

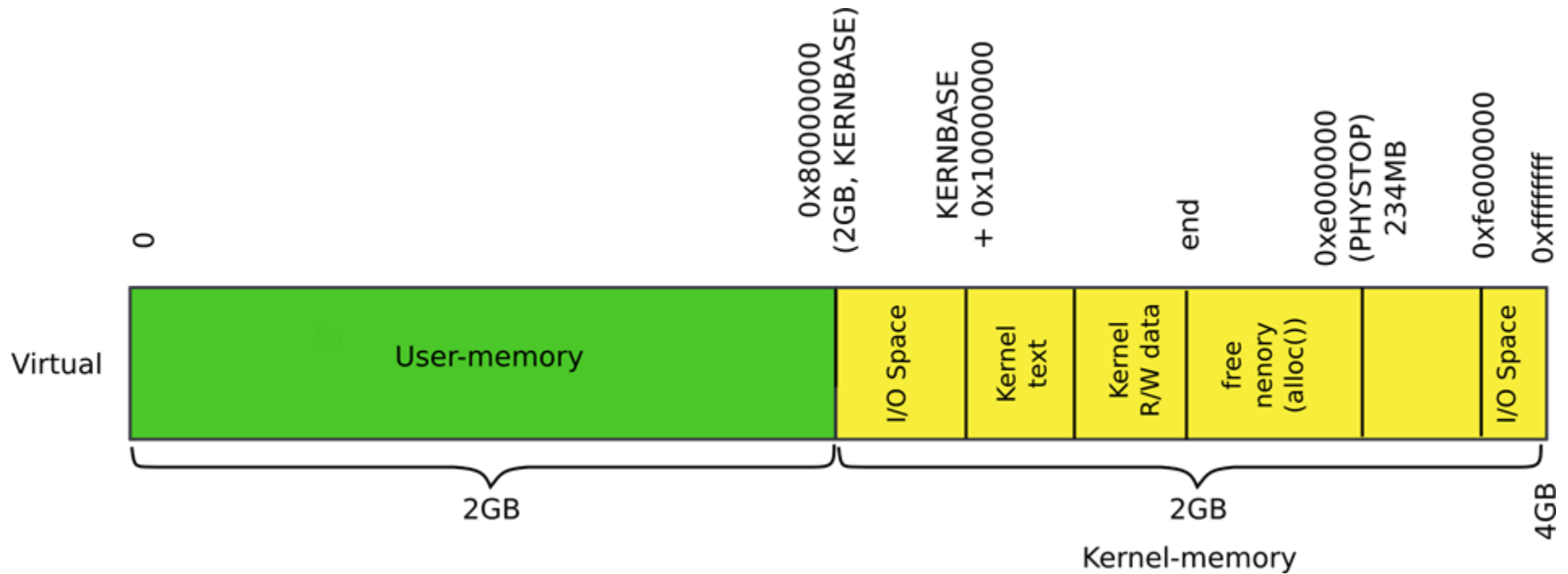
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Lecture: Creating Processes (exec())

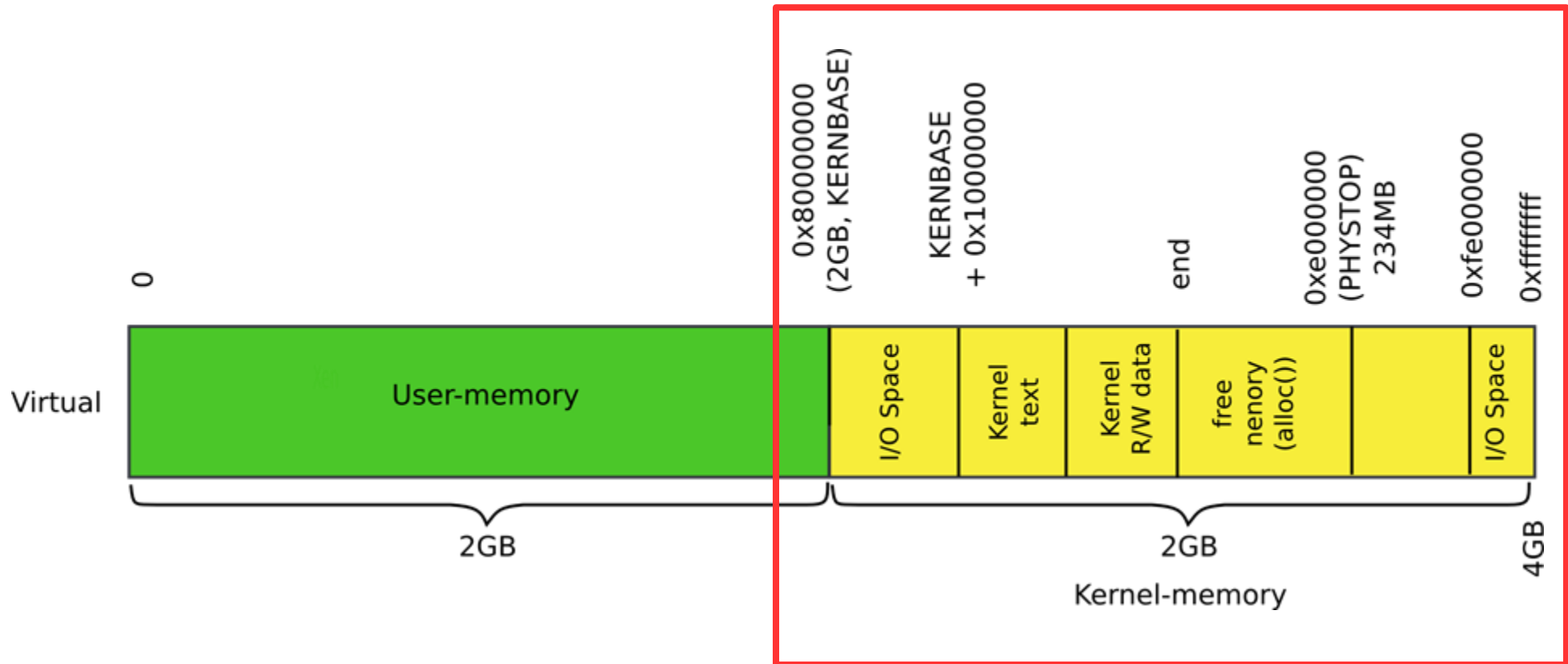
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Recap: kernel memory



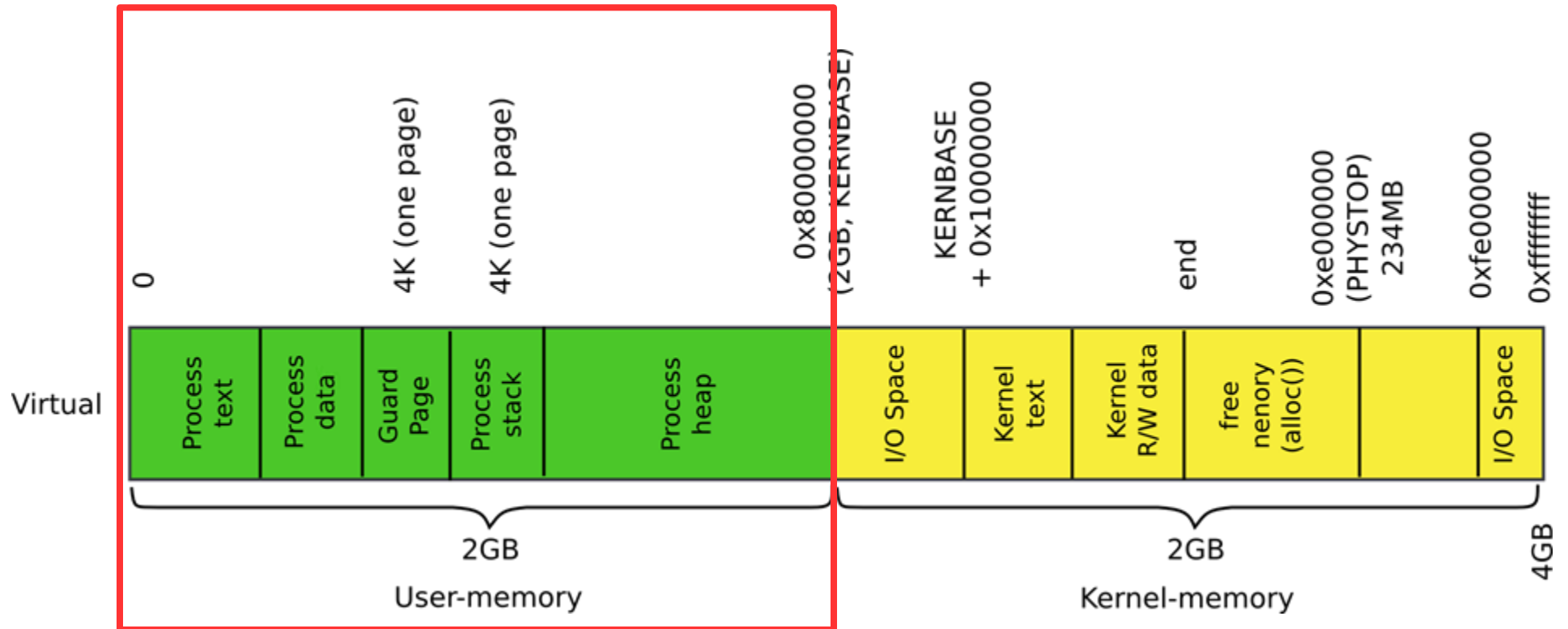
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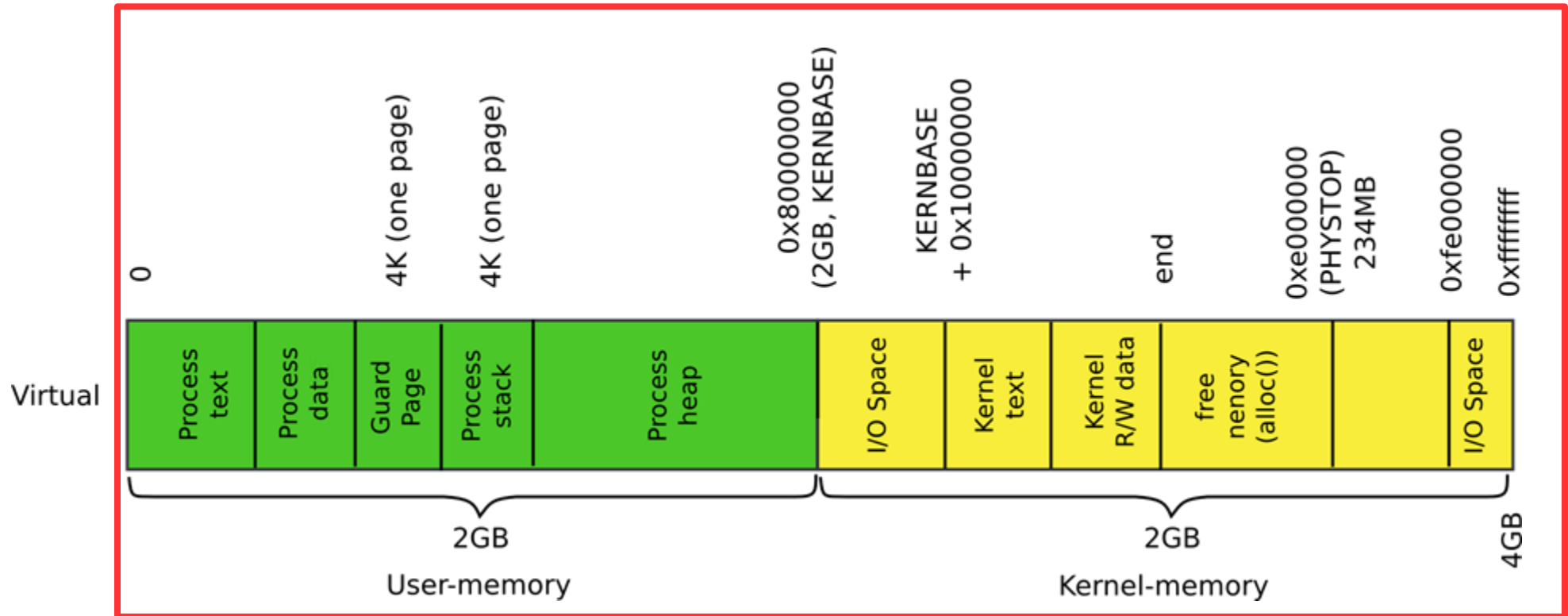
```
1317 main(void)
1318 {
1319     kinit1(end, P2V(4*1024*1024)); // phys page allocator
1320     kvmalloc(); // kernel page table
1321     mpinit(); // detect other processors
1322     lapicinit(); // interrupt controller
1323     seginit(); // segment descriptors
1324     cprintf("\ncpu%d: starting 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(!ismp)
```

main()

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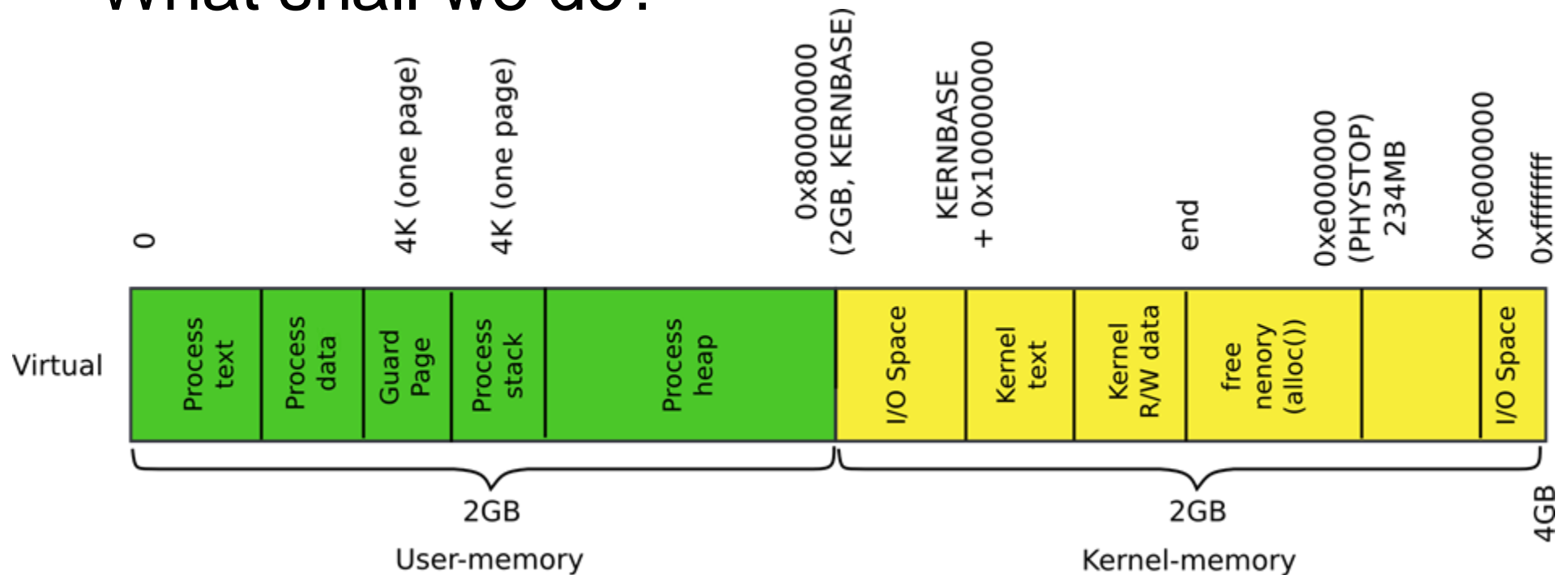
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- Exec
 - `exec("/bin/ls", argv);`

