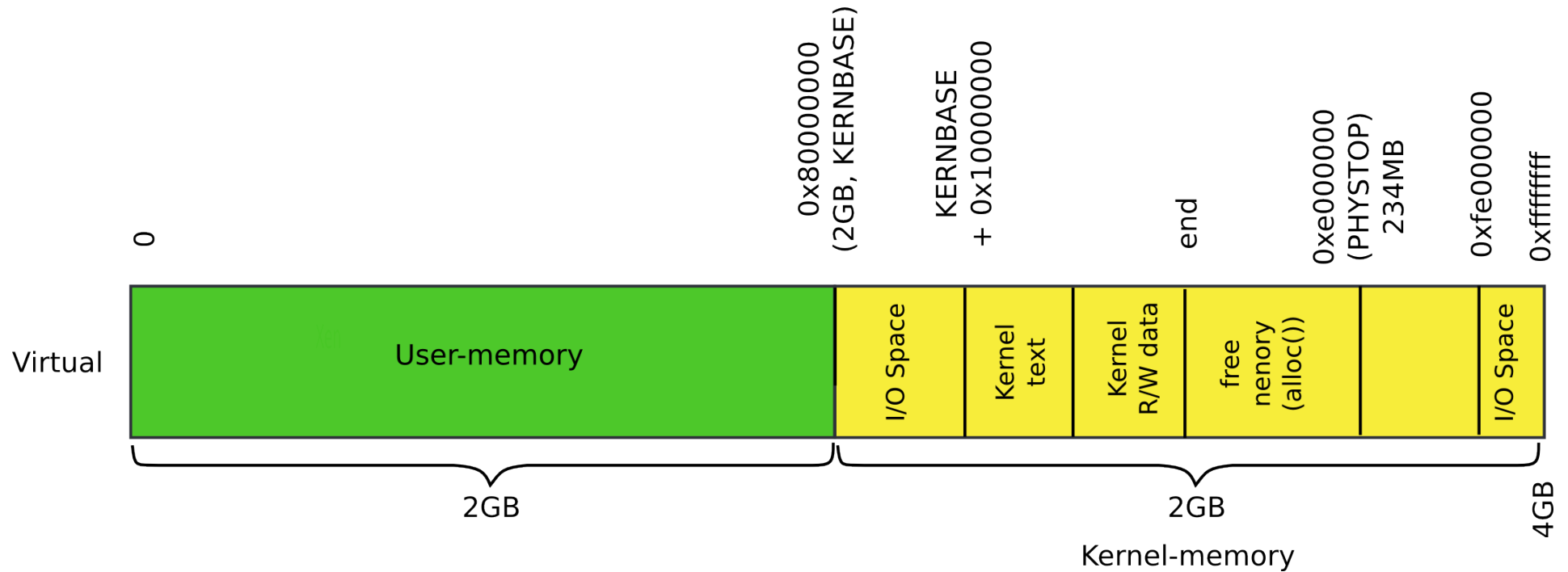


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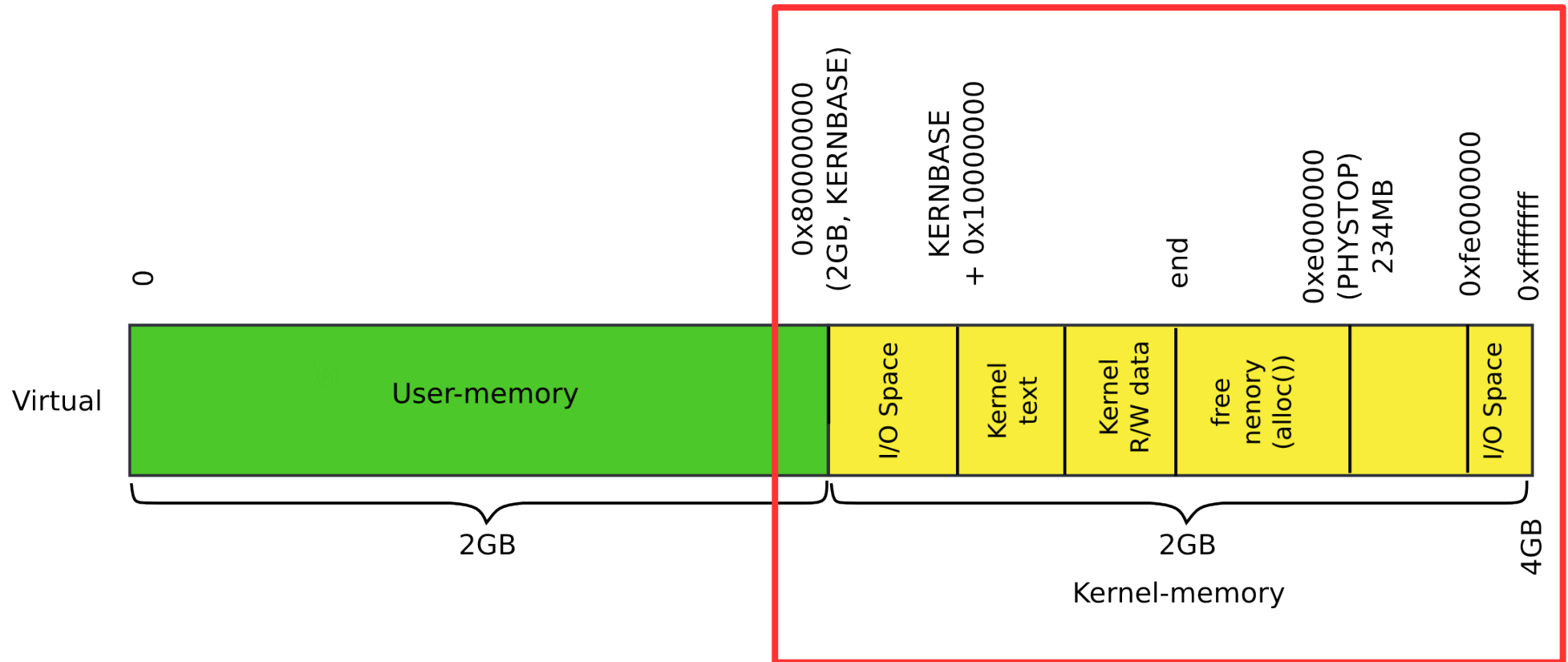
## Lecture 8: Creating Processes (`exec()`)

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# Recap: kernel memory



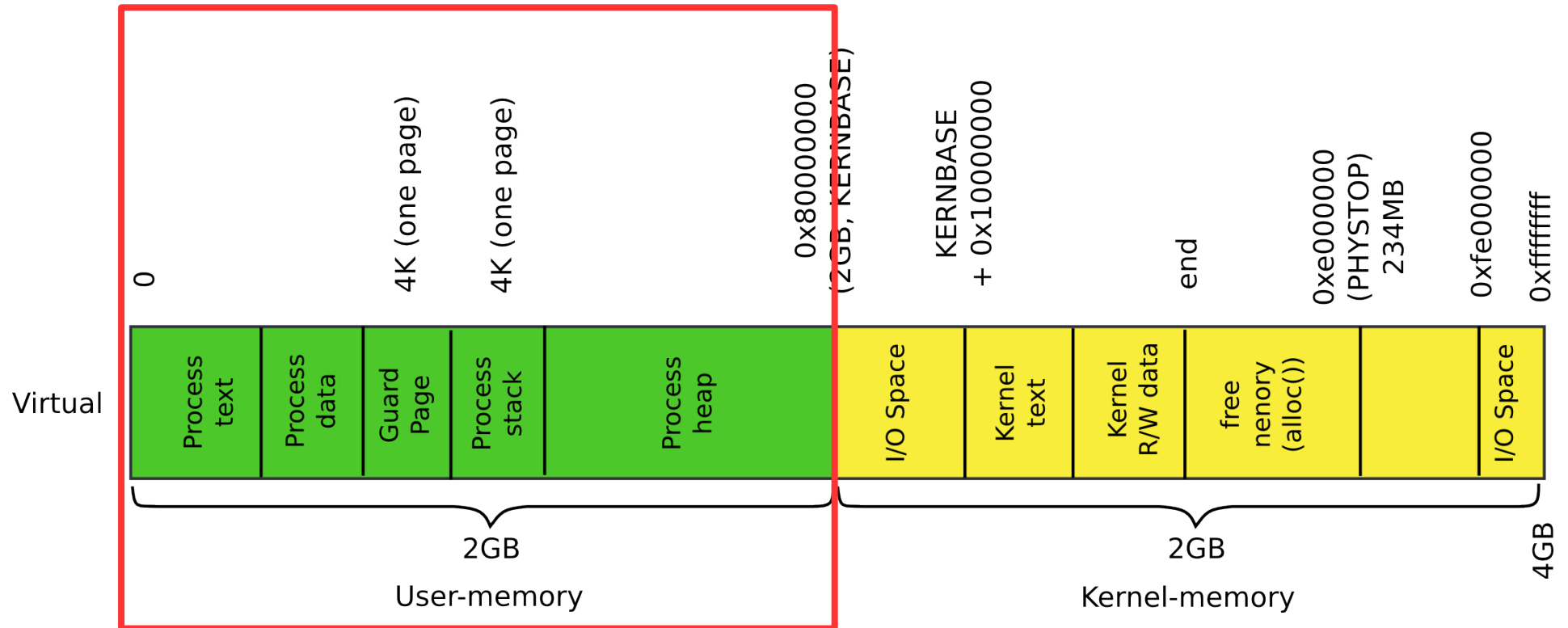
# Recap: kernel memory



```
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)
1335         timerinit(); // uniprocessor timer
1336     startothers(); // start other processors
1337     kinit2(P2V(4*1024*1024), P2V(PHYSTOP)); // must come after startothers()
1338     userinit(); // first user process
1339     mpmain(); // finish this processor's setup
1340 }
```

main()

