CSC 374/407: Computer Systems II

Lecture 6
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Reading

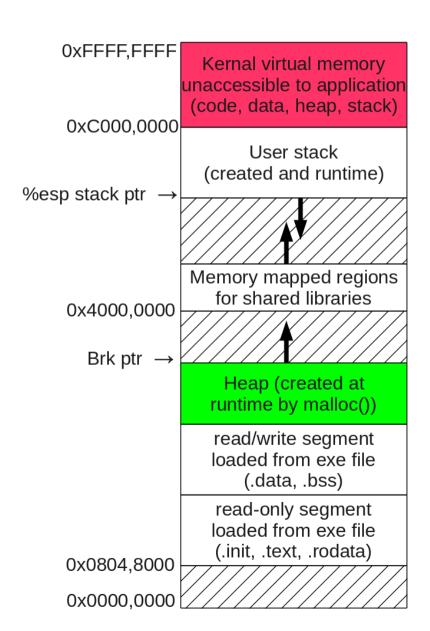
- Bryant & O'Hallaron "Computer Systems, 2nd Ed."
 - Chapter 9.1-9.8: Virtual Memory
 - Chapter 9.9: Dynamic Memory Allocation
- Hoover "System Programming"
 - Chap 4: Pointers and Structures
 - Especially: 4.2.3: Dynamic Memory Allocation

Topics

- The heap
 - Heap Motivation
 - Heap Programming at C level (glibc)
 - malloc(), free(), calloc() and realloc()
 - How not to abuse the heap
 - Heap Programming at OS level (Linux)
 - getrlimit(), setrlimit(), brk(), sbrk()
- C-Strings
 - Buffer overflow attacks
 - Preventing buffer overflow attacks
- Linux virtual memory and paging

Today's topic (in space)

Runtime heap



We all know that local vars live on the stack

```
int bar (int a, int b)
   int c = a + b;
                                     foo()'s
   return(c);
                                    activation
                                     record
                                              b = 2
                                                        bar's parameters
                                     bar()'s
                                              a = 1
                                    activation foo's eip
                                                        Registers bar()
int foo ()
                                     record
                                                        saves for foo()
                                            foo's ebp
                                                        bar's local vars
   int x = bar(1,2);
```

And we all know that the stack gets overwritten by subsequent function calls

```
int bar (int a, int b)
   int c = a + b;
   return(c);
                                     foo()'s
                                    activation
                                     record
                                                        bar's parameters
                                             a = \frac{1}{4} 3
                                     bar()'s
int foo ()
                                    activation foo's eip
                                                        Registers bar()
                                     record
                                                        saves for foo()
                                            foo's ebp
                                                        bar's local vars
   int x = bar(1,2);
      = bar(3,4);
```

Question?

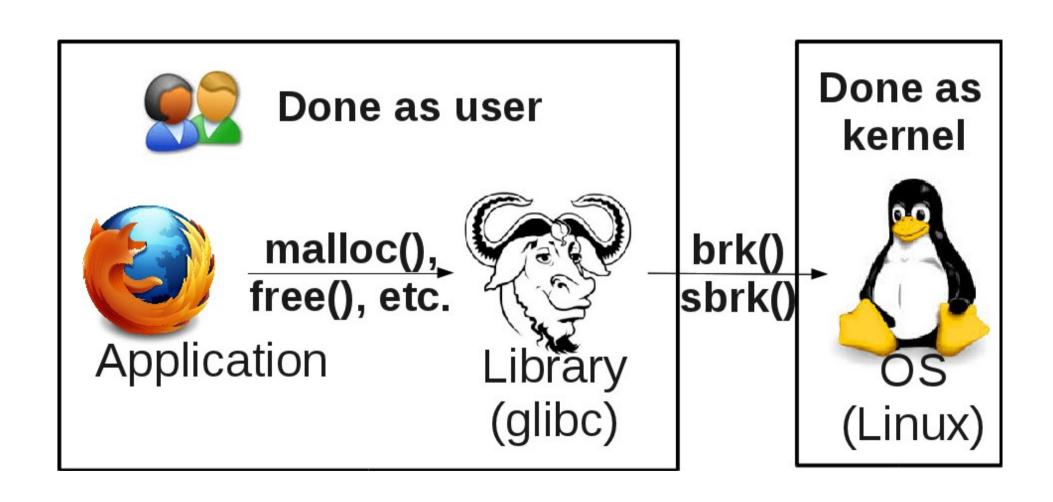
But what if you want your object to persist?

Answer!

```
Put it on the heap!
```

```
MyClass* bar()
  return new MyClass(1,2);
void foo()
  MyClass ptr;
  ptr = bar();
  delete(ptr);
```

Two "folks" we have to ask for heap memory:



First: Ordinary C heap programming (glibc)



Heap Programming

- void* malloc(size_t numBytes)
 - Allocate *numBytes* bytes from heap and return pointer (allocates in *page table*, not necessarily *main memory!*)
 - Returns NULL if error like not enough space.
 - Returned pointer should be cast to a more specific type before using:

```
int* intPtr = (int*)malloc(sizeof(int));
char* charPtr = (char*)malloc(strlen(sourcePtr)+1);
```

- void free (void* ptr)
 - Return memory back to system

malloc() and free() example

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
int main ()
 int* iPtr;
  iPtr = (int*)malloc(sizeof(int));
  *iPtr = 14;
 printf("iPtr = p, *iPtr = d n,
        iPtr, *iPtr
  free(iPtr); // Very important!
 return(EXIT SUCCESS);
```

realloc() and calloc()

- void* calloc(size_t nmemb, size_t size);
 - Allocates an array of *nmemb* members, each of *size* bytes.
 - Initializes memory to byte all 0's
 - (Some claim this wastes time.)
- void* realloc(void *ptr, size_t size);
 - "Re-allocates" by extending memory allocated at pointer, or by (1) getting size bytes, (2) copying from ptr into new memory, and (3) free()-ing old memory

realloc() and calloc() example

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#define NUM ELE 4
int main ()
 int* iPtr;
 int* iPtr2;
 int i;
 iPtr = (int*)calloc(NUM ELE, sizeof(int));
 iPtr2 = (int*)calloc(NUM ELE, sizeof(int));
 for (i = 0; i < NUM ELE; i++)
  { // Any other ways to access?
   iPtr[i] = i*10;
```

realloc() and calloc(), contd

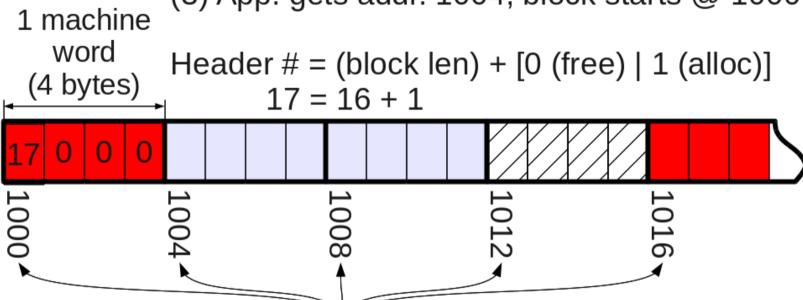
```
for (i = 0; i < NUM ELE; i++)
  printf("%3d is at %p\n",
          *(iPtr+i),(iPtr+i)
printf("Uh-oh, not enough space!\n");
iPtr=(int*)realloc(iPtr,4*NUM ELE*sizeof(int));
for (i = 0; i < 4*NUM ELE; i++)
  printf("%3d is at %p\n",
          *(iPtr+i),(iPtr+i)
 free(iPtr2); // Very important!
free(iPtr); // Very important!
 return(EXIT SUCCESS);
```

realloc() and calloc(), contd

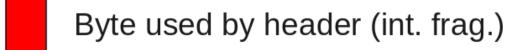
```
[instructor@localhost Lecture06]$ ./reallocAndCalloc1
  0 is at 0x84f2008
 10 is at 0x84f200c
 20 is at 0x84f2010
 30 is at 0x84f2014
Uh-oh, not enough space!
  0 is at 0x84f2038
 10 is at 0x84f203c
 20 is at 0x84f2040
 30 is at 0x84f2044
  0 is at 0x84f2048
  0 is at 0x84f204c
  0 is at 0x84f2050
  0 is at 0x84f2054
  0 is at 0x84f2058
  0 is at 0x84f205c
  0 is at 0x84f2060
  0 is at 0x84f2064
  0 is at 0x84f2068
  0 is at 0x84f206c
  0 is at 0x84f2070
  0 is at 0x84f2074
```

