

Project 7: Contiguous Memory Allocation

This project will involve managing a contiguous region of memory of size MAX where address may range from $0 \cdots (MAX - 1)$. This project requires us to respond to four different requests.

- Request for a contiguous block of memory;
- Release of a contiguous block of memory;
- Compact unused holes of memory into one single block;
- Report the regions of free and allocated memory.

The program will be passed the initial amount of memory at startup, and it will allocate memory using one of the three approaches highlighted in Section 9.2.2, depending on the flag that is passed to **RQ** commands. The flags are:

- **F**: first-fit;
- **B**: best-fit;
- **W**: worst-fit.

This will require the program keep track of the different holes representing available memory. When a request for memory arrives, it will allocate the memory from one of the available holes based on the allocation strategy. If there is insufficient memory to allocate to a request, it will output an error message and reject the request.

The program will also need to keep track of which region of memory has been allocated to which process. This is necessary to support the **STAT** command and is also needed when memory is released via the **RL** command, as the process releasing memory is passed to this command. If a partition being released is adjacent to an existing hole, be sure to combine the two holes into a single hole.

If the user enters **C** command, the program will compact the set of holes into one larger hole. There are several strategies for implementing compaction, one of which is suggested in Section 9.2.3 in textbook. Be sure to update the beginning address of any processes that have been affected by compaction.

Design: My design for this task is:

- The linked list is used to present the memory state. I use char **process** to distinguish the free memory and the allocated memory.
- For **RL** command, **liner_compact()** function is used to combine the free memory into one memory block in the linked list.
- For **RQ** command, first-fit, best-fit and worst-fit algorithm are implemented according to the textbook. The basic idea is to traverse the linked list to find the target free memory.
- For **STAT** command, **output()** function is used to print the current memory state.
- For **C** command, **compact()** function is used to find all free memory node, delete them from the linked list and add them up to one free memory node.

The implementation of the contiguous memory allocator (`allocator.c`) is shown as follows.

