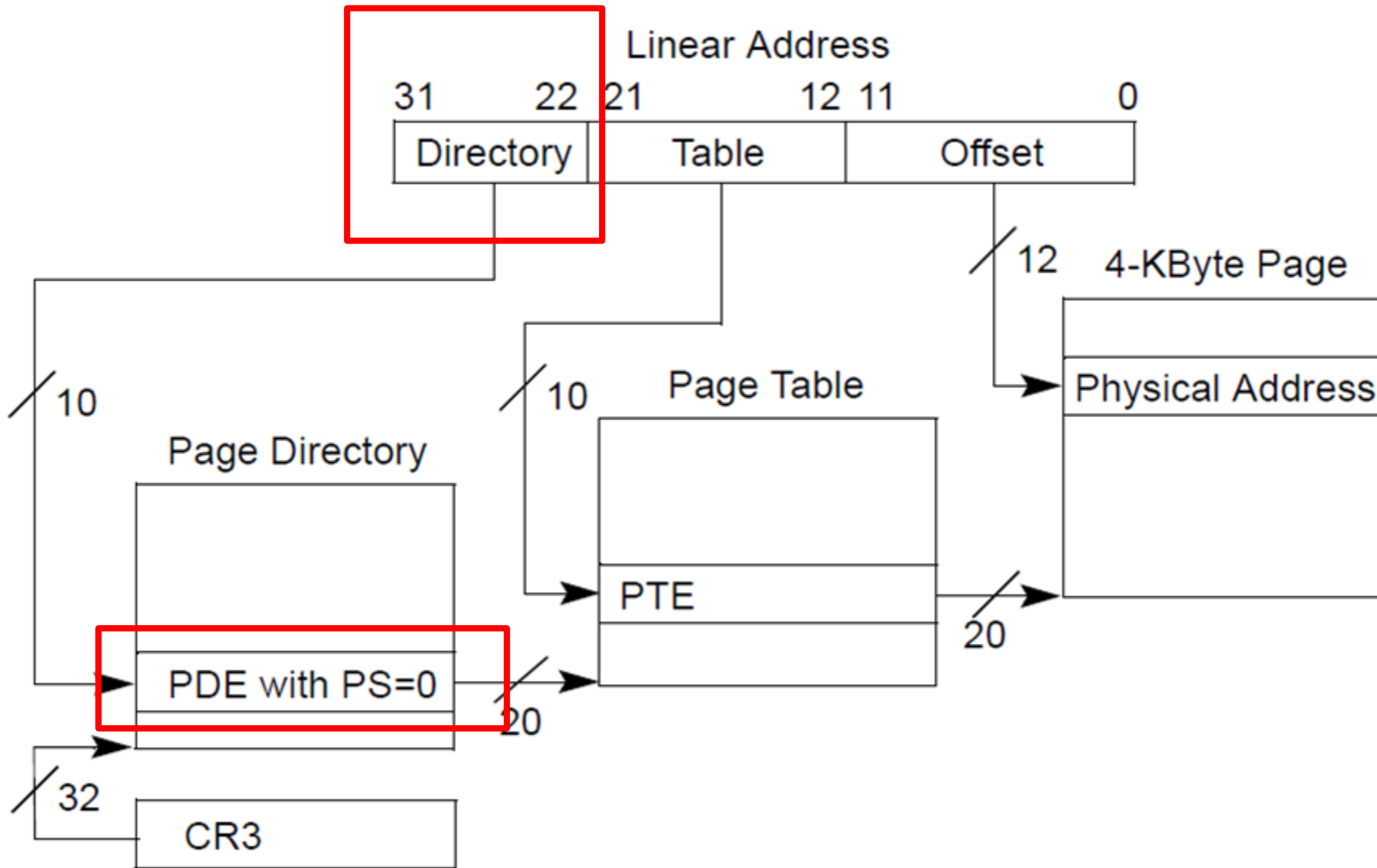
What should it look like?

- A function takes a virtual address
- Returns a page table directory entry that maps it

Recap of the page table



Locate the PDE frist




```

1754 walkpgdir(pde_t *pgdir, const void *va, int alloc)
1755 {
1756     pde_t *pde;
1757     pte_t *pgtab;
1758
1759     pde = &pgdir[PDX(va)];
1760     if(*pde & PTE_P){
1761         pgtab = (pte_t*)P2V(PTE_ADDR(*pde));
1762     } else {
1763         if(!alloc || (pgtab = (pte_t*)kalloc()) == 0)
1764             return 0;
1765         // Make sure all those PTE_P bits are zero.
1766         memset(pgtab, 0, PGSIZE);
1767
1768         ...
1770         *pde = V2P(pgtab) | PTE_P | PTE_W | PTE_U;
1771     }
1772     return &pgtab[PTX(va)];
1773 }

```

walkpgdir(): walk page table

- Locate the page directory entry (*pde)

PDX()

```
0855 // +-----10-----+-----10-----+-----12-----+
0856 // | Page Directory | Page Table | Offset within Page |
0857 // |   Index   |   Index   |           |
0858 // +-----+-----+-----+-----+
0859 // \--- PDX(va) ---/ \--- PTX(va) ---/
```

```
0860
```

```
0861 // page directory index
0862 #define PDX(va) (((uint)(va) >> PDXSHIFT) & 0x3FF)
```

```
0863
```

```
0864 // page table index
```

```
0865 #define PTX(va) (((uint)(va) >> PTXSHIFT) & 0x3FF)
```

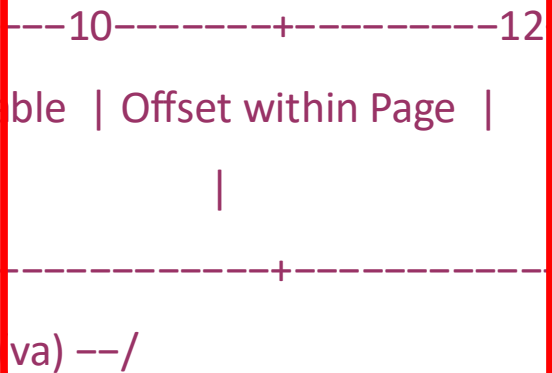
```
...
```

```
0876 #define PTXSHIFT 12 // offset of PTX in a linear address
```

```
0877 #define PDXSHIFT 22 // offset of PDX in a linear address
```

PDX()

```
0855 // +-----10-----+-----10-----+-----12-----+
0856 // | Page Directory | Page Table | Offset within Page |
0857 // | Index   | Index   |           |
0858 // +-----+-----+-----+
0859 // \--- PDX(va) ---/ \--- PTX(va) ---/
```



0860

0861 // page directory index

0862 #define PDX(va) (((uint)(va) >> PDXSHIFT) & 0x3FF)

0863

0864 // page table index

0865 #define PTX(va) (((uint)(va) >> PTXSHIFT) & 0x3FF)

...