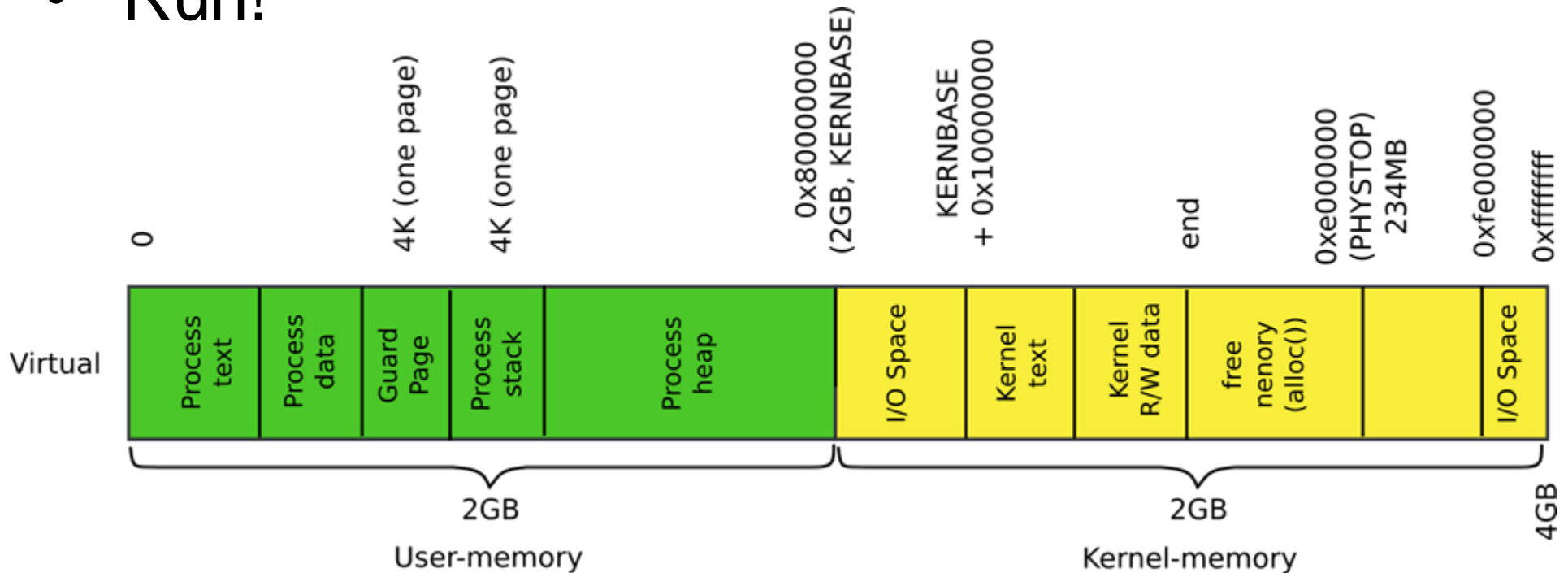
exec(): high-level outline

- We want to create the following memory layout for the process
- What shall we do?



exec(): high-level outline

- Load program from disk
- Create user-stack
- Run!



exec(): high-level overview

- Read process binary from disk
- Locate a file that contains process binary
 - `namei()` takes a file path (“/bin/l`s`”) as an argument
 - Returns an `inode`
- Read the file block by block
 - `readi()` reads the `inode` (file data) into memory
- To read file in memory we need to construct the process address space
 - I.e., a page table for the process

exec(): locate inode

```
6309 int
6310 exec(char *path, char **argv)
6311 {
...
6321  if((ip = namei(path)) == 0){
6322    end_op();
6323    return -1;
6324  }
6328  // Check ELF header
6329  if(readi(ip, (char*)&elf, 0, sizeof(elf)) <
        sizeof(elf))
6330    goto bad;
6331  if(elf.magic != ELF_MAGIC)
6332    goto bad;
```

exec(): check ELF header

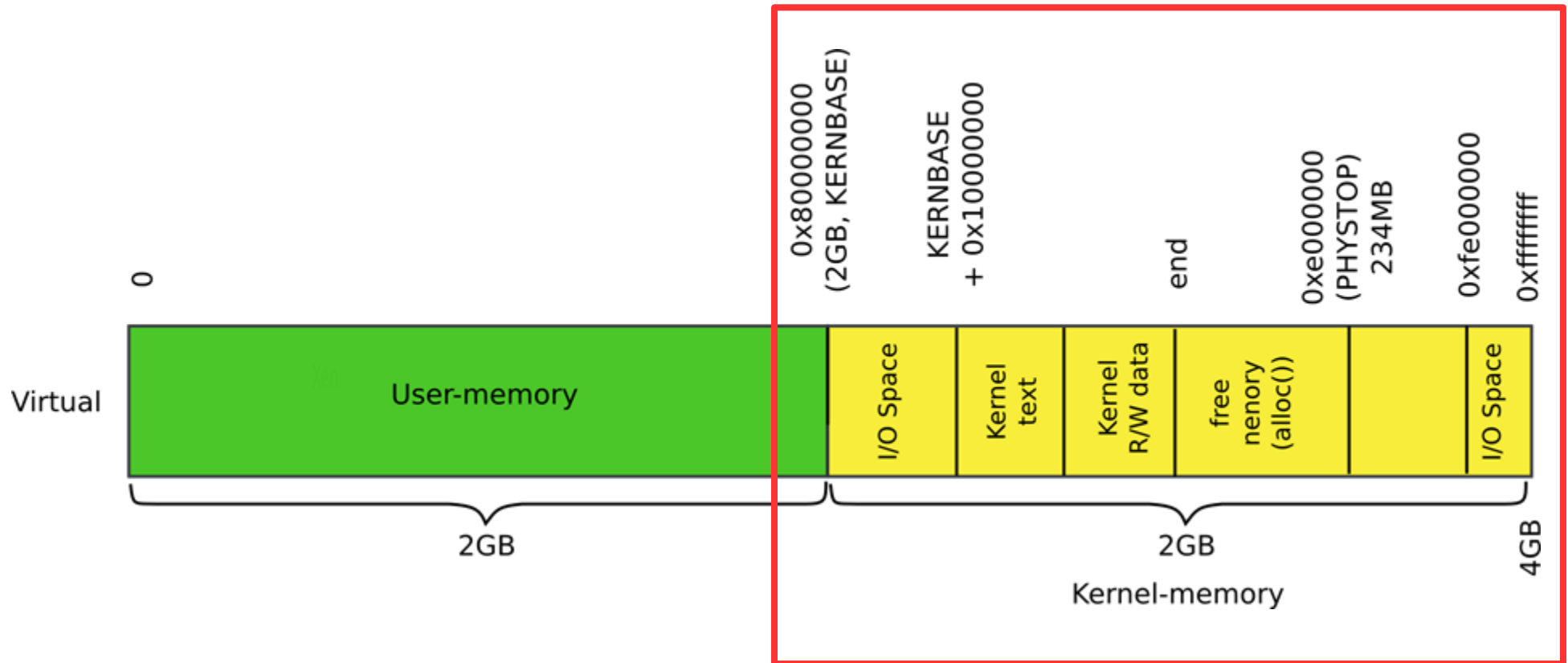
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Create process address space

exec(): Construct process address space

- Two step process
 - Create the kernel part of the address space
 - Create the user part of the address space

Each process maps kernel in its address space



exec(): Setup kernel address space()

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```

```
6311 {
```

```
...
```

```
6331 if(elf.magic != ELF_MAGIC)
```

```
6332     goto bad;
```

```
6334 if((pgdir = setupkvm()) == 0)
```

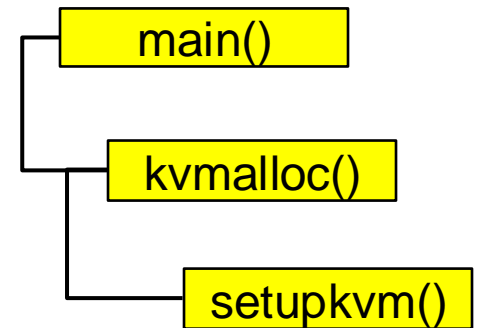
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```

```
...
```

- Remember from the kernel memory allocator lecture?

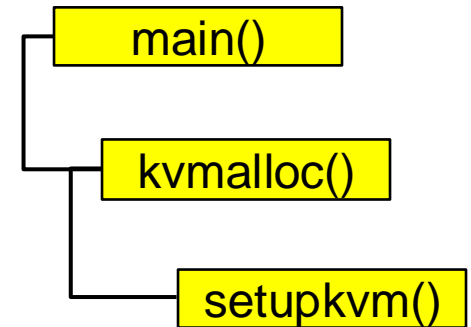
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1840     struct kmap *k;
1841
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1843         return 0;
1844     memset(pgdir, 0, PGSIZE);
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Recap: Allocate page table directory



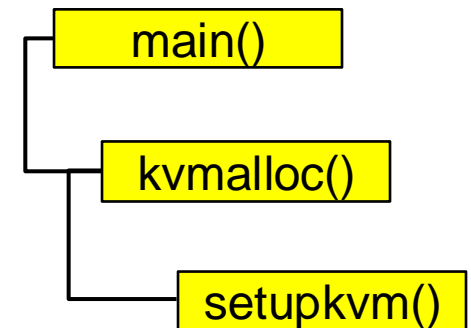
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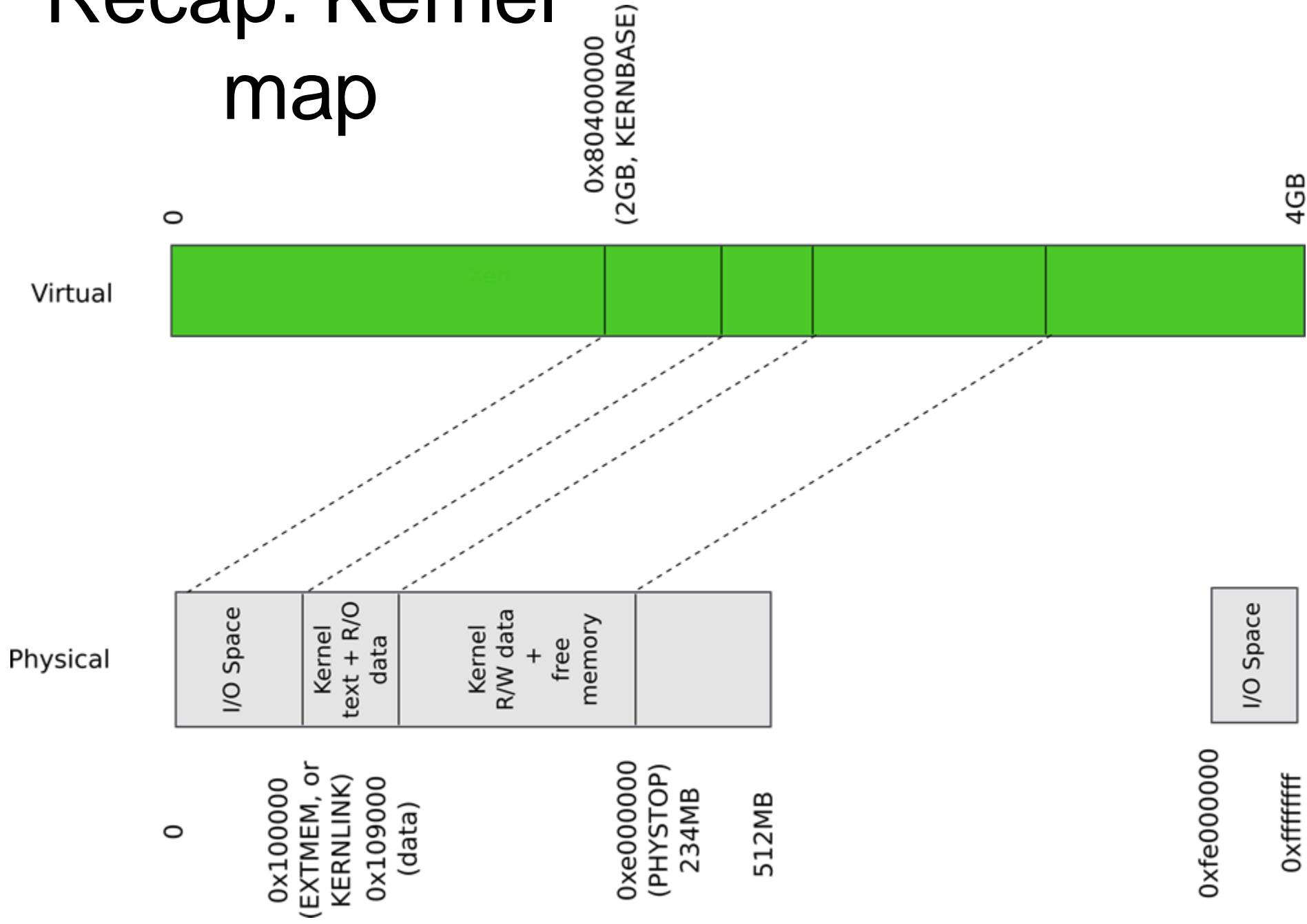


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Recap: Kernel map



Recap: Kmap – kernel map

```
1823 static struct kmap {
```

```
1824     void *virt;
```

```
1825     uint phys_start;
```

```
1826     uint phys_end;
```

```
1827     int perm;
```

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

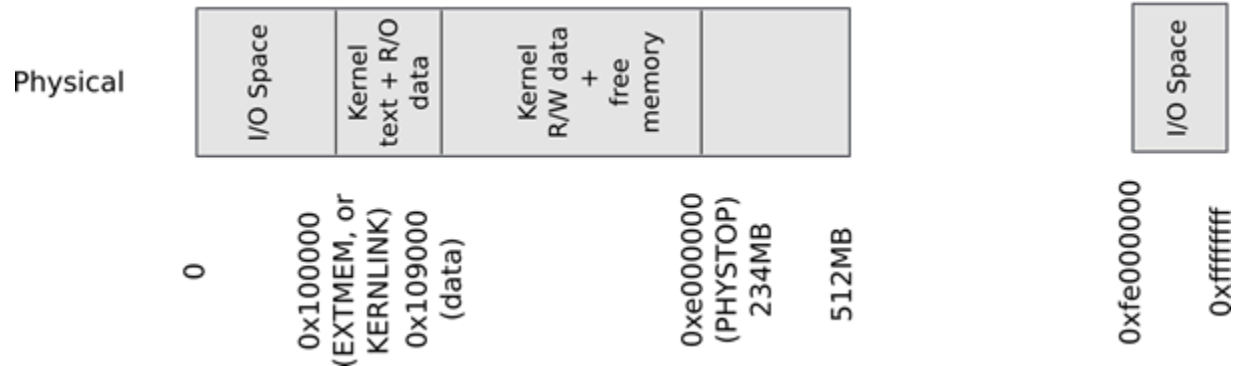
```
1829     { (void*)KERNBASE, 0, EXTMEM, PTE_W}, // I/O space
```