Datastructure for heap management

- (1) App. does malloc(6)
- (2) 6 rounded up to 8
- (3) App. gets addr. 1004, block starts @ 1000



Addresses (here in decimal)



Byte given to application



Byte used for padding (int. frag.)

Algorithm for heap management

- How do we keep track of malloc()s and free()s in heap?
- Desireable algorithms should:
 - 1) Be efficient (maximize space for app. data)
 - 1) Minimize internal fragmentation (space used in allocated block for bookkeeping and padding)
 - 2) Minimize external fragmentation (unused space between allocated blocks)
 - 2) Be fast!
 - 3) Be robust (detect app errors)
 - 4) Be sensitive to spatial locality (put similar sized items "close" to each other)
 - 5) Be thread safe

Your turn!

- Question 1:
 - Why do you think it changed addresses between the calloc() and the realloc()?
 - Can you test that hypothesis?
- Question 2:
 - Do you think the newly allocated space is guaranteed to by initialized to 0?
 - Can you test that hypothesis?

A Rogue's Gallery of the All-Time WORST memory offenses

Twirl your mustaches and enter at your own risk!



How NOT to use the heap: Memory leak

```
// Very subtly wrong. What are the symptoms?
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
int main ()
 int* iPtr;
  iPtr = (int*)malloc(sizeof(int));
  *iPtr = 14;
 printf("iPtr = %p, *iPtr = %d\n",
        iPtr,*iPtr
 return(EXIT SUCCESS);
```

How NOT to use the heap: Double free

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
int main ()
 int* iPtr;
  iPtr = (int*)malloc(sizeof(int));
  *iPtr = 14;
 printf("iPtr = %p, *iPtr = %d\n",
        iPtr,*iPtr
  free(iPtr);
  free(iPtr);
 return(EXIT SUCCESS);
```

How NOT to use the heap: Wild-write 1

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
int main ()
 int* iPtr;
 iPtr = (int*)malloc(sizeof(int));
 *(iPtr-1) = 14;
 printf("iPtr = p, *iPtr = dn",
        iPtr,*iPtr
 free(iPtr);
 return(EXIT SUCCESS);
```

How NOT to use the heap: Freed memory access

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
int main ()
 int* iPtr;
  iPtr = (int*)malloc(sizeof(int));
  *iPtr = 14;
 printf("iPtr = %p, *iPtr = %d\n",
        iPtr,*iPtr
  free(iPtr);
  (*iPtr)++; // Not yet finished
 return(EXIT SUCCESS);
```

How NOT to use the heap: Uninitialized mem access

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
int main ()
 int* iPtr;
  *iPtr = 14;
 printf("iPtr = %p, *iPtr = %d\n",
        iPtr,*iPtr
 return(EXIT SUCCESS);
```

This is how glibc complains:

```
*** glibc detected *** wildwrite: munmap chunk():
invalid pointer: 0x08f71008 ***
====== Backtrace: =======
/lib/libc.so.6[0x49b8b9f2]
/lib/libc.so.6[0x49b8bc6b]
wildwrite[0x8048524]
/lib/libc.so.6( libc start main+0xf3)
[0x49b2c6b3]
wildwrite[0x8048441]
====== Memory map: ======
08048000-08049000 r-xp 00000000 fd:03 397997
     ./wildwrite
08049000-0804a000 rw-p 00000000 fd:03 397997
     ./wildwrite
08f71000-08f92000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0
                                            [heap]
```

And this is how Linux complains:

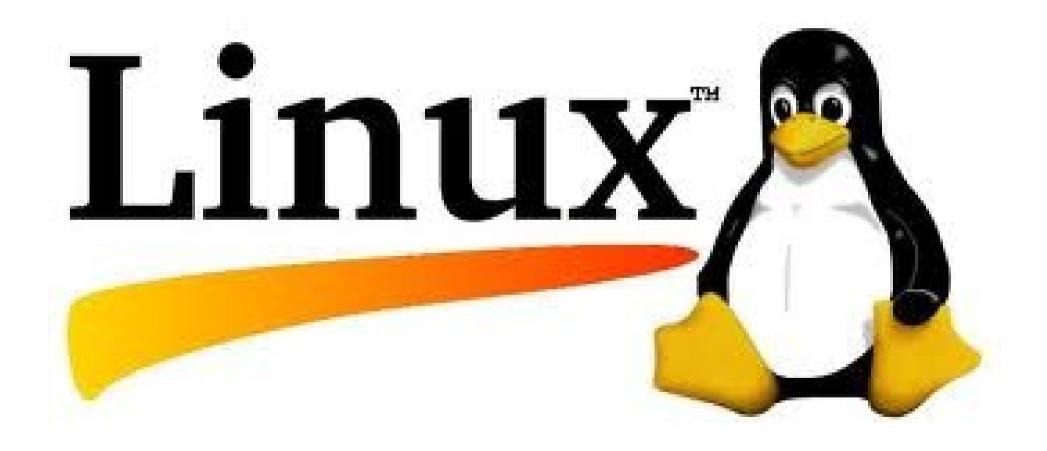
Segmentation fault (core dumped)

Your turn!

 Fix the following function that should copy a string into memory allocated from the heap:

```
char* naughtyCopy (const char* fromP)
 char* toP;
  for (; *fromP!= '\0'; fromP++, toP++)
    *toP = *fromP;
  free(fromP);
  return(toP);
```

Second: OS's heap interface



OS's heap tools

- A process can put limits on how big it's heap is allowed to grow
 - getrlimit(), setrlimit()
 - Soft-limit: limits how much heap (or stack, CPU, etc.)
 a process is allowed to use
 - Any process can set
 - YOUR TURN: Why would a process want to do this?
 - Hard-limit: limits the soft limit
 - Only privileged processes may set
- A process can get heap pages directly from OS:
 - brk(), sbrk()

