Topics to be covered: Memory Management

- Basic Memory Management: Definition
- Logical and Physical address map
- Memory allocation
- Paging
- Virtual Memory: Basics of Virtual Memory
- Hardware and control structures Locality of reference
- Page fault
- Working Set
- Dirty page/Dirty bit Demand paging (Concepts only)
- Page Replacement Algorithms

What is Memory?

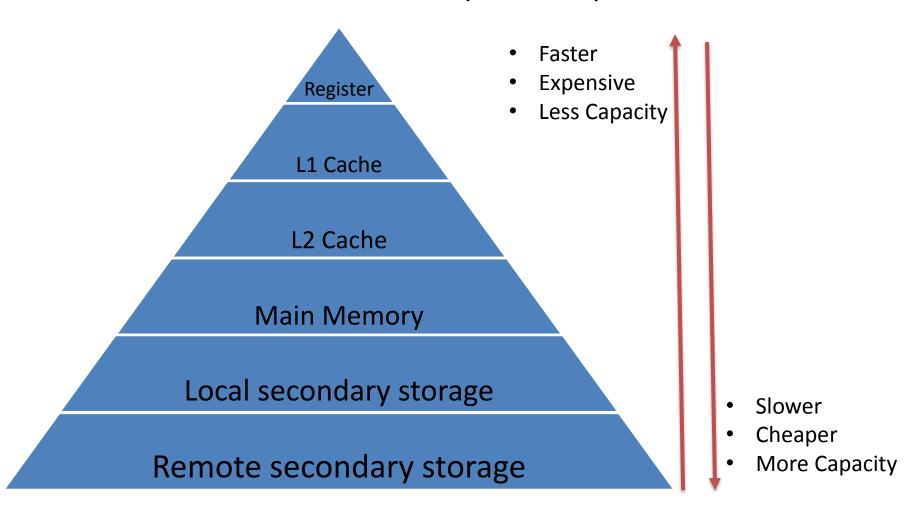
- Computer memory is any physical device capable of storing information temporarily or permanently.
- Types of memory
 - 1. Random Access Memory (RAM), is a volatile memory that loses its contents when the computer or hardware device loses power.
 - **2. Read Only Memory (ROM)**, is a **non-volatile memory**, sometimes abbreviated as NVRAM, is a memory that keeps its contents even if the power is lost.
 - Computer uses special ROM called BIOS (Basic Input Output System) which permanently stores the software needed to access computer hardware such as hard disk and then load an operating system into RAM and start to execute it.

What is Memory? (cont...)

- 3. Programmable Read-Only Memory (PROM), is a memory chip on which you can store a program. But once the PROM has been used, you cannot wipe it clean and use it to store something else. Like ROMs, PROMs are non-volatile. E.g CD-R
- **4. Erasable Programmable Read-Only Memory (EPROM)**, is a special type of PROM that **can be erased** by **exposing it to ultraviolet light**. E.g CD-RW
- 5. Electrically Erasable Programmable Read-Only Memory (EEPROM), is a special type of PROM that can be erased by exposing it to an electrical charge. E.g Pendrive

What is Memory Hierarchy?

The hierarchical arrangement of storage in current computer architectures is called the memory hierarchy.

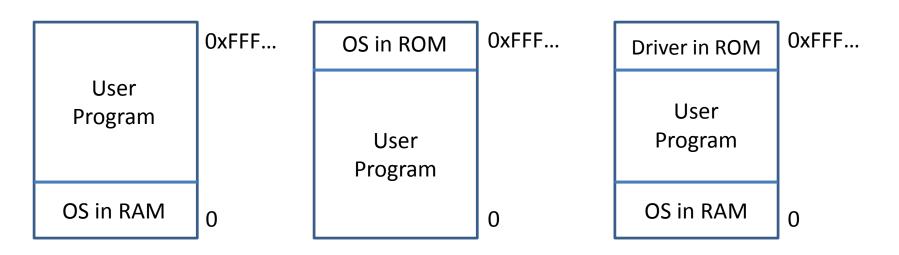


Memory abstraction

- The hardware and OS memory manager makes you see the memory as a single contiguous entity.
- How do they do that?
 - Abstraction
- Is abstraction necessary?

No memory abstraction

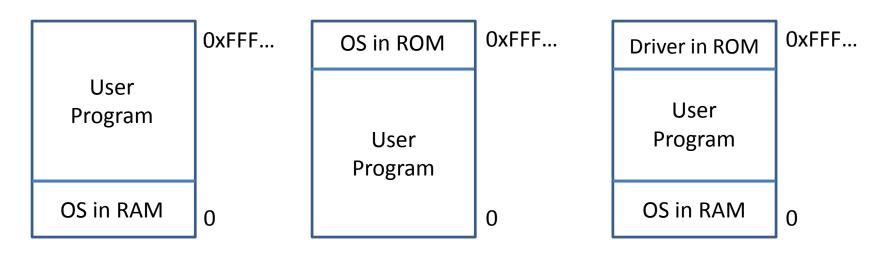
- In this model the memory presented to the programmer was simply a single block of physical memory
 - having a set of addresses from 0 to some maximum
 - with each address corresponding to a cell containing some number of bits, commonly eight.



Even with no abstraction, we can have several setups!

No memory abstraction

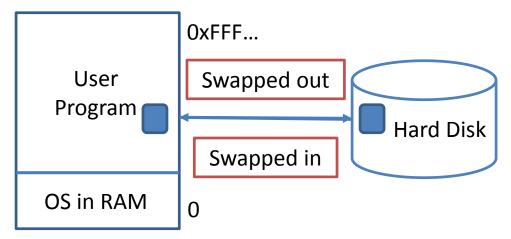
- When program execute instruction like
 - MOV *REGISTER1*, 1000
- If at the same time another program execute same instruction then value of first program will be overwrite.
- So only one process at a time can be running.



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No memory abstraction

- What if we want to run multiple programs?
 - OS saves entire memory on disk
 - OS brings next program
 - OS runs next program
- We can use swapping to run multiple programs concurrently.



 The process of bringing in each process in its entirely in to memory, running it for a while and then putting it back on the disk is called swapping.

Ways to implement swapping system

- Two different ways to implement swapping system
 - 1. Multiprogramming with fixed partitions
 - 2. Multiprogramming with dynamic partitions

Multiprogramming with Fixed partitions

- Here memory is divided into fixed sized partitions.
- Size can be equal or unequal for different partitions.
- Generally unequal partitions are used for better utilizations.
- Each partition can accommodate exactly one process, means only single process can be placed in one partition.
- The partition boundaries are not movable.

Partition 4

Partition 3

Partition 2

Partition 1

OS

Multiprogramming with Fixed partitions

- Whenever any program needs to be loaded in memory, a free partition big enough to hold the program is found. This partition will be allocated to that program or process.
- If there is **no free partition available of required size**, then the process **needs to wait**. Such process will be put in a queue.

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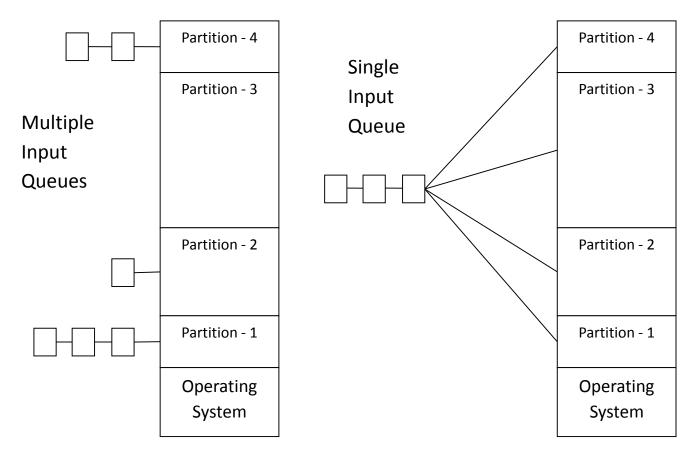
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Multiprogramming with Fixed partitions

- There are two ways to maintain queue
 - Using Multiple Input Queues.
 - Using Single Input Queue.



Multiprogramming with Dynamic partitions

- Here, memory is shared among operating system and various simultaneously running processes.
- Initially, the entire available memory is treated as a single free partition.
- Process is allocated exactly as much memory as it requires.
- Whenever any process enters in a system, a chunk of free memory big enough to fit the process is found and allocated. The remaining unoccupied space is treated as another free partition.

