

Memory Mapping Emulation Challenge

seL4 provides APIs to **explicitly** map a page. However, it's possible for a user to implement a virtual memory management server for handling the demand mapping, meaning that the actual mapping will be done on the **vm fault** rather than always mapping on the initial request. The current emulation library can handle both of the situations.

The **first challenge** is that the kernel emulator and the seL4 thread's running in different address spaces, hence, the kernel emulator **can't** do mapping for the seL4 thread.

The **second challenge** is emulating the **lazy mapping**, so we don't map a page until we actually touch the page.

Remember that the invalid access of memory will generate an exception on the hardware and the exception handler will handle that. In case, we can model interrupts on seL4 using signals because signals are software interrupts. Also, we have our old friend segmentation fault. (**SIGSEGV**). And we can set up a signal handler to emulate the exception handler. (more discussion on next slide)