OS's view of heap

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
                                                                    0xFFFF,FFFF
#include <sys/resource.h>
                                                                                   Kernal virtual memory
#include <errno.h>
                                                                                 unaccessible to application
int
     main ()
                                                                                  (code, data, heap, stack)
                                                                     0xC000.0000
 struct rlimit
                  resouceLimit:
                                                                                        User stack
 if (getrlimit(RLIMIT_DATA, &resouceLimit)) {
                                                                                   (created and runtime)
                                                                %esp stack ptr \rightarrow
  perror("getrlimit(RLIMIT_DATA) failed");
  return(EXIT FAILURE);
                                                                                  Memory mapped regions
 printf("Process' combined max Data,"
                                                                                     for shared libraries
                                                                     0x4000.0000
     " ROData and heap sizes:\n");
                                                                   Brk ptr \rightarrow
 printf("Soft:\t");
                                                             OS keeps soft
                                                                                      Heap (created at
 if (resouceLimit.rlim_cur == RLIM_INFINITY)
                                                                                    runtime by malloc())
  puts("(Unlimited)");
                                                             and hard limits
 else
                                                                                     read/write segment
                                                             on how big 3
  printf("%lu\n",resouceLimit.rlim cur);
                                                                                    loaded from exe file
                                                                                        (.data, .bss)
                                                             can grow
 printf("Hard:\t");
                                                                                     read-only segment
 if (resouceLimit.rlim max == RLIM INFINITY)
                                                                                    loaded from exe file
                                                                                     (.init, .text, .rodata)
  puts("(Unlimited)");
                                                                     0x0804.8000
 else
  printf("%lu\n",resouceLimit.rlim max);
                                                                     0x0000.0000
 return(EXIT SUCCESS);
```

OS's view of heap, cont'd

- #include <unistd.h>
- int brk(void *endDataSeg);
 - sets end of data segment when
 - (1) value is reasonable,
 - (2) system has memory,
 - (3) process doesn't exceed max data size
- void *sbrk(intptr_t inc);
 - increments data space by *inc* bytes
 - Not a system call, it is just a C library wrapper.
 - sbrk(0) finds current ptr value.
- WARNING: YOU ARE malloc() and free()!
 - Manually do what GNU C Library (glibc) does for you

Check this out!

- A program that recursively
 - 1) Prints the current value of the brk pointer.
 - 2) Asks (in hexadecimal) how many bytes to allocate
 - 3) Allocates those bytes
 - 4) Prints the difference between the brk pointer and the end of the allocated block
 - 5) Recursively goes back to (1)
- Useful stuff:
 - strtol("FF", NULL, 16) returns integer 0xFF

moveBrkPtr3.c

```
#include <stdlib.h>
                                         if (size <= 0)
#include <stdio.h>
                                           return;
#include <unistd.h>
#include <errno.h>
                                                       = malloc(size);
                                         void* ptr
#include <string.h>
                                             (errno == ENOMEM)
#define TEXT LEN
                         10
                                           printf("Out of memory, Boss!\n");
void
        doIt
                ()
                                           return;
 char
       text[TEXT LEN];
                                         printf("You just got addresses:"
 printf("sbrk is now
                                                       %010p - %010p.\n",
                             %010p\n",
                                                ptr,ptr+(size-1)
         sbrk(0)
                                               );
                                       " printf("sbrk- blockEnd: %010p -"
 printf("How much mem IN HEXADECIMAL
                                                " %010p = %010p \n",
         "do you want (0-8000,0=quit)? "
                                                sbrk(0),
        );
                                                ptr+(size-1),
  fgets(text,TEXT LEN,stdin);
                                                sbrk(0)-(ptr+(size-1))
                = strtol(text, NULL, 16);
  int
        size
                                               );
```

moveBrkPtr3.c, cont'd

```
doIt();
  printf("Now freeing %p\n",ptr);
  free(ptr);
}

int    main  ()
{
  doIt();
  return(EXIT_SUCCESS);
}
```

Using moveBrkPtr2.c

\$./moveBrkPtr2

```
sbrk is now
                                            0 \times 0.957 = 0.00
How much mem IN HEXADECIMAL do you want (0-8000, 0=quit)? 8000
You just got addresses: 0x0957e008 - 0x09586007.
sbrk-blockEnd: 0x095a7000 - 0x09586007 = 0x00020ff9
                                           0x095a7000 \le 1^{st} malloc
sbrk is now
How much mem IN HEXADECIMAL do you want (0-8000, 0=quit)? 8000
You just got addresses: 0x09586010 - 0x0958e00f.
sbrk-blockEnd: 0x095a7000 - 0x0958e00f = 0x00018ff1
sbrk is now
                                           0 \times 095 = 7000
How much mem IN HEXADECIMAL do you want (0-8000, 0=quit)? 8000
You just got addresses: 0x0958e018 - 0x09596017.
sbrk-blockEnd: 0x095a7000 - 0x09596017 = 0x00010fe9
sbrk is now
                                           0 \times 095 = 7000
```

Using moveBrkPtr2.c

```
You just got addresses: 0x0958e018 - 0x09596017.
sbrk-blockEnd: 0x095a7000 - 0x09596017 = 0x00010fe9
sbrk is now
                                          0 \times 095a7000
How much mem IN HEXADECIMAL do you want (0-8000, 0=quit)? 8000
You just got addresses: 0x09596020 - 0x0959e01f.
sbrk-blockEnd: 0x095a7000 - 0x0959e01f = 0x00008fe1
sbrk is now
                                          0x095a7000
How much mem IN HEXADECIMAL do you want (0-8000, 0=quit)? 8000
You just got addresses: 0x0959e028 - 0x095a6027.
sbrk-blockEnd: 0x095a7000 - 0x095a6027 = 0x000000fd9 <= too small
                                          0 \times 095 = 7000
sbrk is now
How much mem IN HEXADECIMAL do you want (0-8000, 0=quit)? 8000
You just got addresses: 0x095a6030 - 0x095ae02f.
sbrk-blockEnd: 0x095cf000 - 0x095ae02f = 0x00020fd1
sbrk is now
                                          0x095cf000 <=sbrk changed
How much mem IN HEXADECIMAL do you want (0-8000, 0=quit)? 0
```

Buffer overflow attacks

Buffer overflow:

- Very common type of attack
- Exploits weakness in design of C with respect to:
 - implementation of arrays
 - Function calls
 - How values are saved in system stack
- So we'll have to review a wee bit of how function calls work

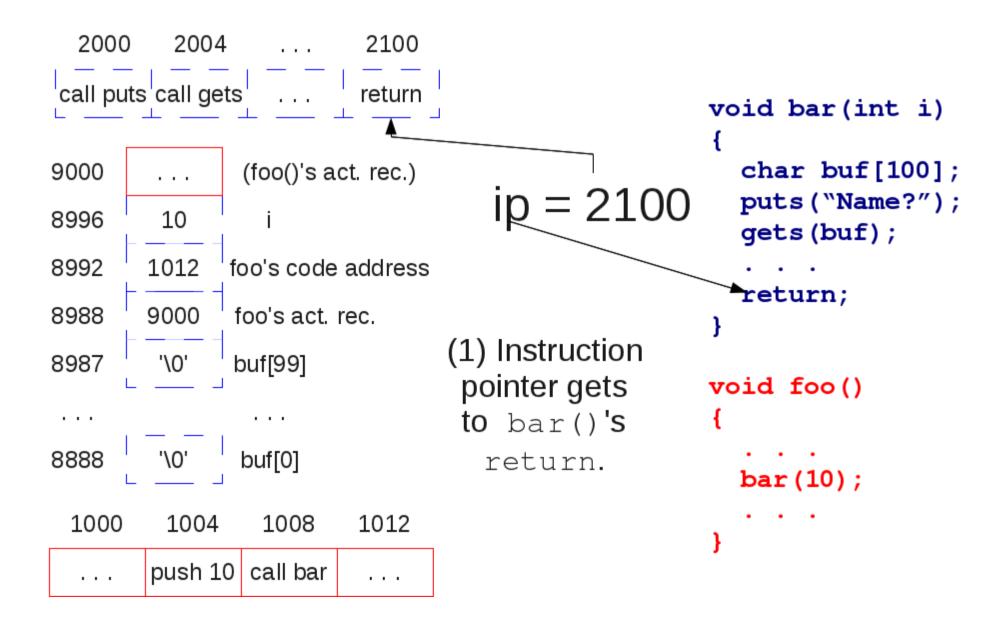
Buffer overflow attack (1)