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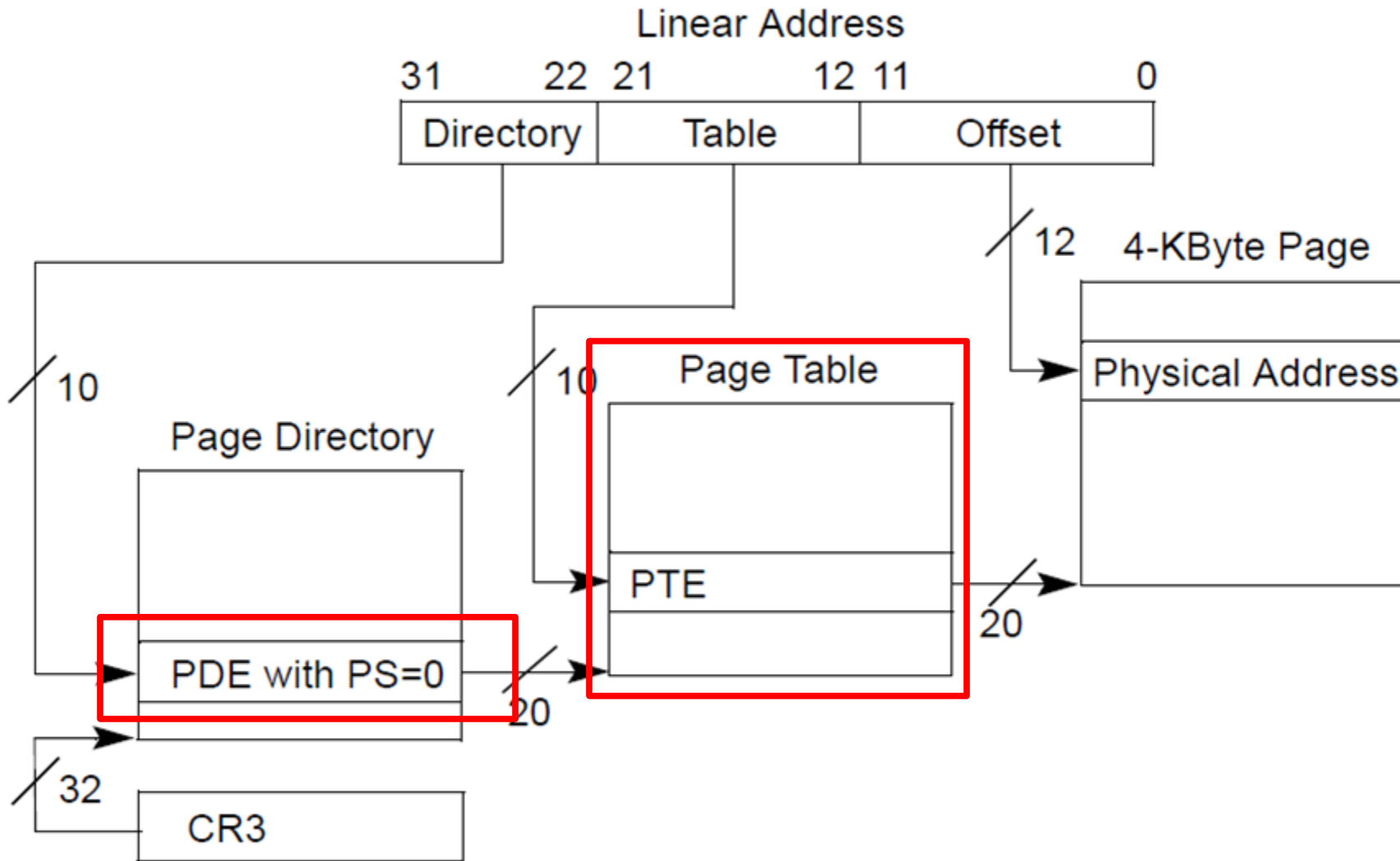
1754 walkpgdir(pde_t *pgdir, const void *va, int alloc)
1755 {
1756     pde_t *pde;
1757     pte_t *pgtab;
1758
1759     pde = &pgdir[PDX(va)];
1760     if(*pde & PTE_P){
1761         pgtab = (pte_t*)P2V(PTE_ADDR(*pde));
1762     } else {
1763         if(!alloc || (pgtab = (pte_t*)kalloc()) == 0)
1764             return 0;
1765         // Make sure all those PTE_P bits are zero.
1766         memset(pgtab, 0, PGSIZE);
1767
1768         ...
1770         *pde = V2P(pgtab) | PTE_P | PTE_W | PTE_U;
1771     }
1772     return &pgtab[PTX(va)];
1773 }

```

`walkpgdir()`: walk page table

- Check if page table is allocated (present)

Check if level 2 page table is allocated

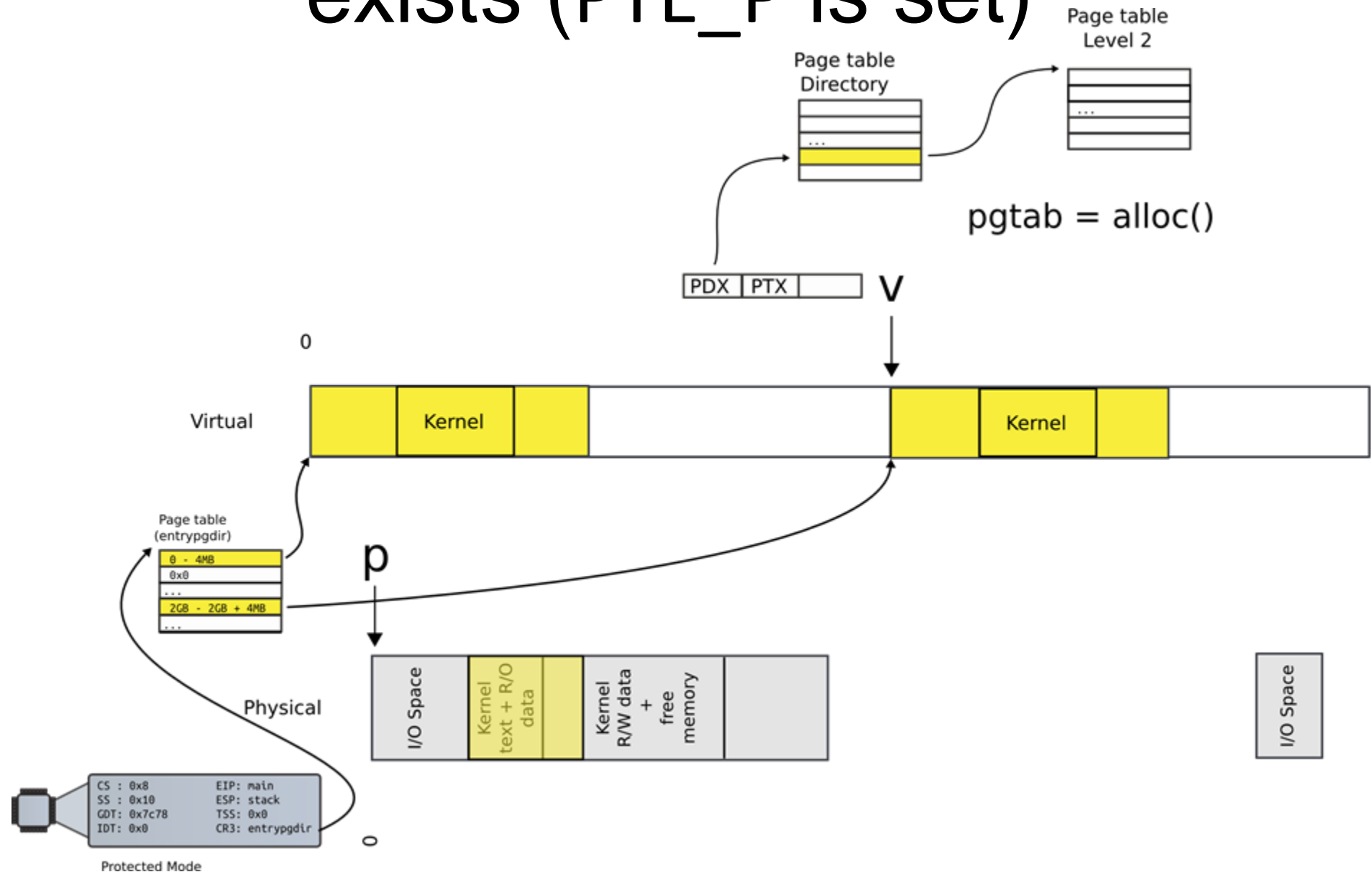


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1755 {
1756     pde_t *pde;
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1771     }
1772     return &pgtab[PTX(va)];
1773 }
```

