CS162
Operating Systems and Systems Programming
Lecture 12

Address Translation

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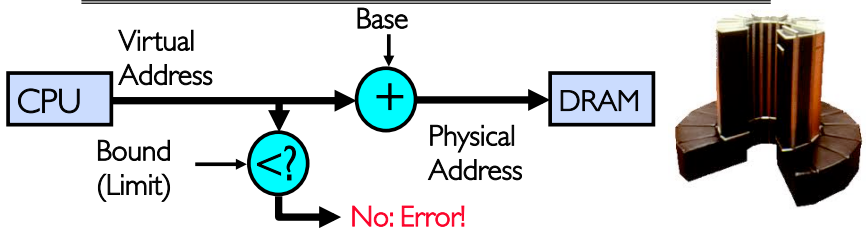
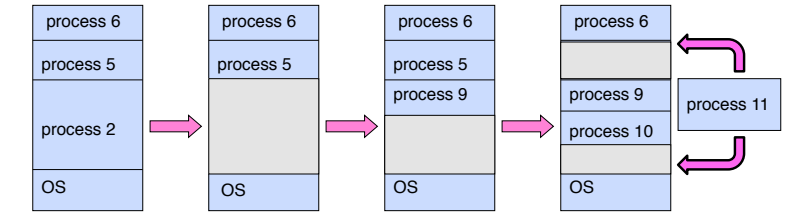
Review: Simple Example: Base and Bounds (CRAY-1)



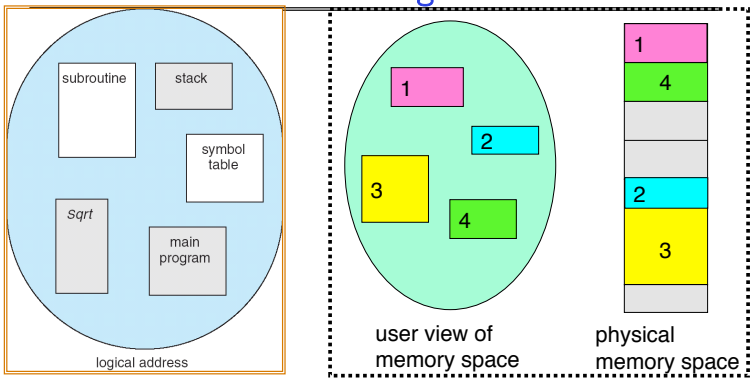
- Could use base/bounds for dynamic address translation – translation happens at execution:
  - Alter address of every load/store by adding "base"
  - Generate error if address bigger than limit
- This gives program the illusion that it is running on its own dedicated machine, with memory starting at 0
  - Program gets continuous region of memory
  - Addresses within program do not have to be relocated when program placed in different region of DRAM

Review: Issues with Simple B&B Method



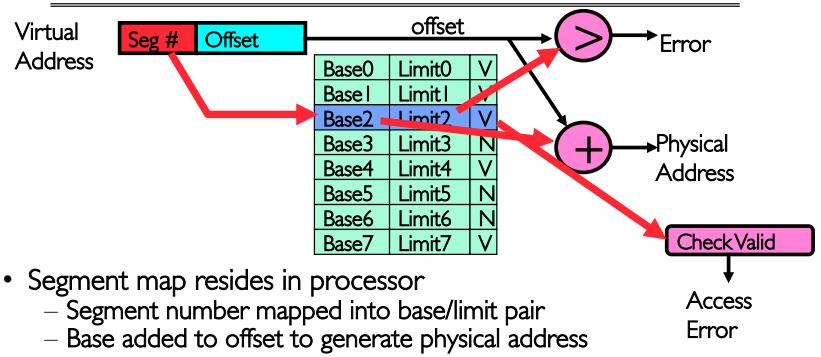
- Fragmentation problem over time
  - Not every process is same size ➔ memory becomes fragmented
- Missing support for sparse address space
  - Would like to have multiple chunks/program (Code, Data, Stack)
- Hard to do inter-process sharing
  - Want to share code segments when possible
  - Want to share memory between processes
  - Helped by providing multiple segments per process

More Flexible Segmentation



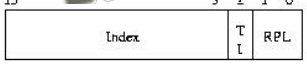
- Logical View: multiple separate segments
  - Typical: Code, Data, Stack
  - Others: memory sharing, etc
- Each segment is given region of contiguous memory
  - Has a base and limit
  - Can reside anywhere in physical memory

Implementation of Multi-Segment Model



- Segment map resides in processor
  - Segment number mapped into base/limit pair
  - Base added to offset to generate physical address
  - Error check catches offset out of range
- As many chunks of physical memory as entries
  - Segment addressed by portion of virtual address
  - However, could be included in instruction instead:
    - » x86 Example: mov [es:bx],ax.
- What is "V/N" (valid / not valid)?
  - Can mark segments as invalid; requires check as well