```
void bar(int i)
                    Each function is in its own strip of
  char buf[100]; mem. Instruction pointer (ip) points
  puts ("Name?"); to current instruction being done
  gets (buf);
                               2004
                       2000
                                              2100
  return;
                      call puts call gets
                           ip = 1004
void foo()
  bar (10);
                       1000
                              1004
                                      1008
                                             1012
                             push 10
                                     call bar
```

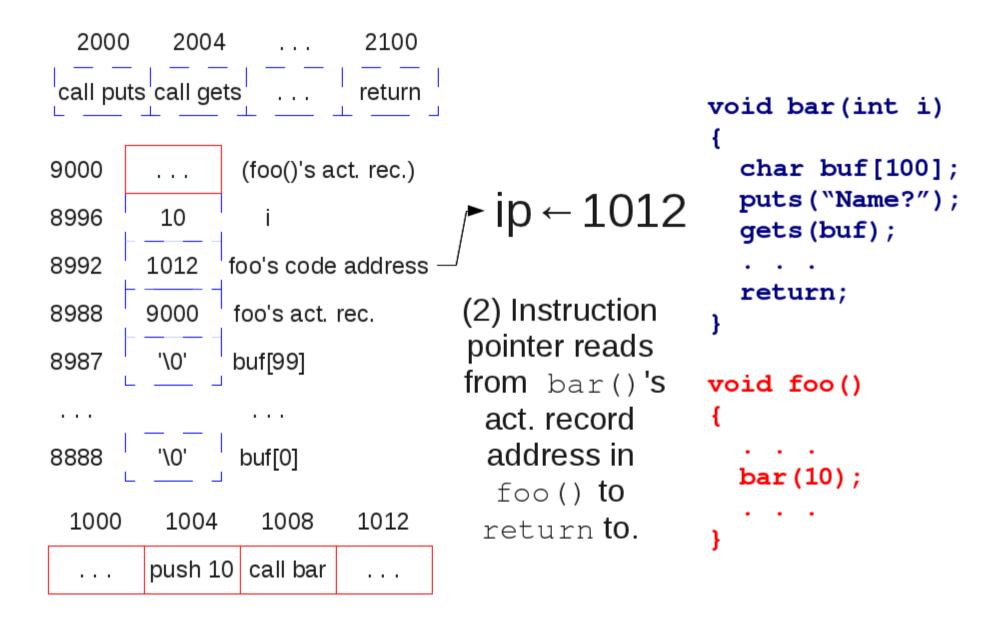
Buffer overflow attack (2)