# Today: process memory



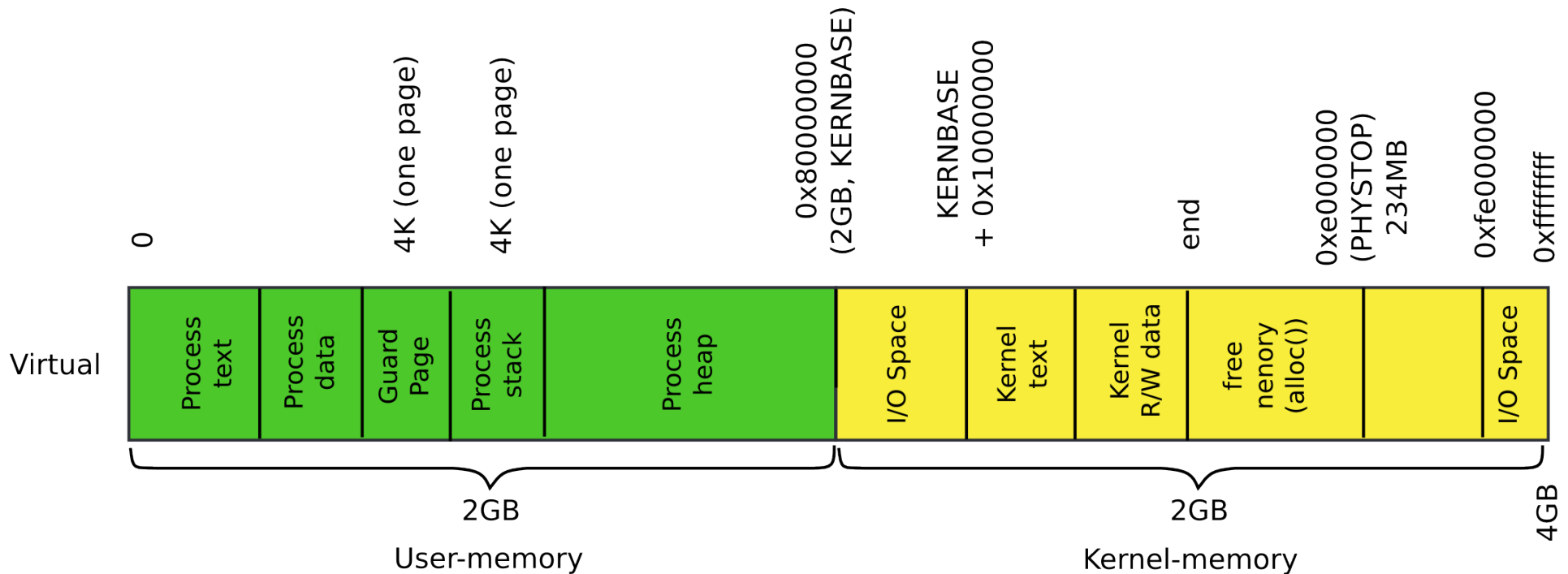
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- Exec
  - `exec("/bin/ls", argv);`

# exec(): high-level outline

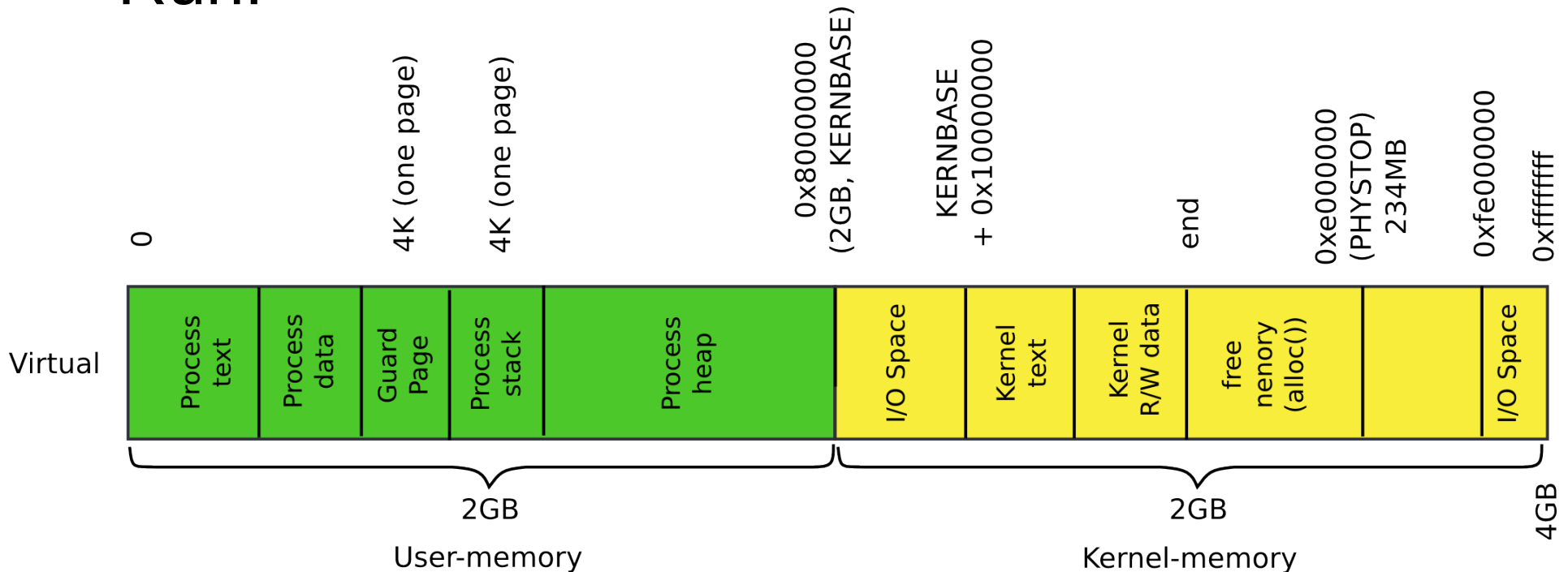
- We want to create the following memory layout for the process
  - What shall we do?





# 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/ls”) 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
    - A page table specifically for the process

# exec(): locate inode

```
6309 int
6310 exec(char *path, char **argv)
6311 {
6312     ...
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)) <
6330                                     sizeof(elf))
6331         goto bad;
6331     if(elf.magic != ELF_MAGIC)
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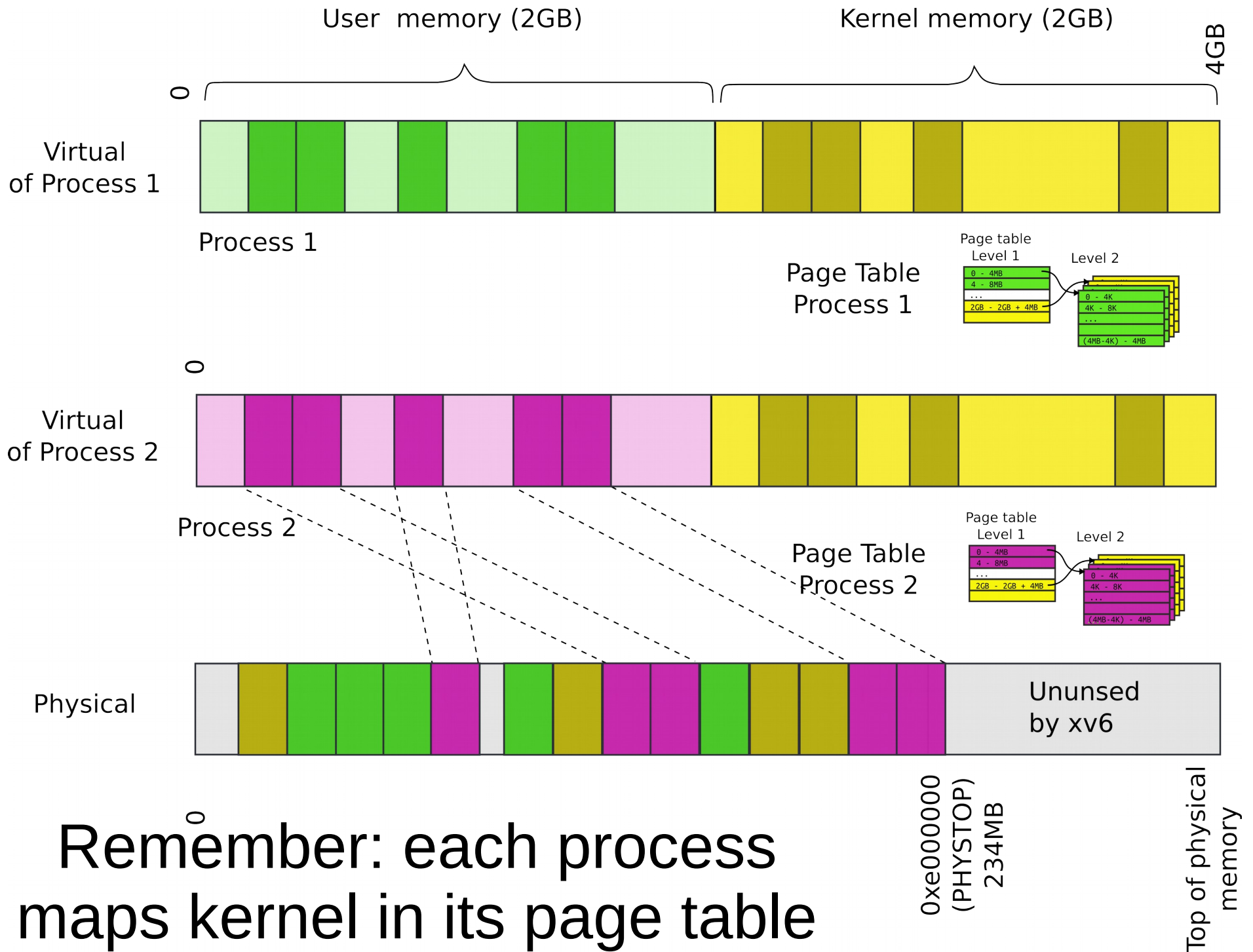
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# exec(): check ELF header

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



# exec(): Setup kernel address space()

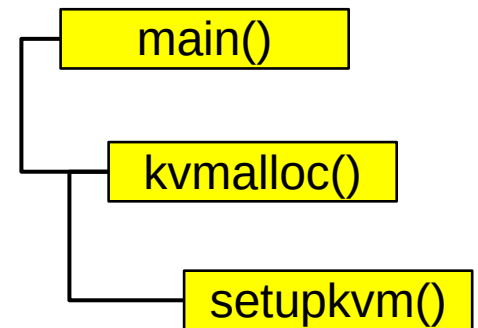
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6310 exec(char *path, char **argv)
6311 {
...
6331     if(elf.magic != ELF_MAGIC)
6332         goto bad;
6334     if((pgdir = setupkvm()) == 0)
6335         goto bad;
...
```

- Remember from last time?



