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Automating Introspection and Forensics Software Development via Binary Code Reuse

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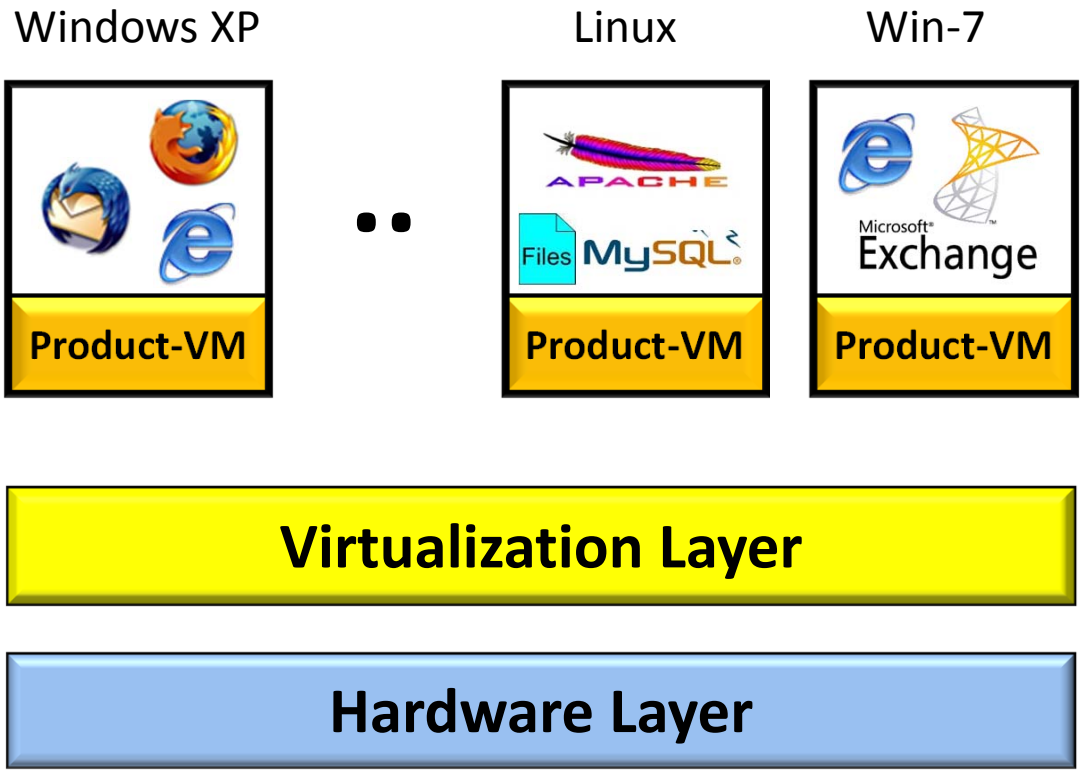

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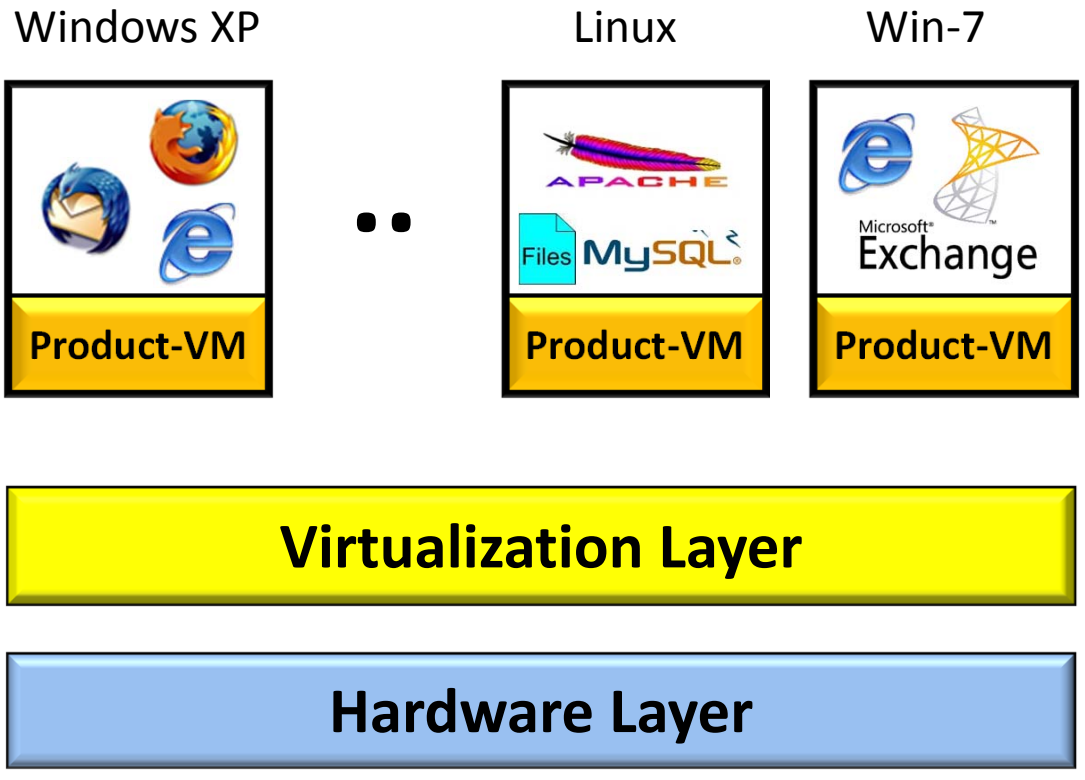

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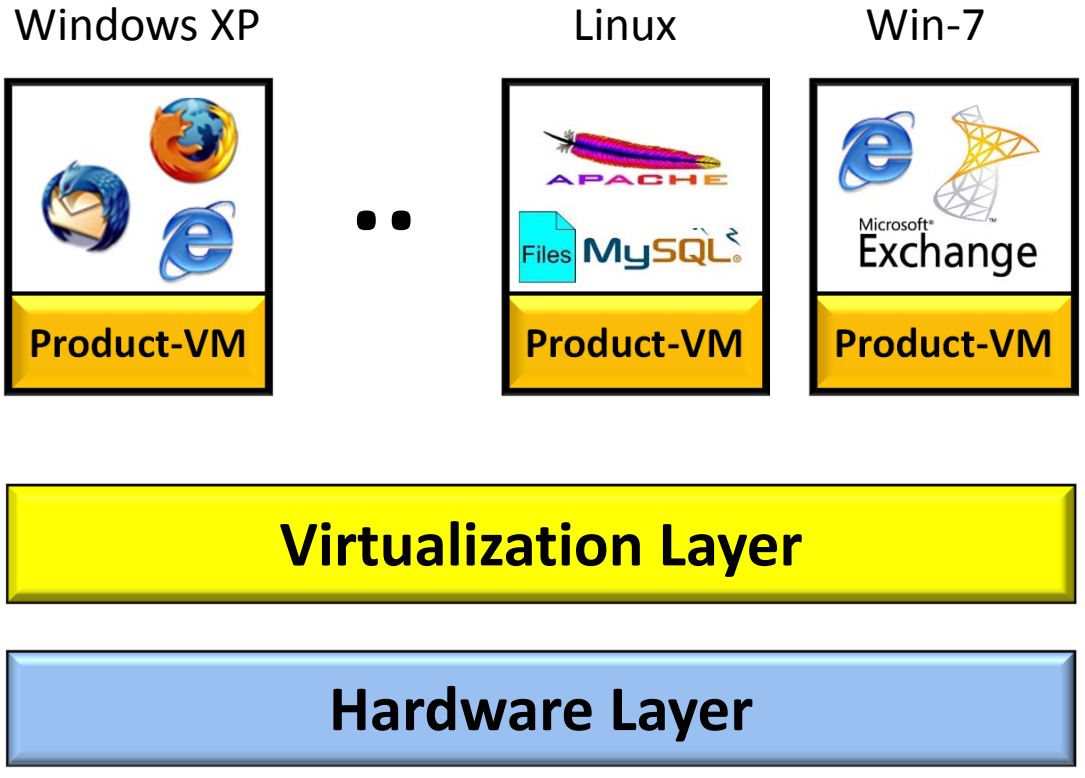

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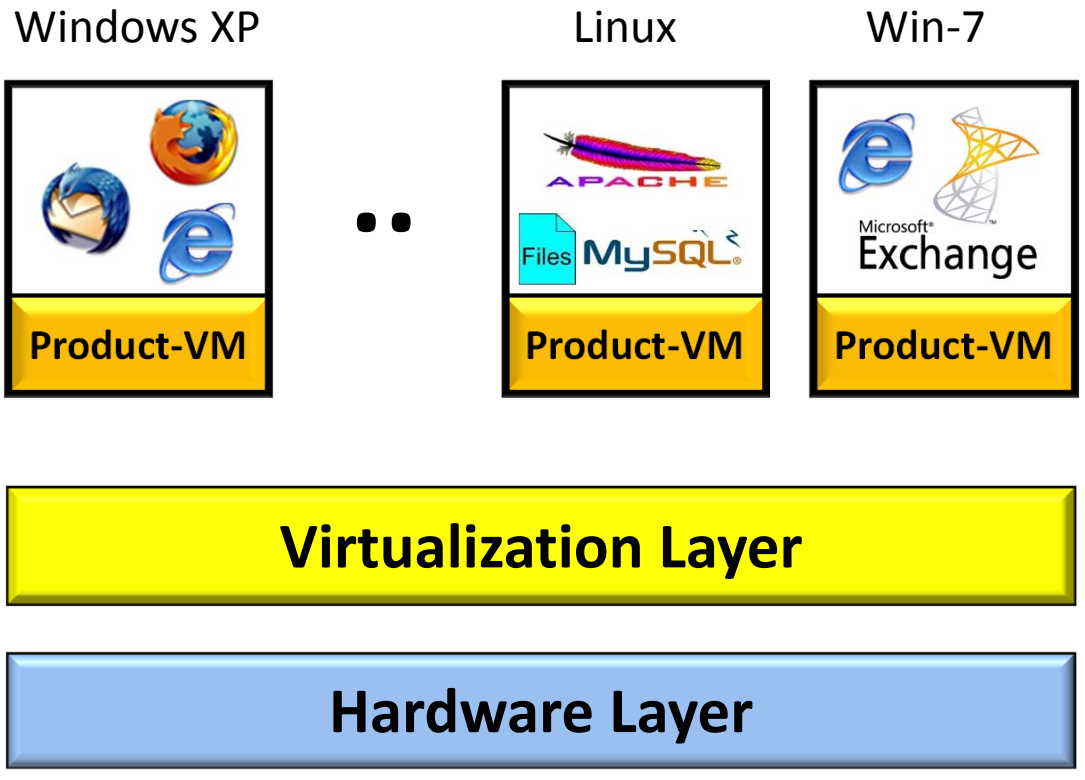

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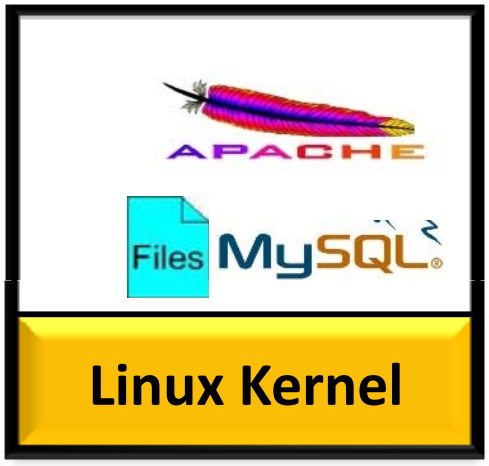

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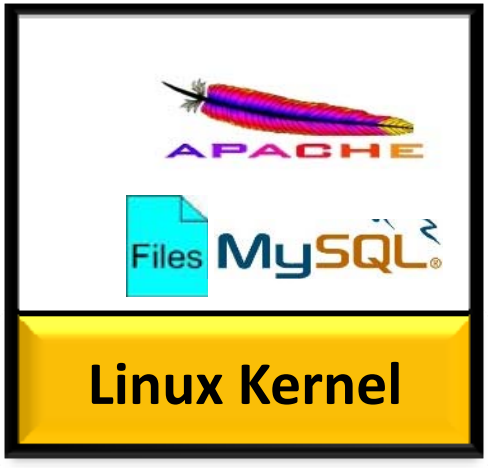

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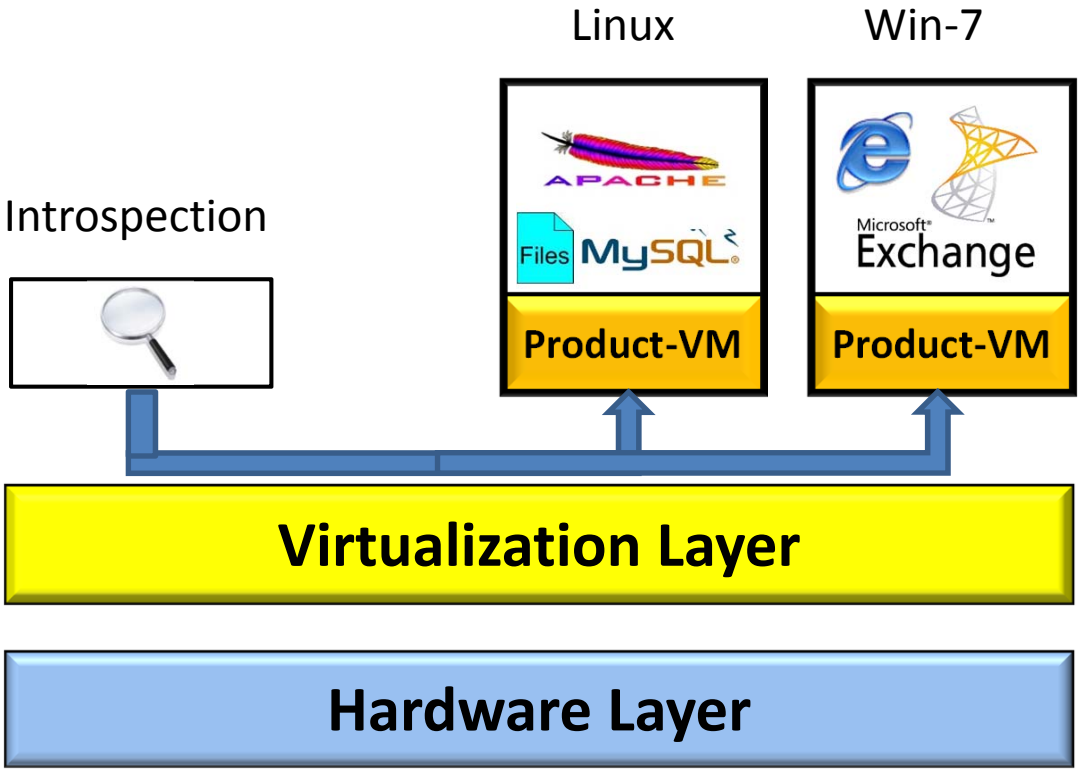

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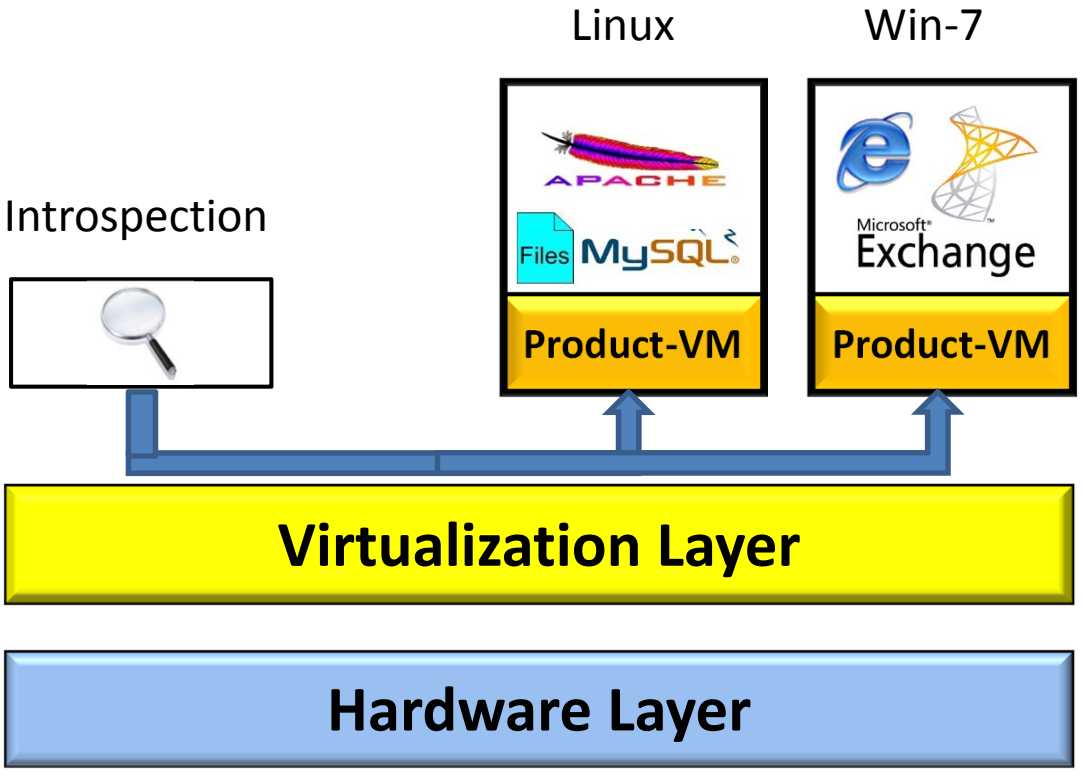

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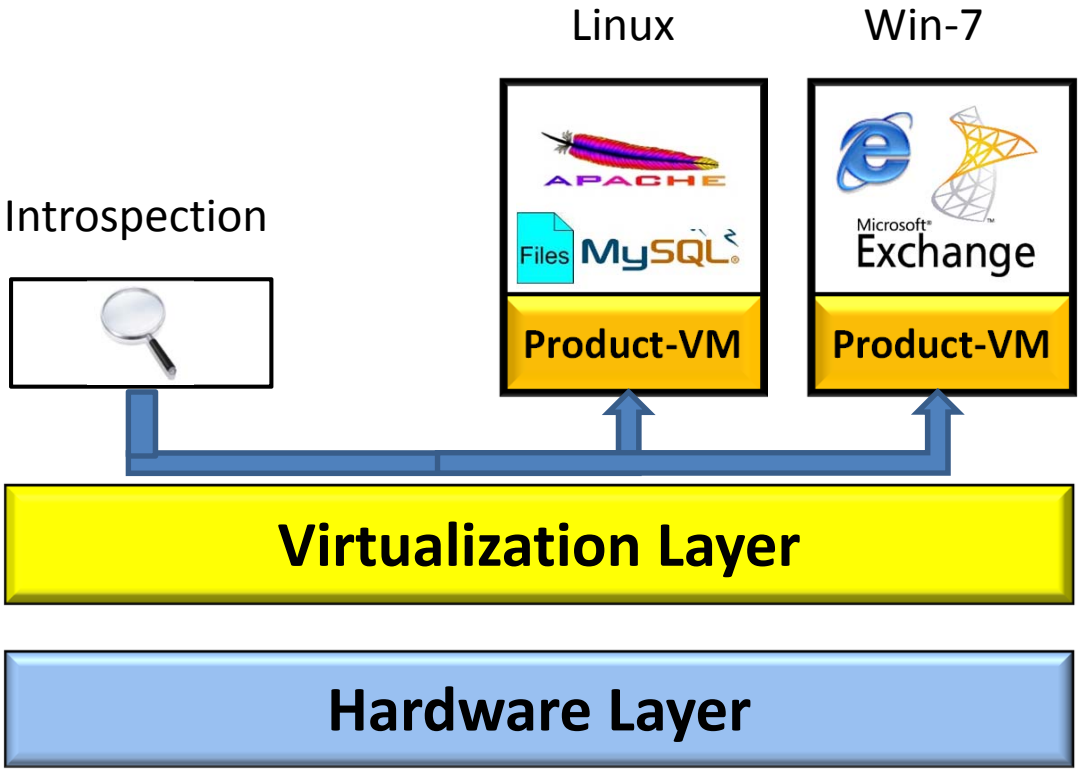

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- Intrusion Detection
- Malware Analysis
- Memory Forensics

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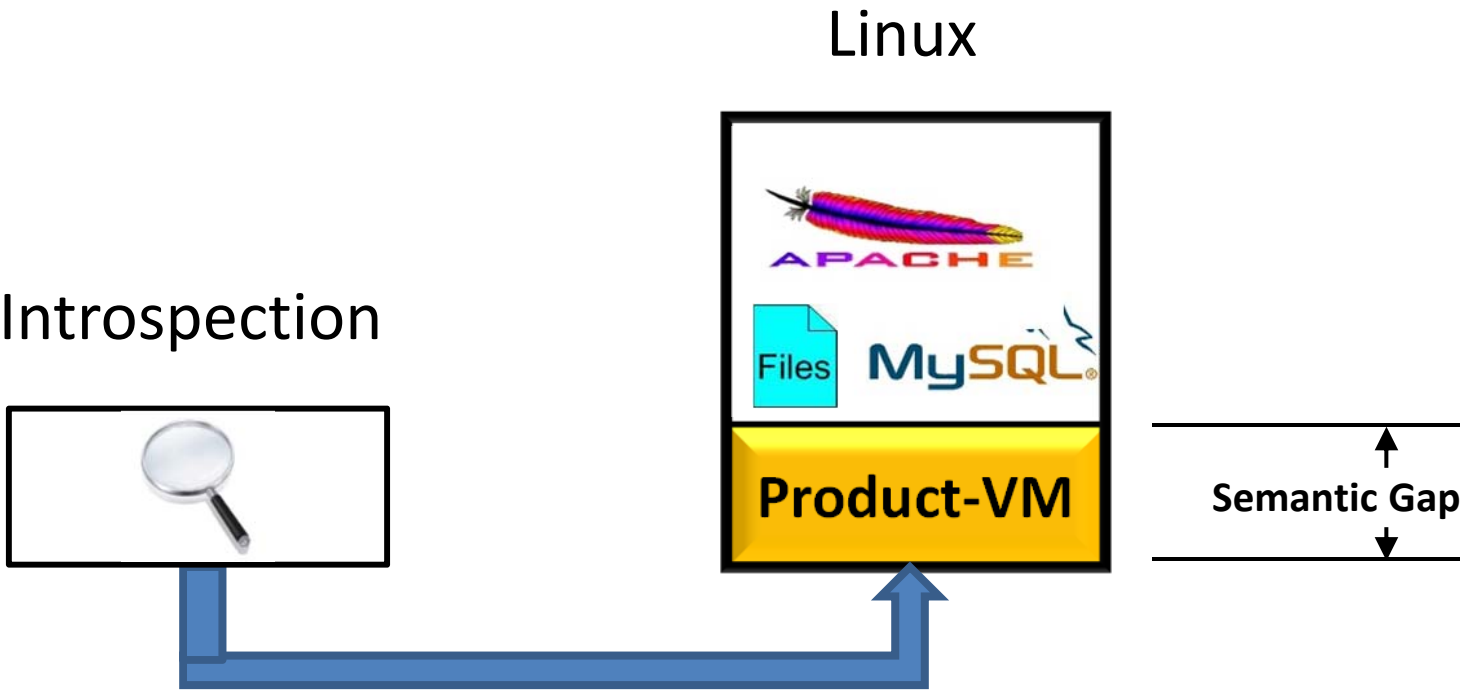

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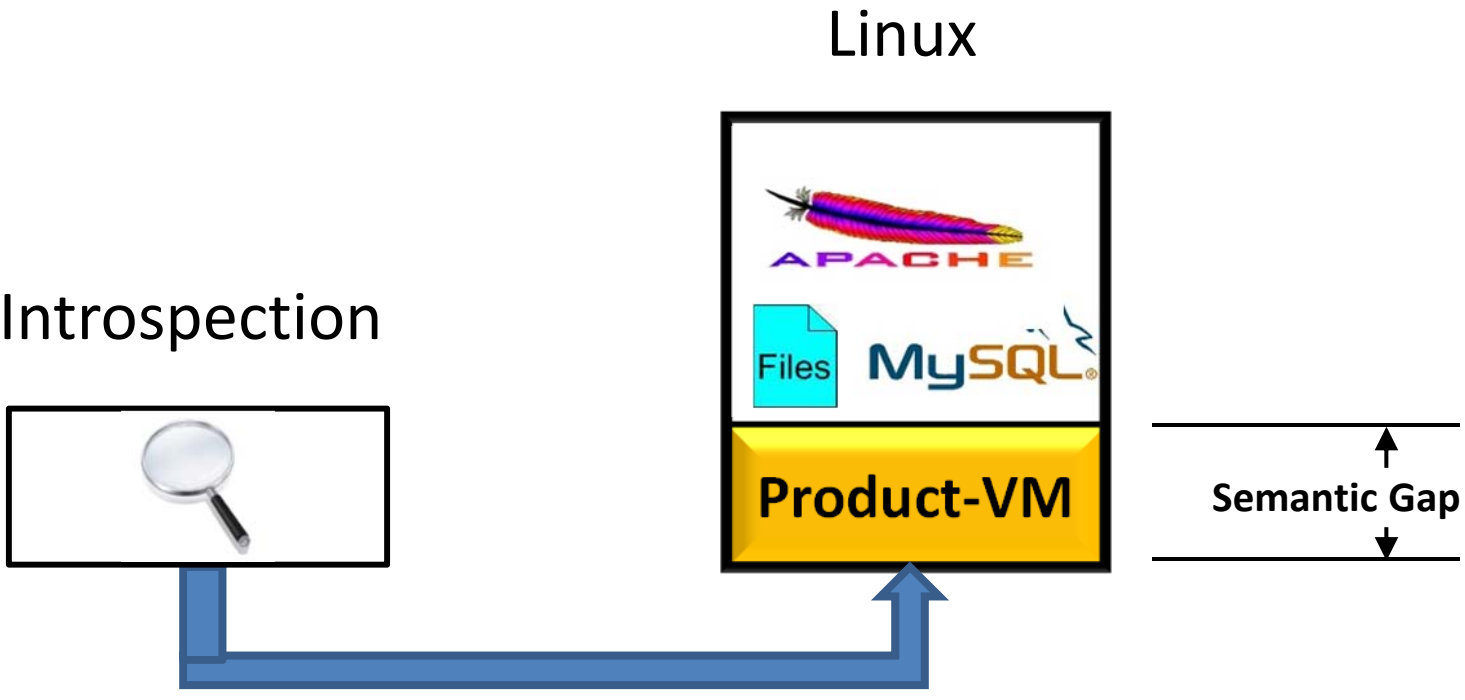

