

Memory Management

Chapter 6

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Chapter Objectives

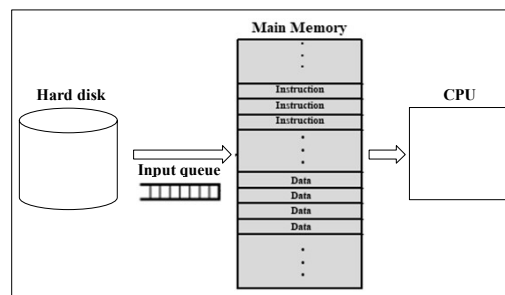
- To provide a detailed description of various ways of organizing memory hardware.
- To discuss various memory-management techniques, including paging and segmentation.
- To describe the benefits of a virtual memory system.
- To explain the concepts of demand paging, page replacement algorithms, and allocation of page frames.

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Background

- Program must be brought into memory and placed within a process for it to be run
- **Input queue** – collection of processes on the disk that are waiting to be brought into memory to run the program
- **Memory Management** - Subdividing memory to accommodate multiple processes
- Memory needs to be allocated to ensure a reasonable supply of ready processes to consume available processor time



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Memory Management Requirements

1. Relocation
2. Protection
3. Sharing
4. Logical Organization
5. Physical Organization

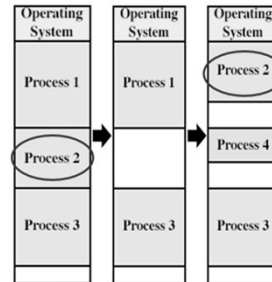
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Memory Management Requirements

1. Relocation

- Programmer does not know where the program will be placed in memory when it is executed
- While the program is executing, it may be swapped to disk and returned to main memory at a different location (relocated)
- Memory references must be translated in the code to actual physical memory address



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Addressing Requirements for a Process

- OS must know the locations/addresses of:
 - Process control info
 - Execution stack
 - Entry point to begin execution
- Processor must deal with memory references within program:
 - Branch instructions contain an address to reference the instruction to be executed next
 - Data reference instructions contain the address of the byte/word referenced
- CPU & OS s/w must be able to translate memory refs in the code → into actual physical memory addresses (its location in MM)

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Memory Management Requirements

2. Protection

- Processes should not be able to reference memory locations in another process without permission
- Impossible to check absolute addresses at compile time
- Must be checked at runtime
- Memory protection requirement must be satisfied by the processor (hardware) rather than the operating system (software)
 - Operating system cannot anticipate all of the memory references a program will make

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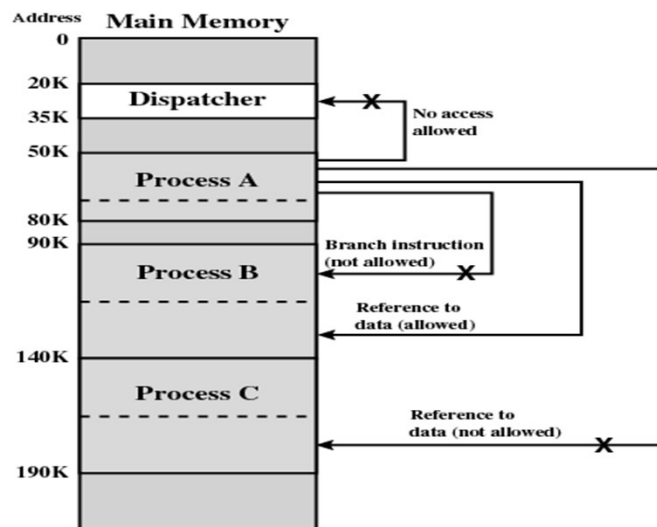


Figure 8.14 Protection Relationships Between Segments

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Memory Management Requirements

3. Sharing

- Allow several processes to access the same portion of memory
- Better to allow each process access to the same copy of the program rather than have their own separate copy

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Memory Management Requirements

4. Logical Organization

- Programs are written in modules
- Modules can be written and compiled independently
- Different degrees of protection given to modules (read-only, execute-only)
- Share modules among processes

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Memory Management Requirements

5. Physical Organization

- Memory available for a program plus its data may be insufficient
 - Overlaying allows various modules to be assigned the same region of memory
- Programmer does not know how much space will be available

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Memory Partitioning

- Fixed partitioning
 - Equal-size partitions
 - Unequal-sized partitions
- Dynamic partitioning

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Fixed Partitioning

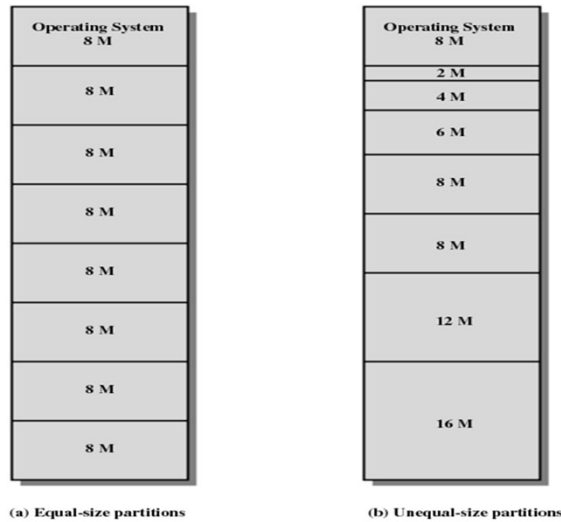


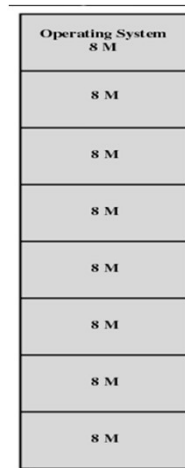
Figure 7.2 Example of Fixed Partitioning of a 64-Mbyte Memory

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Fixed Partitioning

- Equal-size partitions
 - Any process whose size is less than or equal to the partition size can be loaded into an available partition
 - If all partitions are full, the operating system can swap a process out of a partition
 - A program may not fit in a partition. The programmer must design the program with overlays

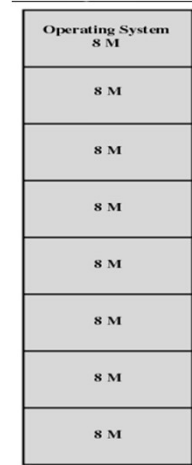


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Fixed Partitioning

- Main memory use is inefficient. Any program, no matter how small, occupies an entire partition. This is called internal fragmentation.
 - E.g: A program of size 2MB occupies an 8MB partition → wasted space internal to a partition, as the data loaded is smaller than the partition size.
- Equal-size partitions
 - Because all partitions are of equal size, it does not matter which partition is used

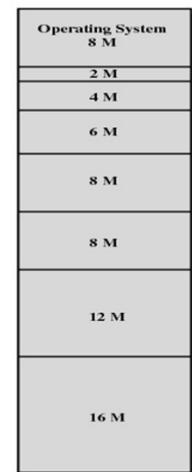


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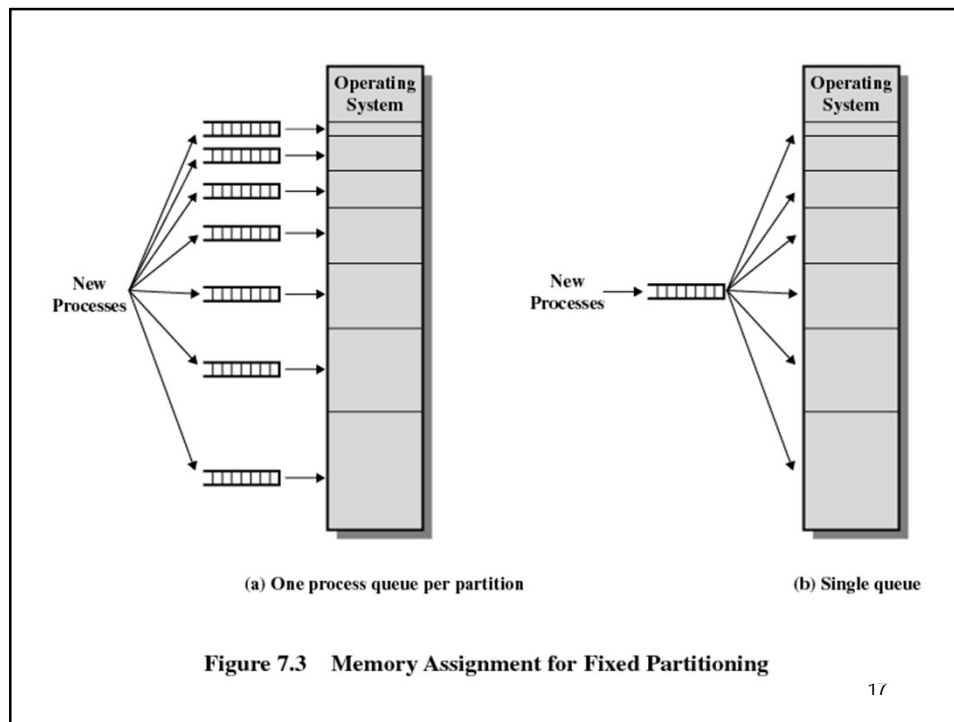
Placement Algorithm with Partitions

- Unequal-size partitions (also fixed)
 - Can assign each process to the smallest partition within which it will fit
 - Queue for each partition
 - Processes are assigned in such a way as to minimize wasted memory within a partition



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Dynamic Partitioning

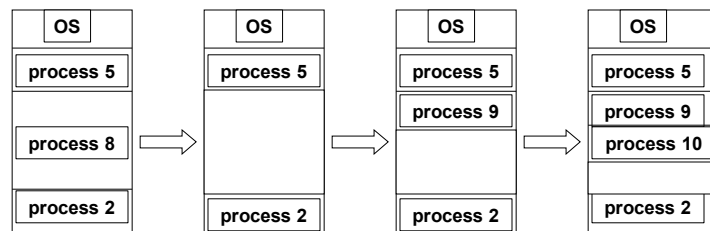
- Partitions are of variable length and number
- Process is allocated exactly as much memory as required
- Eventually get holes in the memory. This is called external fragmentation
- Must use compaction to shift processes so they are contiguous and all free memory is in one block

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Contiguous Allocation

- *Hole* – block of available memory; holes of various size are scattered throughout memory
- When a process arrives, it is allocated memory from a hole large enough to accommodate it
- Operating system maintains information about:
 - a) allocated partitions
 - b) free partitions (hole)



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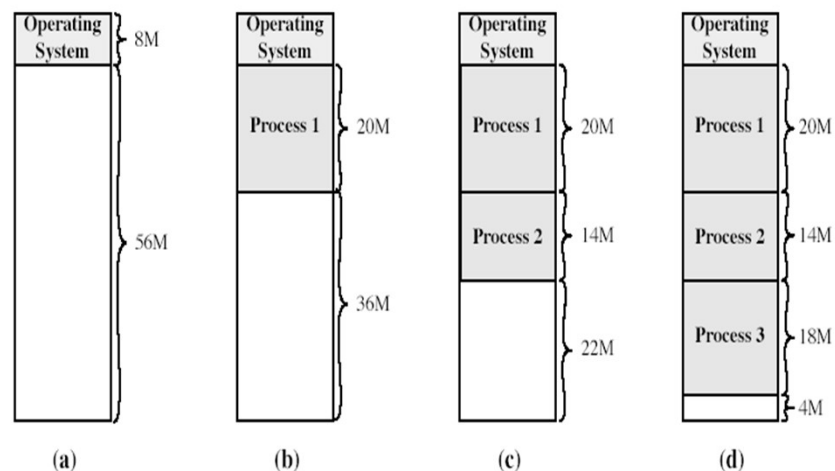
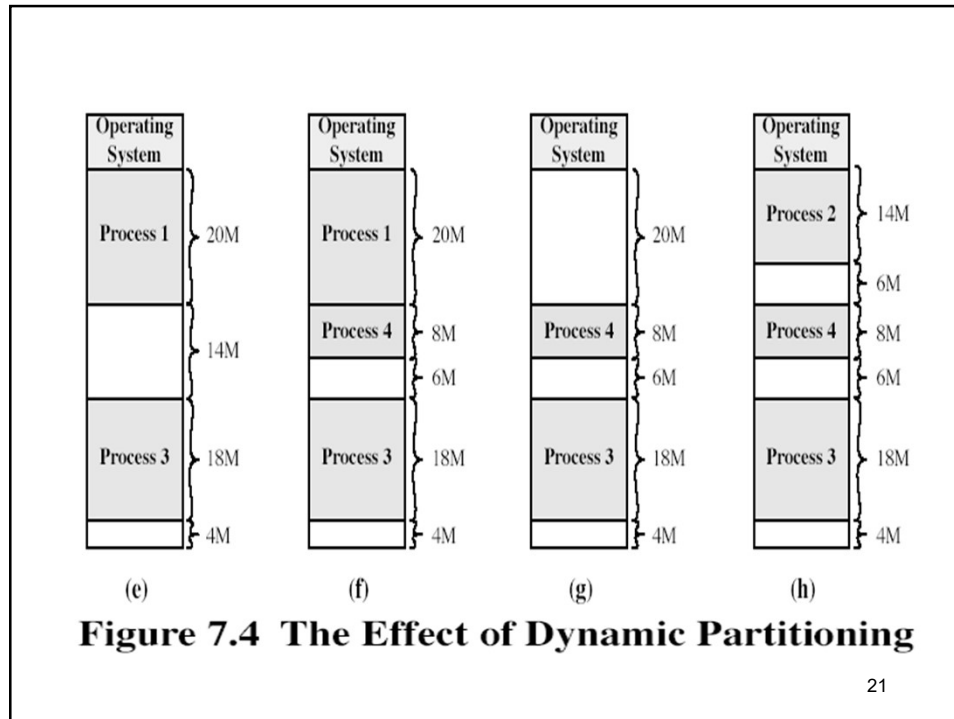