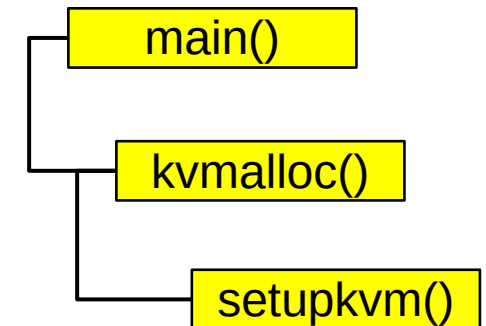
# Recap: Allocate page table directory

```
1836 pde_t*
1837 setupkvm(void)
1838 {
1839     pde_t *pgdir;
1840     struct kmap *k;
1841
1842     if((pgdir = (pde_t*)kalloc()) == 0)
1843         return 0;
1844     memset(pgdir, 0, PGSIZE);
1845     ...
1847     for(k = kmap; k < &kmap[NELEM(kmap)]; k++)
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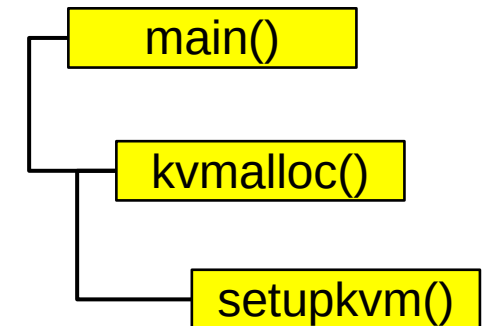
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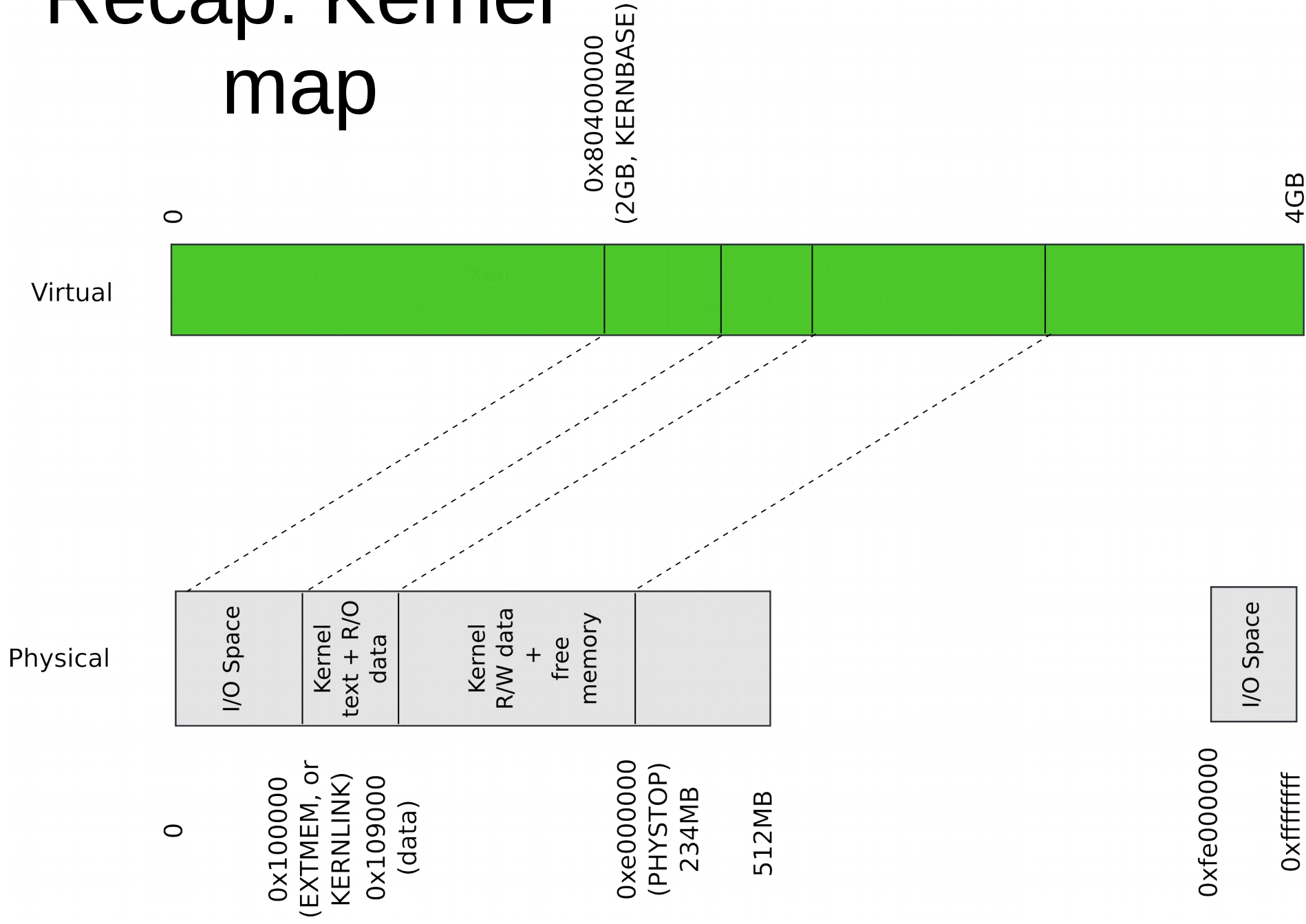


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```



# 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
```

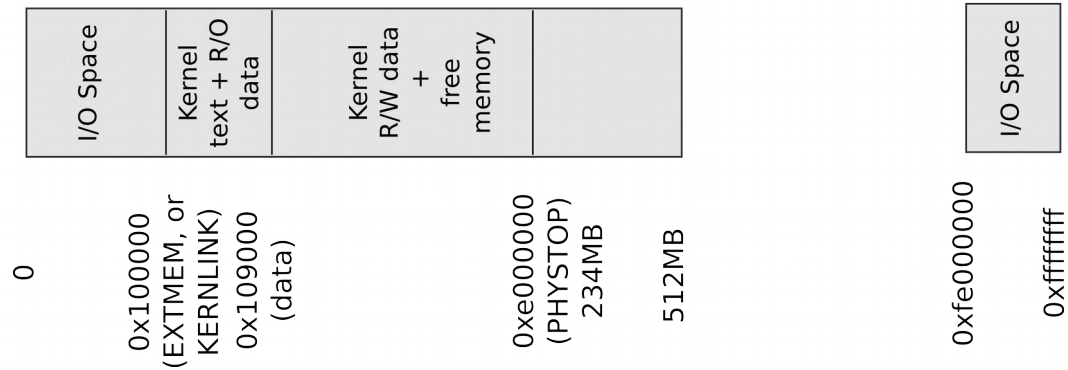
```
1830     { (void*)KERNLINK, V2P(KERNLINK), V2P(data), 0}, //text+rodata
```