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  #include <stdlib.h>
3  #include <unistd.h>
4  #include <string.h>
5
6
7  struct memory {
8      char *process;
9      int space;
10     struct memory * next;
11 };
12
13 struct memory *head;
14
15 void initialize(int space) {
16     head = (struct memory *) malloc (sizeof(struct memory));
17     head -> process = (char *) malloc (sizeof(char) * 20);
18     strcpy(head -> process, "Unused");
19     head -> space = space;
20     head -> next = NULL;
21     return;
22 }
23
24 void output() {
25     struct memory *temp = head;
26     int address = 0;
27     while (temp != NULL) {
28         fprintf(stdout, "Addresses [%d:%d] %s\n", address, address + temp -> space - 1,
29             temp -> process);
30         address += temp -> space;
31         temp = temp -> next;
32     }
33     return;
34 }
35
36 void liner_compact() {
37     struct memory *temp = head;
38     while (temp -> next != NULL) {
39         struct memory *n = temp -> next;
40         if ((strcmp(temp -> process, "Unused") == 0) && (strcmp(n -> process, "Unused")
41             == 0)) {
42             temp -> space += n -> space;
43             temp -> next = n -> next;
44             free(n -> process);
45             free(n);
46         }else{
47             temp = temp -> next;
48         }
49     }
50 }
```

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49
50 void compact() {
51     struct memory *temp = head -> next, *last = head;
52     int free_sapce = 0;
53     if (temp == NULL) return;
54     if (strcmp(head -> process, "Unused") == 0) {
55         struct memory *n = head;
56         free_sapce += head -> space;
57         head = head -> next;
58         free(n -> process);
59         free(n);
60     }
61     while (temp != NULL) {
62         if (strcmp(temp -> process, "Unused") == 0) {
63             free_sapce += temp -> space;
64             last -> next = temp -> next;
65             free(temp -> process);
66             free(temp);
67             temp = last -> next;
68         } else {
69             last = temp;
70             temp = temp -> next;
71         }
72     }
73
74     last -> next = (struct memory *) malloc (sizeof(struct memory));
75     last = last -> next;
76     last -> process = (char *) malloc (sizeof(char) * 20);
77     strcpy(last -> process, "Unused");
78     last -> space = free_sapce;
79     last -> next = NULL;
80     return;
81 }
82
83 int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
84     if (argc != 2) {
85         fprintf(stdout, "[Error] Wrong input. \n");
86         exit(1);
87     }
88
89     initialize(atoi(argv[1]));
90
91     while (1) {
92         char s1[100];
93         fprintf(stdout, "allocator>>");
94         fscanf(stdin, "%s", s1);
95         if (strcmp(s1, "EXIT") == 0) {
96             break;
97         } else
98         if (strcmp(s1, "STAT") == 0) {
99             output();
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100     } else
101     if (strcmp(s1, "RQ") == 0) {
102         char process_name[100], mode;
103         int process_size;
104         fscanf(stdin, "%s %d %c", process_name, &process_size, &mode);
105         if (mode == 'F') {
106             struct memory *temp = head;
107             while (temp != NULL) {
108                 if (strcmp(temp -> process, "Unused") == 0) {
109                     if (temp -> space > process_size) {
110                         struct memory *new = (struct memory *) malloc (sizeof(struct
111                             memory));
112                         new -> process = (char *) malloc (sizeof(char) * 20);
113                         strcpy(new -> process, "Unused");
114                         new -> space = temp -> space - process_size;
115                         new -> next = temp -> next;
116
117                         strcpy(temp -> process, process_name);
118                         temp -> space = process_size;
119                         temp -> next = new;
120
121                         break;
122                     } else if (temp -> space == process_size) {
123                         strcpy(temp -> process, process_name);
124                         temp -> space = process_size;
125
126                         break;
127                     }
128                 }
129                 temp = temp -> next;
130             }
131             if (temp == NULL) {
132                 fprintf(stdout, "[Error] Out of Memory, you may need to compact!! \n"
133                     );
134             }
135         } else if (mode == 'B') {
136             struct memory *temp = head, *target = NULL;
137             while (temp != NULL) {
138                 if (strcmp(temp -> process, "Unused") == 0) {
139                     if (temp -> space >= process_size) {
140                         if (target == NULL) {
141                             target = temp;
142                         } else if (target -> space > temp -> space) {
143                             target = temp;
144                         }
145                     }
146                 }
147                 temp = temp -> next;
148             }
149             if (target == NULL) {
150                 fprintf(stdout, "[Error] Out of Memory, you may need to compact!! \n"
```

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    );  
149 } else {  
150     if (target -> space > process_size) {  
151         struct memory *new = (struct memory *) malloc (sizeof(struct  
            memory));  
152         new -> process = (char *) malloc (sizeof(char) * 20);  
153         strcpy(new -> process, "Unused");  
154         new -> space = target -> space - process_size;  
155         new -> next = target -> next;  
156  
157         strcpy(target -> process, process_name);  
158         target -> space = process_size;  
159         target -> next = new;  
160  
161         } else if (target -> space == process_size) {  
162             strcpy(target -> process, process_name);  
163             target -> space = process_size;  
164         }  
165     }  
166 } else if (mode == 'W') {  
167     struct memory *temp = head, *target = NULL;  
168     while (temp != NULL) {  
169         if (strcmp(temp -> process, "Unused") == 0) {  
170             if (temp -> space >= process_size) {  
171                 if (target == NULL) {  
172                     target = temp;  
173                 } else if (target -> space < temp -> space) {  
174                     target = temp;  
175                 }  
176             }  
177         }  
178         temp = temp -> next;  
179     }  
180     if (target == NULL) {  
181         fprintf(stdout, "[Error] Out of Memory, you may need to compact!! \n"  
            );  
182     } else {  
183         if (target -> space > process_size) {  
184             struct memory *new = (struct memory *) malloc (sizeof(struct  
                memory));  
185             new -> process = (char *) malloc (sizeof(char) * 20);  
186             strcpy(new -> process, "Unused");  
187             new -> space = target -> space - process_size;  
188             new -> next = target -> next;  
189  
190             strcpy(target -> process, process_name);  
191             target -> space = process_size;  
192             target -> next = new;  
193  
194             } else if (target -> space == process_size) {  
195                 strcpy(target -> process, process_name);
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196         target -> space = process_size;
197     }
198 }
199 } else {
200     fprintf(stdout, "[Error] Unexpected mode! \n");
201 }
202 } else
203 if (strcmp(s1, "RL") == 0) {
204     char process_name[100];
205     fscanf(stdin, "%s", process_name);
206
207     struct memory *temp = head;
208     while (temp != NULL) {
209         if (strcmp(temp -> process, process_name) == 0) {
210             strcpy(temp -> process, "Unused");
211             liner_compact();
212             break;
213         }
214         temp = temp -> next;
215     }
216     if (temp == NULL) {
217         fprintf(stdout, "[Error] Unexpected Process name! \n");
218     }
219 } else
220 if (strcmp(s1, "C") == 0) {
221     compact();
222 } else {
223     fprintf(stdout, "[Error] Unexpected input! \n");
224 }
225 }
226
227 return 0;
228 }

```

Makefile for Contiguous Memory Allocation is shown as follow.

