

CSS 422 Hardware and Computer Organization

# Virtual Memory and TLB

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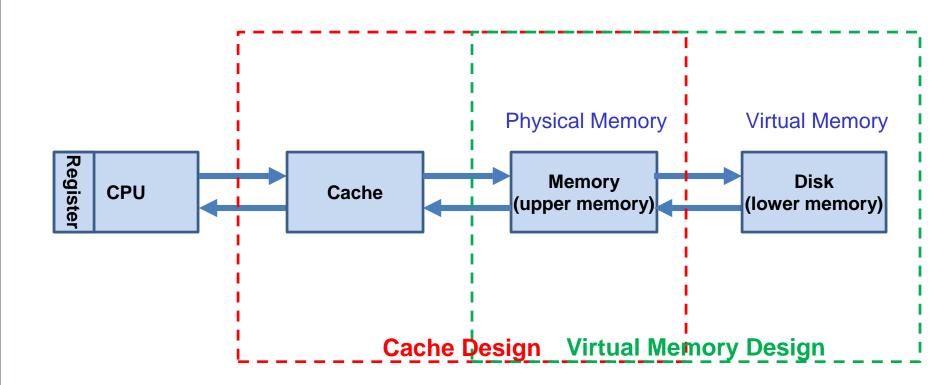


### Topic

- 1. Virtual Memory
- 2. Virtual memory paging
- 3. Translation Lookaside Buffer (TLB)
- 4. LRU stack
- Chapter 6 by Null
- Chapter 14 by Berger (Available online)



#### Accessing Memories in a Computer System





#### Virtual Memory

- Virtual memory provides the method to map lower memory to upper memory in the hierarchy
  - Large quantities of slower memory (disk) supplies instructions and data to physical memory
  - Allows programs to **pretend** that they have **larger memory** resources to run in and store data
- The relationship between virtual memory (large) and physical memory (small) is similar to that of main memory (large) and an associative cache (small)
  - Any page in a virtual memory can be mapped to any page frame on a physical memory
  - No need of search: you can directly translate the address in virtual memory to physical memory using the page table



### **Paging**

#### Pages

- Blocks of memory that can map as a the minimum unit between physical memory and secondary storage (e.g., disk)
- Virtual memory system only loads specific parts (pages)
  of the program into physical memory
  - Pages that has been allocated by the operating system
  - Pages that is currently in use (hit)
- Virtual (Logical) address is divided into two parts
  - Virtual page number (or page number)
  - Word offset (byte offset) within the page
  - The page number in virtual address is translated into a frame number in physical address
  - The offset is preserved



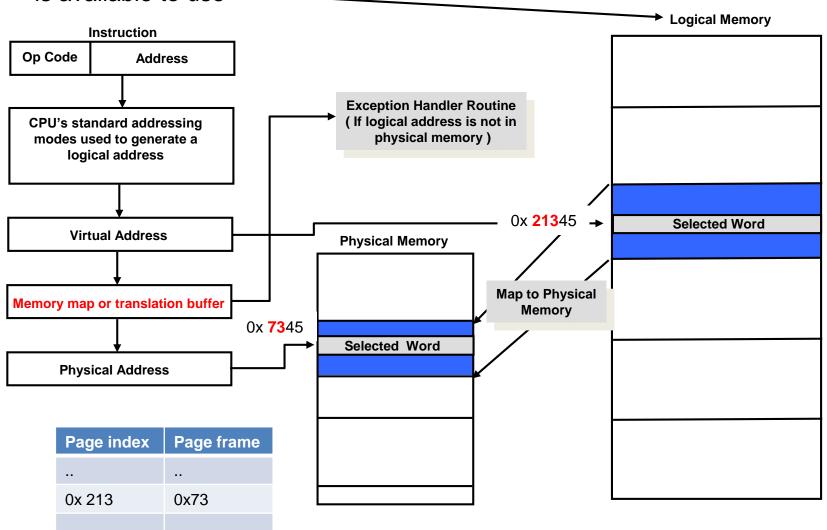
#### Paging: Define Terms

- Demand-paged virtual memory
  - O/S loads the pages into physical memory on demand
- Page Number (Virtual Page Number)
  - Most significant (upper) bits of the virtual address
- Word Offset: Byte or word address within a page
  - Least significant (lower) bits within the page
- Frame: One unit of physical memory that holds a page
  - Always loads onto page boundaries
  - Tend to be from 512 bytes to 4096 bytes
- Page Map
  - Memory map that stores relationship (mapping) between pages in virtual memory and frames in physical memory



#### Components of a Virtual Memory System

Virtual (Logical) Memory is the memory space that the program thinks it is available to use





### Page Table: Keeping Track of Pages

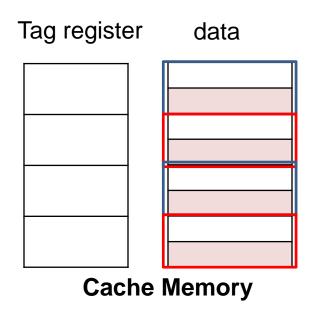
- Page table: The part of the page map owned by the O/S
- Page table entries: Holds information about a specific page
  - Virtual page number
    - Index in page table
  - Page frame number
    - Page frame number in physical memory
  - Validity bit: Whether or not the page is currently in physical memory
  - Dirty bit: Whether or not the program has modified (written to) the page
  - Protection bits: Which user (process or program) may access the page
    - Linux Users: what CHMOD really does
- For simplicity, we will use the following table for page table.

