



MELTDOWN & SPECTRE FOR NORMAL PEOPLE

MEMORY MODEL

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00000000000000 - 00007fffffffffff (=47 bits) user space, different per mm
hole caused by [47:63] sign extension
ffff8000000000 - ffff87ffffffffff (=43 bits) guard hole, reserved for hypervisor
ffff88000000000 - ffffc7ffffffffff (=64 TB) direct mapping of all phys. memory
ffffc8000000000 - ffffc8fffffffff (=40 bits) hole
ffffc9000000000 - ffffe8fffffffff (=45 bits) vmalloc/ioremap space
ffffe9000000000 - ffffe9fffffffff (=40 bits) hole
ffffea000000000 - ffffeafffffffff (=40 bits) virtual memory map (1TB)
... unused hole ...
ffffec000000000 - fffffbffffffffff (=44 bits) kasan shadow memory (16TB)
... unused hole ...
           vaddr end for KASLR
ffffe000000000 - fffffe7fffffffff (=39 bits) cpu entry area mapping
ffffe800000000 - fffffefffffffff (=39 bits) LDT remap for PTI
ffffff000000000 - fffffffffffffffff (=39 bits) %esp fixup stacks
... unused hole ...
... unused hole ...
fffffffff600000 - ffffffffff600fff (=4 kB) legacy vsyscall ABI
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https://www.kernel.org/doc/Documentation/x86/x86_64/mm.txt





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CONCLUSION

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Virtual memory map with 4 level page tables:

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ffffffef00000000 - ffffffffffffffffff (=64 GB) EFI region mapping space
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