- View exposed by Virtual Machine Monitor is at low-level
- There is no abstraction and no APIs
- Need to reconstruct the guest-OS abstraction

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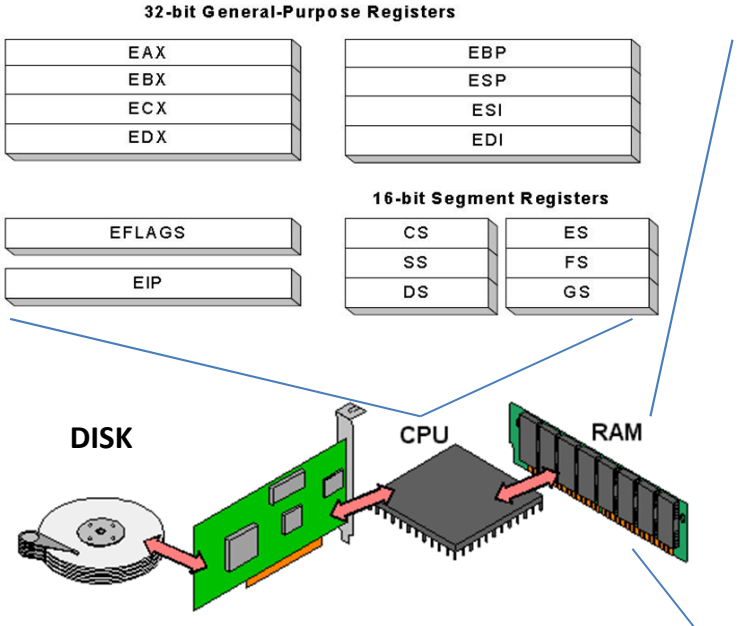

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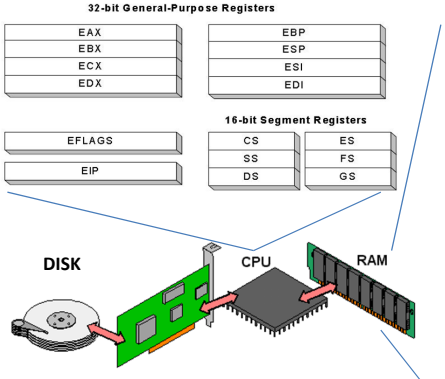

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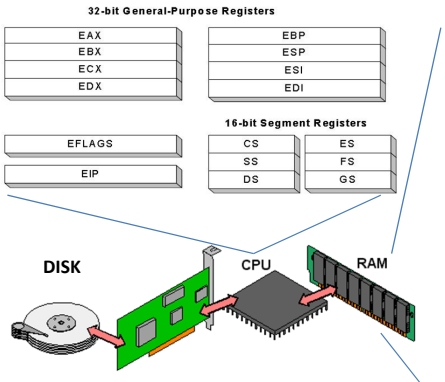

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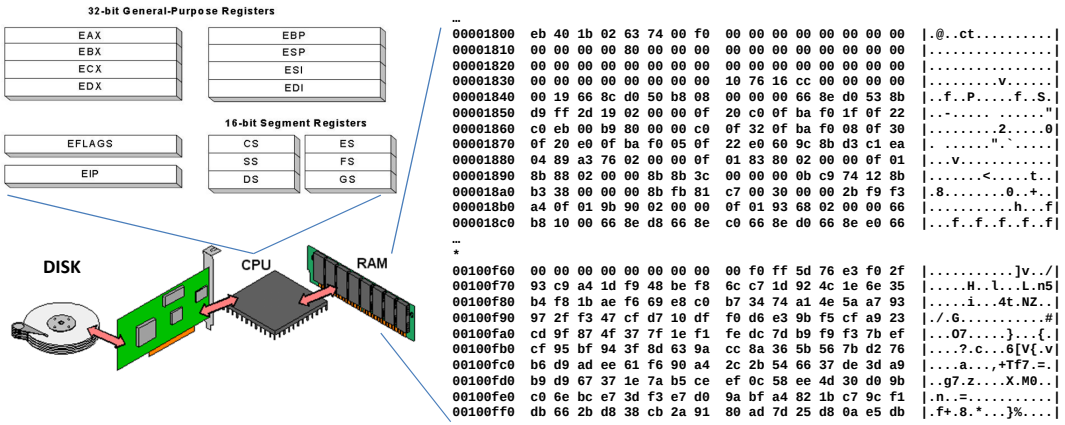

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- Virtual to physical (V2P) translation

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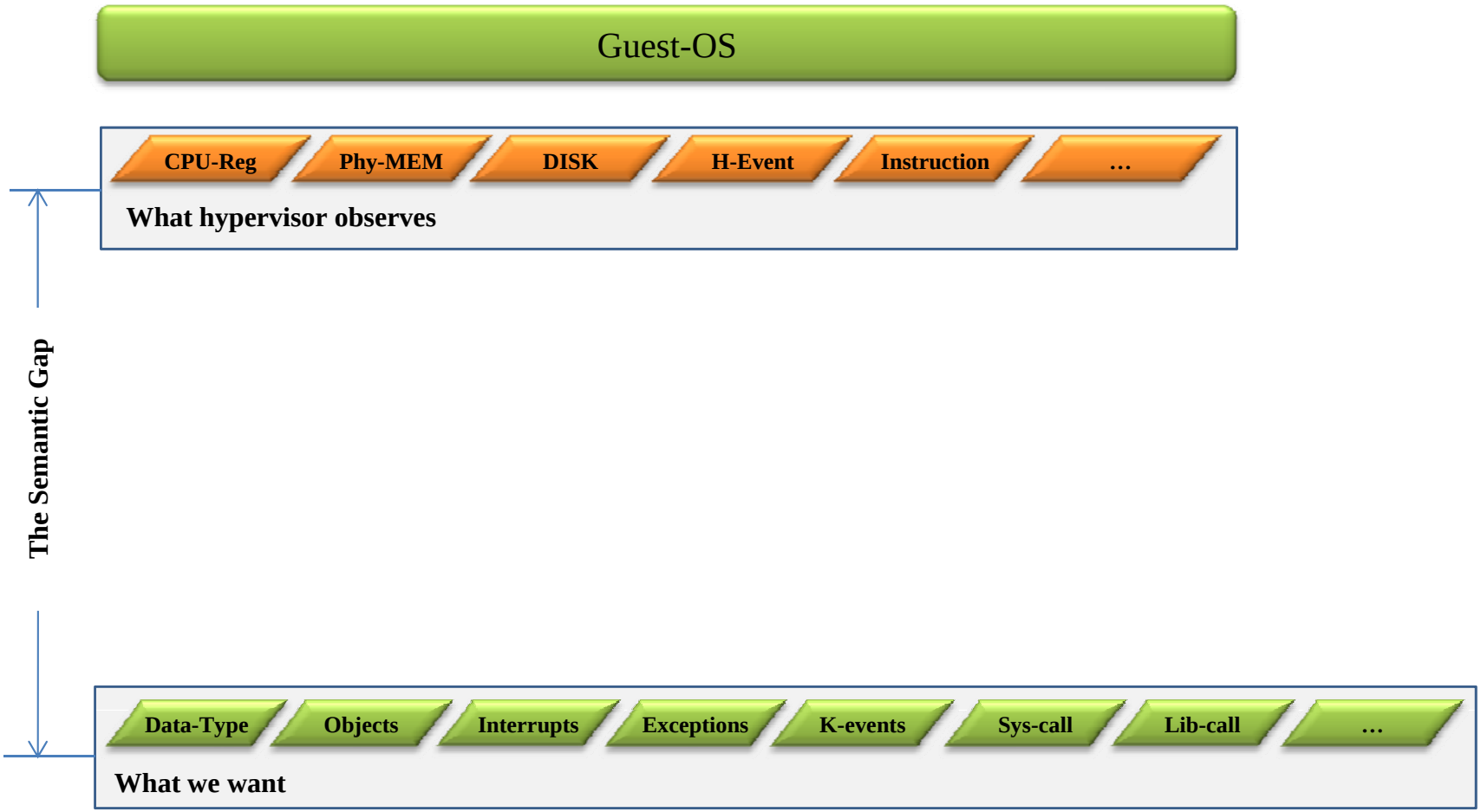

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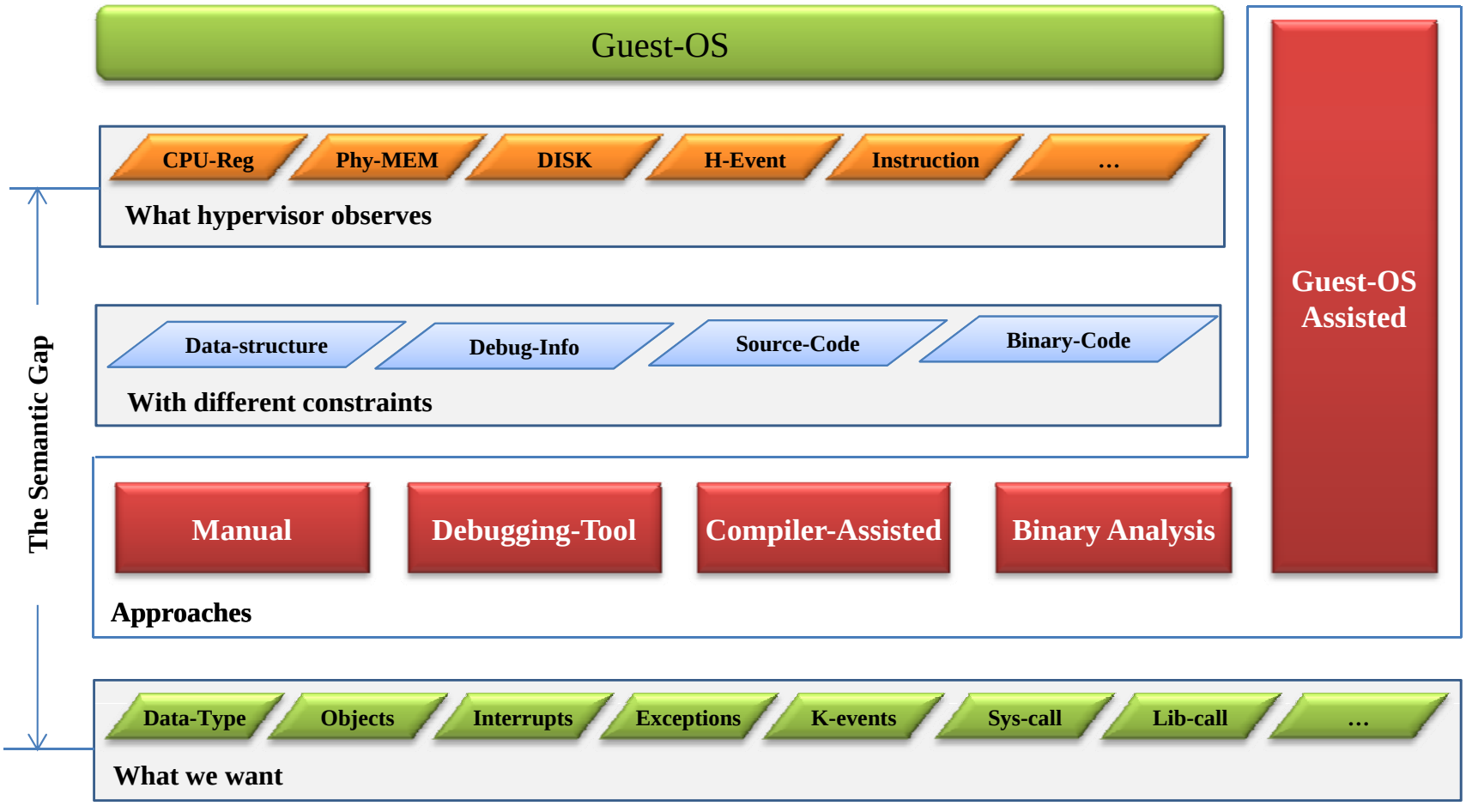

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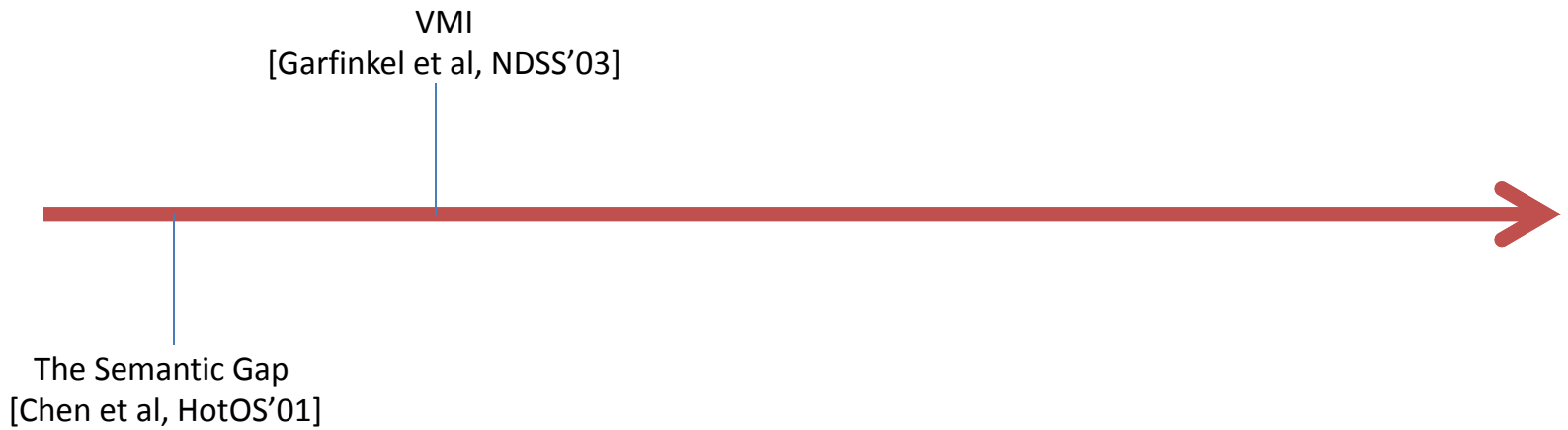

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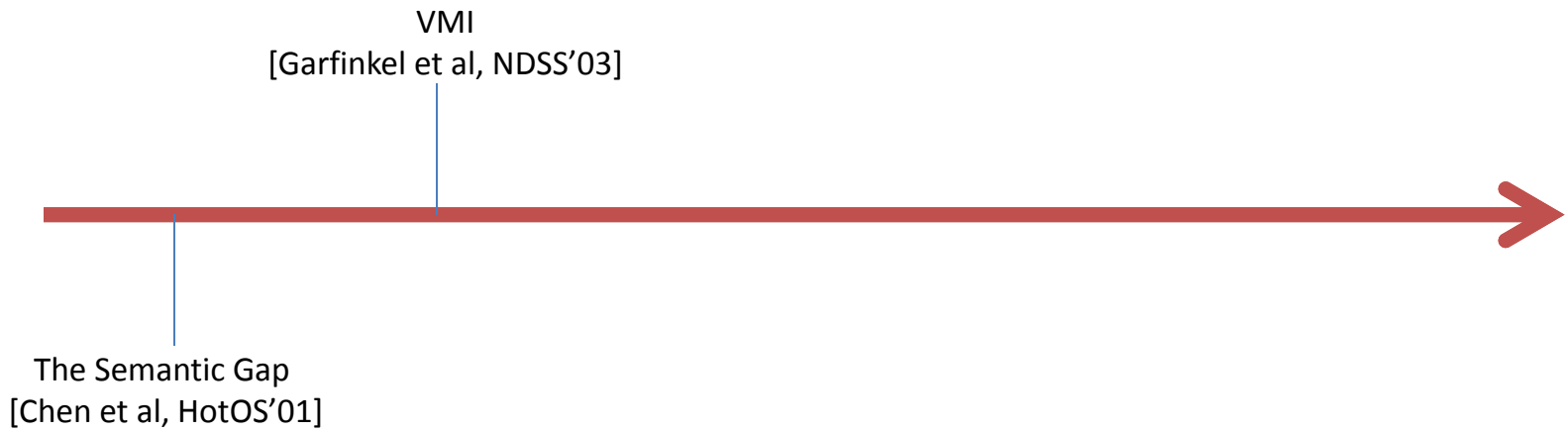

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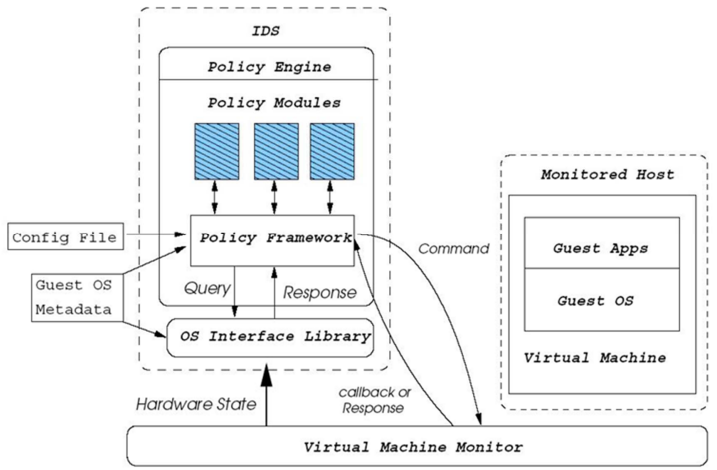

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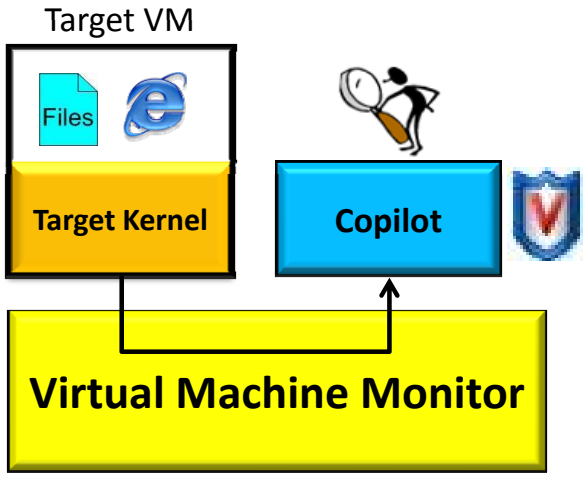
- Introspection routine is based on manually created code



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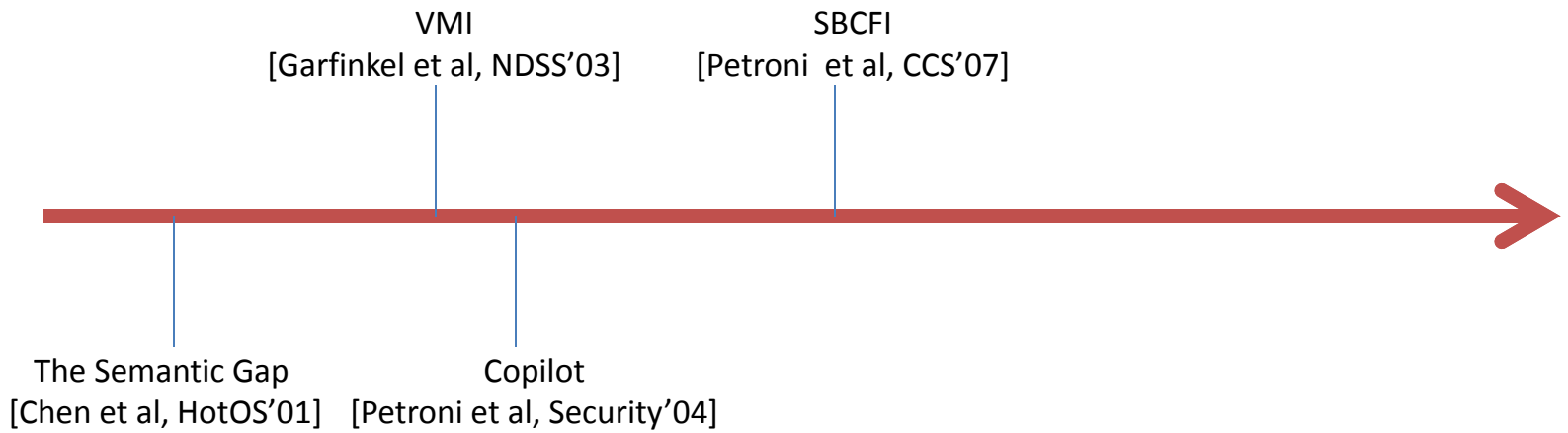

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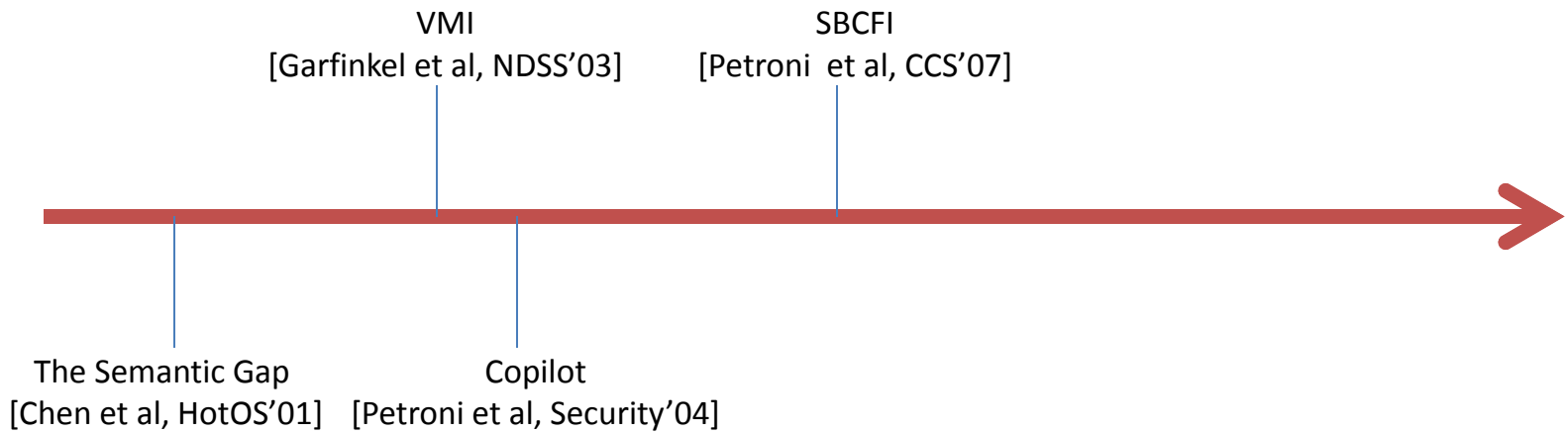

- In CCS'07, Petroni et al. proposed SBCFI
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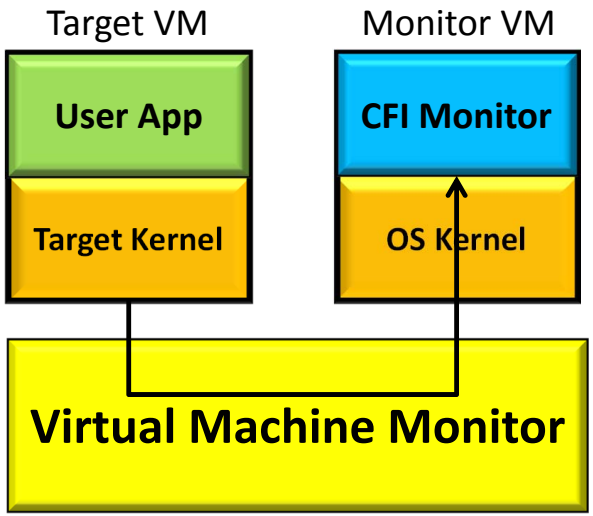