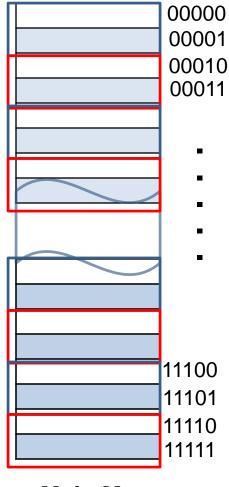
Page (virtual)		Frame (physical)	Validity bit
	0	0	1
	1		0
	2	1	1





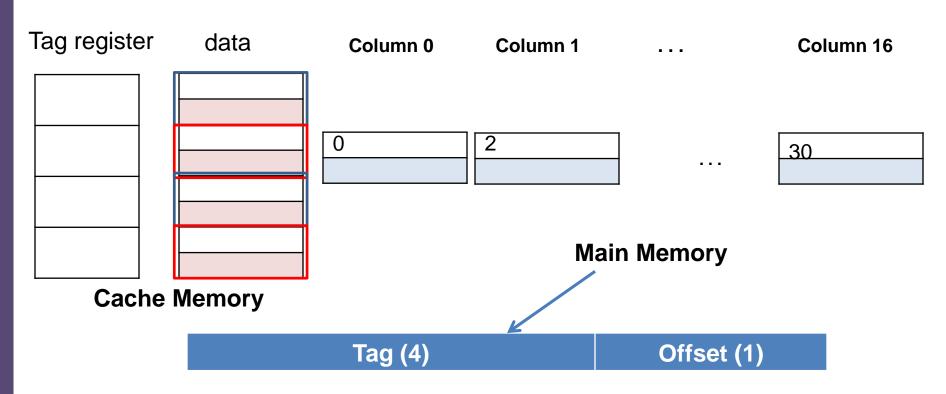
- The main memory size is 32 bytes
- The size of cache is 8 bytes
- The size of block is 2 bytes
- Main memory is divided with the same size of blocks





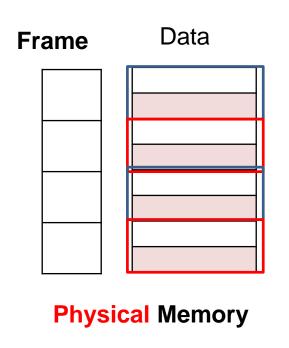


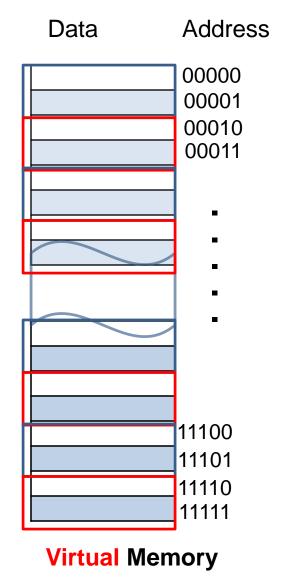
- Rearrange the main memory based on the size of block (refill line)
- Conceptually the number of columns = number of blocks
- Each block can be mapped to any available block





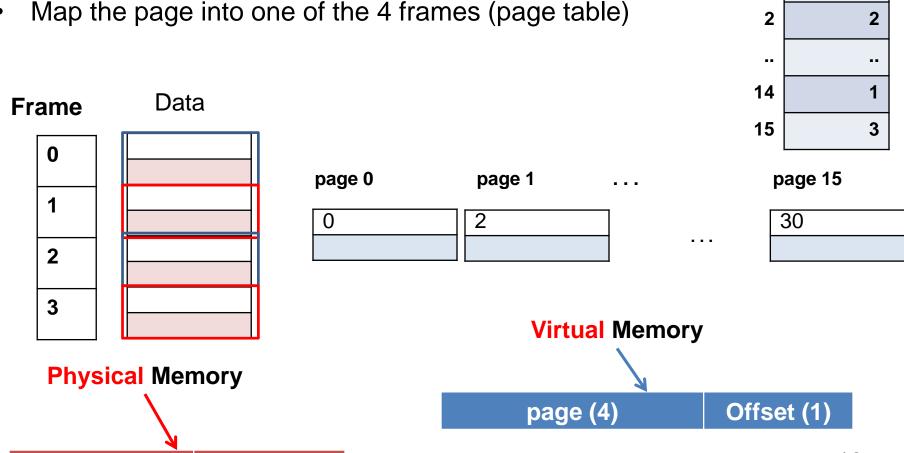
- The virtual memory size is 32 bytes
- The size of physical memory is 8 bytes
- The size of page frame is 2 bytes







- The number of pages = VM size / frame size = 32/2 = 16
- The number of frames = PM size / frame size = 8/2 = 4



**Page** 

(virtual)

**Frame** 

(physical)



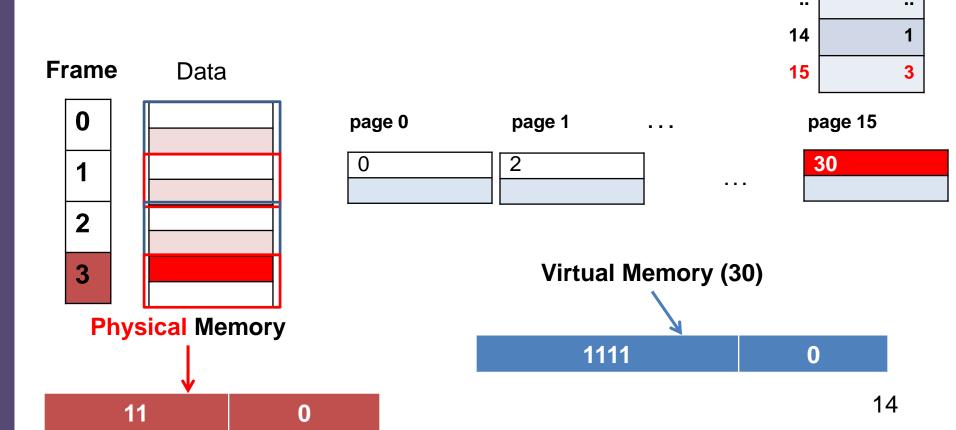
**Page** 

(virtual)

**Frame** 

(physical)