Intel x86 Special Registers

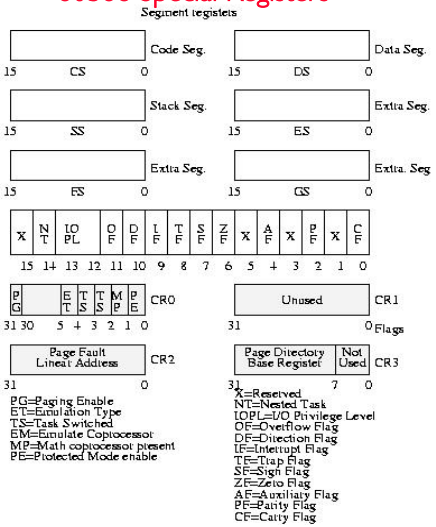


RPL = Requestor Privilege Level
TI = Table Indicator
(0 = GDT, 1 = LDT)
Index = Index into table

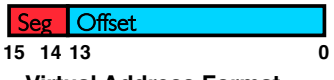
Protected Mode segment selector

Typical Segment Register
Current Priority is RPL
Of Code Segment (CS)

80386 Special Registers

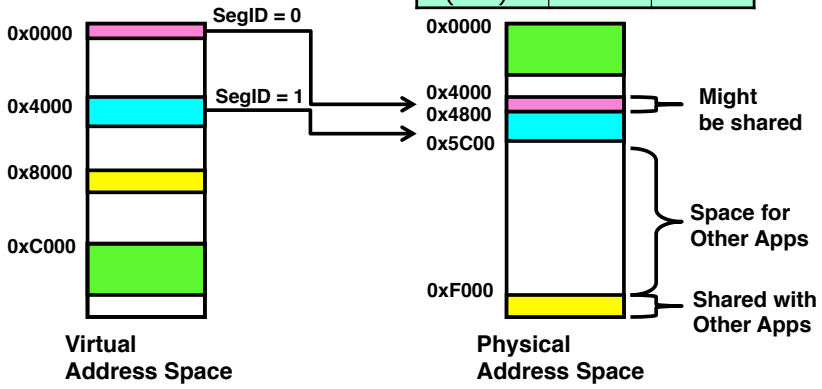


Example: Four Segments (16 bit addresses)



Virtual Address Format

Seg ID #	Base	Limit
0 (code)	0x4000	0x0800
1 (data)	0x4800	0x1400
2 (shared)	0xF000	0x1000
3 (stack)	0x0000	0x3000