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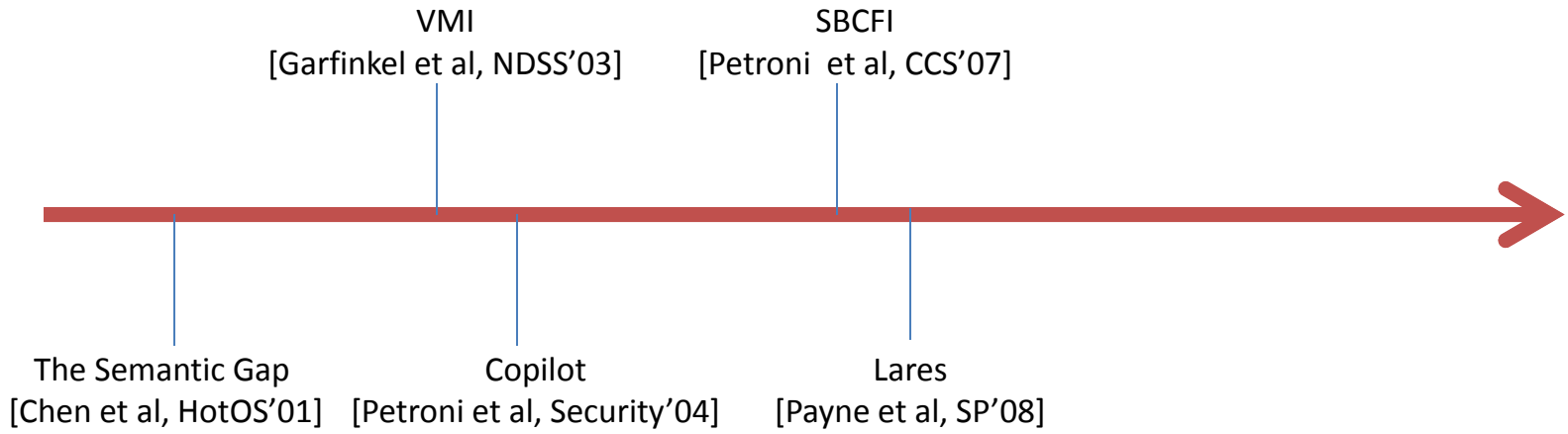

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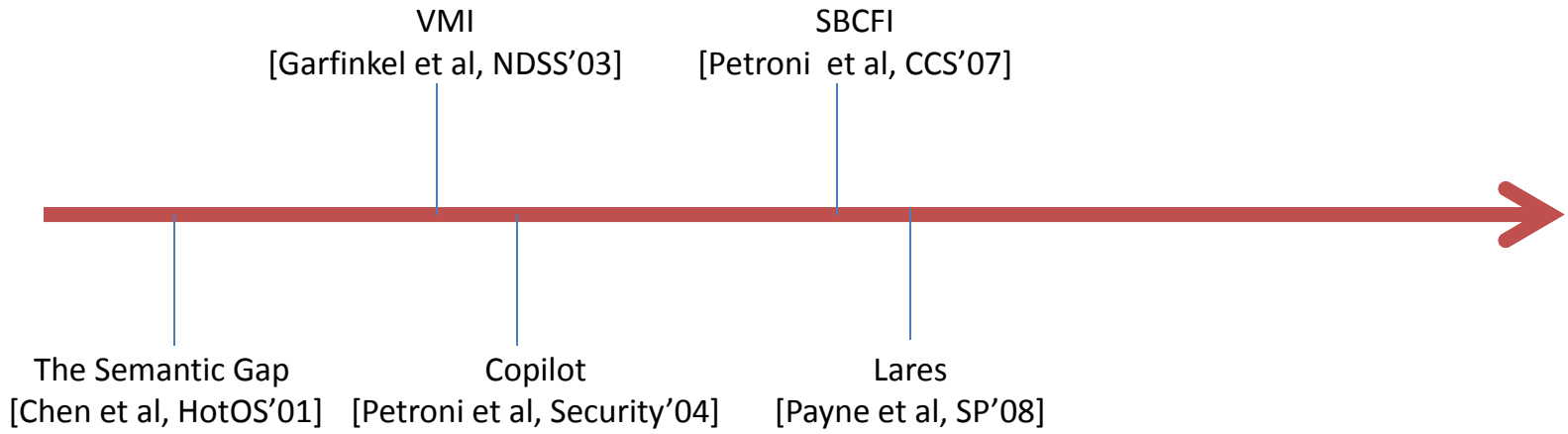
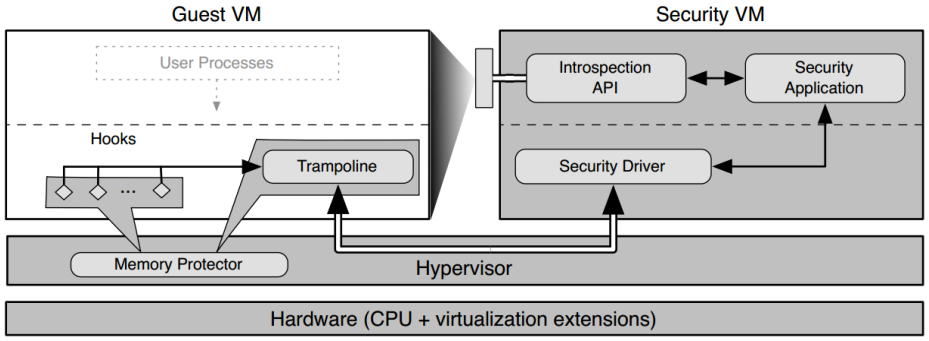


- In SP'08, Payne et al. proposed Lares
- Introspection routine is placed inside the guest OS with special help



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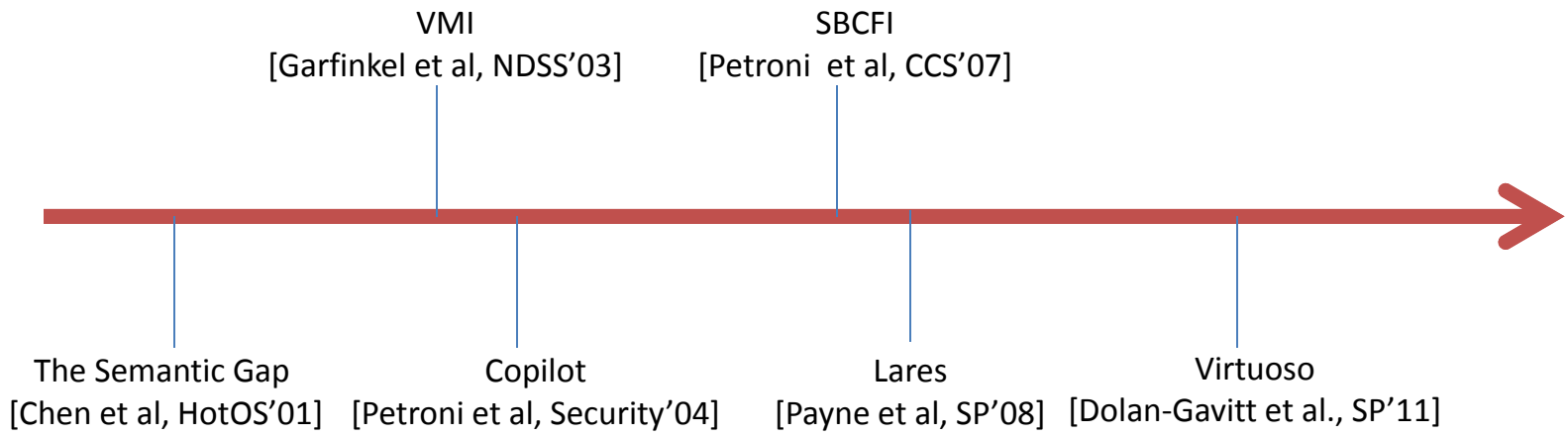

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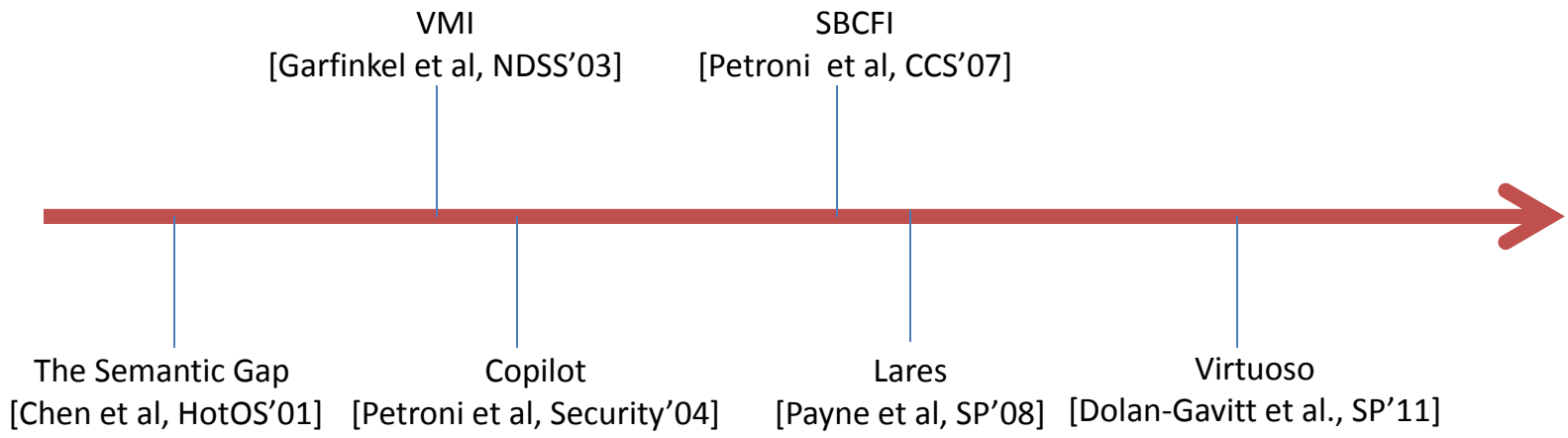

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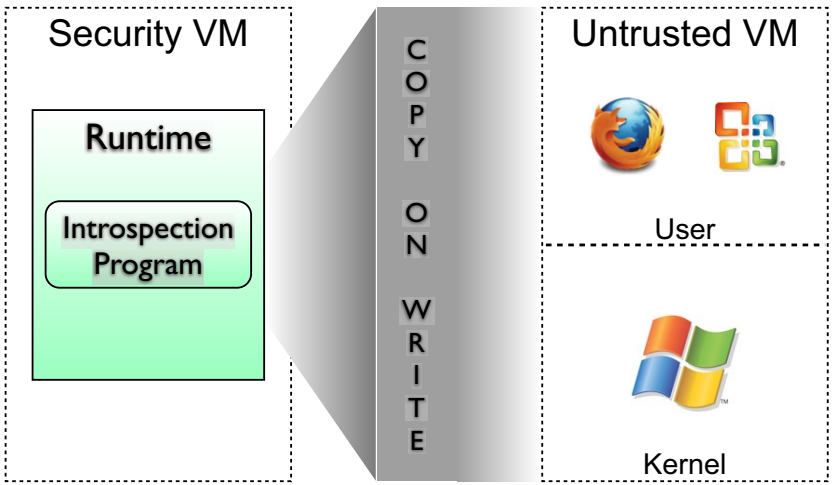

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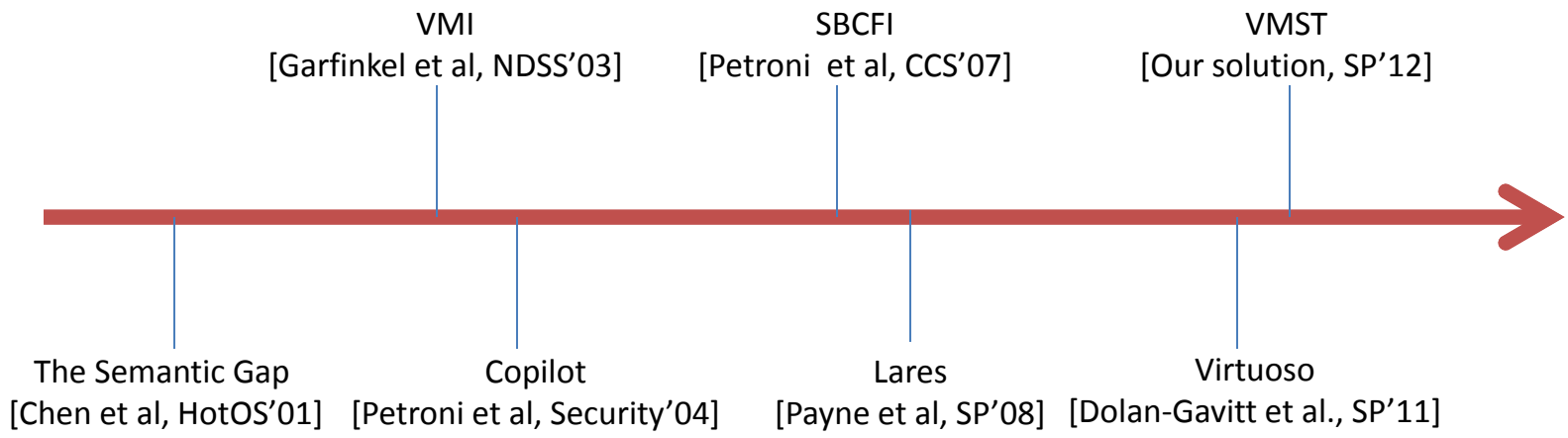

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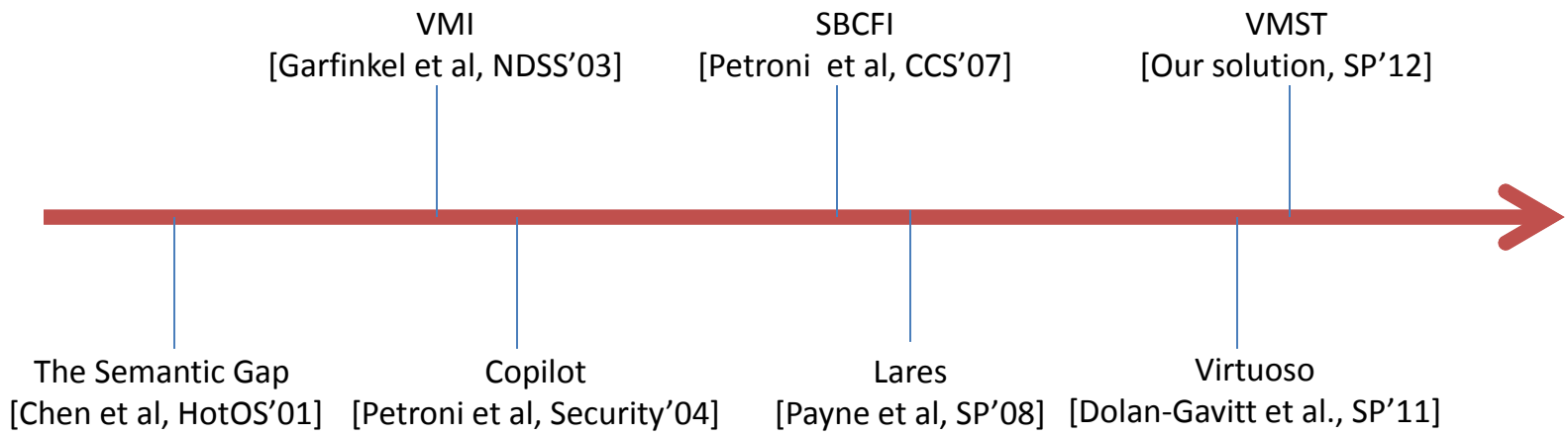

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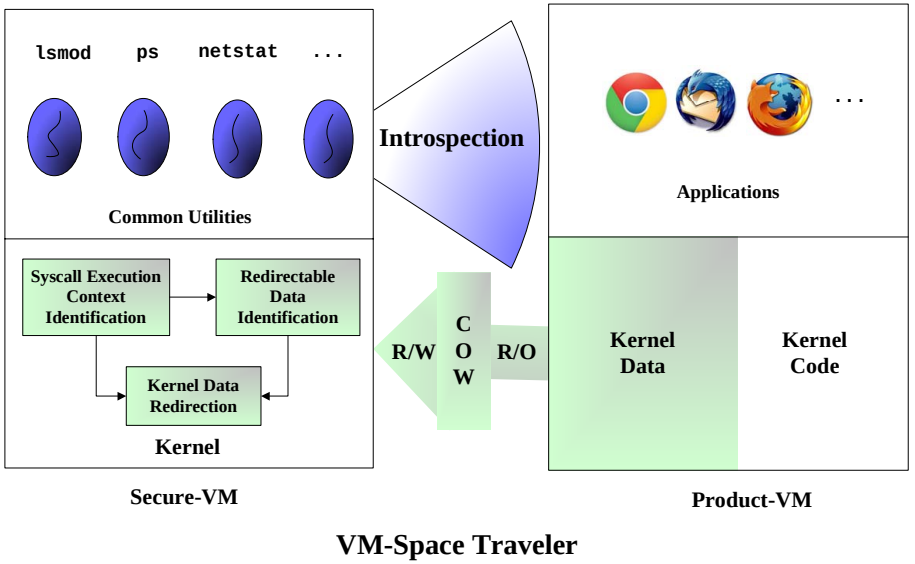
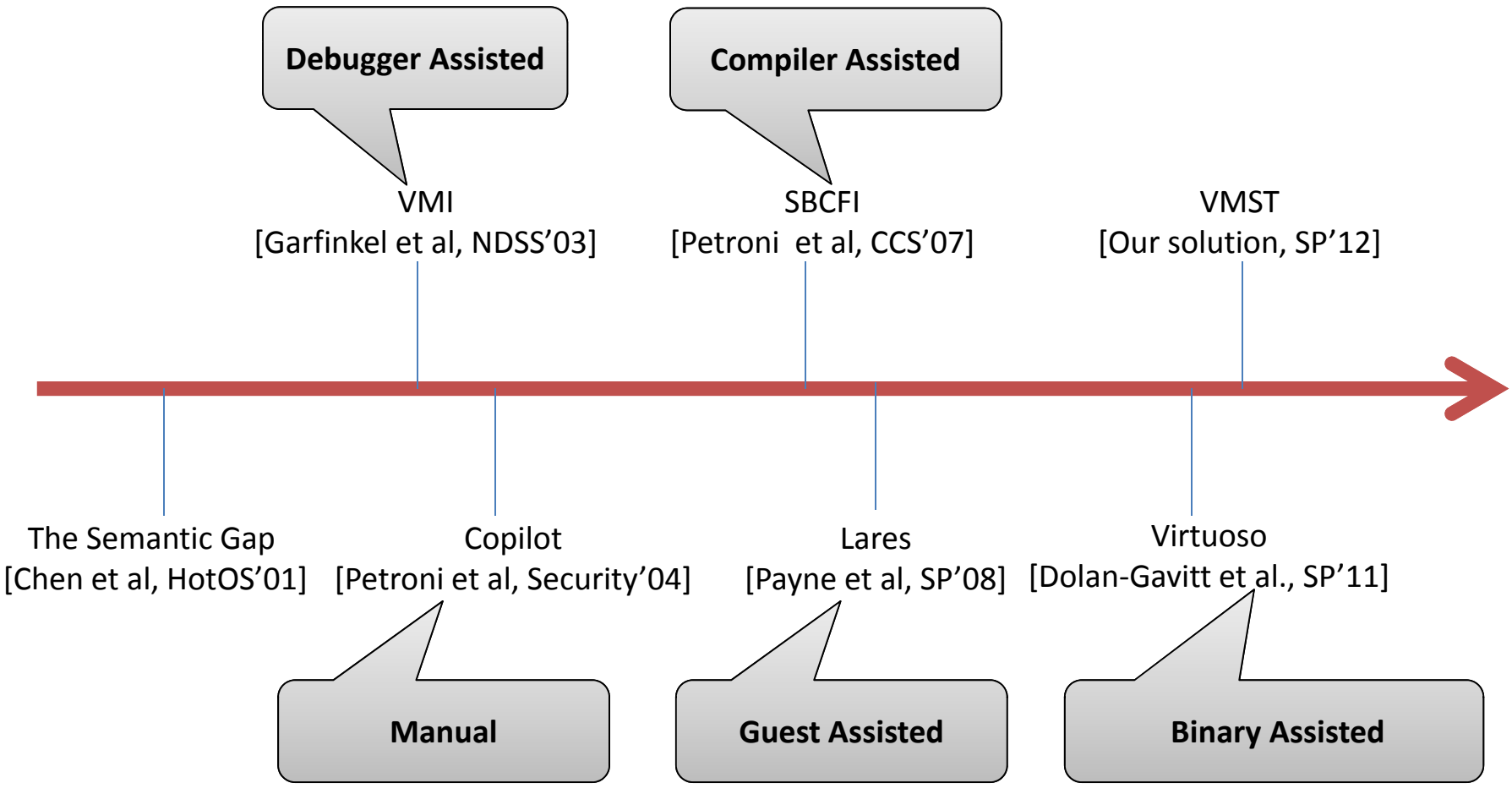


VM-Space Traveler

Approach Evolution



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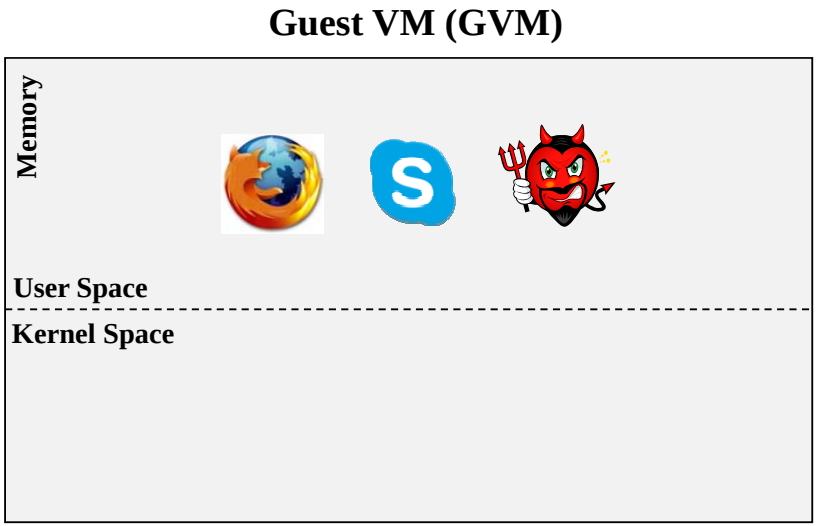

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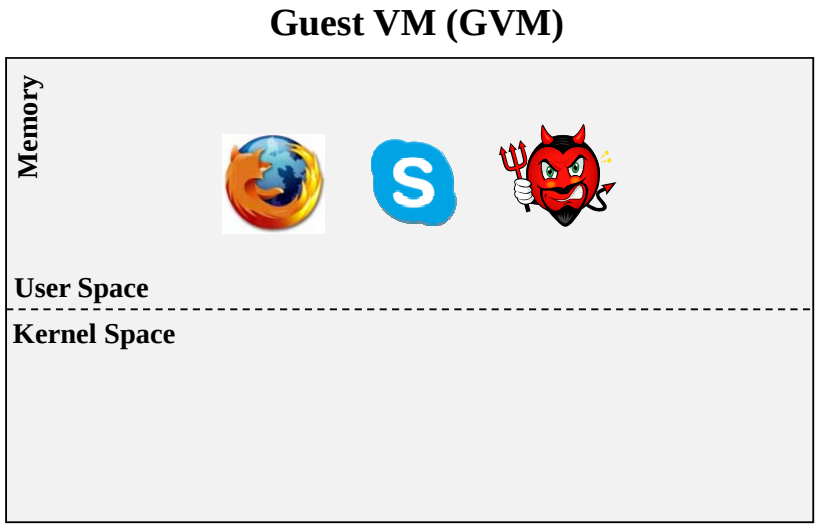

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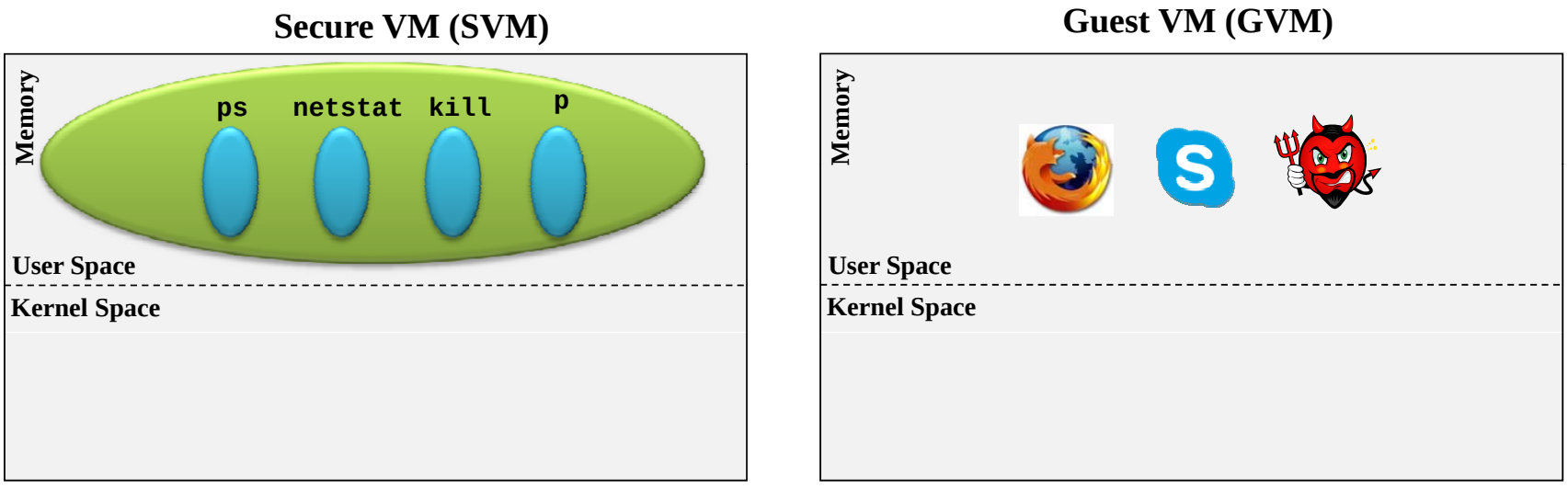

Using a trusted sibling VM to intropsect the running guest VM.