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

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

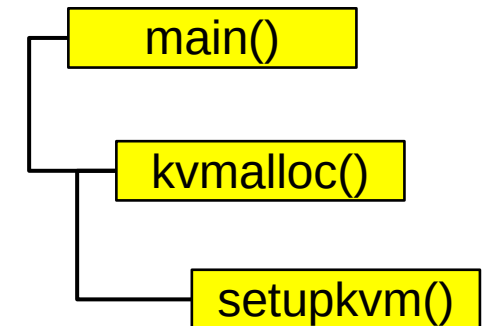
```
1833 };
```

Physical



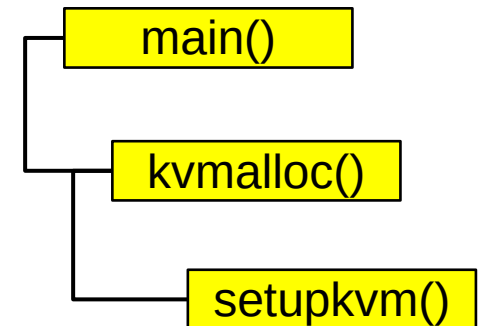
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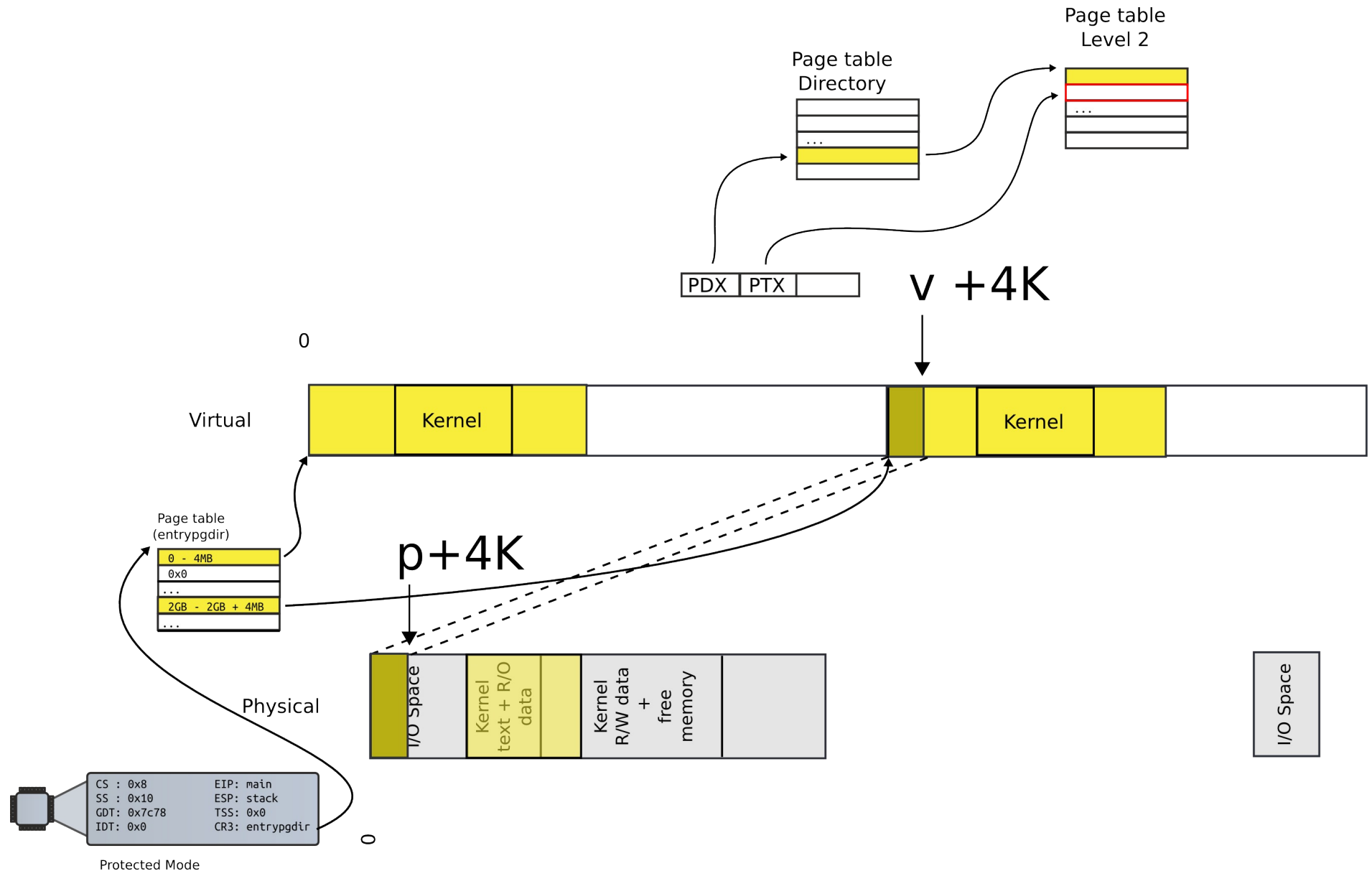


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# Recap: Remap physical pages



# setupkvm(): Move to next page





# `exec()`: Construct process address space

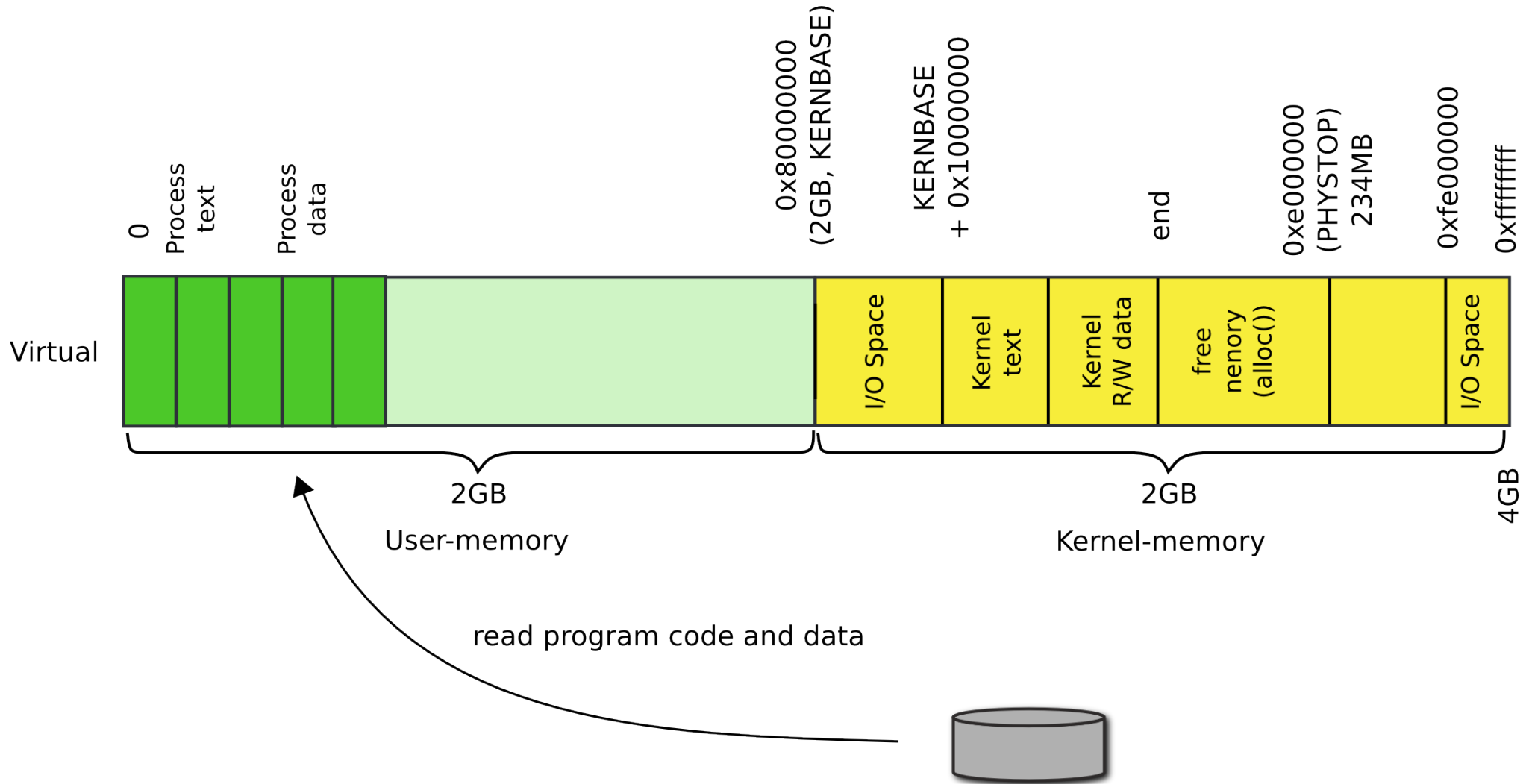
- Two step process
  - Create the kernel part of the address space
  - **Create the user part of the address space**