User Program

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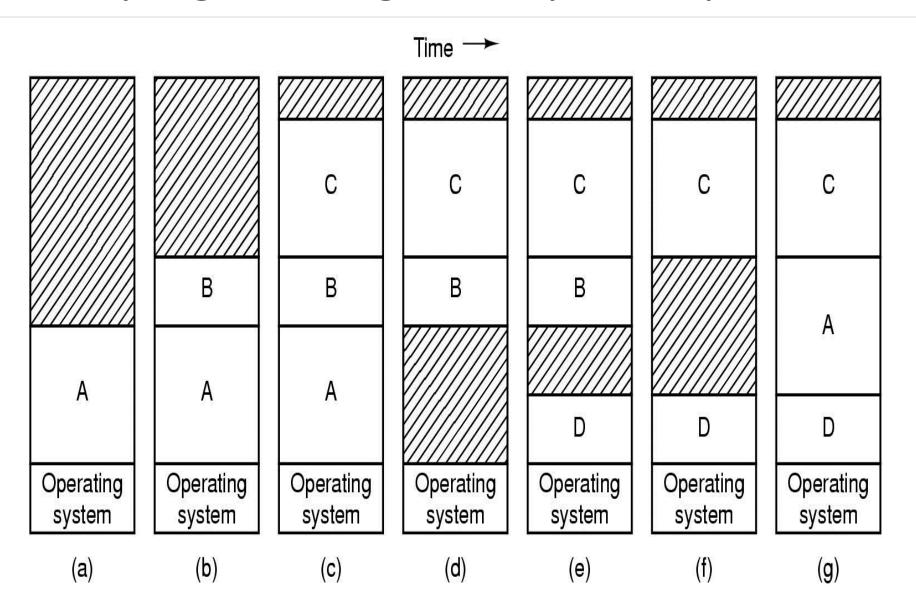
Multiprogramming with Dynamic partitions

- If enough free memory is not available to fit the process, process needs to wait until required memory becomes available.
- Whenever any process gets terminate, it releases the space occupied. If the released free space is contiguous to another free partition, both the free partitions are merged together in to single free partition.
- Better utilization of memory than fixed sized size partition.

User Program

OS

Multiprogramming with Dynamic partitions



Memory compaction

- When swapping creates multiple holes in memory, it is possible to combine them all in one big hole by moving all the processes downward as far as possible. This techniques is known as memory compaction.
- It requires lot of CPU time.

Process B

Process A

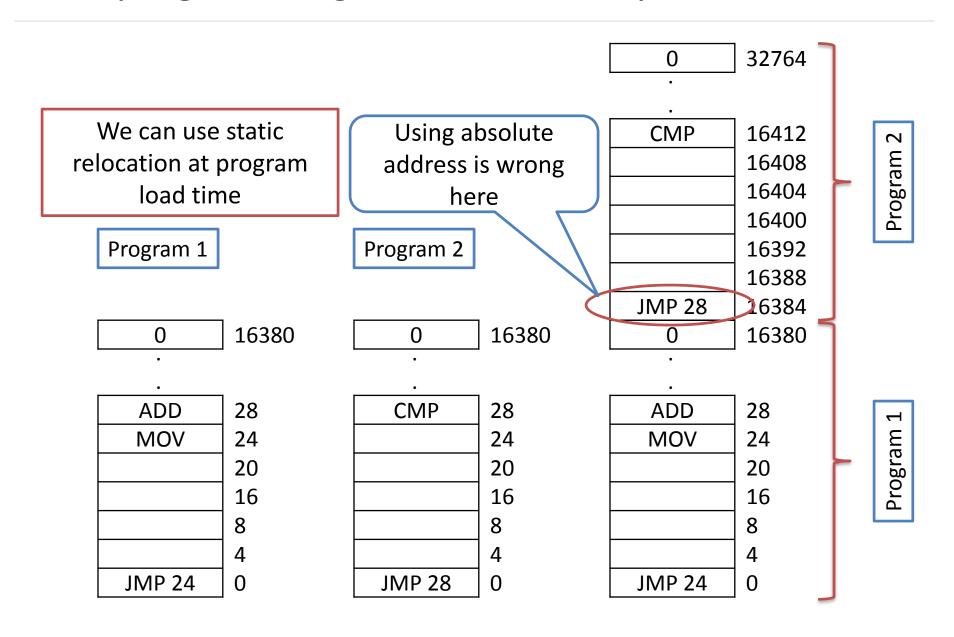
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Process A

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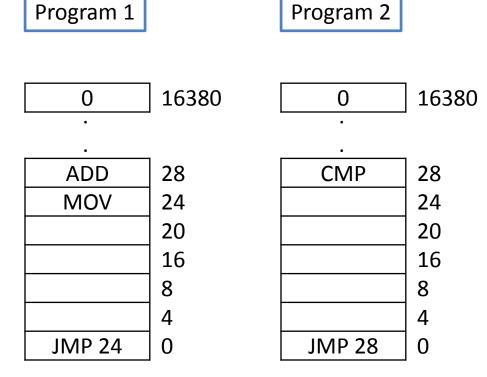
Multiprogramming without memory abstraction



Static relocation

When program was loaded at address 16384, the constant 16384 was added to every program address during the load process.

- Slow
- Required extra information from program



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JMP 24

Base and Limit register

- An address space is set of addresses that a process can use to address memory.
- An address space is a range of valid addresses in memory that are available for a program or process.
- Two registers: Base and Limit
 - **1.** Base register: Start address of a program in physical memory.
 - 2. Limit register: Length of the program.
- For every memory access
 - Base is added to the address
 - Result compared to Limit
- Only OS can modify Base and Limit register.

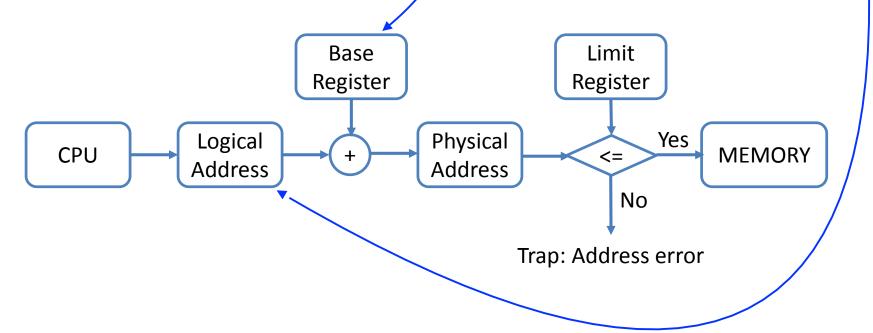
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JMP 24

Dynamic relocation

- Steps in dynamic relocation
 - Hardware adds relocation register (base) to virtual address to get a physical address
 - 2. Hardware compares address with limit register; address must be less than or equal limit
 - 3. If test fails, the processor takes an address trap and ignores the physical address.



Managing free memory

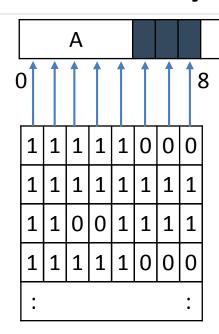
- Two ways to keep track of memory usage (free memory)
 - 1. Memory management with Bitmaps
 - 2. Memory management with Linked List

Memory management with Bitmaps

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• With bitmap, memory is divided into allocation units.

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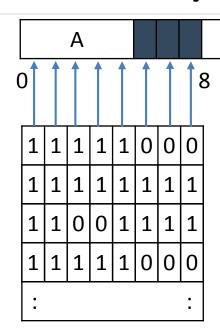
- Corresponding to each allocation unit there is a bit in a bitmap.
- Bit is 0 if the unit is free and 1 if unit is occupied.
- The size of allocation unit is an important design issue, the smaller the size, the larger the bitmap.

Memory management with Bitmaps

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 The main problem is that when it has been decided to bring a k unit process, the memory manager must search the bitmap to find a run of k consecutive 0 bits in the map.

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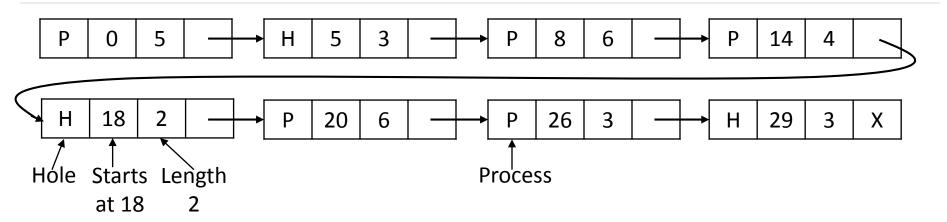
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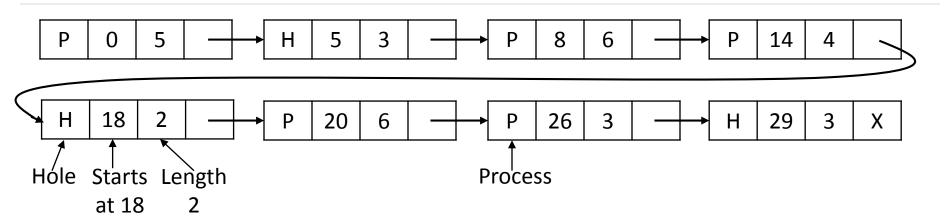
 Searching a bitmap for a run of a given length is a slow operation.