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

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

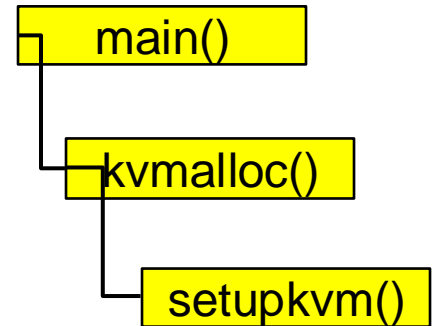
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1832     { (void*)DEVSPACE, DEVSPACE, 0, PTE_W}, // more devices
```

```
1833 };
```



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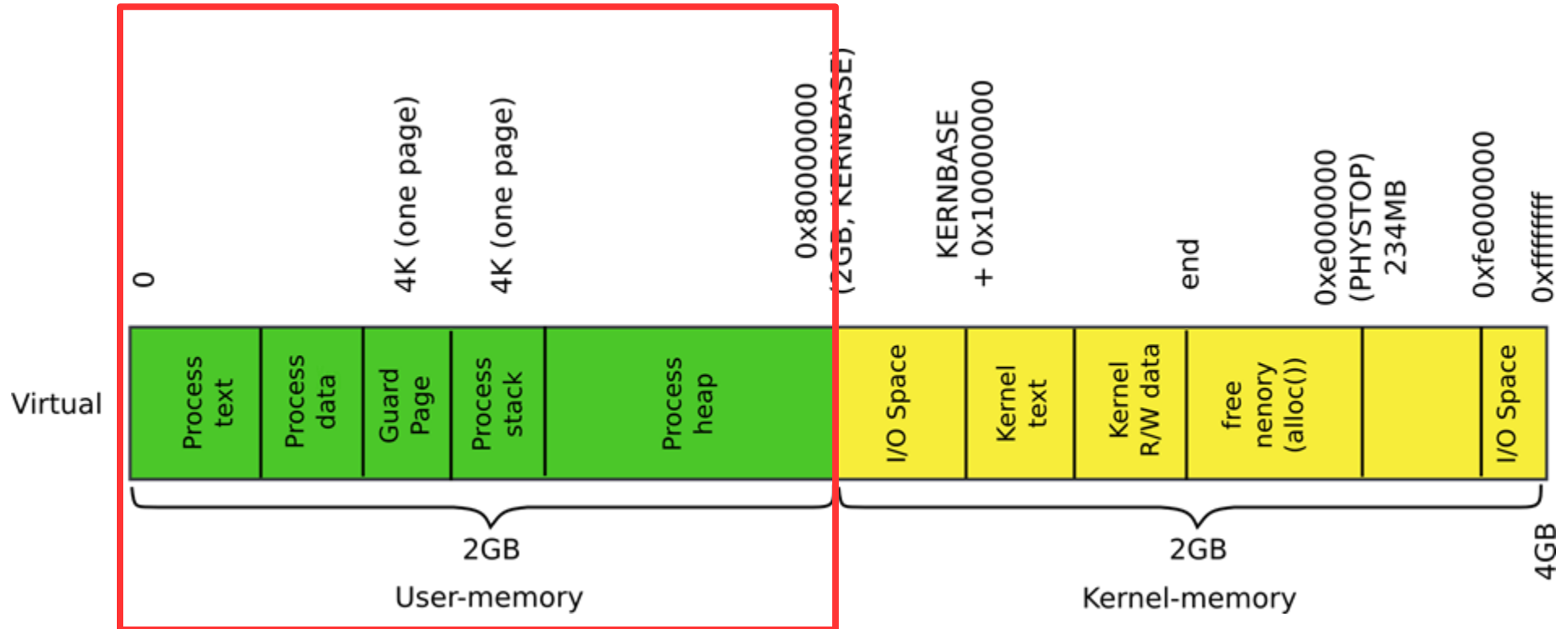


exec(): Construct process address space

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 - **Create the user part of the address space**

Create user part of the address space

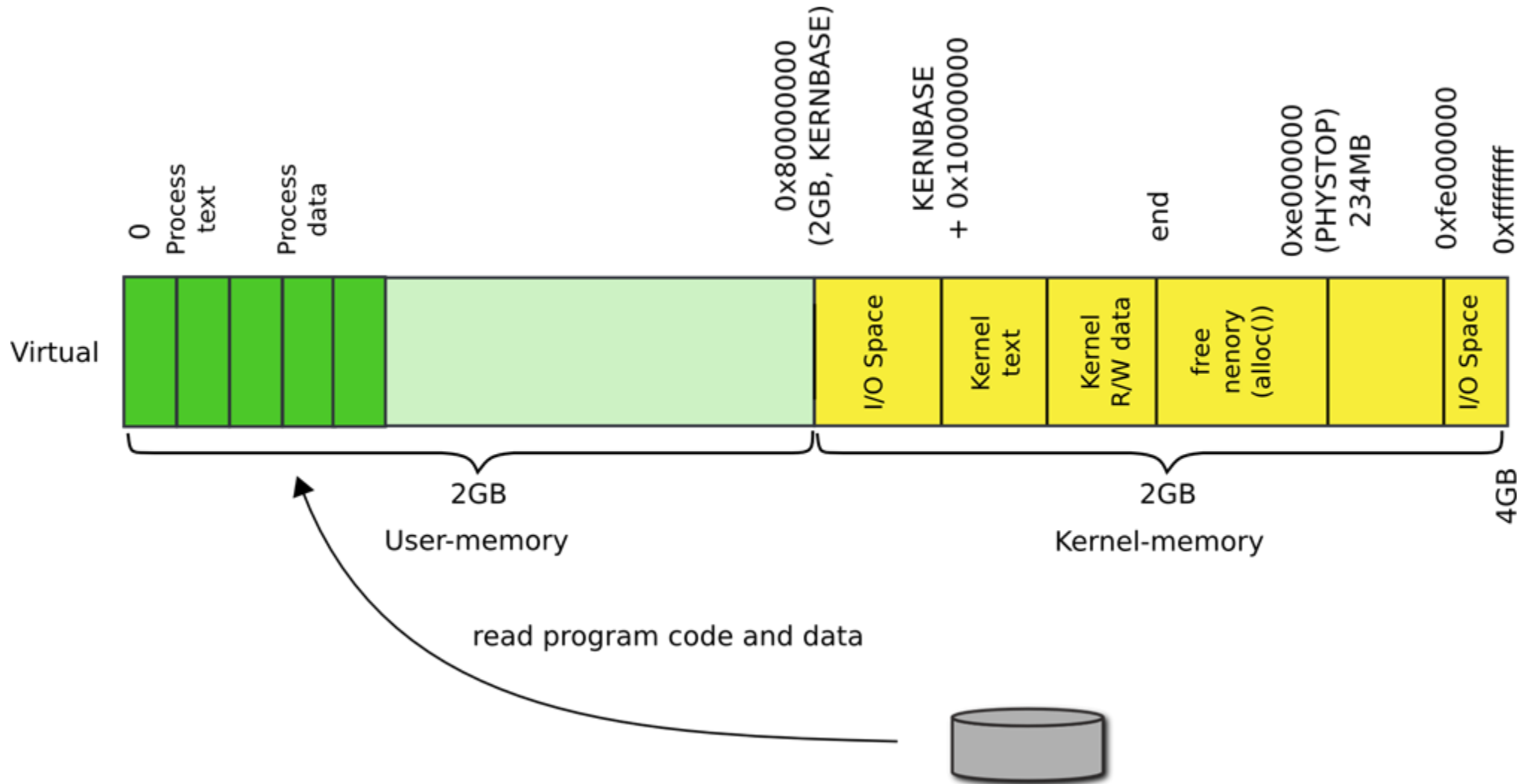
User part of the process memory



exec(): create user part of the address space

- The goal is to fill in the page table entries
- This can be naturally combined with loading the program from disk into memory
- At a high level iterate in a loop
- On each step:
 - **Allocate** user-level pages for the program
 - **Map** them by filling in the page table entries
 - **Read** data from the inode into that memory

High-level idea



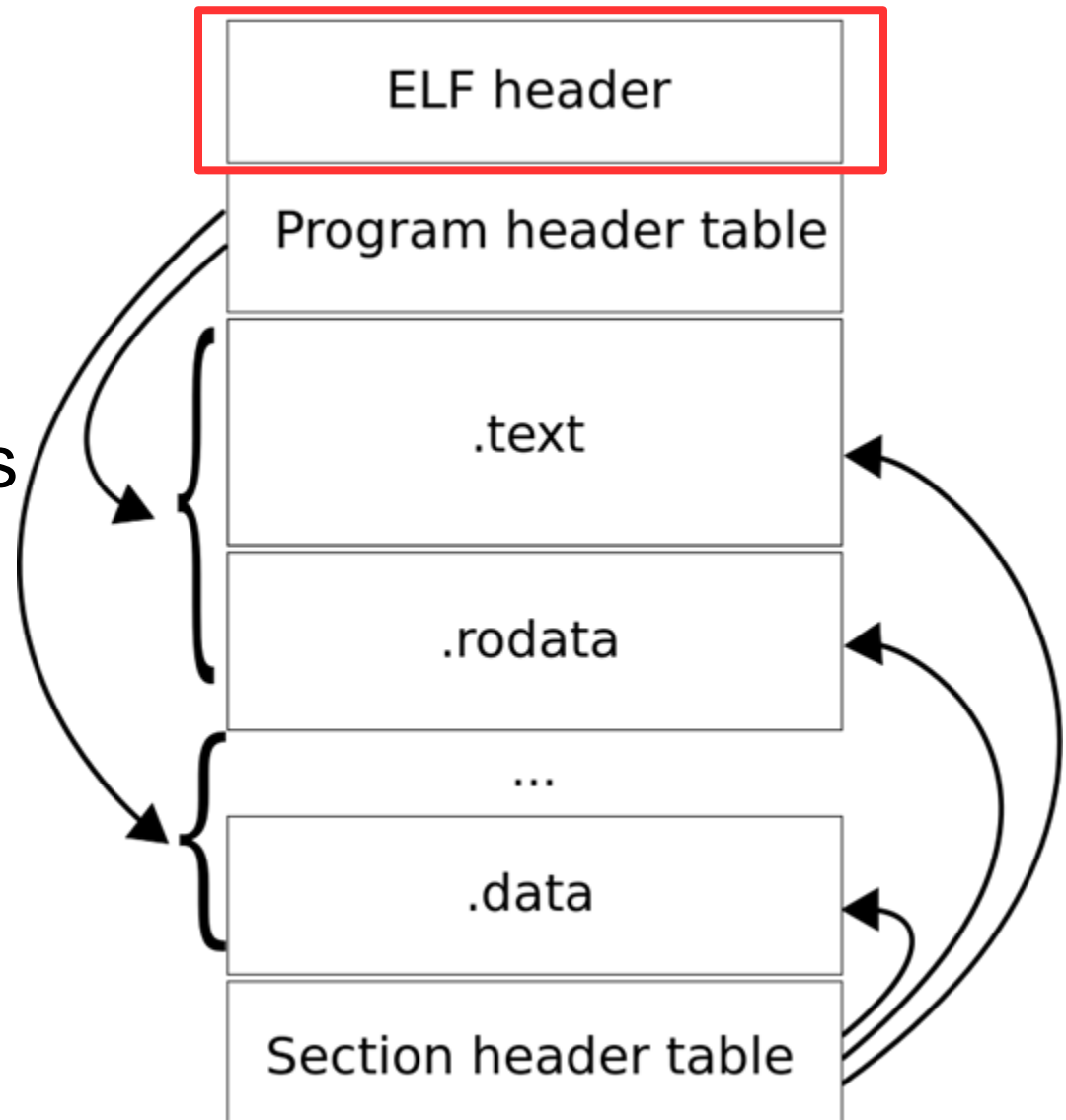
Program loading loop

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6337 // Load program into memory.
6338 sz = 0;
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6354 }
```

- Loop over all program headers

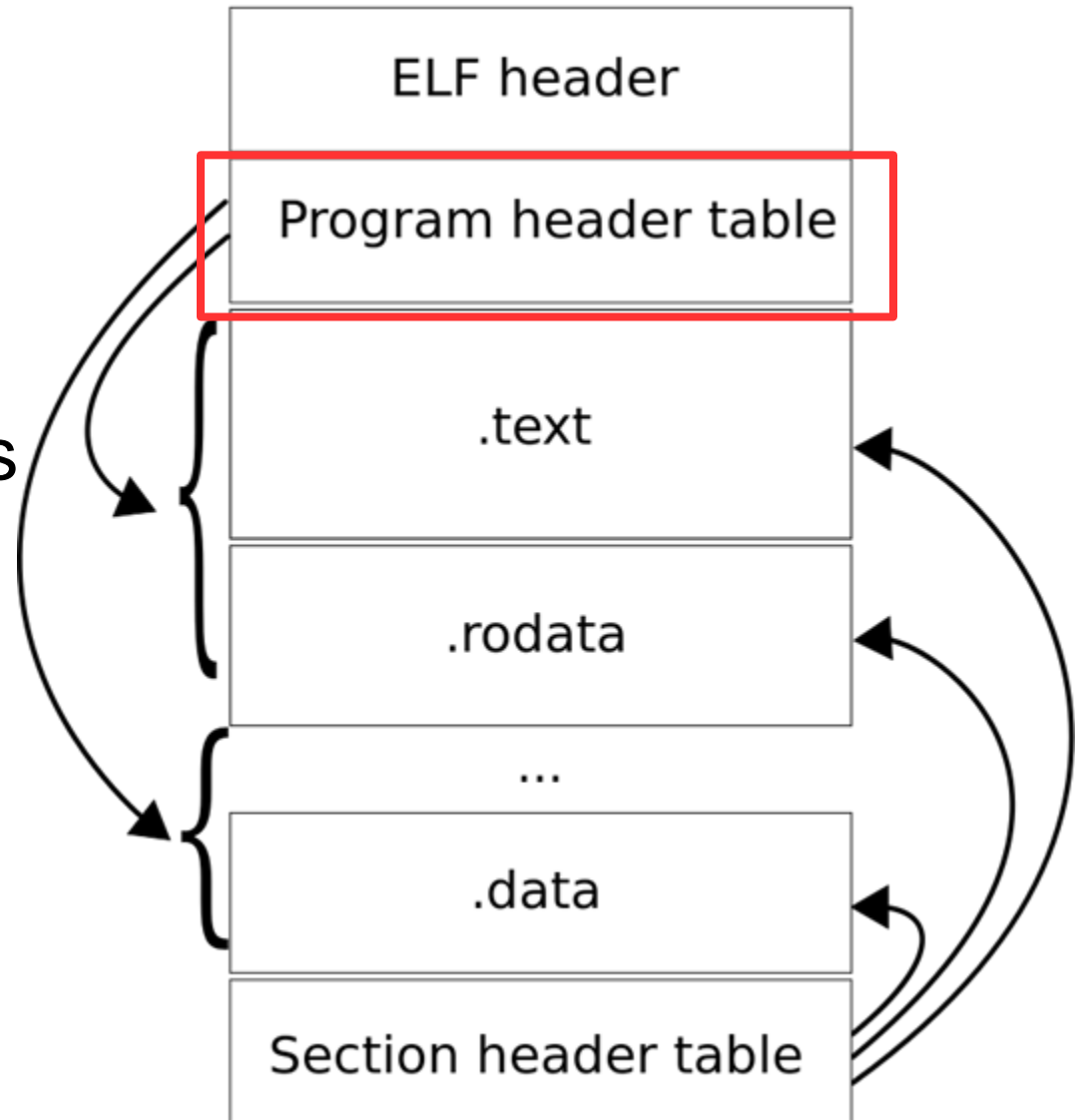
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- Start at the beginning of the program header table
- `off = elf.phoff`

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- Read one program header entry at a time
- Each time increment offset by the size of the program header entry

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- Allocate pages for text, data, etc.