```
Local vars for each fnc are in an
void bar(int i)
                     activation record on a sys stack,
                     along with address of where to
  char buf[100];
                     return in fnc that called you.
  puts("Name?");
  gets (buf);
                      9000
                                     (foo()'s act. rec.)
  return;
                               10
                      8996
                      8992
                                    foo's code address
                              1012
void foo()
                              9000
                      8988
                                     foo's act. rec.
                      8987
                                     buf[99]
  bar (10);
                      8888
                                     buf[0]
```

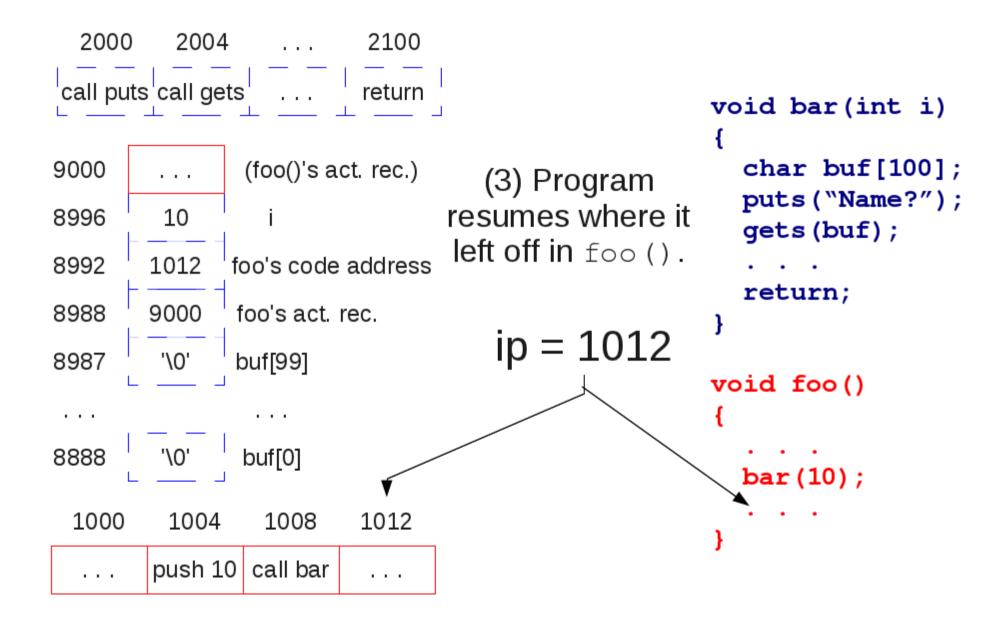
Buffer overflow attack (3)



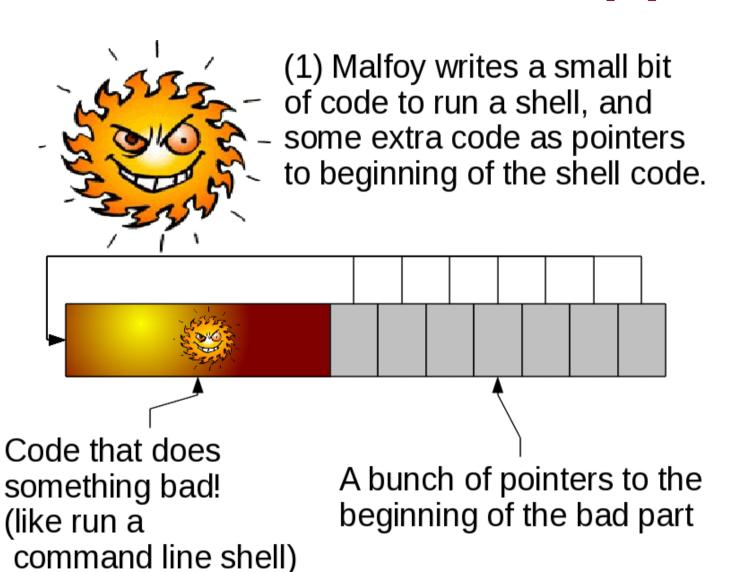
Buffer overflow attack (4)



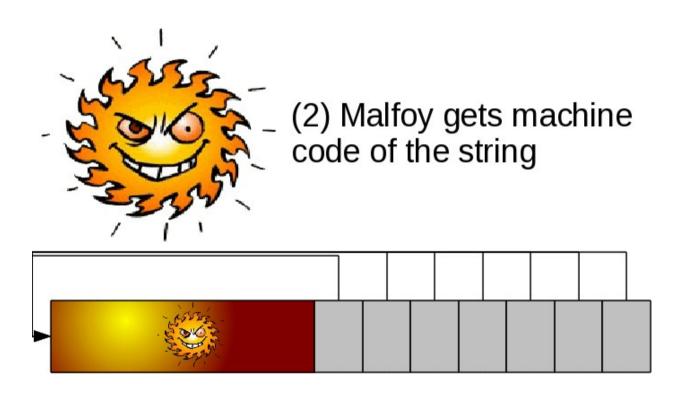
Buffer overflow attack (5)



Buffer overflow attack (6)

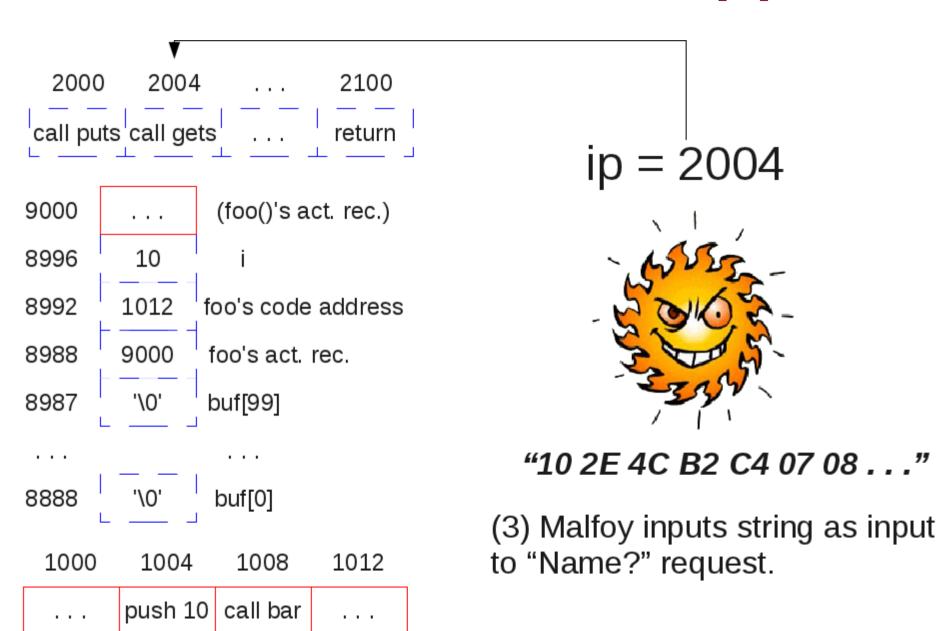


Buffer overflow attack (7)

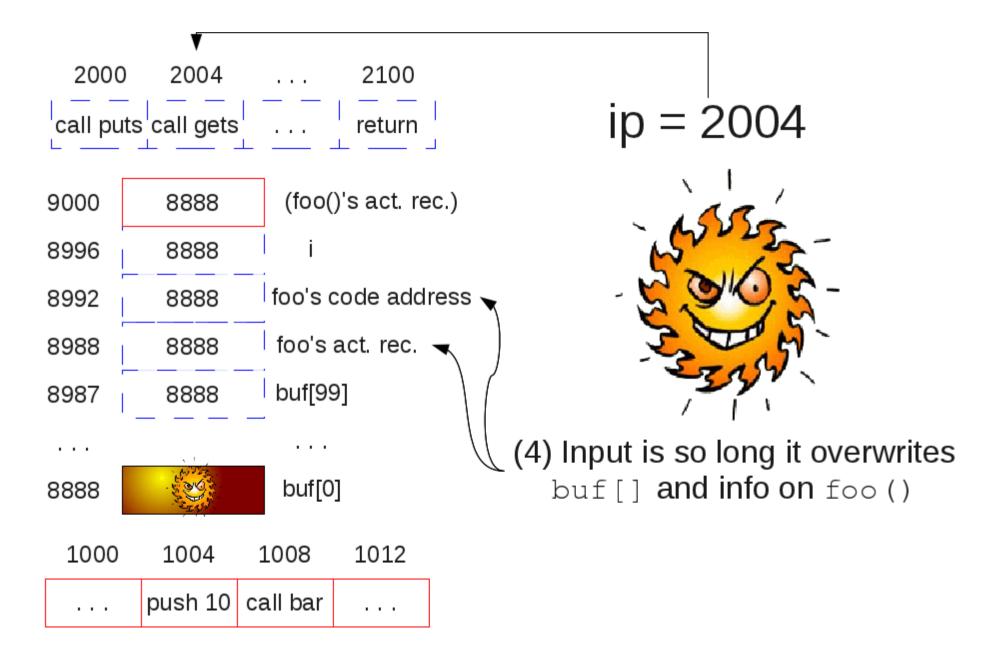


10 2E 4C B2 C4 07 08 . . .

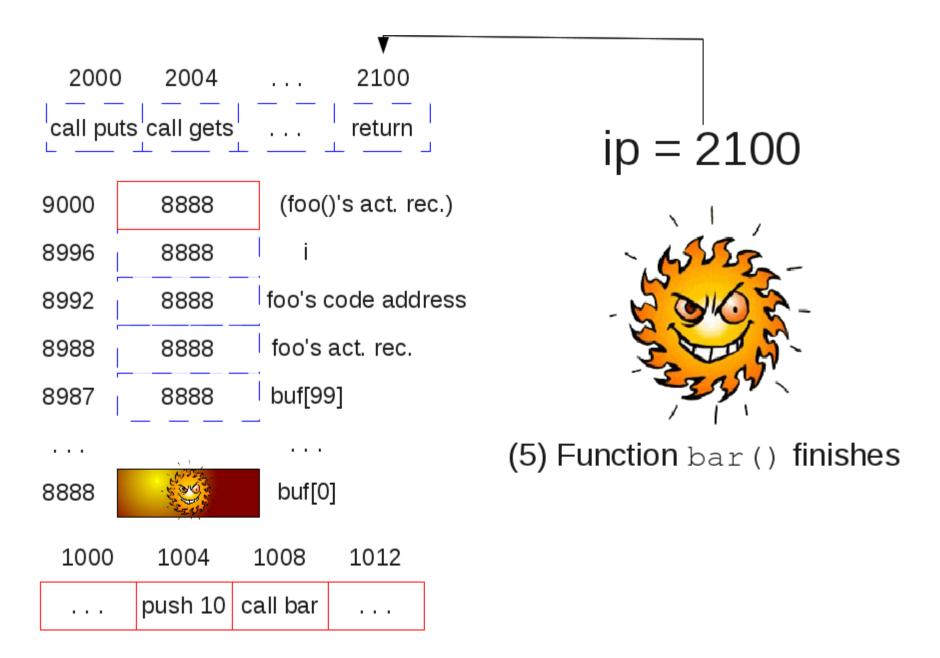
Buffer overflow attack (8)



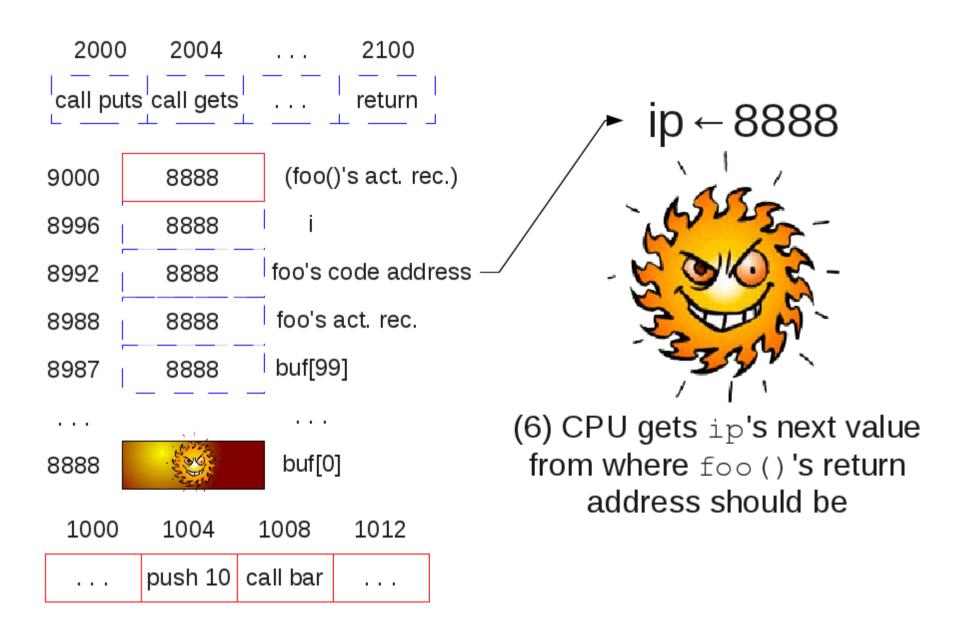
Buffer overflow attack (9)



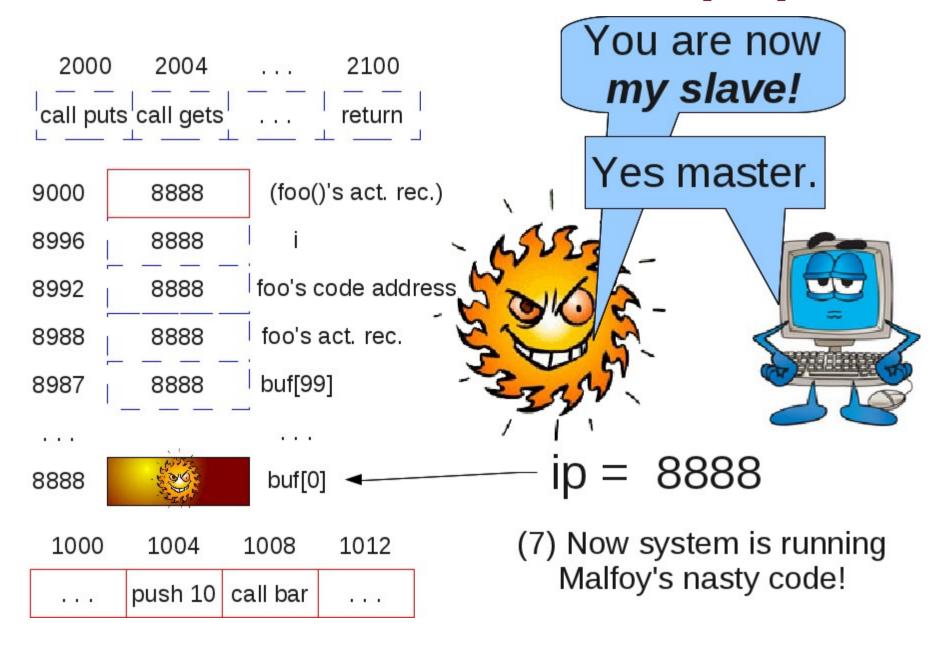
Buffer overflow attack (10)



Buffer overflow attack (11)



Buffer overflow attack (12)



Preventing Buffer Overflow

- Solution #1: Use C++ string objects.
 - const char* string::c_str();
 - Returns C-string representation of C++ string
- Solution #2: Use safe C-string fncs