Example of Segment Translation

```
0x240   main:   la $a0, varx
0x244           jal strlen
  …               …
0x360   strlen: li   $v0, 0  ;count
0x364   loop:   lb   $t0, ($a0)
0x368           beq  $r0,$t1, done
  …               …
0x4050  varx    dw   0x314159
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Let's simulate a bit of this code to see what happens (PC=0x240):

1. Fetch 0x240. Virtual segment #? 0; Offset? 0x240
   Physical address? Base=0x4000, so physical addr=0x4240
   Fetch instruction at 0x4240. Get "la $a0, varx"
   Move 0x4050 → $a0, Move PC+4→PC
2. Fetch 0x244. Translated to Physical=0x4244. Get "jal strlen"
   Move 0x0248 → $ra (return address!), Move 0x0360 → PC
3. Fetch 0x360. Translated to Physical=0x4360. Get "li $v0,0"
   Move 0x0000 → $v0, Move PC+4→PC
4. Fetch 0x364. Translated to Physical=0x4364. Get "lb $t0,($a0)"
   Since $a0 is 0x4050, try to load byte from 0x4050
   Translate 0x4050. Virtual segment #? 1; Offset? 0x50
   Physical address? Base=0x4800, Physical addr = 0x4850,
   Load Byte from 0x4850→$t0, Move PC+4→PC

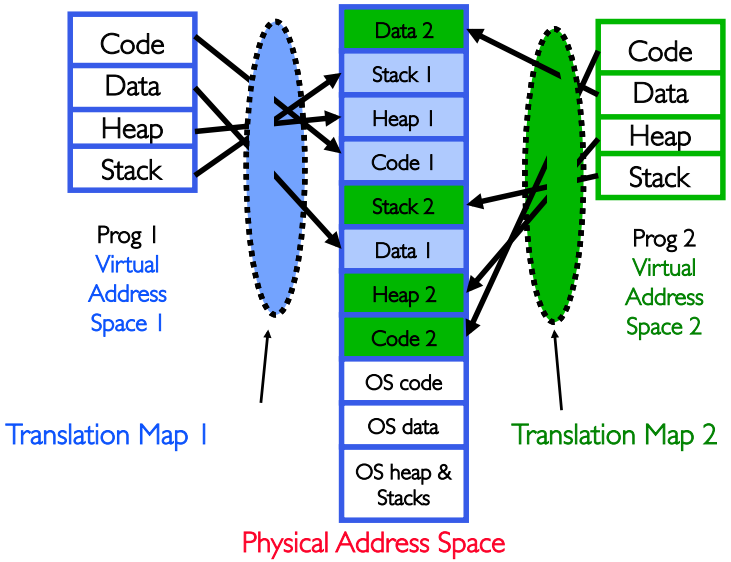
Observations about Segmentation

- Virtual address space has holes
  - Segmentation efficient for sparse address spaces
  - A correct program should never address gaps (except as mentioned in moment)
    - » If it does, trap to kernel and dump core
- When it is OK to address outside valid range:
  - This is how the stack and heap are allowed to grow
  - For instance, stack takes fault, system automatically increases size of stack
- Need protection mode in segment table
  - For example, code segment would be read-only
  - Data and stack would be read-write (stores allowed)
  - Shared segment could be read-only or read-write
- What must be saved/restored on context switch?