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6354 `}`

- `sz` is the size of the address space
- Initially it's 0

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- New size of the address space

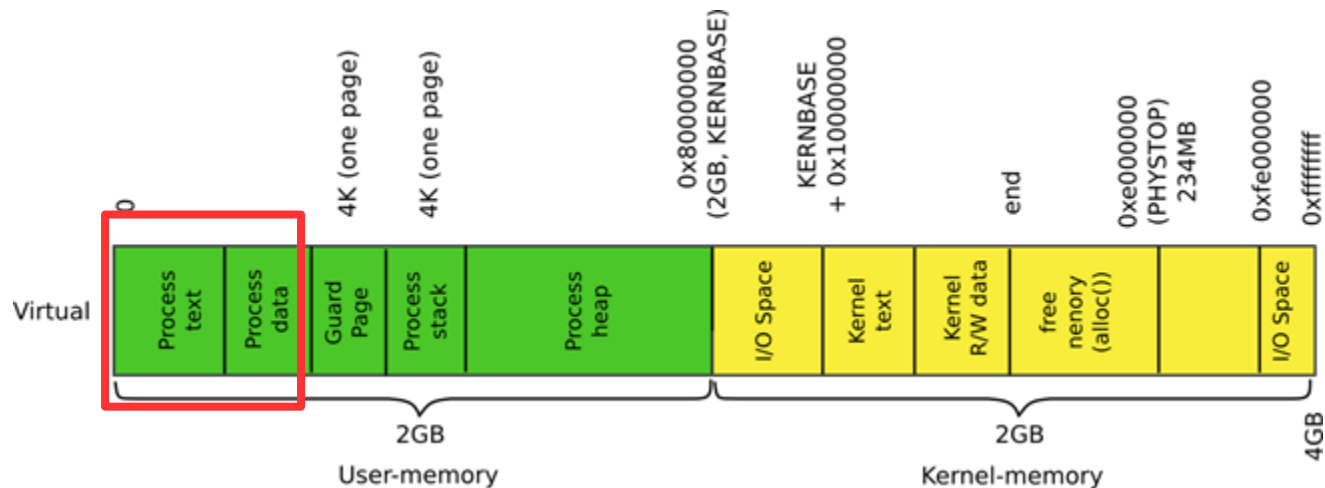
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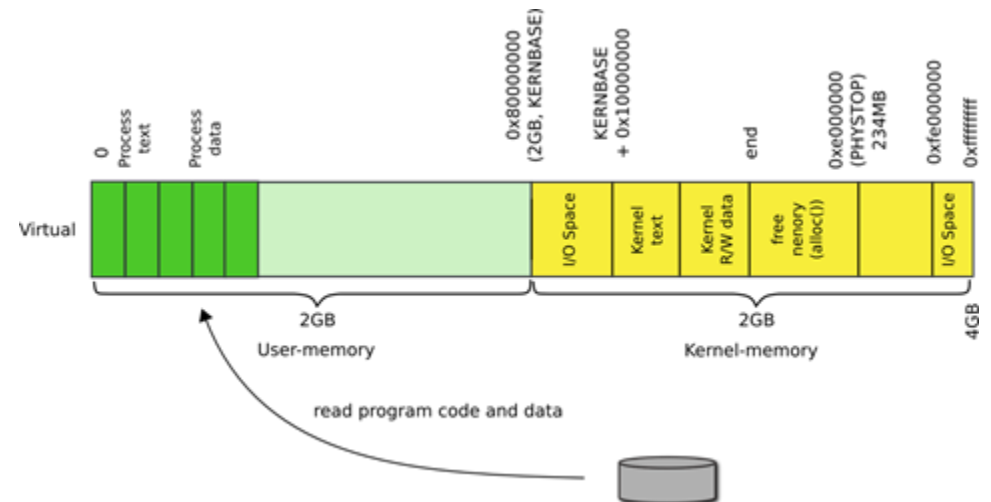
- Load program section from disk

Two main functions

- `allocvm()` -- allocate and map user-memory



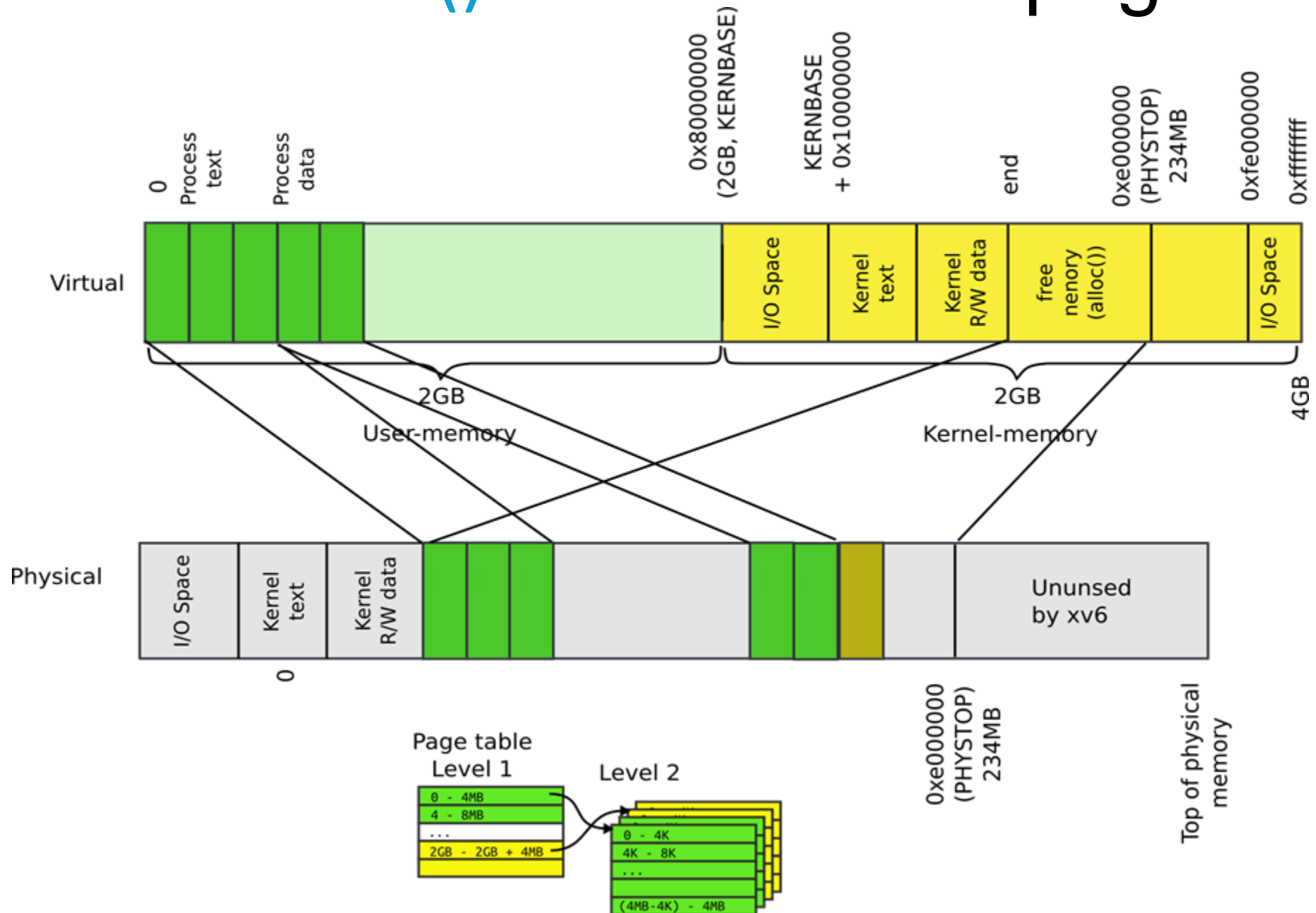
- `loadvm()` -- load user-memory with data from disk



Lets take a closer look

`allocuvm()`

allocvm(): allocate user pages



```
1953 allocvm(pde_t *pgdir, uint oldsz, uint newsz)
```

```
1954 {
```

```
...
```

```
1958 if(newsz >= KERNBASE)
```

```
1959     return 0;
```

```
...
```

```
1963 a = PGROUNDUP(oldsz);
```

```
1964 for(; a < newsz; a += PGSIZE){
```

```
1965     mem = kalloc();
```

```
...
```

```
1971     memset(mem, 0, PGSIZE);
```

```
1972     if(mappages(pgdir, (char*)a, PGSIZE, V2P(mem), PTE_W|PTE_U) < 0){
```

```
...
```

```
1976     return 0;
```

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1977 }
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Allocate user address space

- New size can't be over 2GB

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- Start with the old size rounded up to the next page

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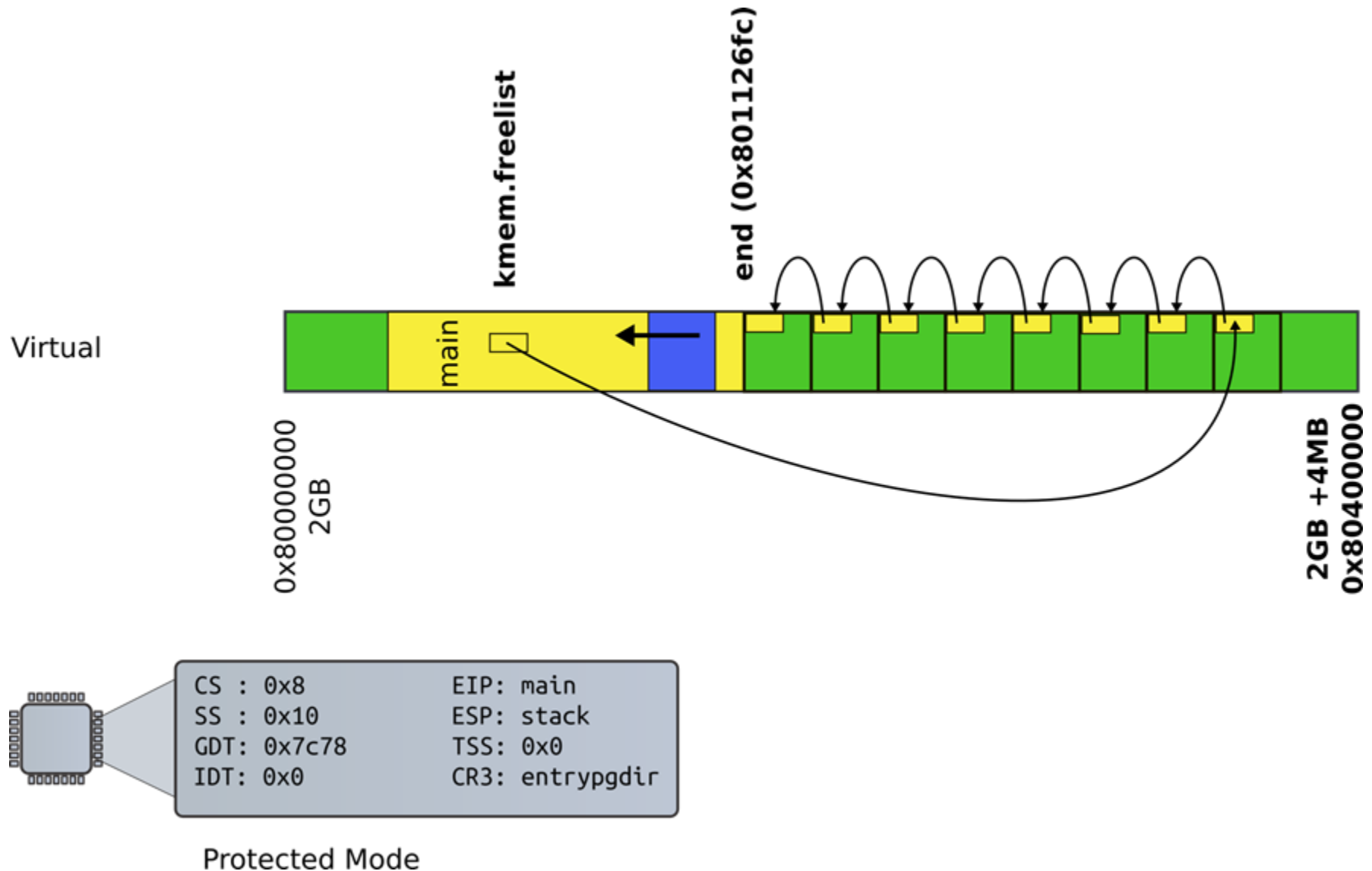
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Allocate user address space

- Allocate a new page
- Where does this memory come from?
- Poll: PollEv.com/antonburtsev

Kernel memory allocator



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- Make sure the page is clean
- Don't leak data

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...
```

```
1976     return 0;
```

```
1977 }
```

```
1978 }
```

```
1979 return newsz;
```

```
1980 }
```

Allocate user address space

- Take page table directory as an argument

```
1953 allocvm(pde_t *pgdir, uint oldsz, uint newsz)
```

```
1954 {
```

```
...
```

```
1958 if(newsz >= KERNBASE)
```

```
1959     return 0;
```

```
...
```

```
1963 a = PGROUNDUP(oldsz);
```

```
1964 for(; a < newsz; a += PGSIZE){
```

```
1965     mem = kalloc();
```

```
...
```

```
1971     memset(mem, 0, PGSIZE);
```

```
1972     if(mappages(pgdir, (char*)a, PGSIZE, V2P(mem), PTE_W|PTE_U) < 0){
```

```
...
```

```
1976     return 0;
```

```
1977 }
```

```
1978 }
```

```
1979 return newsz;
```

```
1980 }
```

Allocate user address space

- Virtual address of the page to map

```
1953 allocvm(pde_t *pgdir, uint oldsz, uint newsz)
```

```
1954 {
```

```
...
```

```
1958 if(newsz >= KERNBASE)
```

```
1959     return 0;
```

```
...
```

```
1963 a = PGROUNDUP(oldsz);
```

```
1964 for(; a < newsz; a += PGSIZE){
```

```
1965     mem = kalloc();
```

```
...
```

```
1971     memset(mem, 0, PGSIZE);
```

```
1972     if(mappages(pgdir, (char*)a, PGSIZE, V2P(mem), PTE_W|PTE_U) < 0){
```

```
...
```

```
1976     return 0;
```

```
1977 }
```

```
1978 }
```

```
1979 return newsz;
```

```
1980 }
```

Allocate user address space

- Size of the region
- One page!

