

# Paging

- Divide main memory into set of fixed size blocks called frames, and divide process into equal sized blocks called pages.
- When process needs to run, bring pages of process into frames of main memory.
- Memory manager has to do following:
  - decide # of pages in a process
  - Have enough <sup>empty</sup> frames in main memory
  - Load program's pages into empty frames.
- Efficient use of memory
- No external fragmentation
- Almost no internal fragmentation.
- Can be loaded to frames that are non-contiguous.
- Increased overhead
- Internal fragmentation still exists
- If page size is ~~small~~ <sup>small</sup> → page tables are larger
- If page size is large → Internal fragmentation increases,

- page table is used to map pages of each process to frames.
- Basically, for each page, if it has been already loaded to a frame, we keep track of the starting memory address of that frame.
- logical address idea, can be used here.
- Suppose, we have  $n+m$  bit logical address, first  $n$  bits can be used to keep track of page #. Next  $m$  bits can be used to keep track of the offset ~~of the~~ from the ~~beginning~~ beginning of the page.
- CPU can decode this address by looking at the first  $n$ -bits, then looking at the page table and substitute frame address along with the offset.

## Segmentation

- Divide process into logical segments.
- May vary in length.
- There is a maximum length.
- Logical address contains 2 parts.
  - Segment #
  - An offset
- Similar to Dynamic partitioning
- Eliminates Internal fragmentation.
- Usually visible to programmer/compiler.
- Segment Table for each process.
- Address Translation
  - Segment #  $\rightarrow$  starting physical address of the segment
  - Displacement/offset  $\rightarrow$  offset + starting Add. is compared against the length of seg.
  - Start. Add + offset is physical Add.