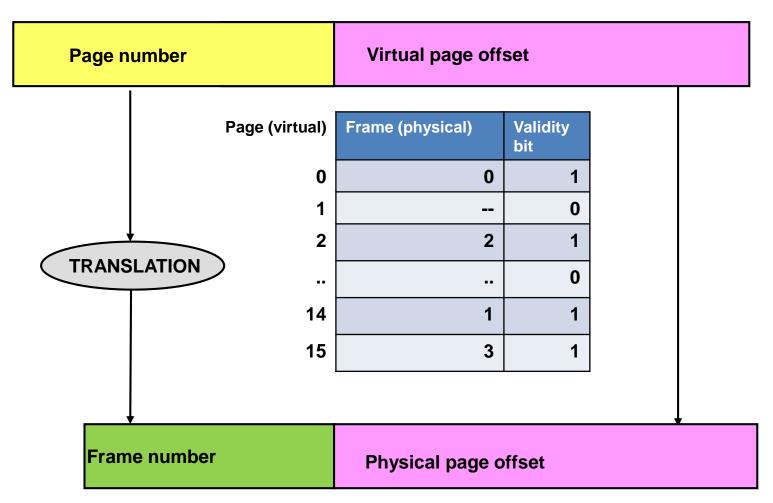
- The number of pages = VM size / frame size = 32/2 = 16
- The number of frames = PM size / frame size = 8/2 = 4
- Map the page into one of the 4 frames (page table)





#### Page Table: Map Pages to Frames (O/S)

Logical address (virtual address)



**Physical address** 



 Suppose a system has a virtual address space of 8K and a physical address space of 4K, and the system uses byte addressing. The size of page frame is 1K bytes.

Q1: How many bits in a physical address?

Q2: How many page frames in physical memory?

Q3: How many bits for frame bits in physical address?

Q4: How many bits in a virtual address?

Q5: How many pages in virtual memory?

Q6: How many bits for page bits in virtual address?



 Suppose a system has a virtual address space of 8K and a physical address space of 4K, and the system uses byte addressing. The size of page frame is 1K bytes.

Q1: How many bits in a physical address?

Since the physical address space is 4K, 12 bits for physical address

Q2: How many page frames in physical memory?

The size of a page frame is  $1K = 2^{10}$ , then  $2^{12}/2^{10} = 2^2$  number of frames.

Q3: How many bits for frame bits in physical address?

Based on the answer of Q2, 2 bits for page frame.

Q4: How many bits in a virtual address?

Since it is 8K, 13 bits for virtual address.

Q5: How many pages in virtual memory?

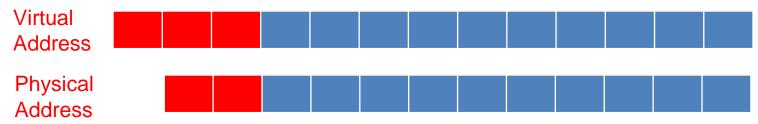
The size of a page frame is  $1K = 2^{10}$ , then  $2^{13}/2^{10} = 2^3$  number of pages.

Q6: How many page bits in virtual address?

Based on the answer of Q5, 3 bits for page in virtual address.



Map the logical address 0x0404 into physical address using the following page table.



#### Page (virtual)

	Frame (physical)	Validity bit
0		0
1	3	1
2	0	1
3		0
4		0
5	1	1
6	2	1
7		0



Map the logical address 0x0404 into physical address using the following page table.



#### Page (virtual)

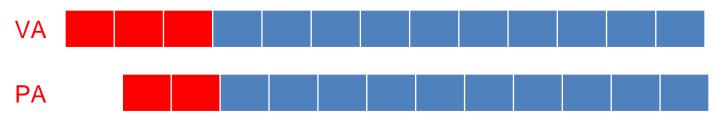
	Frame (physical)	Validity bit
0		0
1	3	1
2	0	1
3		0
4		0
5	1	1
6	2	1
7		0

Since the page number 1, which corresponds to frame number 3, the frame bits should be 11<sub>2</sub>

Therefore, logical address 0x0404 is translated to physical address 0xC04



Map the logical address 0x1553 into physical address using the following page table.



#### Page (virtual)

	Frame (physical)	Validity bit
0	ł	0
1	3	1
2	0	1
3	1	0
4	1	0
5	1	1
6	2	1
7		0



Map the logical address 0x1553 into physical address using the following page table.



#### Page (virtual)

	Frame (physical)	Validity bit
0	1	0
1	3	1
2	0	1
3		0
4	-	0
5	1	1
6	2	1
7		0

Since the page number 5, which corresponds to frame number 1, the frame bits should be 1<sub>2</sub>