```
1953 allocvm(pde_t *pgdir, uint oldsz, uint newsz)
```

```
1954 {
```

```
...
```

```
1958 if(newsz >= KERNBASE)
```

```
1959     return 0;
```

```
...
```

```
1963 a = PGROUNDUP(oldsz);
```

```
1964 for(; a < newsz; a += PGSIZE){
```

```
1965     mem = kalloc();
```

```
...
```

```
1971     memset(mem, 0, PGSIZE);
```

```
1972     if(mappages(pgdir, (char*)a, PGSIZE, V2P(mem), PTE_W|PTE_U) < 0){
```

```
...
```

```
1976     return 0;
```

```
1977 }
```

```
1978 }
```

```
1979 return newsz;
```

```
1980 }
```

Allocate user address space

- Physical address of the page we're mapping
- V2P!

```
1953 allocvm(pde_t *pgdir, uint oldsz, uint newsz)
```

```
1954 {
```

```
...
```

```
1958 if(newsz >= KERNBASE)
```

```
1959     return 0;
```

```
...
```

```
1963 a = PGROUNDUP(oldsz);
```

```
1964 for(; a < newsz; a += PGSIZE){
```

```
1965     mem = kalloc();
```

```
...
```

```
1971     memset(mem, 0, PGSIZE);
```

```
1972     if(mappages(pgdir, (char*)a, PGSIZE, V2P(mem), PTE_W|PTE_U) < 0){
```



```
...
```

```
1976     return 0;
```

```
1977 }
```

```
1978 }
```

```
1979 return newsz;
```

```
1980 }
```

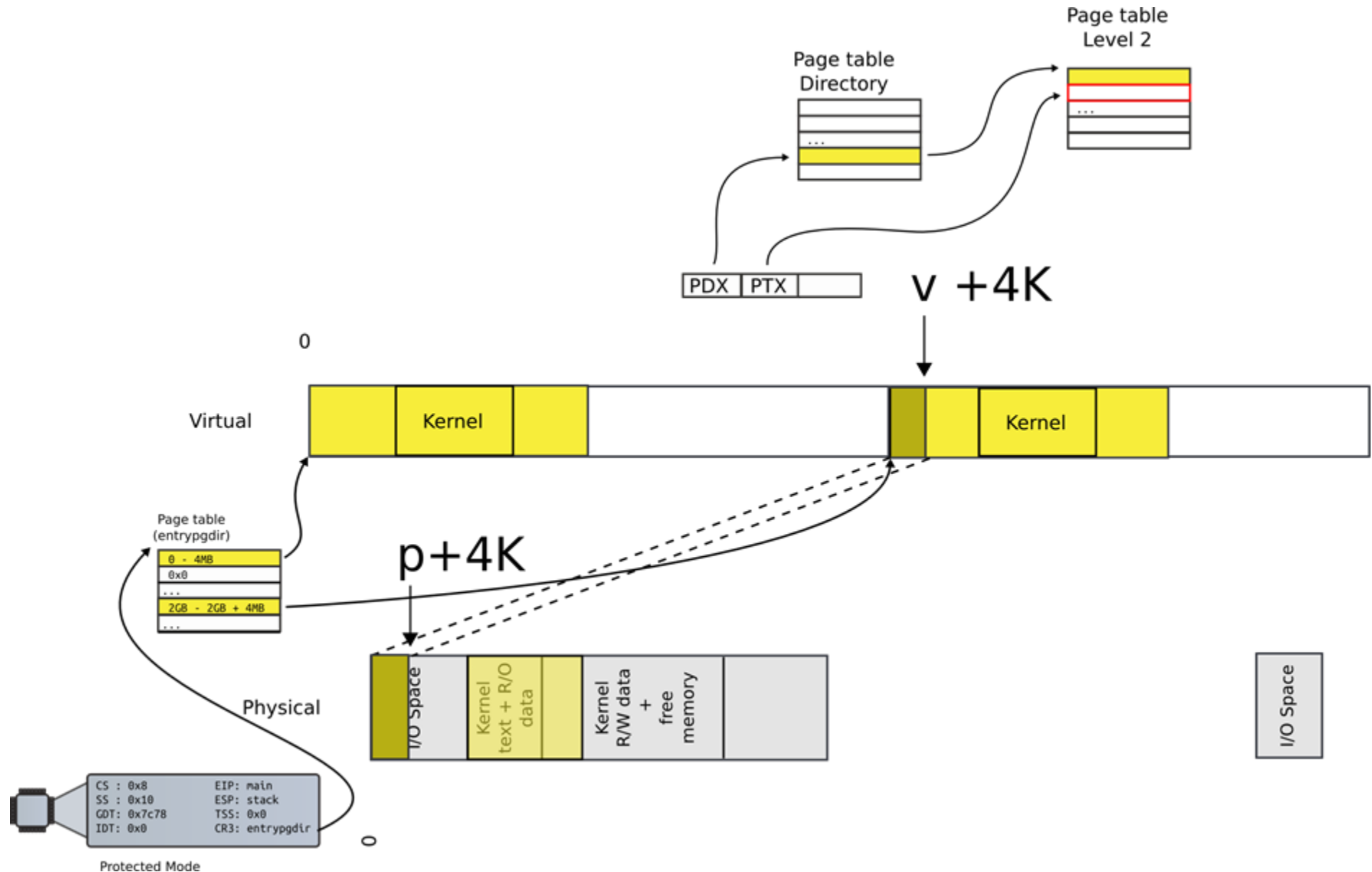
Allocate user address space

- Flags
- Writable and user-accessible

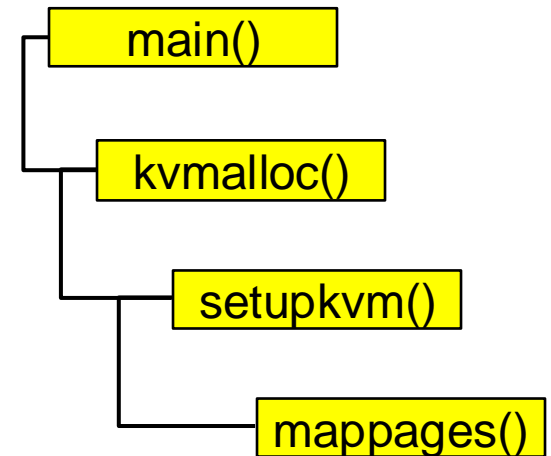
Who remembers mappages()?

- Remember we want a region of memory to be mapped
 - i.e., appear in the page table

mappages(): map a region



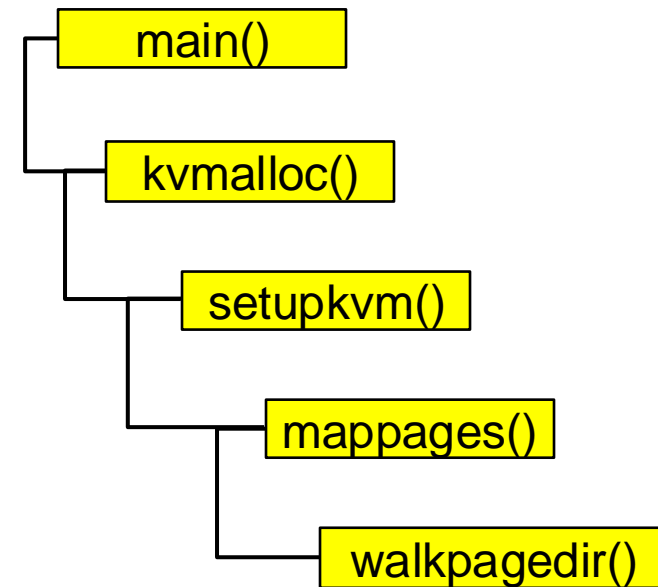
```
1779 mappages(pde_t *pgdir, void *va, uint size, uint pa, int perm)
1780 {
1781   char *a, *last;
1782   pte_t *pte;
1783
1784   a = (char*)PGROUNDDOWN((uint)va);
1785   last = (char*)PGROUNDDOWN(((uint)va) + size - 1);
1786   for(;;){
1787     if((pte = walkpgdir(pgdir, a, 1)) == 0)
1788       return -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 }
```



Lookup the page table entry


```
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         ...
1770         *pde = V2P(pgtab) | PTE_P | PTE_W | PTE_U;
1771     }
1772     return &pgtab[PTX(va)];
1773 }
```

Walk page table



```
1953 allocvm(pde_t *pgdir, uint oldsz, uint newsz)
```

```
1954 {
```

```
...
```

```
1958 if(newsz >= KERNBASE)
```

```
1959     return 0;
```

```
...
```

```
1963 a = PGROUNDUP(oldsz);
```

```
1964 for(; a < newsz; a += PGSIZE){
```

```
1965     mem = kalloc();
```

```
...
```

```
1971     memset(mem, 0, PGSIZE);
```

```
1972     if(mappages(pgdir, (char*)a, PGSIZE, V2P(mem), PTE_W|PTE_U) < 0){
```

```
...
```

```
1976     return 0;
```

```
1977 }
```

```
1978 }
```

```
1979 return newsz;
```

```
1980 }
```

Allocate user address space

- Continue in a loop

Now the second function: `loadvm()`

exec() – create a new process

- Read process binary from disk
 - namei() takes a file path (“/bin/lis”) as an argument
- Returns an inode
 - readi() reads the inode (file data)
- Create process address space
- Create a page table
- Map only kernel space
- **Load program into memory**
 - Allocate user-level pages for the program
 - **Read data from the inode into that memory**

Load program into memory

6337 // Load program into memory.

6338 sz = 0;

6339 for(i=0, off=elf.phoff; i<elf.phnum; i++, off+=sizeof(ph)){

6340 if(readi(ip, (char*)&ph, off, sizeof(ph)) != sizeof(ph))

6341 goto bad;

...

6348 if((sz = allocuvm(pgdir, sz, ph.vaddr + ph.memsz)) == 0)

6349 goto bad;

6350 if(ph.vaddr % PGSIZE != 0)

6351 goto bad;

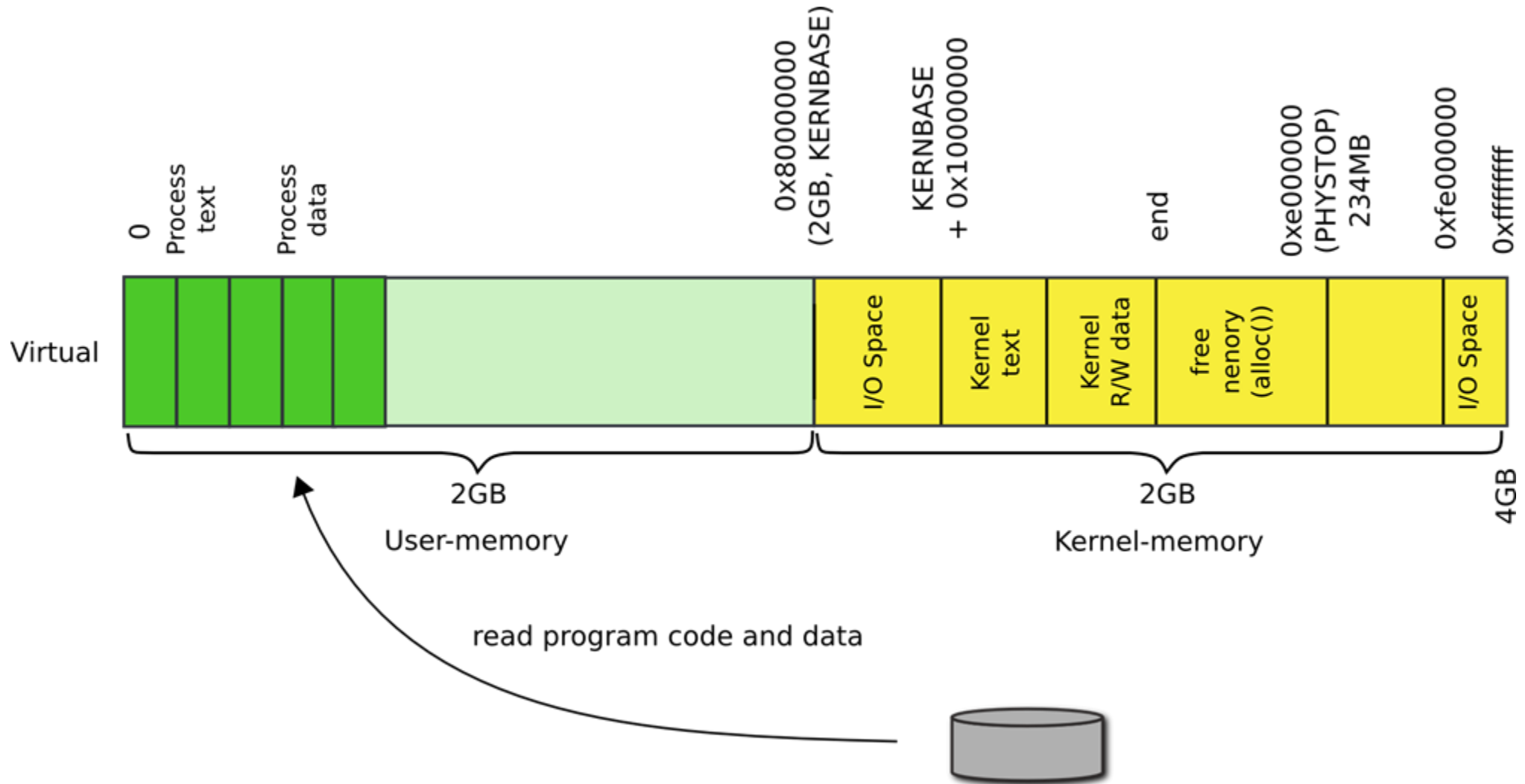
6352 if(loaduvm(pgdir, (char*)ph.vaddr, ip, ph.off, ph.filesz) < 0)

6353 goto bad;

6354 }

- Load program section from disk

loadvm(): read program from disk



```
1918 loaduvm(pde_t *pgdir, char *addr, struct inode *ip, uint offset, uint sz)
1919 {
...
1925 for(i = 0; i < sz; i += PGSIZE){
1926     if((pte = walkpgdir(pgdir, addr+i, 0)) == 0)
1927         panic("loaduvm: address should exist");
1928     pa = PTE_ADDR(*pte);
1929     if(sz - i < PGSIZE)
1930         n = sz - i;
1931     else
1932         n = PGSIZE;
1933     if(readi(ip, P2V(pa), offset+i, n) != n)
1934         return -1;
1935 }
1936 return 0;
1937 }
```

Load program into memory

- Locate pte
- addr is virtual address where the program has to be loaded