`walkpgdir()`: walk page table

- Allocate if needed

See if the next page table level exists (PTE_P is set)



```

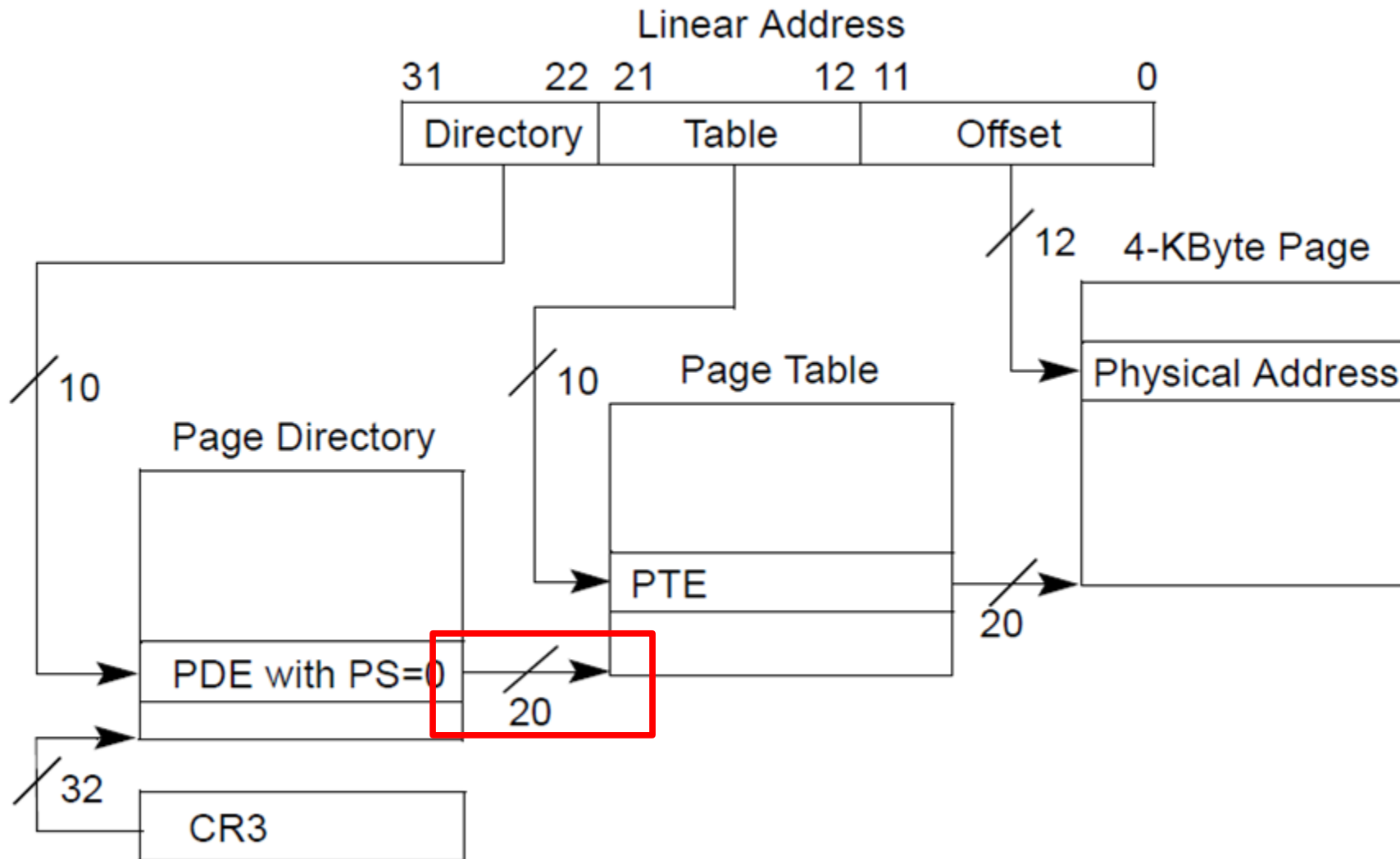
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1757     pte_t *pgtab;
1758
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1768         ...
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1771     }
1772     return &pgtab[PTX(va)];
1773 }