1. Redirect kernel data [SP'12, VEE'13, NDSS'14]
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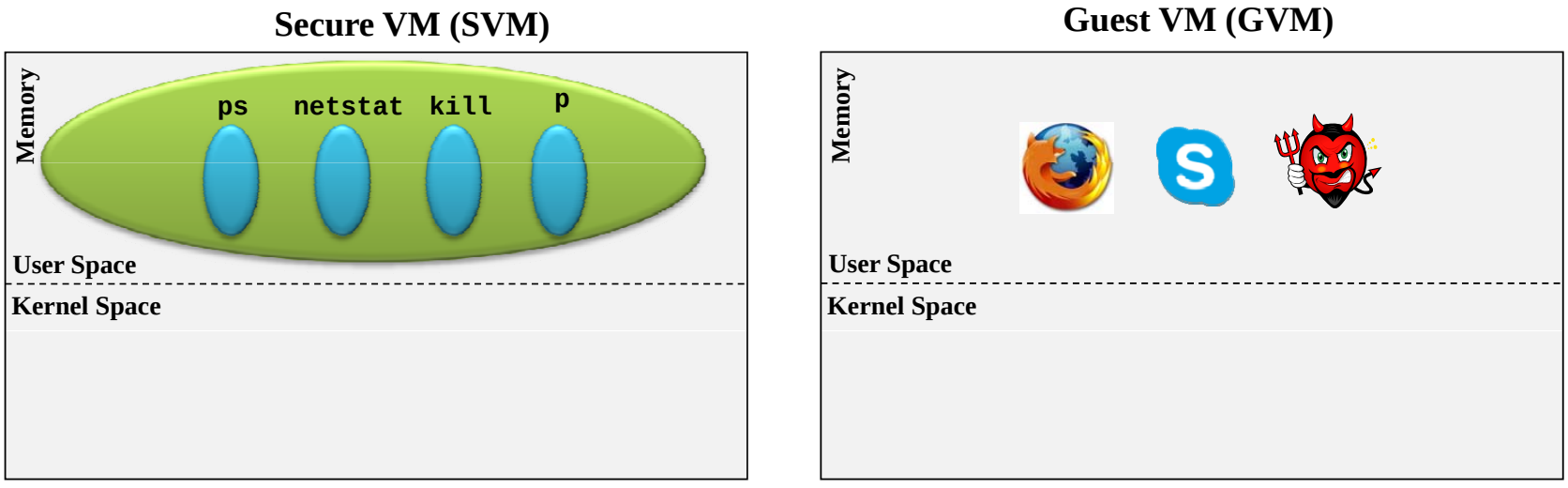

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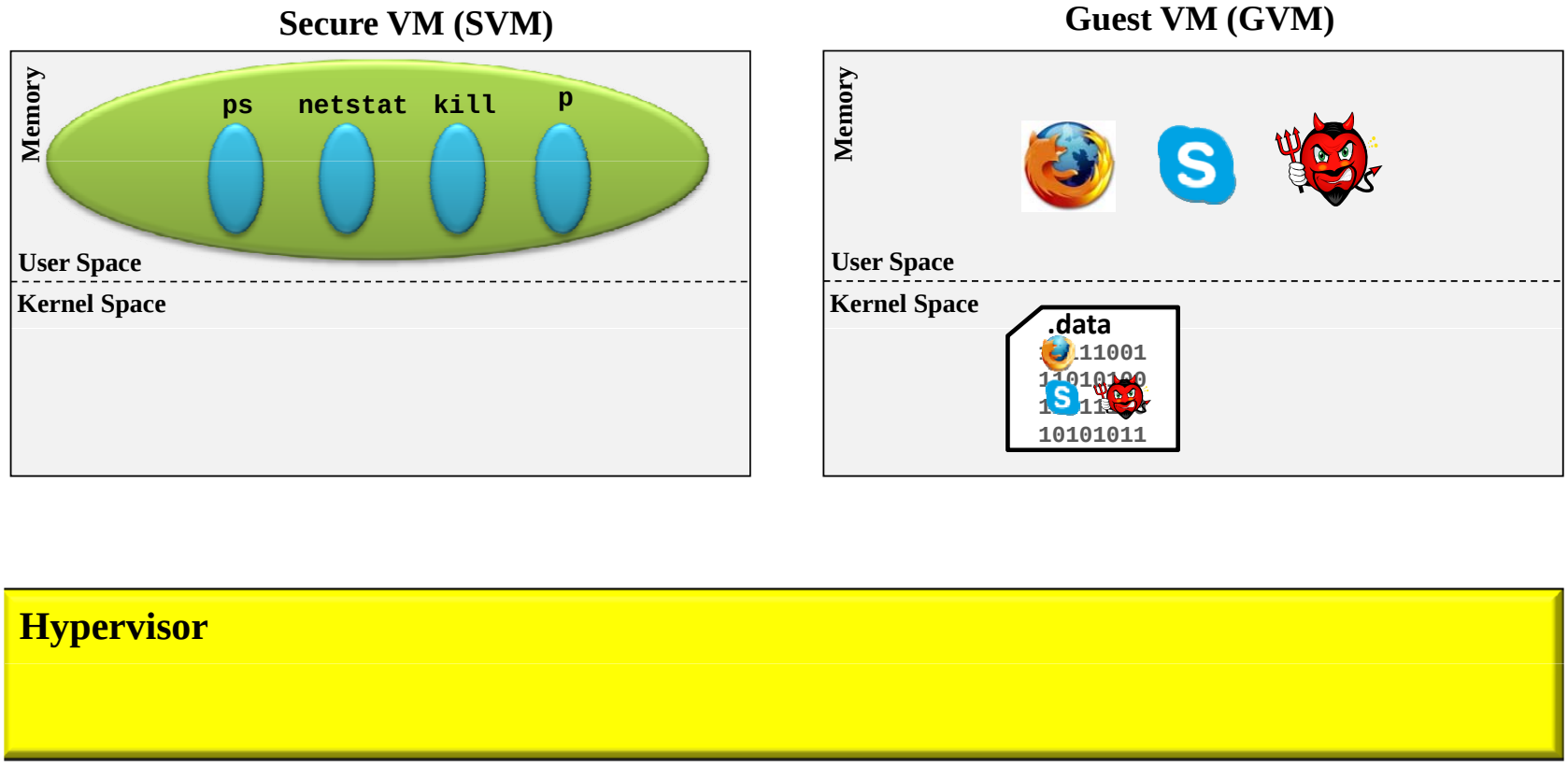

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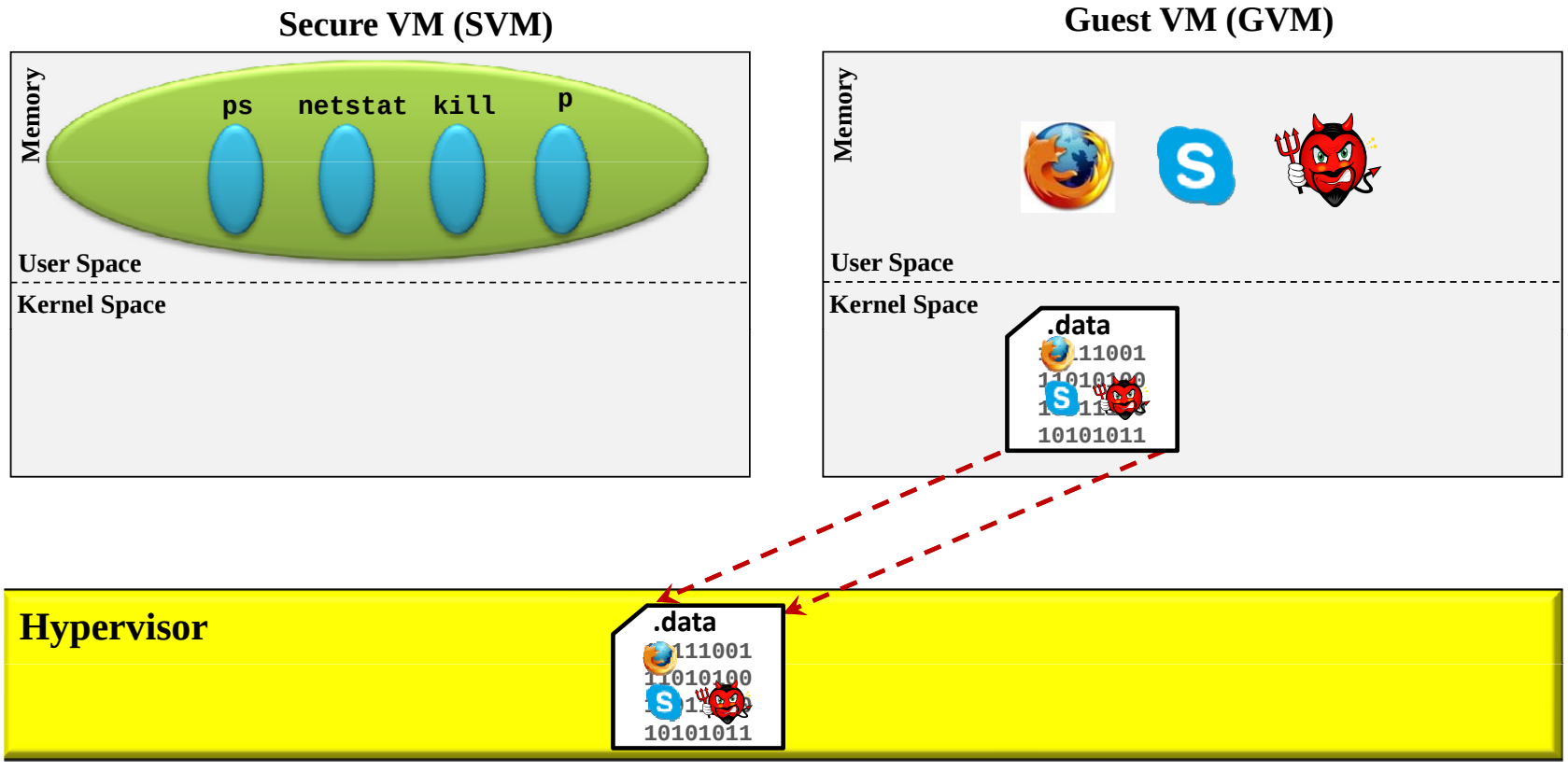

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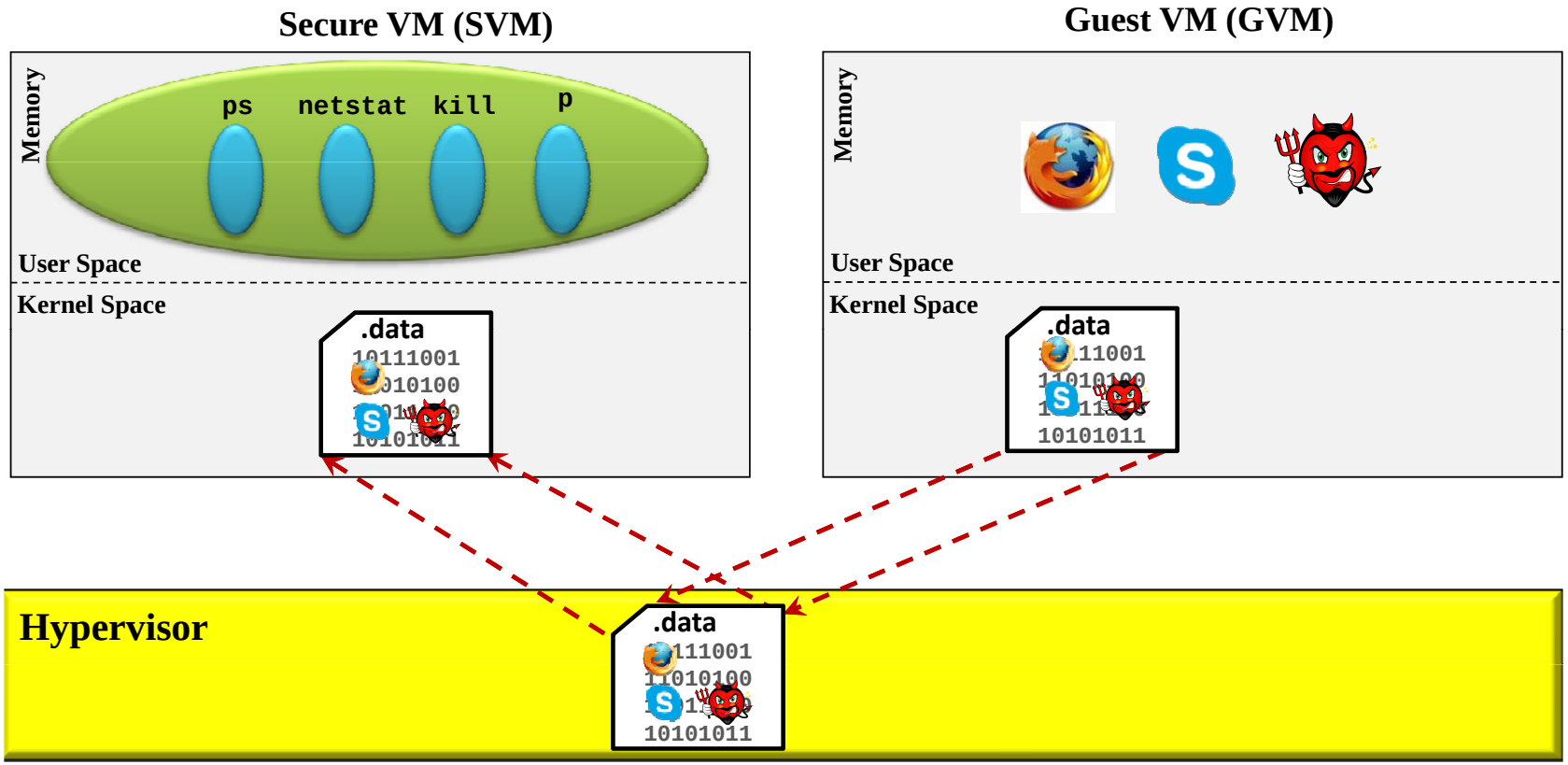

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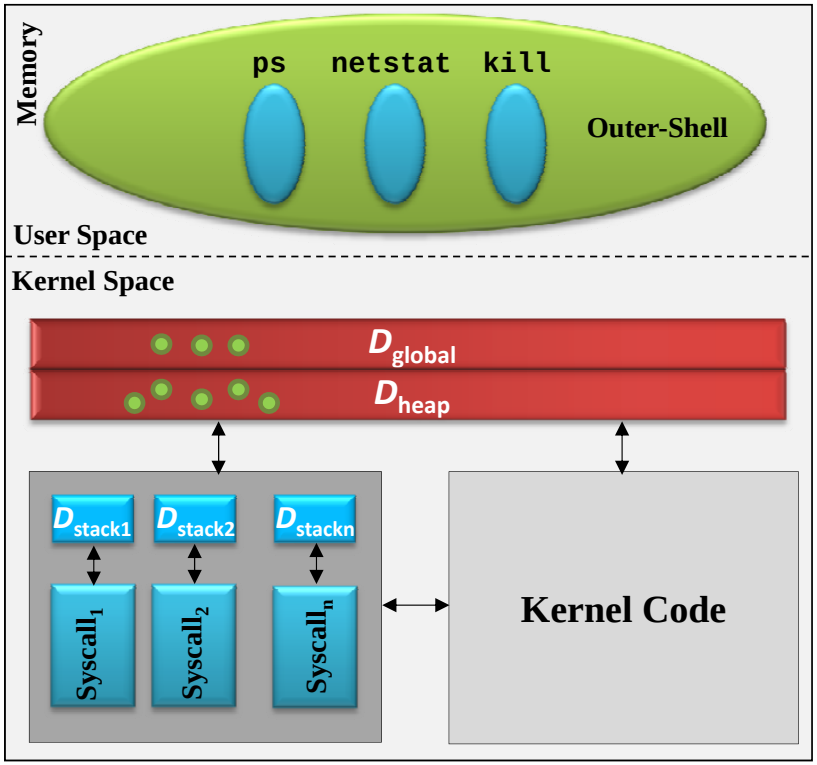

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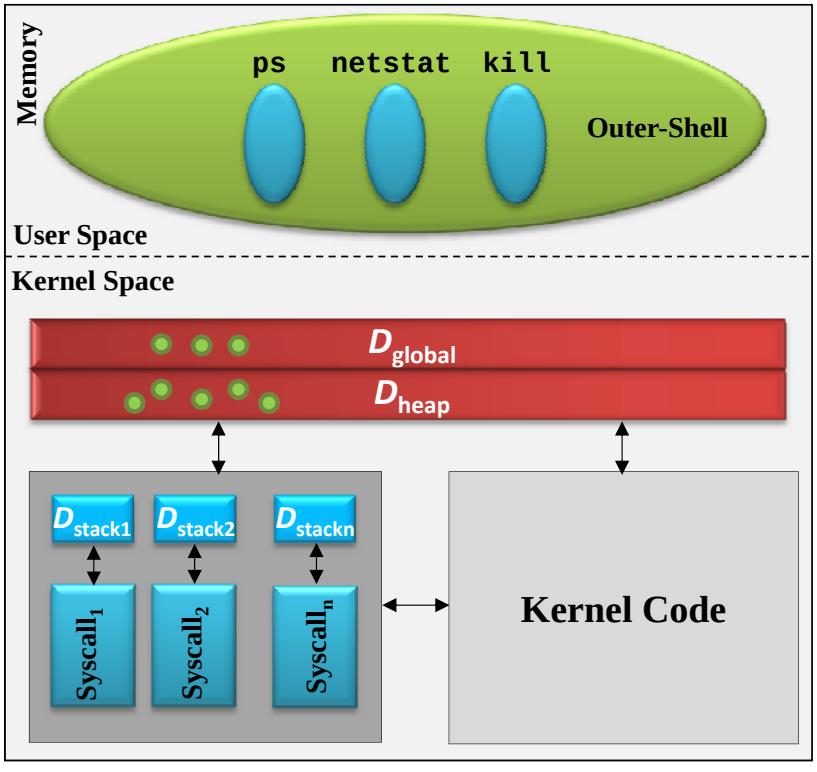

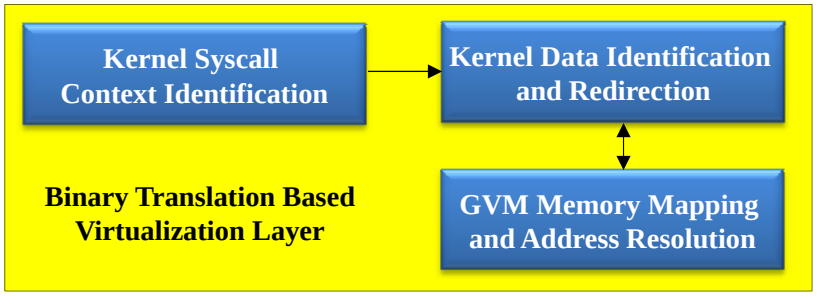

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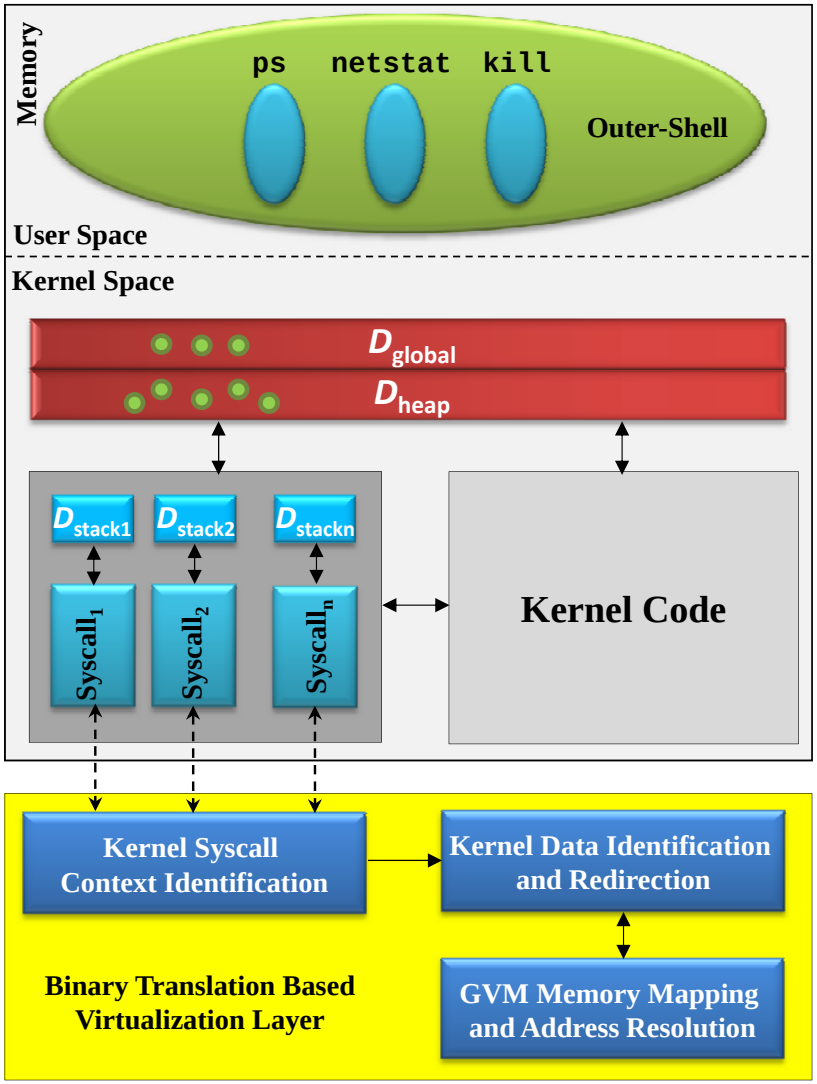

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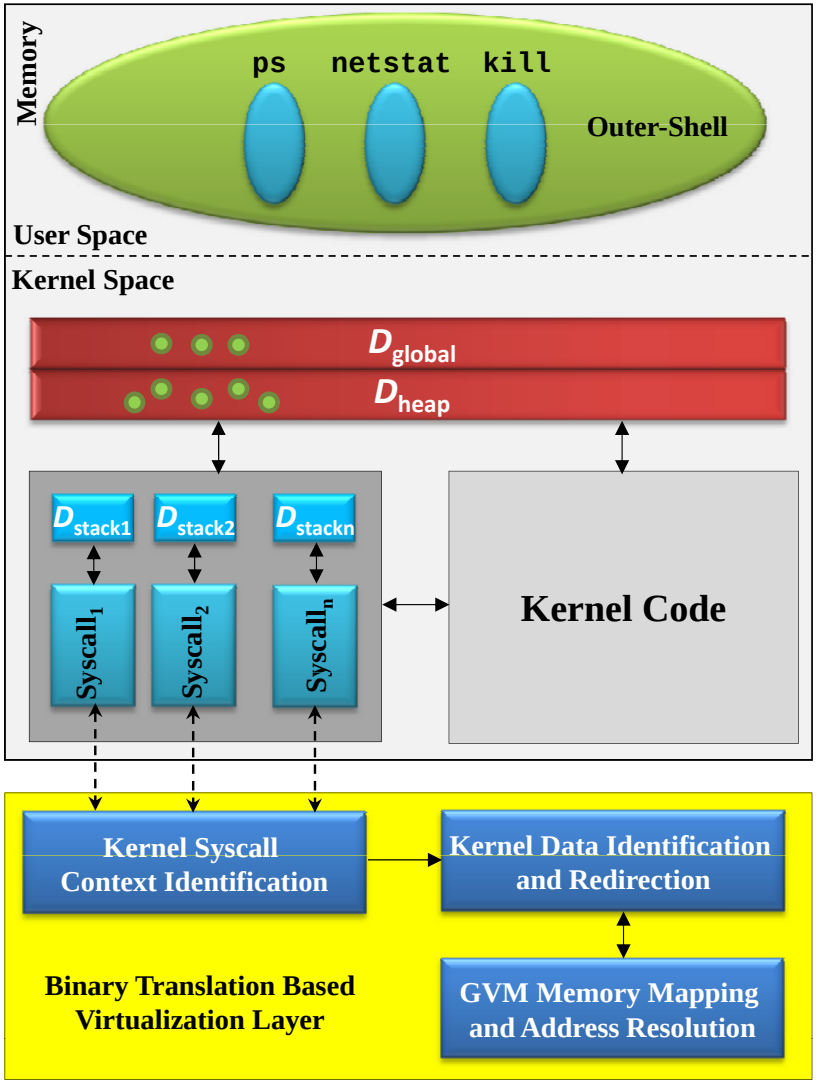