```
Bad: gets(char* buf)
Good: fgets(char* buf, size_t size, FILE* filePtr)

Bad: sprintf(char* buf, ...)
Good: snprintf(char* buf, size_t size, ...)

Bad: strcpy(char* to, char* from)
Good: strncpy(char* to, char* from, size_t size)

Bad: strcat(char* to, char* from)
Good: strncat(char* to, char* from, size_t size)

Bad: strcat(char* to, char* from, size_t size)

Bad: strcmp(char* p0, char* p1)
Good: strncmp(char* p0, char* p1, size_t size)
```

Preventing Buffer Overflow, cont'd

- strncpy(char* to, const char* from, size_t size) will copy size bytes without copying '\0' if no '\0' is present in from.
- strncat(char* to, const char* from, size_t size) will copy up to size bytes from from and will <u>always</u> copy or add '\0'. Thus, it could write up to size+1 bytes.

Your turn! Fix this program!

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
#define STRING LEN 20 /*Assumed char array len */
#define NUMBER LEN 3
void enterName(char* nPtr)
{ printf("Your name: ");
  gets(nPtr);
void enterAge(int* agePtr)
{ char numberText[NUMBER LEN];
  printf("Your age: ");
  gets(numberText);
  *agePtr=strtol(numberText,0,0);
```

Your turn! Fix this (cont'd)

```
void enterFavoriteColor (const char*itemNamePtr,
                         char* entryPtr)
{ printf("Fav. color for %s.",itemNamePtr);
 gets(entryPtr);
void printInfo (char* nameP, int y,
               char* carCP,char* houseCP)
 char text[STRING LEN];
 sprintf(text,"%s who's %d yrs old",nameP,y);
 printf ("%s likes car color %s",text,carCP);
 if(strcmp(carCP,houseCP) == 0)
  puts("They like same color for houses");
 else
  printf("They like house color %s",houseCP);
```

Your turn! Fix this (cont'd)

```
int main ()
       name[STRING LEN];
  char
  int
      age;
  char carColor[STRING LEN];
  char houseColor[STRING LEN];
  enterName(name);
  enterAge(&age);
  enterFavoriteColor("car",carColor);
  enterFavoriteColor("house",houseColor);
 printInfo(name, age, carColor, houseColor);
  return(EXIT SUCCESS);
```

Your turn again!

 Revise the naughtyCopy() to copy at most size_t n chars.

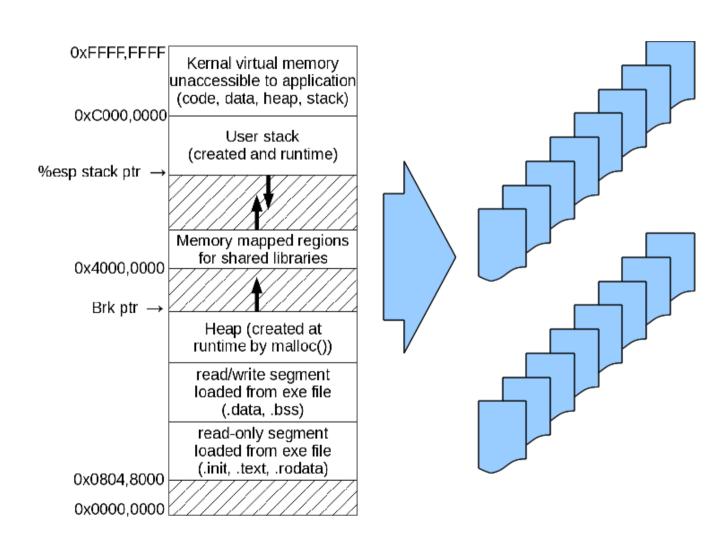
```
char* naughtyCopy(const char* fromP, size t
n)
  char* toP;
  for (; *fromP!= '\0'; fromP++, toP++)
    *toP = *fromP;
  free(fromP);
  return(toP);
```

Virtual Memory and Paging

- Advantages of virtual memory
 - Access to more memory than just Dynamic RAM ("DRAM")
 - 2. Easier memory management, let's processes share pages
 - 3. Increased protection for a process' memory: either a process has access to a page or it does not.