Memory management with Linked List



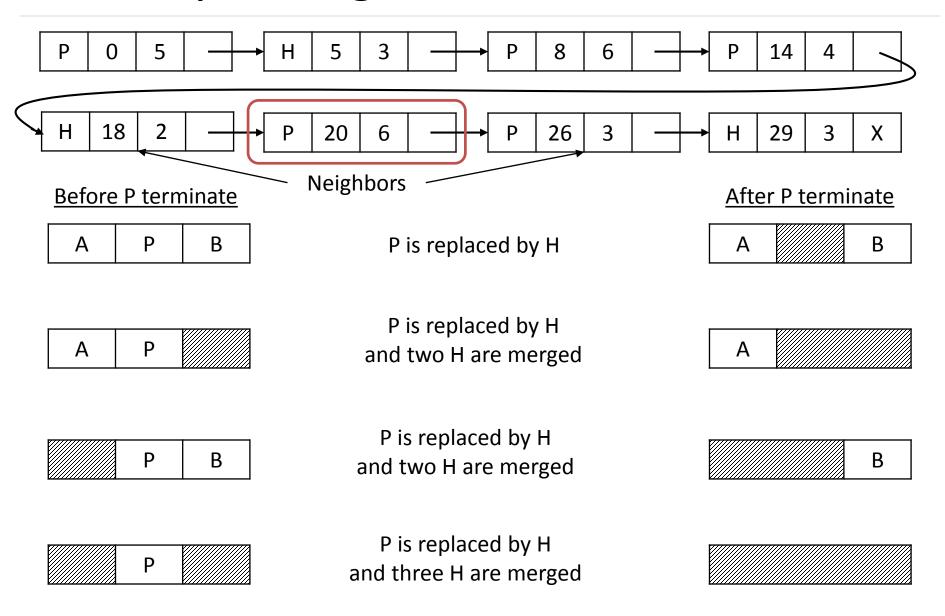
- Another way to keep track of memory is to maintain a linked list of allocated and free memory segments, where segment either contains a process or is an empty hole between two processes.
- Each entry in the list specifies a hole (H) or process (P), the address at which it starts the length and a pointer to the next entry.
- The segment list is kept sorted by address.

Memory management with Linked List



- Sorting this way has the advantage that when a process terminates or is swapped out, updating the list is straightforward.
- A terminating process normally has two neighbors (except when it is at the very top or bottom of memory).

Memory management with Linked List

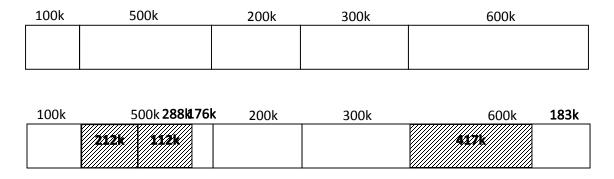


Memory allocation algorithms

- Four memory allocation algorithms are as follow
 - 1. First fit
 - 2. Next fit
 - 3. Best fit
 - 4. Worst fit

First fit

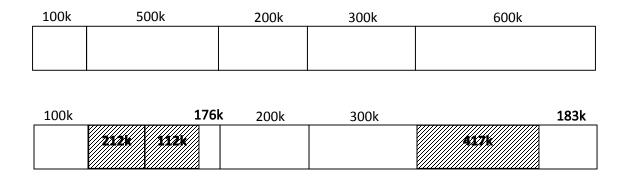
- Search starts from the starting location of the memory.
- First available hole that is large enough to hold the process is selected for allocation.
- The hole is then broken up into two pieces, one for process and another for unused memory.
- Example: Processes of 212K, 417K, 112K and 426K arrives in order.



Here process of size 426k will not get any partition for allocation.

First fit

- Fastest algorithm because it searches as little as possible.
- Memory loss is higher, as very large hole may be selected for small process.
- Here process of size 426k will not get any partition for allocation.



Next fit

- It works in the same way as first fit, except that it keeps the track of where it is whenever it finds a suitable hole.
- The next time when it is called to find a hole, it starts searching the list from the place where it left off last time.
- Processes of 212K, 417K, 112K and 426K arrives in order.

100k	500k	200k	300k	600k
100k	288k	200k	300k	71k
	212k			417k 112k

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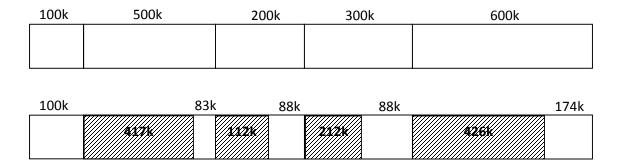
Next fit

- Search time is smaller.
- Memory manager must have to keep track of last allotted hole to process.
- It gives slightly worse performance than first fit.
- Here process of size 426k will not get any partition for allocation.

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100k	288k	200k	300k	71k
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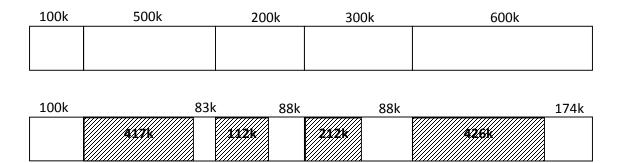
Best fit

- Entire memory is searched here.
- The smallest hole, which is large enough to hold the process, is selected for allocation.
- Processes of 212K, 417K, 112K and 426K arrives in order.



Best fit

- Search time is high, as it searches entire memory every time.
- Memory loss is less.



Worst fit

- Entire memory is searched here also. The largest hole, which is largest enough to hold the process, is selected for allocation.
- Processes of 212K, 417K, 112K and 426K arrives in order.

100k	500k	200k	300k	600k
100k	83k	200k	300k	276k
	417k			212k 112k

Here process of size 426k will not get any partition for allocation.

Worst fit

- Search time is high, as it searches entire memory every time.
- This algorithm can be used only with dynamic partitioning.
- Here process of size 426k will not get any partition for allocation.

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Virtual Memory

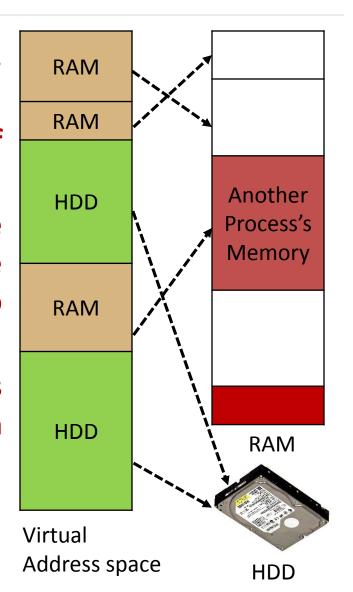
- Memory is hardware that your computer uses to load the operating system and run programs.
- Computer consists of one or more RAM chips that each have several memory modules.
- The amount of real memory in a computer is limited to the amount of RAM installed. Common memory sizes are 1GB, 2GB, and 4GB.

Virtual Memory

- Because your computer has a finite amount of RAM, it is possible to run out of memory when too many programs are running at one time.
- This is where virtual memory comes in.
- Virtual memory increases the available memory of your computer by enlarging the "address space," or places in memory where data can be stored.
- It does this by using hard disk space for additional memory allocation.
- However, since the hard drive is much slower than the RAM, data stored in virtual memory must be mapped back to real memory in order to be used.

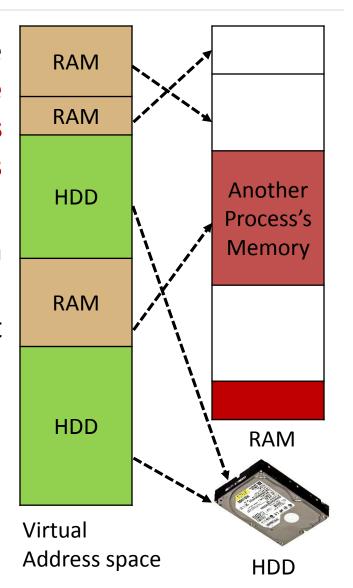
Virtual Memory

- Each program has its own address space, which is broken up into pages.
- Each page is a contiguous range of addresses.
- These pages are mapped onto the physical memory but, to run the program, all pages are not required to be present in the physical memory.
- The operating system keeps those parts of the program currently in use in main memory, and the rest on the disk.



Virtual Memory

- In a system using virtual memory, the physical memory is divided into page frames and the virtual address space is divided in into equally-sized partitions called pages.
- Virtual memory works fine in a multiprogramming system, with bits and pieces of many programs in memory at once.



- Paging is a storage mechanism used to retrieve processes from the secondary storage (Hard disk) into the main memory (RAM) in the form of pages.
- The main idea behind the paging is to divide each process in the form of pages. The main memory will also be divided in the form of frames.
- One page of the process is to be stored in one of the frames of the memory.
- The pages can be stored at the different locations of the memory but the priority is always to find the contiguous frames or holes.

- Pages of the process are brought into the main memory only when they are required otherwise they reside in the secondary storage.
- The sizes of each frame must be equal. Considering the fact that the pages are mapped to the frames in Paging, page size needs to be as same as frame size.
- Different operating system defines different frame sizes.