Therefore, logical address 0x1553 is translated to physical address 0x553

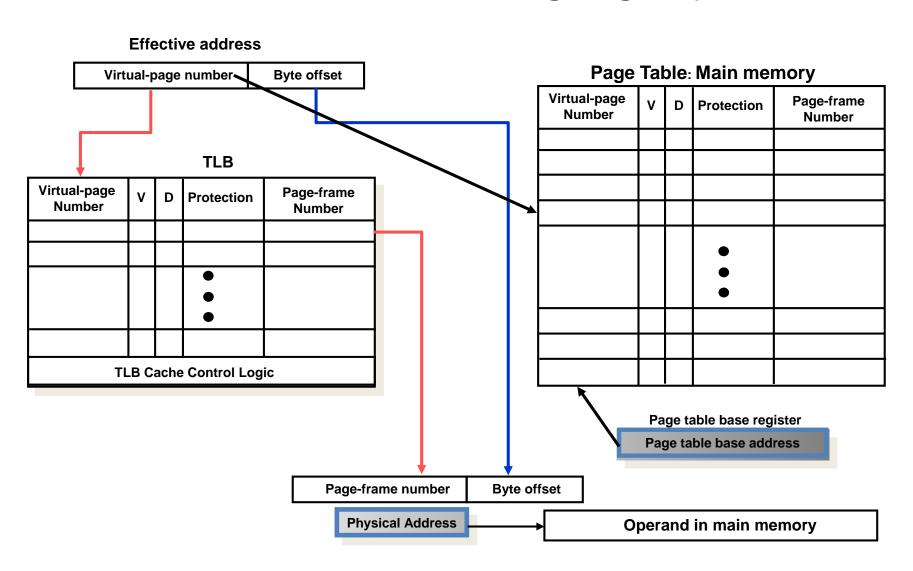


### Translation Lookaside Buffer (TLB)

- Most computer systems keep their page tables in main memory
  - Page-table base register points to the beginning of the table
  - O/S can modify the page table base register using supervisor mode instructions
  - In theory, main memory (non-cached) accesses could take twice as long, because the page table must be accessed first
- Modern processors maintain a Translation Lookaside Buffer (TLB)
  - TLB holds partial information of the page table (less rows)
    - cache for page table
  - TLB cache algorithm holds only most recently accessed pages
    - Flushes Least Recently Used (LRU) entries from TLB
    - Holds only mapping for valid pages

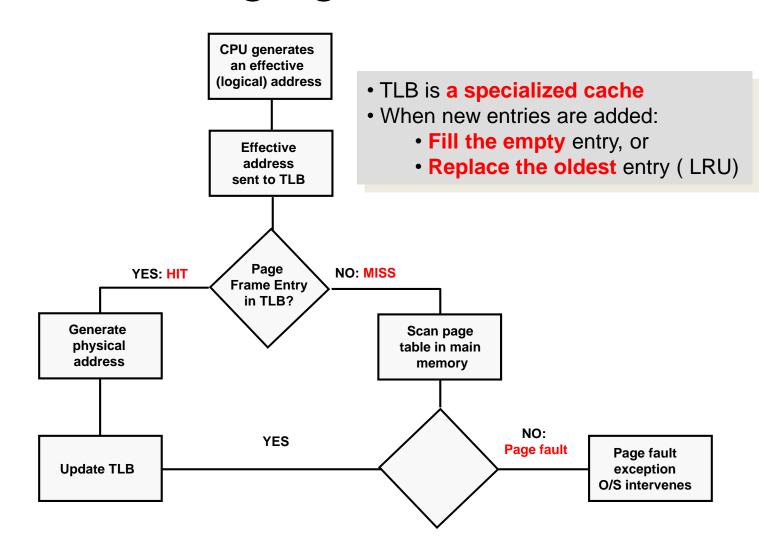


# Components of a Paging System





### Virtual Paging Process





#### Replacement Policy

- When all the page frames of physical memory are full, we need to find a "victim" frame to throw out, where we need a Replacement Policy
- Optimal replacement policy: impossible to implement as it should predict all the future memory references completely
- The replacement policy also applies to the caches as well



#### Three Most Common Replacement Policies

#### First-In, First-Out (FIFO)

 Throw away the frame that has been in the cache the longest, regardless of when it was last used

#### Random

- Picks a frame at random and replaces it with a new one
- Disadvantage: Can certainly evict a frame that will be needed often or needed soon

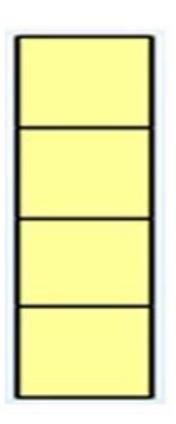
#### Least Recently Used (LRU)

- Evicts the frame that has been unused for the longest period of time
- Disadvantage: Complex, as it has to maintain an access history for each block, which ultimately slows down the cache.

