

# Object Files



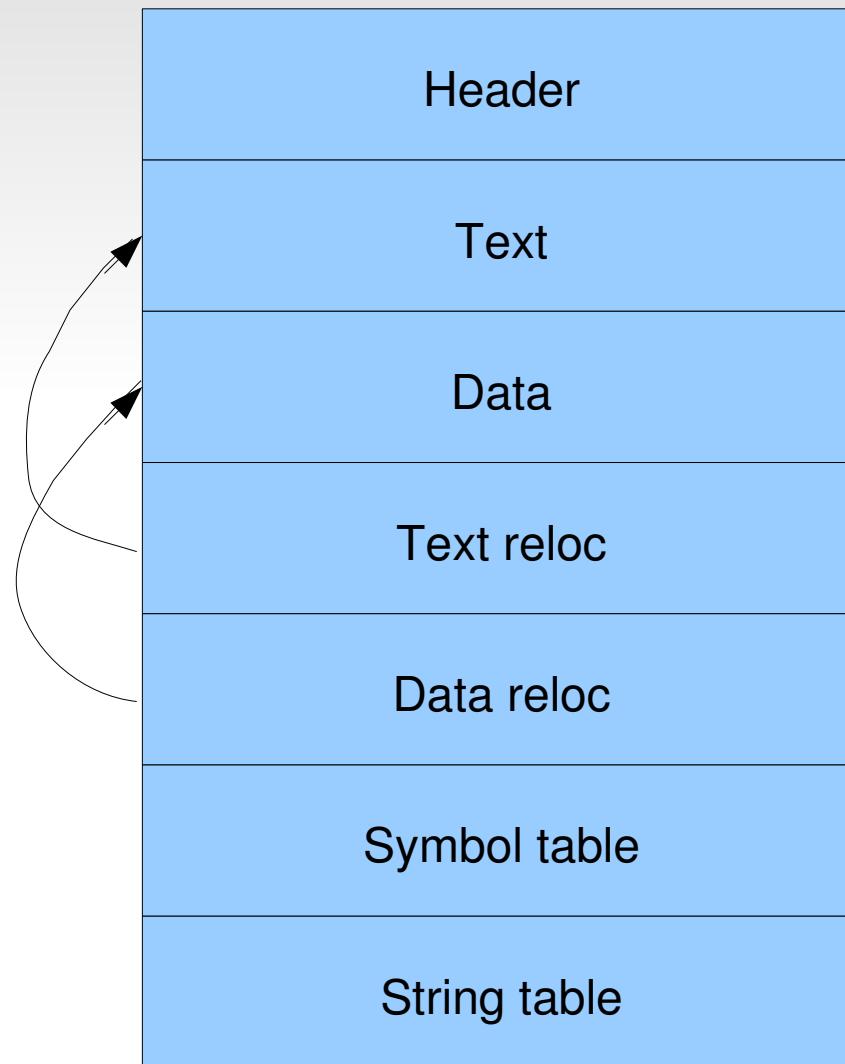
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# File Formats

- a.out
  - .text .bss .data
- COFF
  - Sys III
  - Section
- ELF
  - Multi sections