```

`walkpgdir()`: walk page table

- If exists, get the address of the next level

PDE contains 20 bits which represent physical page number



Getting level 2 page

```
1761 pgtab = (pte_t*)P2V(PTE_ADDR(*pde));
```

- We need two things
- Convert from 20 bits of physical page number to physical address of the page
- `PTE_ADDR(*pde)`
- Convert from physical address of that page to virtual address
- `P2V(...)`
 - We can't access physical addresses directly
 - We can only access virtual addresses
 - Registers, mov instructions, etc. contain virtual addresses
 - Physical address have to be mapped by the current page table

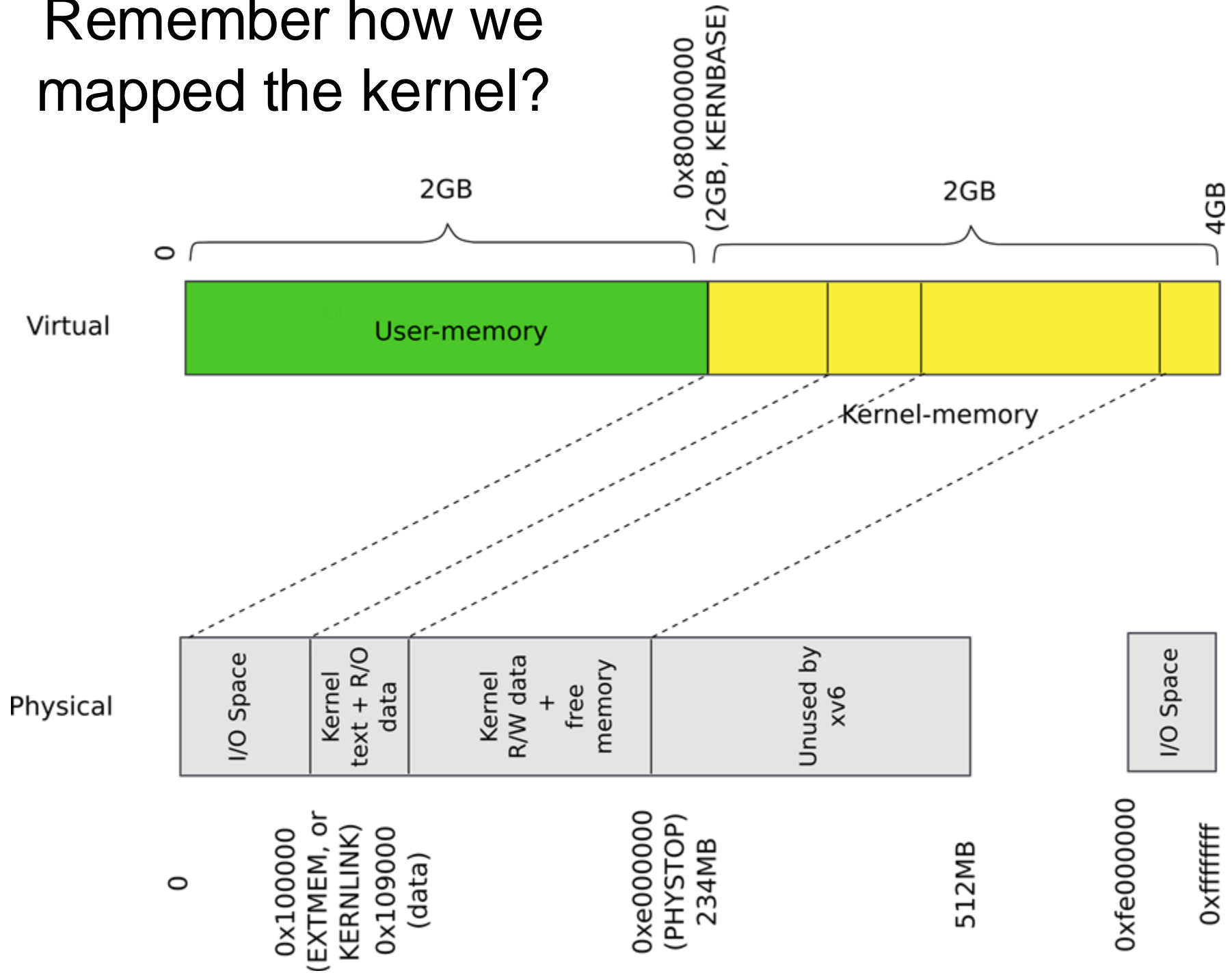
Step 1

- Convert from 20 bits of physical page number to physical address of the page
- `PTE_ADDR(*pde)`
- This is trivial

Step 2

- Convert from physical address of that page to virtual address
- P2V(...)
- This seems a bit tricky

