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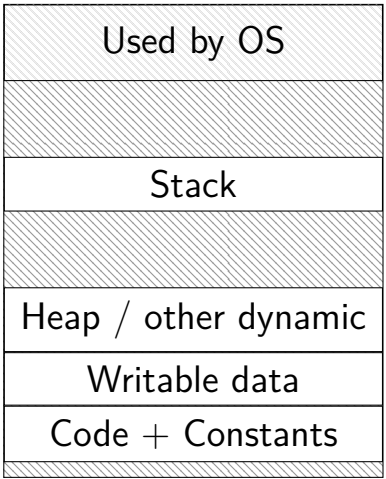

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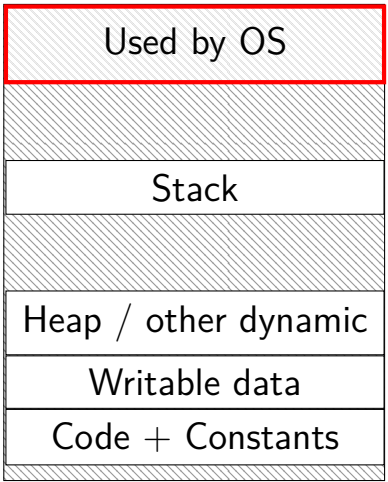


0xFFFF FFFF FFFF FFFF

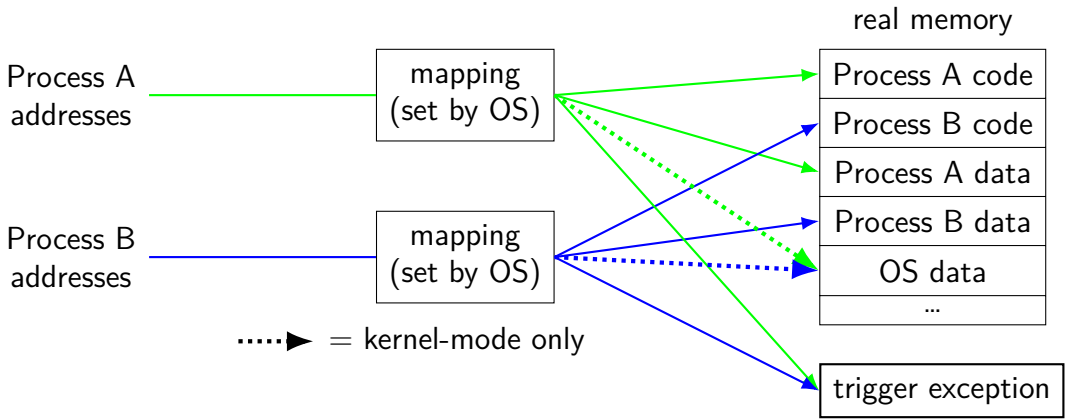
0xFFFF 8000 0000 0000

0x7F…

0x0000 0000 0040 0000

address spaces

illuision of dedicated memory



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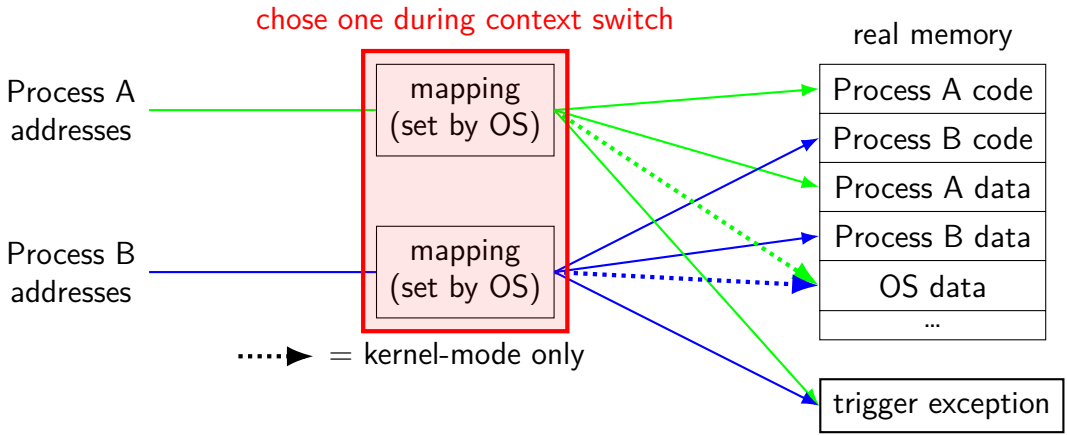

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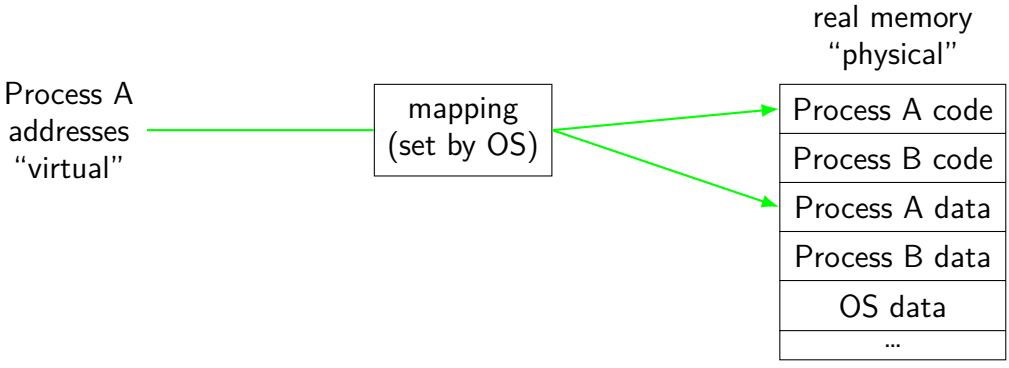

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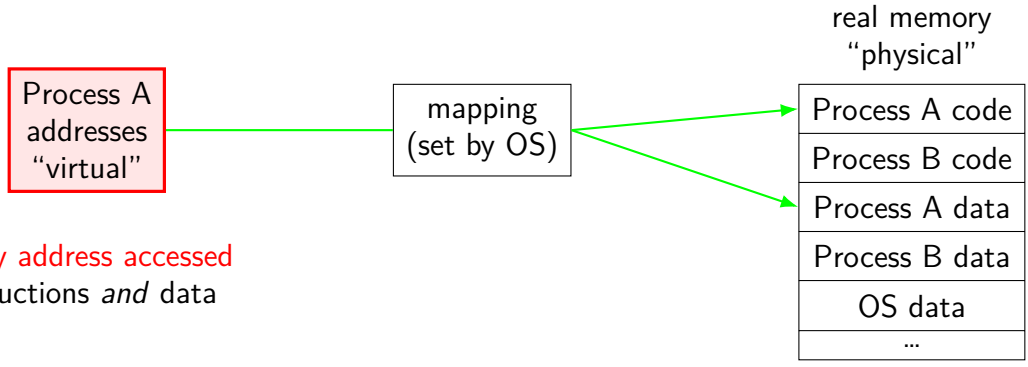
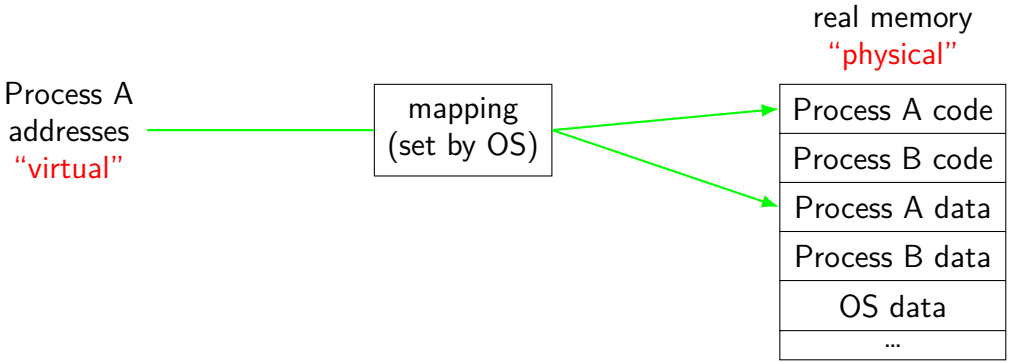


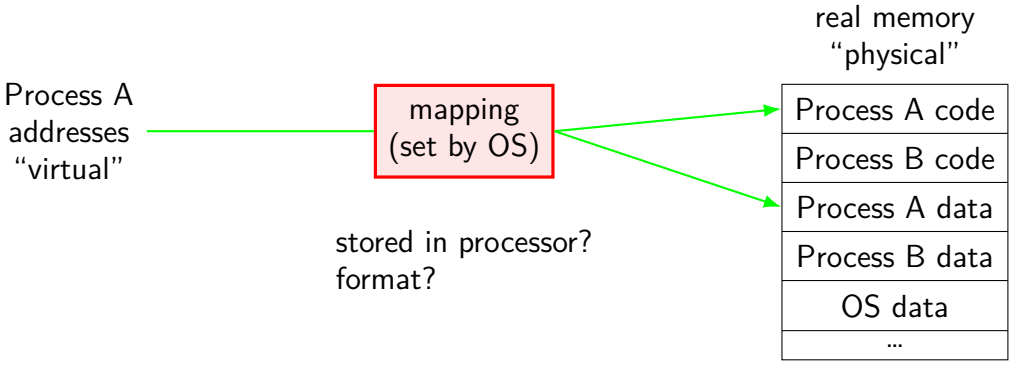
every address accessed
instructions *and* data

address translation



program addresses are 'virtual'
real addresses are 'physical'
can be different sizes!

address translation



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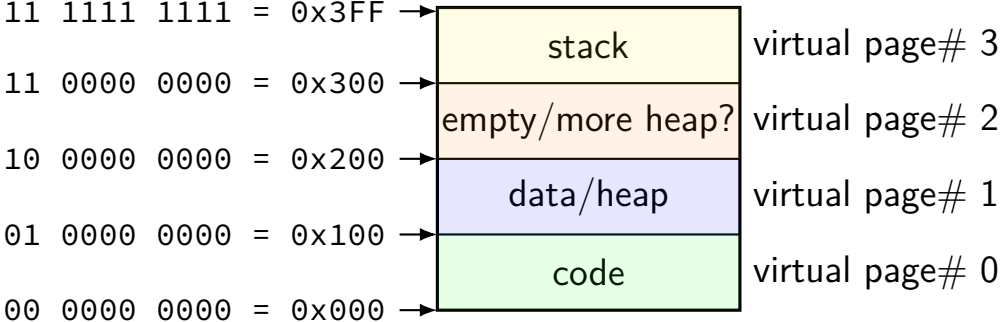

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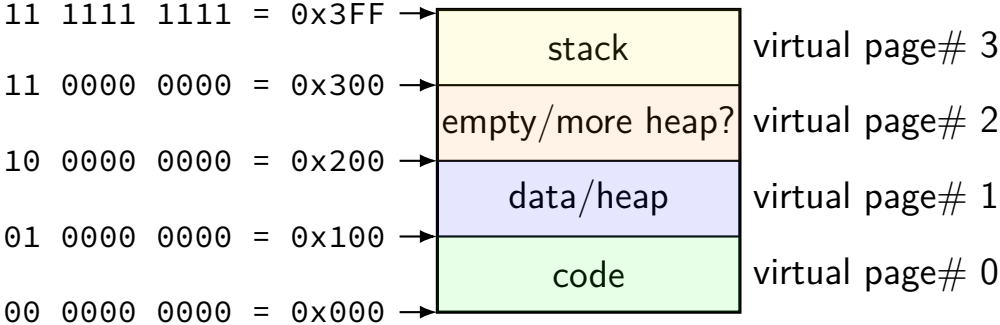

divide memory into pages (2^8 bytes in this case)
"virtual" = addresses the program sees

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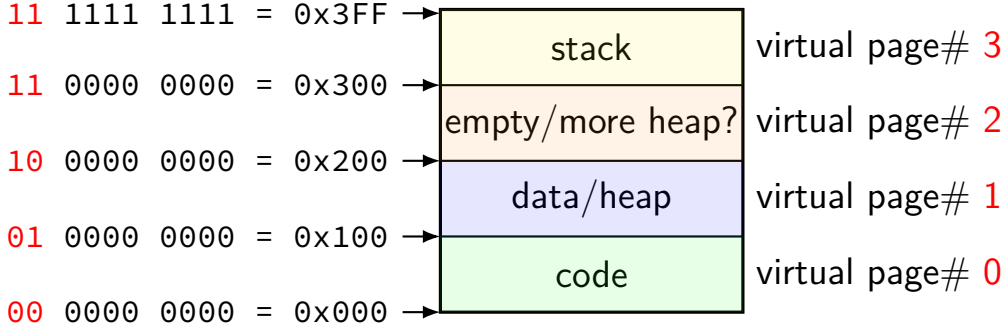

page number is upper bits of address
(because page size is power of two)