Virtual Address Space

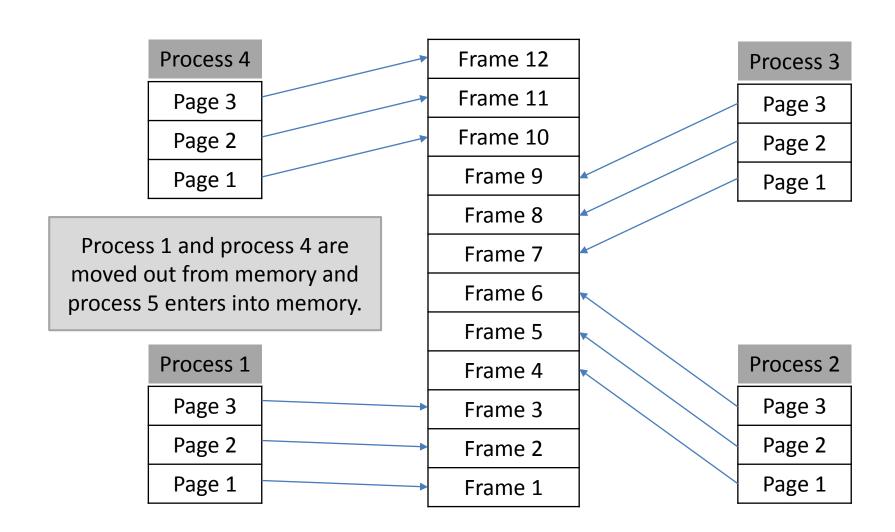
40K – 44K	Page 11
36K – 40K	Page 10
32K – 36K	Page 9
28K – 32K	Page 8
24K – 28K	Page 7
20K – 24K	Page 6
16K – 20K	Page 5
12K – 16K	Page 4
8K – 12K	Page 3
4K – 8K	Page 2
0K – 4K	Page 1

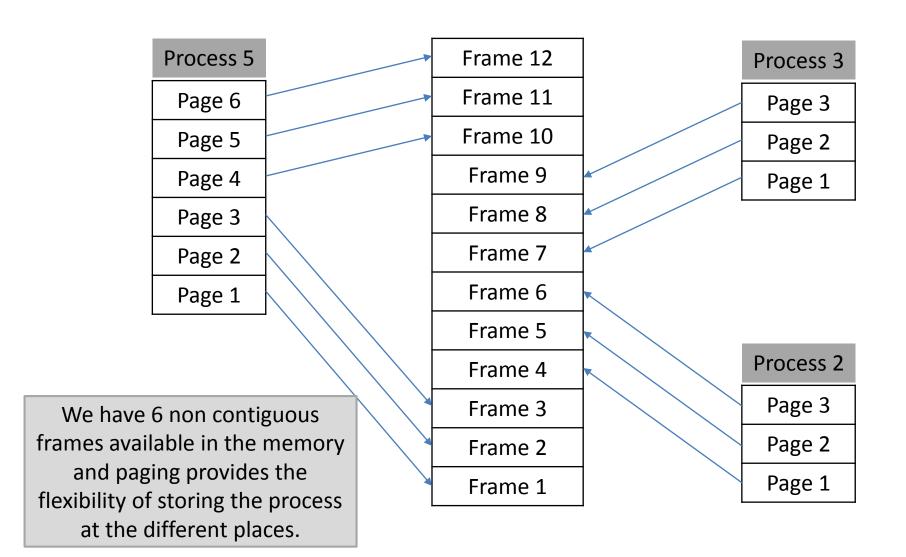
Virtual page

Page frame

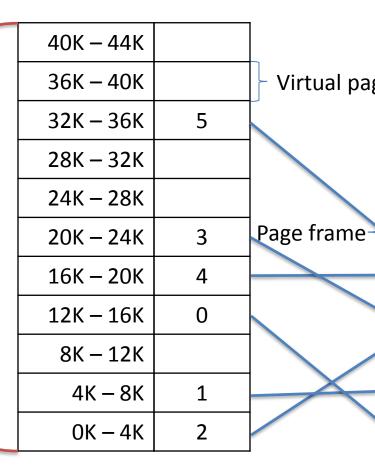
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	Frame 2	4K – 8K
	Frame 1	0K – 4K

Physical Memory Address





Virtual Address Space



Virtual page

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	5	20K – 24K
+	4	16K – 20K
1	3	12K – 16K
	2	8K – 12K
+	1	4K – 8K
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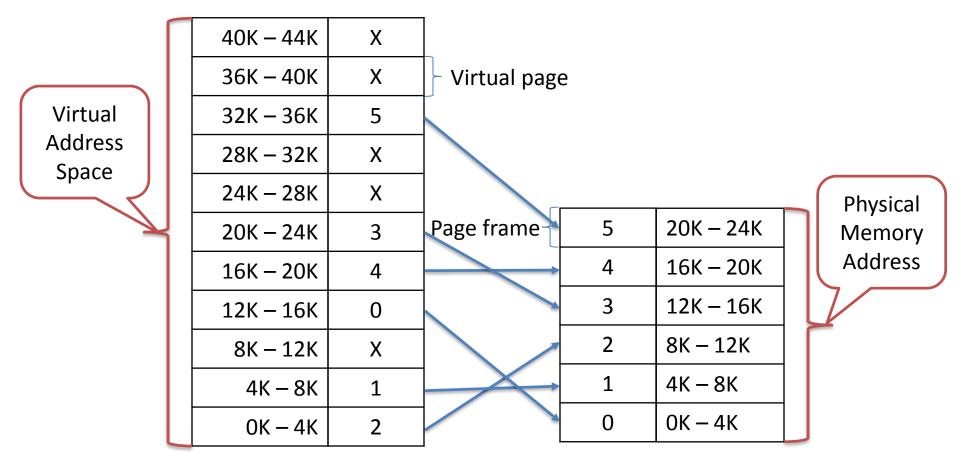
Physical Memory Address

- Size of Virtual Address Space is greater than that of main memory, so instead of loading entire address space in to memory to run the process, MMU copies only required pages into main memory.
- In order to keep the track of pages and page frames, OS maintains a data structure called page table.

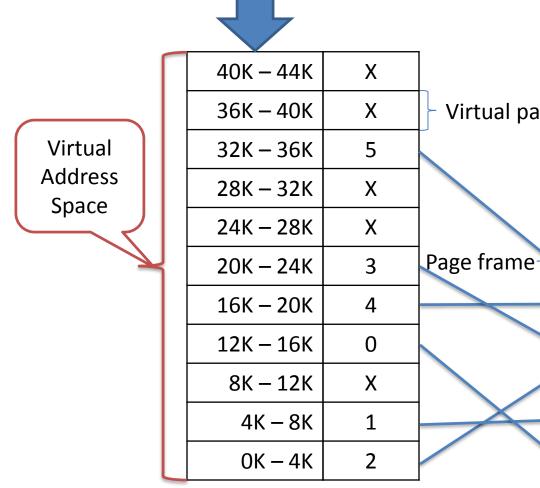
Logical Address vs Physical Address

- Logical Address is generated by CPU while a program is running. The logical address is virtual address as it does not exist physically therefore it is also known as Virtual Address.
- Physical Address identifies a physical location of required data in a memory. The user never directly deals with the physical address but can access by its corresponding logical address.
- The hardware device called Memory-Management Unit is used for mapping (converting) logical address to its corresponding physical address.

When virtual memory is used, the virtual address is presented to an MMU (Memory Management Unit) that maps the virtual addresses onto the physical memory addresses.



We have a computer generated 16-bit addresses, from 0 up to 44K. These are the virtual addresses.



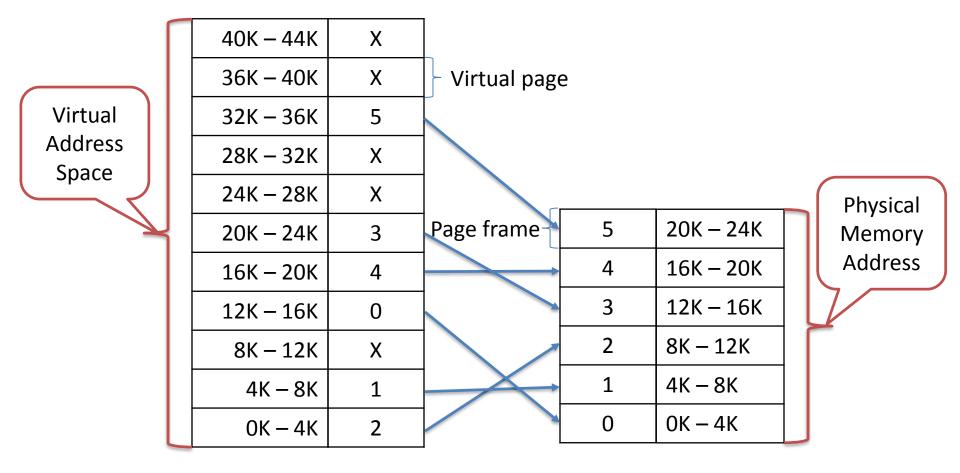
Virtual page

With 44 KB of virtual address space, we get 11 virtual pages and 24 KB of physical memory, we get 6 page frames.

