Efficient Synchronization of Linux Memory Regions over a Network: A Comparative Study and Implementation (Notes)

A user-friendly approach to application-agnostic state synchronization

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Introduction

- Memory management in Linux
- Memory as the universal storage API
- What would be possible if memory would be the universal way to access resources?
- Why efficient memory synchronization is the missing key component
- High-level use cases for memory synchronization in the industry today
- Pull-Based Memory Synchronization with userfaultfd
 - Page faults occur when a process tries to access a memory region that has not yet been mapped into a process' address space
 - By listening to these page faults, we know when a process wants to access a specific piece of memory
 - We can use this to then pull the chunk of memory from a remote, map it to the address on which the page fault occured, thus only