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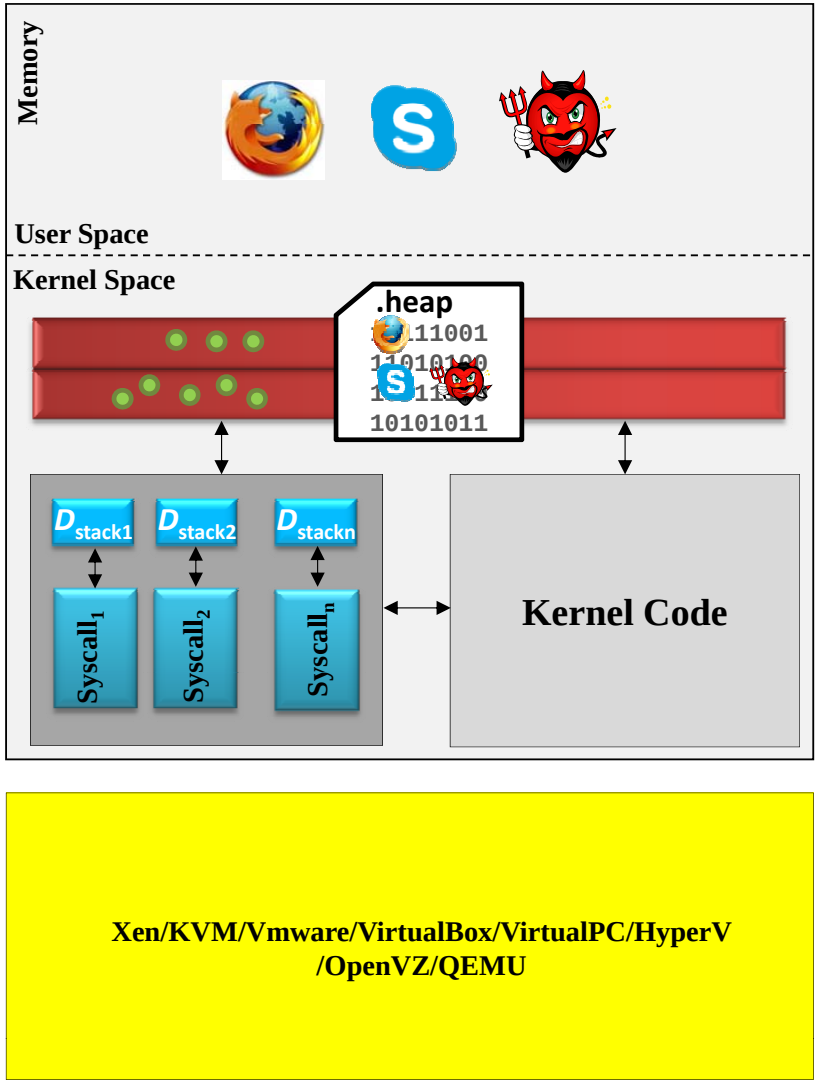

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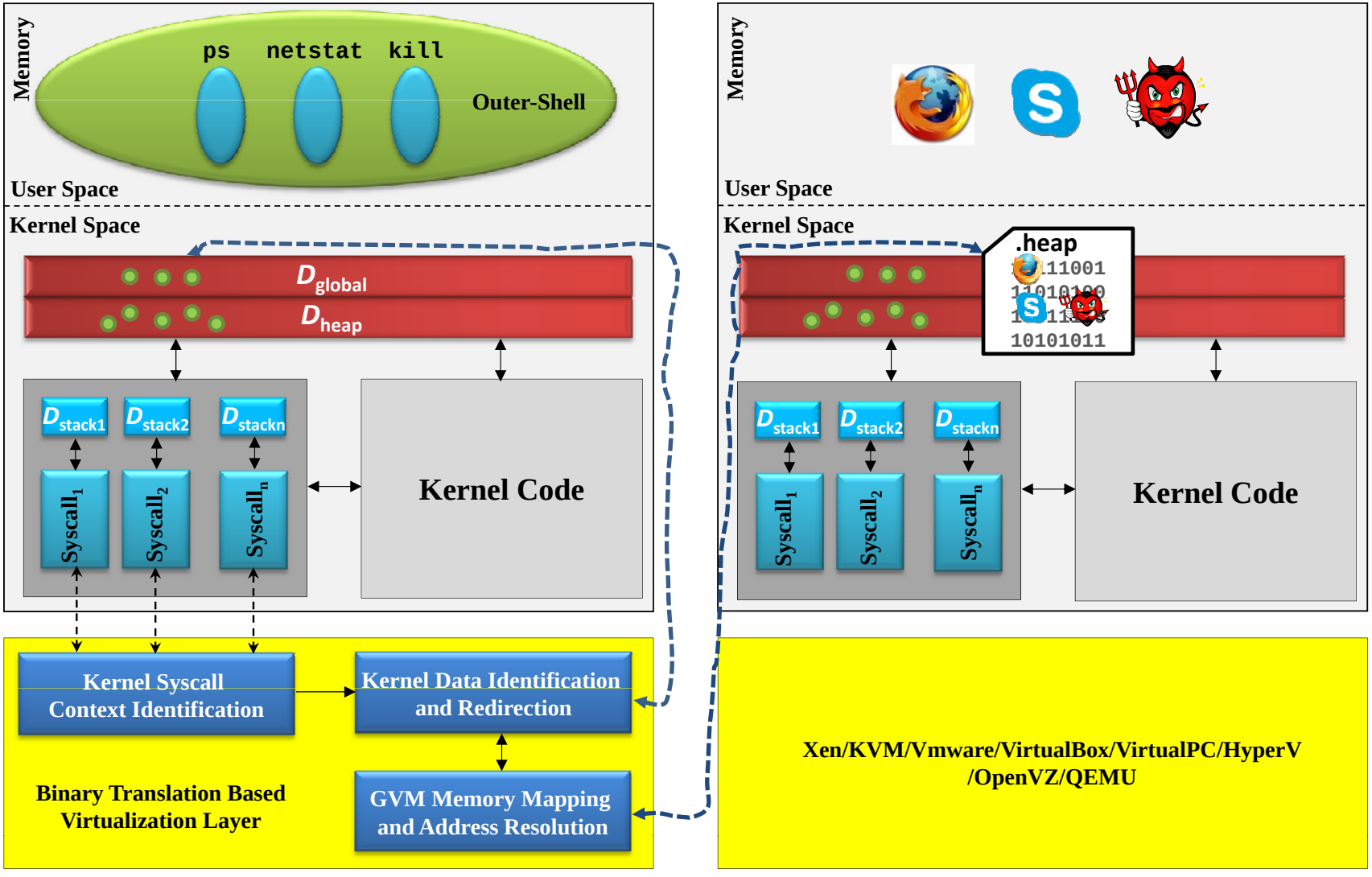

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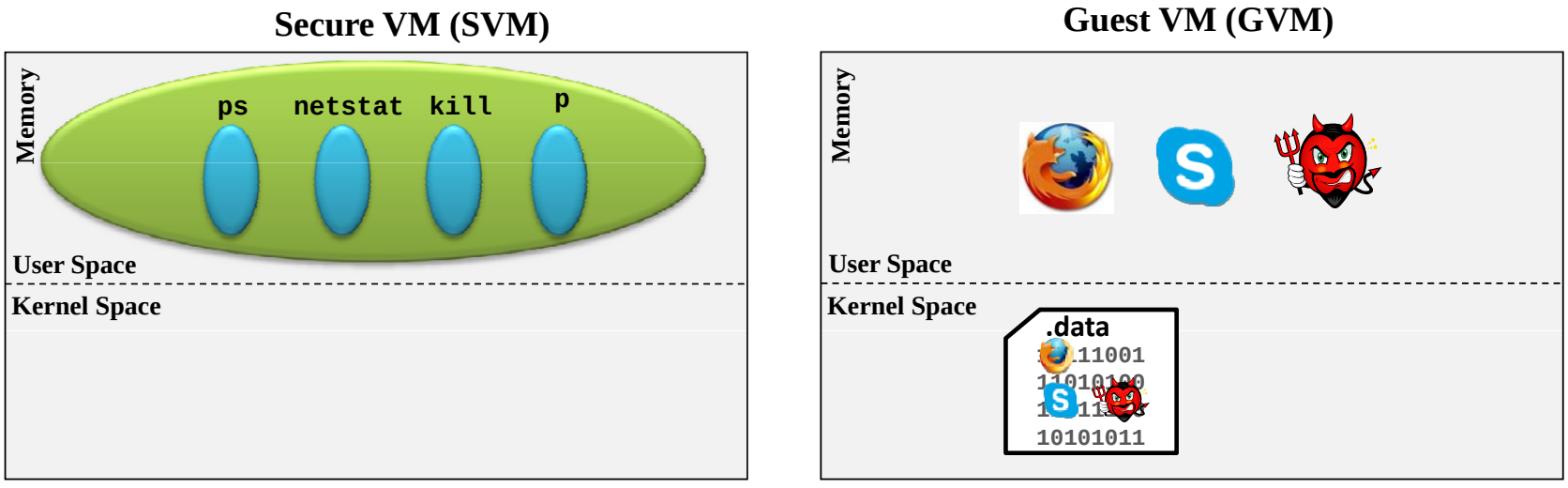

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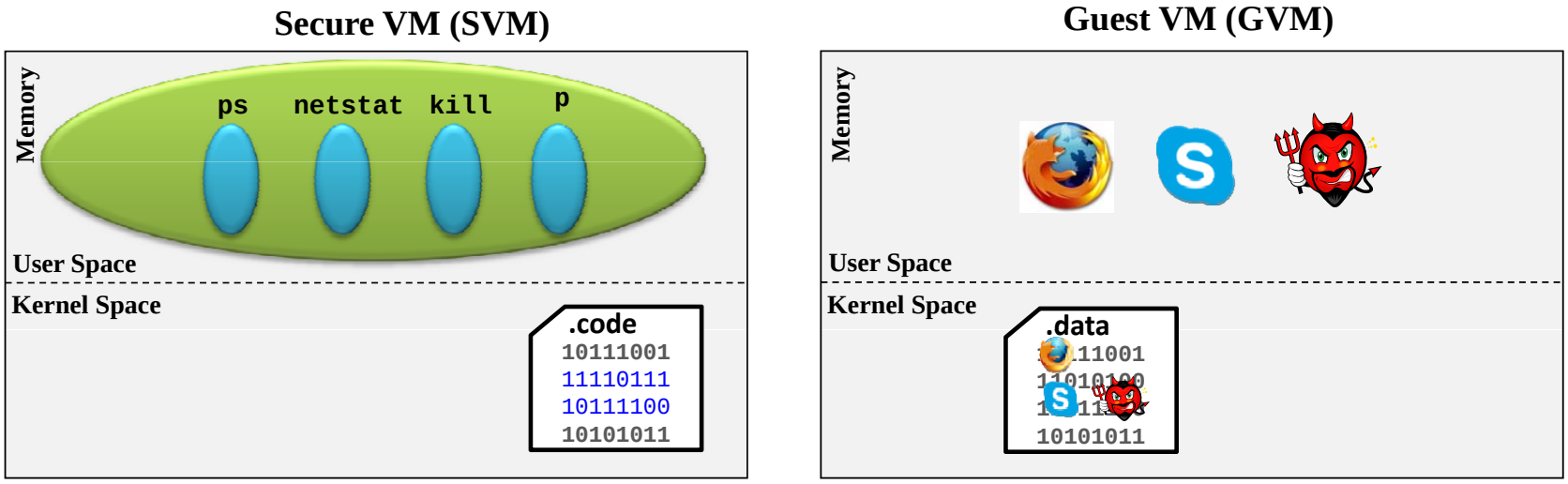

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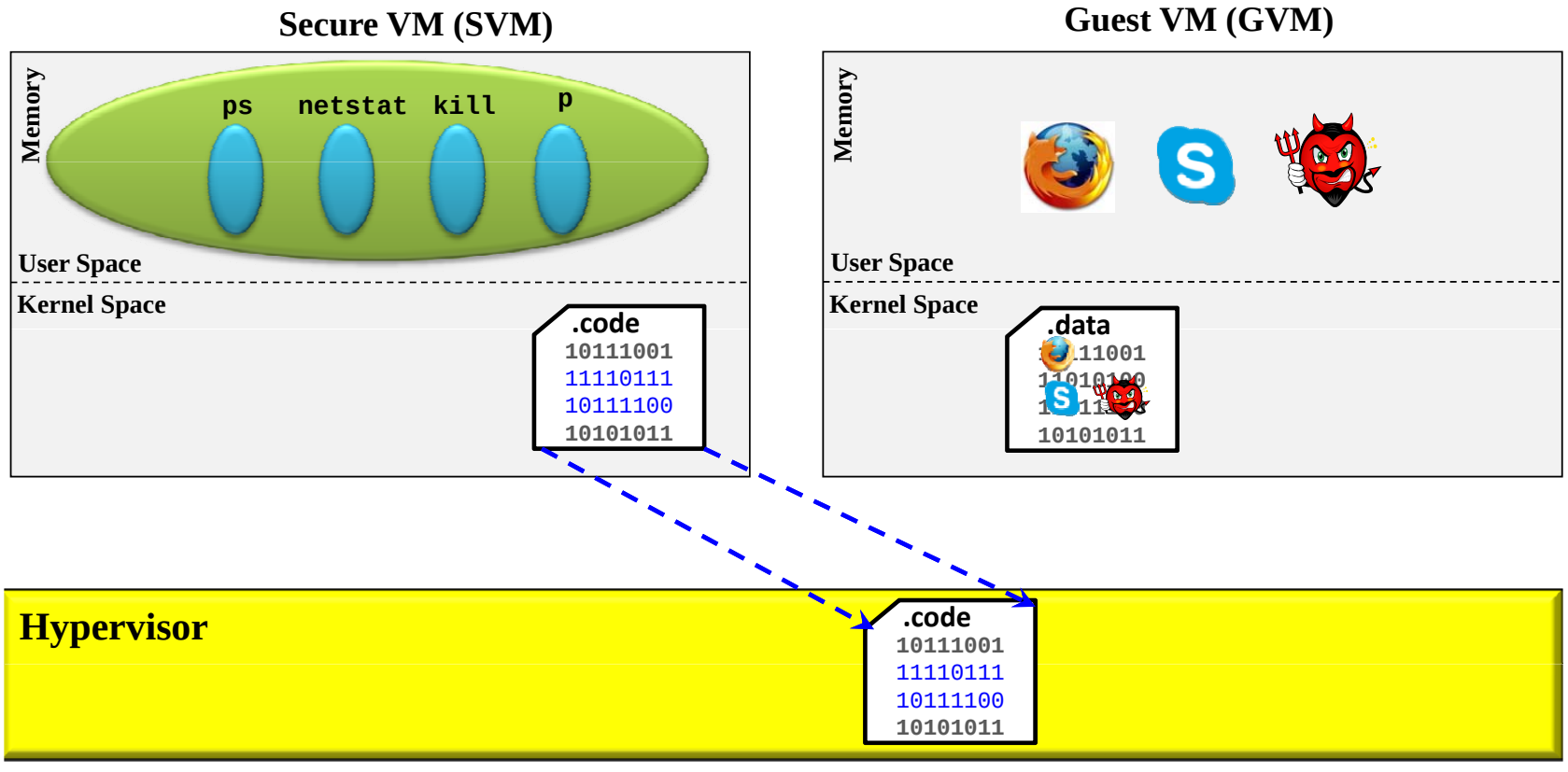

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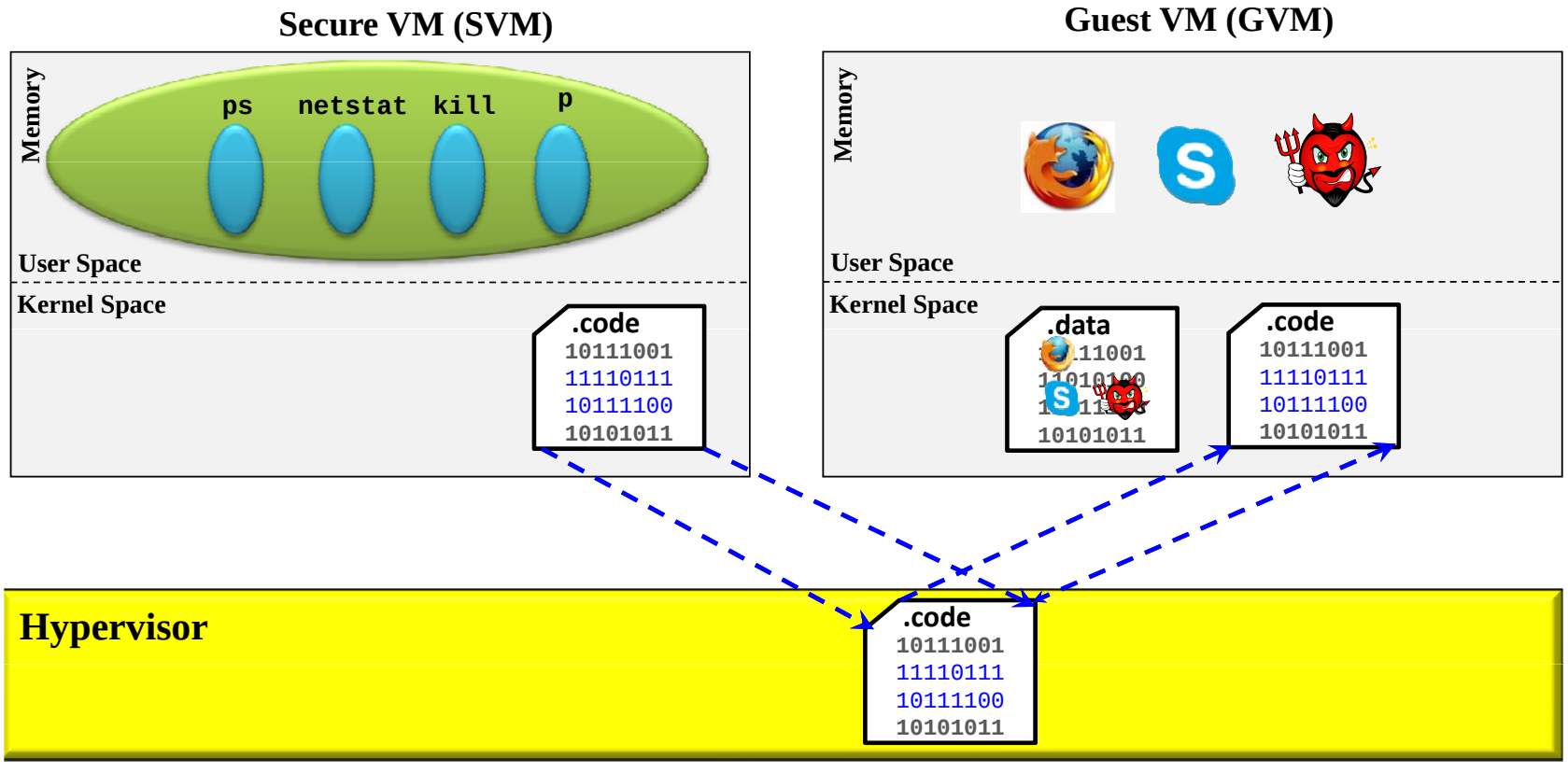

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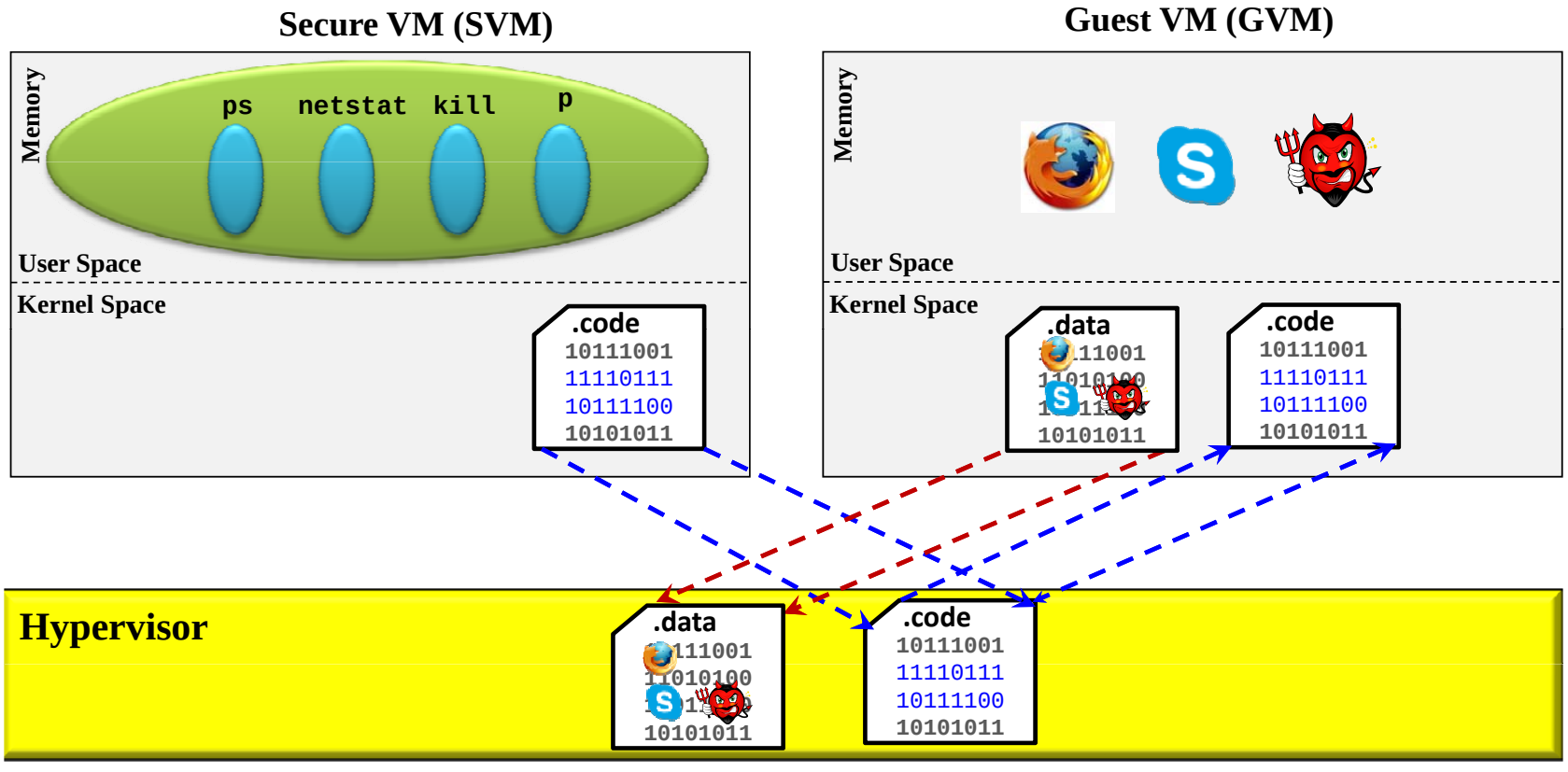