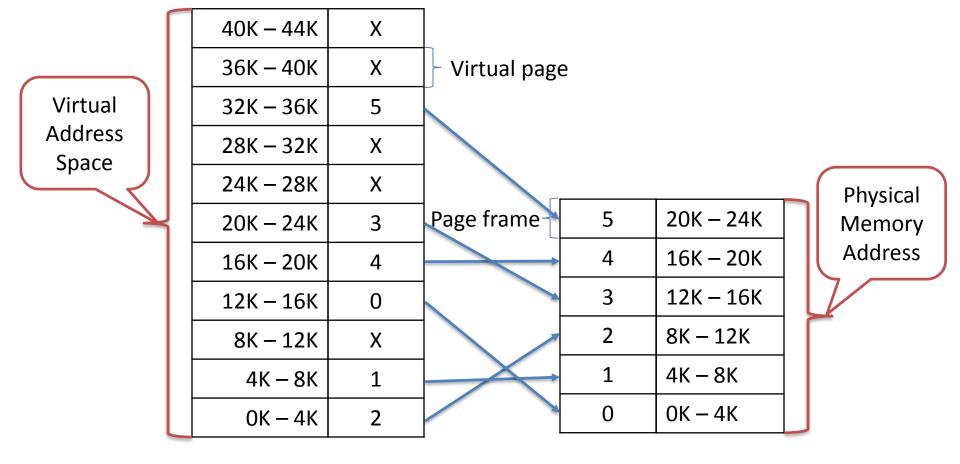
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3	12K – 16K
2	8K – 12K
1	4K – 8K
0	0K – 4K

Physical Memory Address

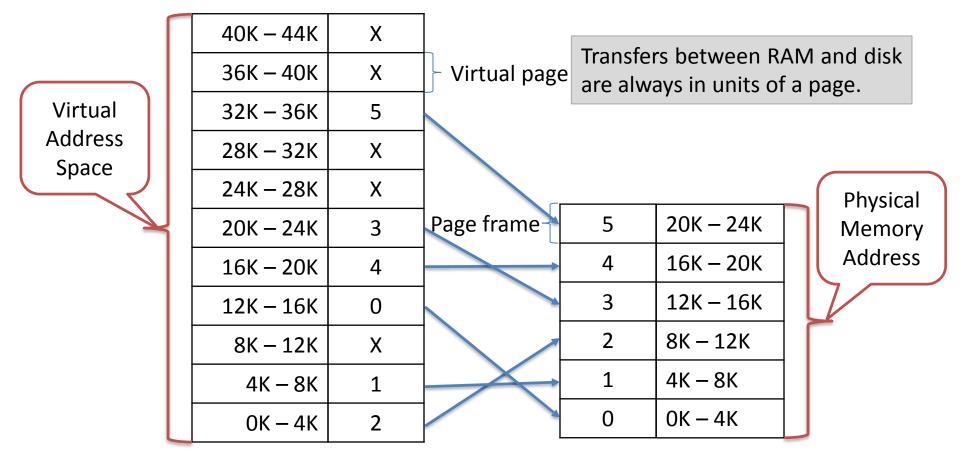
 However, only 24KB of physical memory is available, so although 44KB programs can be written, they cannot be loaded in to memory in their entirety and run.



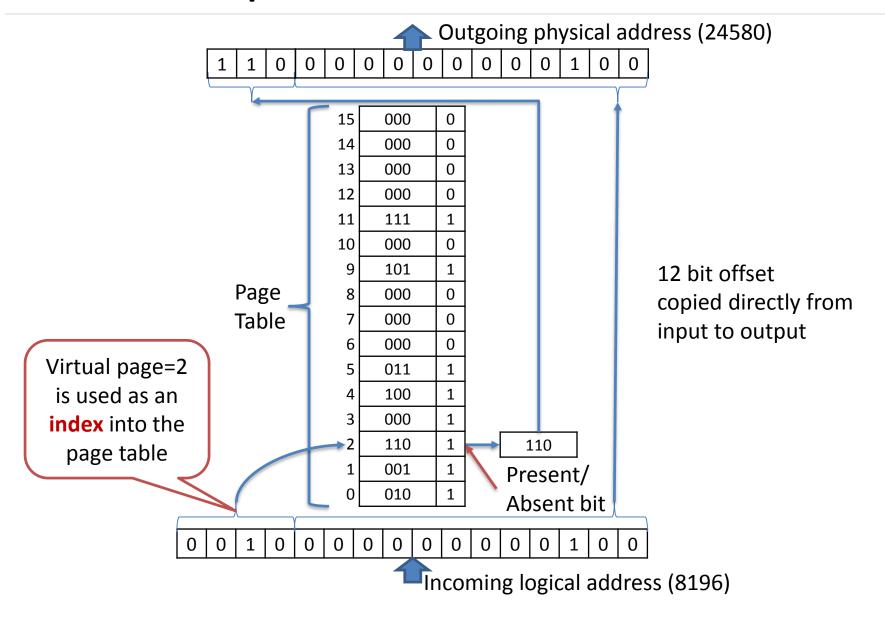
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Internal operation of the MMU



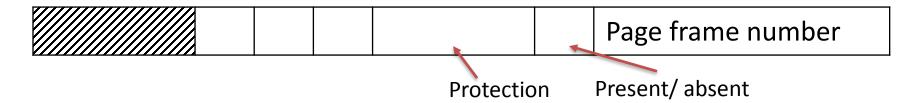
- The virtual address is split into a virtual page number (high order bits) and an offset (low-order bits).
- With a 16-bit address and a 4KB page size, the upper 4 bits could specify one of the 11 virtual pages and the lower 12 bits would then specify the byte offset (0 to 4095) within the selected page.
- The virtual page number is used as an index into the Page table.

- If the present/absent bit is 0, it is page-fault; a trap to the operating system is caused to bring required page into main memory.
- If the present/absent bit is 1, required page is there with main memory and page frame number found in the page table is copied to the higher order bit of the output register along with the offset.
- Together Page frame number and offset creates physical address.
- Physical Address = Page frame Number + offset of virtual address.

Page table

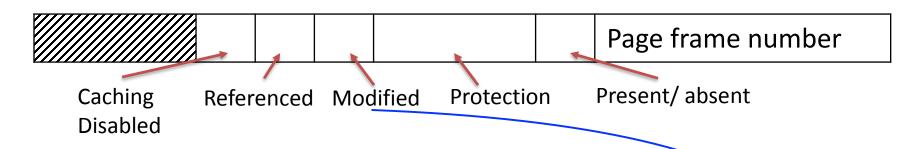
- Page table is a data structure which translates virtual address into equivalent physical address.
- The virtual page number is used as an index into the Page table to find the entry for that virtual page and from the Page table physical page frame number is found.
- Thus the purpose of page table is to map virtual pages onto page frames.

Page table structure



- Page frame Number: It gives the frame number in which the current page you are looking for is present.
- Present/Absent bit: Present or absent bit says whether a particular page you are looking for is present or absent. If it is not present, that is called Page Fault. It is set to 0 if the corresponding page is not in memory. Sometimes this bit is also known as valid/invalid bits.
- The Protection bits: Protection bit says that what kind of protection you want on that page. In the simplest form, 0 for read/write and 1 for read only.

Page table structure



- Modified bit: Modified bit says whether the page has been modified or not. If the page in memory has been modified, it must be written back to disk. This bit is also called as dirty bit as it reflects the page's state.
- Referenced bit: A references bit is set whenever a page is referenced, either for reading or writing. Its value helps operating system in page replacement algorithm.
- Cashing Disabled bit: This feature is important for pages that maps onto device registers rather than memory. With this bit cashing can be turned off.

Demand Paging

- In paging system, processes are started up with none of their pages in memory.
- When CPU tries to fetch the first instruction, it gets page fault, other page faults for global variables and stack usually follow quickly.
- After a while, the process has most of the pages it needs in main memory and it has few page faults.
- This strategy is called demand paging because pages are loaded only on demand, not in advance.

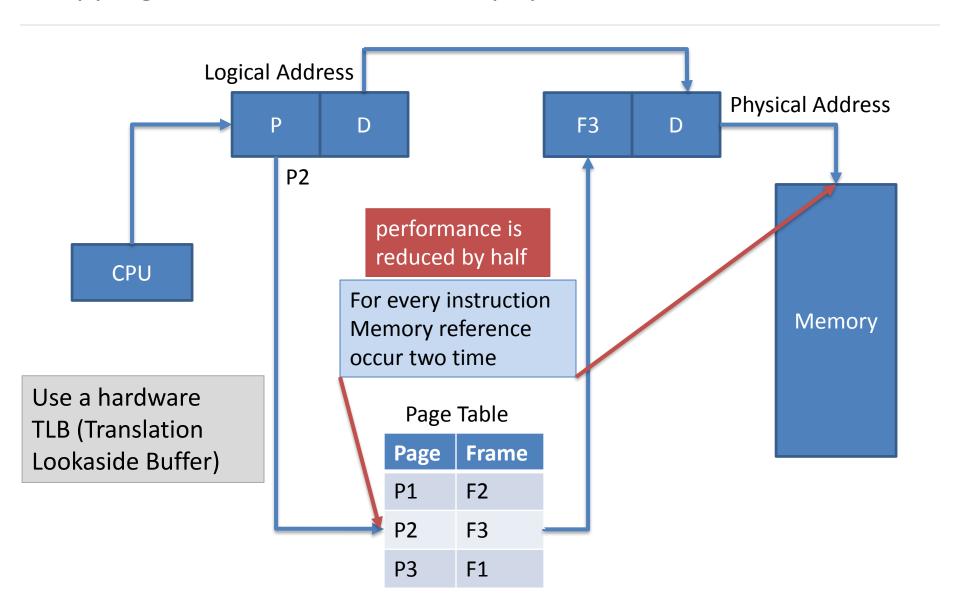
Definitions

- Working Set: The set of pages that a process is currently using is known as working set.
- Thrashing: A program causing page faults every few instructions is said to be thrashing.
- Pre-paging: Many paging systems try to keep track of each process's working set and make sure that it is in memory before letting the process run.
- Loading pages before allowing processes to run is called prepaging.