Figure 7.4 The Effect of Dynamic Partitioning

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Dynamic Partitioning

Difficulty with compaction:

- It is a time-consuming procedure – wasteful of processor time.
- Therefore, needs dynamic relocation capability, i.e. it must be possible to move a program from one region to another (in MM) without invalidating the memory references in the program.

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Dynamic Partitioning Placement Algorithms

- Operating system must decide which free block to allocate to a process
 - Best-fit
 - Worst-fit
 - First-fit
 - Next-fit
- First-fit and best-fit better than worst-fit in terms of speed and storage utilization

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Best-fit algorithm

- Allocate the *smallest* hole that is big enough; must search entire list, unless ordered by size. Produces the smallest leftover hole.
- Chooses the block that is closest in size to the request
- Worst performer overall
- Since smallest block is found for process, the smallest amount of fragmentation is left
- Memory compaction must be done more often

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Worst-fit algorithm

- Allocate the *largest* hole; must also search entire list.
- Produces the largest leftover hole. Worst performer overall

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First-fit algorithm

- Allocate the *first* hole that is big enough
- Scans memory from the beginning and chooses the first available block that is large enough
- Fastest
- May have many process loaded in the front end of memory that must be searched over when trying to find a free block

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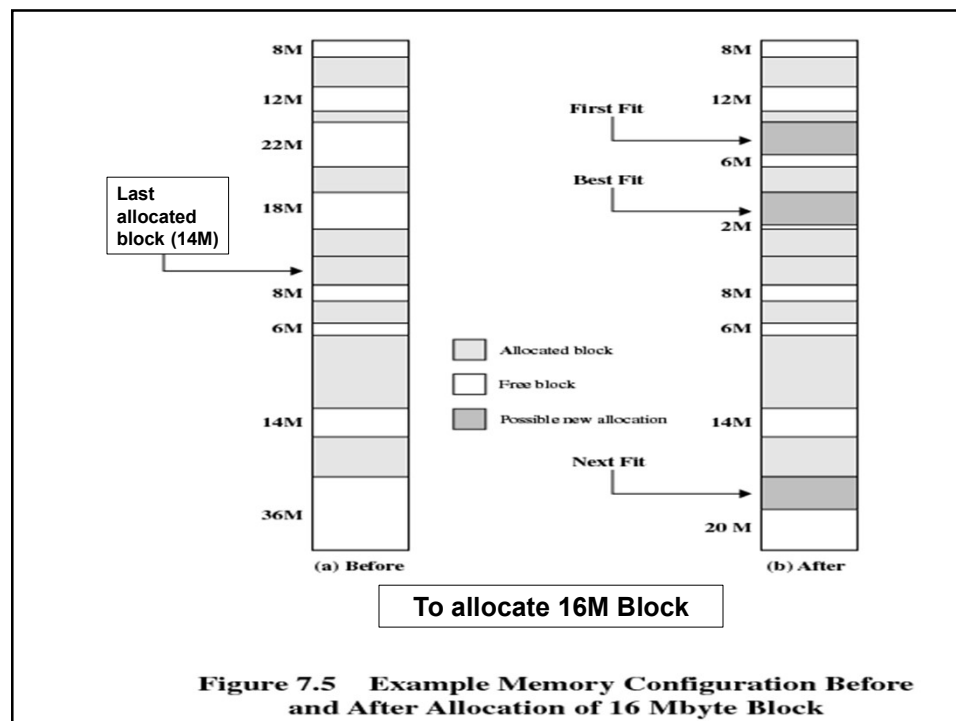
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Next-fit

- Scans memory from the location of the last placement
- More often allocate a block of memory at the end of memory where the largest block is found
- The largest block of memory is broken up into smaller blocks
- Compaction is required to obtain a large block at the end of memory

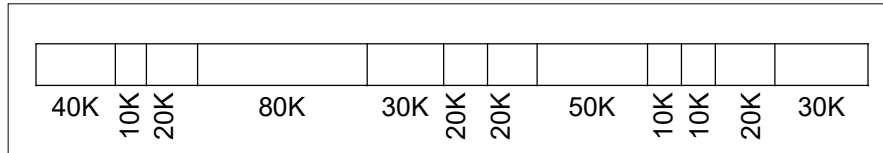
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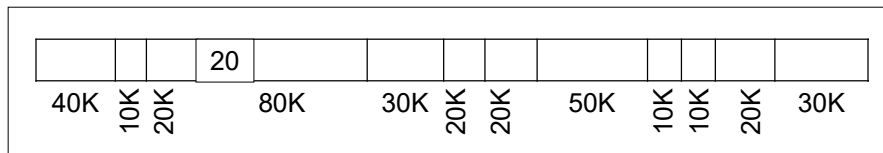


- The shaded areas are allocated blocks; the white areas are free blocks.
- The next FOUR memory requests are 20K, 50K, 10K and 30K (loaded in that order).
- Using the following placement algorithms, show the partition allocated for the requests.
 - First-fit
 - Best-fit
 - Next-fit

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Example: First-fit



- 20K, 50K, 10K and 30K (in that order).
 - Allocate for 20K

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Example: First-fit

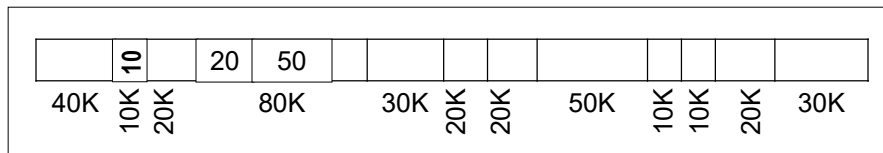


- 20K, 50K, 10K and 30K (in that order).
 - Allocate for 20K
 - Allocate for 50K

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Example: First-fit



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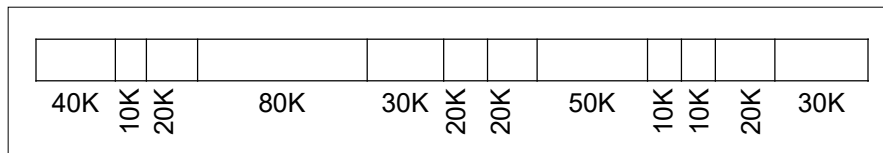


- 20K, 50K, 10K and 30K (in that order).
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 - Allocate for 30K

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Example: Best-fit

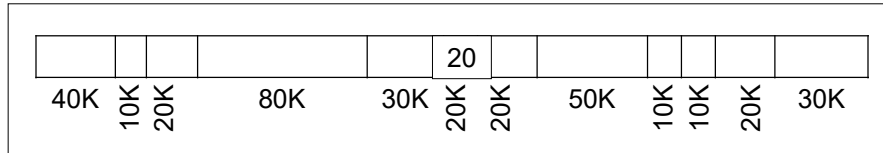


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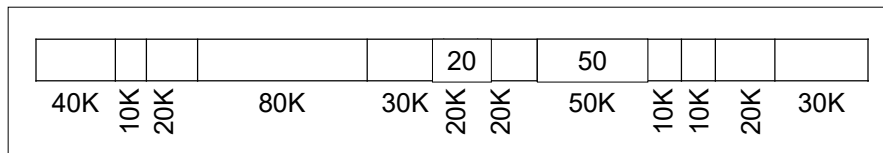


- 20K, 50K, 10K and 30K (in that order).
 - Allocate for 20K

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Example: Best-fit



- 20K, 50K, 10K and 30K (in that order).
 - Allocate for 20K
 - Allocate for 50K

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Example: Best-fit

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40K	10K	20K		80K	30K	20K	20K	50K	10K	10K	20K	30K

- 20K, 50K, 10K and 30K (in that order).
 - Allocate for 20K
 - Allocate for 50K
 - Allocate for 10K

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Example: Best-fit

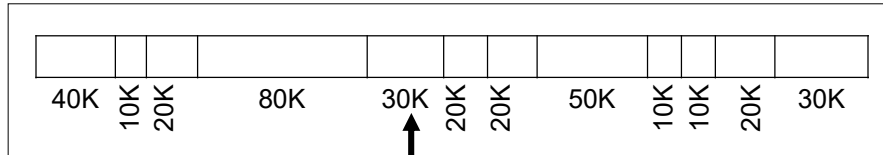
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Example: Next-fit



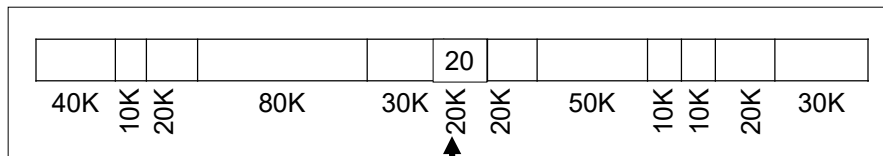
most recently added block

- 20K, 50K, 10K and 30K (in that order).

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Example: Next-fit



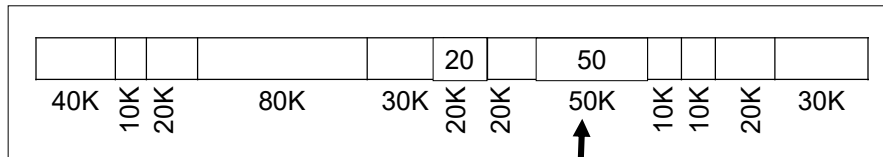
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 - Allocate for 20K

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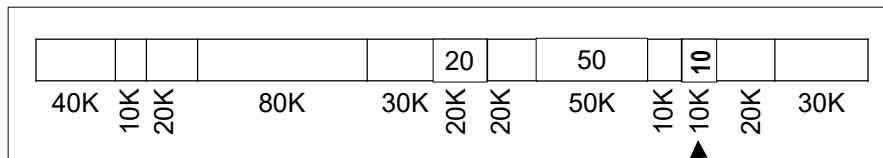


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 - Allocate for 20K
 - Allocate for 50K

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Example: Next-fit

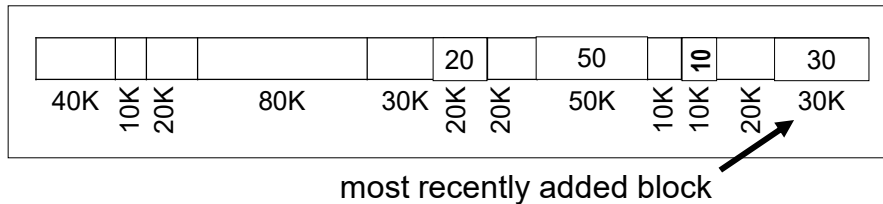


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Example: Next-fit

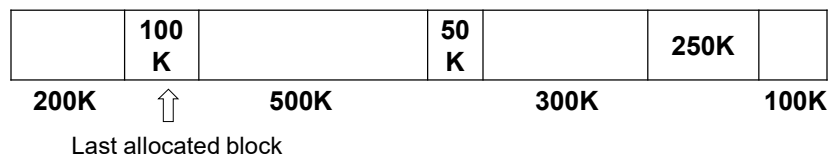


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Exercise



Show the partition allocated for the processes of size 110K, 150K, 300K and 200K (loaded in that order):