Create user part of the address space

# 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



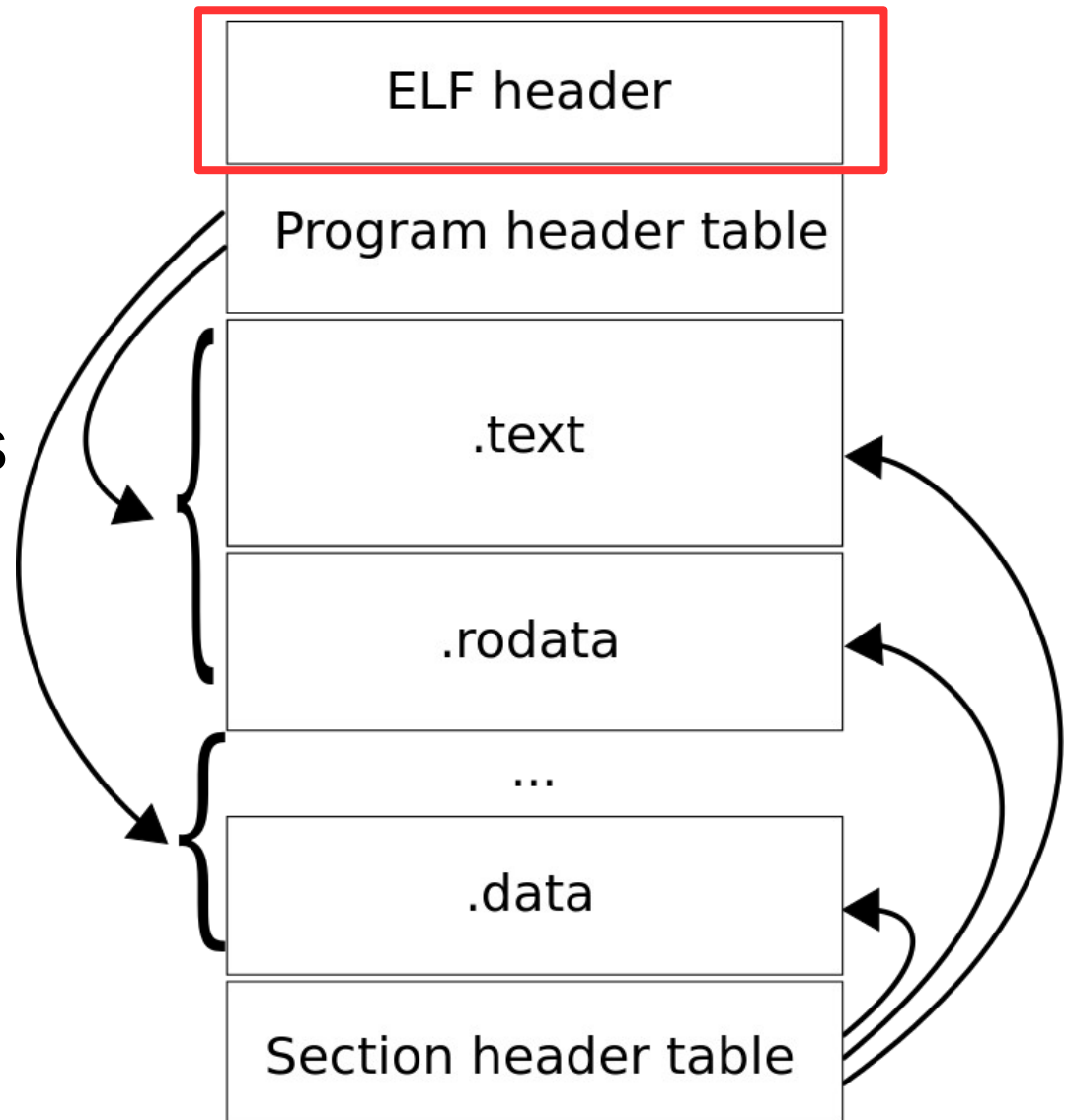
# Program loading loop

```
6310 exec(char *path, char **argv)
6311 {
...
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;
...
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6350     if(ph.vaddr % PGSIZE != 0)
6351         goto bad;
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```

- Loop over all program headers

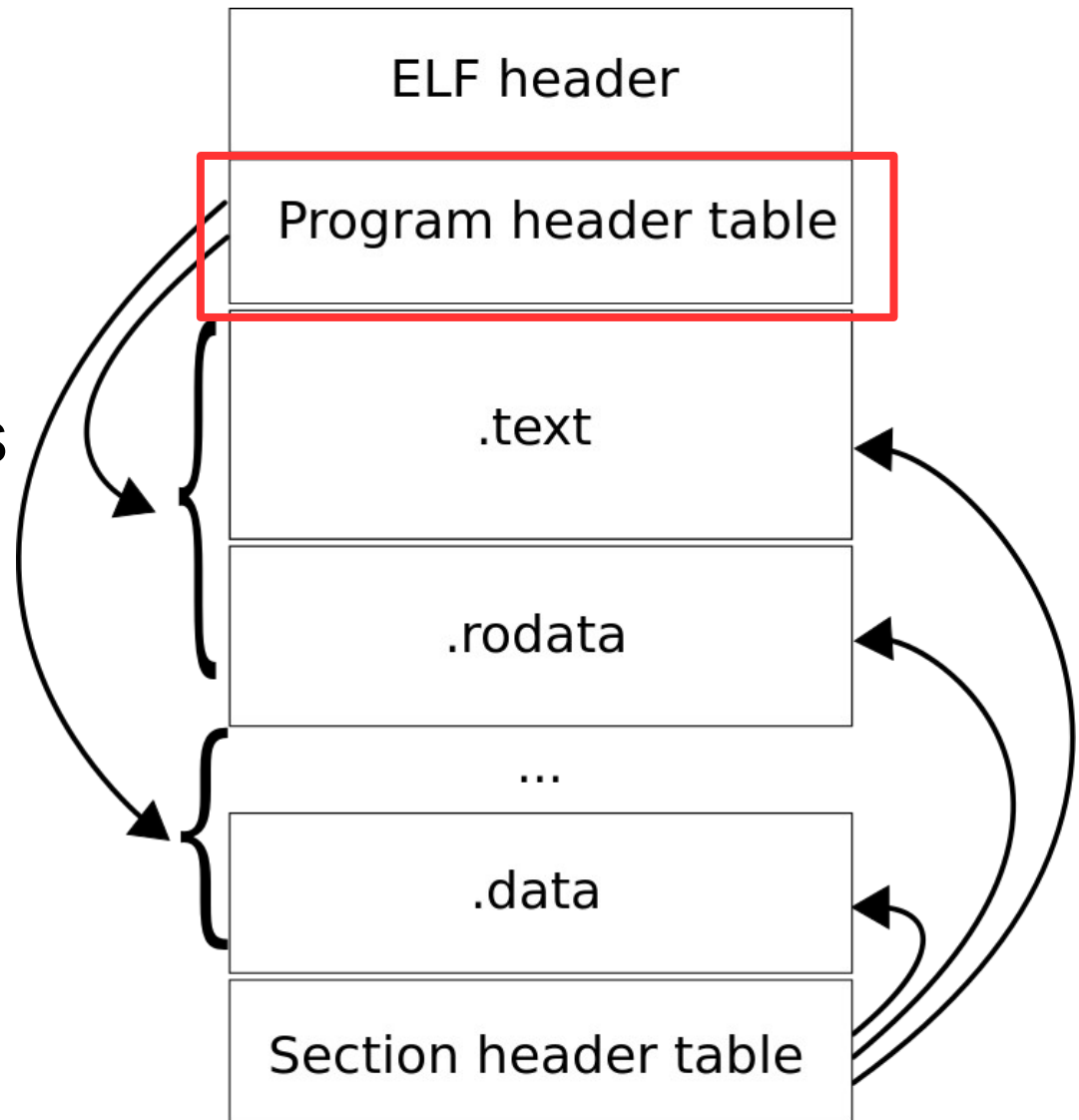
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- Start at the beginning of the program header table  
off = elf.phoff



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- Read one program header entry at a time
- Each time increment offset (off)

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```

- Alloc pages for program section, e.g., text

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- Current size of the user address space
- Initially it's 0

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- New size of the address space

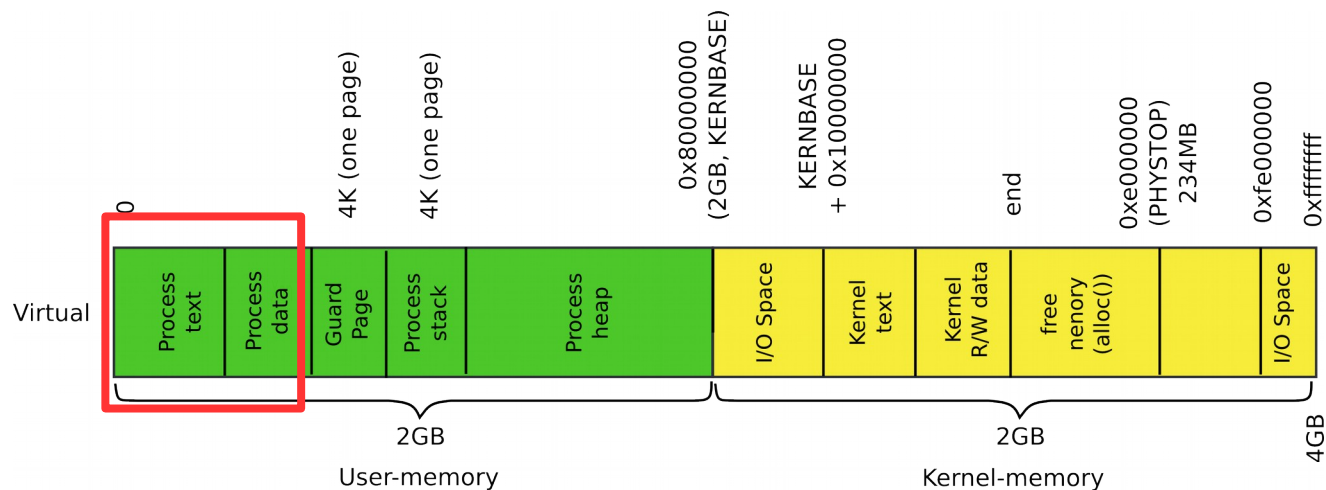
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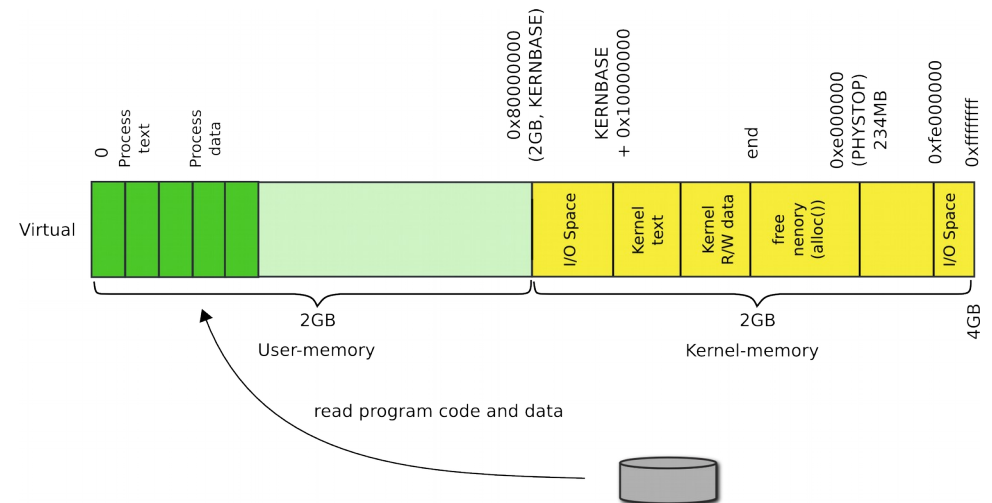
- Load program section from disk

# Two main functions

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



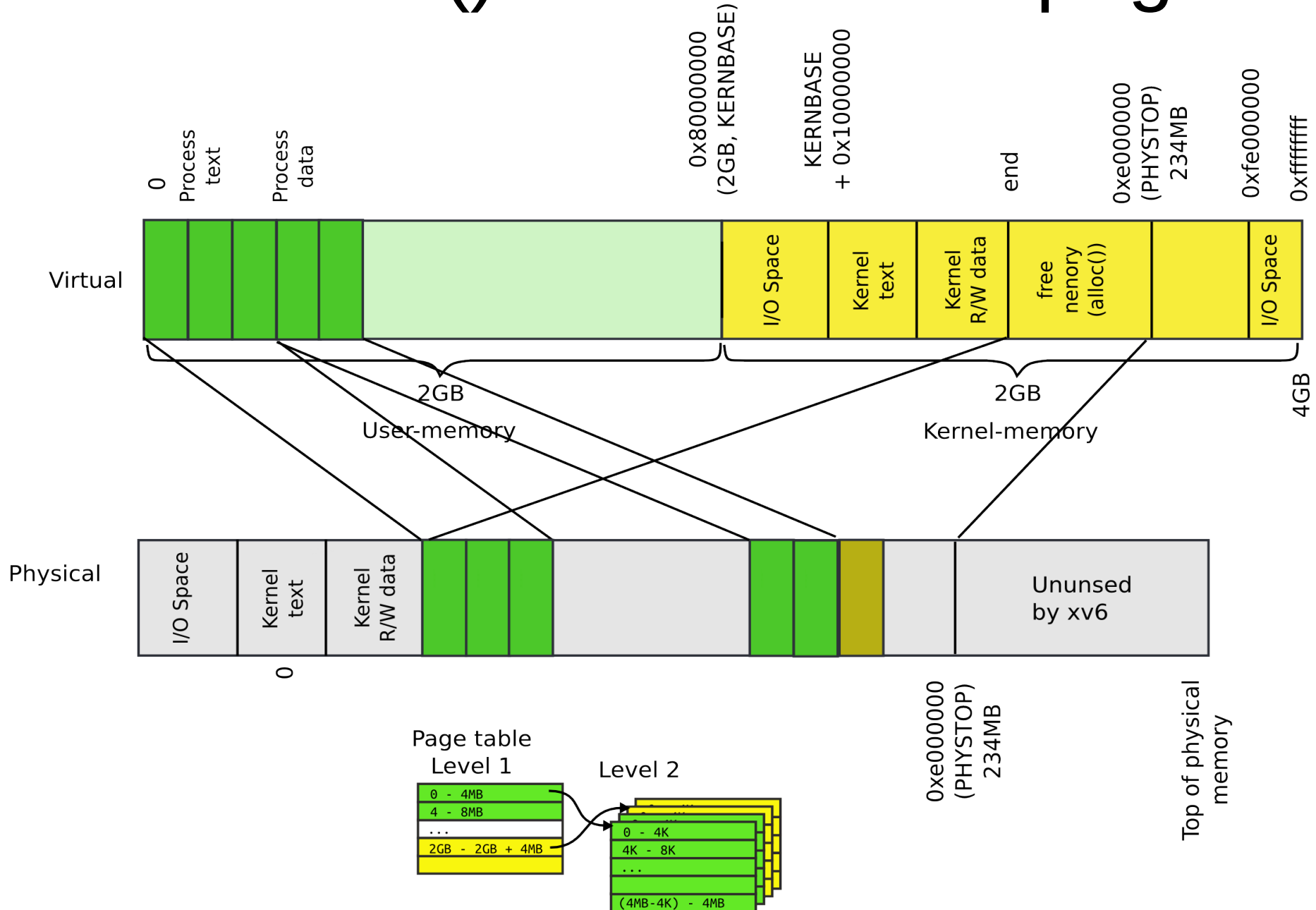
- `loadvm()` -- load user-memory with data from disk



Lets take a closer look  
allocuvm()



# allocuvvm(): 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;
1977         }
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1979     return newsz;
1980 }
```