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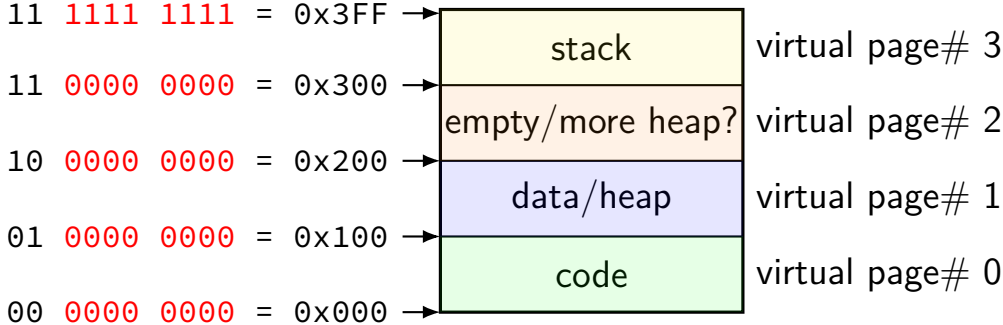

rest of address is called page offset

toy physical memory

program memory
virtual addresses

11 0000 0000 to 11 1111 1111
10 0000 0000 to 10 1111 1111
01 0000 0000 to 01 1111 1111
00 0000 0000 to 00 1111 1111

real memory
physical addresses

111 0000 0000 to 111 1111 1111
001 0000 0000 to 001 1111 1111
000 0000 0000 to 000 1111 1111

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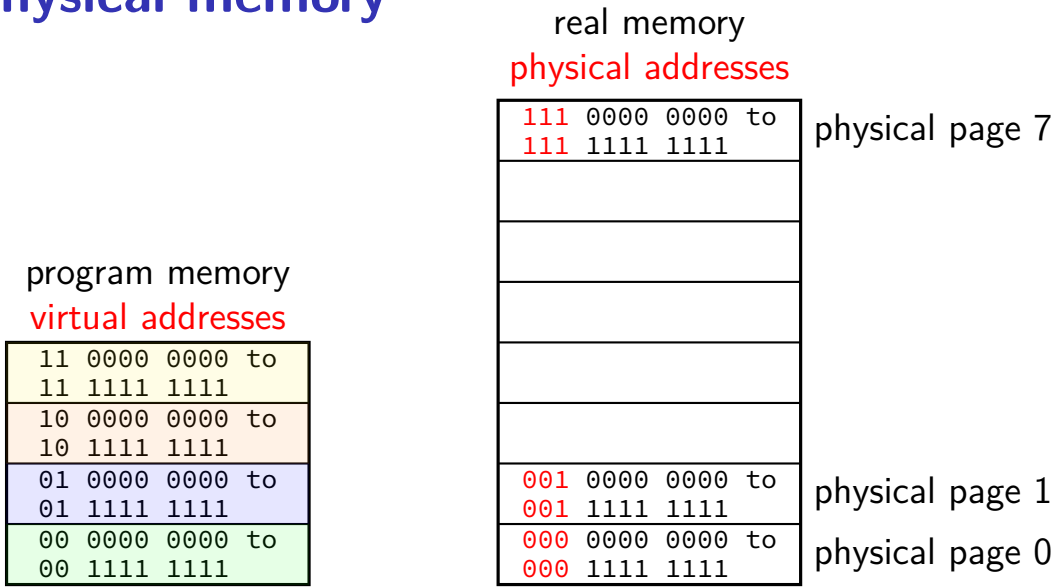

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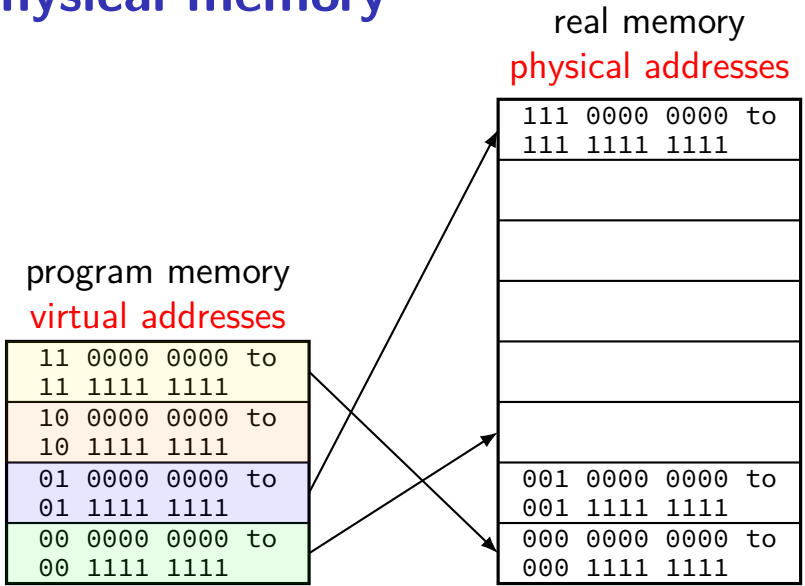

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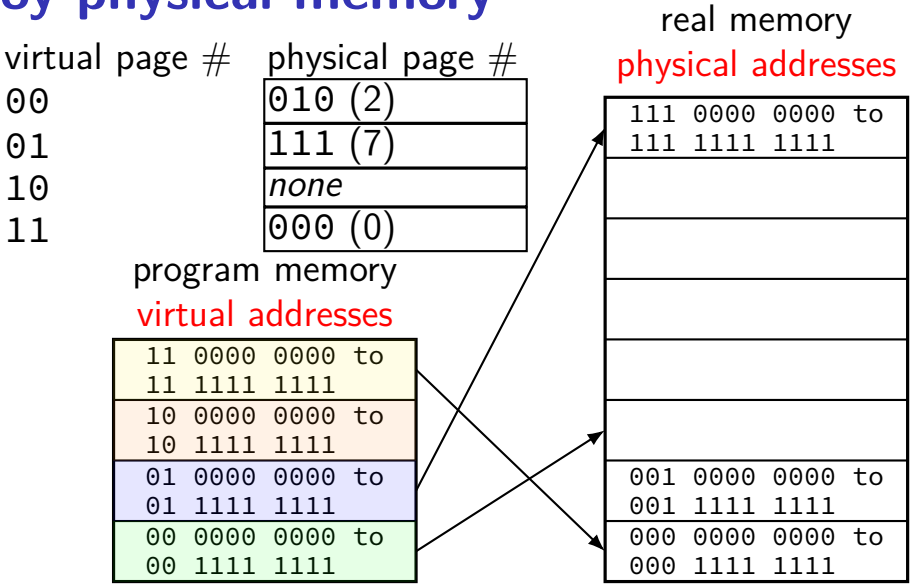

toy physical memory

page table!

virtual page #	physical page #
00	010 (2)
01	111 (7)
10	*none*
11	000 (0)

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toy page table lookup

virtual page #	valid?	physical page #
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01	1	111 (7, data)
10	0	??? (ignored)
11	1	000 (0, stack)

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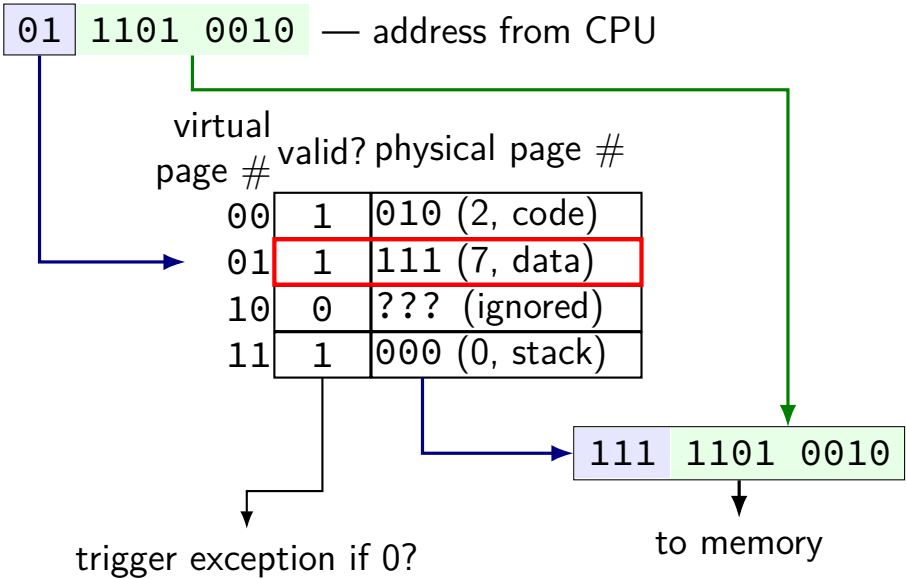

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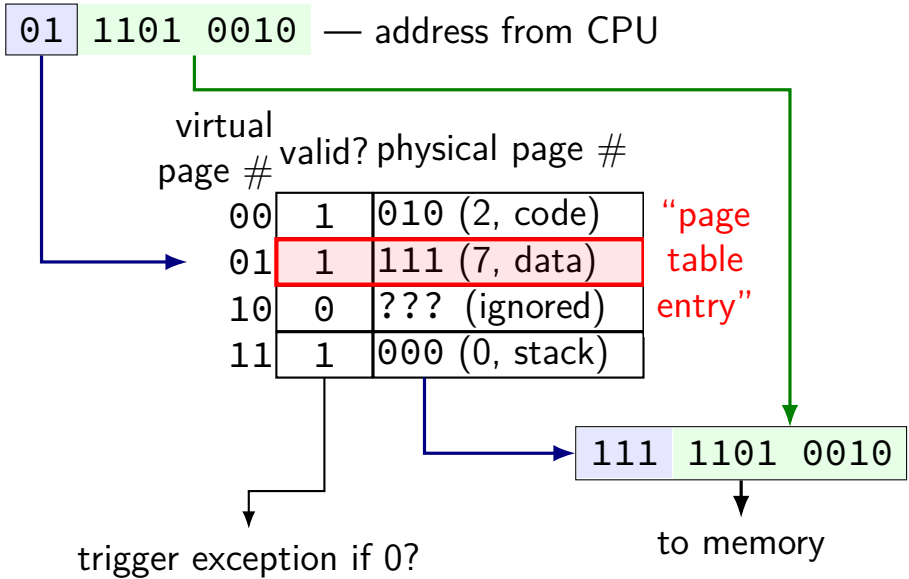
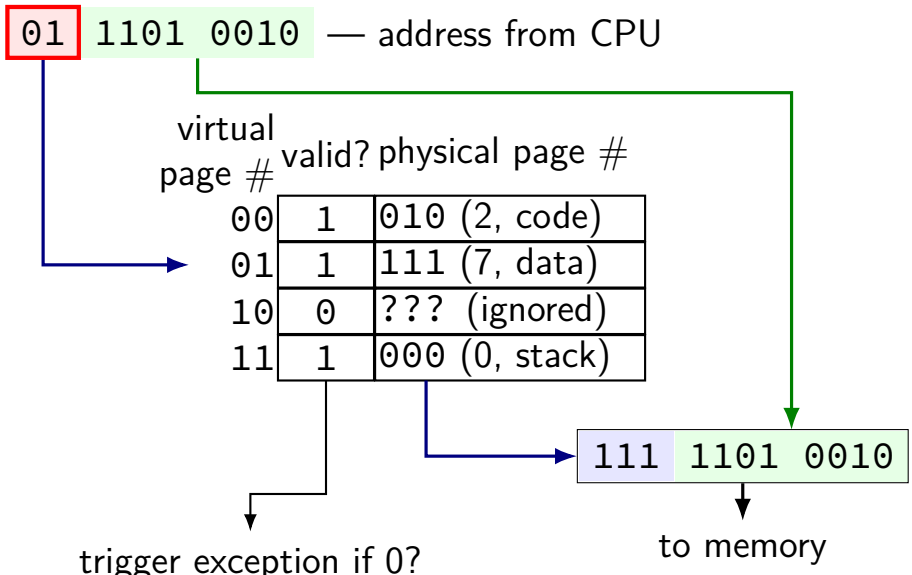


t "virtual page number" lookup



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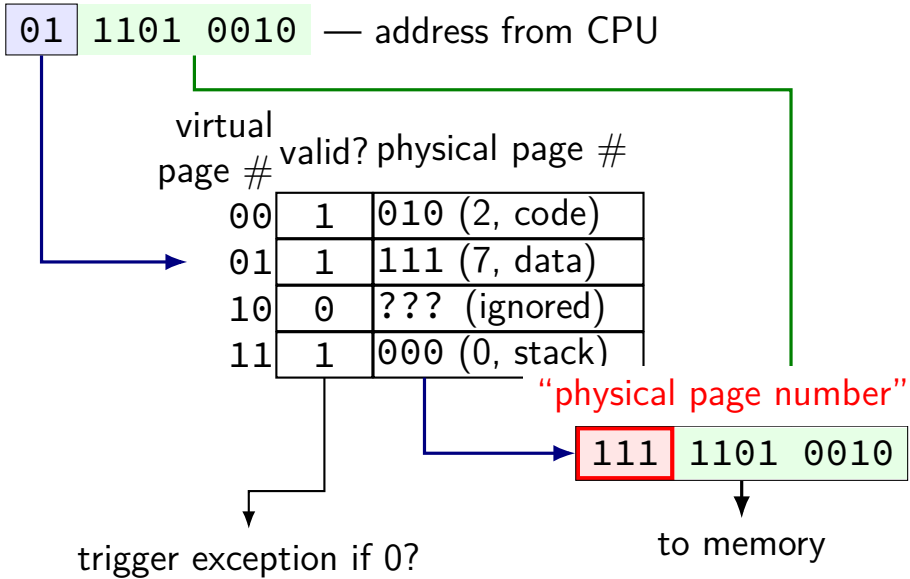

