

- Given memory partitions of 100K, 500K, 200K, 300K, and 600K (in order), how would each of the First-fit, Best-fit, and Worst-fit algorithms place processes of 212K, 417K, 112K, and 426K (in order)? Which algorithm makes the most efficient use of memory?

**Solution:**

**First-Fit:**

212K is put in 500K partition.  
417K is put in 600K partition.  
112K is put in 288K partition (new partition 288K = 500K - 212K).  
426K must wait.

**Best-Fit:**

212K is put in 300K partition.  
417K is put in 500K partition.  
112K is put in 200K partition.  
426K is put in 600K partition.

**Worst-Fit:**

212K is put in 600K partition.  
417K is put in 500K partition.  
112K is put in 388K partition.  
426K must wait.

**In this example, Best-Fit turns out to be the best.**

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Q2. The memory partitions available are:

- **200KB**
- **30KB**
- **750KB**
- **50KB**

The processes have the following memory requirements:

- **P1: 30KB**
- **P2: 200KB**
- **P3: 500KB**
- **P4: 45KB**

### **i) First Fit Allocation**

In **First Fit**, the allocator checks the memory partitions in order (from first to last) and allocates the first partition that is large enough to hold the process.

#### **Allocation Process (First Fit):**

1. **P1 (30KB)**: The first partition that can fit is the **30KB** partition. So, P1 is allocated to the **30KB** partition.
  - o Remaining partitions: **200KB, 750KB, 50KB**
2. **P2 (200KB)**: The first partition that can fit is the **200KB** partition. So, P2 is allocated to the **200KB** partition.
  - o Remaining partitions: **750KB, 50KB**
3. **P3 (500KB)**: The first partition that can fit is the **750KB** partition. So, P3 is allocated to the **750KB** partition.
  - o Remaining partition: **50KB**
4. **P4 (45KB)**: The first partition that can fit is the **50KB** partition. So, P4 is allocated to the **50KB** partition.
  - o Remaining partitions: none

#### **First Fit Allocation Summary:**

##### **Process Memory Required Allocated Partition**

P1	30KB	30KB
P2	200KB	200KB
P3	500KB	750KB
P4	45KB	50KB

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#### **ii) Best Fit Allocation**

In **Best Fit**, the allocator looks for the smallest partition that is large enough to hold the process. It selects the partition that leaves the least amount of unused space.

##### **Allocation Process (Best Fit):**

1. **P1 (30KB)**: The best partition for P1 is the **30KB** partition, as it perfectly matches the required size.
  - o Remaining partitions: **200KB, 750KB, 50KB**
2. **P2 (200KB)**: The best partition for P2 is the **200KB** partition, as it perfectly matches the required size.
  - o Remaining partitions: **750KB, 50KB**
3. **P3 (500KB)**: The best partition for P3 is the **750KB** partition, as it leaves the least amount of unused space (250KB).
  - o Remaining partition: **50KB**
4. **P4 (45KB)**: The best partition for P4 is the **50KB** partition, as it leaves the least amount of unused space (5KB).
  - o Remaining partitions: none

#### **Best Fit Allocation Summary:**

##### **Process Memory Required Allocated Partition**

P1	30KB	30KB
P2	200KB	200KB
P3	500KB	750KB

**Process Memory Required Allocated Partition**P4      45KB      50KB

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**iii) Worst Fit Allocation**

In **Worst Fit**, the allocator looks for the largest partition that is large enough to hold the process. It selects the partition that leaves the most unused space.

**Allocation Process (Worst Fit):**

1. **P1 (30KB)**: The worst partition for P1 is the **750KB** partition, as it is the largest partition.
  - o Remaining partitions: **200KB, 30KB, 50KB**
2. **P2 (200KB)**: The worst partition for P2 is the **200KB** partition, as it perfectly matches the required size.
  - o Remaining partitions: **30KB, 50KB**
3. **P3 (500KB)**: The worst partition for P3 is the **50KB** partition, as it is the largest remaining partition that could fit.
  - o Remaining partition: **30KB**
4. **P4 (45KB)**: The worst partition for P4 is the **30KB** partition, as it is the only remaining partition. But since 30KB is not enough for P4, **P4 cannot be allocated**.

**Worst Fit Allocation Summary:****Process Memory Required Allocated Partition**

P1	30KB	750KB
P2	200KB	200KB
P3	500KB	50KB
P4	45KB	Not Allocated

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**Summary of Allocations:****Allocation Method Process Memory Required Allocated Partition**

<b>First Fit</b>	P1	30KB	30KB
	P2	200KB	200KB
	P3	500KB	750KB
	P4	45KB	50KB
<b>Best Fit</b>	P1	30KB	30KB
	P2	200KB	200KB
	P3	500KB	750KB
	P4	45KB	50KB
<b>Worst Fit</b>	P1	30KB	750KB
	P2	200KB	200KB

Allocation Method	Process	Memory Required	Allocated Partition
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P3	500KB	50KB
P4	45KB	Not Allocated

**Conclusion:**

- **First Fit** and **Best Fit** both allocate memory successfully for all processes.
- **Worst Fit** fails to allocate memory to **P4** because there is not enough space in the remaining partitions after allocating to the other processes.