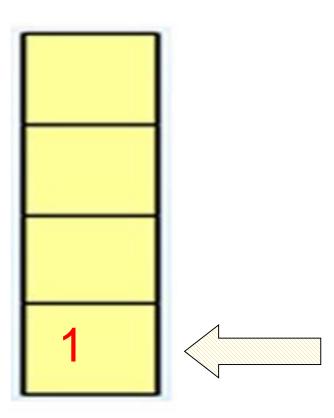


### Implementing an LRU Stack

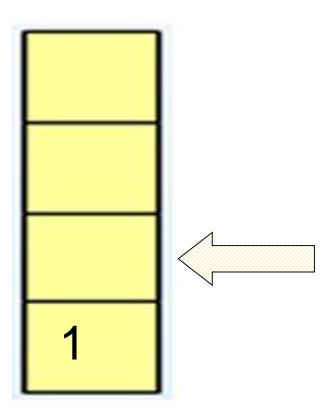




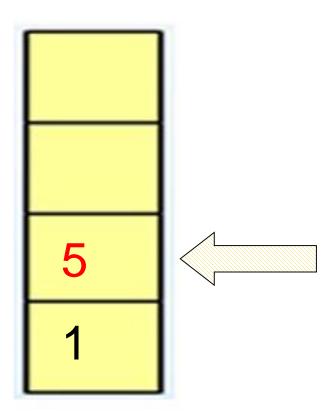




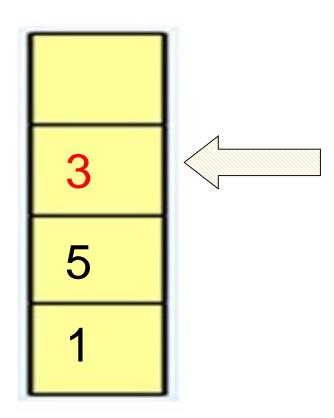




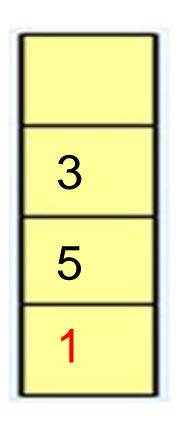




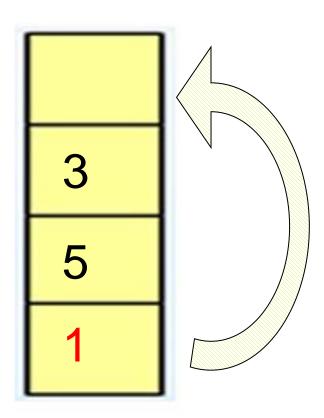




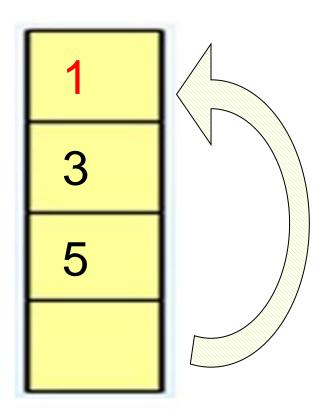




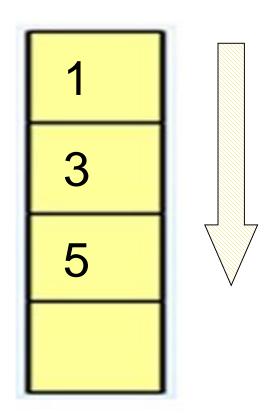




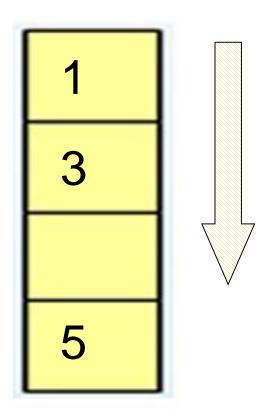




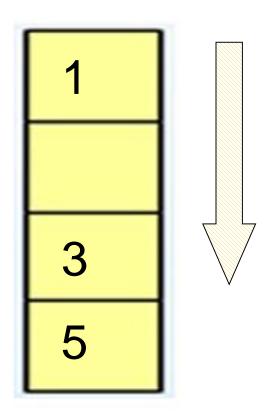




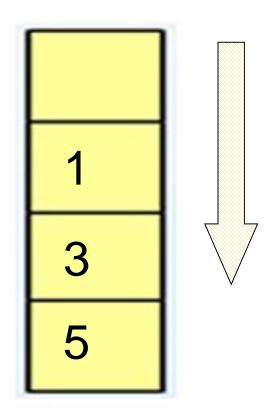




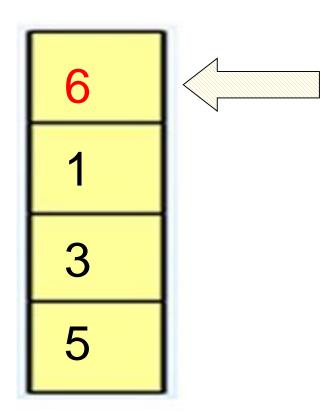




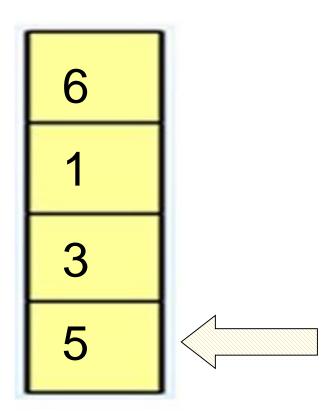




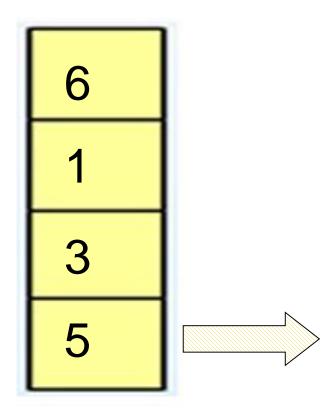




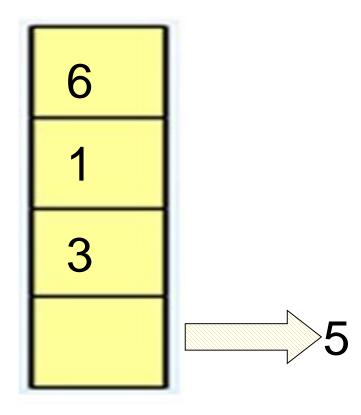




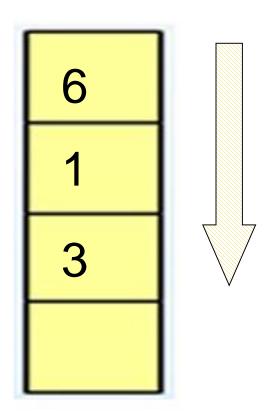




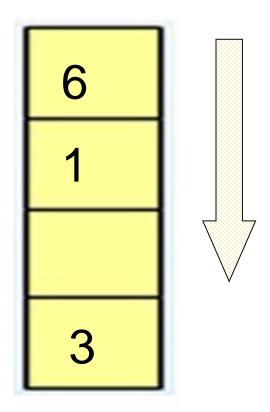




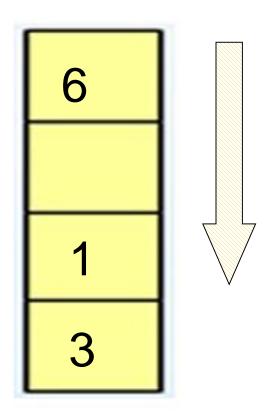




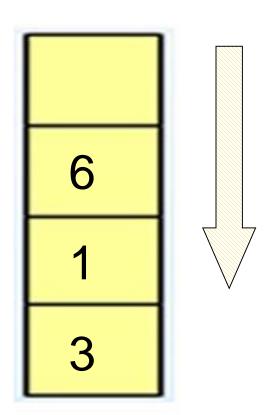




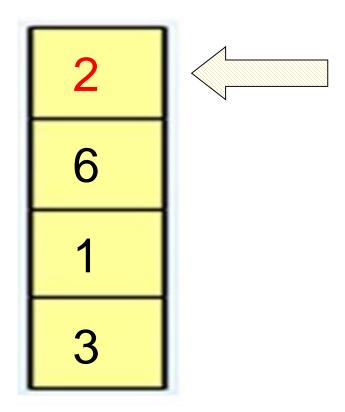




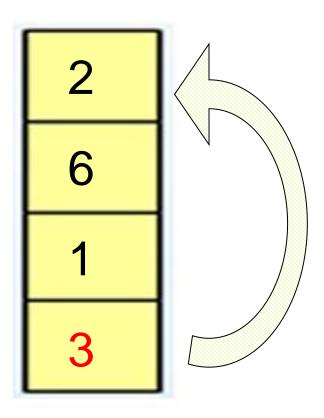




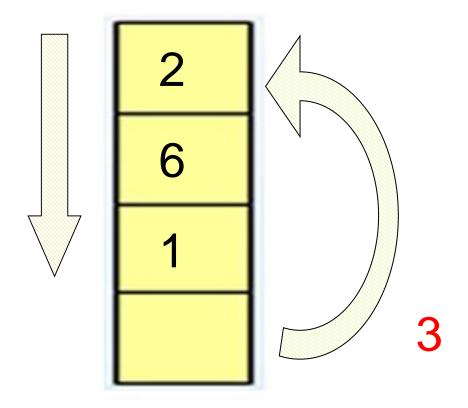




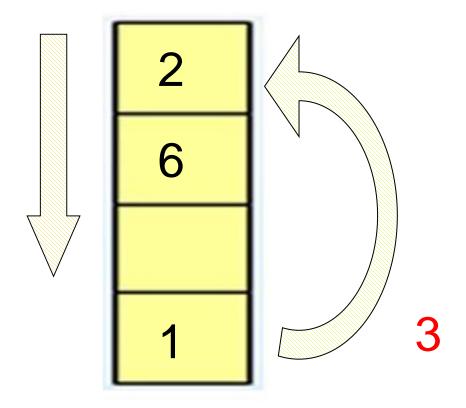




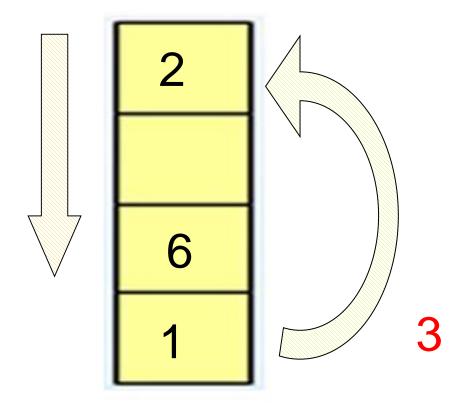




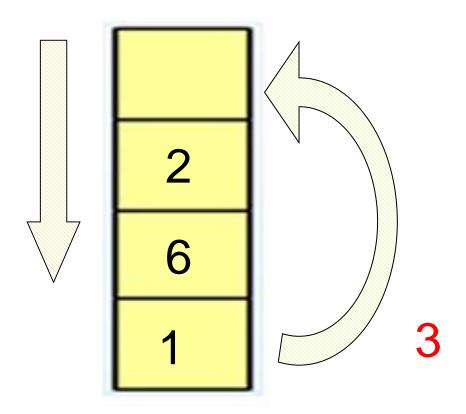




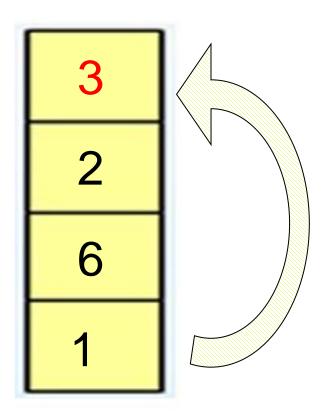














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  - TLB stores only a part of page table information
  - When TLB is full, the victim page is the page at the bottom of the TLB LRU stack
  - The victim page is removed from the stack and the newly used one goes on top of the stack. The rest are shifted to down

**TLB** 

4	3
6	2

page 1 is referenced

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**TLB LRU Stack** 

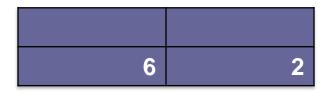
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page	frame
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2	1
3	
4	3
5	
6	2
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page 4 is removed

TLB LRU Stack



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**TLB LRU Stack** 