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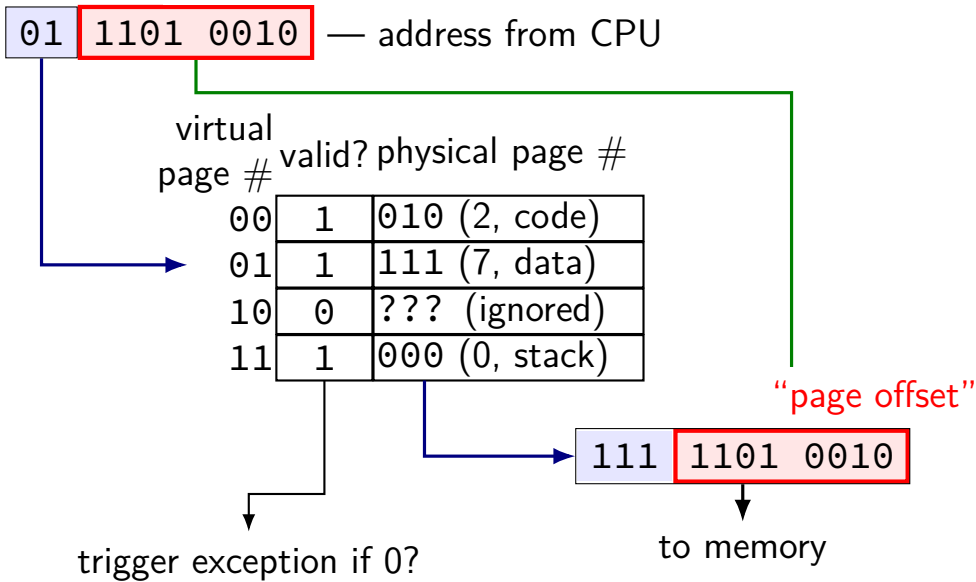

on virtual address sizes

virtual address size = size of pointer?

often, but — sometimes part of pointer not used

example: typical x86-64 only use 48 bits

- rest of bits have fixed value

virtual address size is amount used for mapping

address space sizes

amount of stuff that can be addressed = address space size

based on number of unique addresses

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what if my machine has 3GB of memory (not power of two)?

- not all addresses in physical address space are useful
- most common situation (since CPUs support having a lot of memory)

exercise: page counting

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and each page is 4096 bytes (2^{12} bytes)

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$2^{32}/2^{12} = 2^{20}$

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2^{20} entries $\times(18+1)$ bits per entry

issue: where can we store that?

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split the address `0x12345678` into page number and page offset:

page #: `0x12345`; offset: `0x678`

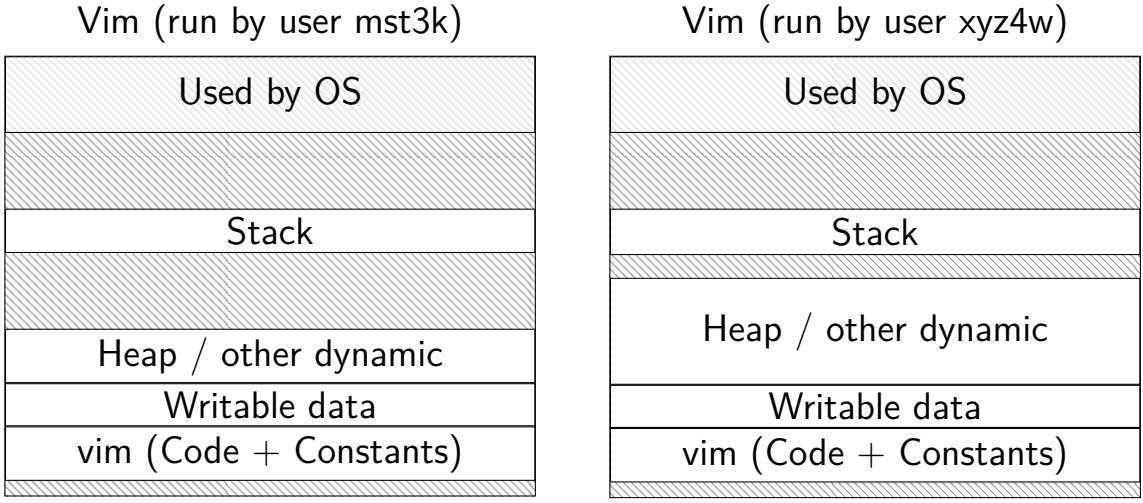
exercise: page table lookup

suppose 64-byte pages (= 6-bit page offsets), 9-bit virtual addresses

VPN	valid	PPN
000	1	0010
001	1	1010
010	0	---
011	0	---
100	1	1110
101	1	0100
110	1	0001
111	0	---

virtual address 0x024 (0 0010 0100) = physical address ???

vim (two copies)



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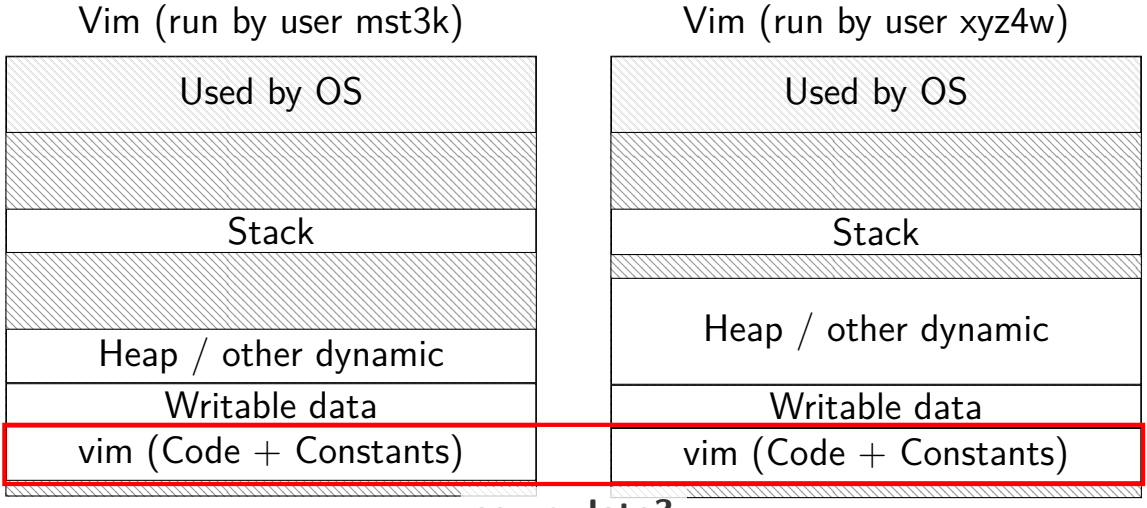


two copies of program

would like to only have one copy of program

what if `mst3k`'s vim tries to modify its code?

would break process abstraction:

> "illusion of own memory"

permissions bits

page table entry will have more permissions bits

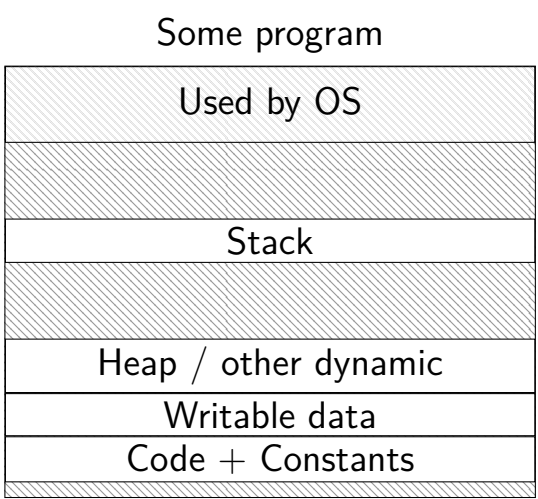
- can access in user mode?
- can read from?
- can write to?
- can execute from?

checked by hardware like valid bit

page table (logically)

virtual page #	valid?	user?	write?	exec?	physical page #
0000 0000	0	0	0	0	00 0000 0000
0000 0001	1	1	1	0	10 0010 0110
0000 0010	1	1	1	0	00 0000 1100
0000 0011	1	1	0	1	11 0000 0011
...					
1111 1111	1	0	1	0	00 1110 1000

running a program



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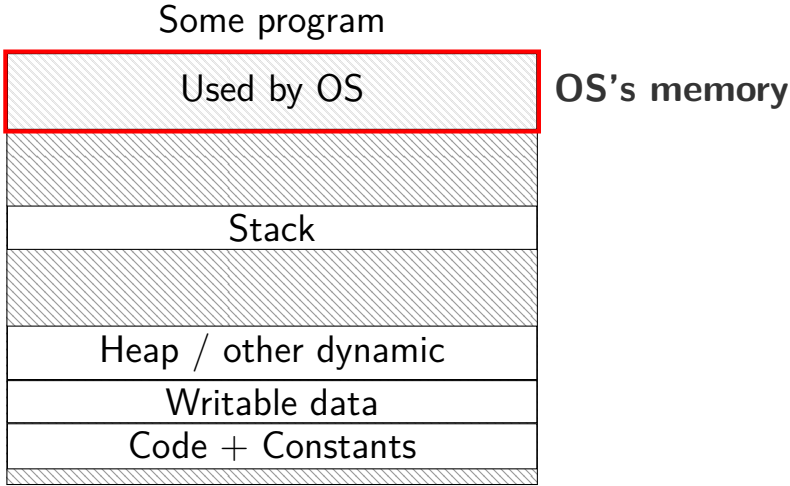
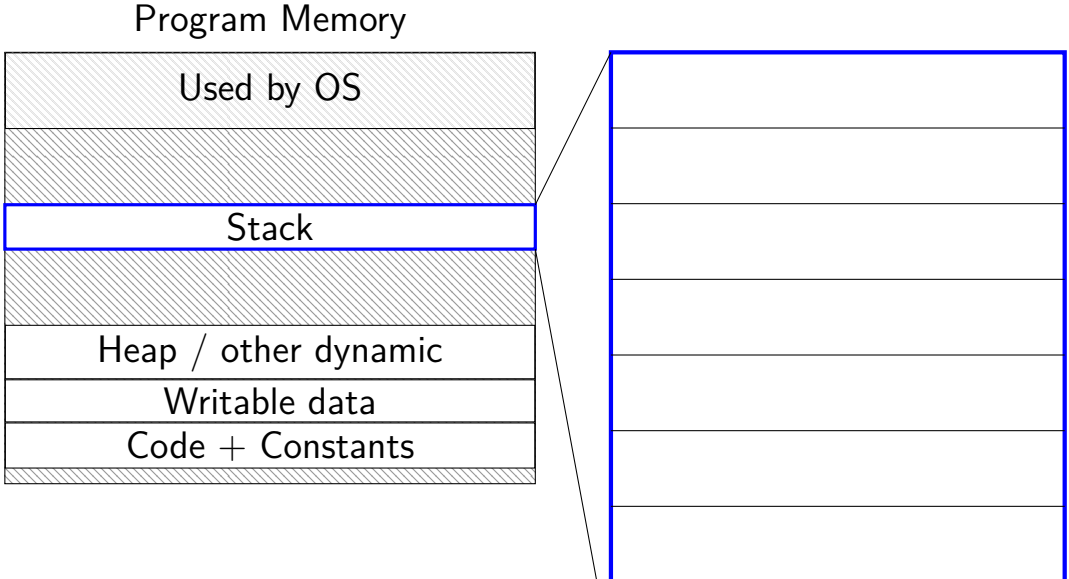


space on demand



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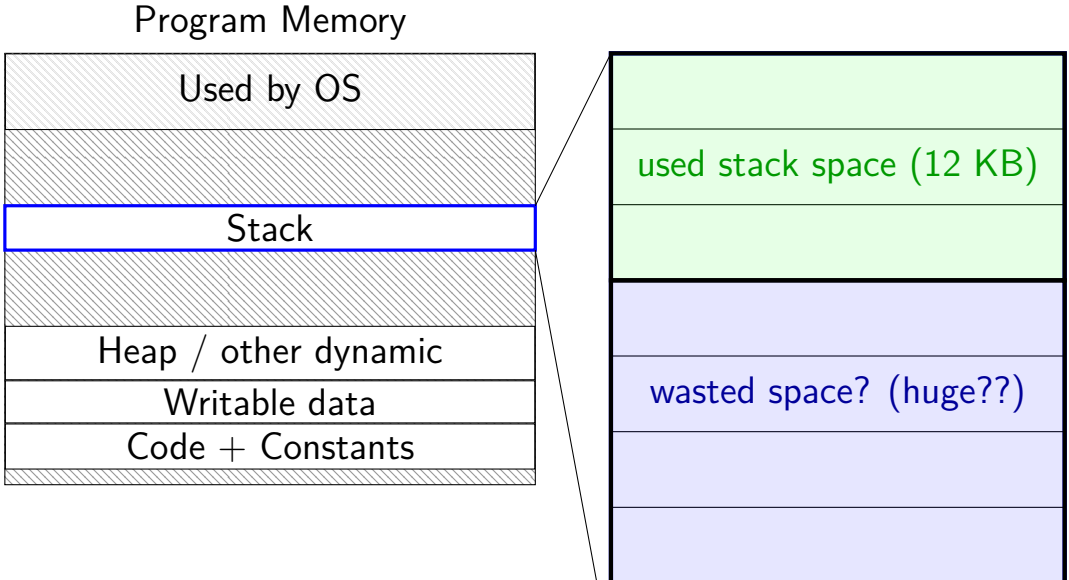