## Allocate user address space

- New size can't be over 2GB

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

```
1954 {
```

```
...
```

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

```
1977         }
```

```
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```

```
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```

```
1980 }
```

## Allocate user address space

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

```
1953 allocvm(pde_t *pgdir, uint oldsz, uint newsz)
1954 {
...
1958     if(newsz >= KERNBASE)
1959         return 0;
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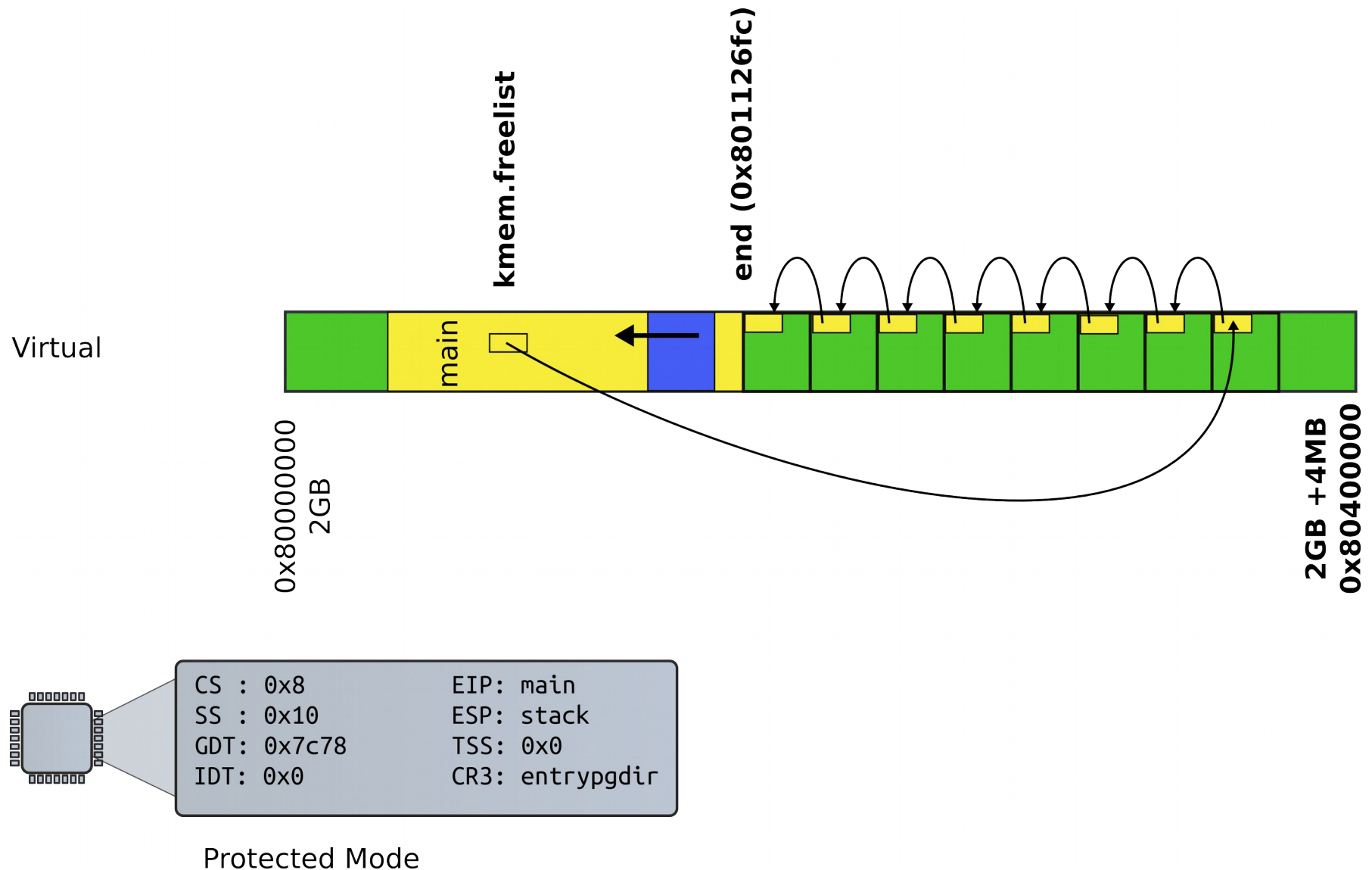
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- Allocate a new page

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...
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1980 }
```

Where does this memory  
come from?

# Kernel memory allocator



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```

## Allocate user address space

- Set page to 0

```
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...
1958     if(newsz >= KERNBASE)
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## Allocate user address space

- Map the page



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## Allocate user address space

- Take the page directory as an argument

```
1953 allocvm(pde_t *pgdir, uint oldsz, uint newsz)
1954 {
...
1958     if(newsz >= KERNBASE)
1959         return 0;
...
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 where to map the page

```
1953 allocvm(pde_t *pgdir, uint oldsz, uint newsz)
1954 {
...
1958     if(newsz >= KERNBASE)
1959         return 0;
...
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;
...
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;
...
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 }