- First-fit
- Best-fit
- Next-fit

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Buddy System

- Entire space available is treated as a single block of 2^U
- If a request of size s such that $2^{U-1} < s \leq 2^U$, entire block is allocated
 - Otherwise block is split into two equal buddies
 - Process continues until smallest block greater than or equal to s is generated

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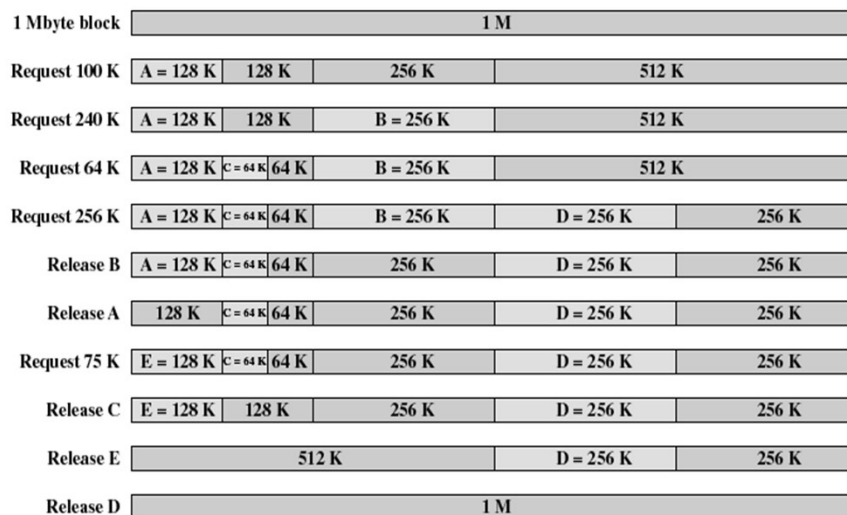
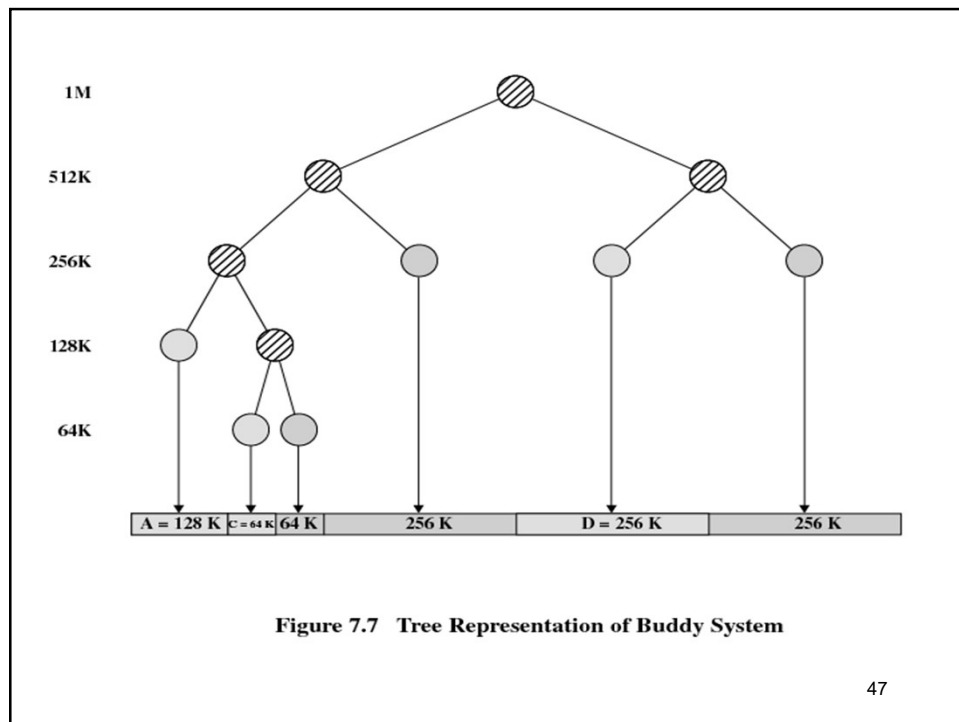


Figure 7.6 Example of Buddy System

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Example

If a memory size is 240MB. By using the buddy partitioning scheme, shade the memory insertion for the memory space request as follows:

- Request A = 30MB,
- Request B = 50MB,
- Request C = 60MB,
- Release A,
- Request D = 40MB,
- Release B,
- Release C, and
- Release D.

Relocation

- When program loaded into memory the actual (absolute) memory locations are determined
- A process may occupy different partitions which means different absolute memory locations during execution (from swapping)
- Compaction will also cause a program to occupy a different partition which means different absolute memory locations

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Addresses

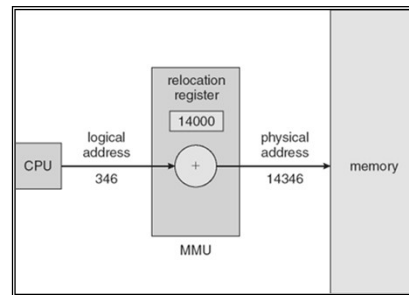
- Logical
 - Reference to a memory location independent of the current assignment of data to memory
 - Translation must be made to the physical address
 - **Logical address** – generated by the CPU; also referred to as *virtual address*
- Relative
 - Address expressed as a location relative to some known point
- Physical
 - The absolute address or actual location in main memory
 - **Physical address** – address seen by the memory unit

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Memory-Management Unit (MMU)

- MMU = Hardware device that maps virtual to physical address
- In MMU scheme, the value in the relocation register is added to every address generated by a user process at the time it is sent to memory
- The user program deals with *logical* addresses; it never sees the *real* physical addresses



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Registers Used during Execution

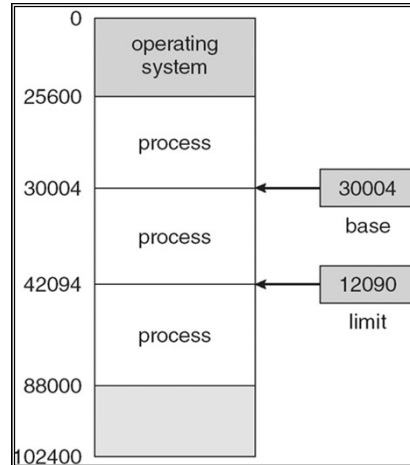
- Base register
 - Starting address for the process
- Limit register
 - Ending location of the process
- These values are set when the process is loaded or when the process is swapped in

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Dynamic relocation using a relocation register

- The value of the base register is added to a relative address to produce an absolute address
- The resulting address is compared with the value in the limit register
- If the address is not within limit, an interrupt is generated to the OS



A base and a limit register define a logical address space

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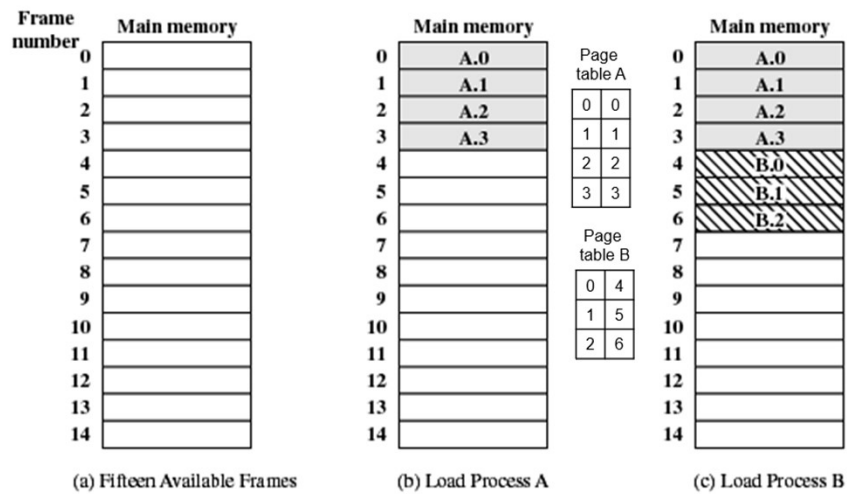
Paging

- Partition memory into small equal fixed-size chunks and divide each process into the same size chunks
- The chunks of a process are called pages and chunks of memory are called frames
- Operating system maintains a page table for each process
 - Contains the frame location for each page in the process
 - Memory address consist of a page number and offset within the page

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Assignment of Process Pages to Free Frames



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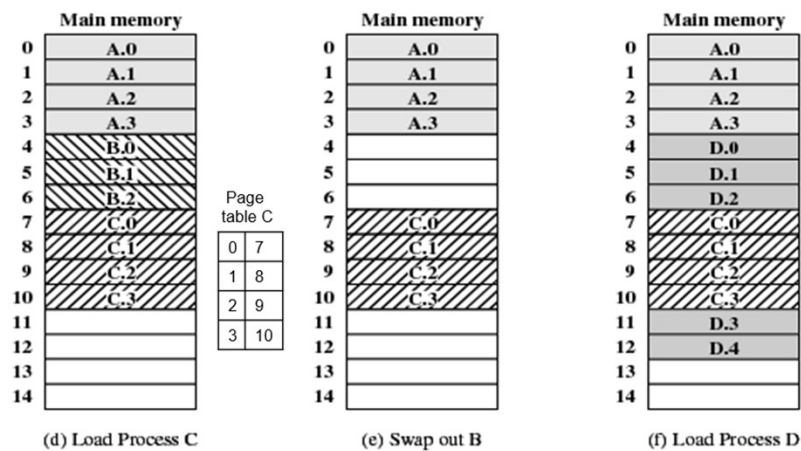
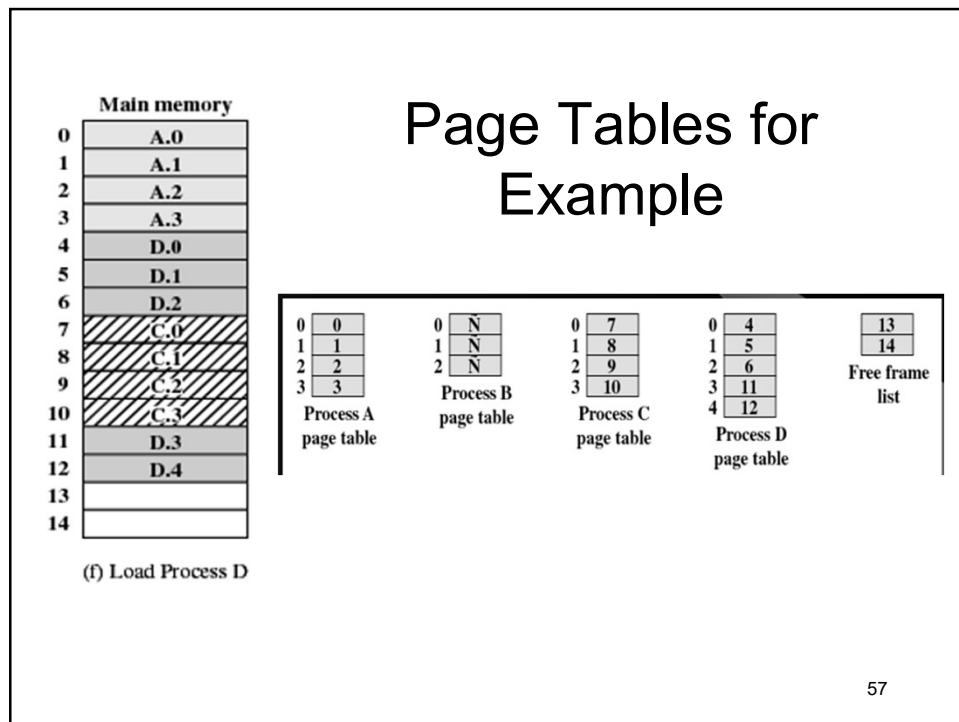
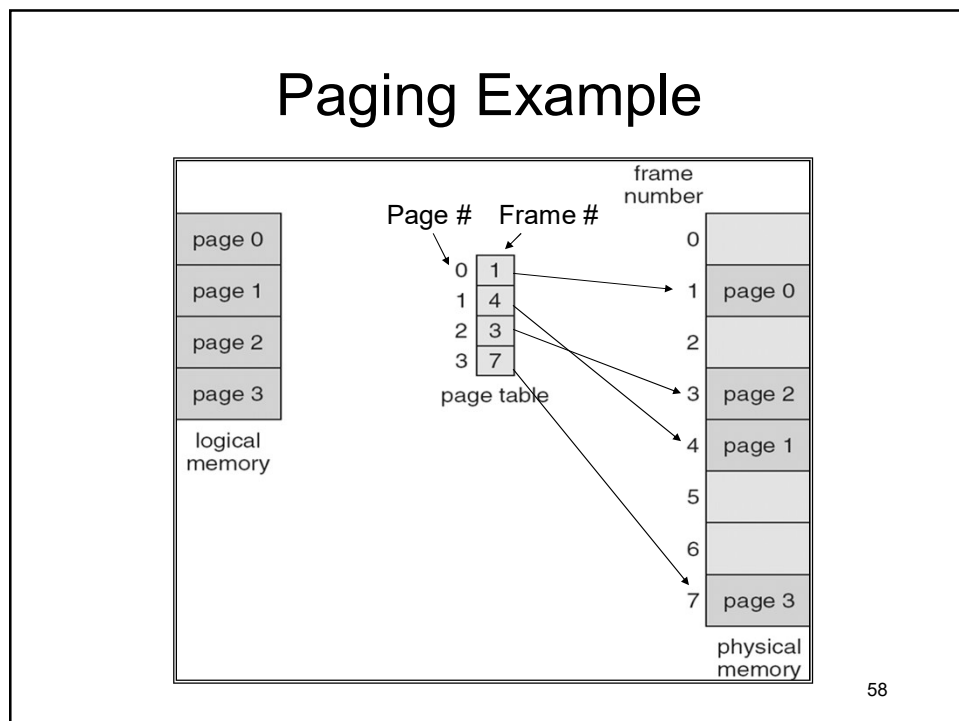


