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Kernel

Program Space

MMU

Virtual Memory

Physical Memory



Virtual Address

0x30408

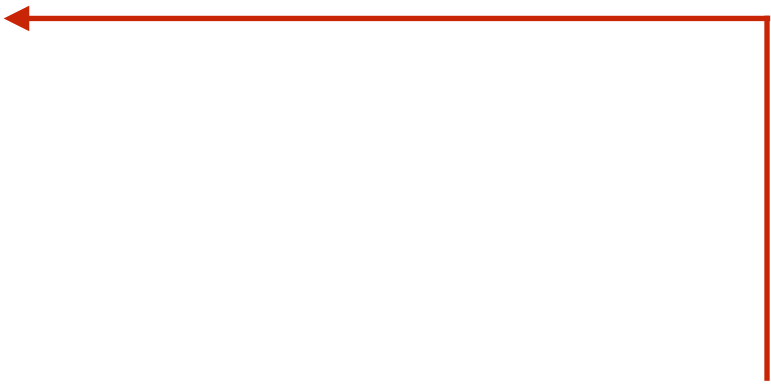


Is this address legal?

Yes, the physical
address is 0x92408



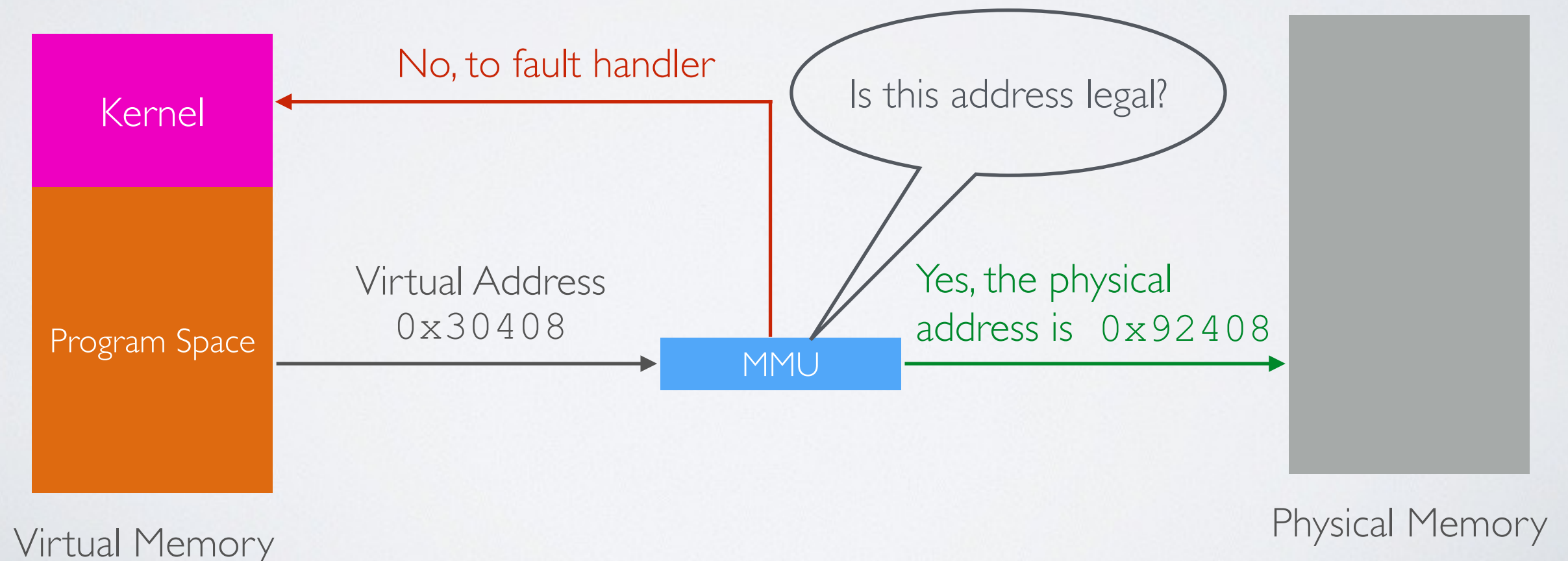
No, to fault handler



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Virtual Memory Advantages

- ✓ Can re-locate process while running either in memory or to disk (a.k.a swap)