# a.out



# ELF

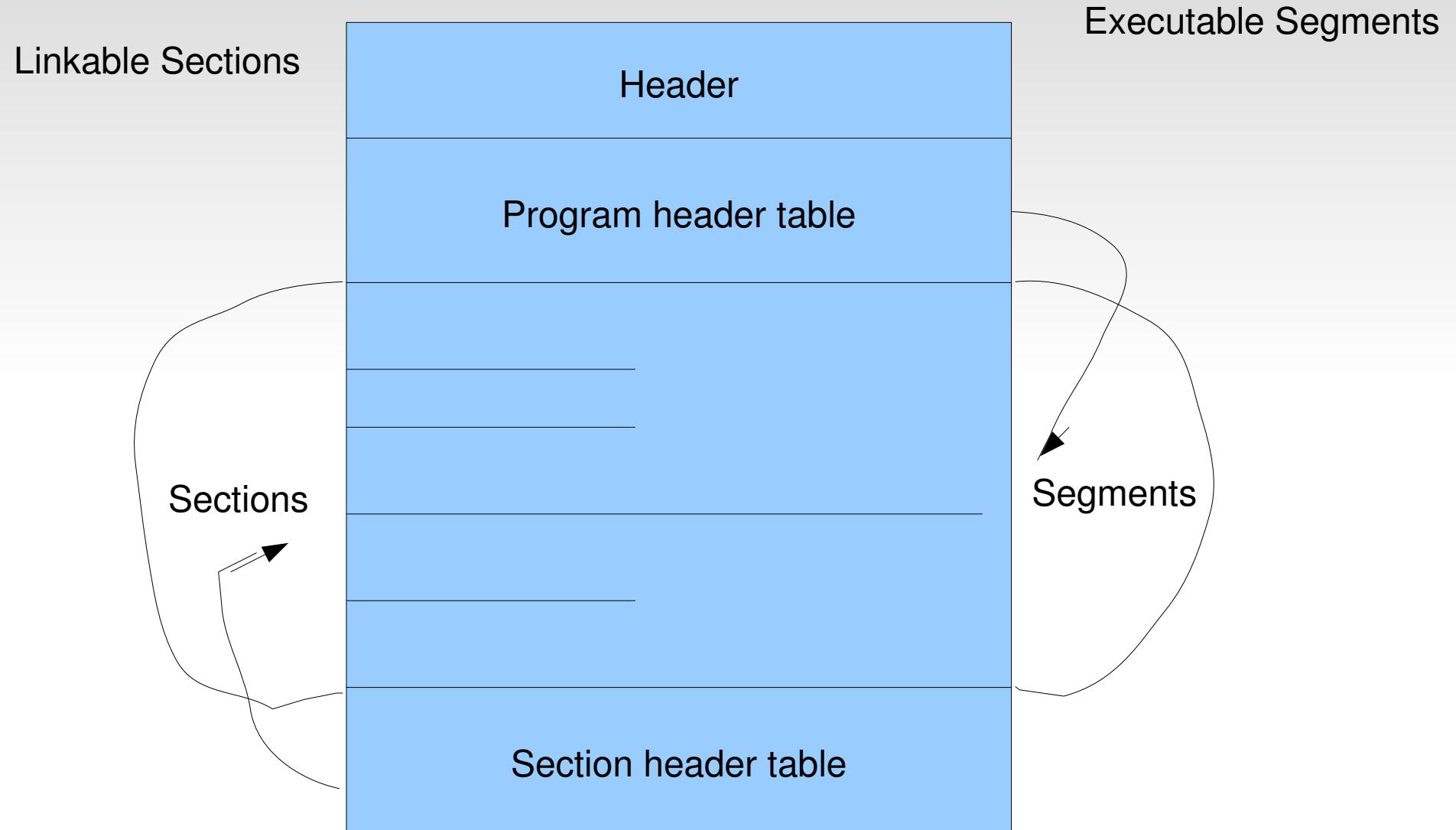


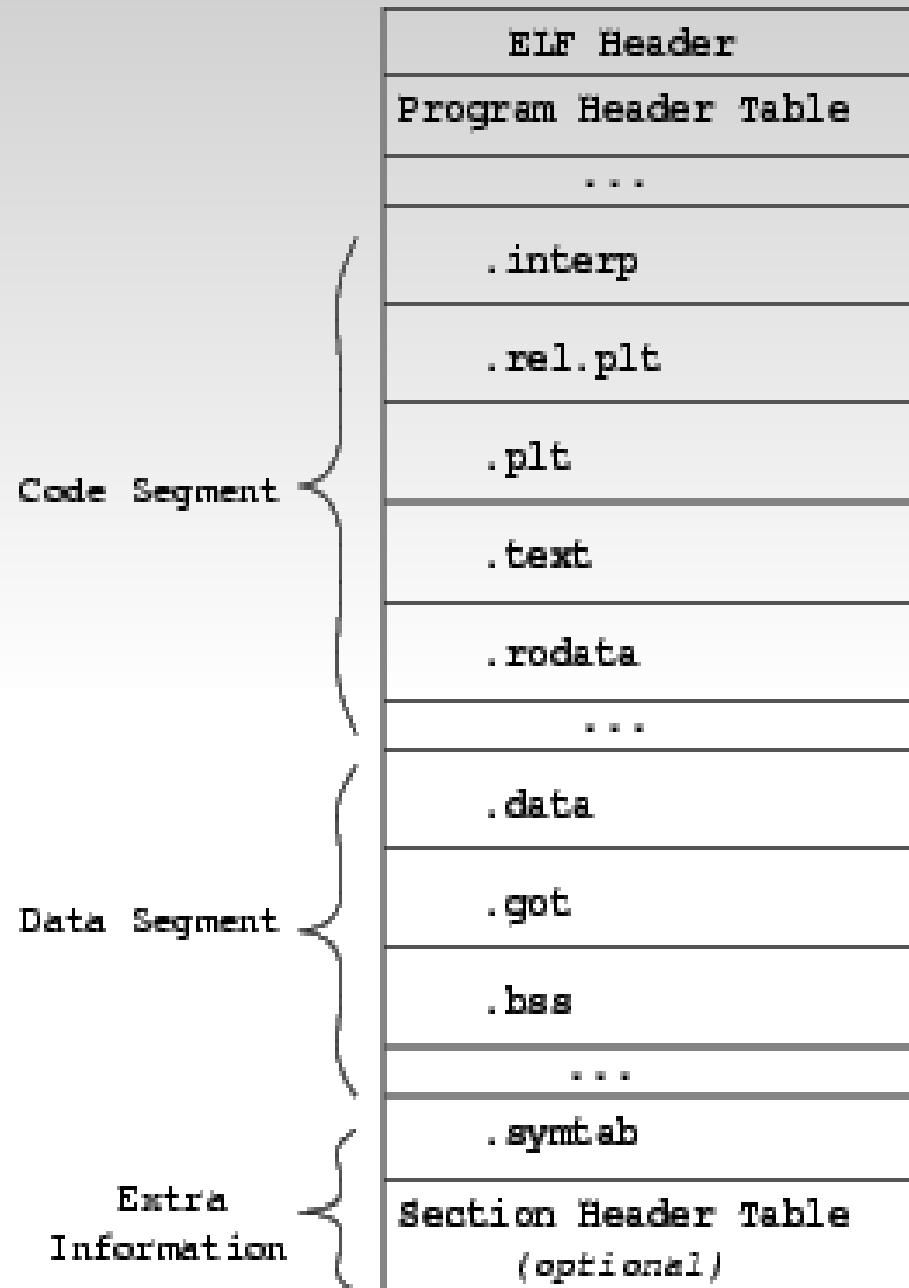
# ELF

- Designed for a better support of cross-compilation, dynamic linking, and good support for C++
- Debug format DWARF
- Address is related to section
- Types:
  - Relocatable
  - Executable
  - Shared Object