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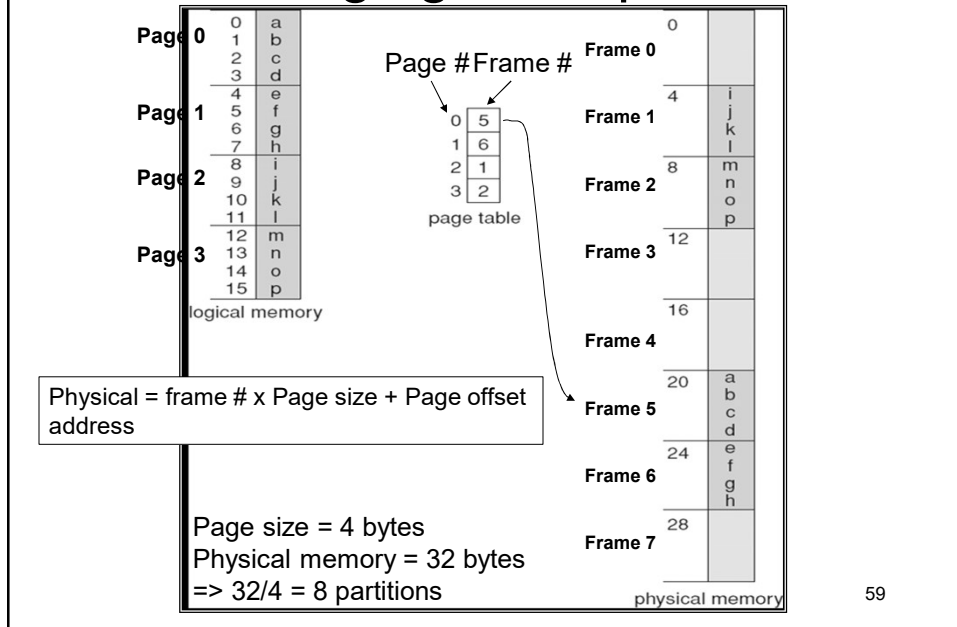


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Paging Example



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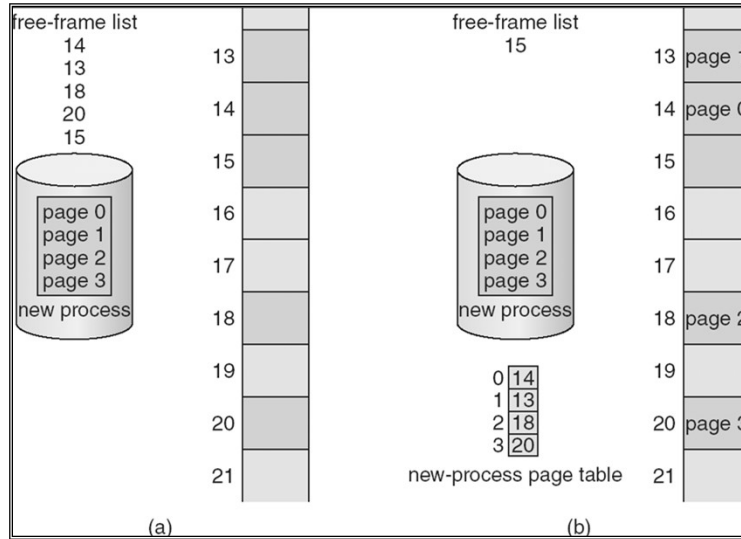
- Memory address consist of a page number and offset within the page
- Consider the following page table. The page size is 8 bytes each.
- What are the physical addresses for the following logical addresses?
 - (1, 5)
 - (2, 0)
 - (0, 6)
 - (3, 8)

Page	Frame
0	6
1	2
2	0
3	3
4	5

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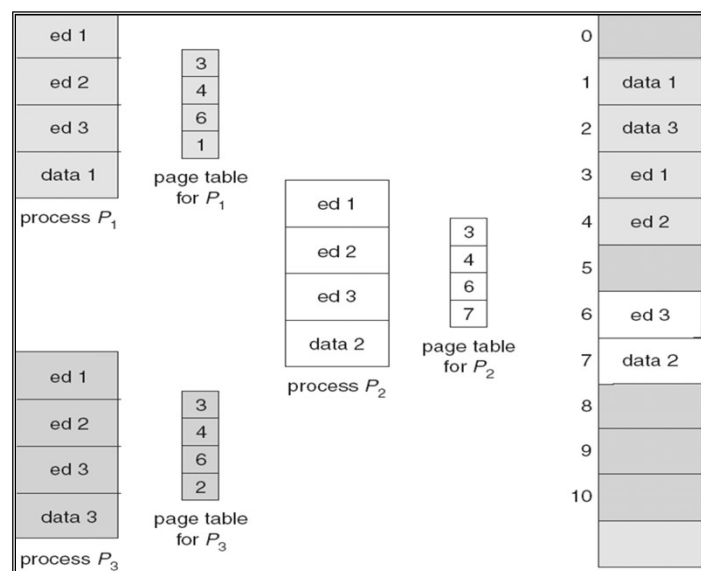
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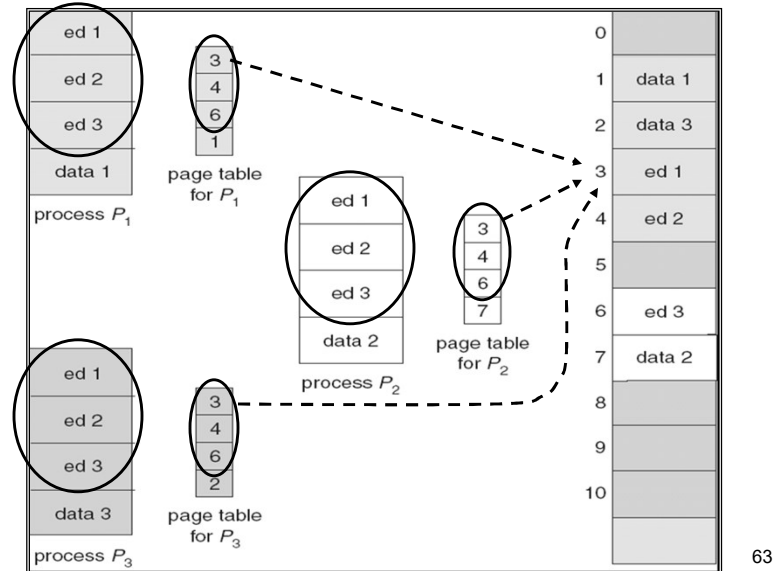
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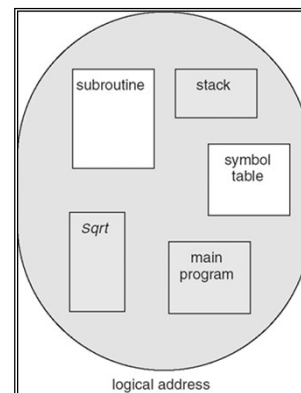
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Segmentation

- Memory-management scheme that supports user view of memory
- A program is a collection of segments. A segment is a logical unit such as:

main program,
procedure,
function,
method,
object,
arrays

local variables,
global variables,
common block,
stack,
symbol table,

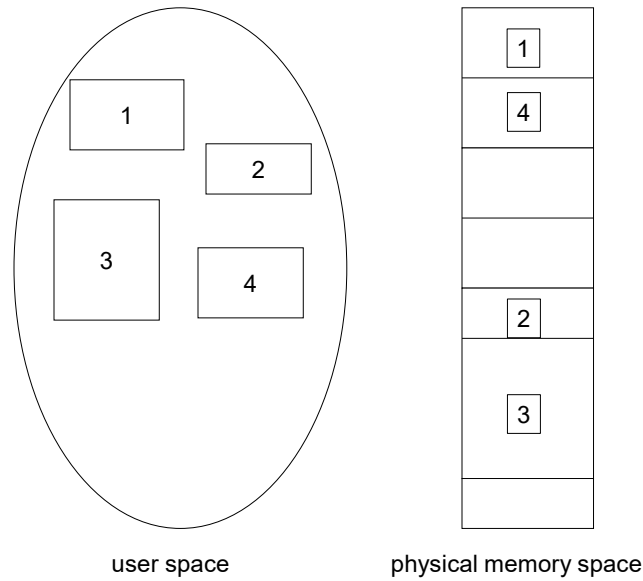


User's View of a Program

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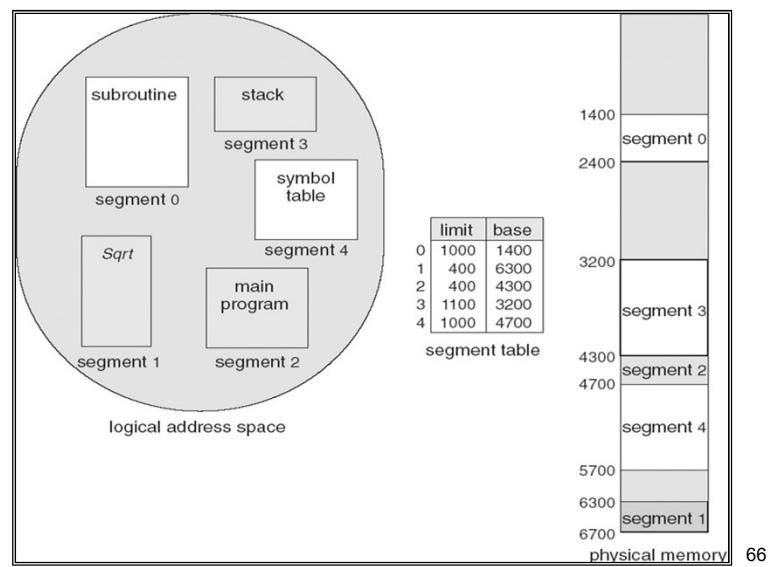
Logical View of Segmentation



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Example of Segmentation



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Example

- Addressing consist of two parts:
a segment number and an offset
- Consider the following segment table.