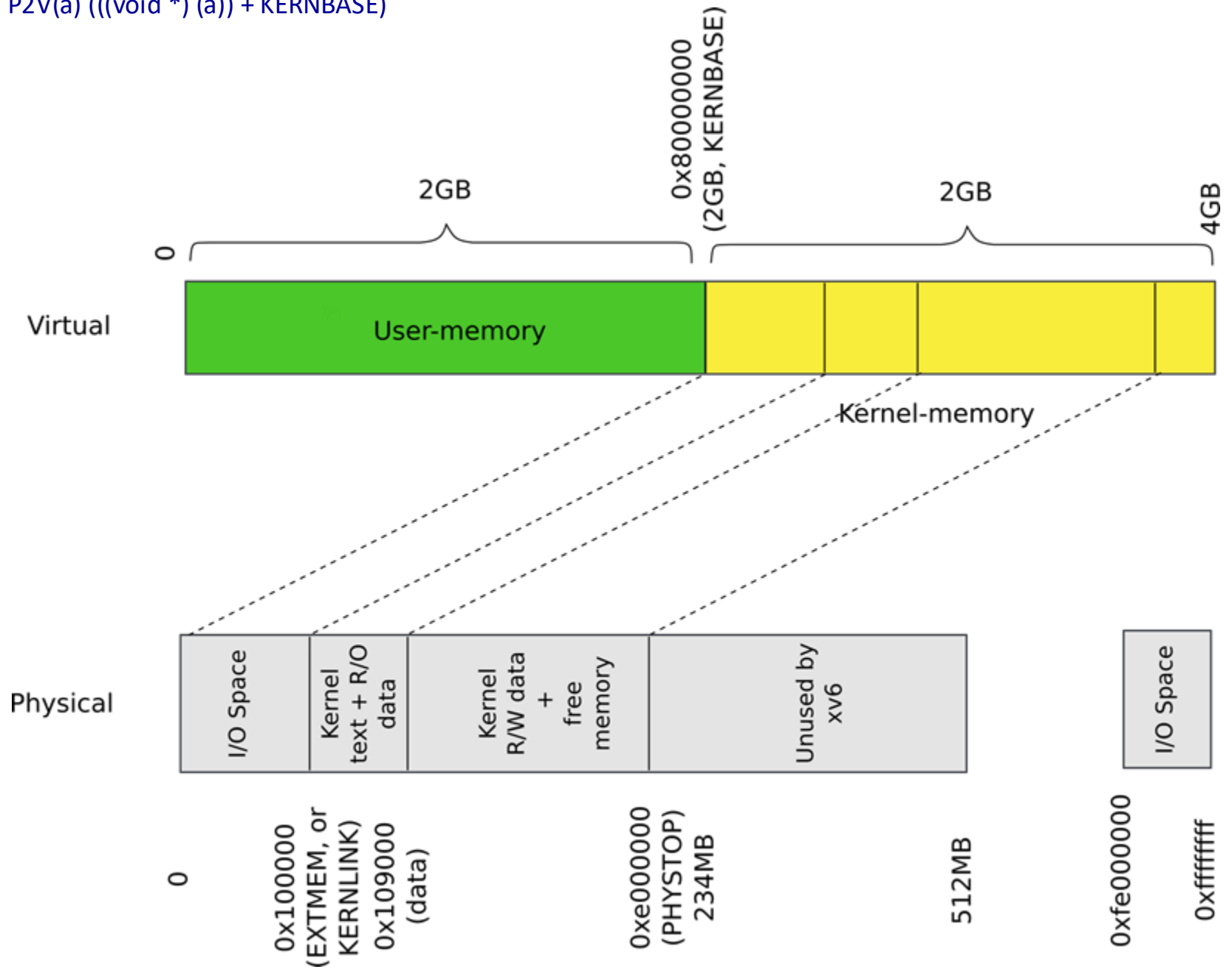
Remember how we mapped the kernel?



```
0207 #define KERNBASE 0x80000000 // First kernel virtual address
```

```
0210 #define V2P(a) (((uint) (a)) - KERNBASE)
```

```
0211 #define P2V(a) (((void *) (a)) + KERNBASE)
```



```

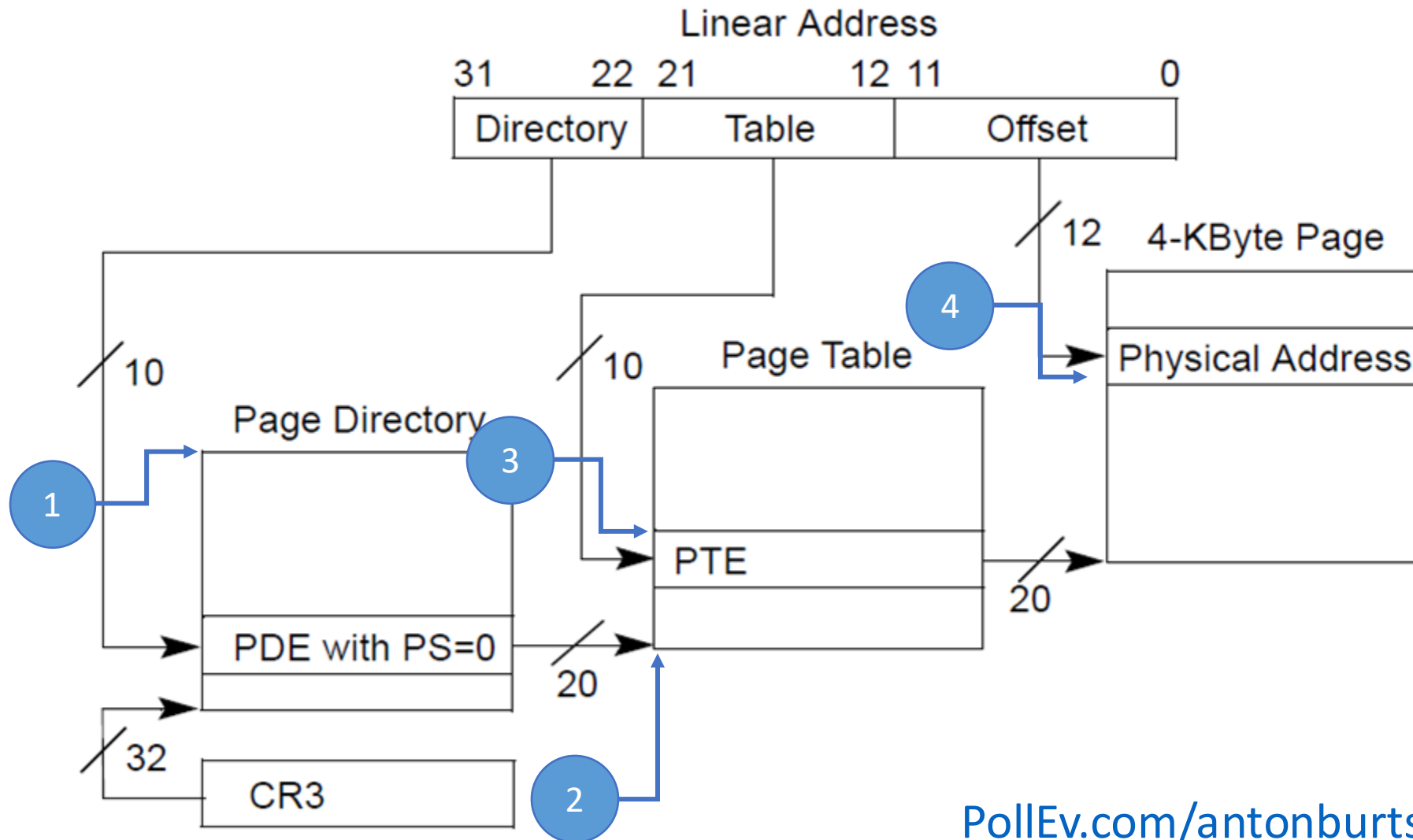