```

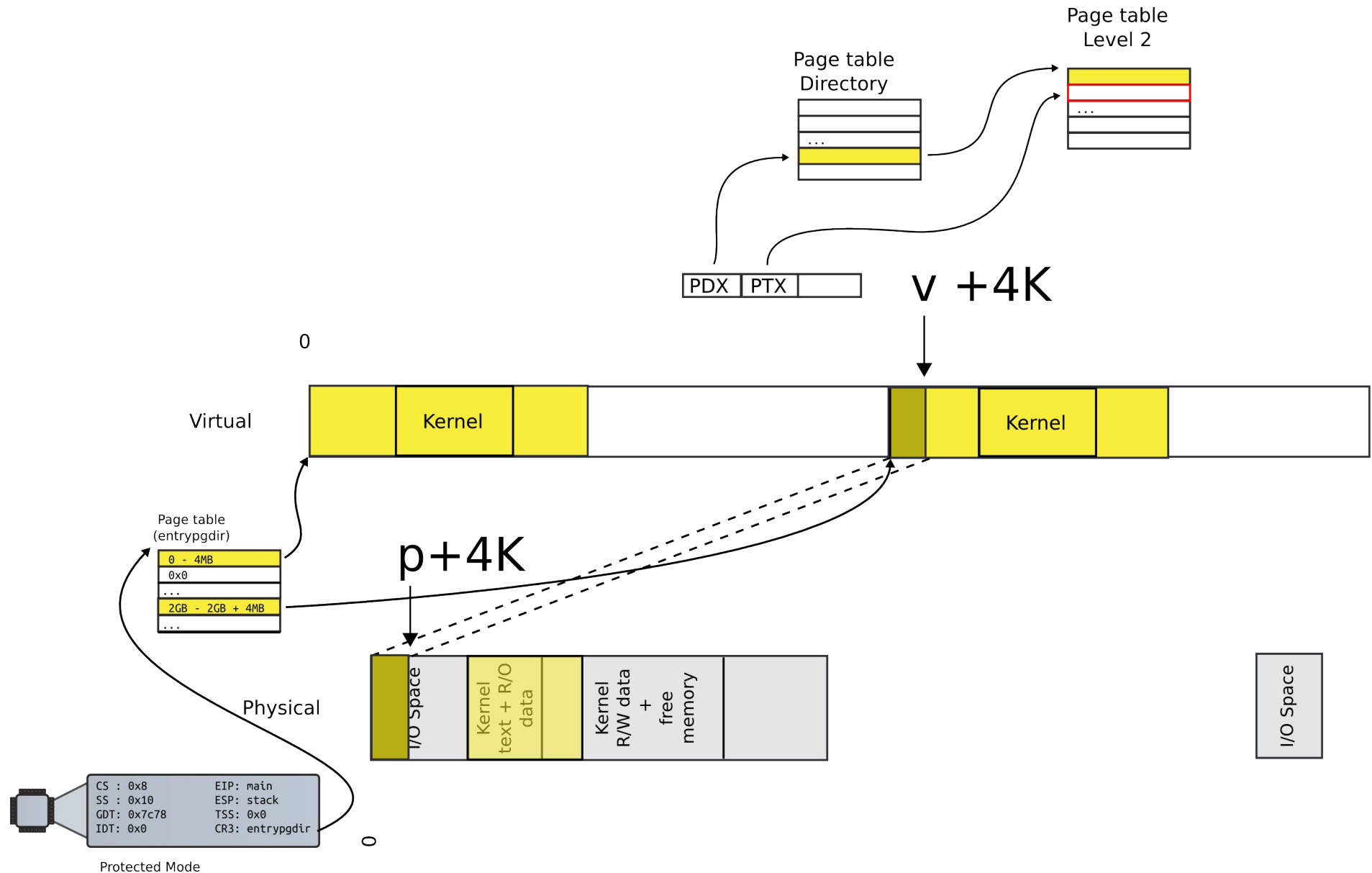
## Allocate user address space

- Flags
  - Writable and user-accessible

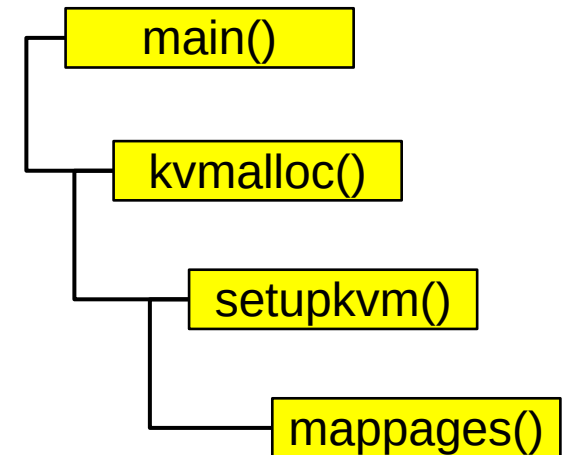
# Who remembers mappages()?

- 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 }
```

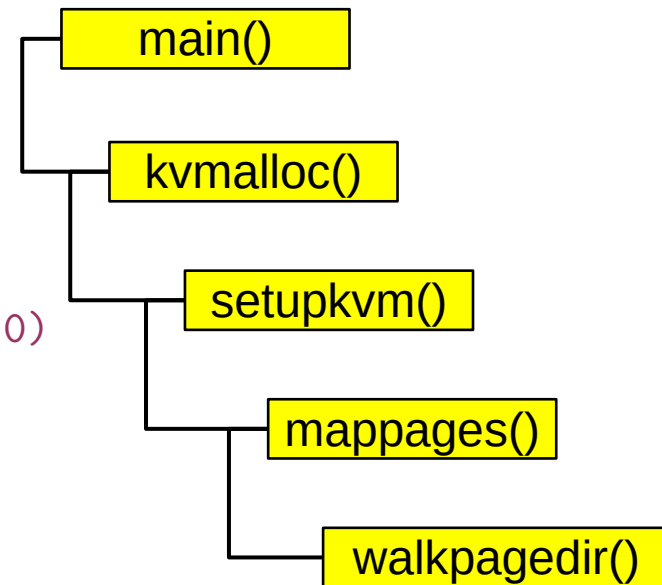


# Lookup the page table entry



```
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;
...
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
  - Map pages one by one

Now the second function: `loadvm()`

# exec() – create a new process

- Read process binary from disk
  - namei() takes a file path (“/bin/l`s`”) 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**

```
6337 // Load program into memory.
```

## 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 = allocvm(pgdir, sz, ph.vaddr + ph.memsz)) == 0)
```

```
6349         goto bad;
```

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

```
6351         goto bad;
```

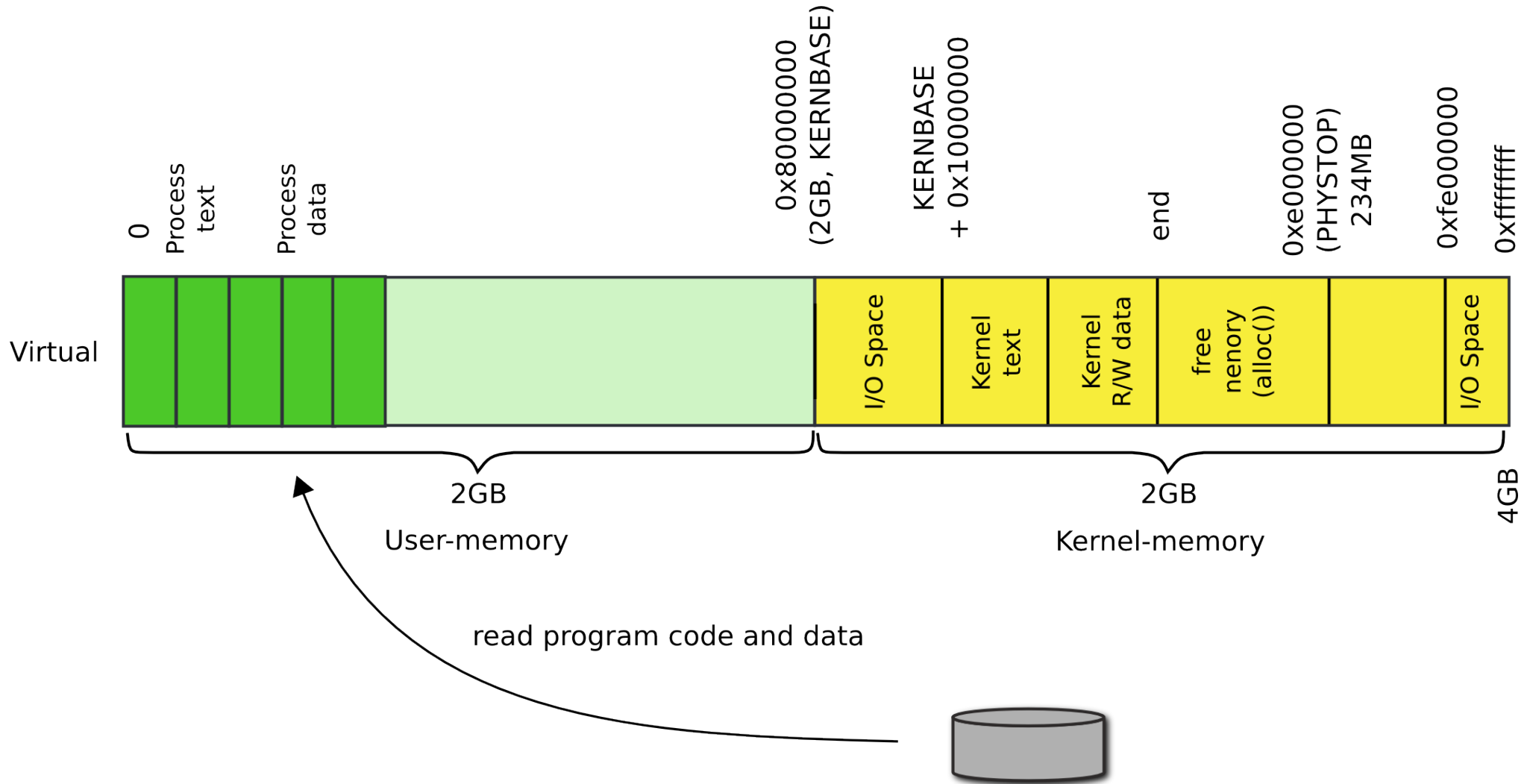
```
6352     if(loadvm(pgdir, (char*)ph.vaddr, ip, ph.off, ph.filesz)
6353 < 0)
```

```
6353         goto bad;
```

```
6354 }
```

- Load program section from disk

# loadvm(): read program from disk



```

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

- 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 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

- Resolve pte into physical  
address

```
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

- Then use the virtual address of that physical 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

- 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: process and kernel page tables