Segment	Base	Length
0	660	248
1	1752	422
2	222	198
3	996	604

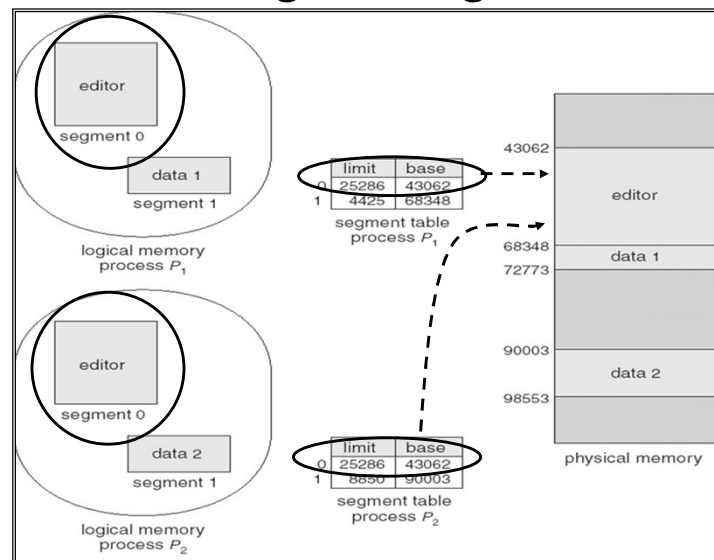
What are the physical addresses
for the following logical addresses?

- (0, 198)
- (1, 530)
- (2, 156)
- (3, 444)
- (0, 222)

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Sharing of Segments



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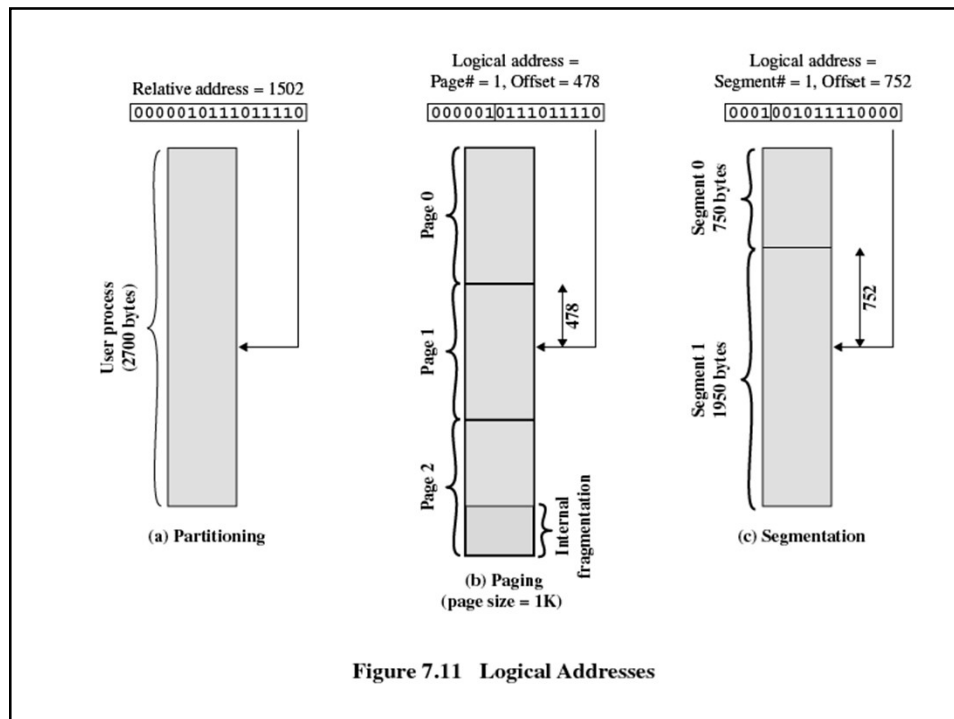
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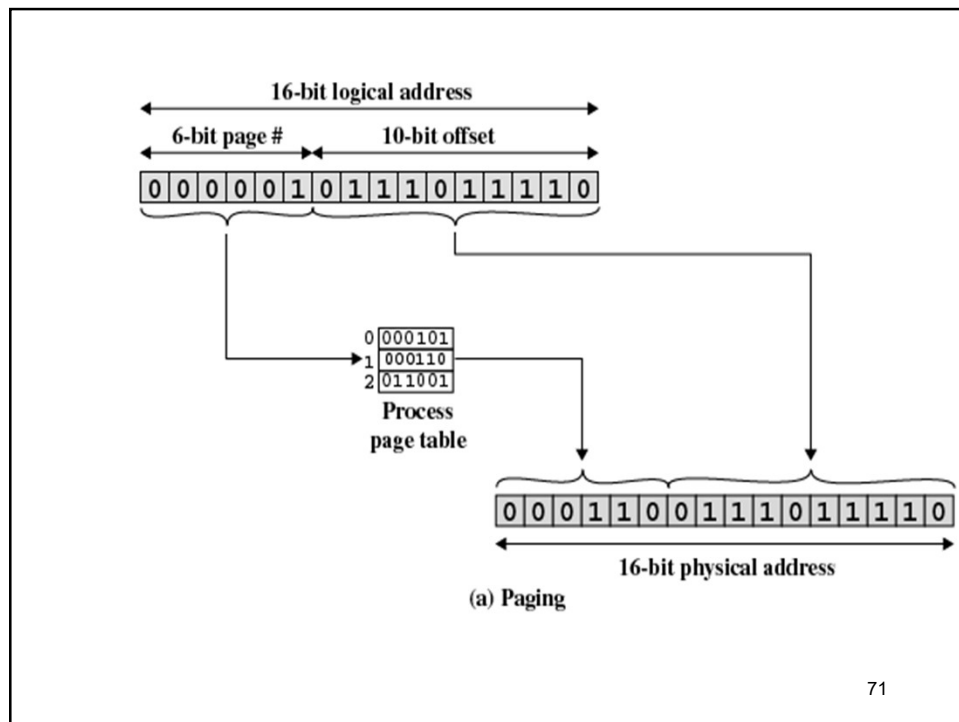
- All segments of all programs do not have to be of the same length
- There is a maximum segment length
- Addressing consist of two parts - a segment number and an offset
- Since segments are not equal, segmentation is similar to dynamic partitioning

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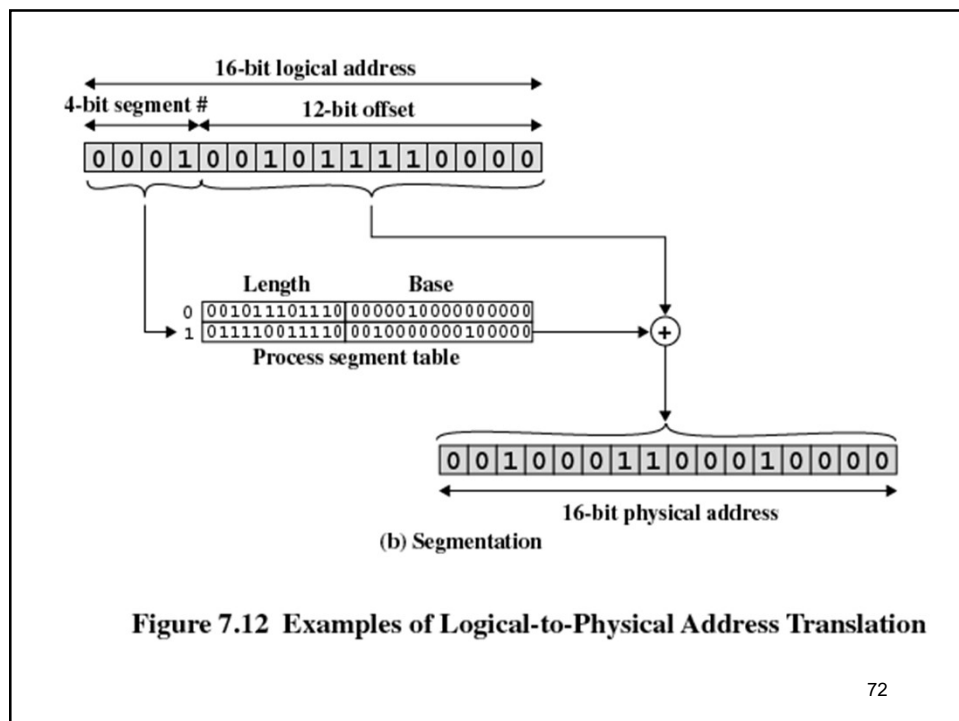
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- Consider a simple paging system which uses 16 bits addressing scheme. The page size is 1K each. Given a process page table as follows,

0	000101
1	000111
2	001001
3	001011
4	001100

- Determine the physical address of the following logical address for this scheme.
- 0001000001111110
- 0000111111111111

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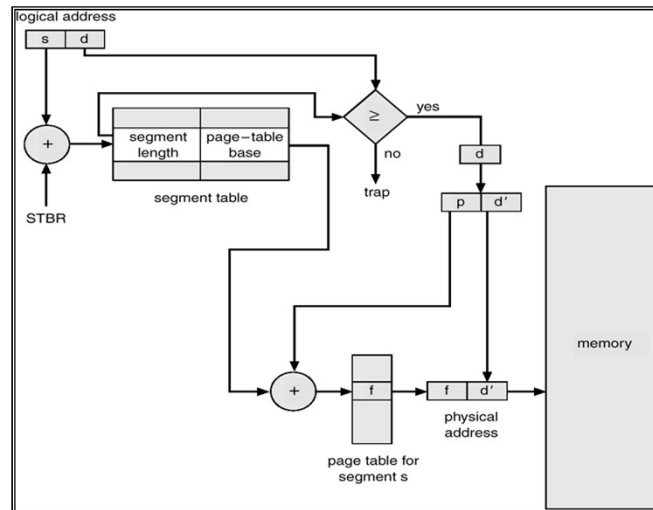
Segment	Length	Base
0	11110 11111	0000000010100000
1	11100 11111	0000000001111000
2	11111 00000	0000000010011010
3	10000 00000	0000000010010000
4	11111 11111	0000000010101000

- Determine the physical address of the following logical address for this scheme.
- 0000010111100000
- 0001001110001111

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MULTICS Address Translation Scheme



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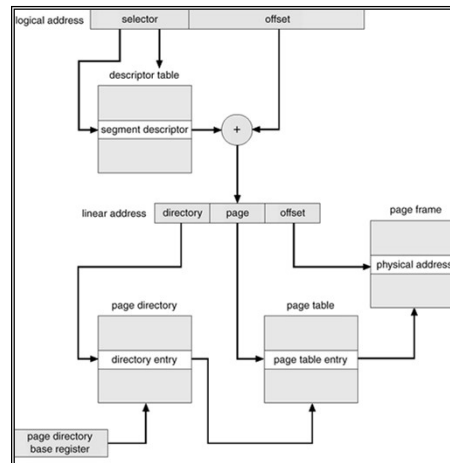
Segmentation with Paging – Intel 386

- As shown in the following diagram, the Intel 386 uses segmentation with paging for memory management with a two-level paging scheme

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Intel 30386 Address Translation



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Linux on Intel 80x86

- Uses minimal segmentation to keep memory management implementation more portable
- Uses 6 segments:
 - Kernel code
 - Kernel data
 - User code (shared by all user processes, using logical addresses)
 - User data (likewise shared)
 - Task-state (per-process hardware context)
 - LDT
- Uses 2 protection levels:
 - Kernel mode
 - User mode

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Virtual Memory

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Hardware and Control Structures

- Memory references are dynamically translated into physical addresses at run time
 - A process may be swapped in and out of main memory such that it occupies different regions
- A process may be broken up into pieces that do not need to be located contiguously in main memory
- All pieces of a process do not need to be loaded in main memory during execution

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Execution of a Program

- Operating system brings into main memory a few pieces of the program
- **Resident set** - portion of process that is in main memory
- An interrupt is generated when an address is needed that is not in main memory ~ **memory fault**
- Operating system places the process in a **blocking state**
- Piece of process that contains the logical address is brought into main memory
 - Operating system issues a disk I/O Read request
 - Another process is dispatched to run while the disk I/O takes place
 - An interrupt is issued when disk I/O complete which causes the operating system to place the affected process in the **Ready state**

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Advantages of Breaking up a Process

- More processes may be maintained in main memory
 - Only load in some of the pieces of each process
 - With so many processes in main memory, it is very likely a process will be in the Ready state at any particular time
- A process may be larger than all of main memory

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Types of Memory

- Real memory
 - Main memory
- Virtual memory
 - Memory on disk
 - Allows for effective multiprogramming and relieves the user of tight constraints of main memory

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Virtual memory

- **Virtual memory** – separation of user logical memory from physical memory.
 - Only part of the program needs to be in memory for execution.
 - Logical address space can therefore be much larger than physical address space.
 - Allows address spaces to be shared by several processes.
 - Allows for more efficient process creation.
- Virtual memory can be implemented via:
 - Demand paging
 - Demand segmentation

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Characteristic of Paging and Segmentation