  - Segment table stored in CPU, not in memory (small)
  - Might store all of processes memory onto disk when switched (called "swapping")

Problems with Segmentation

- Must fit variable-sized chunks into physical memory
- May move processes multiple times to fit everything
- Limited options for swapping to disk
- Fragmentation: wasted space
  - External: free gaps between allocated chunks
  - Internal: don't need all memory within allocated chunks

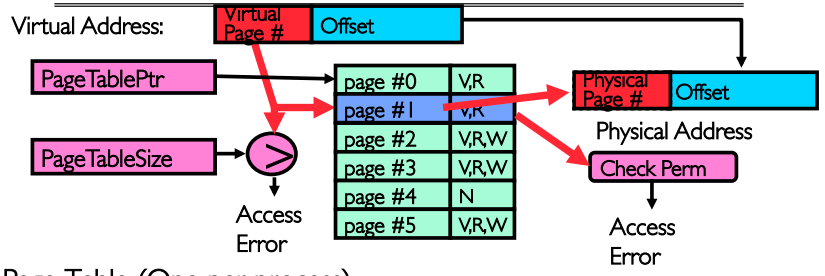
Recall: General Address Translation



Paging: Physical Memory in Fixed Size Chunks

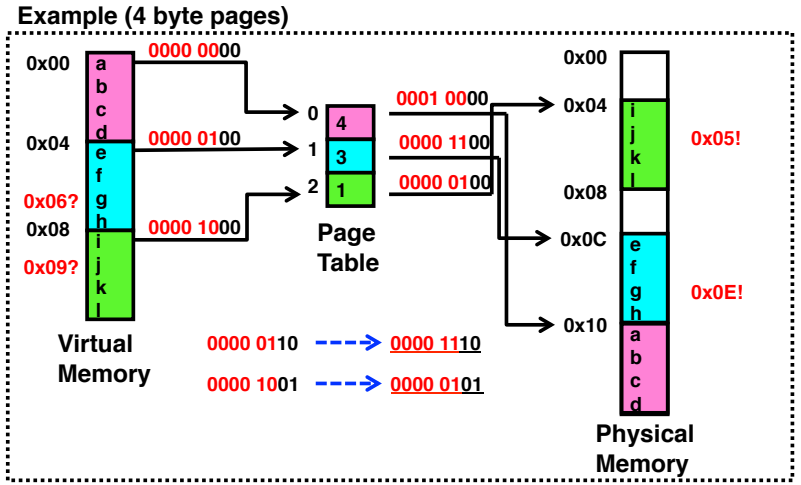
- Solution to fragmentation from segments?
  - Allocate physical memory in fixed size chunks ("pages")
  - Every chunk of physical memory is equivalent
    - » Can use simple vector of bits to handle allocation:
      00110001110001101 … 110010
    - » Each bit represents page of physical memory
      1⇒allocated, 0⇒free
- Should pages be as big as our previous segments?
  - No: Can lead to lots of internal fragmentation
    - » Typically have small pages (1K-16K)
  - Consequently: need multiple pages/segment

How to Implement Paging?

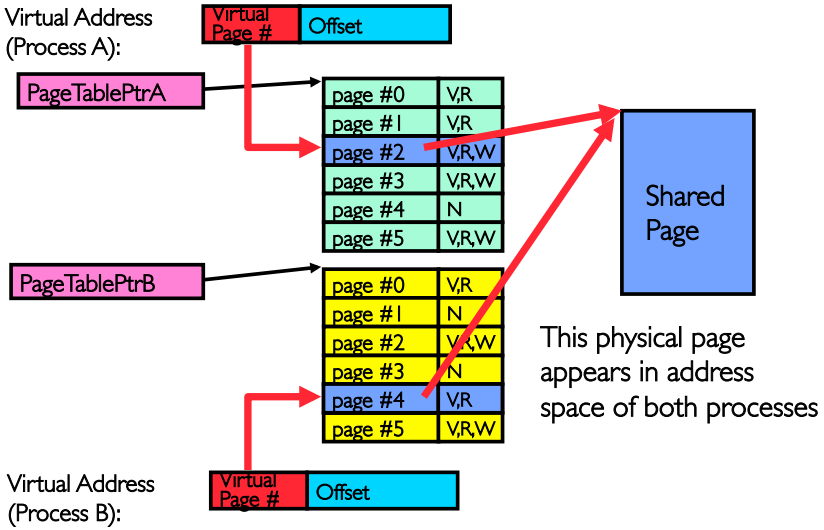


- Page Table (One per process)
  - Resides in physical memory
  - Contains physical page and permission for each virtual page
    - » Permissions include: Valid bits, Read, Write, etc
- Virtual address mapping
  - Offset from Virtual address copied to Physical Address
    - » Example: 10 bit offset ⇒ 1024-byte pages
  - Virtual page # is all remaining bits
    - » Example for 32-bits: 32-10 = 22 bits, i.e. 4 million entries
    - » Physical page # copied from table into physical address
  - Check Page Table bounds and permissions

Simple Page Table Example



What about Sharing?



Administrivia

- Upcoming deadlines:
  - Project 1 final code due Fri 3/4, final report due Mon 3/7
- Midterm next week Wed 3/9 6-7:30 10 Evans and 155 Dwinelle
  - *Midterm review session: Sun 3/6 2-5PM at 2060 VLSB*
  - *Rooms assignment: aa-eh 10 Evans, ej-oa 155 Dwinelle*
  - Lectures (including #12), project, homeworks readings, textbook
  - No books, no calculators, one double-side page handwritten notes
  - No class that day, extra office hours

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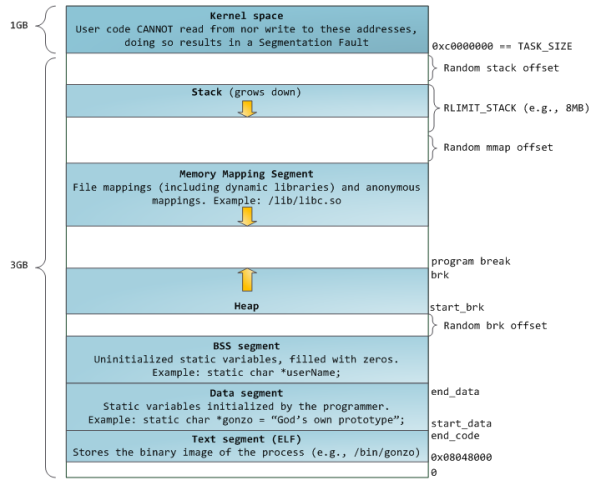
Memory Layout for Linux 32-bit



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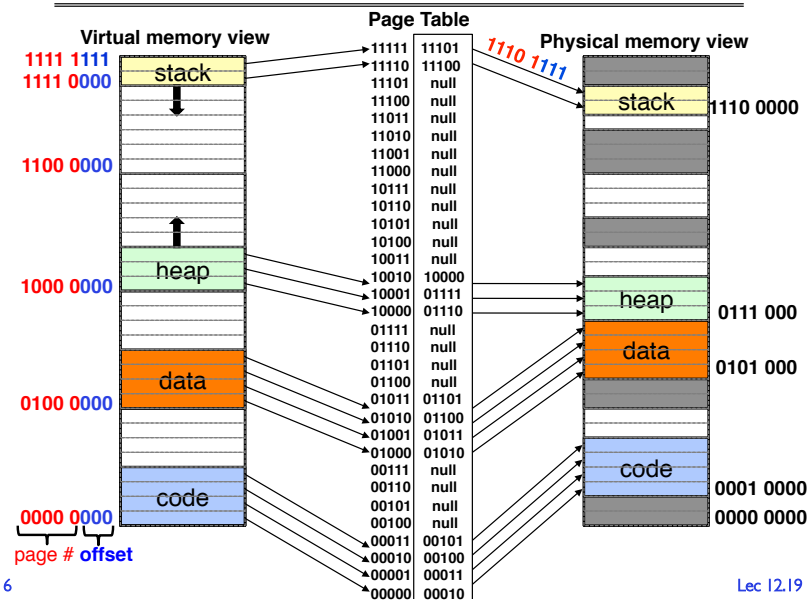

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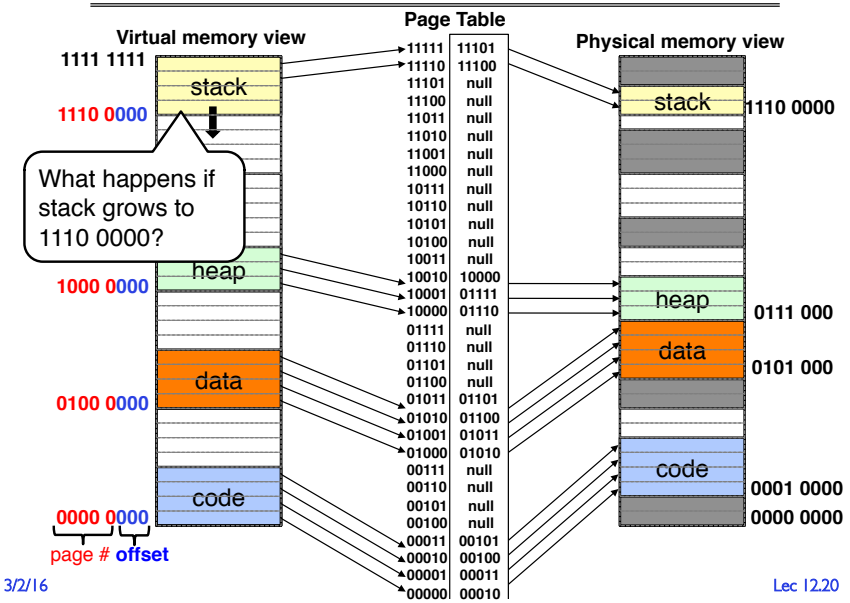

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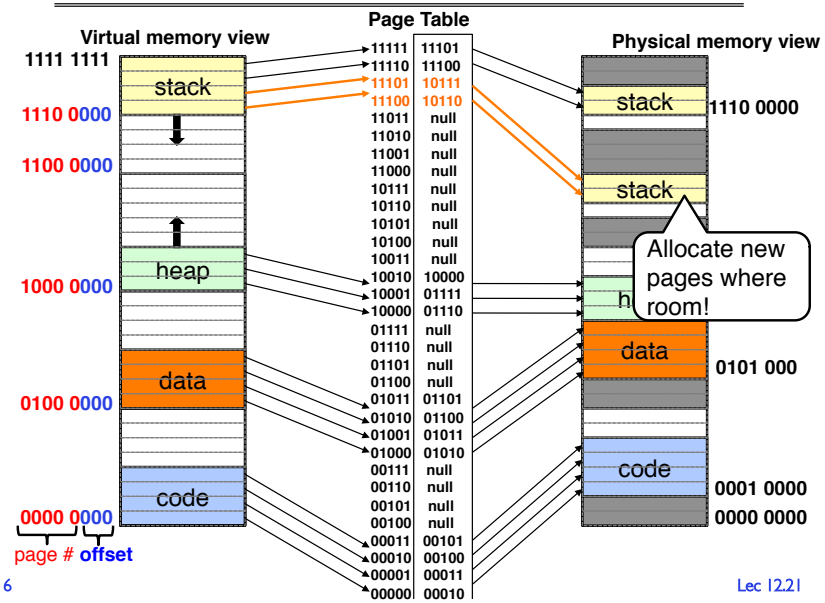
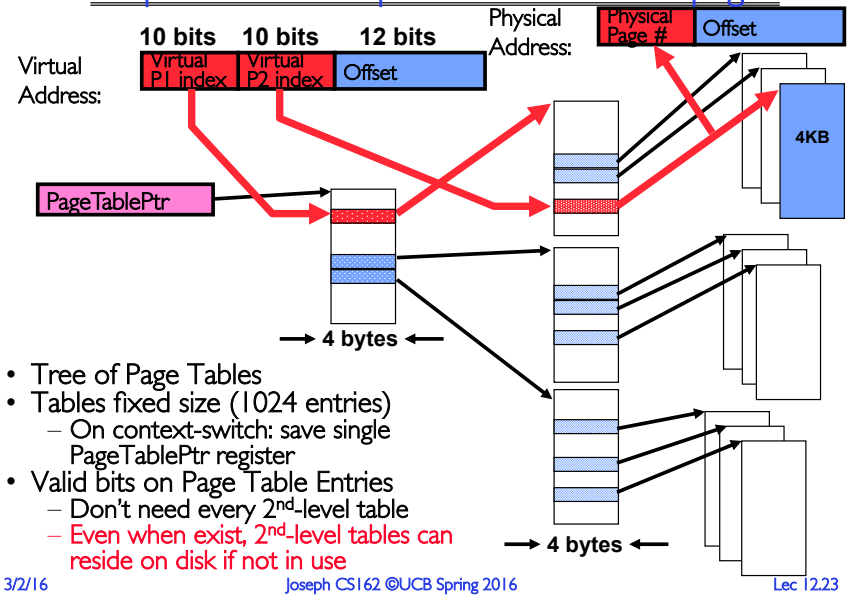


Page Table Discussion

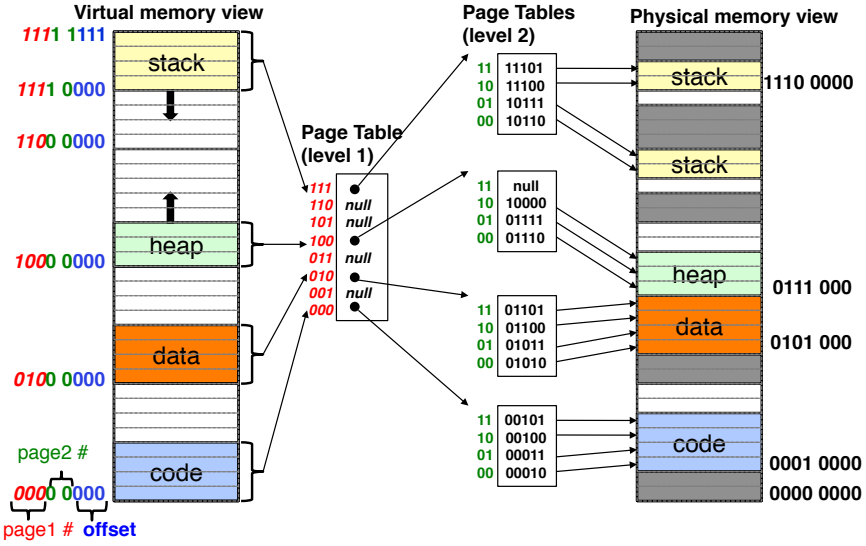
- What needs to be switched on a context switch?
  - Page table pointer and limit
- Analysis
  - Pros
    - » Simple memory allocation
    - » Easy to Share
  - Con: What if address space is sparse?
    - » E.g. on UNIX, code starts at 0, stack starts at (2^{31}-1).
    - » With 1K pages, need 2 million page table entries!
  - Con: What if table really big?
    - » Not all pages used all the time ⇒ would be nice to have working set of page table in memory
- How about combining paging and segmentation?

Fix for sparse address space: The two-level page table



- Tree of Page Tables
- Tables fixed size (1024 entries)
  - On context-switch: save single PageTablePtr register
- Valid bits on Page Table Entries
  - Don't need every 2nd-level table
  - Even when exist, 2nd-level tables can reside on disk if not in use

Summary: Two-Level Paging