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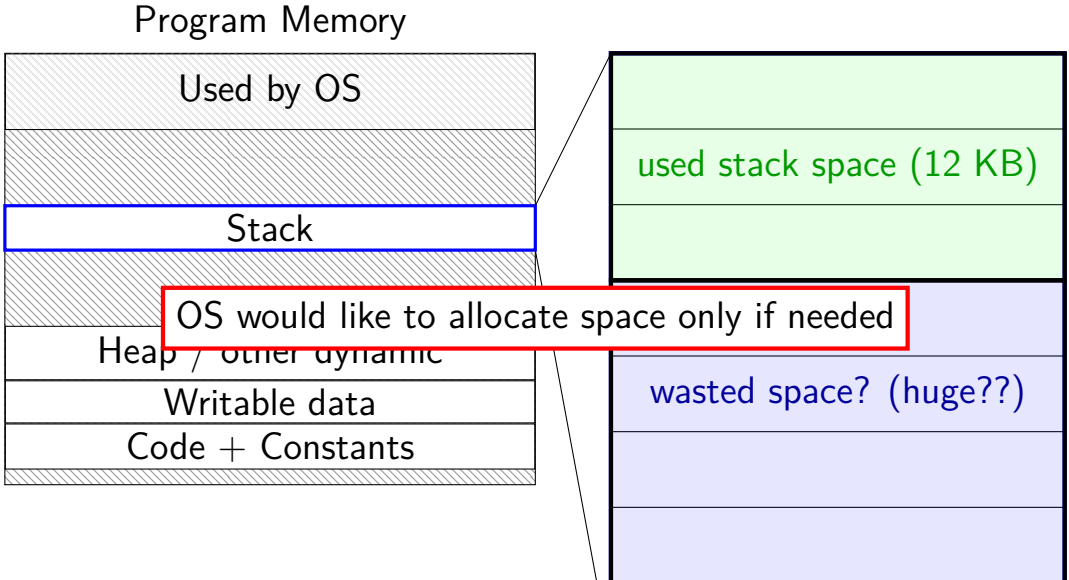

allocating space on demand

`%rsp = 0x7FFFC000`

```
...
// requires more stack space
A: pushq %rbx

B: movq 8(%rcx), %rbx
C: addq %rbx, %rax
...
```

VPN	valid?	physical page
…	…	…
0x7FFFB	0	---
0x7FFFC	1	0x200DF
0x7FFFD	1	0x12340
0x7FFFE	1	0x12347
0x7FFFF	1	0x12345
…	…	…

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page fault!

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…	…	…
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…	…	…

pushq triggers exception
hardware says "accessing address 0x7FFFBFF8"
OS looks up what's should be there — "stack"

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restarted

VPN	valid?	physical page
…	…	…
0x7FFFB	1	0x200D8
0x7FFFC	1	0x200DF
0x7FFFD	1	0x12340
0x7FFFE	1	0x12347
0x7FFFF	1	0x12345
…	…	…

in exception handler, OS allocates more stack space
OS updates the page table
then returns to retry the instruction

allocating space on demand

note: the space doesn't have to be initially empty

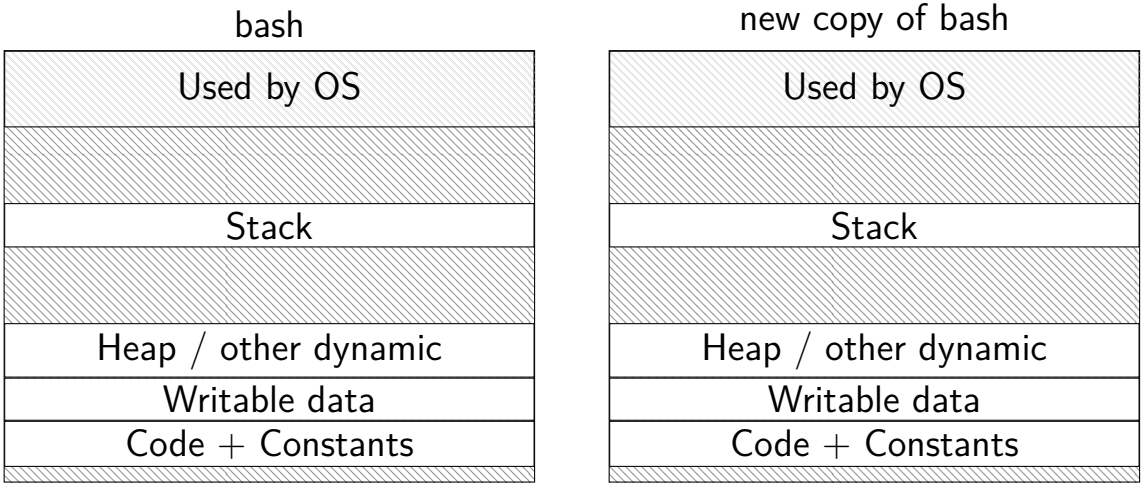
only change: load from file, etc. instead of allocating empty page

loading program can be merely creating empty page table

everything else can be handled in response to page faults

no time/space spent loading/allocating unneeded space

do we really need a complete copy?



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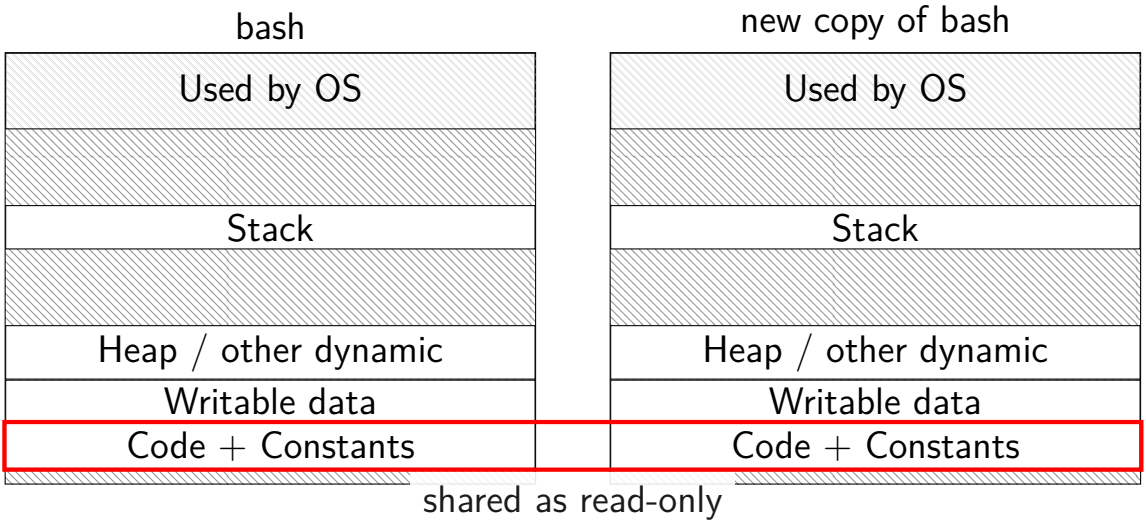

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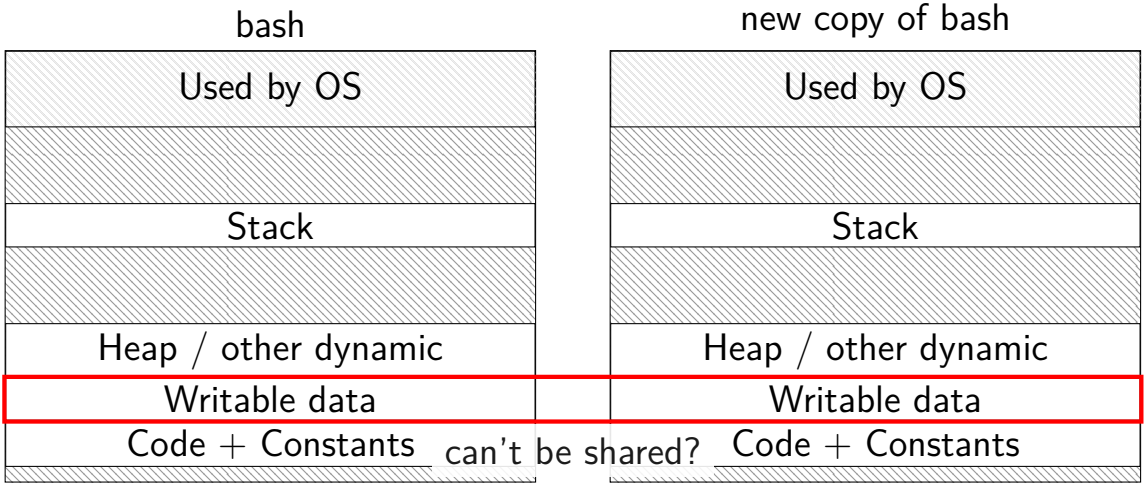

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- might typically not change
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trick: tell CPU (via page table) shared part is read-only

processor will trigger a fault when it's written

copy-on-write and page tables

VPN	valid?	write?	physical page
…	…	…	…
0x00601	1	1	0x12345
0x00602	1	1	0x12347
0x00603	1	1	0x12340
0x00604	1	1	0x200DF
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…	…	…	…

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…	…	…	…

copy operation actually duplicates page table
both processes share all physical pages
but marks pages in both copies as read-only

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…	…	…	…
0x00601	1	0	0x12345
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when either process tries to write read-only page triggers a fault — OS actually copies the page

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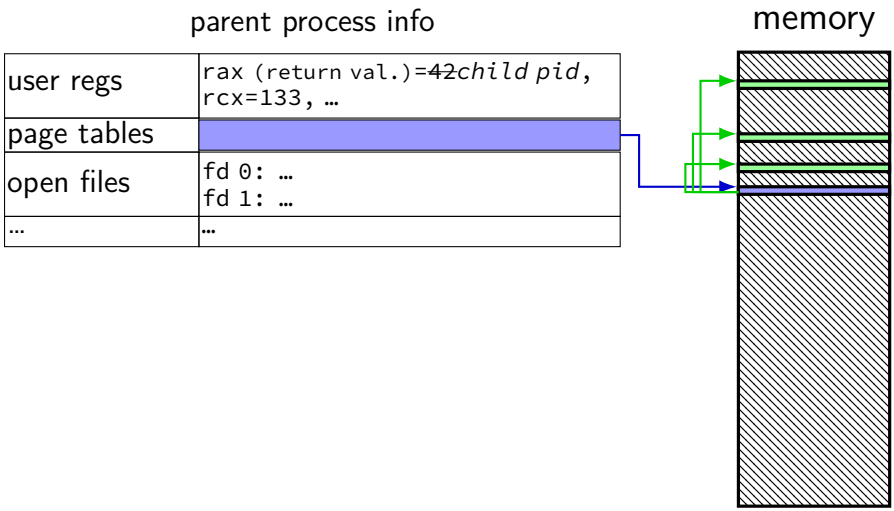
…	…	…	…

after allocating a copy, OS reruns the write instruction

fork (w/ copy-on-write, if parent writes first)