Simple Paging	Virtual Memory Paging	Simple Segmentation	Virtual Memory Segmentation
Main memory partitioned into small fixed-size chunks called frames	Main memory partitioned into small fixed-size chunks called frames	Main memory not partitioned	Main memory not partitioned
Program broken into pages by the compiler or memory management system	Program broken into pages by the compiler or memory management system	Program segments specified by the programmer to the compiler (i.e., the decision is made by the programmer)	Program segments specified by the programmer to the compiler (i.e., the decision is made by the programmer)
Internal fragmentation within frames	Internal fragmentation within frames	No internal fragmentation	No internal fragmentation
No external fragmentation	No external fragmentation	External fragmentation	External fragmentation
Operating system must maintain a page table for each process showing which frame each page occupies	Operating system must maintain a page table for each process showing which frame each page occupies	Operating system must maintain a segment table for each process showing the load address and length of each segment	Operating system must maintain a segment table for each process showing the load address and length of each segment
Operating system must maintain a free frame list	Operating system must maintain a free frame list	Operating system must maintain a list of free holes in main memory	Operating system must maintain a list of free holes in main memory
Processor uses page number, offset to calculate absolute address	Processor uses page number, offset to calculate absolute address	Processor uses segment number, offset to calculate absolute address	Processor uses segment number, offset to calculate absolute address
All the pages of a process must be in main memory for process to run, unless overlays are used	Not all pages of a process need be in main memory frames for the process to run. Pages may be read in as needed	All the segments of a process must be in main memory for process to run, unless overlays are used	Not all segments of a process need be in main memory frames for the process to run. Segments may be read in as needed
	Reading a page into main memory may require writing a page out to disk		Reading a segment into main memory may require writing one or more segments out to disk

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Demand Paging

- Bring a page into memory only when it is needed
 - Less I/O needed
 - Less memory needed
 - Faster response
 - More users
- Page is needed \Rightarrow reference to it
 - Invalid reference \Rightarrow abort
 - Not-in-memory \Rightarrow bring to memory

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Paging

- Each process has its own page table
- Each page table entry contains the frame number of the corresponding page in main memory
- A bit is needed to indicate whether the page is in main memory or not – present (P) bit

Virtual Address



Page Table Entry



(a) Paging only

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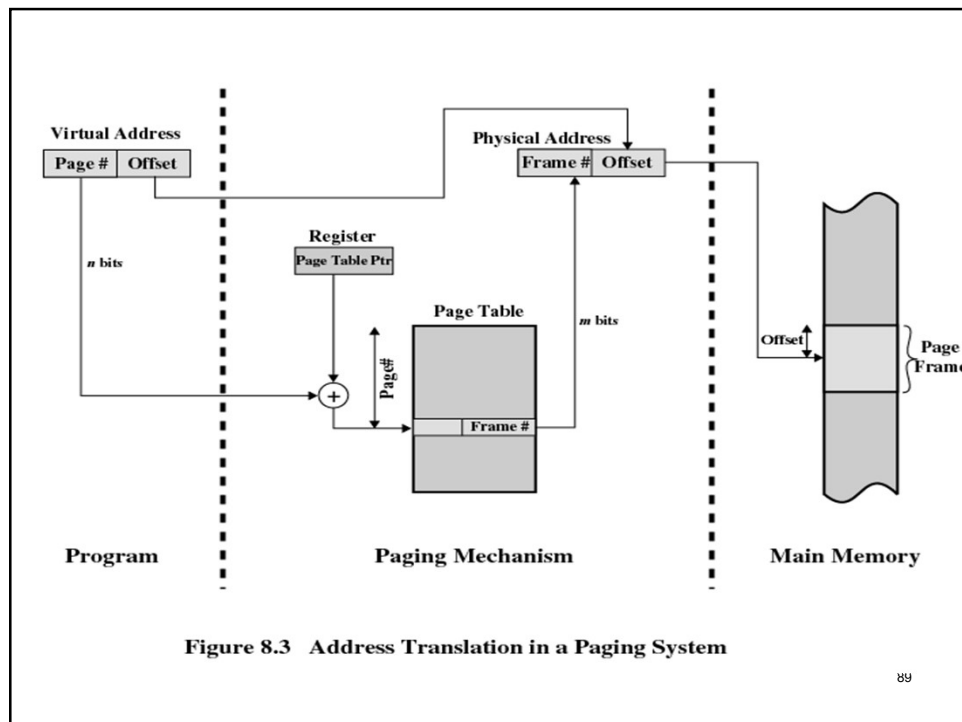
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Modify Bit in Page Table

- Modify (M) bit is needed to indicate if the page has been altered since it was last loaded into main memory
- A.k.a dirty bit
- If no change has been made, the page does not have to be written to the disk when it needs to be swapped out
- To reduce overhead of page transfers – only modified pages are written to disk

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Page Tables

- The entire page table may take up too much main memory
- Page tables are also stored in virtual memory
- When a process is running, part of its page table is in main memory

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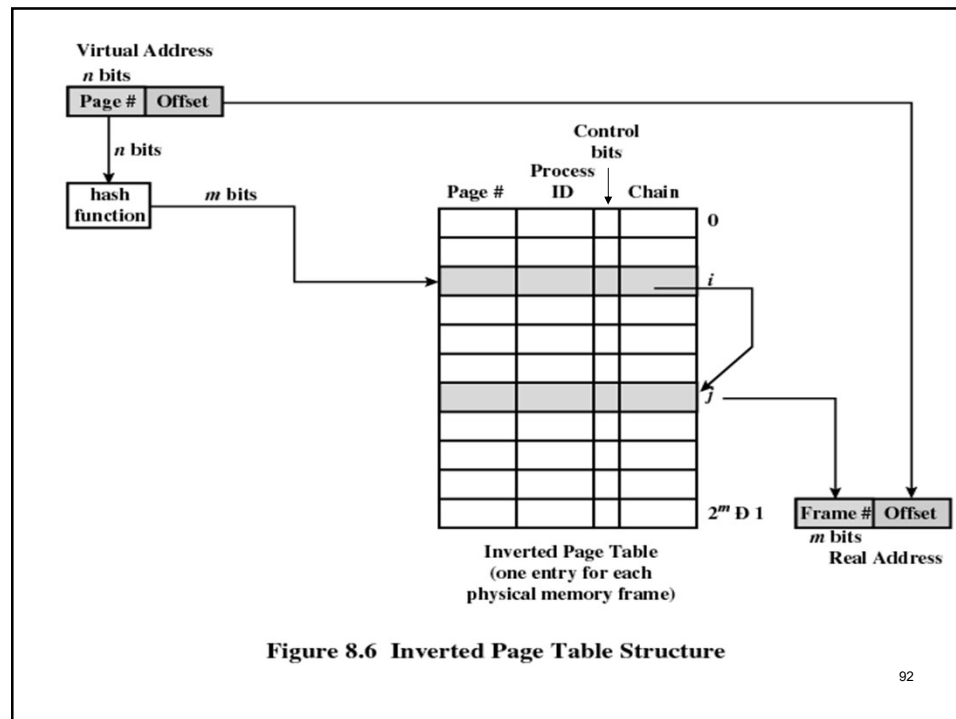
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Inverted Page Table

- Used on PowerPC, UltraSPARC, and IA-64 architecture
- Page number portion of a virtual address is mapped into a hash value
- Hash value points to inverted page table
- Fixed proportion of real memory is required for the tables regardless of the number of processes
- Page number
- Process identifier
- Control bits
- Chain pointer

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Page Size

- Smaller page size,
 - less amount of internal fragmentation,
 - more pages required per process
- More pages per process means larger page tables, so large portion of page tables in virtual memory
- Secondary memory is designed to efficiently transfer large blocks of data so a large page size is better
- Small page size, large number of pages will be found in main memory
- As time goes on during execution, the pages in memory will all contain portions of the process near recent references. Page faults low.
- Increased page size causes pages to contain locations further from any recent reference. Page faults rise.

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Segmentation

- May be unequal, dynamic size
- Simplifies handling of growing data structures
- Allows programs to be altered and recompiled independently
- Lends itself to sharing data among processes
- Lends itself to protection

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Segment Tables

- Corresponding segment in main memory
- Each entry contains the length of the segment
- A bit is needed to determine if segment is already in main memory – present bit (P)
- Another bit is needed to determine if the segment has been modified since it was loaded in main memory – modify bit (M)

Virtual Address



Segment Table Entry



(b) Segmentation only

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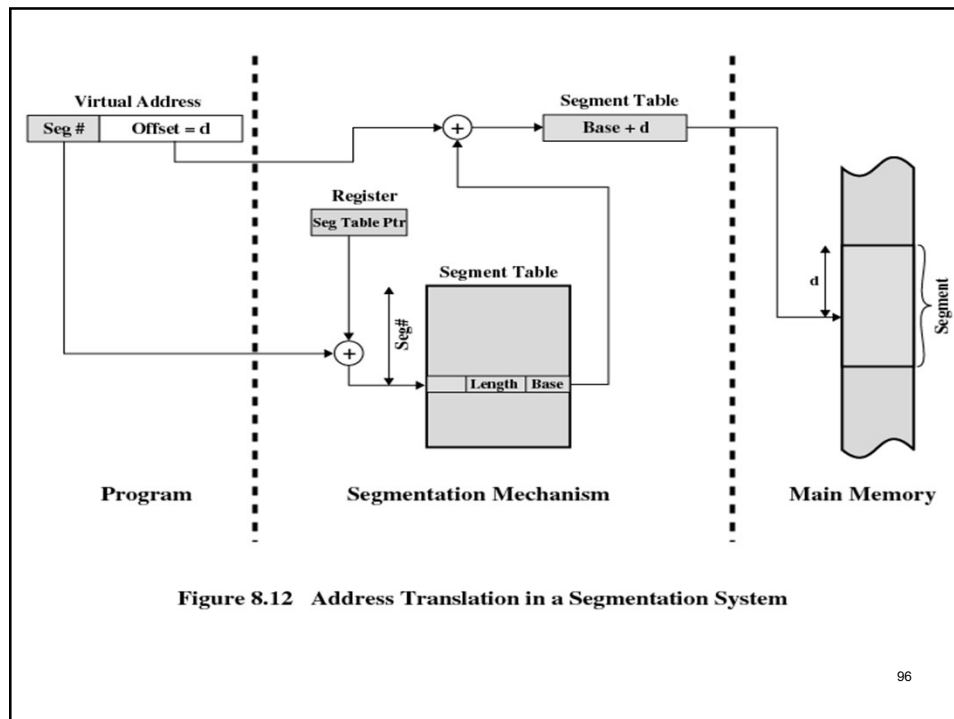


Figure 8.12 Address Translation in a Segmentation System

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Combined Paging and Segmentation

- Paging is transparent to the programmer
- Segmentation is visible to the programmer
- Each segment is broken into fixed-size

Virtual Address



Segment Table Entry



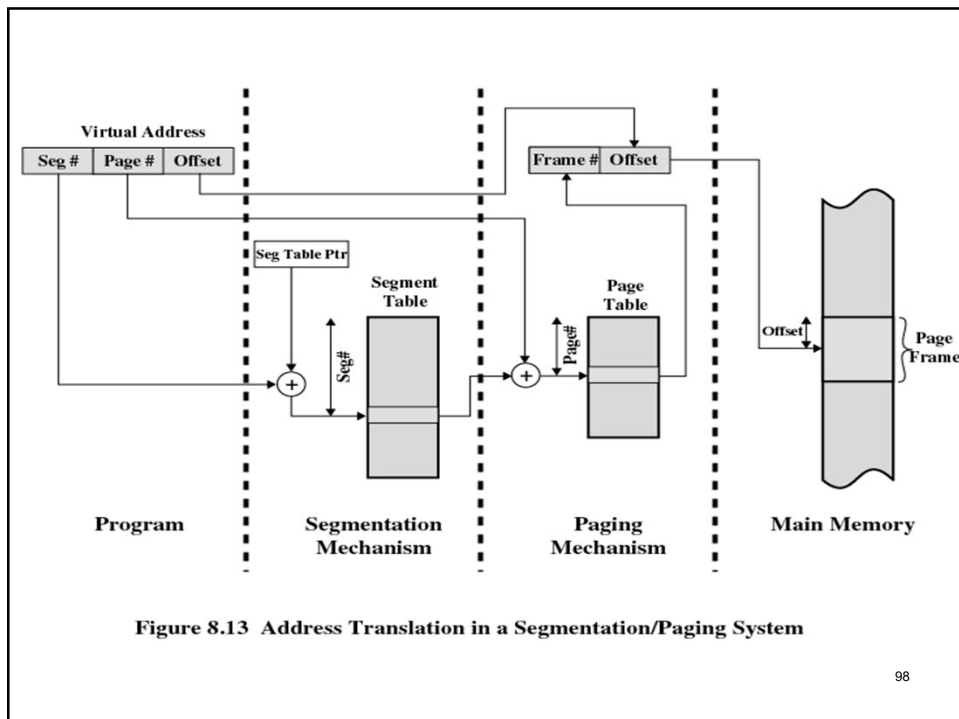
Page Table Entry



P = present bit
M = Modified bit

(c) Combined segmentation and paging

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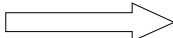
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Present Bit