```
1918 loadvm(pde_t *pgdir, char *addr, struct inode *ip, uint offset, uint sz)
1919 {
...
1925 for(i = 0; i < sz; i += PGSIZE){
1926   if((pte = walkpgdir(pgdir, addr+i, 0)) == 0)
1927     panic("loadvm: address should exist");
1928   pa = PTE_ADDR(*pte);
1929   if(sz - i < PGSIZE)
1930     n = sz - i;
1931   else
1932     n = PGSIZE;
1933   if(readi(ip, P2V(pa), offset+i, n) != n)
1934     return -1;
1935 }
1936 return 0;
1937 }
```

Load program into memory

- Pte (page table entry) of the physical page backing up the virtual page


```
1918 loaduvm(pde_t *pgdir, char *addr, struct inode *ip, uint offset, uint sz)
1919 {
...
1925 for(i = 0; i < sz; i += PGSIZE){
1926     if((pte = walkpgdir(pgdir, addr+i, 0)) == 0)
1927         panic("loaduvm: address should exist");
1928     pa = PTE_ADDR(*pte);
1929     if(sz - i < PGSIZE)
1930         n = sz - i;
1931     else
1932         n = PGSIZE;
1933     if(readi(ip, P2V(pa), offset+i, n) != n)
1934         return -1;
1935 }
1936 return 0;
1937 }
```

Load program into memory

- Resolve pte into physical address

```
1918 loaduvm(pde_t *pgdir, char *addr, struct inode *ip, uint offset, uint sz)
1919 {
...
1925 for(i = 0; i < sz; i += PGSIZE){
1926   if((pte = walkpgdir(pgdir, addr+i, 0)) == 0)
1927     panic("loaduvm: address should exist");
1928   pa = PTE_ADDR(*pte);
1929   if(sz - i < PGSIZE)
1930     n = sz - i;
1931   else
1932     n = PGSIZE;
1933   if(readi(ip, P2V(pa), offset+i, n) != n)
1934     return -1;
1935 }
1936 return 0;
1937 }
```

Load program into memory

- Then use the virtual address of that physical page

```
1918 loaduvm(pde_t *pgdir, char *addr, struct inode *ip, uint offset, uint sz)
1919 {
...
1925 for(i = 0; i < sz; i += PGSIZE){
1926     if((pte = walkpgdir(pgdir, addr+i, 0)) == 0)
1927         panic("loaduvm: address should exist");
1928     pa = PTE_ADDR(*pte);
1929     if(sz - i < PGSIZE)
1930         n = sz - i;
1931     else
1932         n = PGSIZE;
1933     if(readi(ip, P2V(pa), offset+i, n) != n)
1934         return -1;
1935 }
1936 return 0;
1937 }
```

Load program into memory

- Wait... virtual address of a page?

```
1918 loadvm(pde_t *pgdir, char *addr, struct inode *ip, uint offset, uint sz)
1919 {
...
1925 for(i = 0; i < sz; i += PGSIZE){
1926   if((pte = walkpgdir(pgdir, addr+i, 0)) == 0)
1927     panic("loadvm: address should exist");
1928   pa = PTE_ADDR(*pte);
1929   if(sz - i < PGSIZE)
1930     n = sz - i;
1931   else
1932     n = PGSIZE;
1933   if(readi(ip, P2V(pa), offset+i, n) != n)
1934     return -1;
1935 }
1936 return 0;
1937 }
```

Load program into memory

- Why can't we use addr directly?

Drawing: two page tables

```
1918 loaduvm(pde_t *pgdir, char *addr, struct inode *ip, uint offset, uint sz)
1919 {
...
1925  for(i = 0; i < sz; i += PGSIZE){
1926    if((pte = walkpgdir(pgdir, addr+i, 0)) == 0)
1927      panic("loaduvm: address should exist");
1928    pa = PTE_ADDR(*pte);
1929    if(sz - i < PGSIZE)
1930      n = sz - i;
1931    else
1932      n = PGSIZE;
1933    if(readi(ip, P2V(pa), offset+i, n) != n)
1934      return -1;
1935  }
1936  return 0;
1937 }
```

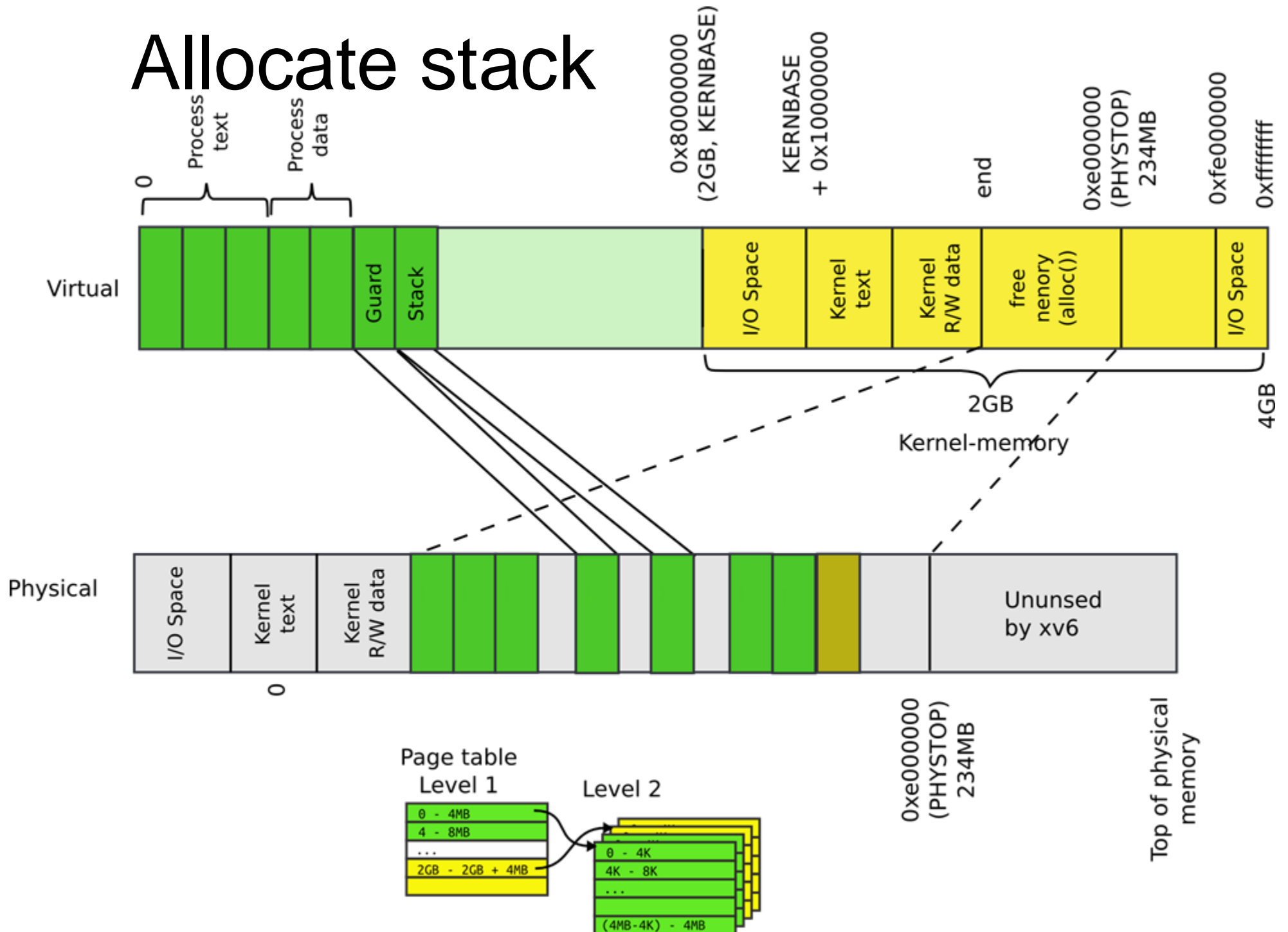
Load program into memory

- Read the page from disk

exec() – create a new process

- Read process binary from disk
- Create process address space
- Load program into memory
- **Allocate program stack**

Allocate stack



exec(): allocate process' stack

- Allocate two pages
- One will be stack
- Mark another one as inaccessible

```
6361  sz = PGROUNDUP(sz);
```

```
6362  if((sz = allocuvm(pgdir, sz, sz + 2*PGSIZE)) == 0)
```

```
6363    goto bad;
```

```
6364  clearpteu(pgdir, (char*)(sz - 2*PGSIZE));
```

```
6365  sp = sz;
```

exec() – create a new process

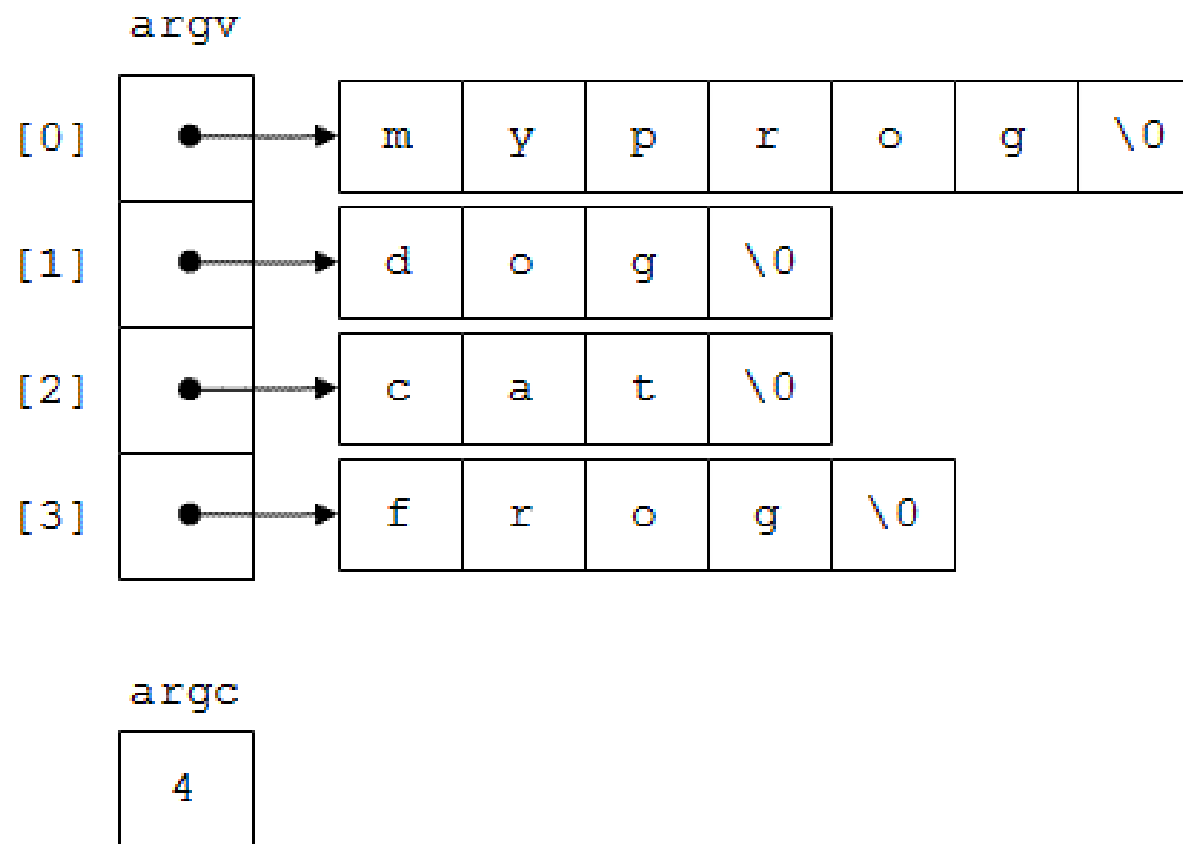
- Read process binary from disk
- Create process address space
- Load program into memory
- Allocate program stack
- **Push program arguments on the stack**

Remember arguments to main()?

- `int main(int argc, char **argv);`
- If you run
- `./program hello world`
- Then:
 - `argc` would be 3
 - `argv[0]` would be a pointer to `"./program"`
 - `argv[1]` would be a pointer to `"hello"`
 - `argv[2]` would be a pointer to `"world"`

Argv and argc

```
z123456@turing:~$ myprog dog cat frog
```



Arguments to main() are passed on the stack

- Copy argument strings at the top of the stack
 - One at a time
- Record pointers to them in `ustack`
 - Which will be an argument list (argv list)

```
6367 // Push argument strings, prepare rest of stack in ustack.
```

```
6368 for(argc = 0; argv[argc]; argc++) {
```

```
...
```

```
6371 sp = (sp - (strlen(argv[argc]) + 1)) & ~3;
```

```
6372 if(copyout(pgdir, sp, argv[argc], strlen(argv[argc]) + 1) < 0)
```

```
6373     goto bad;
```

```
6374     ustack[3+argc] = sp;
```

```
6375 }
```

```
6376 ustack[3+argc] = 0;
```

```
6377
```

```
6378 ustack[0] = 0xffffffff; // fake return PC
```

```
6379 ustack[1] = argc;
```

```
6380 ustack[2] = sp - (argc+1)*4; // argv pointer
```

```
6381
```

```
6382 sp -= (3+argc+1) * 4;
```

```
6383 if(copyout(pgdir, sp, ustack, (3+argc+1)*4) < 0)
```

```
6384     goto bad;
```

Copy elements of the
array one by one on the
stack

- Remember we can't use virtual addresses directly

- Poll: PollEv.com/antonburtsev

```
6367 // Push argument strings, prepare rest of stack in ustack.
```

```
6368 for(argc = 0; argv[argc]; argc++) {
```

```
...
```

```
6371 sp = (sp - (strlen(argv[argc]) + 1)) & ~3;
```

```
6372 if(copyout(pgdir, sp, argv[argc], strlen(argv[argc]) + 1) < 0)
```

```
6373     goto bad;
```

```
6374     ustack[3+argc] = sp;
```

```
6375 }
```

```
6376 ustack[3+argc] = 0;
```

```
6377
```

```
6378 ustack[0] = 0xffffffff; // fake return PC
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```
6379 ustack[1] = argc;
```

```
6380 ustack[2] = sp - (argc+1)*4; // argv pointer
```

```
6381
```

```
6382 sp -= (3+argc+1) * 4;
```

```
6383 if(copyout(pgdir, sp, ustack, (3+argc+1)*4) < 0)
```

```
6384     goto bad;
```

Copy elements of the
array one by one on the
stack

- Remember we can't use virtual addresses directly
- Still running on the page table of the old process