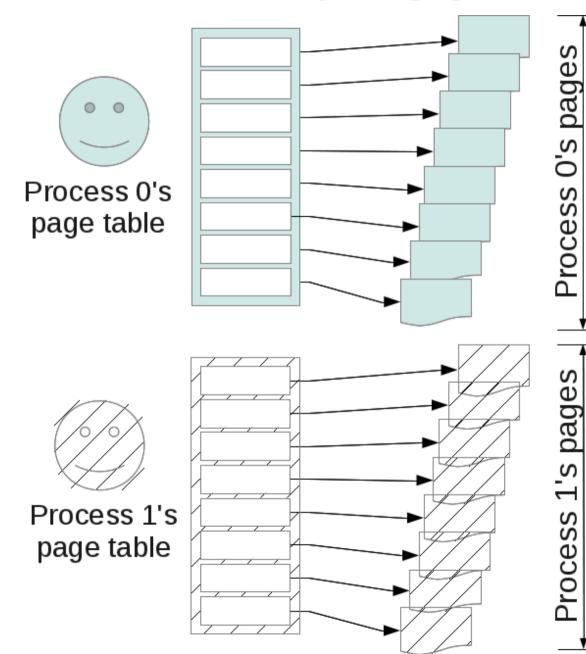
What is virtual memory? (1)

- Each process' memory divided into pages.
- Pages 4 kb each.



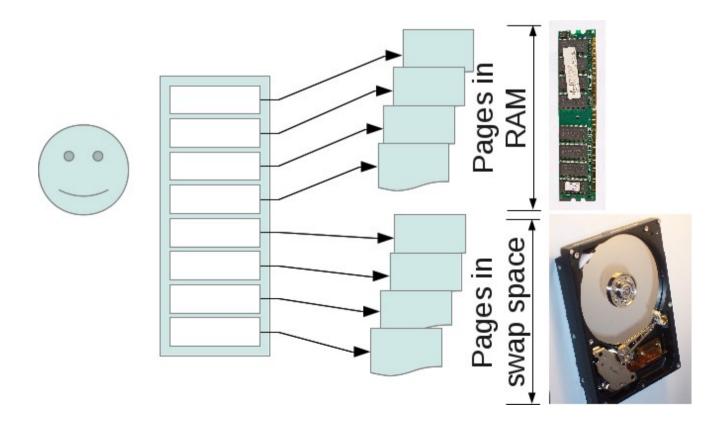
What is virtual memory? (2)

Each process'
 page table tells
 which pages it
 owns.



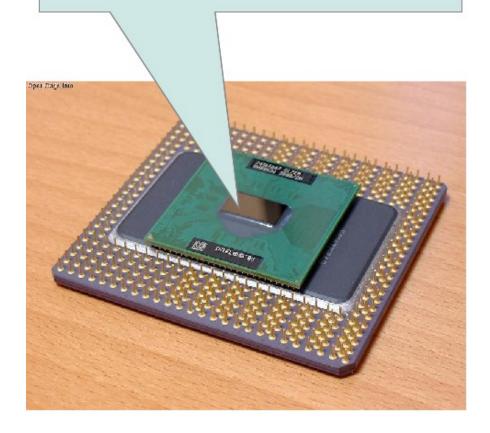
What is virtual memory? (3)

- Not everyone's pages fit in memory at same time.
- Processes own virtual pages, implemented either:
 - as physical pages (in RAM: FAST!)
 - as swap space (on the harddrive: SLOW!)



The CPU thinks in terms of virtual addresses

Give me the memory at address 0x1234,5678 please



- Your program knows *virtual addresses* in *virtual memory*
- They have to be translated into addresses in physical memory

Translating Virtual to Physical Addresses (32 bits) (1)

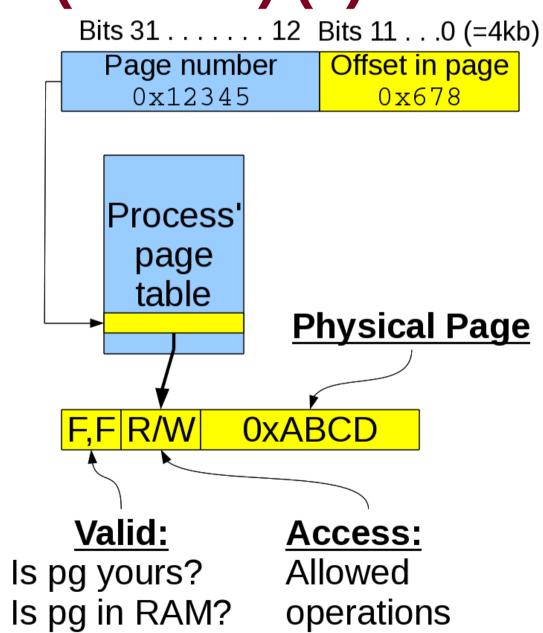
Each process has a page table.

High bits 12..31 tell the *virtual page num*.

Low bits 0..11 tell the offset within page.

Page table tells page's

- Validity
- Allowed access
- Physical page (or location on disk)

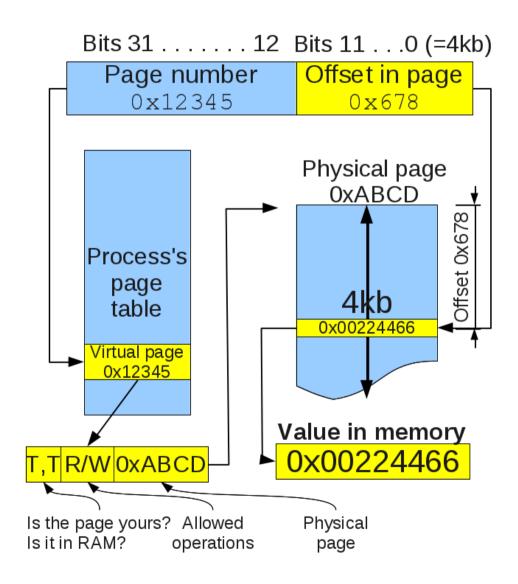


Virtual Memory Operation 1

Case 1: If:

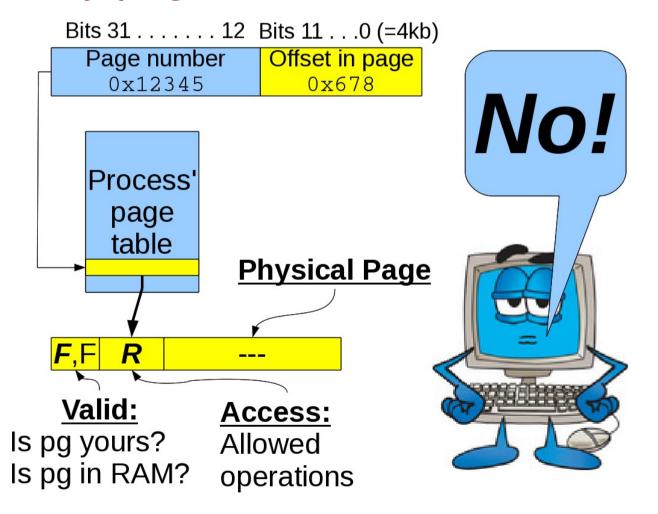
- Page belongs to process, AND
 - Page is in memory

then go to mem[physicalPage + offset]