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page 1 is referenced page 4 is removed page 1 is inserted

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3	
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5	
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7	



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**TLB LRU Stack** 

1 6 page 1 is referenced page 4 is removed page 1 is inserted TLB LRU is updated

page	frame
0	
1	0
2	1
3	
4	3
5	
6	2
7	



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     Page table

TLB LRU Stack

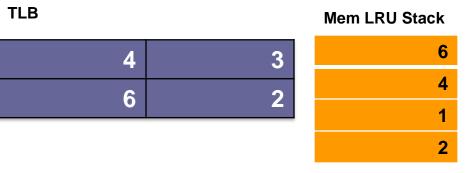
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page	frame
0	
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2	1
3	
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5	
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7	



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page 3 is referenced → Page fault

6 4

TLB LRU Stack

page	frame	•
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1		0
2	-	1
3	}	
4		3
5		
6		2
7		



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TLB LRU Stack

page 2 is a victim page

page	frame
0	
1	0
2	1
3	
4	3
5	
6	2
7	



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 TLB
 Mem LRU Stack

 4
 3

 6
 2

 1
 1

 2
 2

TLB LRU Stack

6

4

page 3 is referenced → Page fault page 2 is a victim page page 3 is mapped with frame 1

page	frame
0	
1	0
2	
3	1
4	3
5	
6	2
7	



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TLB Mem LRU Stack

3 1 6 6 2 4 1

TLB LRU Stack

page 3 is referenced → Page fault page 2 is a victim page page 3 is mapped with frame 1 Update Mem LRU, TLB, TLB LRU

page	frame
0	
1	0
2	
3	1
4	3
5	
6	2
7	



Consider a system with 256K bytes of physical memory, the size of each page is 64K bytes, and the virtual address space is 1M. The system is byte-accessible. The processor has a 2 entry fully associative TLB.