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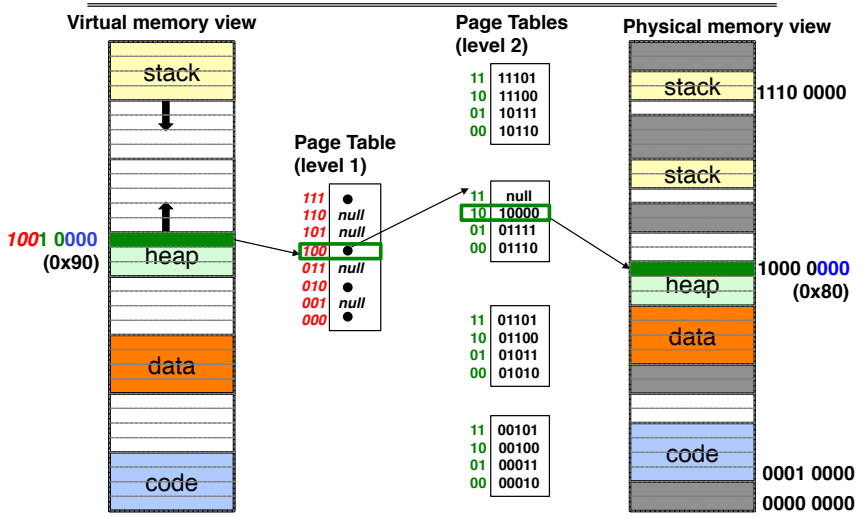
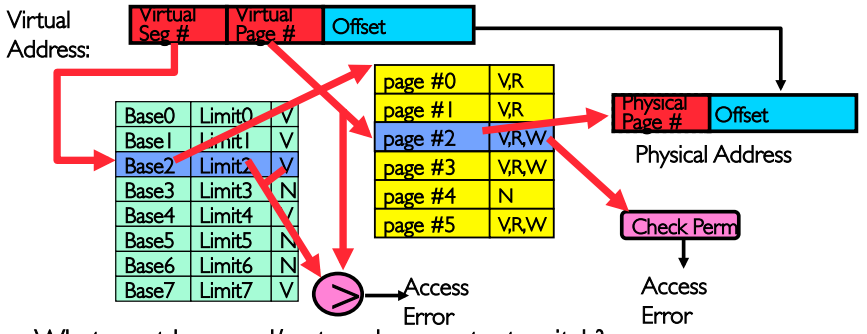


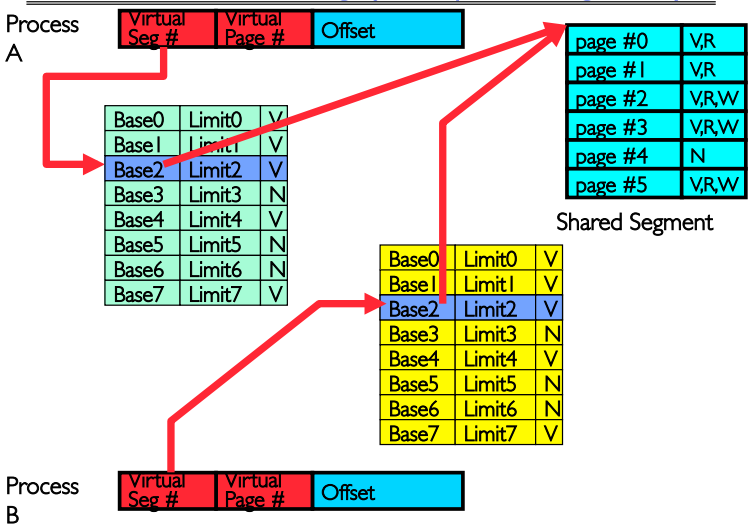
Multi-level Translation: Segments + Pages

- What about a tree of tables?
  - Lowest level page table⇒memory still allocated with bitmap
  - Higher levels often segmented
- Could have any number of levels. Example (top segment):



- What must be saved/restored on context switch?
  - Contents of top-level segment registers (for this example)
  - Pointer to top-level table (page table)

What about Sharing (Complete Segment)?



Multi-level Translation Analysis

- Pros:
  - Only need to allocate as many page table entries as we need for application
    - » In other wards, sparse address spaces are easy
  - Easy memory allocation
  - Easy Sharing
    - » Share at segment or page level (need additional reference counting)
- Cons:
  - One pointer per page (typically 4K – 16K pages today)
  - Page tables need to be contiguous
    - » However, previous example keeps tables to exactly one page in size
  - Two (or more, if >2 levels) lookups per reference
    - » Seems very expensive!

What is in a Page Table Entry?

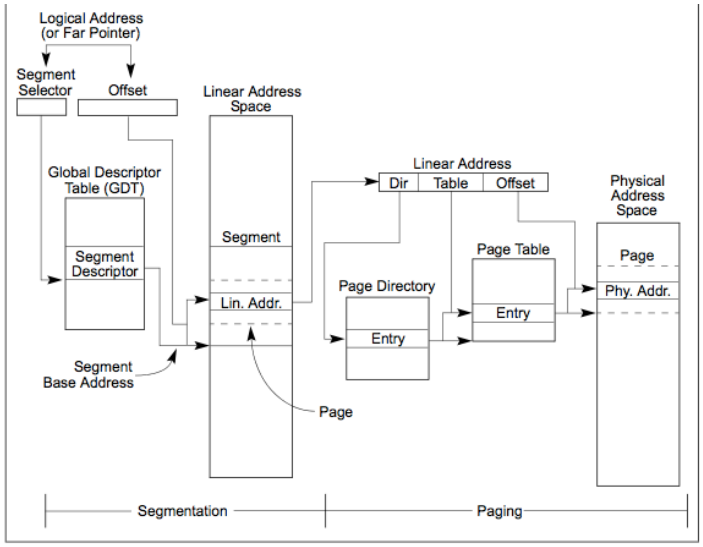
- What is in a Page Table Entry (or PTE)?
  - Pointer to next-level page table or to actual page
  - Permission bits: valid, read-only, read-write, write-only
- Example: Intel x86 architecture PTE:
  - Address same format previous slide (10, 10, 12-bit offset)
  - Intermediate page tables called "Directories"

P: Present (same as "valid" bit in other architectures)
W: Writeable
U: User accessible
PWT: Page write transparent: external cache write-through
PCD: Page cache disabled (page cannot be cached)
A: Accessed: page has been accessed recently
D: Dirty (PTE only): page has been modified recently
