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## System Softwares

## Tutorial 8

Ans:

Let  $A$  be the absolute addresses - instructions or data addresses used in the instructions of program  $P$ .

$A \neq \phi$  implies the program  $P$  assumes its instructions and data to occupy memory words with specific addresses.

Such a program is called address sensitive program.

Relocation Example:

STATEMENTS		ADDRESS	MACHINE CODE
ORIGIN 500			
RAPD	A	500	01 0 500
LOOP	....	501	
	:	:	:
	:	:	:
A	DS 1	540	

If the program is loaded for execution in the memory address 900, its load time origin = 900.

The load time address of loop would be 901

The Relocation factor =  $900 - 500 = 400$

Address of A = 940



Linking Example -

Consider an application program consisting of a set of programs  $S = \{P_1, P_2\}$

Program unit  $P_1$  interacts with another program  $P_2$  by using addresses of program  $P_2$ .

To realize such interactions,  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  must contain public definitions and external references defined in the following -

- Public definition - A symbol pub-symb defined in a program unit which may be referenced in other program units.
- External reference - A reference to a symbol ext-symb which is not defined in program unit.

• EXTERN and ENTRY statements -

→ An ENTRY statement in program unit lists the public definition of a program UNIT.

→ An EXTERN statement lists the symbols to which external references are made in the program.

A self relocating program is a program which can perform its own relocation of address sensitive instructions.

It contains the following two provisions for this purpose -

- A table of information concerning the address sensitive instructions exists as a part of the program.
- Code to perform the relocation of address sensitive instructions also exists as a part of the program. This is called relocating logic.

### Ex 2. Static Linking

- The linker loads all the modules of a program before its execution begins and produces a binary program that does not contain any unresolved external references.
- If statically linked programs use the same module from a library, each program will get a private copy of the module.
- If many programs that use the module are in execution at the same time, many copies of the module might be present in memory.

### Dynamic Linking

- It is performed during execution of a binary program.
- The linker is invoked when an unresolved external reference is encountered during the execution of a program.
- The arrangement has several benefits concerning use, sharing and updating of library modules.
- If a module is referenced by a program has already been linked to another program that is in execution, a copy of the module would exist in memory. The same copy of the module could be linked to his program as well, thus saving memory.



### Simple and Go loaders

- In this type of loader, the instruction is read line by line, machine code is obtained and it is directly put in the main memory at some known address.
- That means the assembler runs in one part of memory and the assembled machine instructions and data directly put into their assigned memory locations.
- After the completion of loading the assembler passes the control to the starting of instruction of loaded program.
- This loading scheme is called as 'assemble and go'.

### Linker

- The main function of linker is to generate executable files.
- The linker takes input of object code generated by compiler/assembler.
- It is the process of combining source program with external referenced modules into a single binary program.
- It is also responsible for arranging objects in program's address space.

### Loader

- The main objective of loader is to load binary programs to main memory.
- The loader takes executable files as input.
- It is the process of loading executable codes to the main memory.
- It is also responsible for adjusting references which are used within the program.