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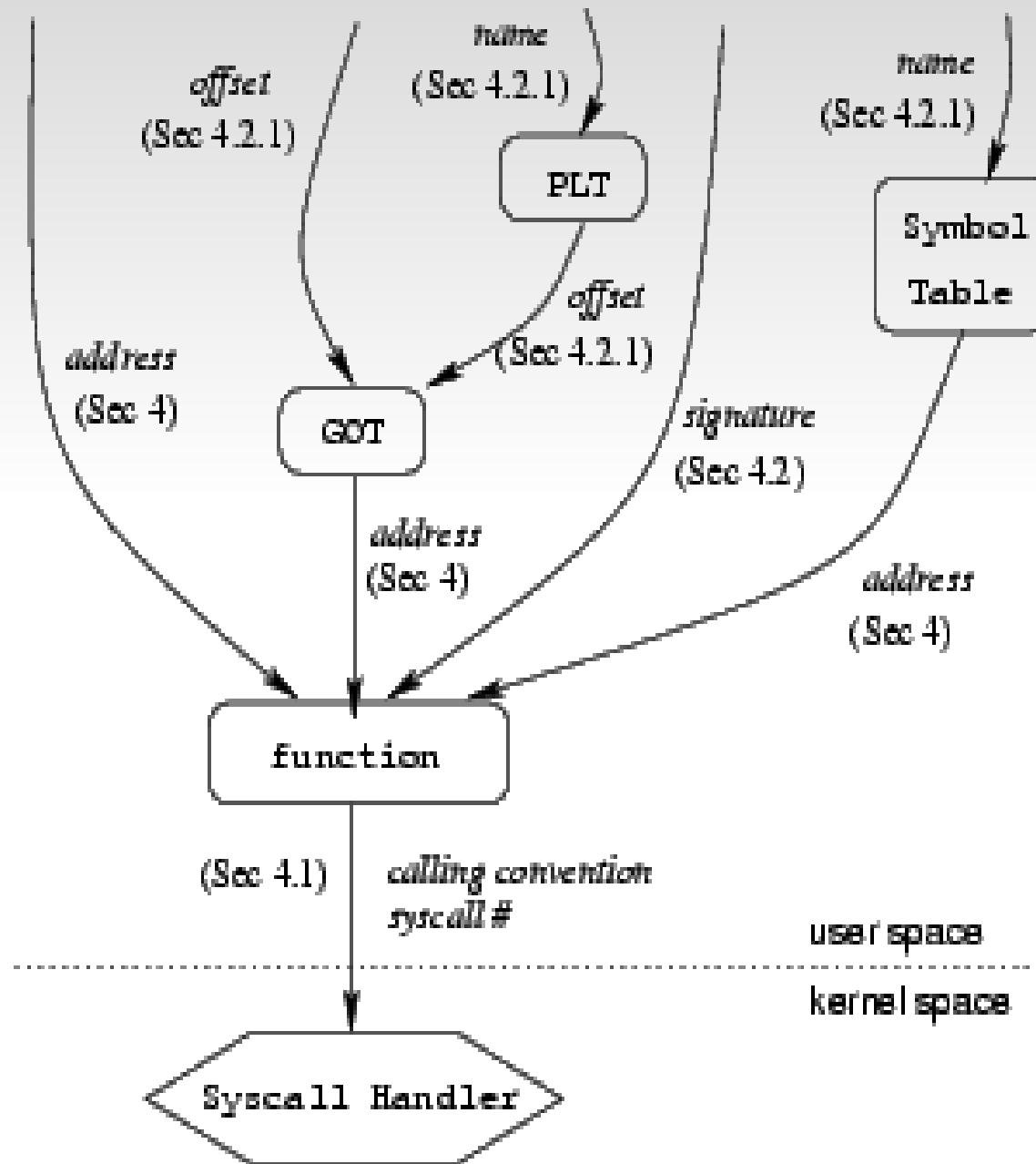




# Loading Dynamically linked program

- Dynamic linker ld.so
- Finding Libraries
- Shared library initialization
  - PLT procedure linking table
  - GOT global symbol table

# Function call



# **Experiments & Observations**

**~Q&A~**  
**Thanks**

# Process Control Block

- A process in an operating system is represented by a data structure known as a process control block (PCB) or process descriptor. The PCB contains important information about the specific process including
  - The current state of the process i.e., whether it is ready, running, waiting, or whatever.
  - Unique identification of the process in order to track "which is which" information.
  - A pointer to parent process.
  - Similarly, a pointer to child process (if it exists).
  - The priority of process (a part of CPU scheduling information).
  - Pointers to locate memory of processes.
  - A register save area.
  - The processor it is running on.
- The PCB is a certain store that allows the operating systems to locate key information about a process. Thus, the PCB is the data structure that defines a process to the operating systems.

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| 1980 | 3BSD               | 1988 | IBMAOS              | 1994 | SCO UNIX                  |
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| 1986 | Chorus             | 1987 | NonStop-UX          | 1981 | UniSoft UniPlus           |
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