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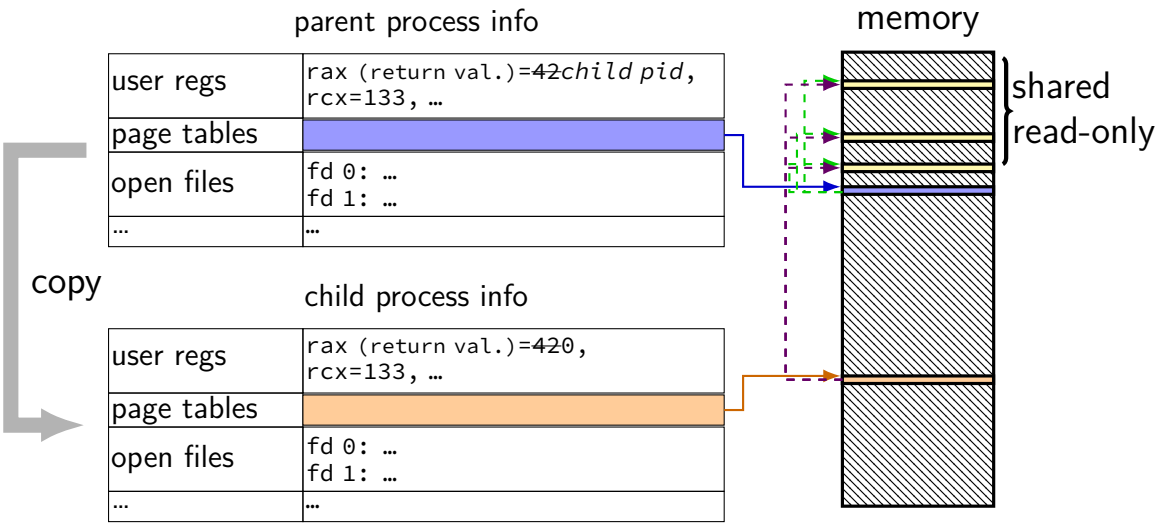

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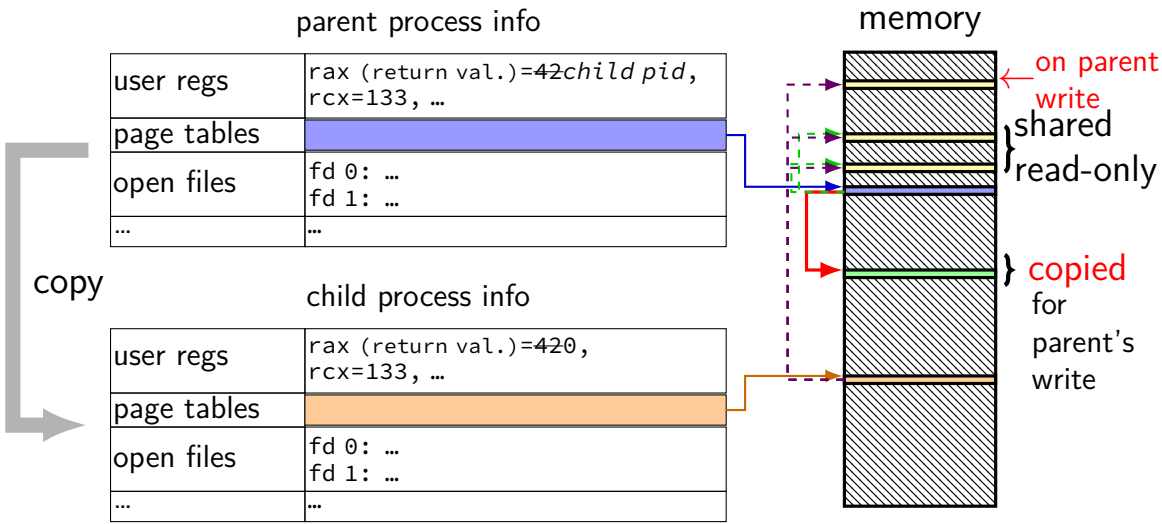

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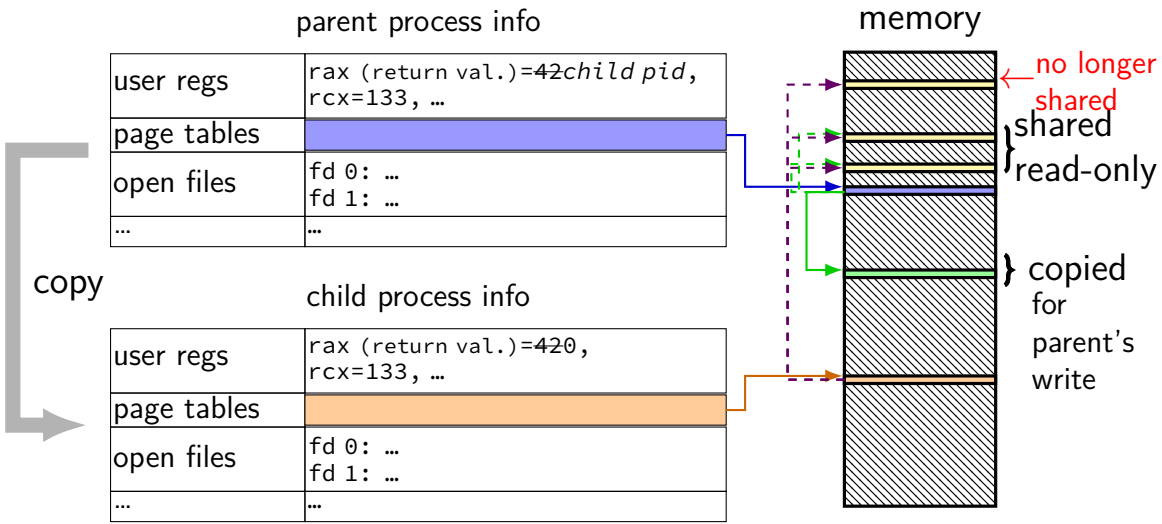

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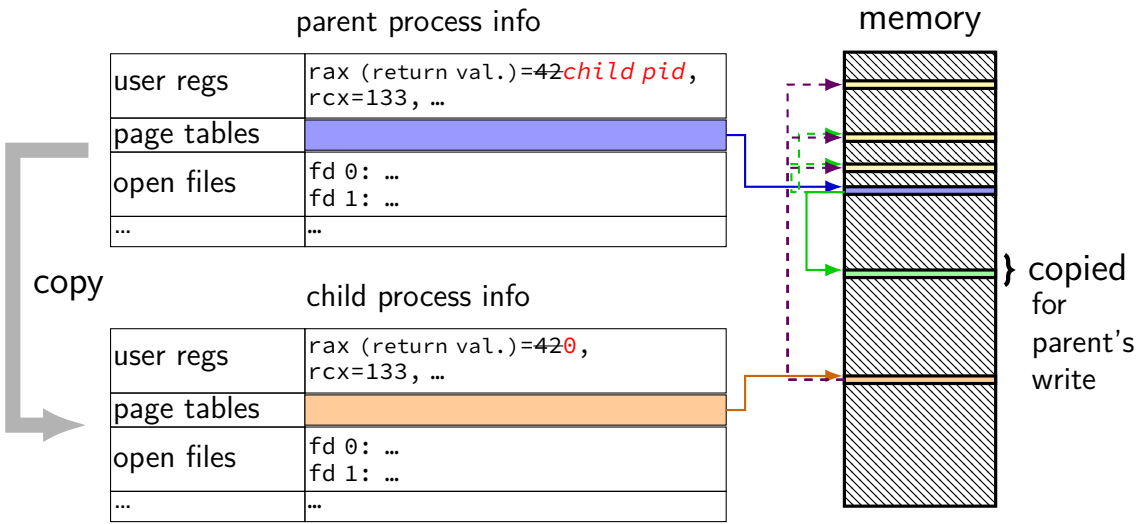

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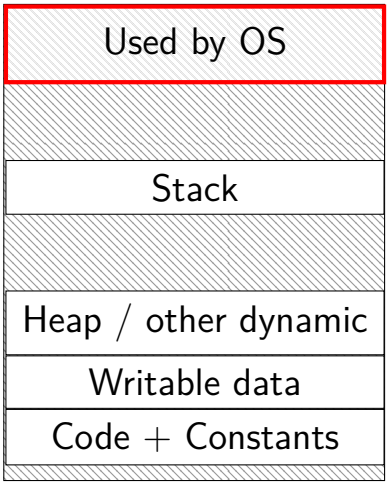

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mmap

Linux/Unix has a function to “map” a file to memory

```
int file = open("somefile.dat", O_RDWR);

    // data is region of memory that represents file
char *data = mmap(..., file, 0);

    // read byte 6 from somefile.dat
char seventh_char = data[6];

   // modifies byte 100 of somefile.dat
data[100] = 'x';
    // can continue to use 'data' like an array
```

Linux maps: list of maps

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01974000-01995000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0                                  [heap]
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7f60c784e0                                                               gnu/libc-2.1
7f60c78520                                                               gnu/libc-2.1
7f60c78540
7f60c78590                                                               gnu/ld-2.19.s
7f60c7a390
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7f60c7a7c0                                                               gnu/ld-2.19.s
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7ffc5d2b20
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OS tracks list of `struct vm_area_struct` with:
(shown in this output):

- virtual address start, end
- permissions
- offset in backing file (if any)
- pointer to backing file (if any)

(not shown):

- info about sharing of non-file data ...

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page tricks generally

deliberately make program trigger page/protection fault

but don't assume page/protection fault is an error

have seperate data structures represent logically allocated memory

e.g. "addresses `0x7FFF8000` to `0x7FFFFFFF` are the stack"

page table is for the hardware and not the OS

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hardware help for page table tricks

information about the address causing the fault

- e.g. special register with memory address accessed
- harder alternative: OS disassembles instruction, look at registers

(by default) rerun faulting instruction when returning from exception

precise exceptions: no side effects from faulting instruction or after

- e.g. `pushq` that caused did not change `%rsp` before fault
- e.g. can't notice if instructions were executed in parallel

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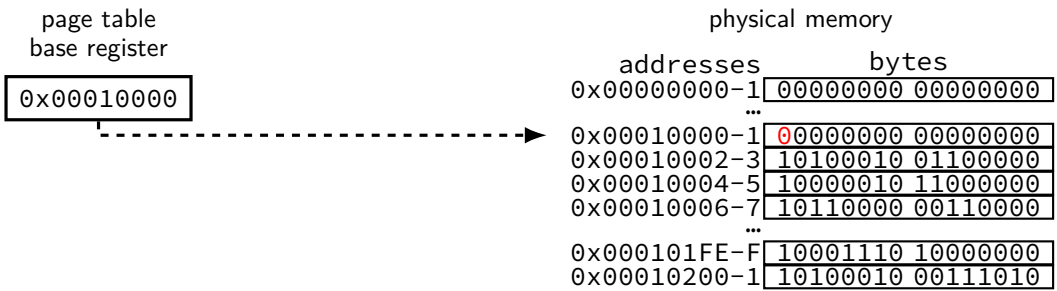

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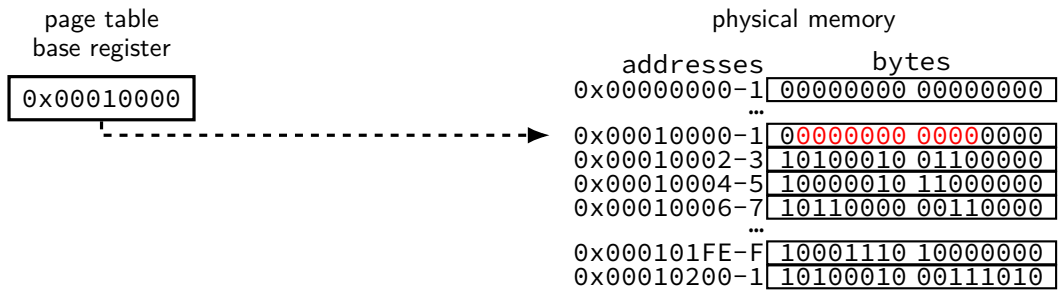

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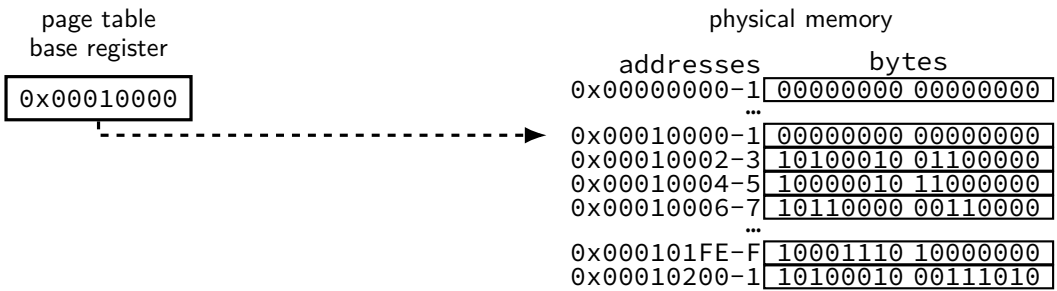