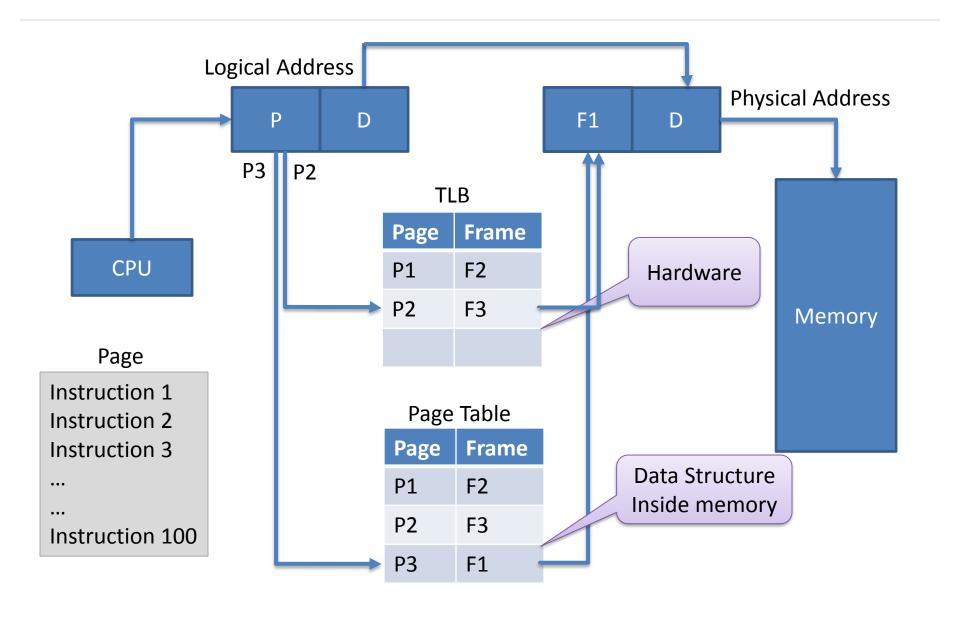
Issues in Paging

- In any paging system, two major issues must be faced:
 - The mapping from virtual address to physical address must be fast.
 - 2. If the virtual address space is large, the page table will be large.

Mapping from virtual address to physical address must be fast



Mapping from virtual address to physical address must be fast



Mapping from virtual address to physical address using TLB

Steps in TLB hit:

- 1. CPU generates virtual address.
- It is checked in TLB (present).
- 3. Corresponding frame number is retrieved, which now tells where in the main memory page lies.

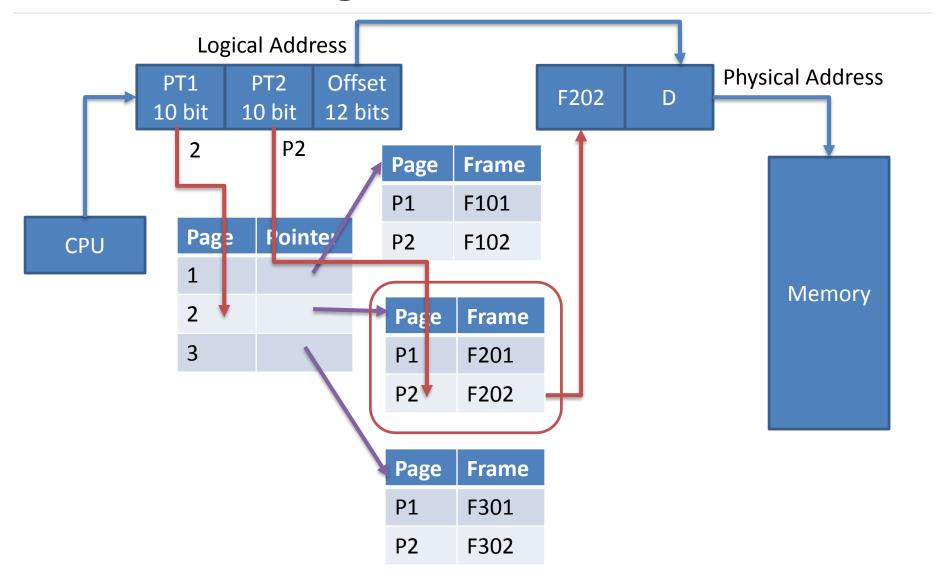
Steps in Page miss:

- 1. CPU generates virtual address.
- It is checked in TLB (not present).
- 3. Now the page number is matched to page table residing in main memory.
- 4. Corresponding frame number is retrieved, which now tells where in the main memory page lies.
- The TLB is updated with new Page Table Entry (if space is not there, one
 of the replacement technique comes into picture i.e either FIFO, LRU or
 MFU etc).

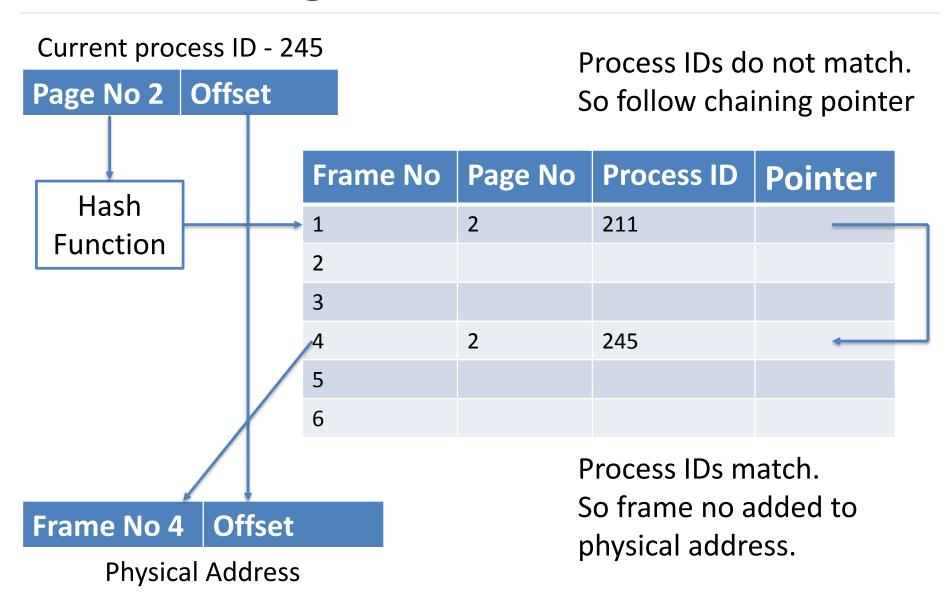
Virtual address space is large, the page table will be large

- Two different ways to deal with large page table problems:
 - 1. Multilevel Page Table
 - 2. Inverted Page Table

Multilevel Page Table



Inverted Page Table



Inverted Page Table

- Each entry in the page table contains the following fields.
 - 1. Page number It specifies the page number range of the logical address.
 - 2. Process id An inverted page table contains the address space information of all the processes in execution.
 - Since two different processes can have similar set of virtual addresses, it becomes necessary in Inverted Page Table to store a processID of each process to identify it's address space uniquely.

This is done by using the combination of PID and Page Number. So this Process Id acts as an address space identifier and ensures that a virtual page for a particular process is mapped correctly to the corresponding physical frame.

Inverted Page Table

- Each entry in the page table contains the following fields.
 - 3. Control bits These bits are used to store extra paging-related information. These include the valid bit, dirty bit, reference bits, protection and locking information bits.
 - 4. Chained pointer It may be possible sometime that two or more processes share a part of main memory.
 - In this case, two or more logical pages map to same Page Table Entry then a chaining pointer is used to map the details of these logical pages to the root page table.