```
6367 // Push argument strings, prepare rest of stack in ustack.
```

```
6368 for(argc = 0; argv[argc]; argc++) {
```

```
...
```

```
6371 sp = (sp - (strlen(argv[argc]) + 1)) & ~3;
```

```
6372 if(copyout(pgdir, sp, argv[argc], strlen(argv[argc]) + 1) < 0)
```

```
6373     goto bad;
```

```
6374     ustack[3+argc] = sp;
```

```
6375 }
```

```
6376 ustack[3+argc] = 0;
```

```
6377
```

```
6378 ustack[0] = 0xffffffff; // fake return PC
```

```
6379 ustack[1] = argc;
```

```
6380 ustack[2] = sp - (argc+1)*4; // argv pointer
```

```
6381
```

```
6382 sp -= (3+argc+1) * 4;
```

```
6383 if(copyout(pgdir, sp, ustack, (3+argc+1)*4) < 0)
```

```
6384     goto bad;
```

Push argc – number of arguments in the argv[]


```
6367 // Push argument strings, prepare rest of stack in ustack.
6368 for(argc = 0; argv[argc]; argc++) {
...
6371  sp = (sp - (strlen(argv[argc]) + 1)) & ~3;
6372  if(copyout(pgdir, sp, argv[argc], strlen(argv[argc]) + 1) < 0)
6373    goto bad;
6374  ustack[3+argc] = sp;
6375 }
6376 ustack[3+argc] = 0;
6377
6378 ustack[0] = 0xffffffff; // fake return PC
6379 ustack[1] = argc;
6380 ustack[2] = sp - (argc+1)*4; // argv pointer
6381
6382 sp -= (3+argc+1) * 4;
6383 if(copyout(pgdir, sp, ustack, (3+argc+1)*4) < 0)
6384  goto bad;
```

Push argv pointer – argv[]
is on the stack itself

exec() – create a new process

- Read process binary from disk
- Create process address space
- Load program into memory
- Allocate program stack
- Push program arguments on the stack
- **Switch page tables**

exec(): switch page tables

- Switch page tables
- Deallocate the old page table

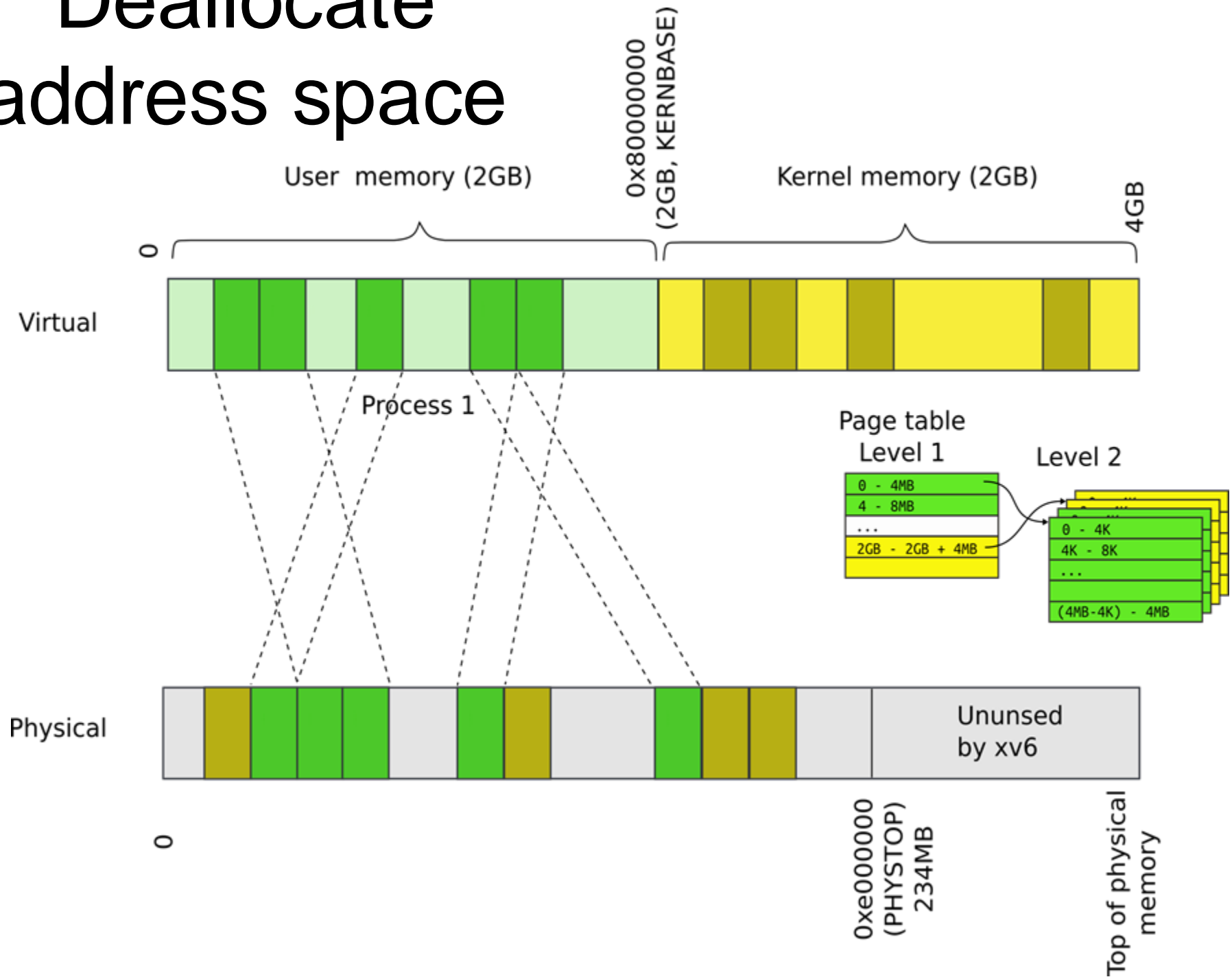
```
6309 int
6310 exec(char *path, char **argv)
6311 {
...
6398  switchvm(proc);
6399  freevm(oldpgdir);
6400  return 0;
...
6410
```

Wait... which page table we are
deallocating?

Wait... which page table we are deallocating?

- Remember `exec()` replaces content of an already existing process
- That process had a page table
- We have to deallocate it

address space



Outline: deallocate process address space

- Walk the page table
 - Deallocate all pages mapped by the page table
- Deallocate pages that contain Level 2 of the page-table
- Deallocate page directory

```
2015 freevm(pde_t *pgdir)
2016 {
2017     uint i;
2018
2019     if(pgdir == 0)
2020         panic("freevm: no pgdir");
2021     deallocvm(pgdir, KERNBASE, 0);
2022     for(i = 0; i < NPENTRIES; i++){
2023         if(pgdir[i] & PTE_P){
2024             char * v = P2V(PTE_ADDR(pgdir[i]));
2025             kfree(v);
2026         }
2027     }
2028     kfree((char*)pgdir);
2029 }
```

Deallocate user address space


```
1987 deallocuvm(pde_t *pgdir, uint oldsz, uint newsz)
1988 {
...
1995  a = PGROUNDUP(newsz);
1996  for(; a < oldsz; a += PGSIZE){
1997    pte = walkpgdir(pgdir, (char*)a, 0);
1998    if(!pte)
1999      a += (NPTENTRIES - 1) * PGSIZE;
2000    else if((*pte & PTE_P) != 0){
2001      pa = PTE_ADDR(*pte);
2002      if(pa == 0)
2003        panic("kfree");
2004      char *v = P2V(pa);
2005      kfree(v);
2006      *pte = 0;
2007    }
2008  }
2009  return newsz;
2010 }
```

Walk page table and
get pte

```
1987 deallocvm(pde_t *pgdir, uint oldsz, uint newsz)
1988 {
...
1995  a = PGROUNDUP(newsz);
1996  for(; a < oldsz; a += PGSIZE){
1997    pte = walkpgdir(pgdir, (char*)a, 0);
1998    if(!pte)
1999      a += (NPTENTRIES - 1) * PGSIZE;
2000    else if((*pte & PTE_P) != 0){
2001      pa = PTE_ADDR(*pte);
2002      if(pa == 0)
2003        panic("kfree");
2004      char *v = P2V(pa);
2005      kfree(v);
2006      *pte = 0;
2007    }
2008  }
2009  return newsz;
2010 }
```

Deallocate a page

Deallocate Level 2

```
2015 freevm(pde_t *pgdir)
2016 {
2017     uint i;
2018
2019     if(pgdir == 0)
2020         panic("freevm: no pgdir");
2021     deallocvm(pgdir, KERNBASE, 0);
2022     for(i = 0; i < NPENTRIES; i++){
2023         if(pgdir[i] & PTE_P){
2024             char * v = P2V(PTE_ADDR(pgdir[i]));
2025             kfree(v);
2026         }
2027     }
2028     kfree((char*)pgdir);
2029 }
```

Deallocate page table directory itself

```
2015 freevm(pde_t *pgdir)
2016 {
2017     uint i;
2018
2019     if(pgdir == 0)
2020         panic("freevm: no pgdir");
2021     deallocvm(pgdir, KERNBASE, 0);
2022     for(i = 0; i < NPENTRIES; i++){
2023         if(pgdir[i] & PTE_P){
2024             char * v = P2V(PTE_ADDR(pgdir[i]));
2025             kfree(v);
2026         }
2027     }
2028     kfree((char*)pgdir);
2029 }
```

Recap

- We know how exec works!
- We can create new processes

Creating the first process

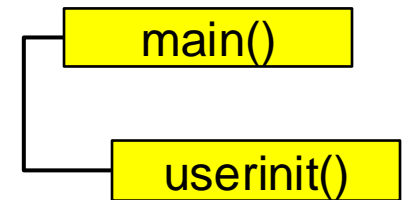
```
1317 main(void)
1318 {
1319  kinit1(end, P2V(4*1024*1024)); // phys page allocator
1320  kvmalloc(); // kernel page table
1321  mpinit(); // detect other processors
...
1323  seginit(); // segment descriptors
...
1330  tvinit(); // trap vectors
...
1338  userinit(); // first user process
1339  mpmain(); // finish this processor's setup
1340 }
```

main()

Userinit() – create first process

- Allocate process structure
- Information about the process


```
2502 userinit(void)
2503 {
2504     struct proc *p;
2505     extern char _binary_initcode_start[],
                _binary_initcode_size[];
...
2509 p = allocproc();
2510     initproc = p;
2511     if((p->pgdir = setupkvm()) == 0)
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2514     p->sz = PGSIZE;
2515     memset(p->tf, 0, sizeof(*p->tf));
...
2530 }
```

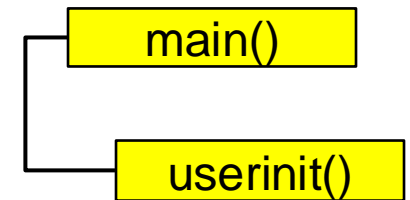


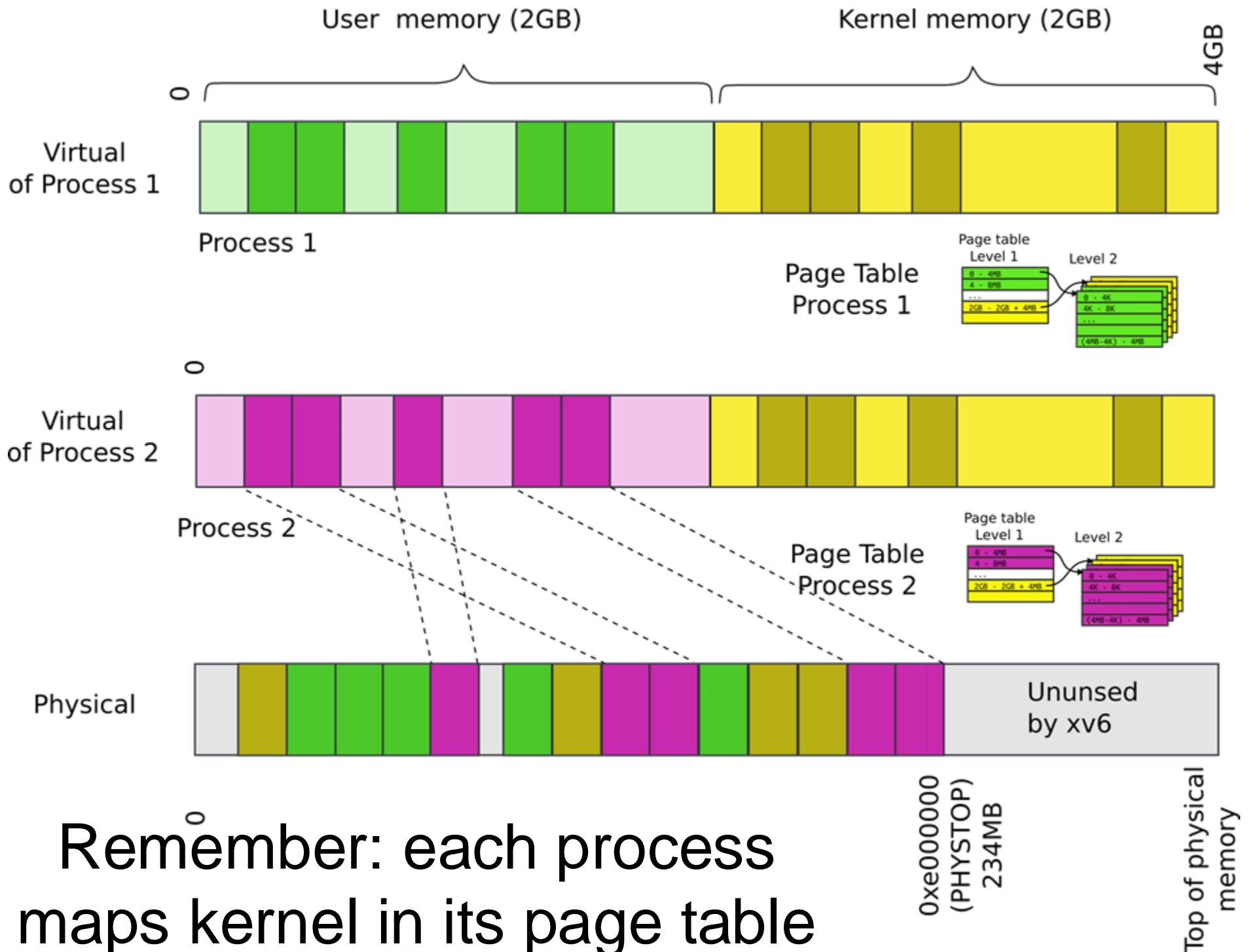
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2103 struct proc {
2104     uint sz; // Size of process memory (bytes)
2105     pde_t* pgdir; // Page table
2106     char *kstack; // Bottom of kernel stack for this process
2107     enum procstate state; // Process state
2108     volatile int pid; // Process ID
2109     struct proc *parent; // Parent process
2110     struct trapframe *tf; // Trap frame for current syscall
2111     struct context *context; // swtch() here to run
2112     void *chan; // If non-zero, sleeping on chan
2113     int killed; // If non-zero, have been killed
2114     struct file *ofile[NOFILE]; // Open files
2115     struct inode *cwd; // Current directory
2116     char name[16]; // Process name (debugging)
2117 };
```