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Q1) Show the breakdown of the virtual addresses:

Virtual address space is 1MB: so it has 20 bits. The size of each page is 64KB. That is, offset bits is 16, and the other 4 bits are page bits.

page	offset
4	16

Q2) Show the breakdown of the physical addresses:

Physical address is 256KB: so it has 18 bits. The size of each page is 64KB. That is, offset bits is 16, and the other 2 bits are page frame bits (4 frames).

frame	offset
2	16



Current values in each TLB and page table is as follows.

**TLB** 

	Virtual page	Frame (physical)	
0	0x5	2	
1	0XA	3	

TLB LRU	
	5
	Α

Page Table

MEM LRU	
	5
	Α
	В
	3

Q3) Show the complete state of the memory hierarchy after the following virtual address been processed: **0xA4620** 

)	Frame (physical)	Validity bit
0		
1		
2		
3	0	1
4		
5	2	1
6		
7		
8		
9		
Α	3	1
В	1	1
С		
D		
Е		
F		

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0	0x5	2
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TLB LRU	
	A
	5

Page Table

MEM LRU	
	Α
	5
	В
	3

Q3) Show the complete state of the memory hierarchy after the following virtual address been processed: **0xA4620** 

1) Page = 0xA: page is in TLB (hit)

2) Update LRUs

е	Frame (physical)	Validity bit
0		
1		
2		
3	0	1
4		
5	2	1
6		
7		
8		
9		
Α	3	1
В	1	1
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	Virtual page	Frame (physical)
0	0x5	2
1	0XA	3

TLB	LRU
	Α
	5

Page Table

MEM LRU	
	Α
	5
	В
	3

Q4) Show the complete state of the memory hierarchy after the following virtual address been processed: **0xBBB08** 

	Frame (physical)	Validity bit
0		
1		
2		
3	0	1
4		
5	2	1
6		
7		
8		
9		
Α	3	1
В	1	1
С		
D		
E		
F		

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**TLB** 

	Virtual page	Frame (physical)
0	0xB	1
1	0xA	3

TLB LRU	
	В
	Α

Page Table

MEM LRU	
	В
	Α
	5
	3

Q4) Show the complete state of the memory hierarchy after the following virtual address been processed: **0xBBB08** 

- 1) Page = 0xB: page is not in TLB (miss)
- 2) Refer page table to get frame for B
- 3) Update TLB and LRUs

е	Frame (physical)	Validity bit
0		
1		
2		
3	0	1
4		
5	2	1
6		
7		
8		
9		
Α	3	1
В	1	1
С		
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Е		
F		



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**TLB** 

	Virtual page	Frame (physical)
)	0xB	1
1	0XA	3

TLB LRU	
	В
	Α

**Page Table** 

MEM LRU	
	В
	Α
	5
	3

Q5) Show the complete state of the memory hierarchy after the following virtual address been processed: **0x9AC10** 

•	Frame (physical)	Validity bit
0		
1		
2		
3	0	1
4		
5	2	1
6		
7		
8		
9		
Α	3	1
В	1	1
С		
D		
E		
F		



Current values in each TLB and page table is as follows.

**TLB** 

	Virtual page	Frame (physical)
0	0xB	1
1	0X9	0

TLB LRU	
	9
	В

Page Table



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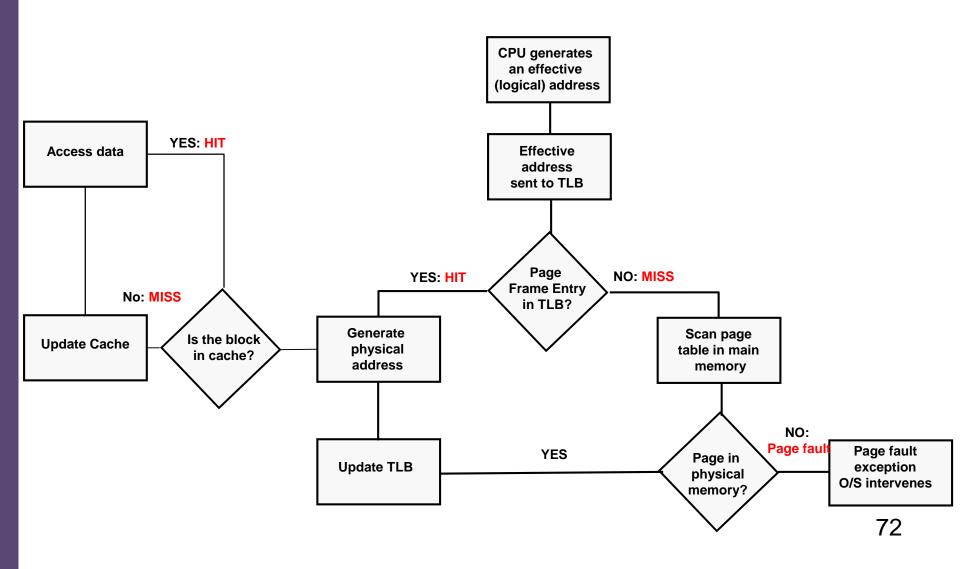
- 1) Page = 0x9: page is not in TLB (miss)
- 2) Refer page table. Not in page table: page fault
- 3) Replace page 3 with page 9
- 3) Update LRUs and TLB

е	Frame (physical)	Validity bit
0		
1		
3	-	0
4		
5	2	1
6		
7		
8		
9	0	1
Α	3	1
В	1	1
С		
D		
Ε		
F		