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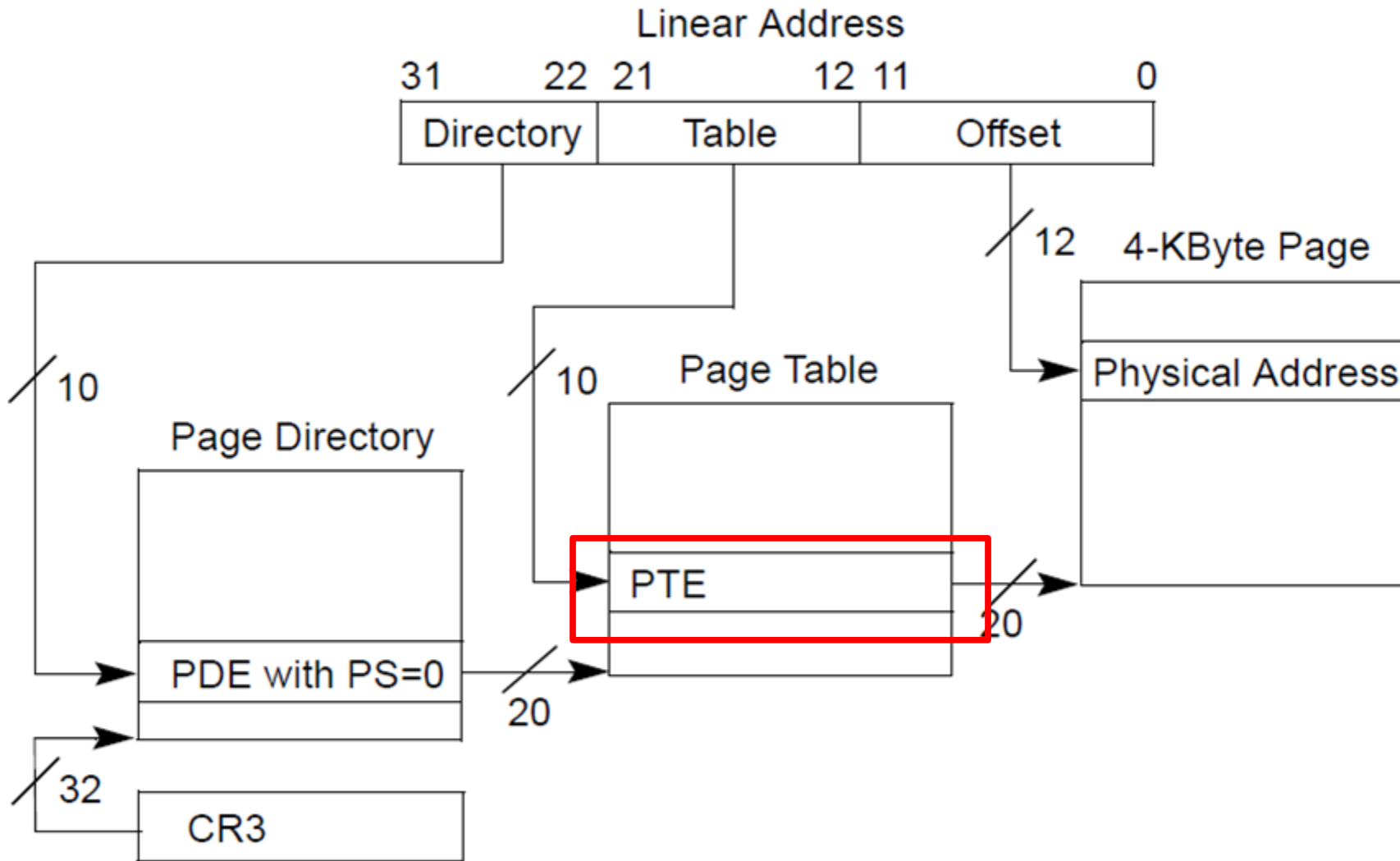
walkpgdir(): walk page table

- Return pointer to the PTE

Poll: what are we returning?

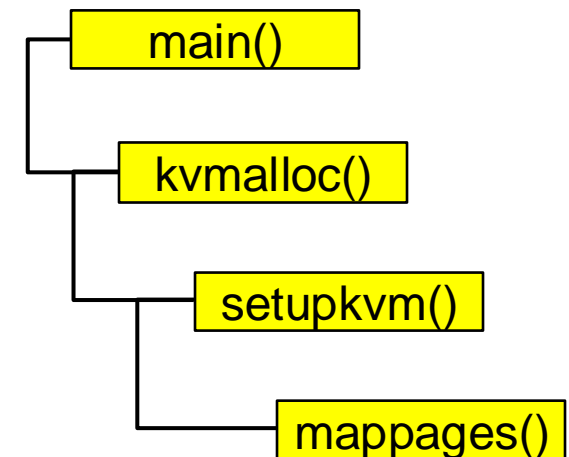


Return a pointer to PTE



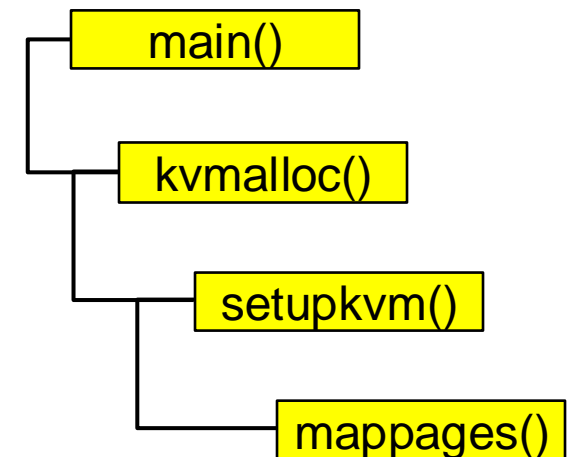
Back to mappages() function that maps a region of virtual memory into continuous region of physical memory