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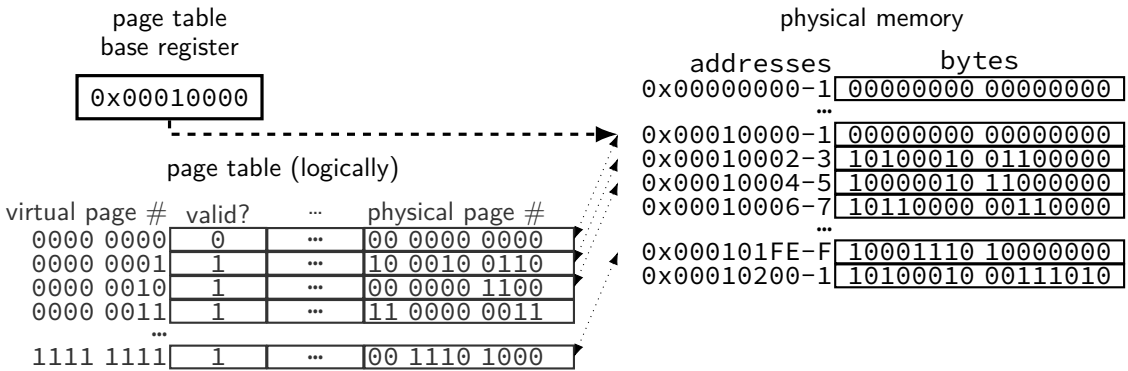

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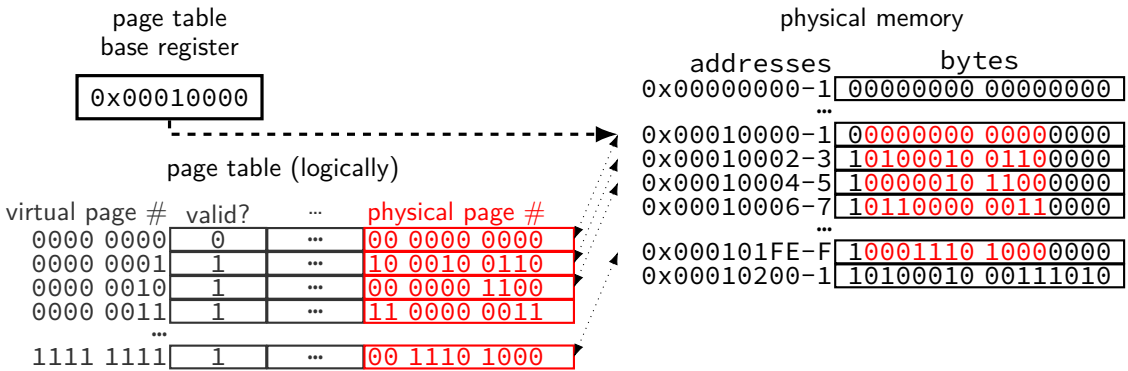

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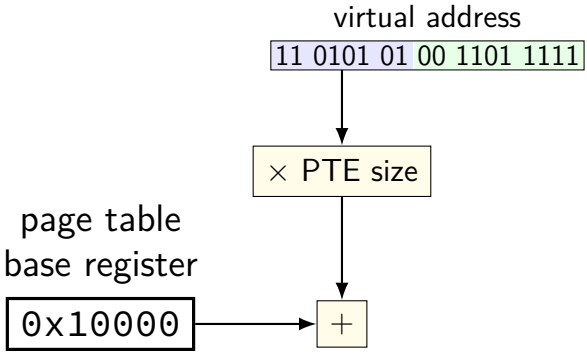

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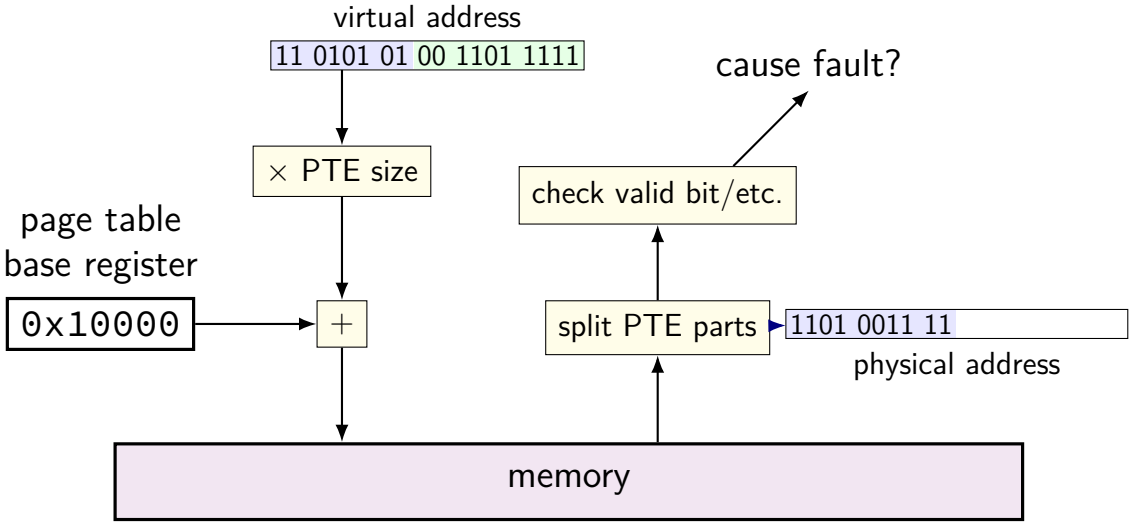

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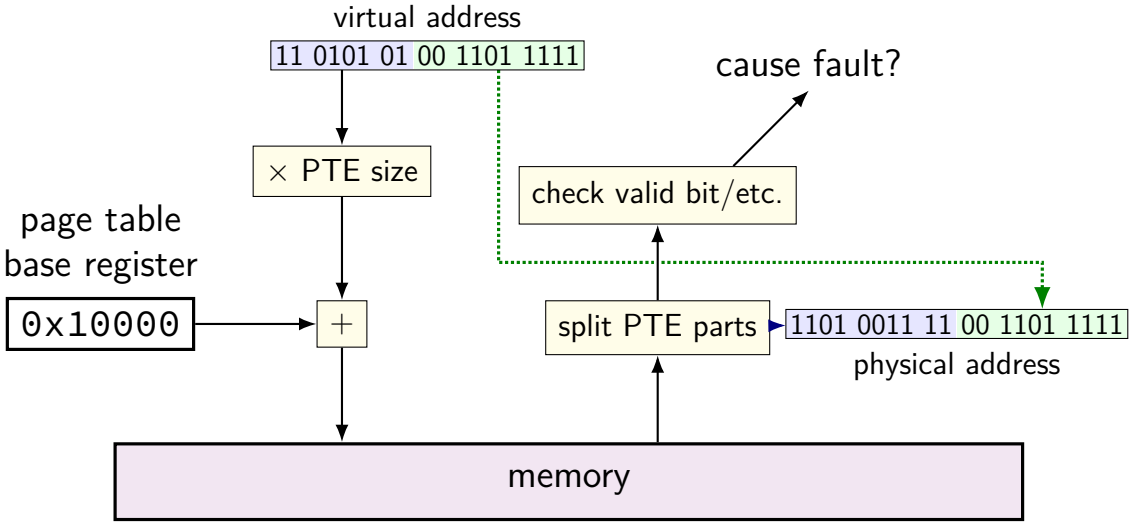

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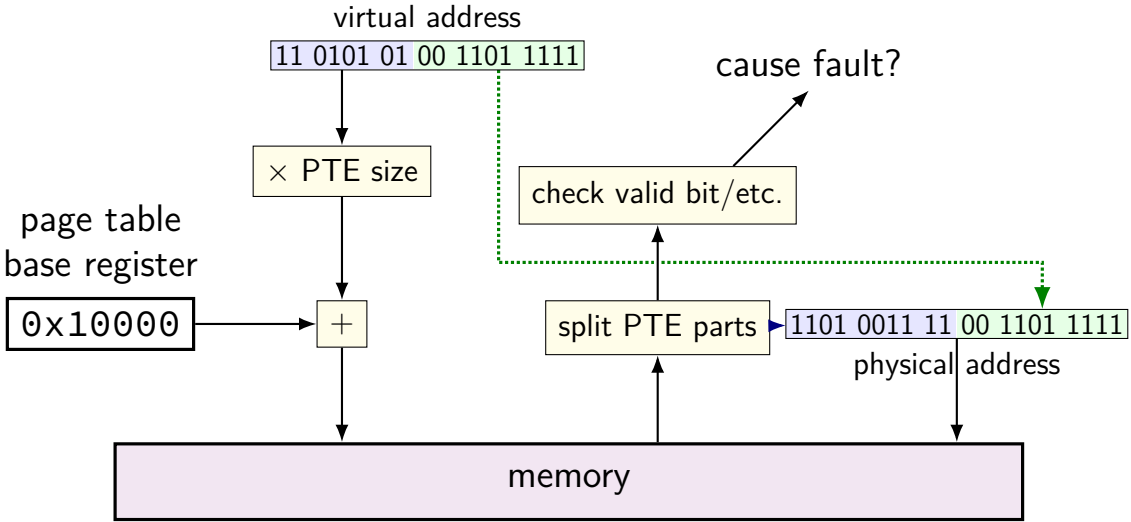

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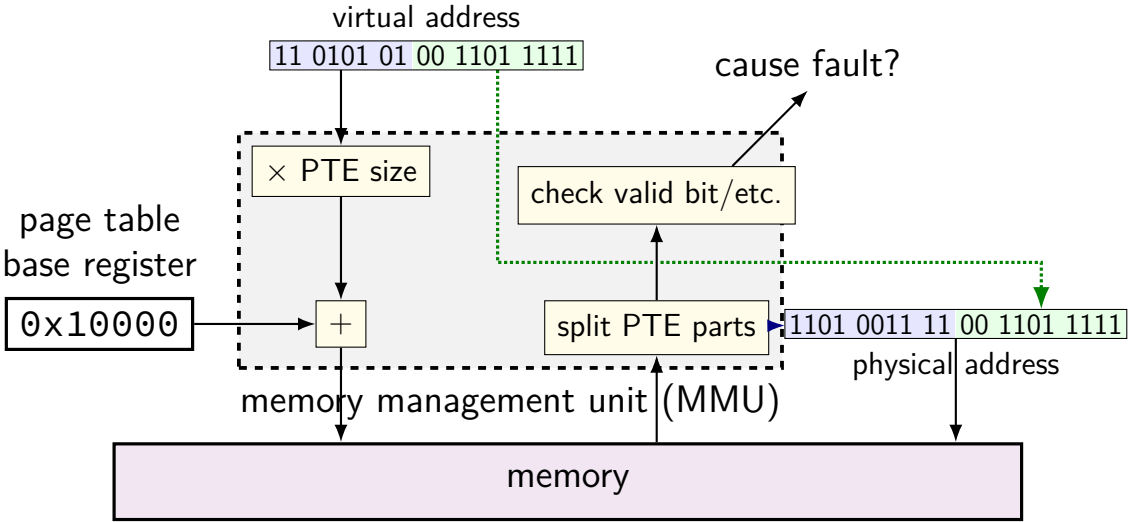

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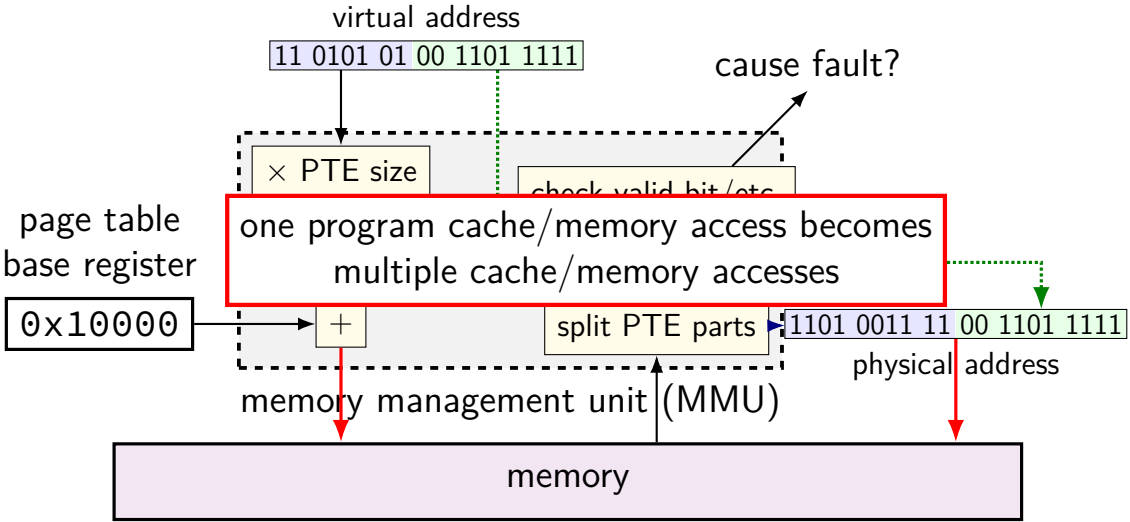