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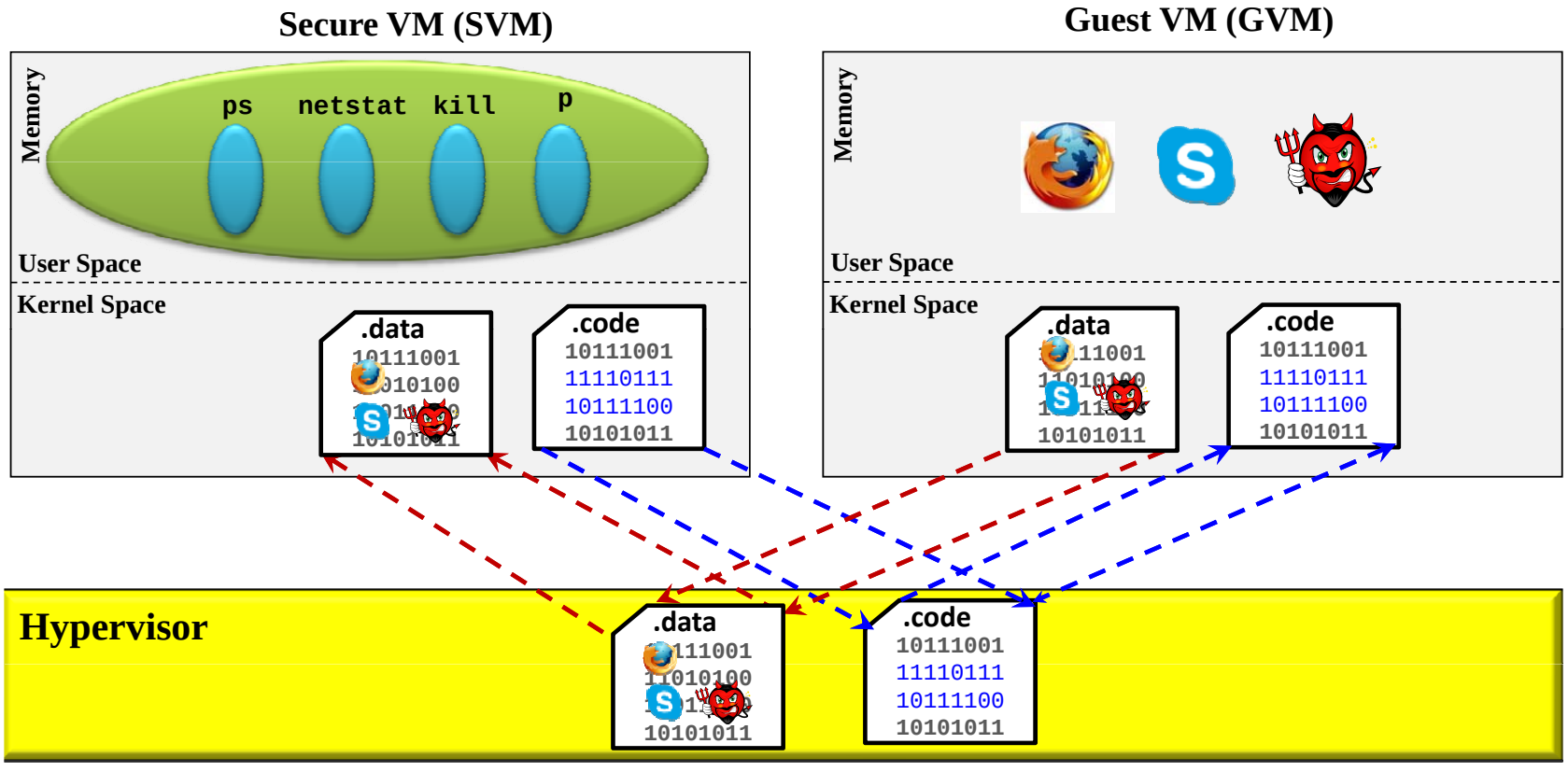

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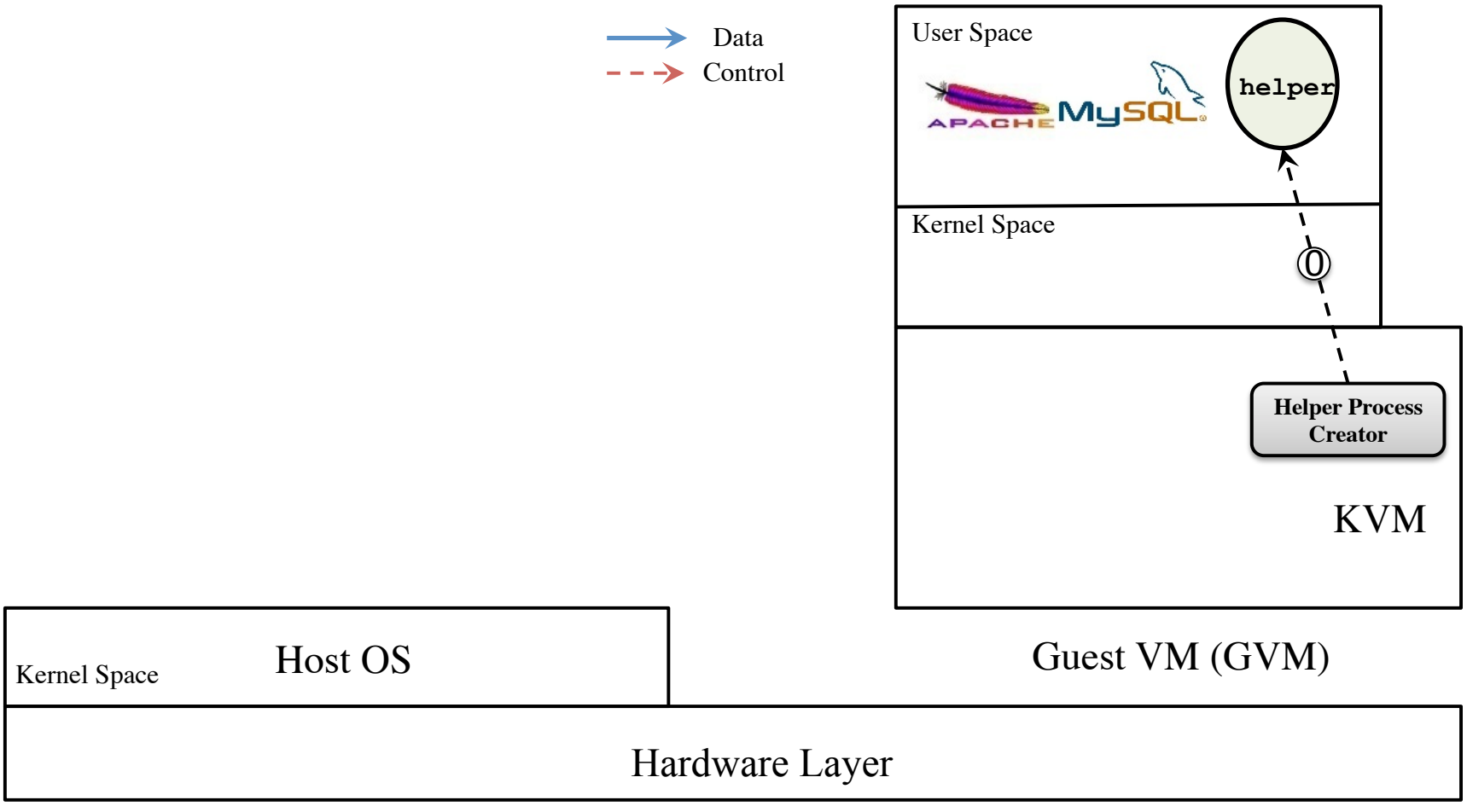

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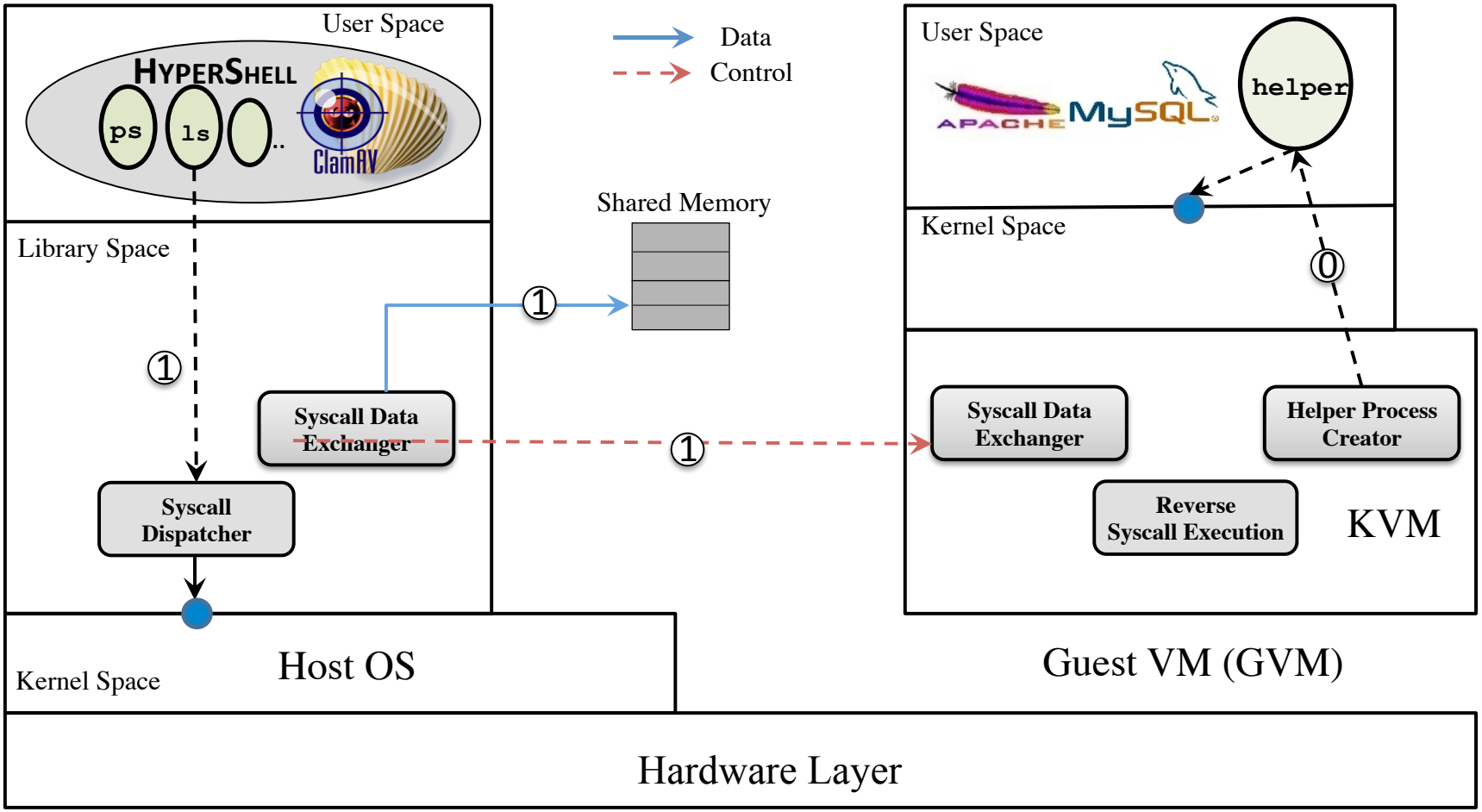

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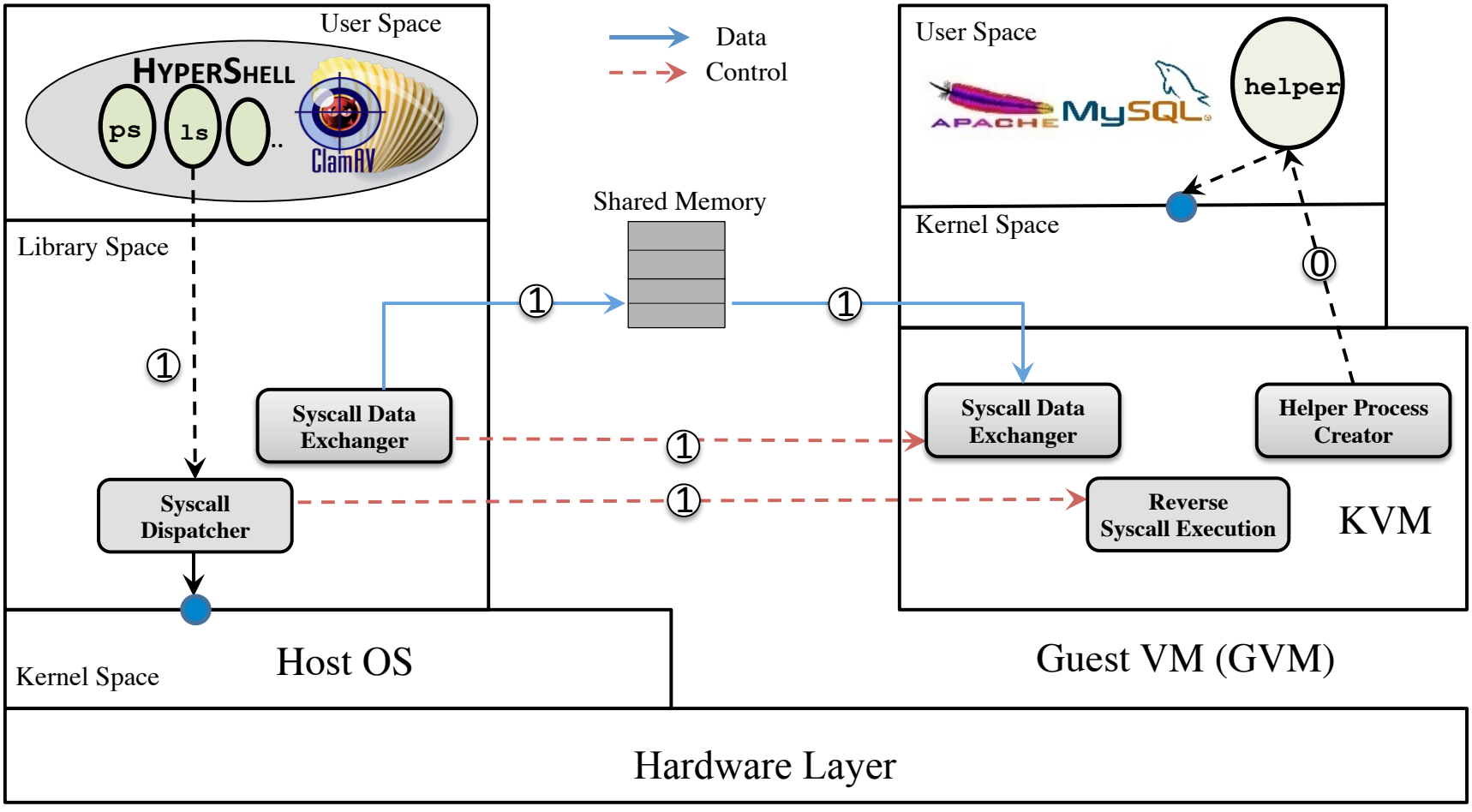

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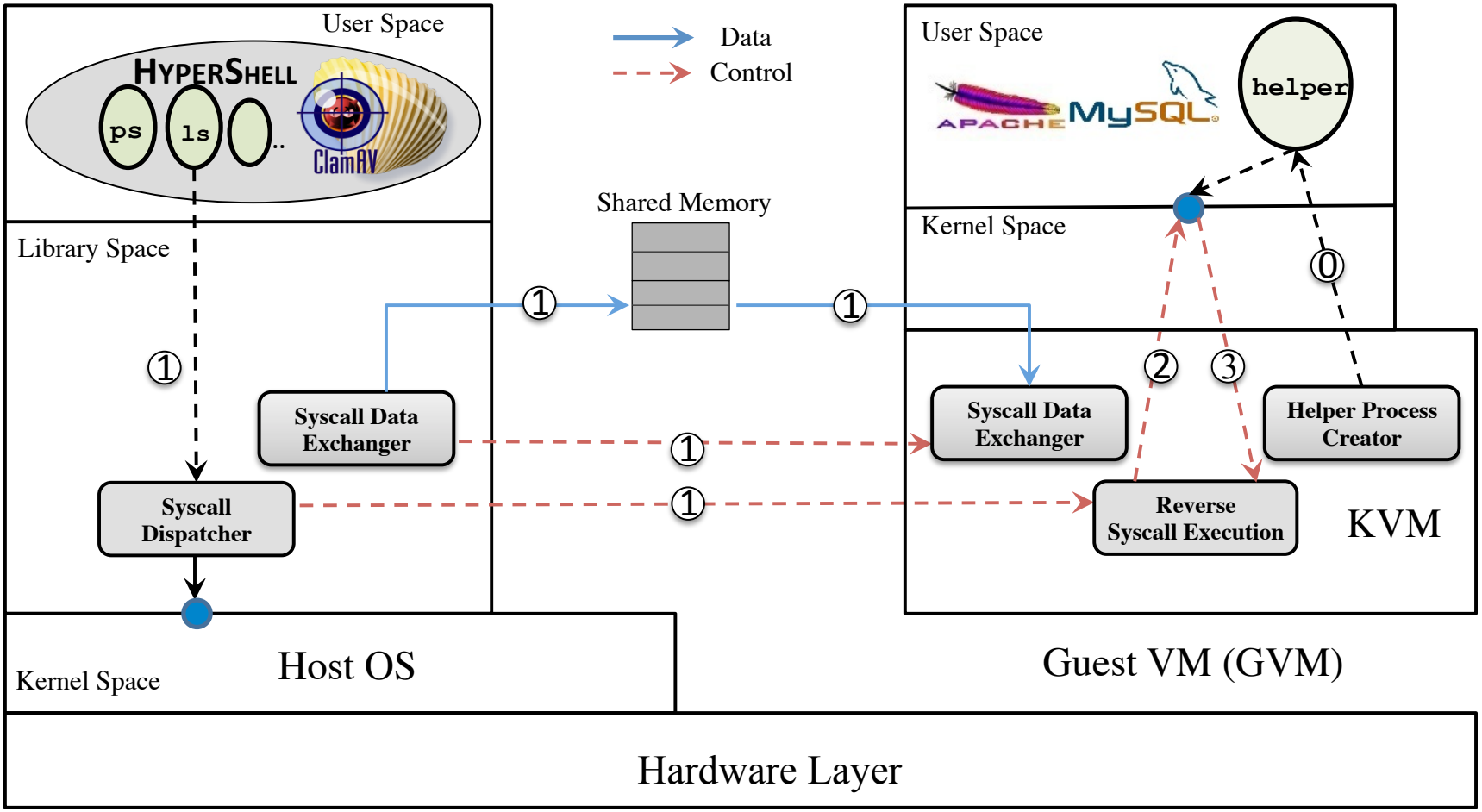

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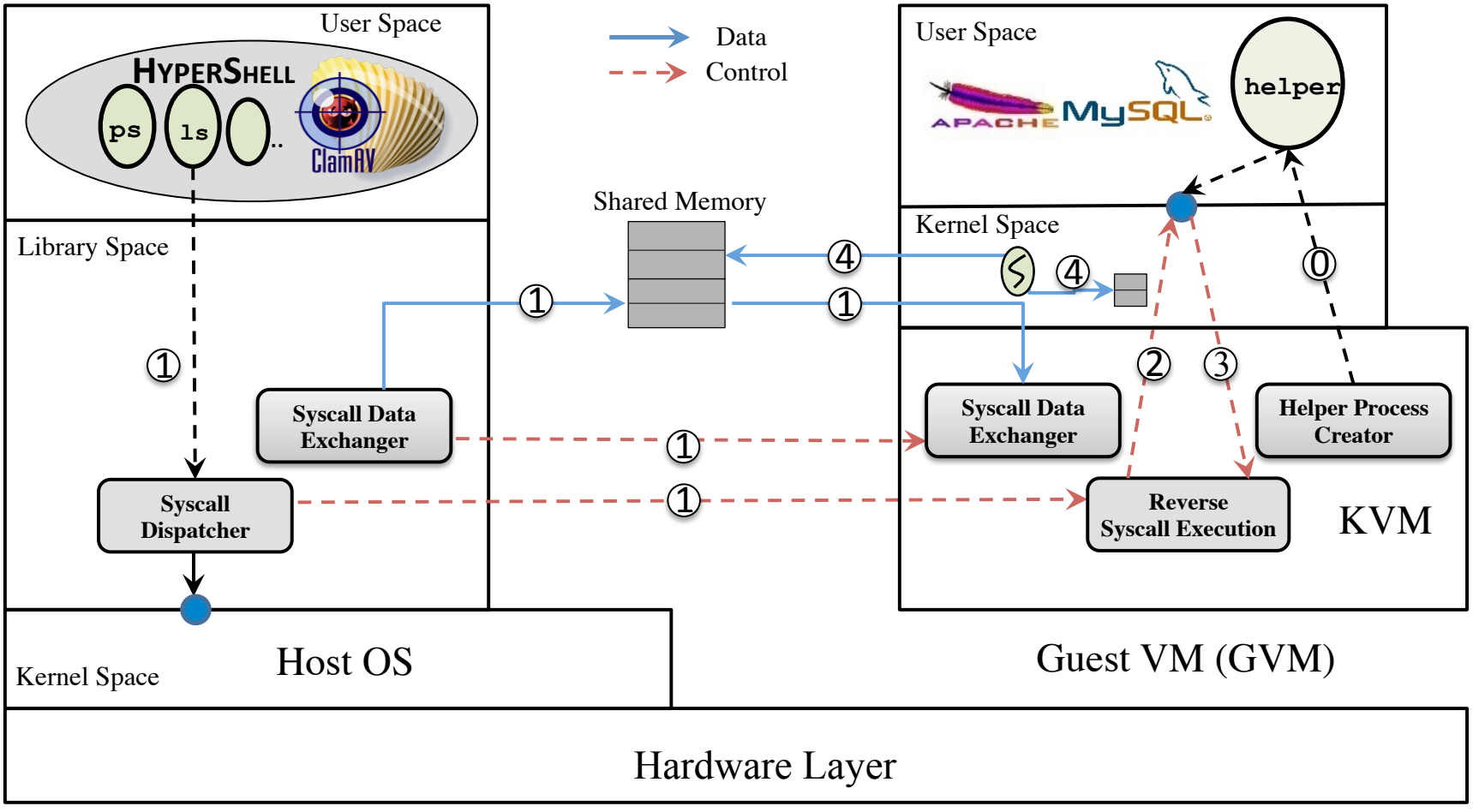

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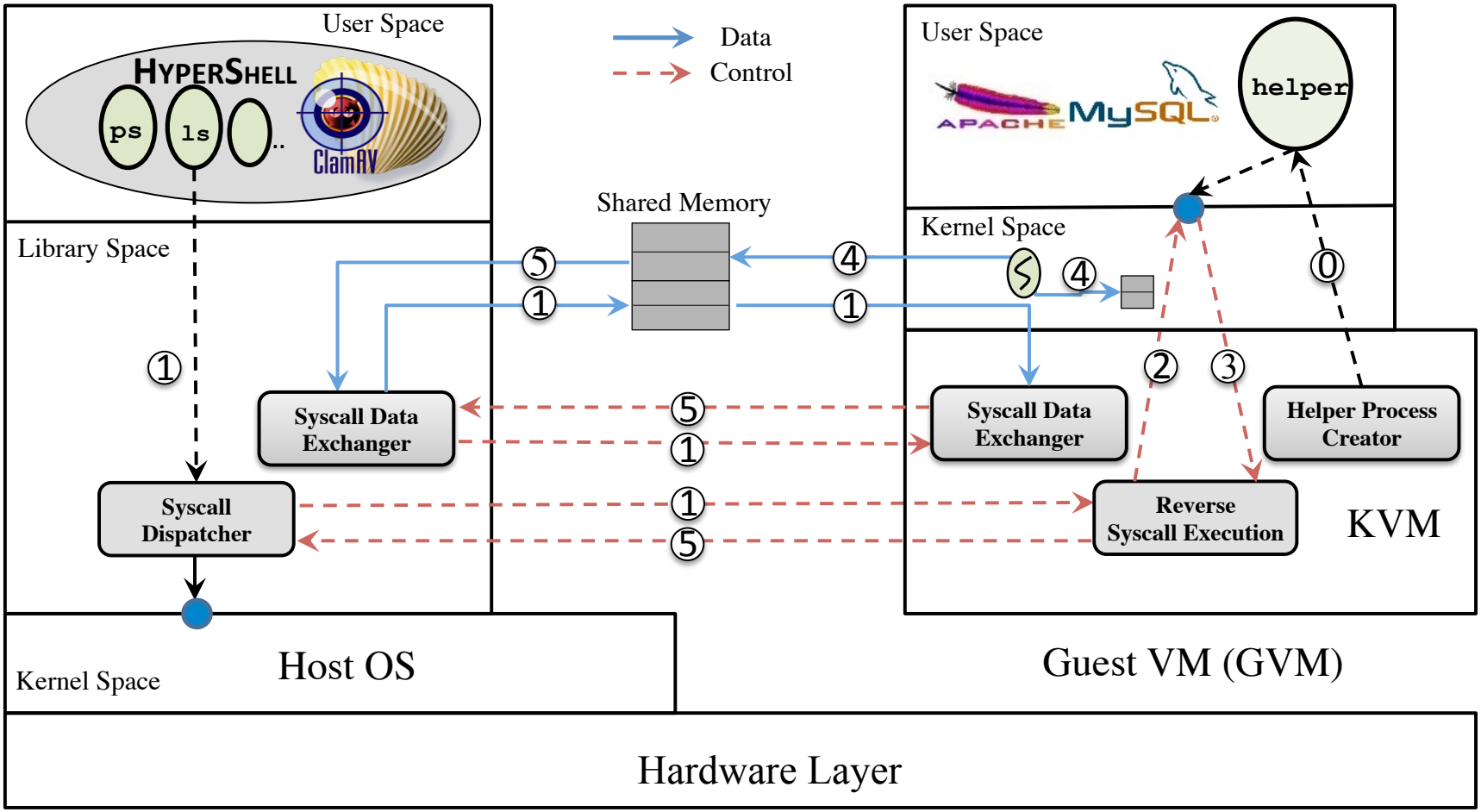