L: L=1⇒4MB page (directory only).
Bottom 22 bits of virtual address serve as offset

Examples of how to use a PTE

- How do we use the PTE?
  - Invalid PTE can imply different things:
    - » Region of address space is actually invalid or
    - » Page/directory is just somewhere else than memory
  - Validity checked first
    - » OS can use other (say) 31 bits for location info
- Usage Example: Demand Paging
  - Keep only active pages in memory
  - Place others on disk and mark their PTEs invalid
- Usage Example: Copy on Write
  - UNIX fork gives *copy* of parent address space to child
    - » Address spaces disconnected after child created
  - How to do this cheaply?
    - » Make copy of parent's page tables (point at same memory)
    - » Mark entries in both sets of page tables as read-only
    - » Page fault on write creates two copies
- Usage Example: Zero Fill On Demand
  - New data pages must carry no information (say be zeroed)
  - Mark PTEs as invalid; page fault on use gets zeroed page
  - Often, OS creates zeroed pages in background

Making it real: X86 Memory model with segmentation (16/32-bit)



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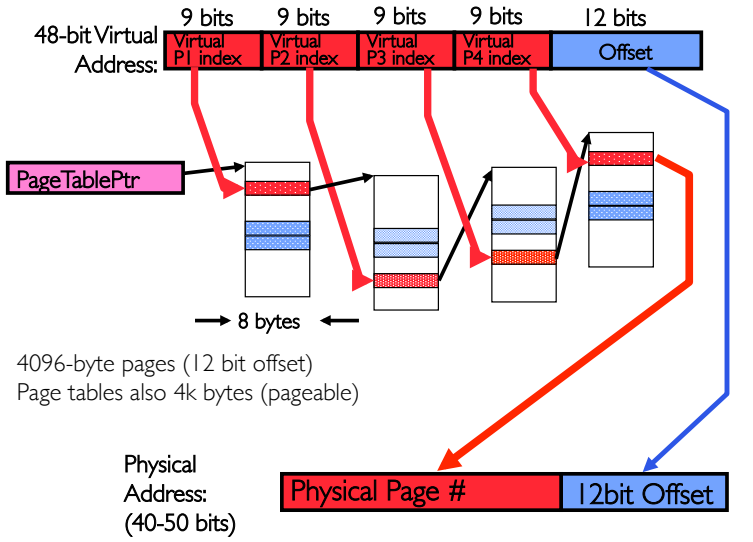
X86_64: Four-level page table!



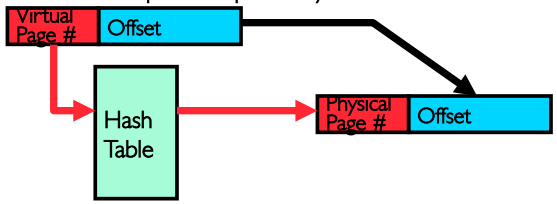
IA64: 64bit addresses: Six-level page table?!?

No!

Too slow
Too many almost-empty tables

Inverted Page Table

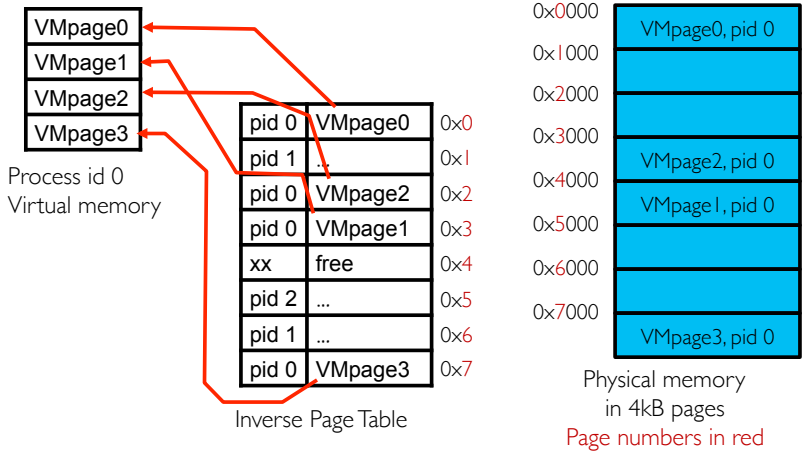
- With all previous examples ("Forward Page Tables")
  - Size of page table is at least as large as amount of virtual memory allocated to processes
  - Physical memory may be much less
    - » Much of process space may be out on disk or not in use



- Answer: use a hash table
  - Called an "Inverted Page Table"
  - Size is independent of virtual address space