```

1 CC=gcc
2 CFLAGS=-Wall
3
4 all: allocator.o
5     $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -o allocator allocator.o
6
7 allocator.o: allocator.c
8     $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -c allocator.c
9
10 clean:
11     rm -rf *.o
12     rm -rf allocator

```

The execution result is shown as follow.

```
misaka@MS-BVZPMBEQIPCD:/mnt/c/Projects/OS_Project/Project7/project7$ make all
gcc -Wall -c allocator.c
gcc -Wall -o allocator allocator.o
misaka@MS-BVZPMBEQIPCD:/mnt/c/Projects/OS_Project/Project7/project7$ ./allocator 100000
allocator>>RQ P1 10000 F
allocator>>RQ P2 9999 F
allocator>>RQ P3 10000 F
allocator>>RQ P4 10001 F
allocator>>RQ P5 10000 F
allocator>>RQ P6 10000 F
allocator>>RQ P7 23333 F
allocator>>STAT
Addresses [0:9999] P1
Addresses [10000:19998] P2
Addresses [19999:29998] P3
Addresses [29999:39999] P4
Addresses [40000:49999] P5
Addresses [50000:59999] P6
Addresses [60000:83332] P7
Addresses [83333:99999] Unused
```

图 1: Contiguous Memory Allocation

```
allocator>>RL P2
allocator>>RL P4
allocator>>RL P6
allocator>>STAT
Addresses [0:9999] P1
Addresses [10000:19998] Unused
Addresses [19999:29998] P3
Addresses [29999:39999] Unused
Addresses [40000:49999] P5
Addresses [50000:59999] Unused
Addresses [60000:83332] P7
Addresses [83333:99999] Unused
allocator>>RQ P8 10000 B
allocator>>RQ P9 9999 W
allocator>>RQ P10 9998 F
allocator>>STAT
Addresses [0:9999] P1
Addresses [10000:19997] P10
Addresses [19998:19998] Unused
Addresses [19999:29998] P3
Addresses [29999:39999] Unused
Addresses [40000:49999] P5
Addresses [50000:59999] P8
Addresses [60000:83332] P7
Addresses [83333:93331] P9
Addresses [93332:99999] Unused
```

图 2: Contiguous Memory Allocation

```
allocator>>C
allocator>>STAT
Addresses [0:9999] P1
Addresses [10000:19997] P10
Addresses [19998:29997] P3
Addresses [29998:39997] P5
Addresses [39998:49997] P8
Addresses [49998:73330] P7
Addresses [73331:83329] P9
Addresses [83330:99999] Unused
allocator>>RL P9
allocator>>RL P8
allocator>>RL P7
allocator>>RL P5
allocator>>RL P3
allocator>>RL P1
allocator>>RL P10
allocator>>STAT
Addresses [0:99999] Unused
allocator>>EXIT
```

图 3: Contiguous Memory Allocation