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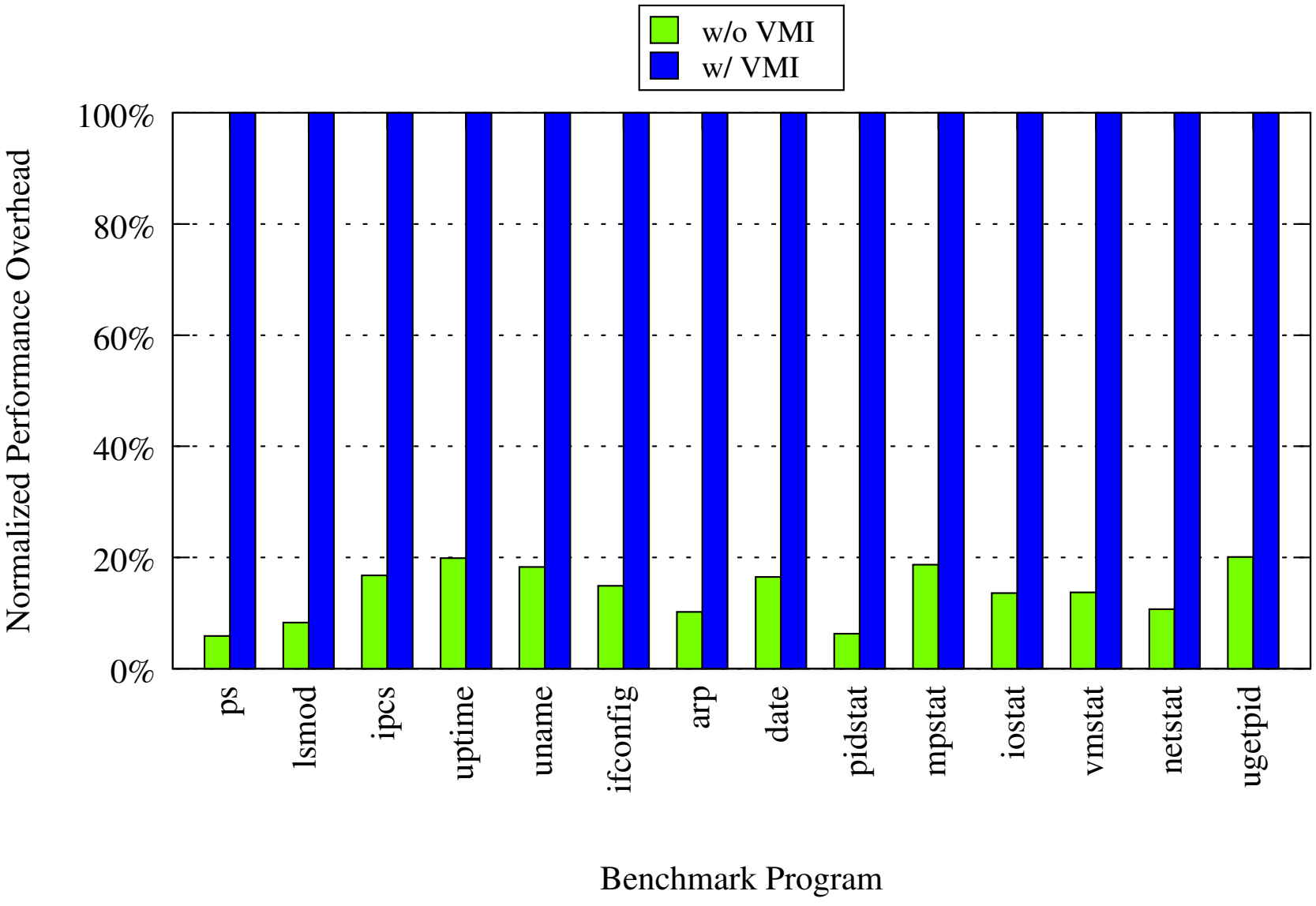
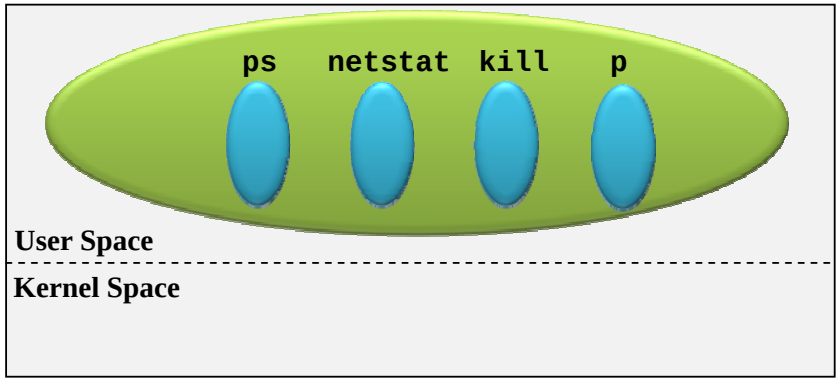


II. Out-of-Box Attack Recovery, Repair

Rootkit	Targeted Function Pointer	Repaired?
adore-2.6	kernel global, heap object	✗
hookswrite	IDT table	✓
int3backdoor	IDT table	✓
kbdv3	syscall table	✓
kbeast-v1	syscall table, tcp4_seq_show	✓
mood-nt-2.3	syscall table	✓
override	syscall table	✓
phalanx-b6	syscall table, tcp4_seq_show	✓
rkit-1.01	syscall table	✓
rial	syscall table	✓
suckit-2	IDT table	✓
synapsys-0.4	syscall table	✓

Table : Rootkit Repairing with An Exterior [VEE'13] Tool.

III. Developing Out-of-VM Programs Natively



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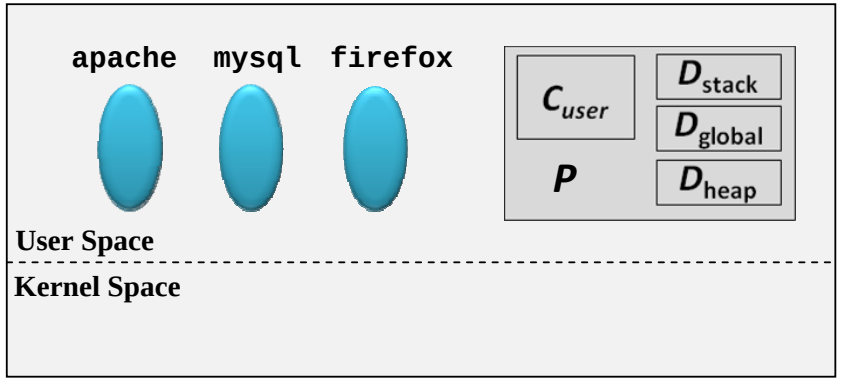

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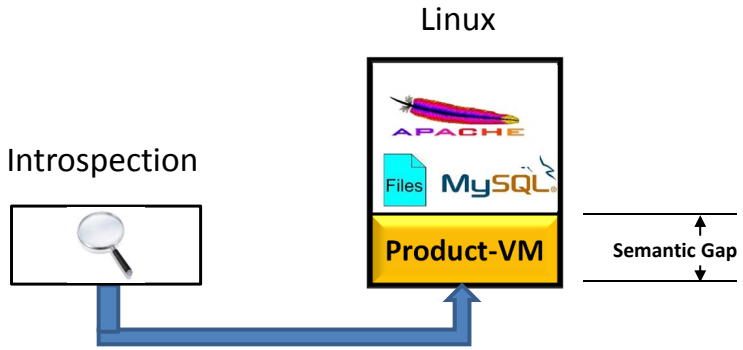

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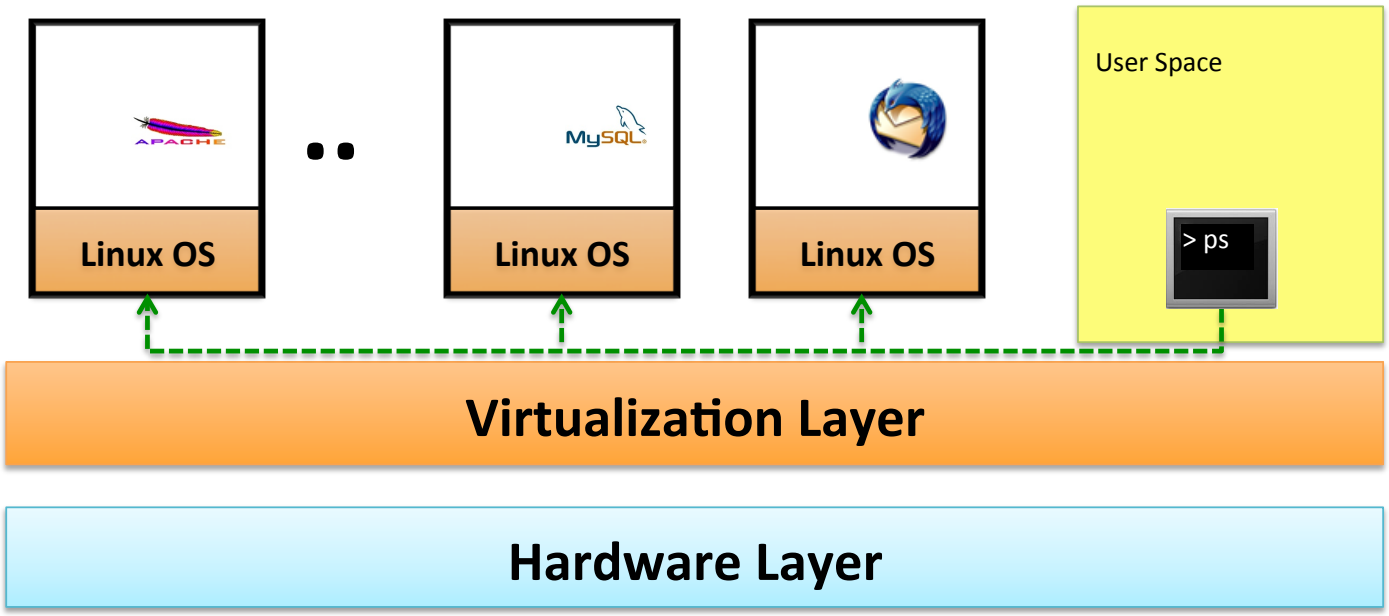

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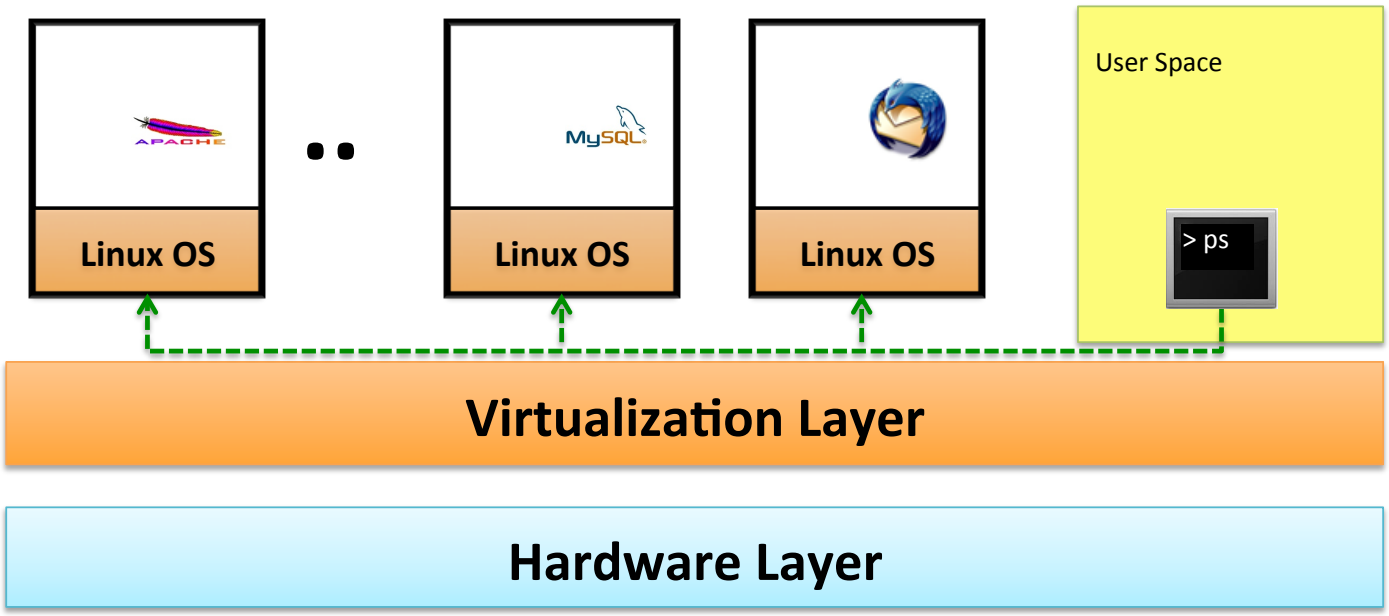

Advantages

- Only install the management utilities at hypervisor layer.
- Automated, uniformed, and centralized management.

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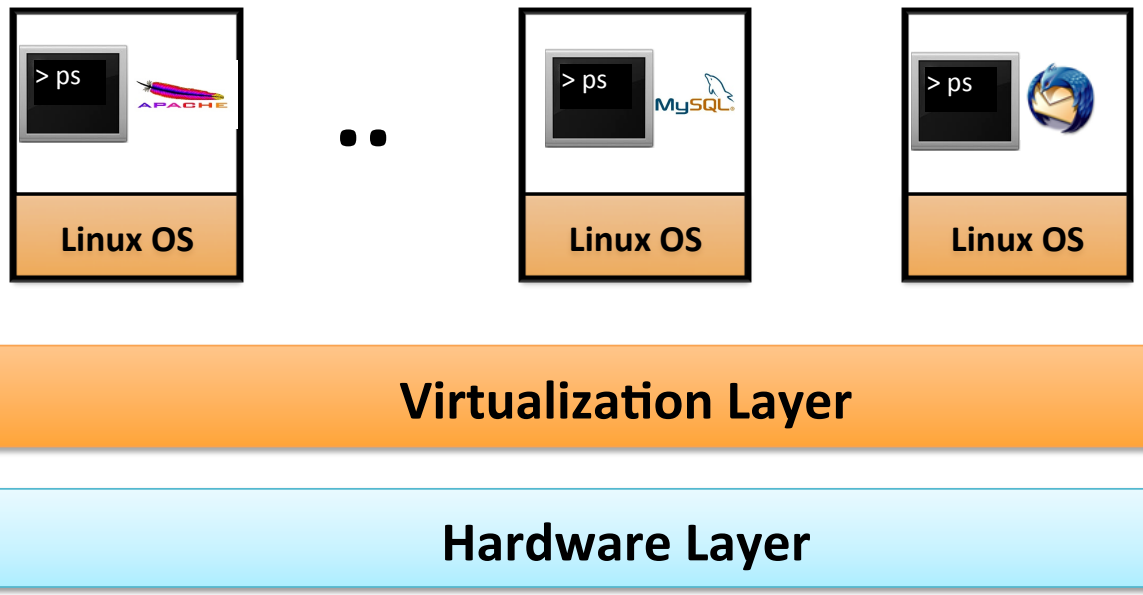

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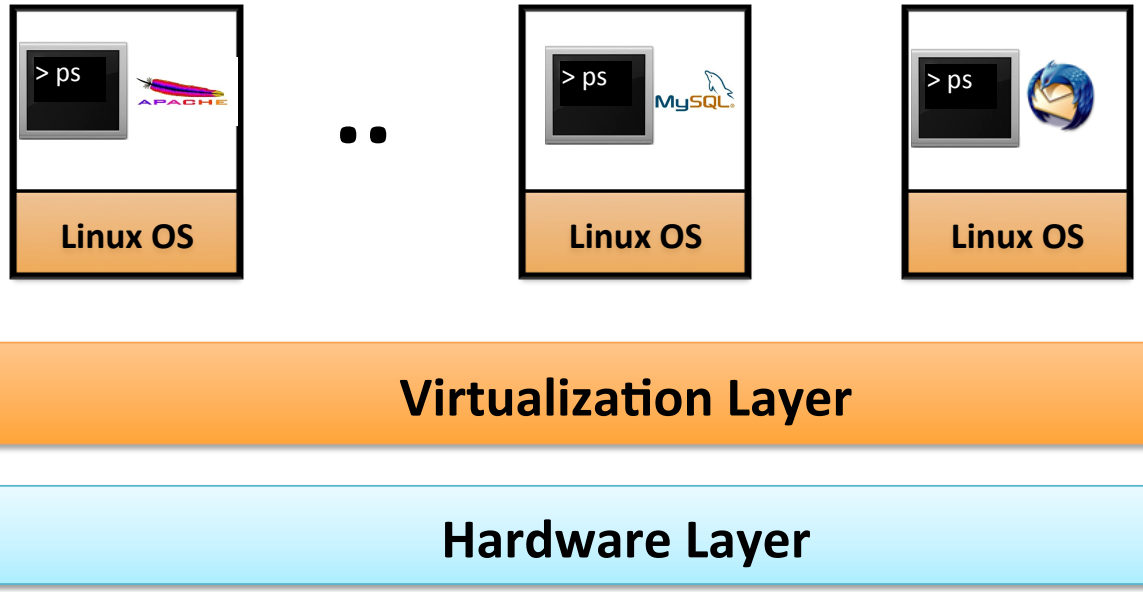

Disadvantages

- Scattered, distributed
- Install, update, and execute in each VM

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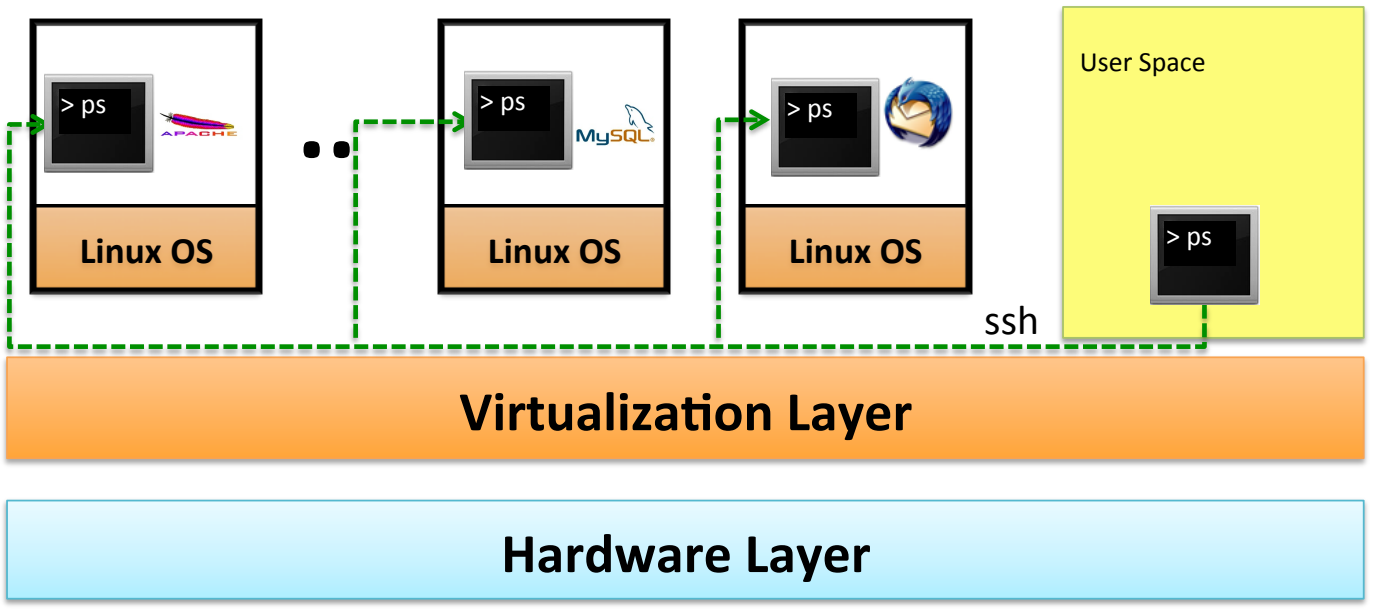

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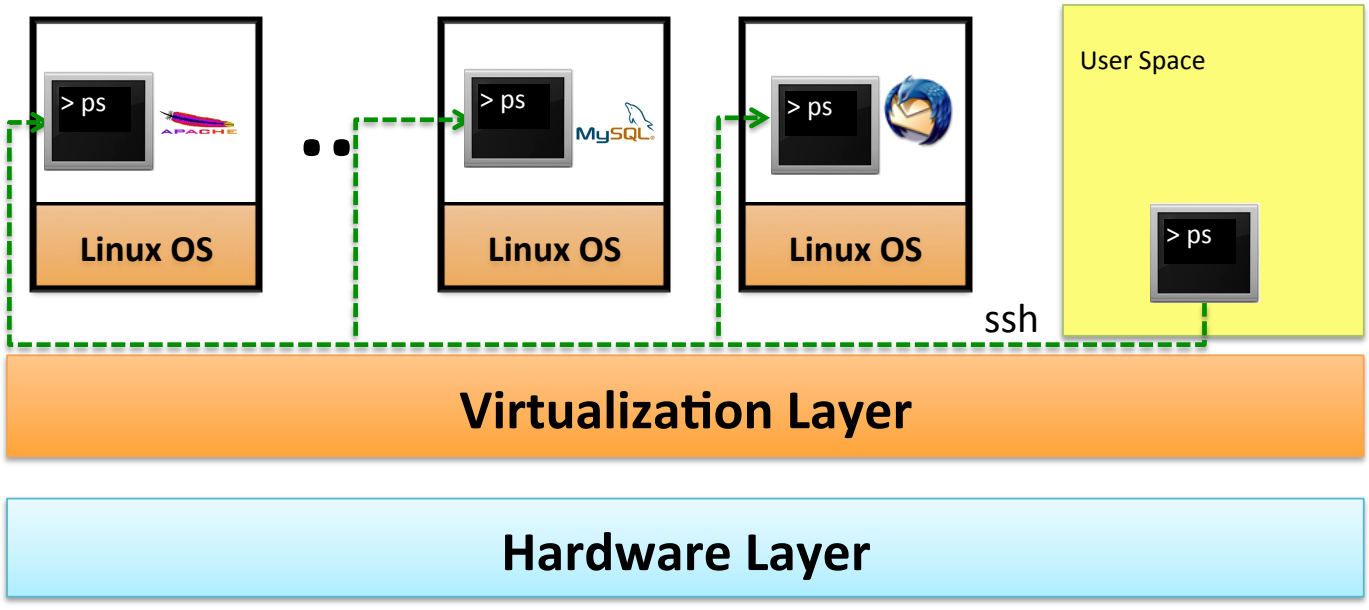


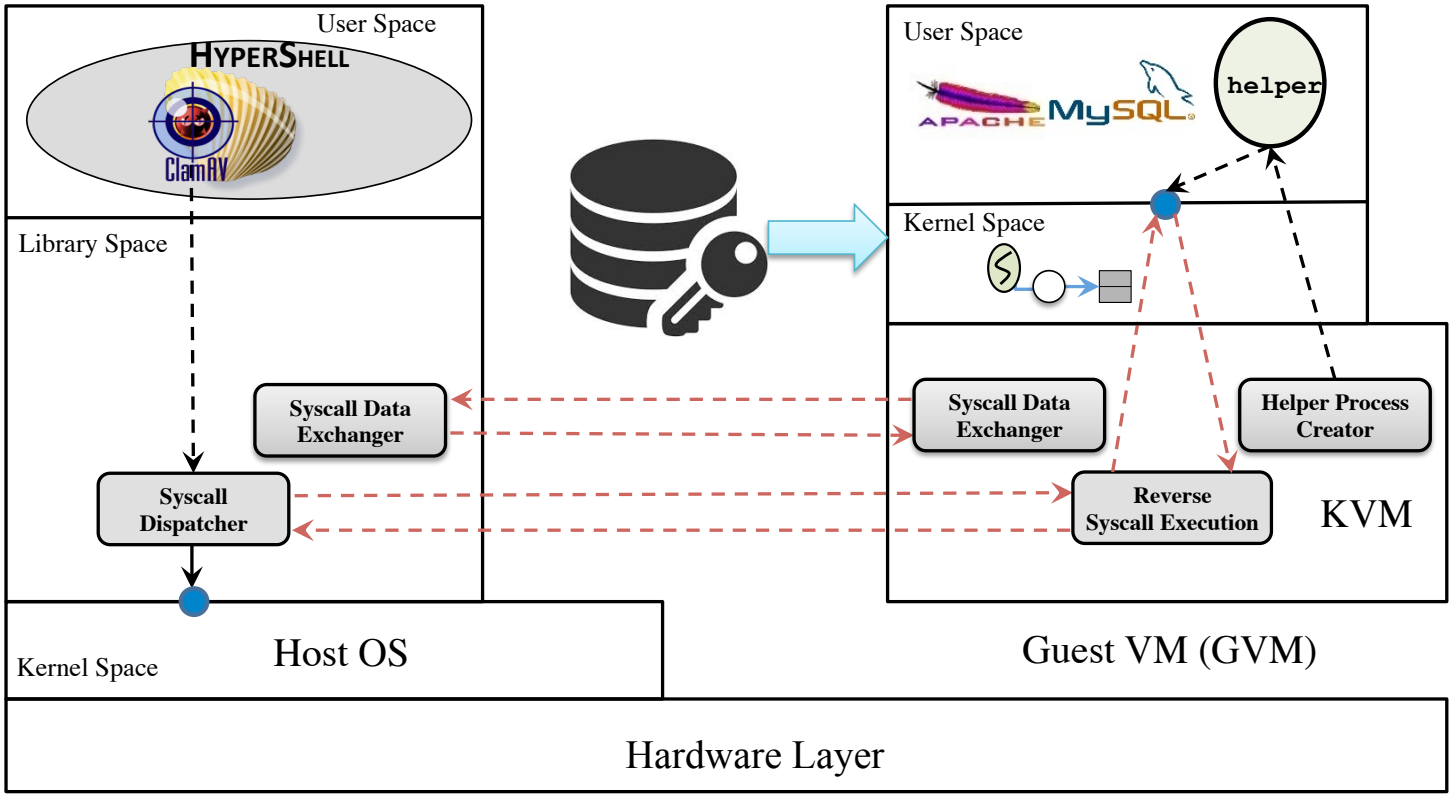
Disadvantages

- Requiring the (admin) login password.
- Requiring install the management utilities in each VM.