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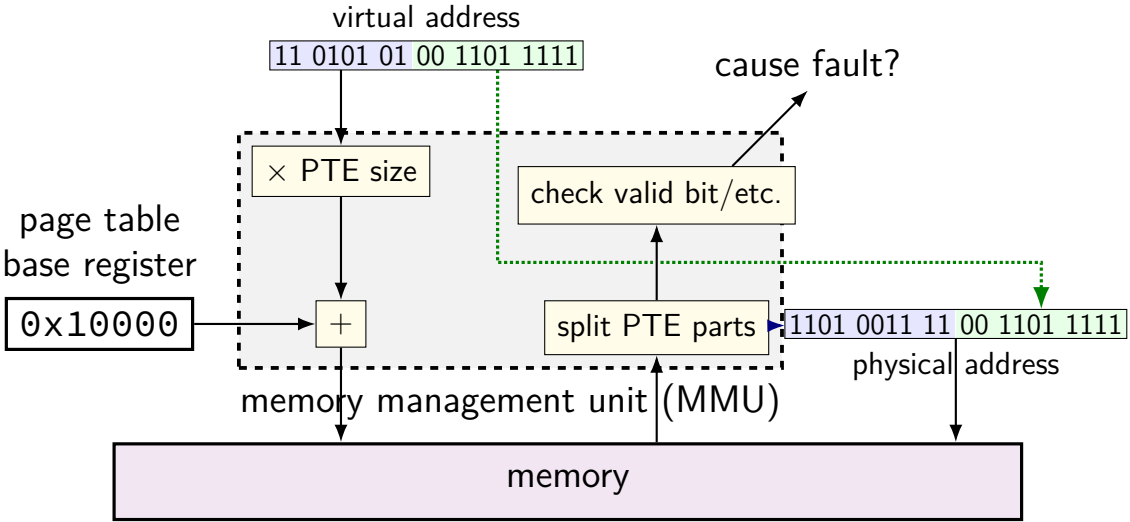

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> alternately: implement another layer of page tables
> on top of the existing system's

in assignment:

virtual address $\sim$ arguments to your functions

physical address $\sim$ your program addresses (normal pointers)

pagetable assignment API

```
/* configuration parameters */
#define POBITS ... /* page offset bits */
#define LEVELS /* later */
```

```
size_t ptbr; // page table base register
    // points to page table (array of page table entries)

// lookup "virtual" address 'va' in page table ptbr points to
// return (~0L) if invalid
size_t translate(size_t va);

// make it so 'va' is valid, allocating one page for its data
// if it isn't already
void page_allocate(size_t va)
```

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part 1 (next week): LEVELS=1, POBITS=12 and
- translate() OR
- page_allocate()

part 2 (two weeks after break): all LEVELS, both functions
- in preparation for code review
- due Weds BEFORE LAB

part 3 (two weeks after break): final submission
- Friday after code review
- most of grade based on this
- will test previous parts again

address/page table entry format

(with POBITS=12, LEVELS=1)

	bits 63–21	bits 20–12	bits 11–1	bit 0
page table entry	physical page number		unused	valid bit
virtual address	unused	virtual page number	page offset	
physical address	physical page number		page offset	

in assignment: value from posix_memalign = physical address

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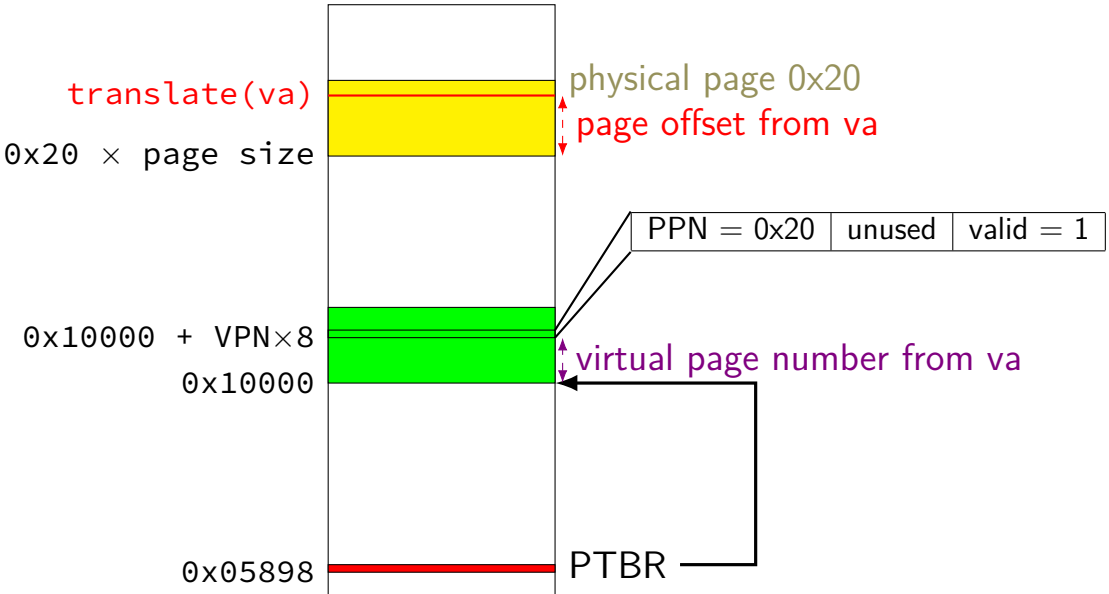

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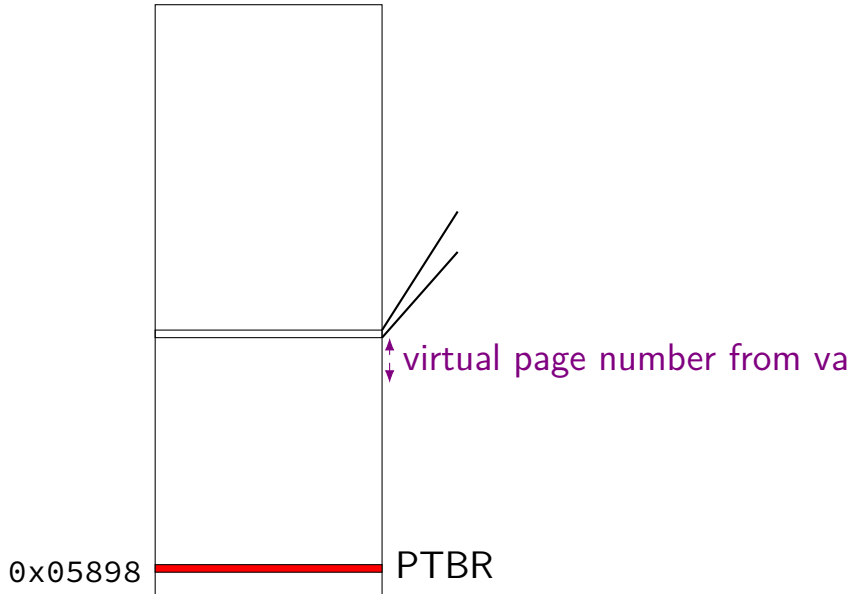

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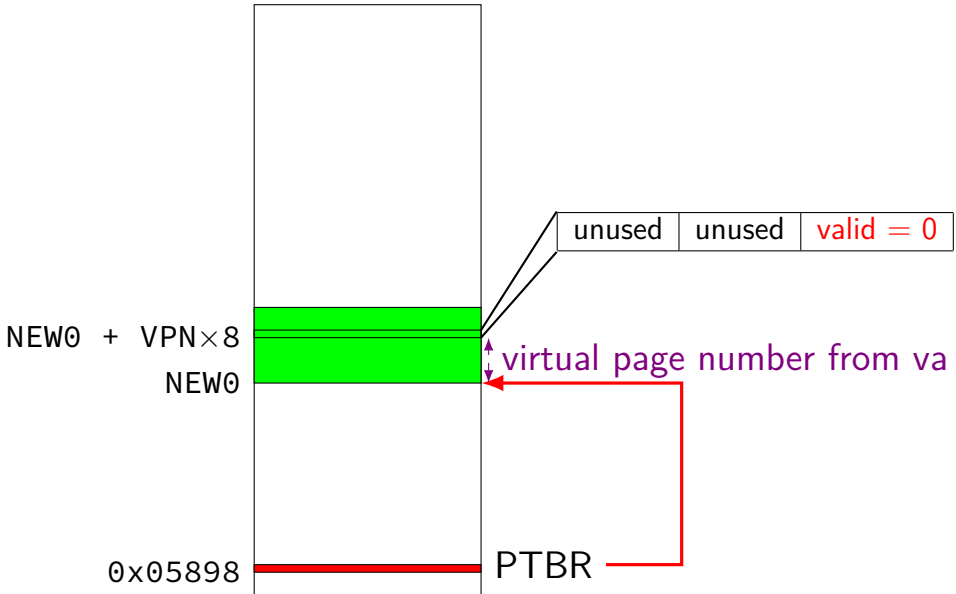

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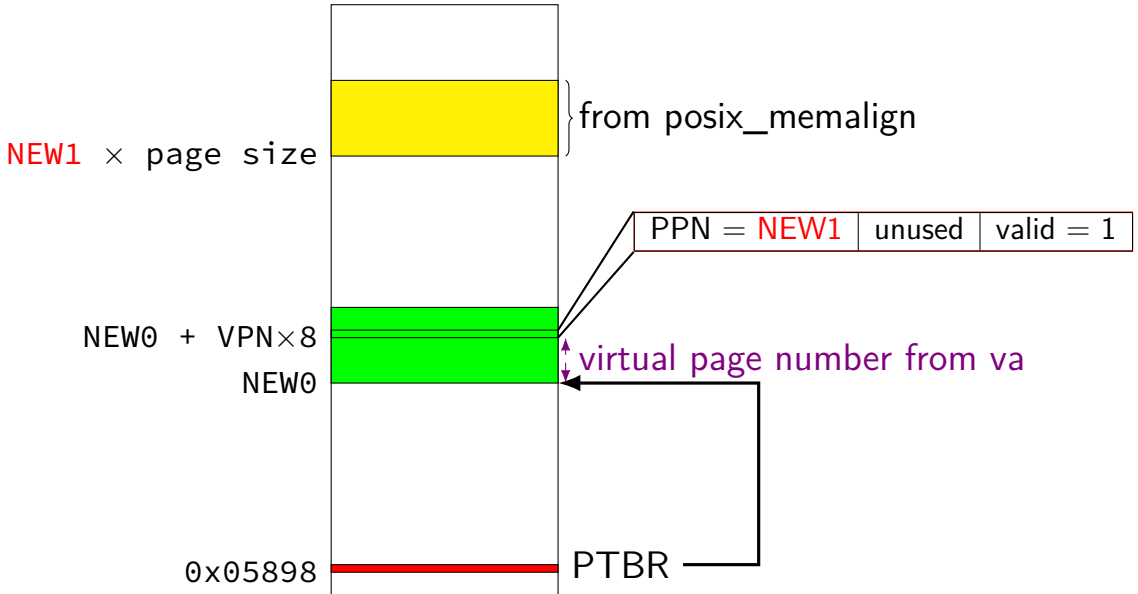

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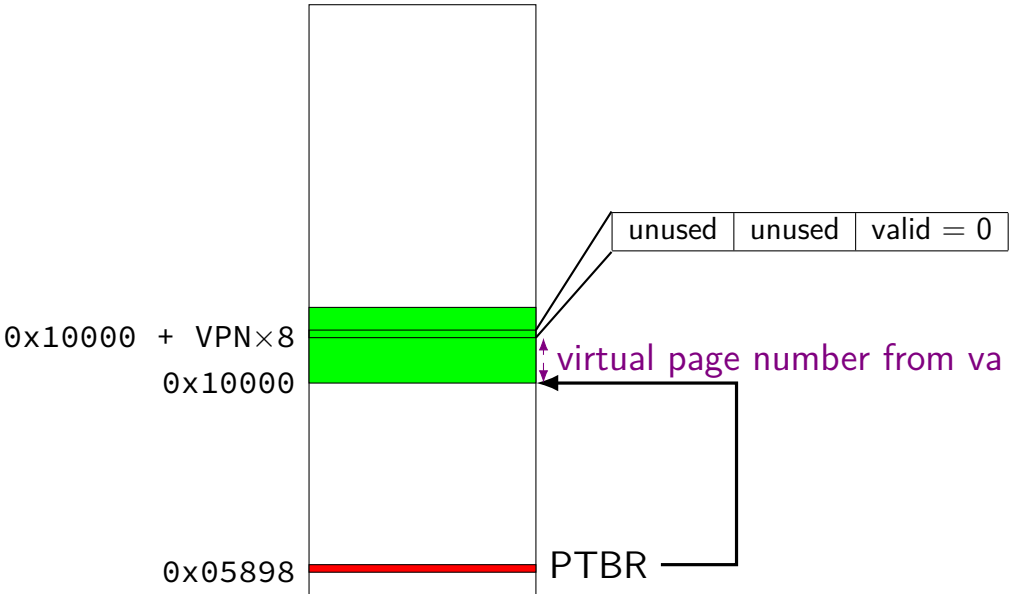