Page replacement algorithms

- Following are different types of page replacement algorithms
 - 1. Optimal Page Replacement Algorithm
 - 2. FIFO Page Replacement Algorithm
 - 3. The Second Chance Page Replacement Algorithm
 - 4. The Clock Page Replacement Algorithm
 - 5. LRU (Least Recently Used) Page Replacement Algorithm
 - 6. NRU (Not Recently Used)

Optimal Page Replacement Algorithm

- The moment a page fault occurs, some set of pages will be in the memory.
- One of these pages will be referenced on the very next instruction.
- Other pages may not be referenced until 10, 100, or perhaps 1000 instructions later.
- Each page can be labeled with the number of instructions that will be executed before that page is first referenced.
- The optimal page algorithm simply says that the page with the highest label should be removed.
- The only problem with this algorithm is that it is unrealizable.
- At the time of the page fault, the operating system has no way of knowing when each of the pages will be referenced next.

Optimal Page Replacement Algorithm

- Page Reference String:
 - 7, 0, 1, 2, 0, 3, 0, 4, 2, 3, 0, 3, 2, 0, 2, 0, 1, 7, 0, 1
 - Three frames

Page Requests	7	0	1	2	0	3	0	4	2	3	0	3	2	0	2	0	1	7	0	1
Frame 1	7	7	7	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1
Frame 2		0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Frame 3			1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	7	7	7
Page Faults (9)	F	F	F	F		F		F			F						F	F		

As we know from the given sequence that ZERO will occur again before the occurrence of ONE so we replaced ONE with THREE as it is no longer will use in future.

FIFO Page Replacement Algorithm

- The first in first out page replacement algorithm is the simplest page replacement algorithm.
- The operating system maintains a list of all pages currently in memory, with the most recently arrived page at the tail and least recent at the head.
- On a page fault, the page at head is removed and the new page is added to the tail.
- When a page replacement is required the oldest page in memory needs to be replaced.
- The performance of the FIFO algorithm is not always good because it may happen that the page which is the oldest is frequently referred by OS.
- Hence removing the oldest page may create page fault again.

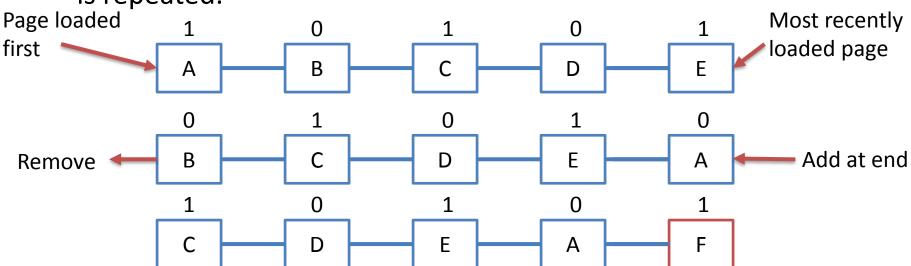
FIFO Page Replacement Algorithm

- Page Reference String:
 - 7, 0, 1, 2, 0, 3, 0, 4, 2, 3, 0, 3, 2, 1, 2, 0, 1, 7, 0, 1
 - Three frames

Page Requests	7	0	1	2	0	3	0	4	2	3	0	3	2	1	2	0	1	7	0	1
Frame 1	7	7	7	2	2	2	2	4	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	7	7
Frame 2		0	0	0	0	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
Frame 3			1	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	1
Page Faults (15)	F	F	F	F		F	F	F	F	F	F			F	F			F	F	F

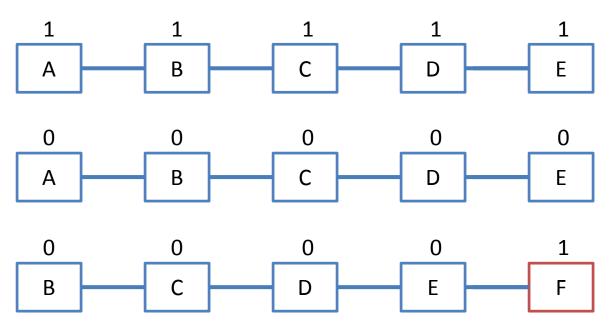
Second Chance Page Replacement Algorithm

- It is modified form of the FIFO page replacement algorithm.
- It looks at the front of the queue as FIFO does, but instead of immediately paging out that page, it checks to see if its referenced bit is set.
 - If it is not set (zero), the page is swapped out.
 - Otherwise, the referenced bit is cleared, the page is inserted at the back of the queue (as if it were a new page) and this process is repeated.

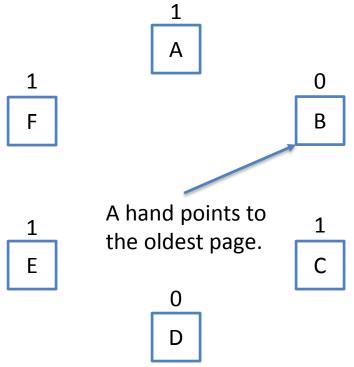


Second Chance Page Replacement Algorithm

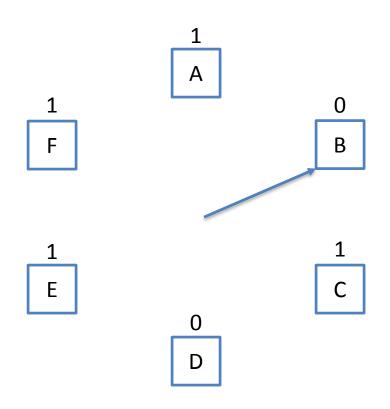
- If all the pages have their referenced bit set, on the second encounter of the first page in the list, that page will be swapped out, as it now has its referenced bit cleared.
- If all the pages have their reference bit cleared, then second chance algorithm degenerates into pure FIFO.



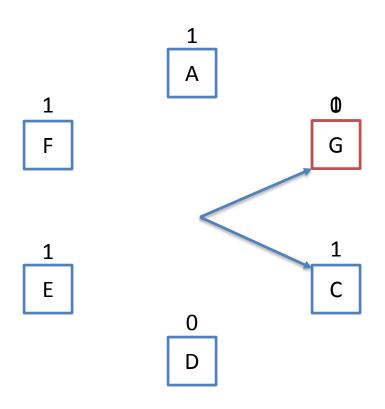
- In second chance algorithm pages are constantly moving around on its list. So it is not working efficiently.
- A better approach is to keep all the page frames on a circular list in the form of a clock.



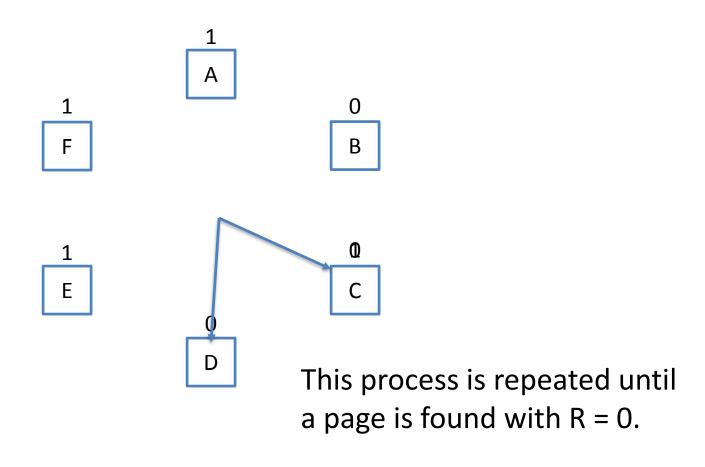
When a page fault occurs, the page being pointed to by the hand is inspected.



If its R bit is 0, the page is evicted, the new page is inserted into the clock in its place, and the hand is advanced one position.



If R is 1, it is cleared and the hand is advanced to the next page.



LRU (Least Recently Used) Page Replacement Algorithm

- A good approximation to the optimal algorithm is based on the observation that pages that have been heavily used in last few instructions will probably be heavily used again in next few instructions.
- When page fault occurs, throw out the page that has been used for the longest time. This strategy is called LRU (Least Recently Used) paging.
- To fully implement LRU, it is necessary to maintain a linked list of all pages in memory, with the most recently used page at the front and the least recently used page at the rear.
- The list must be updated on every memory reference.
- Finding a page in the list, deleting it, and then moving it to the front is a very time consuming operations.

LRU (Least Recently Used) Page Replacement Algorithm

- Page Reference String:
 - 7, 0, 1, 2, 0, 3, 0, 4, 2, 3, 0, 3, 2, 1, 2, 0, 1, 7, 0, 1
 - Three frames

Page Requests	7	0	1	2	0	3	0	4	2	3	0	3	2	1	2	0	1	7	0	1
Frame 1	7	7	7	2	2	2	2	4	4	4	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Frame 2		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0
Frame 3			1	1	1	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	7	7	7
Page Faults (12)	F	F	F	F		F		F	F	F	F			F		F		F		

NRU (Not Recently Used) Page Replacement Algorithm

- NRU makes approximation to replace the page based on R (referenced) and M (modified) bits.
- When a process is started up, both page bits for all pages are set to 0 by operating system.
- Periodically, the R bit is cleared, to distinguish pages that have not been referenced recently from those that have been.
- When page fault occurs, the operating system inspects all the pages and divide them into 4 categories based on current values of their R and M bits
 - 1. Case 0 : not referenced, not modified
 - 2. Case 1: not referenced, modified
 - 3. Case 2: referenced, not modified
 - 4. Case 3: referenced, modified
- The NRU (Not Recently Used) algorithm removes a page at random from the lowest numbered nonempty class.