Performance Impact: HyperShell [ATC'14]

Process	**S**	$B(ms)$	$D(ms)$	$T(X)$
ps	✗	1.33	5.42	4.08
pidstat	✗	1.95	7.56	3.88
nice	✓	0.07	0.11	1.57
getpid	✓	0.01	0.02	2.00
mpstat	✗	0.29	0.66	2.28
pstree	✗	0.69	6.03	8.74
chrt	✓	0.11	0.16	1.45
renice	✓	0.11	0.18	1.64
top	✗	504.92	510.85	1.01
nproc	✓	0.07	0.26	3.71
sleep	✓	1.27	1.28	1.01
pgrep	✓	0.89	4.72	5.30
pkill	✓	0.87	4.33	4.98
snice	✓	0.17	0.65	3.82
echo	✓	0.07	0.09	1.29
pwdx	✓	0.05	0.07	1.40
pmap	✓	0.16	0.36	2.25
kill	✓	0.01	0.04	4.00
killall	✓	0.62	3.03	4.89
Memory	**S**	$B(ms)$	$D(ms)$	$T(X)$
free	✗	0.04	0.08	2.00
vmstat	✗	0.19	0.33	1.74
slabtop	✗	0.22	0.36	1.64
Modules	**S**	$B(ms)$	$D(ms)$	$T(X)$
rmmod	✓	0.51	3.14	6.16
modinfo	✓	0.48	1.54	3.21
lsmod	✓	0.10	0.17	1.70
Environment	**S**	$B(ms)$	$D(ms)$	$T(X)$
who	✓	0.14	0.72	5.14
env	✓	0.07	0.11	1.57
printenv	✓	0.07	0.1	1.43
whoami	✓	0.19	0.45	2.37
stty	✓	0.11	0.46	4.18
users	✓	0.09	0.53	5.89
uname	✓	0.09	0.11	1.22
id	✓	0.26	0.85	3.27
date	✗	0.11	0.12	1.09
w	✗	0.95	6.62	6.97
hostname	✓	0.04	0.06	1.50
groups	✓	0.21	0.62	2.95
hostid	✓	0.16	0.56	3.50
locale	✓	0.09	0.17	1.89
getconf	✓	0.09	0.34	3.78
System Utils	**S**	$B(ms)$	$D(ms)$	$T(X)$
uptime	✗	0.07	0.47	6.71
sysctl	✓	8.5	42.72	5.03
arch	✓	0.07	0.11	1.57
dmesg	✓	0.38	0.51	1.34
lscpu	✓	0.26	1.21	4.65
mcookie	✗	0.29	0.49	1.69
Disk/Devices	**S**	$B(ms)$	$D(ms)$	$T(X)$
blkid	✓	0.14	0.61	4.36
badblocks	✓	0.35	0.44	1.26
lspci	✓	31.40	36.52	1.16
iostat	✓	0.45	1.04	2.31
du	✓	0.11	0.53	4.82
df	✓	0.16	0.35	2.19
Filesystem	**S**	$B(ms)$	$D(ms)$	$T(X)$
sync	✓	8.07	6.53	0.81
getcap	✓	0.04	0.08	2.00
lsof	✓	3.31	6.12	1.85
pwd	✓	0.07	0.11	1.57
Files	**S**	$B(ms)$	$D(ms)$	$T(X)$
chgrp	✓	0.19	0.47	2.47
chmod	✓	0.07	0.14	2.00
chown	✓	0.19	0.47	2.47
cp	✓	0.11	0.27	2.45
uniq	✓	0.09	0.35	3.89
file	✓	0.87	1.72	1.98
find	✓	0.20	0.58	2.90
grep	✓	0.35	2.14	6.11
ln	✓	0.08	0.14	1.75
ls	✓	0.14	0.27	1.93
mkdir	✓	0.10	0.19	1.90
mkfifo	✓	0.10	0.19	1.90
mknod	✓	0.10	0.19	1.90
mv	✓	0.15	0.31	2.07
rm	✓	0.08	0.15	1.88
od	✓	0.12	0.35	2.92
cat	✓	0.07	0.18	2.57
link	✓	0.07	0.13	1.86
comm	✓	0.08	0.22	2.75
shred	✗	0.72	0.92	1.28
truncate	✓	0.07	0.26	3.71
head	✓	0.07	0.15	2.14
vdir	✓	0.63	3.95	6.27
nl	✓	0.08	0.17	2.13
tail	✓	0.08	0.20	2.50
namei	✓	0.07	0.13	1.86
whereis	✓	2.05	4.86	2.37
stat	✓	0.27	0.78	2.89
readlink	✓	0.07	0.12	1.71
unlink	✓	0.07	0.13	1.86
cut	✓	0.08	0.17	2.13
dir	✓	0.07	0.20	2.86
mktemp	✓	0.09	0.18	2.00
rmdir	✓	0.07	0.13	1.86
ptx	✓	0.12	0.45	3.75
chcon	✓	0.06	0.12	2.00
Network	**S**	$B(ms)$	$D(ms)$	$T(X)$
ifconfig	✗	0.32	1.15	3.59
ip	✓	0.10	0.20	2.00
route	✓	138.65	150.32	1.08
ipmaddr	✓	0.13	0.34	2.62
iptunnel	✓	0.09	0.29	3.22
nameif	✓	0.10	0.21	2.10
netstat	✗	0.25	0.37	1.48
arp	✓	0.14	0.24	1.71
ping	✗	15.02	18.2	1.21
Avg.	-	7.27	8.45	2.73

Disk Introspection: FDE disk virus scanning [ATC'14]



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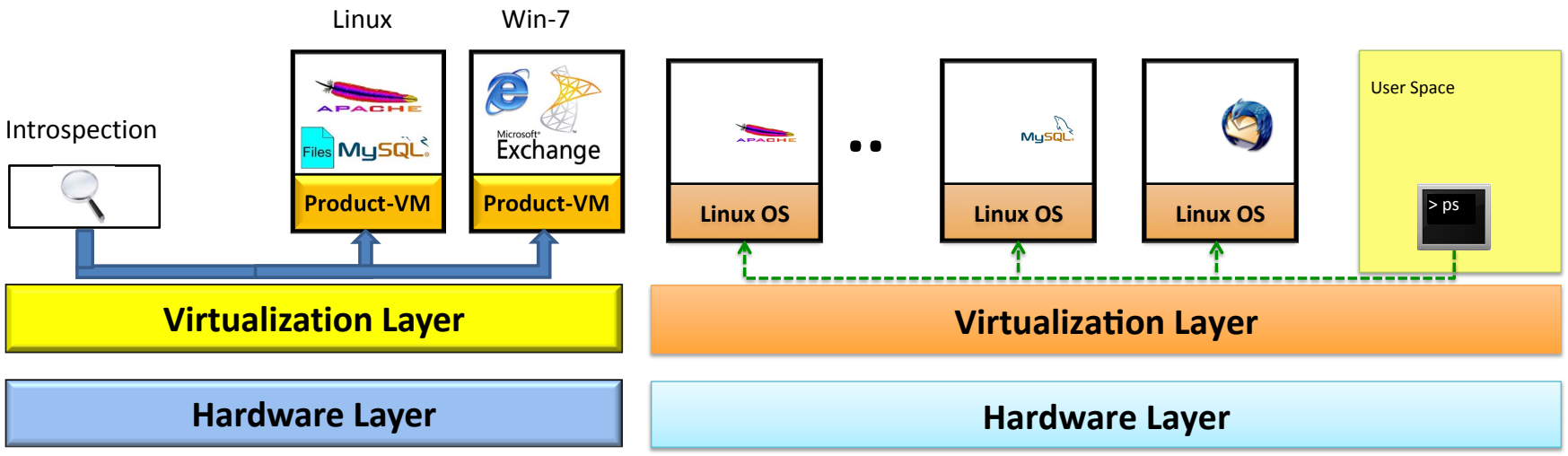
Clamav successfully detect two viruses!!

Comparison with the most related work

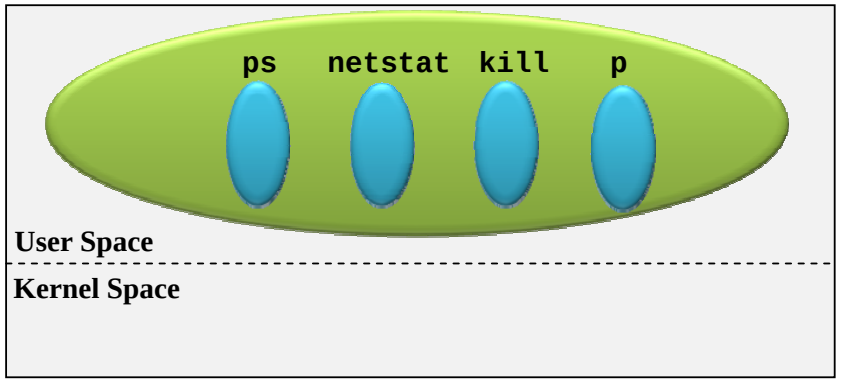
Systems	Execution Context Reuse	wo/ Dual-VM Architecture	wo/ Identical Kernel	wo/ Trust to Guest Kernel	High Code Coverage	Fully Automated	Memory Introspection	Disk Introspection	Guest Management	Process Monitoring
VIRTUOSO	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗
VMST	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
EXTERIOR	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗
PROCESSIMPLANTING	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗
PROCESSOUTGRAFTING	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓
GEARS	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
HYPERSHELL	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Virtualization (Hypervisor) Layer Applications



- Virtual Machine Introspection
- Virtual Machine (Re)Configuration, Repair
- Automated Out-of-VM Management

Two Approaches to bridging the semantic gap



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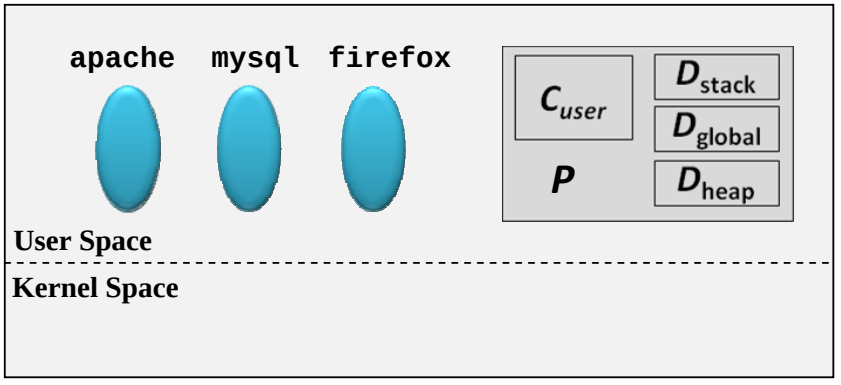

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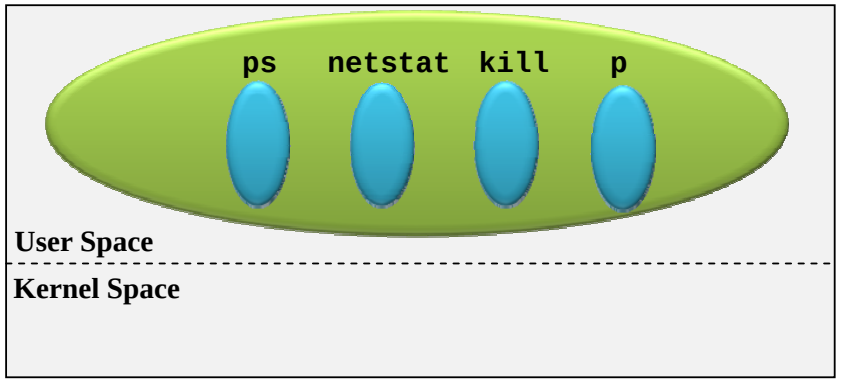

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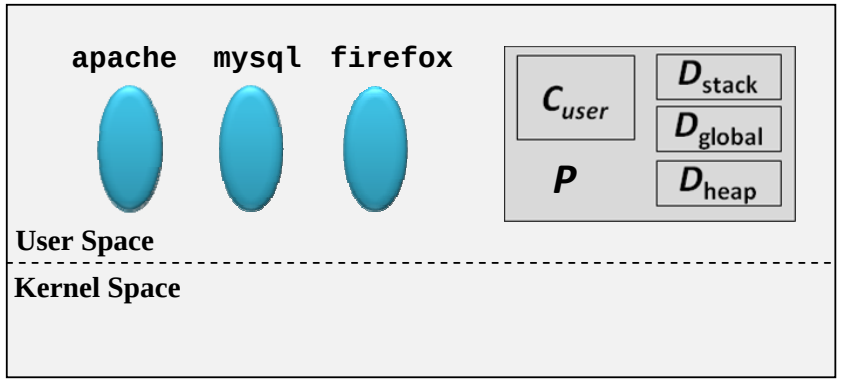

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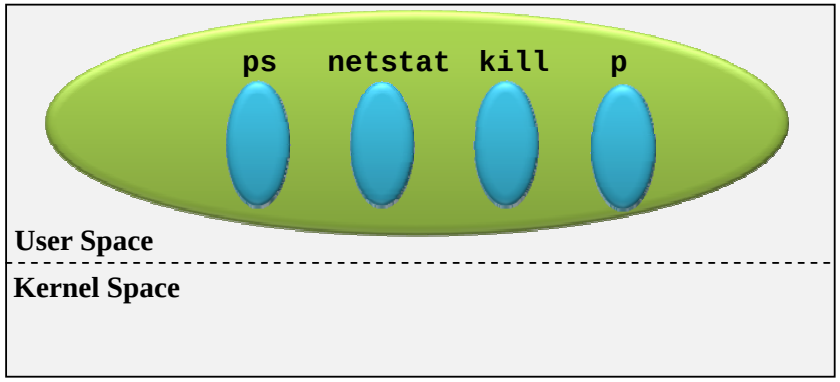
Reusing **(legacy) binary code** with a trusted sibling VM to intropsect the running guest VM.

1. Redirect kernel data [SP'12, VEE'13, NDSS'14] → Fine-grained, slower performance
2. Redirect system call execution [USENIX ATC'14] → More practical, fast performance

For Cloud Developers: No Gap, Everything is Native



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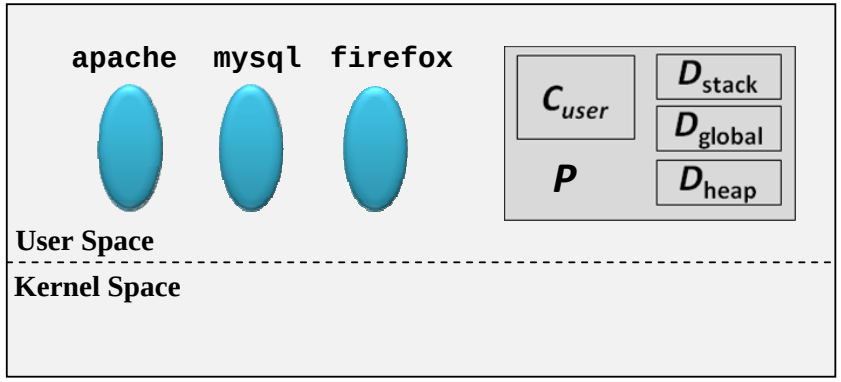
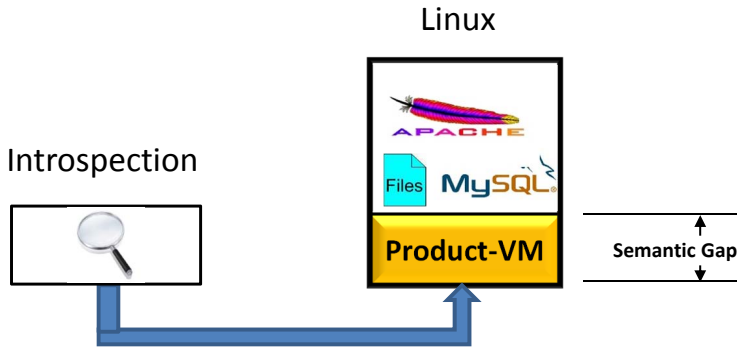


Guest VM (GVM)

In-VM `getpid` Program

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #include <unistd.h>
3
4 int main()
5 {
6     printf("pid=%d\n",getpid());
7     return 0;
8 }
```



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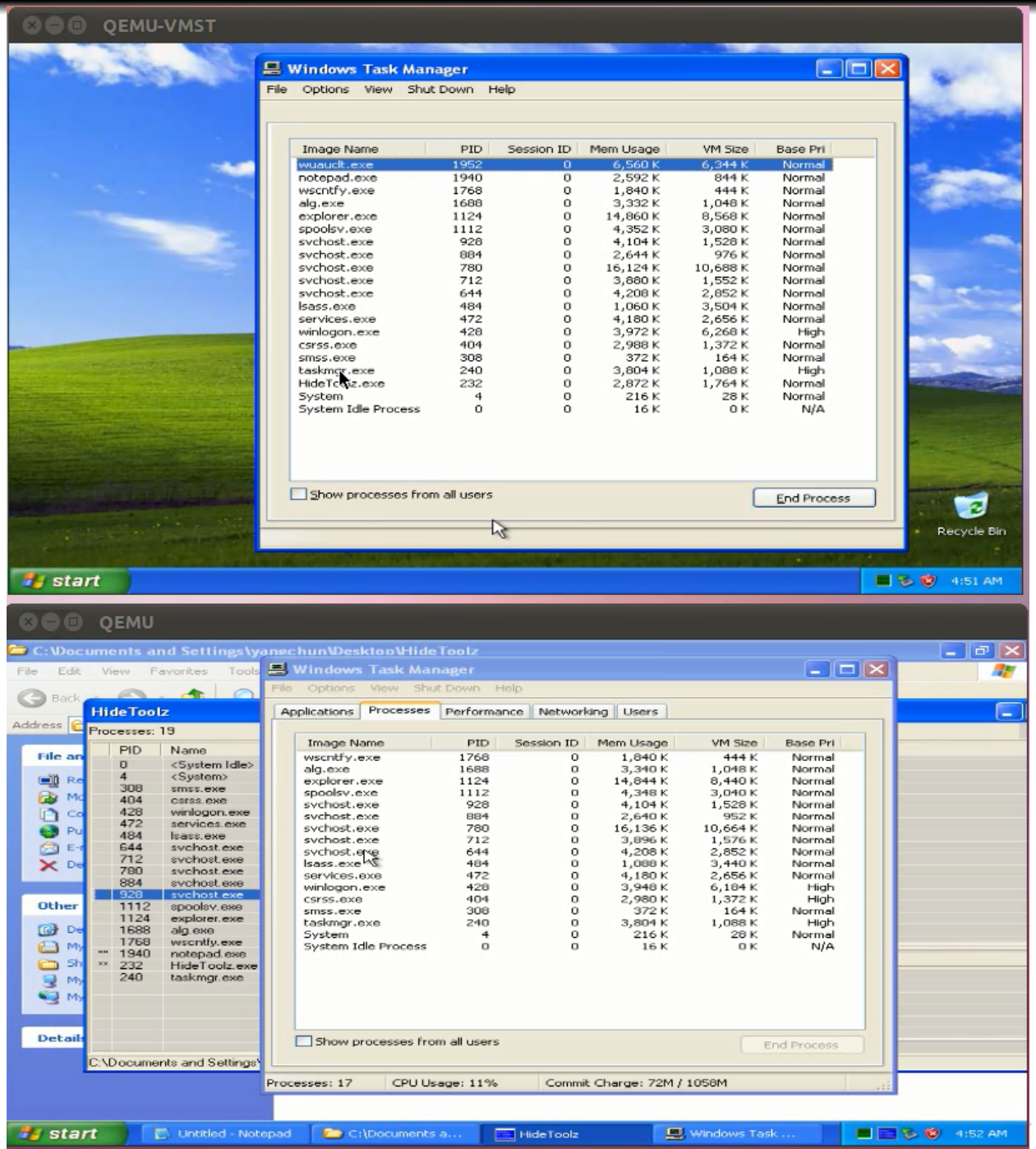
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services.exe 472 0 4,180 K 2,656 K Normal
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smss.exe 308 0 372 K 164 K Normal
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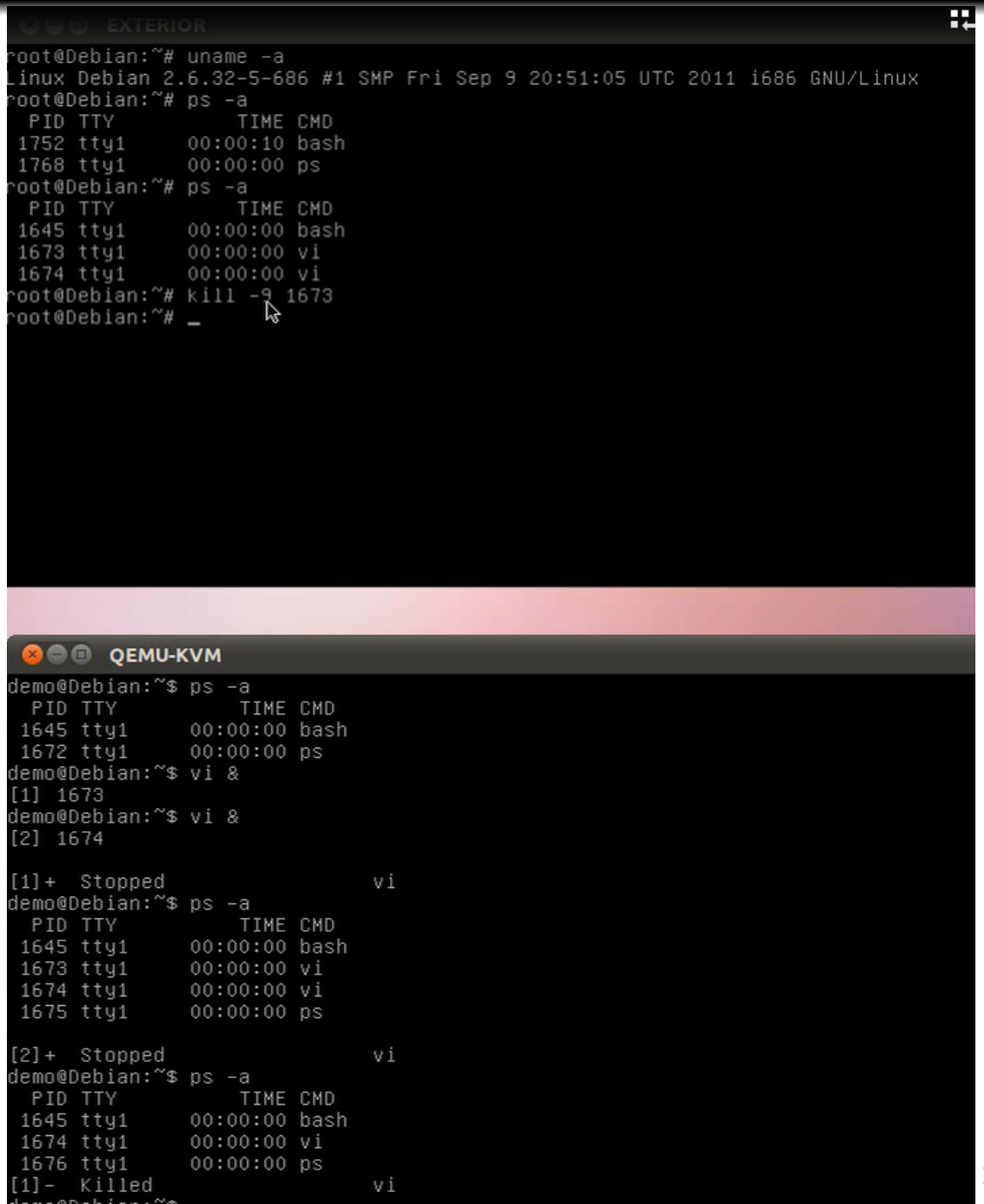
EXTERIOR
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root@Debian:~# ps -a
PID TTY TIME CMD
1752 tty1 00:00:10 bash
1768 tty1 00:00:00 ps
root@Debian:~# ps -a
PID TTY TIME CMD
1645 tty1 00:00:00 bash
1673 tty1 00:00:00 vi
1674 tty1 00:00:00 vi
root@Debian:~# kill -9 1673
root@Debian:~#
QEMU-KVM
demo@Debian:~$ ps -a
PID TTY TIME CMD
1645 tty1 00:00:00 bash
1672 tty1 00:00:00 ps
demo@Debian:~$ vi &
[1] 1673
demo@Debian:~$ vi &
[2] 1674
[1]+ Stopped vi
demo@Debian:~$ ps -a
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1673 tty1 00:00:00 vi
1674 tty1 00:00:00 vi
1675 tty1 00:00:00 ps
[2]+ Stopped vi
demo@Debian:~$ ps -a
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[1]- Killed vi