

Q.1. What is the cause of thrashing? How does the system detect thrashing? Once it detects.

A: Thrashing occurs when there is less allocation of minimum pages required by a process. This causes continuous page faults and this reduces CPU utilization. ~~Thrashing is a state~~ (when virtual memory resources are overused).
 • The system detects thrashing by monitoring CPU utilization level compared to the multiprogramming level. Thrashing causes reduce in CPU utilization.
 • It can be reduced by increasing number of pages allotted or by temporarily suspending the process until sufficient pages are free. ~~idea~~ or by decreasing the level of multi-programming through Working Set Model or Page Fault Frequency. These are based on locality model and prevent thrashing.

2. Discuss the positive and negative aspects of inverted page table approach.
 ADVANTAGES:

A: Inverted page table can be implemented in system with 64 bit architecture easily. Multilevel page requires a lot of space and tends in 64 bit. Inverted page reduces memory needed to store.

• Inverted page table stores one entry for each real page of memory ~~and hence~~ instead of all pages stored in multilevel.

DISADVANTAGES: ~~uses less memory~~
 • Inverted page ~~stores less~~ and hence ~~is more efficient to search~~ but the time required to search for the page is increased and hence suffers from performance compared to multi-level paging where it is indexed.

• Because of only one entry per frame, we can no longer map the same physical as frame to multiple page virtual page numbers in different processes (shared memory). Multilevel paging doesn't suffer from this as only reference is needed to be passed to multiple processes.

Q.3. Assume a page size of 4K bytes and that a page table entry takes 4 bytes.

A) Page table ~~size~~ entry size = 4 bytes

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Each page table has 2^{10} entries pages

Number of pages = $4 \times 1024 = 2^2 \times 2^{10} = 2^{12}$

Total addresses = $2^{10} \times 2^{12} = 2^{22}$ bytes (No. of pages \times page size)

But Address space size = 2^{64} bytes. By adding a second layer of page tables, the top page table would point to 2^{10} page tables, addressing a total of 2^{32} bytes.

on repeating this process, we get, (find minimum required to satisfy 2^{64})

Level 1 $\rightarrow 2^{22}$ bytes

2 $\rightarrow 2^{32}$ "

3 $\rightarrow 2^{42}$ "

4 $\rightarrow 2^{52}$ "

5 $\rightarrow 2^{62}$ "

6 $\rightarrow 2^{72}$ bytes.

Thus, 6 levels of page table would be required to map a 64 bit address space.

Q.4. Identify whether the following statements is TRUE or FALSE. If the statement is FALSE correct it and justify the corrected.

A. The statement is TRUE.

Local replacement allows a process to select a victim process from only its own set of allocated frames.

Global replacement allows a process to select a frame from another process and thus if another process has available free frames, it can use it unlike local allocation. Also thus, increasing CPU throughput and utilization.

Also the high priority process can take frames of low priority process.

Thus, overall, global allocation algorithm gives better throughput over local allocation algorithm.