```
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1780 {
1781   char *a, *last;
1782   pte_t *pte;
1783
1784   a = (char*)PGROUNDDOWN((uint)va);
1785   last = (char*)PGROUNDDOWN(((uint)va) + size - 1);
1786   for(;;){
1787     if((pte = walkpgdir(pgdir, a, 1)) == 0)
1788       return -1;
1789     if(*pte & PTE_P)
1790       panic("remap");
1791     *pte = pa | perm | PTE_P;
1792     if(a == last)
1793       break;
1794     a += PGSIZE;
1795     pa += PGSIZE;
1796   }
1797   return 0;
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```



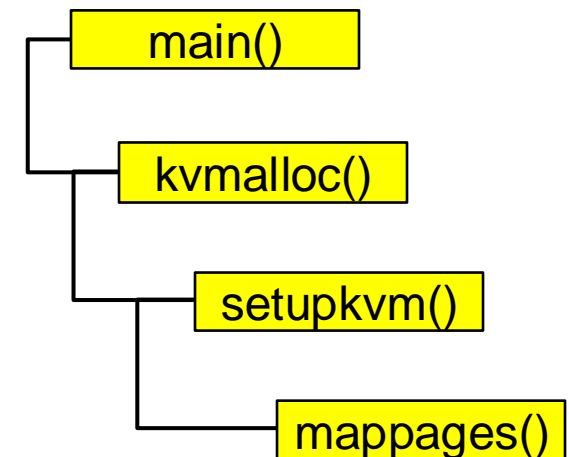
Remember we just
discussed `walkpgdir()`

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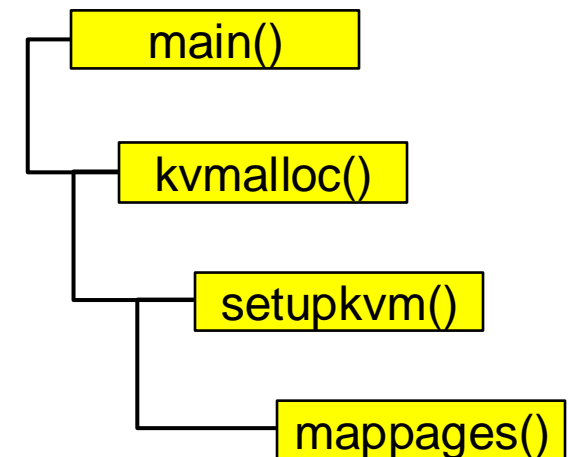
Page present
(PTE_P) – panic

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1798 }
```



- Update page table entry
- Where does `*pte` point?
 - pa – physical address of the page

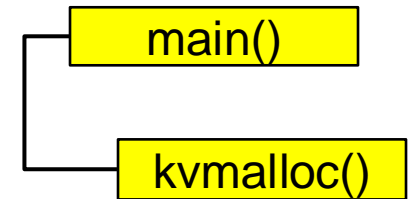
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```



- Move to the next page

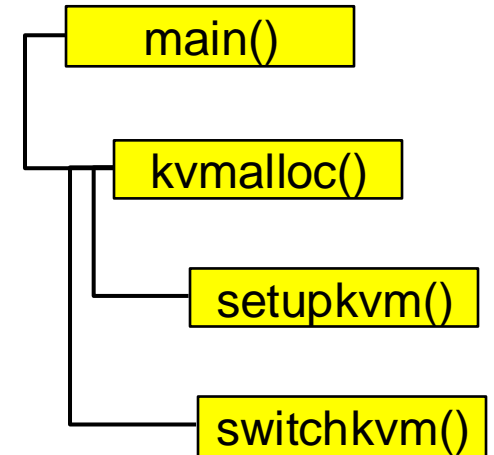
kvmalloc()

```
1757 kvmalloc(void)
1758 {
1759     kpgdir = setupkvm();
1760     switchkvm();
1761 }
```



Switch to the new page table

```
1765 void  
1766 switchkvm(void)  
1767 {  
1768     lcr3(v2p(kpgdir));  
1769 }
```



Recap

- Kernel has a memory allocator
- Kernel has a its own address space
- It uses 4KB page tables
- It is ready to create processes

```
1317 main(void)

1318 {

1319     kinit1(end, P2V(4*1024*1024)); // phys page allocator

1320     kvmalloc(); // kernel page table

1321     mpinit(); // detect other processors

1322     lapicinit(); // interrupt controller

1323     seginit(); // segment descriptors

1324     cprintf("\ncpu%d: starting xv6\n\n", cpunum());

1325     picinit(); // another interrupt controller

1326     ioapicinit(); // another interrupt controller

1327     consoleinit(); // console hardware

1328     uartinit(); // serial port

1329     pinit(); // process table

1330     tvinit(); // trap vectors

1331     binit(); // buffer cache

1332     fileinit(); // file table

1333     ideinit(); // disk

1334     if(!lsmpt)

1335         timerinit(); // uniprocessor timer

1336     startothers(); // start other processors

1337     kinit2(P2V(4*1024*1024), P2V(PHYSTOP)); // must come after startothers()
```

main()

```
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1336     startothers(); // start other processors

1337     kinit2(P2V(4*1024*1024), P2V(PHYSTOP)); // must come after startothers()

1338     userinit(); // first user process

1339     mpmain(); // finish this processor's setup

1340 }
```

main()

Initialize GDT

```
1712 // Set up CPU's kernel segment descriptors.