- Each page table entry is associated with a valid-invalid bit (a.k.a present bit, P)
(1 \Rightarrow in-memory,
0 \Rightarrow not-in-memory)

- Initially present bit is set to 0 on all entries

- Example of a page table snapshot: 

- During address translation, if present bit in page table entry is 0 \Rightarrow page fault

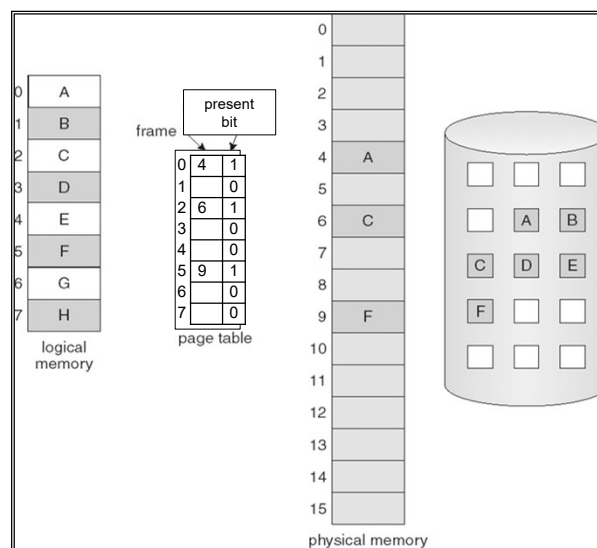
Frame #	Present bit
	1
	1
	1
	1
	0
:	
	0
	0

page table

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Page Table When Some Pages Are Not in Main Memory

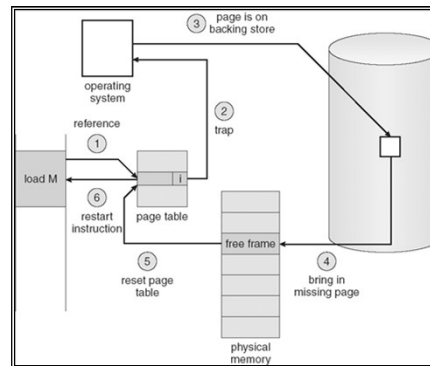


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Page Fault

- If there is ever a reference to a page, first reference will trap to OS --> page fault
- OS looks at another table to decide:
 - Invalid reference --> abort.
 - Just not in memory.
- Get empty frame.
- Swap page into frame.
- Reset tables, validation bit = 1.
- Restart instruction: Least Recently Used
 - block move
 - auto increment/decrement location



Steps in Handling a Page Fault

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What happens if there is no free frame?

- Page replacement – find some page in memory, but not really in use, swap it out
 - algorithm
 - performance – want an algorithm which will result in minimum number of page faults
- Same page may be brought into memory several times

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Basic Page Replacement

1. Find the location of the desired page on disk
2. Find a free frame:
 - If there is a free frame, use it
 - If there is no free frame, use a page replacement algorithm to select a **victim** frame
3. Read the desired page into the (newly) free frame. Update the page and frame tables.
4. Restart the process

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Replacement Policy

- Thrashing
 - Swapping out a piece of a process just before that piece is needed
 - The processor spends most of its time swapping pieces rather than executing user instructions
- Placement Policy
 - Which page is replaced?
 - Page removed should be the page least likely to be referenced in the near future
 - Most policies predict the future behavior on the basis of past behavior
- Frame Locking
 - If frame is locked, it may not be replaced
 - Kernel of the operating system
 - Control structures
 - I/O buffers
 - Associate a lock bit with each frame

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Page Replacement Algorithms

- Want lowest page-fault rate
- Evaluate algorithm by running it on a particular string of memory references (reference string) and computing the number of page faults on that string
- In all our examples, the reference string is
1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 5, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

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Basic Replacement Algorithms

- First-in, first-out (FIFO)
- Least Recently Used (LRU)
- Optimal

- Second chance / Clock
- Counting

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Basic Replacement Algorithms

● First-in, first-out (FIFO)

- Treats page frames allocated to a process as a circular buffer
- Pages are removed in round-robin style
- Simplest replacement policy to implement
- Page that has been in memory the longest is replaced
- These pages may be needed again very soon

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Basic Replacement Algorithms

● Least Recently Used (LRU)

- Replaces the page that has not been referenced for the longest time
- By the principle of locality, this should be the page least likely to be referenced in the near future
- Each page could be tagged with the time of last reference. This would require a great deal of overhead.

● Optimal policy

- Selects for replacement that page for which the time to the next reference is the longest
- Impossible to have perfect knowledge of future events

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First-In-First-Out (FIFO)

- Reference string: 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 5, 3, 1, 4, 2, 5
- 3 frames (3 pages can be in memory at a time per process)

1	1	5	2
2	2	1	5
3	3	4	

8 page faults

- 4 frames

1	1	4	
2	2		
3	3		
4	5		

5 page faults

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- 3 frames (3 pages can be in memory at a time per process)

1	1	4	5
2	2	1	3
3	3	2	4

9 page faults

- 4 frames

1	1	5	4
2	2	1	5
3	3	2	
4	4	3	

10 page faults

- FIFO Replacement – Belady's Anomaly
○ more frames \Rightarrow more page faults

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Least Recently Used (LRU)

- Reference string: 1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 5, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

1	5
2	
3	5 4
4	3

- Counter implementation
 - Every page entry has a counter; every time page is referenced through this entry, copy the clock into the counter
 - When a page needs to be changed, look at the counters to determine which are to change

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LRU

- Reference string: 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 5, 3, 1, 4, 2, 5

- Given a reference string:

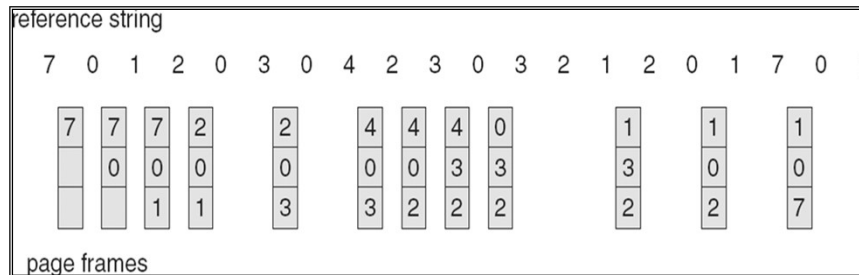
7 0 1 2 0 3 0 4 2 3 0 3 2 1 2 0 1 7 0 1

- Identify how many page faults would occur if there are:
 - 3 frames
 - 4 frames

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LRU Page Replacement

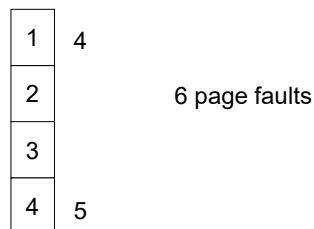


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Optimal Algorithm

- Replace page that will not be used for longest period of time
- 4 frames example: 1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 5, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5



- How do you know this?
- Used for measuring how well your algorithm performs

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Optimal

- Reference string: 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 5, 3, 1, 4, 2, 5

- Given a reference string:

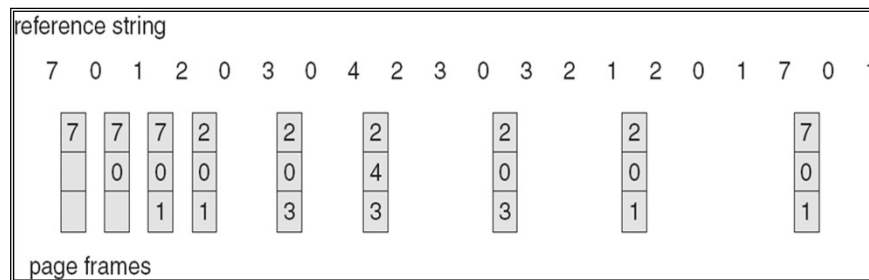
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- Identify how many page faults would occur if there are:
 - ☐ 3 frames
 - ☐ 4 frames

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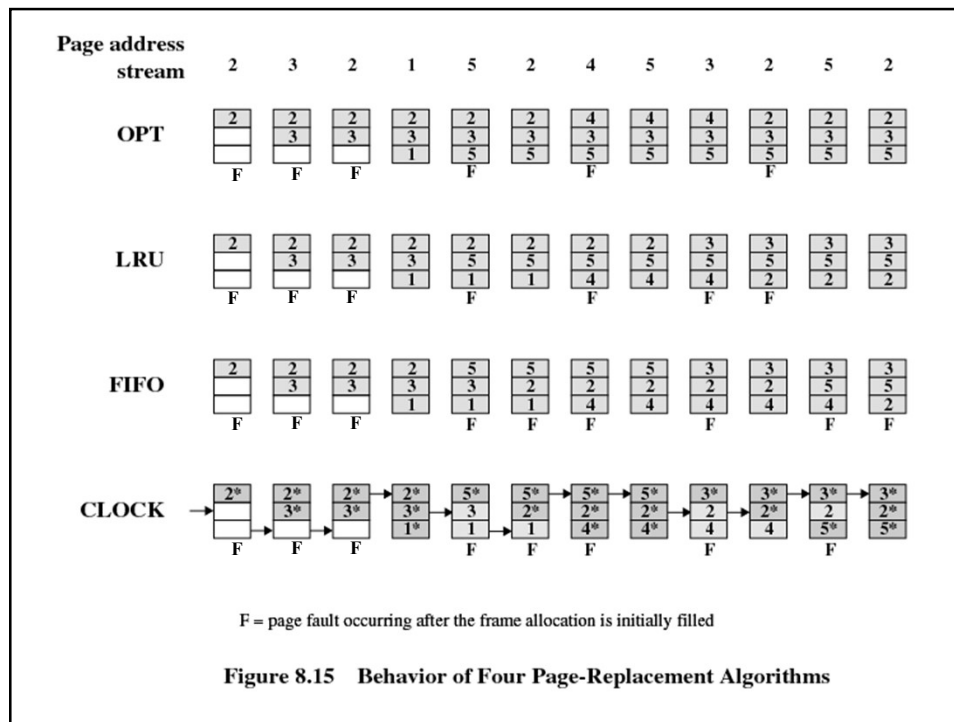
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Optimal Page Replacement



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Example

- Given a reference string:
4 7 0 7 1 0 3 4 1 2 1 2 7 3 5
- For each of these page replacement algorithms:
 - FIFO
 - Optimal
 - LRU
- Identify how many page faults would occur if there are:
 - 4 frames
 - 3 frames

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LRU Approximation Algorithms

● Reference bit

- With each page associate a bit, initially = 0
- When page is referenced bit set to 1
- Replace the one which is 0 (if one exists). We do not know the order, however.