Virtual Memory Operation 2

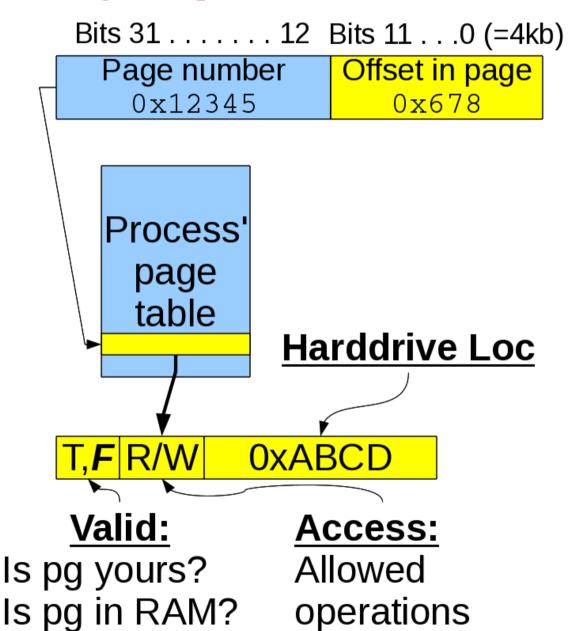
Case 2: You don't own the page, or try to write to read-only page



Virtual Memory Operation 3

Case 3: Page is yours but not in RAM.

Have to load from hard drive.



Virtual Memory Operation 3, cont'd

Case 3: Page is yours but not in RAM.

Harddrive (and network card, and flash drive, and DVD, etc.) writes data directly to RAM. Interrupts CPU when done.



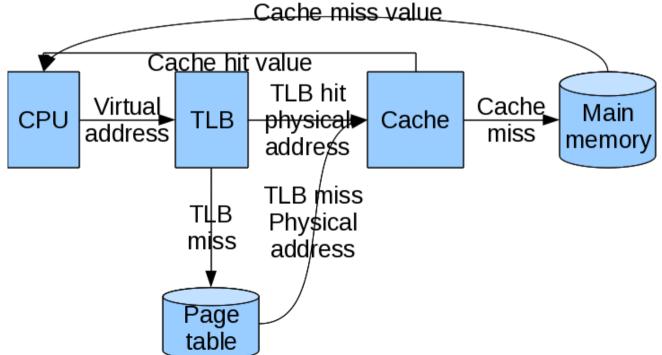


Virtual Memory Operation 1 (more detail)

Case 1: Page is yours and is in RAM. Go to cache (or RAM) and get it!

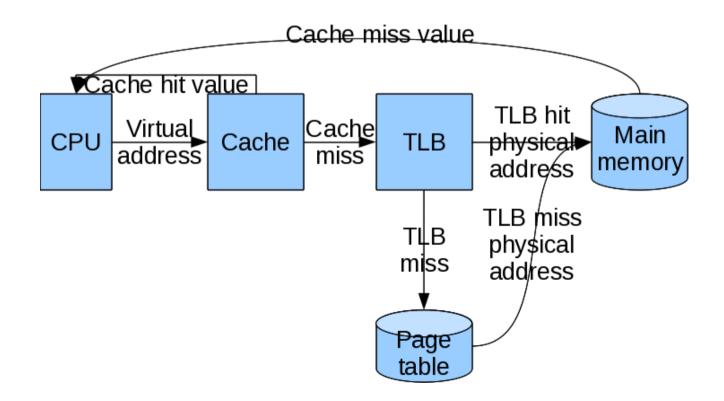
Problem: Page table could be huge!

Solution: TLB (Translation Lookaside Buffer) is a hardware cache of nage table



Your turn!

You could put the *cache* before the *TLB*.
Caching *virtual addresses* would be *faster* for CPU. Why is caching physical addresses still preferred? Hint: There's more than 1 process.



Advantage #1 of Paging Sys

Ability to use harddrive as memory, not just file storage.

Question: Nothing is free! What did we sacrifice?

1 can use my cheap 512 Gbyte harddrive as extra memory for my expensive 4 Gbyte RAM





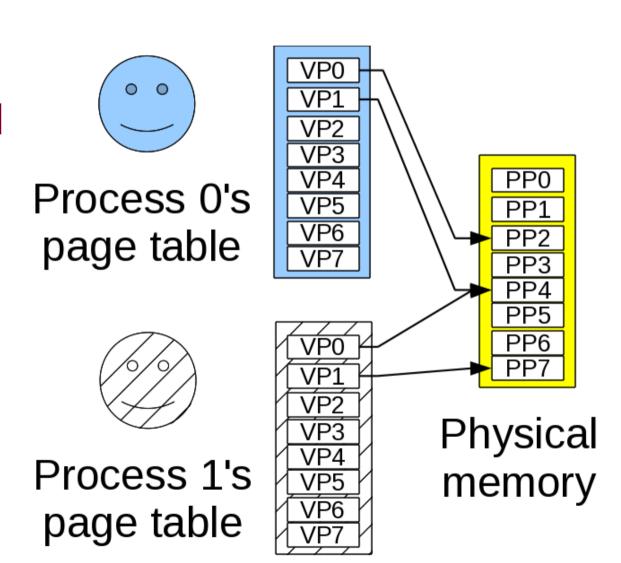


512 Gbyte, cheap!

Advantage #2 of Paging Sys

Ability of processes to share pages, and flexibility for OS about where virtual pages are in phys mem.

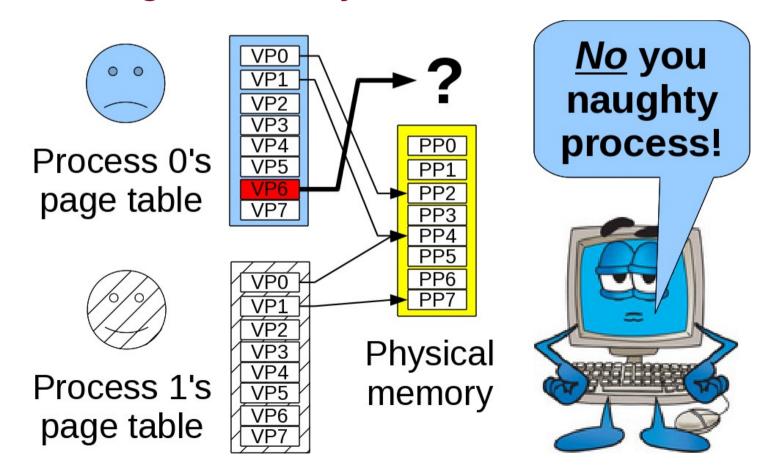
Question: Which segment pages can be safely shared?



Advantage #3 of Paging Sys

Ability to protect processes from each other.

Question: What must the OS do when process makes illegal memory access?



Effective main memory use

Stay on the same page!

Your turn!

Which has better spatial locality?

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// Option 1:
int sum=0;
for (int i=0; i<NUM ROW; i++)</pre>
  for (int j=0; j<NUM COLS; j++)</pre>
    sum+=array[i][j];
// Option 2:
int sum=0;
for (int j=0; j<NUM COLS; j++)
  for (int i=0; i<NUM ROW; i++)</pre>
    sum+=array[i][j];
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Next time: Input/Output!