```
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 }
```

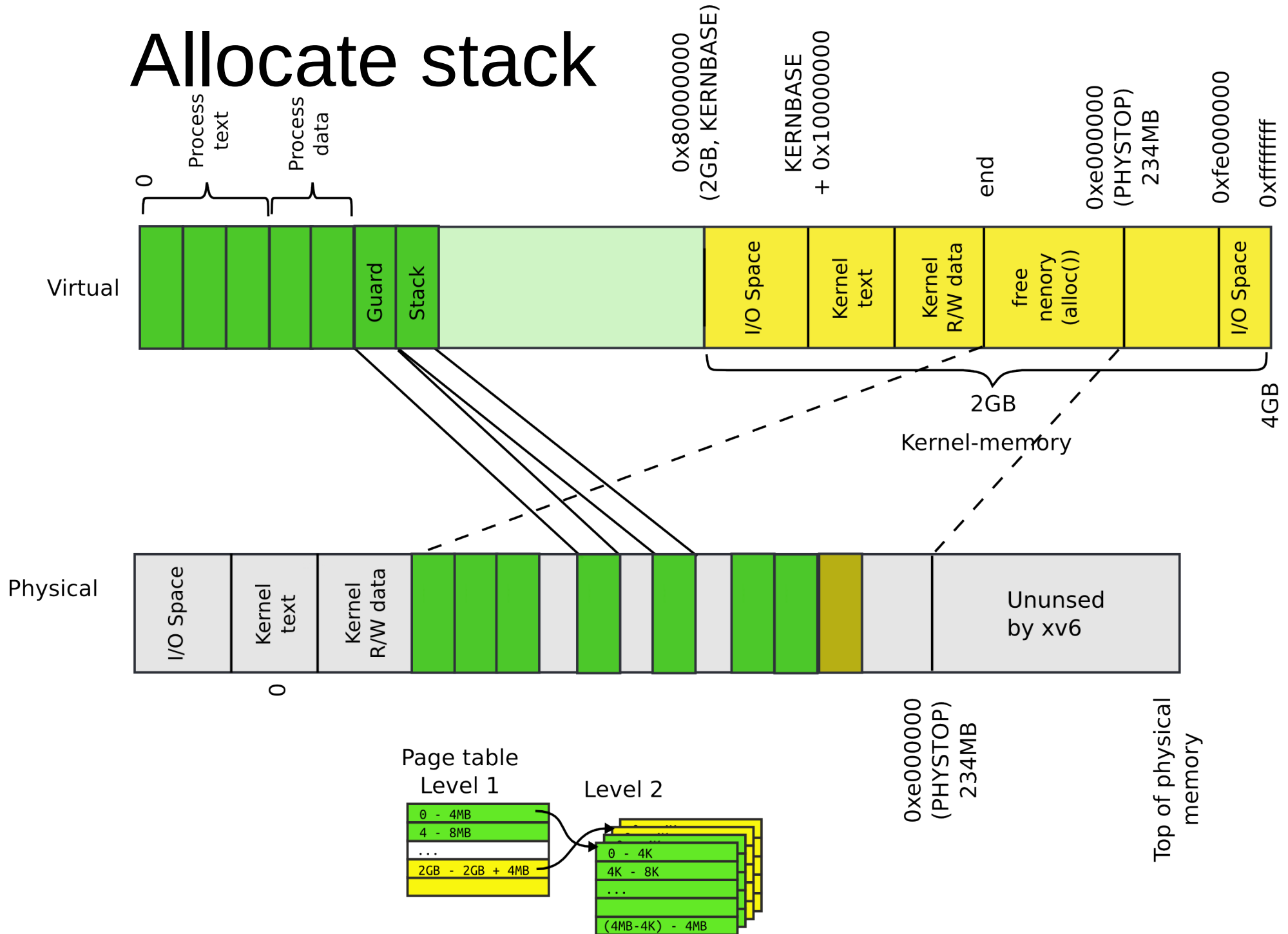
## Load program into memory

- 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

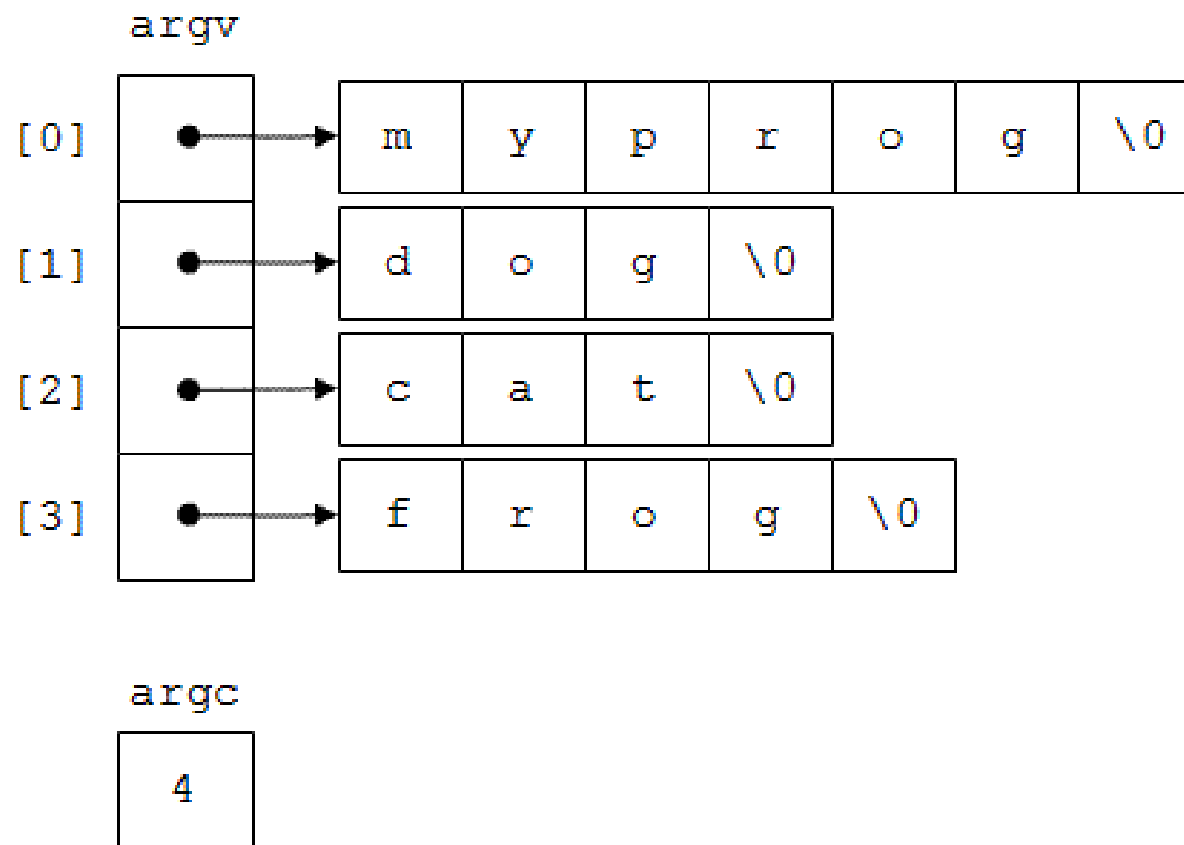
- Read process binary from disk
- Create process address space
- Load program into memory
- Allocate program stack
- **Push program arguments on the stack**

# 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 `"./program"`.
  - `argv[1]` would be `"hello"`.
  - `argv[2]` would be `"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

```
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 old page table

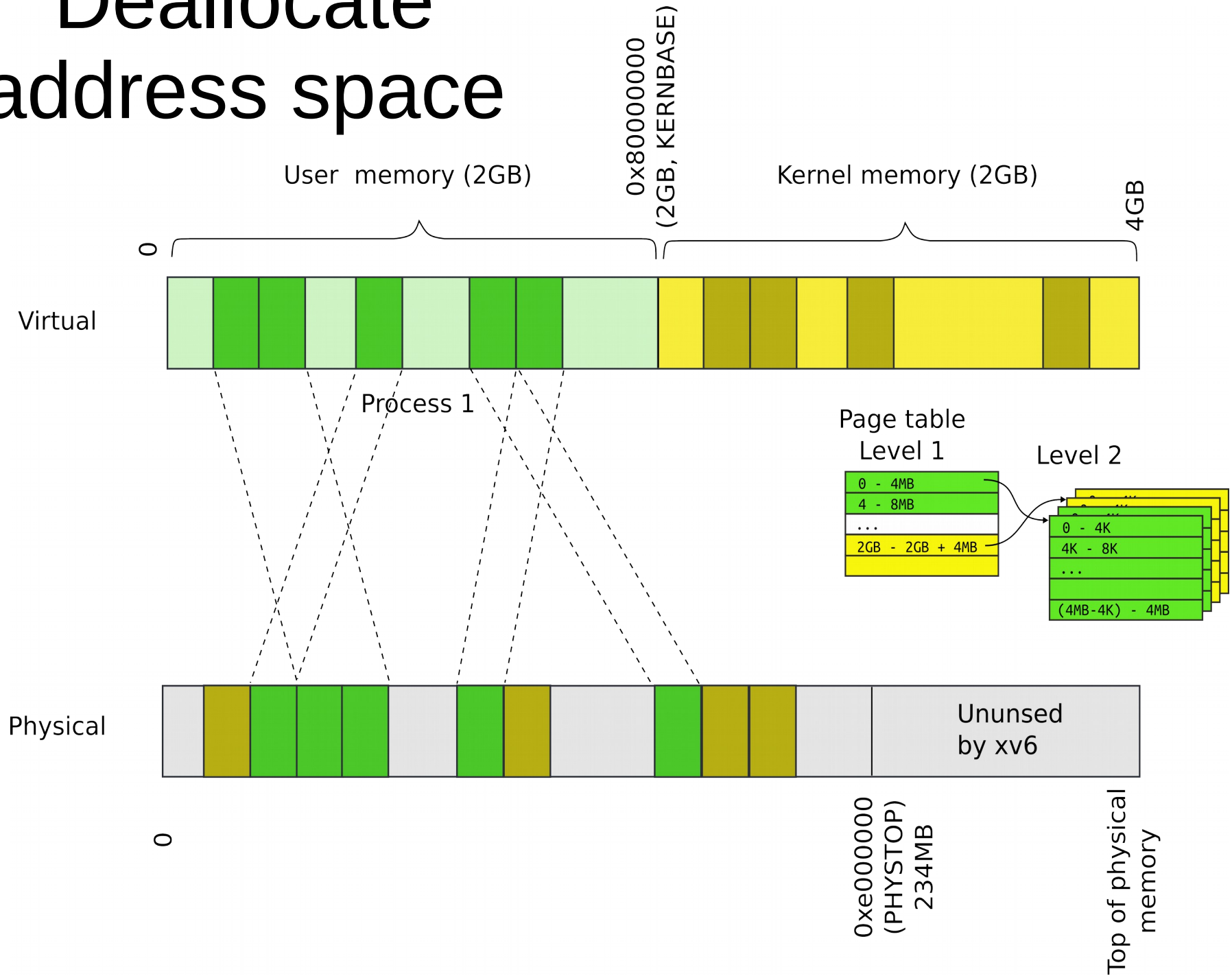
```
6309 int
6310 exec(char *path, char **argv)
6311 {
...
6398     switchvm(proc);
6399     freevm(oldpgdir);
6400     return 0;
...
6410
```

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

# Deallocate 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 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 }
```

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     deallocuvm(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

Thank you!