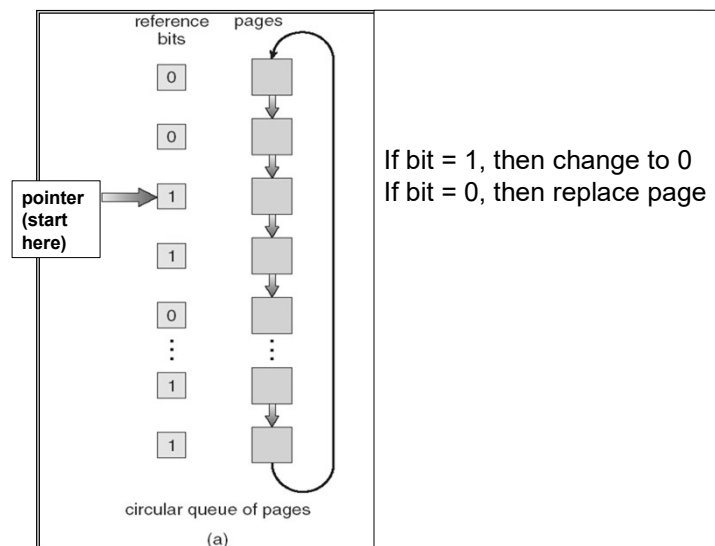
● Second chance / Clock replacement

- Need reference bit
- If page to be replaced (in clock order) has reference bit = 1 then:
 - set reference bit 0
 - leave page in memory
 - replace next page (in clock order), subject to same rules

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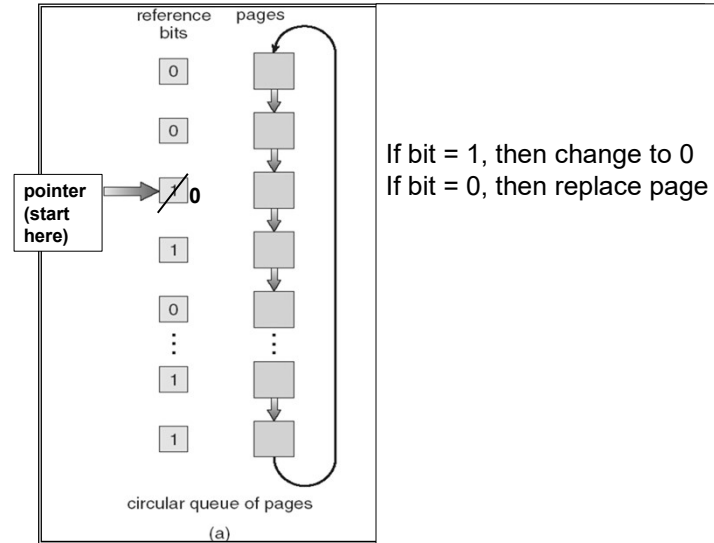
Second-Chance (Clock) Page-Replacement Algorithm



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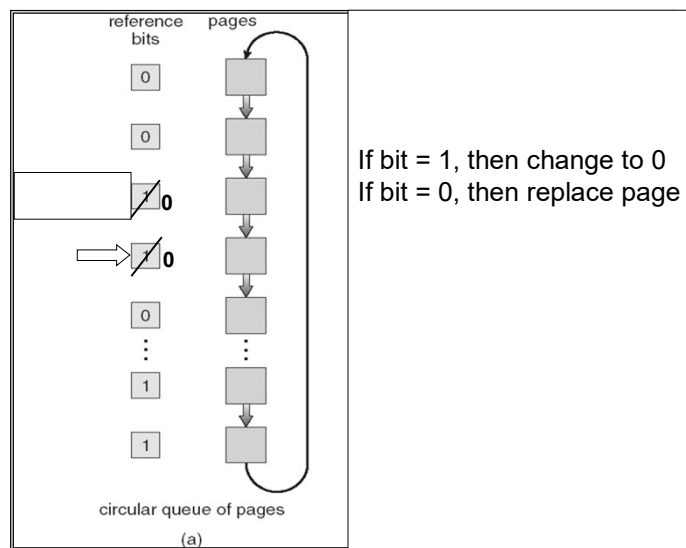
Second-Chance (Clock) Page-Replacement Algorithm



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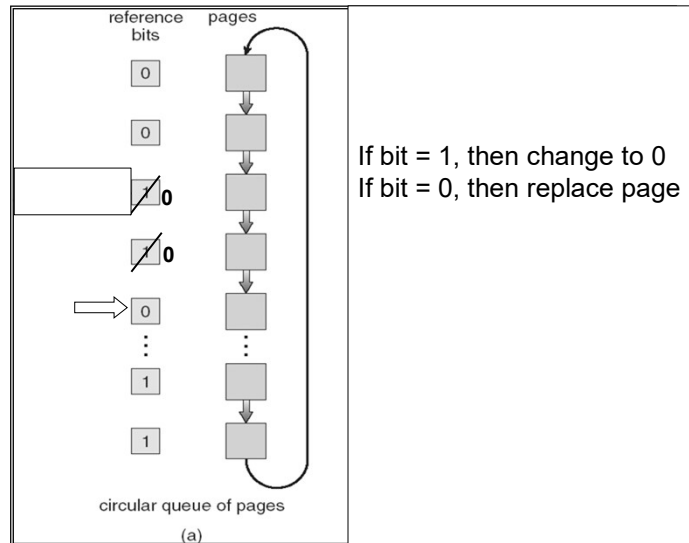
Second-Chance (Clock) Page-Replacement Algorithm



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Second-Chance (Clock) Page-Replacement Algorithm



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Counting Algorithms

- Keep a counter of the number of references that have been made to each page
- **LFU Algorithm:** replaces page with smallest count
- **MFU Algorithm:** based on the argument that the page with the smallest count was probably just brought in and has yet to be used

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Comparison of Placement Algorithms

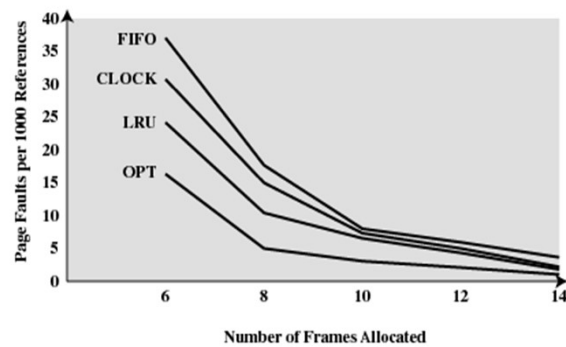


Figure 8.17 Comparison of Fixed-Allocation, Local Page Replacement Algorithms

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Global vs. Local Allocation

- **Global replacement** – process selects a replacement frame from the set of all frames; one process can take a frame from another
- **Local replacement** – each process selects from only its own set of allocated frames

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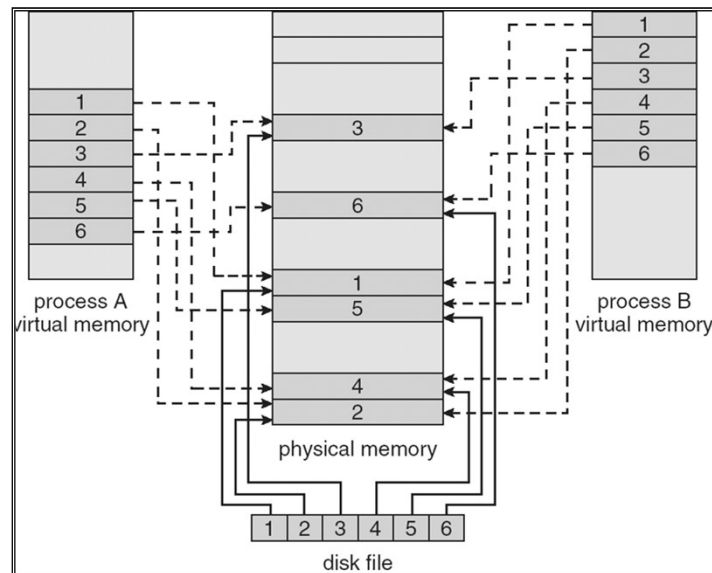
Memory-Mapped Files

- Memory-mapped file I/O allows file I/O to be treated as routine memory access by **mapping** a disk block to a page in memory
- A file is initially read using demand paging. A page-sized portion of the file is read from the file system into a physical page. Subsequent reads/writes to/from the file are treated as ordinary memory accesses.
- Simplifies file access by treating file I/O through memory rather than **read()** **write()** system calls
- Also allows several processes to map the same file allowing the pages in memory to be shared

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Memory Mapped Files



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Memory-Mapped Files in Java

```
import java.io.*;
import java.nio.*;
import java.nio.channels.*;
public class MemoryMapReadOnly
{
    // Assume the page size is 4 KB
    public static final int PAGE_SIZE = 4096;
    public static void main(String args[]) throws IOException {
        RandomAccessFile inFile = new
        RandomAccessFile(args[0], "r");
        FileChannel in = inFile.getChannel();
        MappedByteBuffer mappedBuffer =
            in.map(FileChannel.MapMode.READ_ONLY, 0, in.size());
        long numPages = in.size() / (long)PAGE_SIZE;
        if (in.size() % PAGE_SIZE > 0)
            ++numPages;
    }
}
```

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Memory-Mapped Files in Java (cont)

```
// we will "touch" the first byte of every page
int position = 0;
for (long i = 0; i < numPages; i++) {
    byte item = mappedBuffer.get(position);
    position += PAGE_SIZE;
}
in.close();
inFile.close();
}
```

- The API for the map() method is as follows:
map(mode, position, size)

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Other Issues -- Prepaging

- Prepaging

- To reduce the large number of page faults that occurs at process startup
- Prepage all or some of the pages a process will need, before they are referenced
- But if prepaged pages are unused, I/O and memory was wasted
- Assume s pages are prepaged and α of the pages is used
 - Is cost of $s * \alpha$ save pages faults $>$ or $<$ than the cost of prepaging $s * (1 - \alpha)$ unnecessary pages?
 - α near zero \Rightarrow prepaging loses

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Other Issues – Page Size

- Page size selection must take into consideration:
 - fragmentation
 - table size
 - I/O overhead
 - locality

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Other Issues – Program Structure

- Program structure

- Int[128,128] data;
- Each row is stored in one page
- Program 1

```
for (j = 0; j < 128; j++)
  for (i = 0; i < 128; i++)
    data[i,j] = 0;
```

128 x 128 = 16,384 page faults

- Program 2

```
for (i = 0; i < 128; i++)
  for (j = 0; j < 128; j++)
    data[i,j] = 0;
```

128 page faults

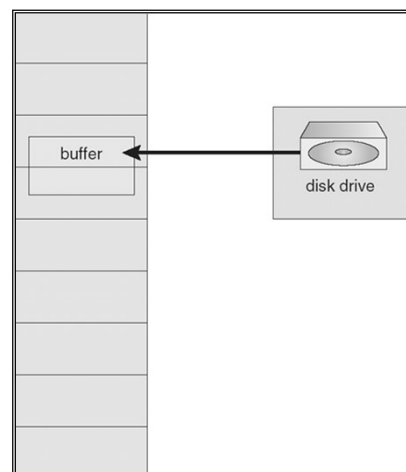
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Other Issues – I/O interlock

- **I/O Interlock** – Pages must sometimes be locked into memory

- Consider I/O. Pages that are used for copying a file from a device must be locked from being selected for eviction by a page replacement algorithm.



Reason Why Frames Used for I/O
Must Be in Memory

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Operating System Examples

- Windows XP
- Solaris

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Windows XP

- Uses demand paging with **clustering**. Clustering brings in pages surrounding the faulting page.
- Processes are assigned **working set minimum** and **working set maximum**
- Working set minimum is the minimum number of pages the process is guaranteed to have in memory
- A process may be assigned as many pages up to its working set maximum
- When the amount of free memory in the system falls below a threshold, **automatic working set trimming** is performed to restore the amount of free memory
- Working set trimming removes pages from processes that have pages in excess of their working set minimum

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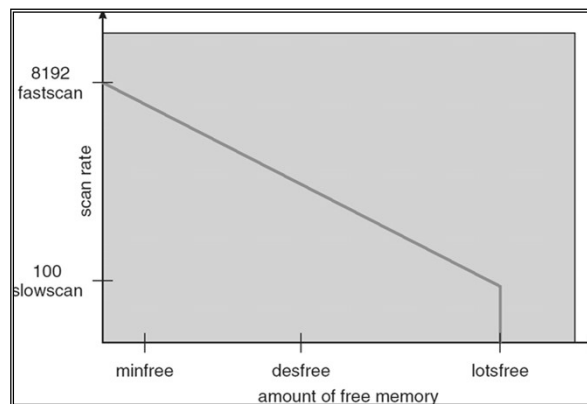
Solaris

- Maintains a list of free pages to assign faulting processes
- *Lotsfree* – threshold parameter (amount of free memory) to begin paging
- *Desfree* – threshold parameter to increasing paging
- *Minfree* – threshold parameter to being swapping
- Paging is performed by *pageout* process
- Pageout scans pages using modified clock algorithm
- *Scanrate* is the rate at which pages are scanned. This ranges from *slowscan* to *fastscan*
- Pageout is called more frequently depending upon the amount of free memory available

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Solaris 2 Page Scanner



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