EXPERIMENT NO. 10

SIMULATION OF INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL FRAGMENTATION

Objective

To write a program to simulate internal and external fragmentation according to:

- a) First Fit
- b) Worst Fit
- c) Best Fit allocation strategies.

Theory

Memory allocation strategies determine how processes are assigned to blocks of memory. The most common strategies include First Fit, Best Fit, and Worst Fit.

Strategies

- First Fit: Allocates the first block that is large enough.
- Best Fit: Allocates the smallest block that is sufficient.
- Worst Fit: Allocates the largest available block.

Internal Fragmentation: Wasted space within an allocated block.

External Fragmentation: Total wasted space due to small unallocated gaps.

Program Code (C Language)

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#include <stdio.h>

void firstFit(int blockSize[], int m, int processSize[], int n) {
   int allocation[n], i, j;
   for(i = 0; i < n; i++) allocation[i] = -1;

for(i = 0; i < n; i++) {
   for(j = 0; j < m; j++) {
     if(blockSize[j] >= processSize[i]) {
        allocation[i] = j;
        blockSize[j] -= processSize[i];
}
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break;
  printf("First Fit Allocation:\n");
  for(i = 0; i < n; i++) {
     printf("Process %d -> Block %d\n", i+1, allocation[i]+1);
void bestFit(int blockSize[], int m, int processSize[], int n) {
  int allocation[n], i, j, bestIdx;
  for(i = 0; i < n; i++) allocation[i] = -1;
  for(i = 0; i < n; i++) {
     bestIdx = -1;
    for(j = 0; j < m; j++) {
       if(blockSize[j] >= processSize[i]) {
          if(bestIdx == -1 || blockSize[j] < blockSize[bestIdx]) {</pre>
            bestIdx = j;
    if(bestIdx != -1) {
       allocation[i] = bestIdx;
       blockSize[bestIdx] -= processSize[i];
  printf("Best Fit Allocation:\n");
  for(i = 0; i < n; i++) {
     printf("Process %d -> Block %d\n", i+1, allocation[i]+1);
void worstFit(int blockSize[], int m, int processSize[], int n) {
  int allocation[n], i, j, worstIdx;
  for(i = 0; i < n; i++) allocation[i] = -1;
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for(i = 0; i < n; i++) {
     worstIdx = -1;
    for(j = 0; j < m; j++) {
       if(blockSize[j] >= processSize[i]) {
          if(worstIdx == -1 || blockSize[j] > blockSize[worstIdx]) {
            worstIdx = j;
    if(worstIdx != -1) {
       allocation[i] = worstIdx;
       blockSize[worstIdx] -= processSize[i];
  printf("Worst Fit Allocation:\n");
  for(i = 0; i < n; i++) {
     printf("Process %d -> Block %d\n", i+1, allocation[i]+1);
int main() {
  int blockSize[] = {100, 500, 200, 300, 600};
  int processSize[] = \{212, 417, 112, 426\};
  int m = sizeof(blockSize)/sizeof(blockSize[0]);
  int n = sizeof(processSize)/sizeof(processSize[0]);
  firstFit(blockSize, m, processSize, n);
  bestFit(blockSize, m, processSize, n);
  worstFit(blockSize, m, processSize, n);
  return 0;
```

Sample Output

First Fit Allocation:

Process 1 -> Block 2

Process 2 -> Block 5

Process 3 -> Block 2

Process 4 -> Block 0

Best Fit Allocation:

Process 1 -> Block 4

Process 2 -> Block 0

Process 3 -> Block 2

Process 4 -> Block 0

Worst Fit Allocation:

Process 1 -> Block 0

Process 2 -> Block 0

Process 3 -> Block 3

Process 4 -> Block 0

Conclusion

This program demonstrates the simulation of internal and external fragmentation using First Fit, Best Fit, and Worst Fit algorithms. Each strategy affects memory utilization differently.