NRU (Not Recently Used) Page Replacement Algorithm

- For example if,
 - 1. Page-0 is of class-2 (referenced, not modified)
 - Page-1 is of class-1 (not referenced, modified)
 - Page-2 is of class-0 (not referenced, not modified)
 - 4. Page-3 is of class-3 (referenced, modified)
- So lowest class page-2 needs to be replaced by NRU.

Belady's Anomaly

Page Reference String:

Page Faults of 3 Frame > Page Faults of 4 Frame

• 1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 5, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Belady's Anomaly

Three Frames

Page Requests	1	2	3	4	1	2	5	1	2	3	4	5
Frame 1	1	1	1	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	5
Frame 2		2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	3
Frame 3			3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	4	4
Page Faults (9)	F	F	F	F	F	F	F			F	F	

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Page Requests	1	2	3	4	1	2	5	1	2	3	4	5
Frame 1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	5	5	5	4	4
Frame 2		2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	5
Frame 3			3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2
Frame 4				4	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	3
Page Faults (10)	F	F	F	F			F	F	F	F	F	F

Belady's Anomaly

- Belady's anomaly is the phenomenon in which increasing the number of page frames results in an increase in the number of page faults for certain memory access patterns.
- This phenomenon is commonly experienced when using the first-in first-out (FIFO) page replacement algorithm.
- In FIFO, the page fault may or may not increase as the page frames increase, but in Optimal and stack-based algorithms like LRU, as the page frames increase the page fault decreases.

Sum

 A computer has four page frames. The time of loading, time of last access and the R and M bit for each page given below. Which page FIFO, LRU and NRU will replace.

Page	Loaded	Last Ref.	R	M	
0	126	280	1	0	
1	230	265	0	1	
2	140	270	0	0 -	NRU
3	110	285	1	1	

■ FIFO:- Page which is arrived first needs to be removed first, so page-3 needs to replace.

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- LRU:- When page fault occurs, throw out the page that has been used for the longest time.
- Page page-1 is not used for the long time from all four, so LRU suggest replacing page-1.

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NRU:-

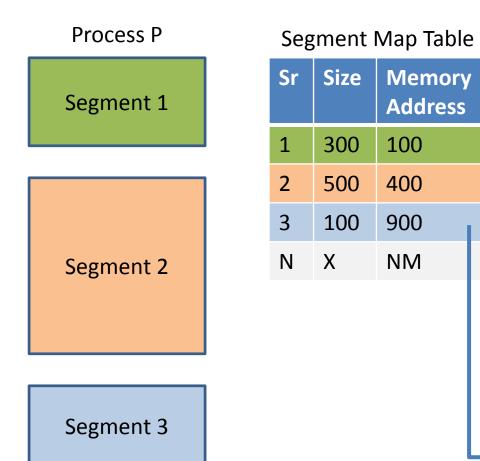
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- Page-3 is of class-3 (referenced, modified)
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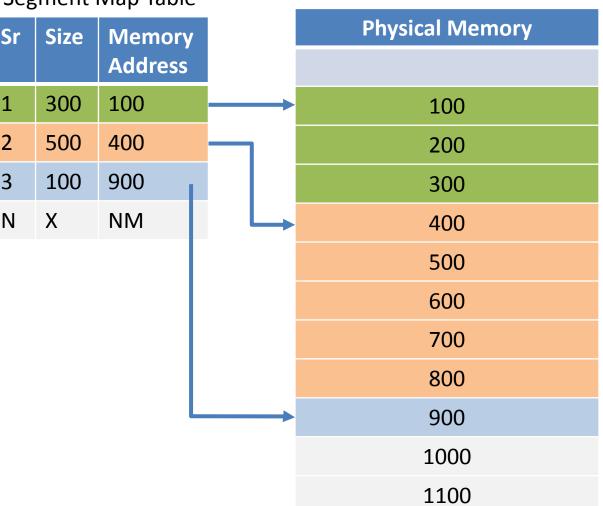
Segmentation

- Segmentation is a memory management technique in which each job is divided into several segments of different sizes, one for each module that contains pieces that perform related functions.
- Each segment is actually a different logical address space of the program.
- When a process is to be executed, its corresponding segmentation are loaded into non-contiguous memory though every segment is loaded into a contiguous block of available memory.
- Segmentation memory management works very similar to paging but here segments are of variable-length where as in paging pages are of fixed size.

Segmentation

Segment N





Segmentation

- A program segment contains the program's main function, utility functions, data structures, and so on.
- The operating system maintains a segment map table for every process.
- Segment map table contains list of free memory blocks along with segment numbers, their size and corresponding memory locations in main memory.
- For each segment, the table stores the starting address of the segment and the length of the segment.
- A reference to a memory location includes a value that identifies a segment and an offset.

Paging VS Segmentation

Paging

Segmentation

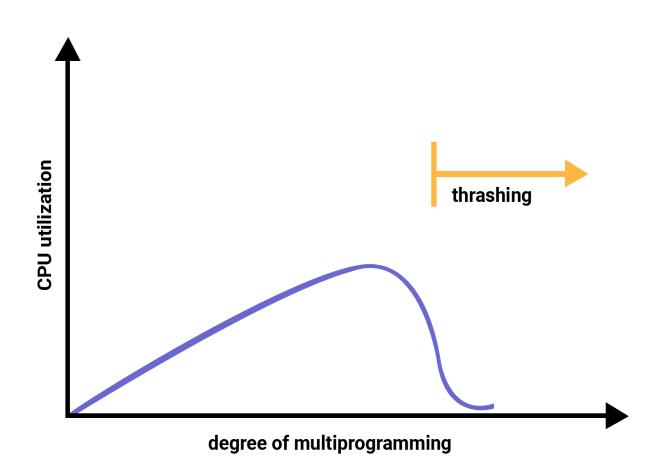
Thrashing

Thrashing is a condition or a situation when the system is spending a major portion of its time in servicing the page faults, but the actual processing done is very negligible.

The basic concept involved is that if a process is allocated too few frames, then there will be too many and too frequent page faults.

As a result, no useful work would be done by the CPU and the CPU utilisation would fall drastically.

Thrashing



Brief description

Segmentation

- User view
- External fragmentation
- Dynamic or Variable partition

Paging

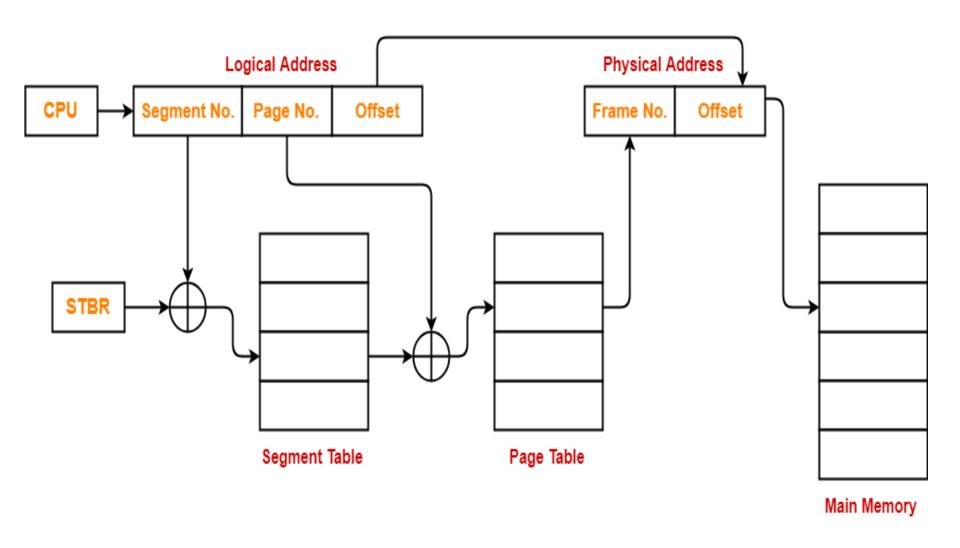
- No External Fragmentation
- Speed up the memory Allocation
- Internal fragmentation
- Fixed size partition

Segmentation with paging

- Process is first divided into segments and then each segment is divided into pages.
- These pages are then stored in the frames of main memory.
- A page table exists for each segment that keeps track of the frames storing the pages of that segment.
- Each page table occupies one frame in the main memory.

Segmentation with paging

- Number of entries in the page table of a segment = Number of pages that segment is divided.
- A segment table exists that keeps track of the frames storing the page tables of segments.
- Number of entries in the segment table of a process = Number of segments that process is divided.
- The base address of the segment table is stored in the segment table base register.



Translating Logical Address into Physical Address

Advantages-

- Segment table contains only one entry corresponding to each segment.
- It reduces memory usage.
- The size of Page Table is limited by the segment size.
- It solves the problem of external fragmentation.

Disadvantages-

- Segmented paging suffers from internal fragmentation.
- The complexity level is much higher as compared to paging.