  - Directly related to amount of physical memory
  - Very attractive option for 64-bit address spaces
- Cons: Complexity of managing hash changes
  - Often in hardware!

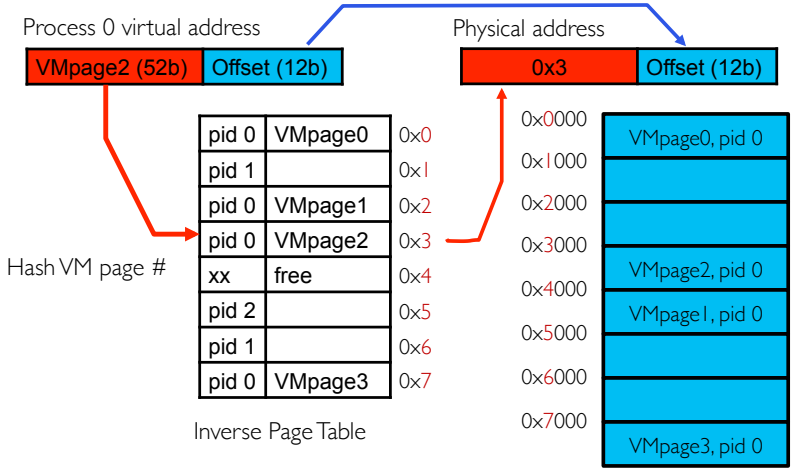
IA64: Inverse Page Table (IPT)

Idea: index page table by physical pages instead of VM



IPT address translation

- Need an associative map from VM page to IPT address:
  - Use a hash map



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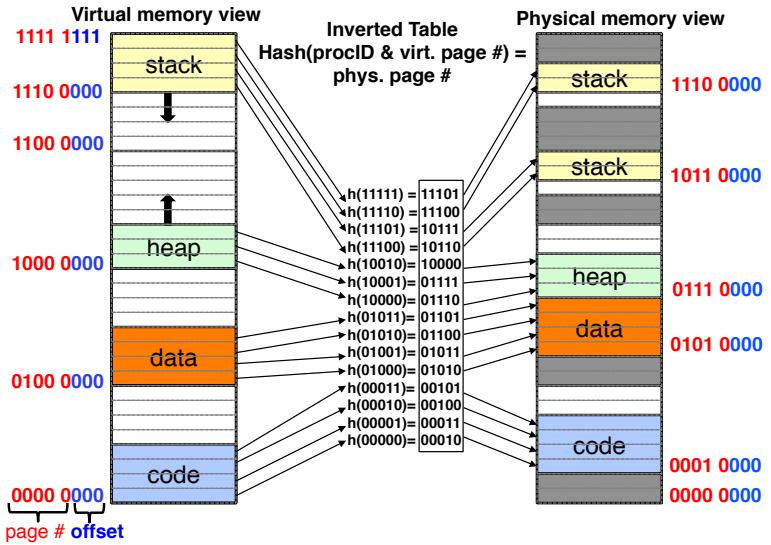

Address Translation Comparison

	Advantages	Disadvantages
Simple Segmentation	Fast context switching: Segment mapping maintained by CPU	External fragmentation
Paging (single-level page)	No external fragmentation, fast easy allocation	Large table size ~ virtual memory Internal fragmentation
Paged segmentation Two-level pages	Table size ~ # of pages in virtual memory, fast easy allocation	Multiple memory references per page access
Inverted Table	Table size ~ # of pages in physical memory	Hash function more complex

Summary

- Segment Mapping
  - Segment registers within processor
  - Segment ID associated with each access
    - » Often comes from portion of virtual address
    - » Can come from bits in instruction instead (x86)
  - Each segment contains base and limit information
    - » Offset (rest of address) adjusted by adding base
- Page Tables
  - Memory divided into fixed-sized chunks of memory
  - Virtual page number from virtual address mapped through page table to physical page number
  - Offset of virtual address same as physical address
  - Large page tables can be placed into virtual memory
- Multi-Level Tables
  - Virtual address mapped to series of tables
  - Permit sparse population of address space
- Inverted page table
  - Size of page table related to physical memory size