1713 // Run once on entry on each CPU.

1714 void

1715 seginit(void)

1716 {

1717     struct cpu *c;

1718

1719     // Map "logical" addresses to virtual addresses using identity map.

1720     // Cannot share a CODE descriptor for both kernel and user

1721     // because it would have to have DPL_USR, but the CPU forbids

1722     // an interrupt from CPL=0 to DPL=3.

1723     c = &cpus[cpuid()];

1724     c->gdt[SEG_KCODE] = SEG(STA_X|STA_R, 0, 0xffffffff, 0);

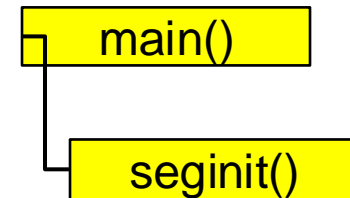
1725     c->gdt[SEG_KDATA] = SEG(STA_W, 0, 0xffffffff, 0);

1726     c->gdt[SEG_UCODE] = SEG(STA_X|STA_R, 0, 0xffffffff, DPL_USER);

1727     c->gdt[SEG_UDATA] = SEG(STA_W, 0, 0xffffffff, DPL_USER);

1728     lgdt(c->gdt, sizeof(c->gdt));

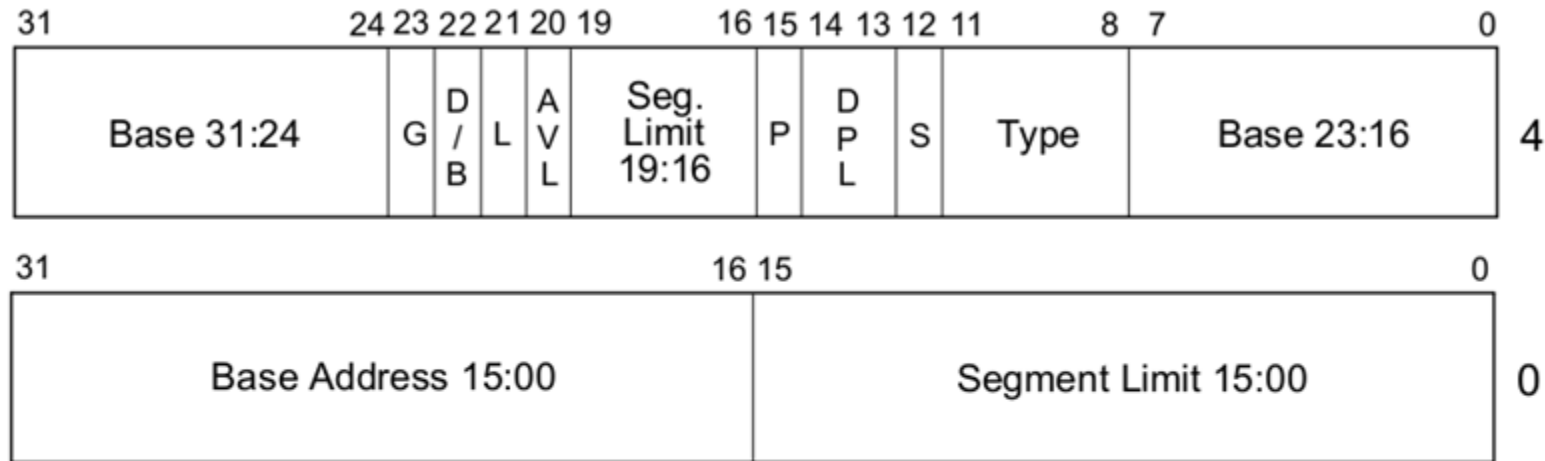
1729 }
```



Struct CPU

```
2300 // Per-CPU state
2301 struct cpu {
2302     uchar apicid;          // Local APIC ID
2303     struct context *scheduler; // swtch() here to enter scheduler
2304     struct taskstate ts;    // Used by x86 to find stack for interrupt
2305     struct segdesc gdt[NSEGS]; // x86 global descriptor table
2306     volatile uint started;  // Has the CPU started?
2307     int ncli;               // Depth of pushcli nesting.
2308     int intena;             // Were interrupts enabled before pushcli?
2309     struct proc *proc;      // The process running on this cpu or null
2310 };
2311
2312 extern struct cpu cpus[NCPU];
```

Segment descriptor



- L — 64-bit code segment (IA-32e mode only)
- AVL — Available for use by system software
- BASE — Segment base address
- D/B — Default operation size (0 = 16-bit segment; 1 = 32-bit segment)
- DPL — Descriptor privilege level
- G — Granularity
- LIMIT — Segment Limit
- P — Segment present
- S — Descriptor type (0 = system; 1 = code or data)
- TYPE — Segment type

Segment Descriptor

```
0724 // Segment Descriptor
0725 struct segdesc {
0726     uint lim_15_0 : 16; // Low bits of segment limit
0727     uint base_15_0 : 16; // Low bits of segment base address
0728     uint base_23_16 : 8; // Middle bits of segment base address
0729     uint type : 4;      // Segment type (see STS_ constants)
0730     uint s : 1;        // 0 = system, 1 = application
0731     uint dpl : 2;      // Descriptor Privilege Level
0732     uint p : 1;        // Present
0733     uint lim_19_16 : 4; // High bits of segment limit
0734     uint avl : 1;      // Unused (available for software use)
0735     uint rsv1 : 1;     // Reserved
0736     uint db : 1;       // 0 = 16-bit segment, 1 = 32-bit segment
0737     uint g : 1;        // Granularity: limit scaled by 4K when set
0738     uint base_31_24 : 8; // High bits of segment base address
0739 };
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Thank you!

(Next time: interrupts!)