### Put All Together

The TLB, Page Table, Main, and Cache Memory





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Q1) Show the breakdown of the virtual addresses:

Virtual address space is 1MB: so it has 20 bits. The size of each page is 64KB. That is, offset bits is 16, and the other 4 bits are page bits.

page	offset
4	16

Q2) Show the breakdown of the physical addresses:

Physical address is 256KB: so it has 18 bits. The size of each page is 64KB. That is, offset bits is 16, and the other 2 bits are page frame bits.

frame	offset
2	16



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Q1) Show the breakdown of the physical addresses as interpreted by L1 cache. L1 cache is 4KB. Each L1 block is  $256B \rightarrow Offset$  is 8-bit. The number of blocks is  $4K/256 = 16 \rightarrow 4$  bits for Row. The number of pages is 256K/4K = 64

Tag	Row	offset
6	4	8

Q2) Show the breakdown of the physical addresses as interpreted by L2 cache.

L2 cache is 16KB. Each L1 block is  $1024B \rightarrow Offset$  is 10-bit. The number of blocks = 16K/1K = 16. But total 16/2 = 8 sets  $\rightarrow Set$  is 3-bit. The rest of bits is for tag (5 bits)

Tag Set offset
5 3 10



### Class Exercise - cont'd

Q3) How to find 0xA4620 (virtual address) in L1 cache?

Q4) How to find 0xA4620 (virtual address) in L2 cache?

**TLB** 

0

**Page Table** 

MEM LRU	
	5
	Α
	В
	3

Virtual page	Frame
5	2
А	3

TLB LRU	
	5
	Α

	Frame (physical)	Validity bit
0		
1		
2		
	0	1
4		
5	2	1
6		
7		
8		
9		
Α	3	1
В	1	1
С		
D		
Е		
F		

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#### Class Exercise - cont'd

Q3) How to find 0xA4620 in L1 cache?

Convert Virtual Address to Physical Address:

A4620 → 34620:

11 0100 0110 0010 0000:

Row 6, tag 110100 = 0x34:

if match with tag, then hit.

Q4) How to find 0xA4620 in L2 cache?

Convert Virtual Address to Physical Address:

A4620 → 34620:

11 010 0 01 10 0010 0000:

Set 1, tag 11010 = 0x1A:

if one of the 2 blocks in set 1 matches with tag, then hit.

Page Table

MEM LRU	
	Α
	5
	В
	3

Virtual page	Frame
5	2
Α	3

**TLB** 

0

1

TLB LRU	
	Α
	5

!	Frame (physical)	Validity bit
0		
1		
2		
	0	1
4		
5	2	1
6		
7		
8		
9		
Α	3	1
В	1	1
B C		
D		
Е		
F		



#### Class Exercise – cont'd

TLB

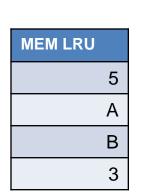
0

**Virtual** 

5

page

Q5) How to find 0x94620 in L1 cache?



Q6) How to find 0x94620 in L2 cache?

TLB LRU	
	5
	Α

ble	Frame (physical)	Validity bit
0		
1		
2		
3	0	1
4		
5	2	1
6		
7		
8		
9		
Α	3	1
В	1	1
С		
D		
Е		
F		
	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 A B C D E	(physical)  0 1 2 3 0 4 5 2 6 7 8 9 A 3 B 1 C D E



#### Class Exercise – cont'd

Q5) How to find 0x94620 in L1 cache?

Convert Virtual Address to Physical Address:

94620 → ? : page fault:

Remove page 3 from MEM LRU

Update page 9 with frame 0:

Physical Address: 04620

00 0100 0110 0010 0000:

Row 6, tag 000100 = 0x04:

if match with tag then hit.

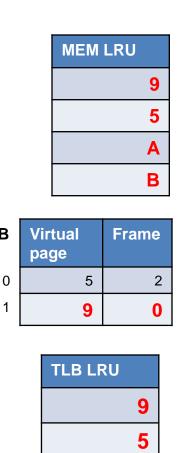
Q6) How to find 0x94620 in L2 cache? TLB

00 010 0 01 10 0010 0000

Set 1, tag 00010= 0x02:

if one of 2 blocks in the set 1 matches

With tag then hit.



Page Ta	ble	Frame (physical)	Validity bit
	0		
LRU	1		
9	2		
5	3		0
A	4		
В	5	2	1
	6		
Frame	7		
	8		
2	9	0	1
0	A	3	1
	В	1	1
RU	С		
9	D		
	Е		
5	F		



### Modern Systems

Characteristic	Intel Pentium Pro	PowerPC 604
Virtual address	32 bits	52 bits
Physical address	32 bits	32 bits
Page size	4 KB, 4 MB	4 KB, selectable, and 256 MB
TLB organization	A TLB for instructions and a TLB for data	A TLB for instructions and a TLB for data
	Both four-way set associative	Both two-way set associative
	Pseudo-LRU replacement	LRU replacement
	Instruction TLB: 32 entries	Instruction TLB: 128 entries
	Data TLB: 64 entries	Data TLB: 128 entries
	TLB misses handled in hardware	TLB misses handled in hardware

Characteristic	Intel Pentium Pro	PowerPC 604
Cache organization	Split instruction and data caches	Split intruction and data caches
Cache size	8 KB each for instructions/data	16 KB each for instructions/data
Cache associativity	Four-way set associative	Four-way set associative
Replacement	Approximated LRU replacement	LRU replacement
Block size	32 bytes	32 bytes
Write policy	Write-back	Write-back or write-through



### Wrap-up

- Virtual memory provides the method to map lower memory in the hierarchy to upper memory in the hierarchy
- Page table maps virtual memory and physical memory addresses
- TLB is a cache for page table. Usually use LRU for the replacement policy
- Virtual memory, physical memory and caches are put together to speed up the process