

* Paging | Non-Contiguous Memory Allocation

- To overcome the issue of External fragmentation we use Non-Contiguous memory allocation; two ^{ways} of doing this is "Paging" and "Segmentation".

- Paging :- Breaks the memory and problem into fixed-sized blocks.

Physical Memory \rightarrow (RAM) \rightarrow divide into frames
Logical Memory (Process) \rightarrow divide into Pages.

"Page size = frame size".

Now pages can ~~be~~ stored anywhere in the frames of RAM.

- Example 1:- Page/Frame size = 1KB.
A process of 4KB will be divided into 4 pages :- P_0, P_1, P_2, P_3 .

- Free frames: F_3, F_4, F_{10}, F_{12} .

- Process can be allocated as

$P_0 \rightarrow F_3$

$P_1 \rightarrow F_4$

$P_2 \rightarrow F_{10}$

$P_3 \rightarrow F_{12}$

Even though RAM spaces are scattered, the process runs fine because OS knows where each page is stored via "Page table".

• Page Table :-

- ① It is a type of Data Structure maintained by OS.
- ② It maps Page Number \rightarrow Frame Number.

• Address Translation :-

Each logical address generated by CPU is divided into

- ① Page number (p) \rightarrow Index into page table.
- ② Page offset (d) \rightarrow Exact location inside the page.

Physical address \Rightarrow Frame Address + Offset.

• Issue in Paging

Each memory access needs to:-

- ① Read the page table
- ② Then access the memory.

• Solution :-

TLB (Translation Lookaside Buffer), a small fast cache hardware, stores the recent page \rightarrow frame mappings.

- ① If CPU finds mapping in TLB (TLB hit), it directly gets the frame number.
- ② If not (TLB miss), it checks Page Table and updates TLB for next time.