Userinit() – create first process

- Allocate process structure
- Information about the process
- **Create a page table**
- **Map only kernel space**

```
2502 userinit(void)
2503 {
2504     struct proc *p;
2505     extern char _binary_initcode_start[],
                _binary_initcode_size[];
...
2509     p = allocproc();
2510     initproc = p;
2511     if((p->pgdir = setupkvm()) == 0)
2512         panic("userinit: out of memory?");
2513     inituvm(p->pgdir, _binary_initcode_start,
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...
2530 }
```

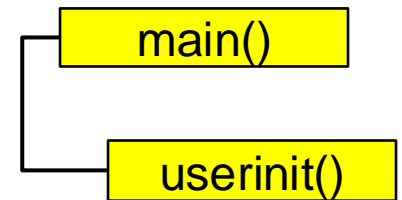




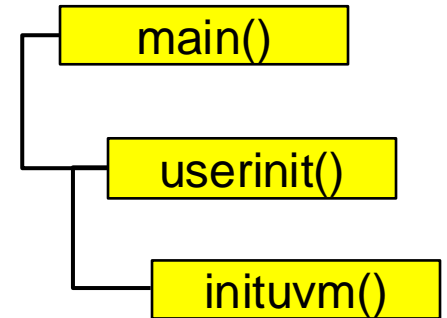
Userinit() – create first process

- Allocate process structure
- Information about the process
- Create a page table
- Map only kernel space
- **Allocate a page for the user init code**
- **Map this page**

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2503 {
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2505     extern char _binary_initcode_start[],
                _binary_initcode_size[];
...
2509     p = allocproc();
2510     initproc = p;
2511     if((p->pgdir = setupkvm()) == 0)
2512         panic("userinit: out of memory?");
2513     inituvm(p->pgdir, _binary_initcode_start,
                (int)_binary_initcode_size);
2514     p->sz = PGSIZE;
2515     memset(p->tf, 0, sizeof(*p->tf));
...
2530 }
```



```
1903 inituvm(pde_t *pgdir, char *init, uint sz)
1904 {
1905     char *mem;
1906
1907     if(sz >= PGSIZE)
1908         panic("inituvm: more than a page");
1909     mem = kalloc();
1910     memset(mem, 0, PGSIZE);
1911     mappages(pgdir, 0, PGSIZE, V2P(mem),
1912             PTE_W|PTE_U);
1913     memmove(mem, init, sz);
1914 }
```



- Allocate **one page**
- Map this page


```
1903 initvm(pde_t *pgdir, char *init, uint sz)
```

```
1904 {
```

```
1905   char *mem;
```

```
1906
```

```
1907   if(sz >= PGSIZE)
```

```
1908     panic("initvm: more than a page");
```

```
1909   mem = kalloc();
```

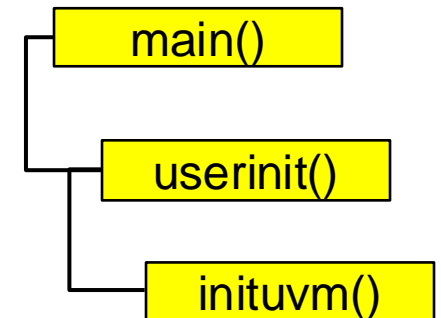
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1910   memset(mem, 0, PGSIZE);
```

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1911   mappages(pgdir, 0, PGSIZE, V2P(mem),
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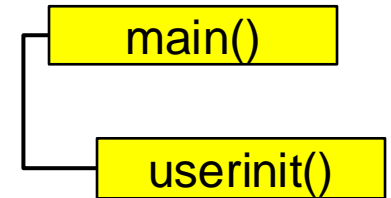
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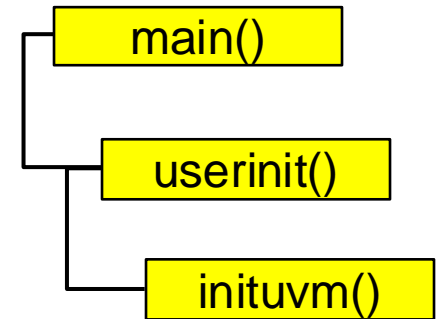
- What is this **init**?

```
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2530 }
```



- **Init** was passed as the text section of the init process

```
1903 initvm(pde_t *pgdir, char *init, uint sz)
1904 {
1905     char *mem;
1906
1907     if(sz >= PGSIZE)
1908         panic("initvm: more than a page");
1909     mem = kalloc();
1910     memset(mem, 0, PGSIZE);
1911     mappages(pgdir, 0, PGSIZE, V2P(mem),
1912             PTE_W|PTE_U);
1913     memmove(mem, init, sz);
1914 }
```



- Can we use virtual addresses here directly?
- We're not running on the page table of the init process
- Poll: PollEv.com/antonburtsev

8409 start:

8410 pushl \$argv

8411 pushl \$init

8412 pushl \$0 // where caller pc would be

8413 movl \$SYS_exec, %eax

8414 int \$T_SYSCALL

8415

...

8422 # char init[] = "/init\0";

8423 init:

8424 .string "/init\0"

8425

8426 # char *argv[] = { init, 0 };

8427 .p2align 2

8428 argv:

8429 .long init

8430 .long 0

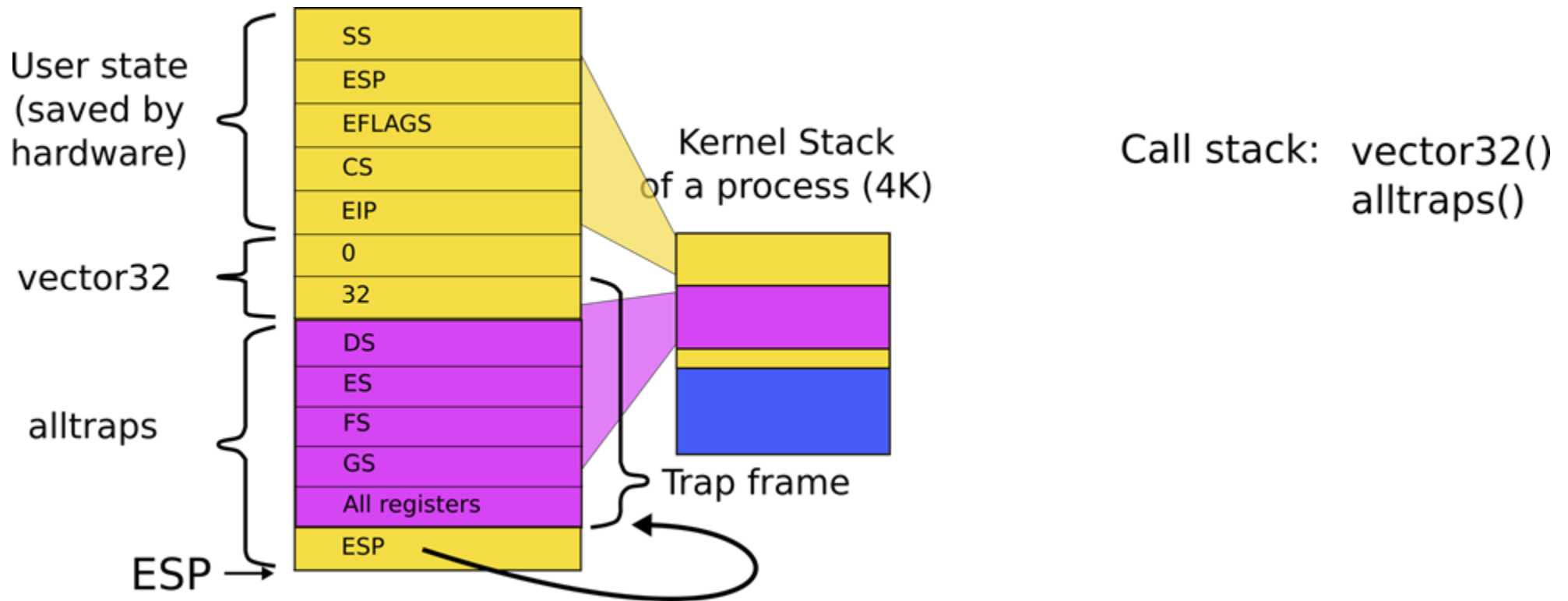
initcode.S: call
exec("/init", argv);

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- **Configure trap frame for “iret”**

We need to configure the following kernel

- The stack of a process after interrupt/syscall



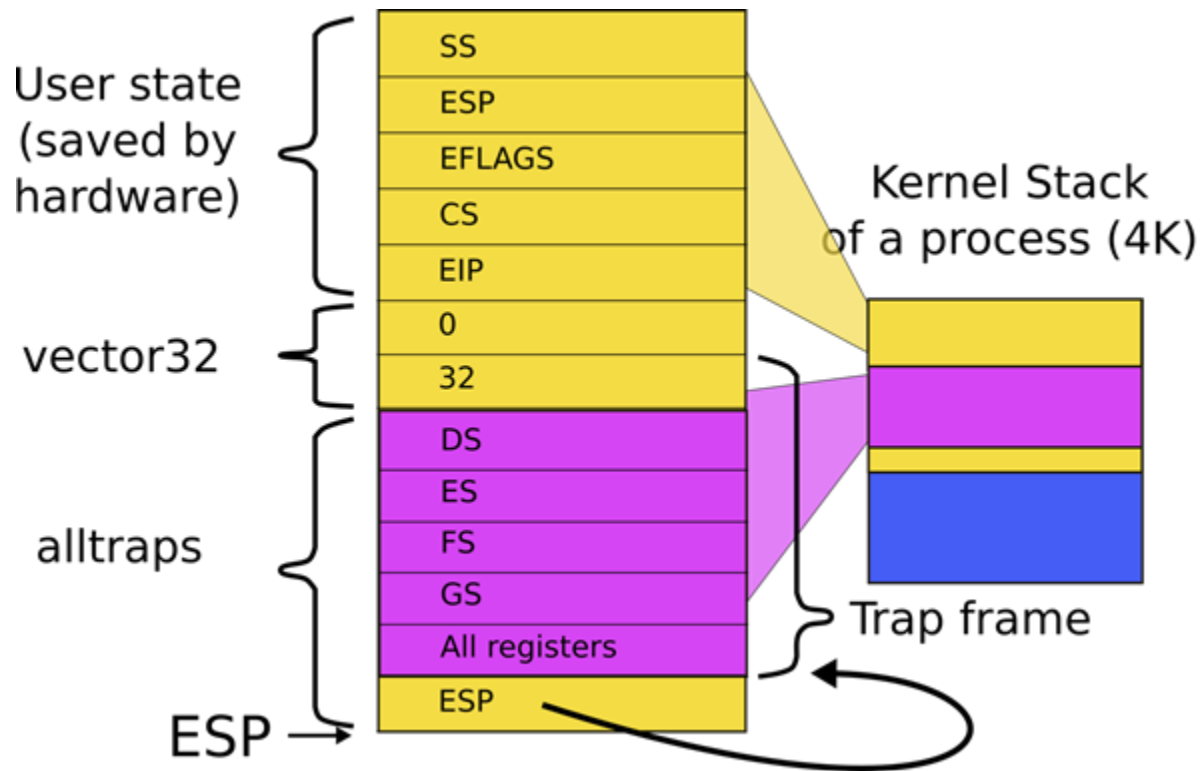
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2116     char name[16]; // Process name (debugging)
2117 };
```

```
2456 allocproc(void)
2457 {
...
2470 // Allocate kernel stack.
2471 if((p->kstack = kalloc()) == 0){
2472     p->state = UNUSED;
2473     return 0;
2474 }
2475 sp = p->kstack + KSTACKSIZE;
2476
2477 // Leave room for trap frame.
2478 sp -= sizeof *p->tf;
2479 p->tf = (struct trapframe*)sp;
2480
...
2492 }
```

Trap frame is on the
kernel stack of the process


```
2502 userinit(void)
2503 {
...
2513  inituvm(p->pgdir, _binary_initcode_start,
        (int)_binary_initcode_size);
2514  p->sz = PGSIZE;
2515  memset(p->tf, 0, sizeof(*p->tf));
2516  p->tf->cs = (SEG_UCODE << 3) | DPL_USER;
2517  p->tf->ds = (SEG_UDATA << 3) | DPL_USER;
2518  p->tf->es = p->tf->ds;
2519  p->tf->ss = p->tf->ds;
2520  p->tf->eflags = FL_IF;
2521  p->tf->esp = PGSIZE;
2522  p->tf->eip = 0; // beginning of initcode.S
...
2530 }
```

Kernel stack after interrupt/syscall



Call stack: vector32()
alltraps()

```
2502 userinit(void)

2503 {

...

2515  memset(p->tf, 0, sizeof(*p->tf));

2516  p->tf->cs = (SEG_UCODE << 3) | DPL_USER;

2517  p->tf->ds = (SEG_UDATA << 3) | DPL_USER;

2518  p->tf->es = p->tf->ds;

2519  p->tf->ss = p->tf->ds;

2520  p->tf->eflags = FL_IF;

2521  p->tf->esp = PGSIZE;

2522  p->tf->eip = 0; // beginning of initcode.S

2523

2524  safestrcpy(p->name, "initcode", sizeof(p->name));

2525  p->cwd = namei("/");

2526

2527  p->state = RUNNABLE;

...

```

Wait, we mapped process memory, created trap frame, but it doesn't really run...

```
1317 main(void)
1318 {
1319  kinit1(end, P2V(4*1024*1024)); // phys page allocator
1320  kvmalloc(); // kernel page table
1321  mpinit(); // detect other processors
...
1323  seginit(); // segment descriptors
...
1330  tvinit(); // trap vectors
...
1338  userinit(); // first user process
1339  mpmain(); // finish this processor's setup
1340 }
```

main()

1260 // Common CPU setup code.

1261 static void

1262 mpmain(void)

1263 {

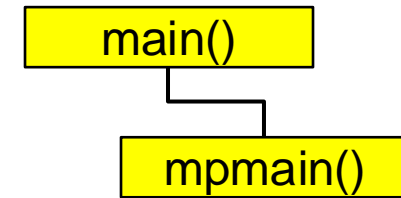
1264 cprintf("cpu%d: starting\n", cpu->id);

1265 idtinit(); // load idt register

1266 xchg(&cpu->started, 1);

1267 scheduler(); // start running processes

1268 }



We ended boot by starting the scheduler

```
8510 main(void)

8511 {

...

8521  for(;;){

8522    printf(1, "init: starting sh\n");

8523    pid = fork();

8524    if(pid < 0){

8525       printf(1, "init: fork failed\n");

8526       exit();

8527    }

8528    if(pid == 0){

8529       exec("sh", argv);

8530       printf(1, "init: exec sh failed\n");

8531       exit();

8532    }

8533    while((wpid=wait()) >= 0 && wpid != pid)

8534       printf(1, "zombie!\n");

8535 }

8536 }
```

- First process **exec("init")**
- /init starts /sh
 - fork() and **exec("sh")**

Summary

- We've finally learned how the first process came to life
- Also we know:
 - How OS boots and initializes itself
 - How each process is constructed (`exec()`)
 - How OS switches between processes

Thank you!