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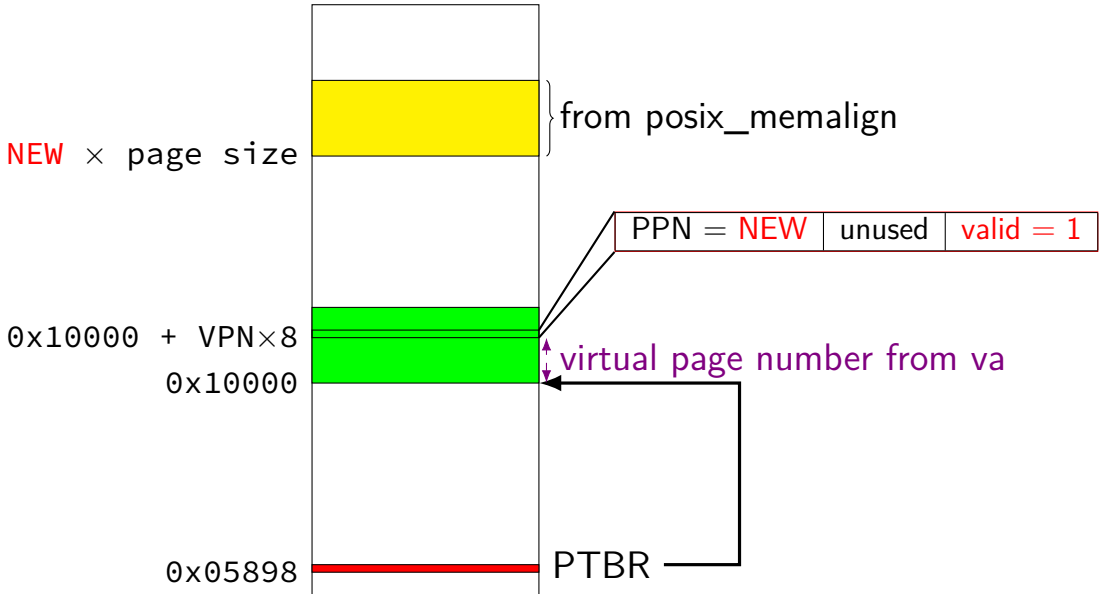

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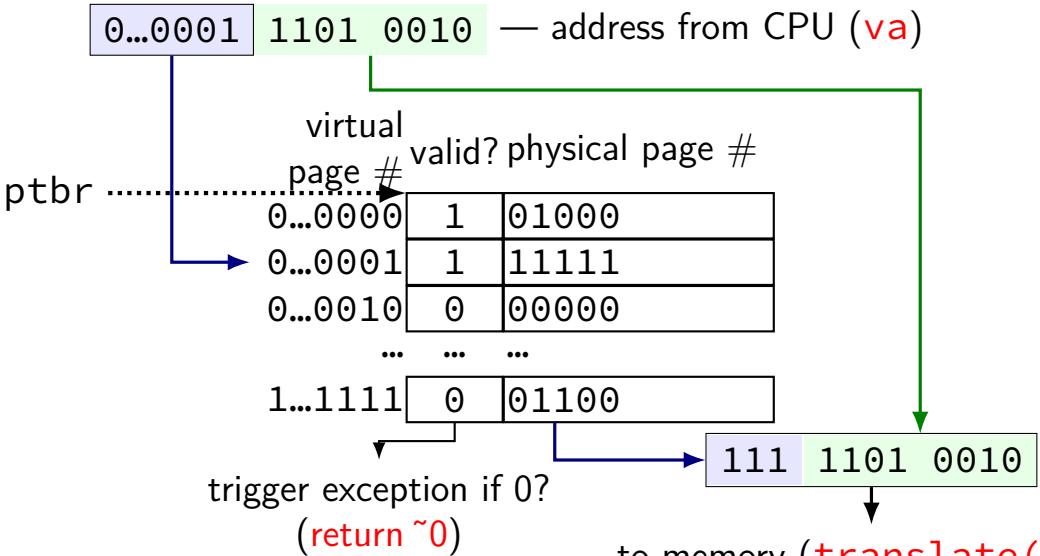

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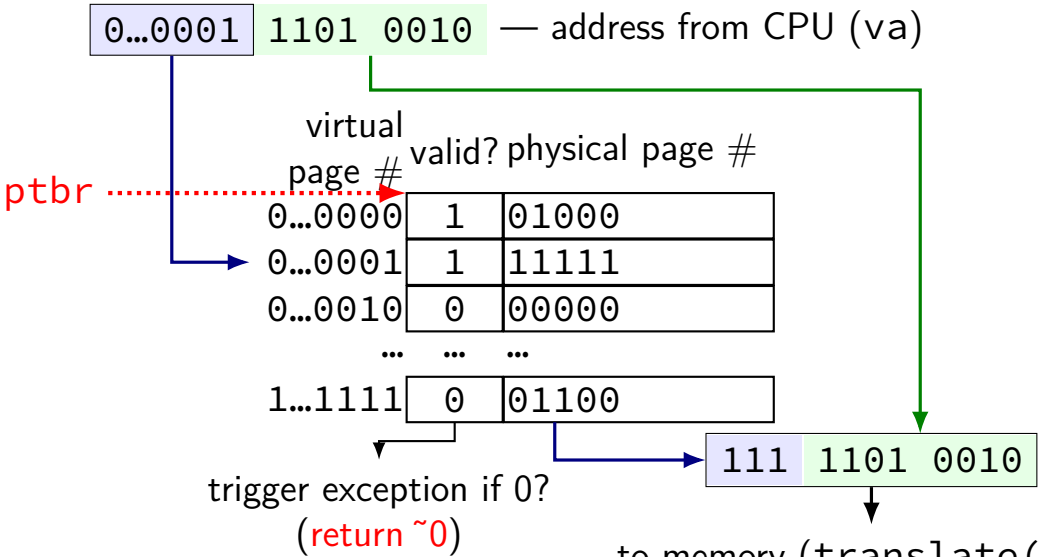

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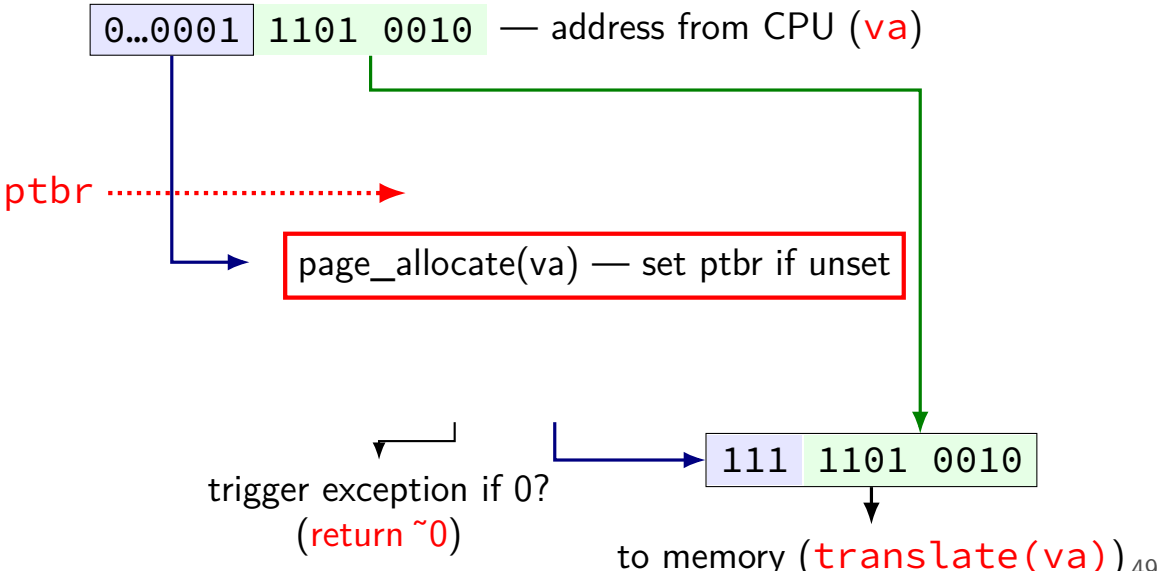

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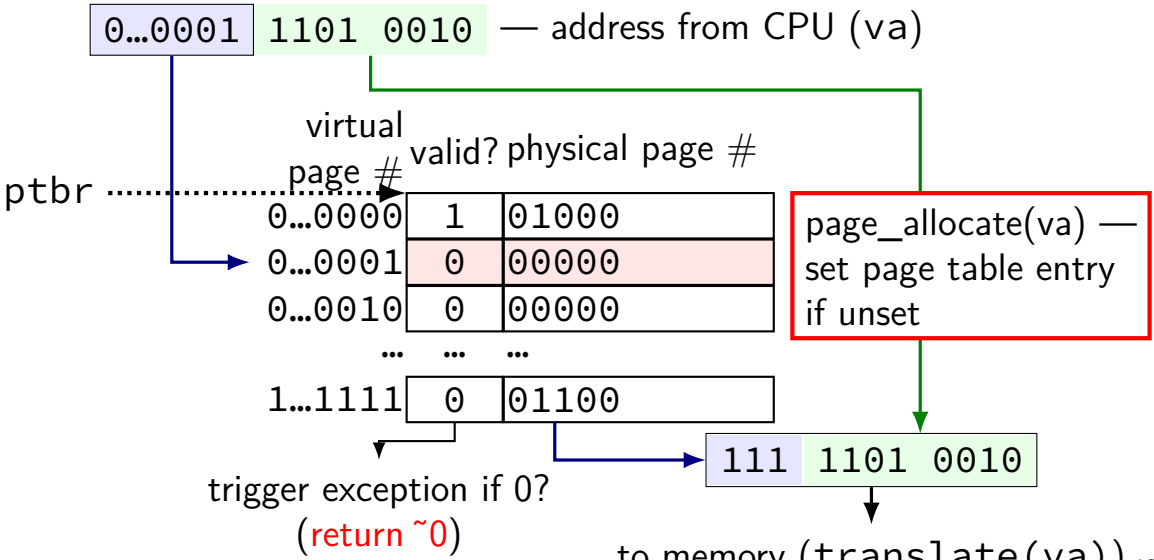

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trick: power of two size makes table lookup faster

would take up 2^{39} bytes?? (512GB??)

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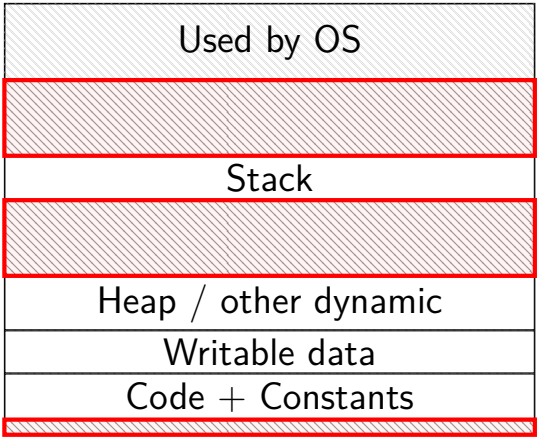
impossible to store PTE for every page

how can we save space?

holes



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search tree tradeoffs

lookup usually implemented in hardware

- lookup should be simple
- solution: lookup splits up address bits (no complex calculations)

lookup should not involve many memory accesses

- doing two memory accesses is already very slow
- solution: tree with many children from each node
  - (far from binary tree's left/right child)

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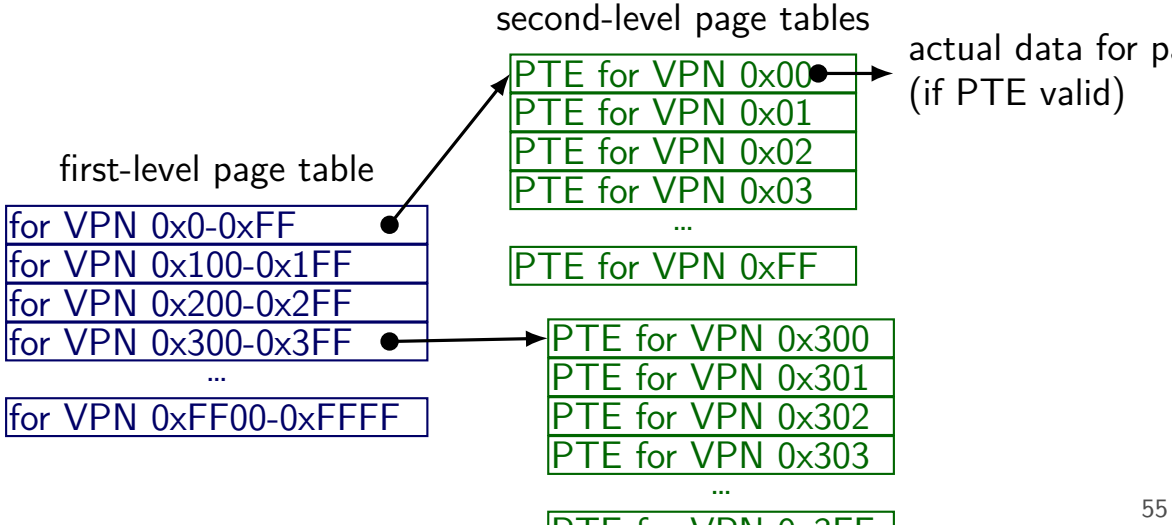

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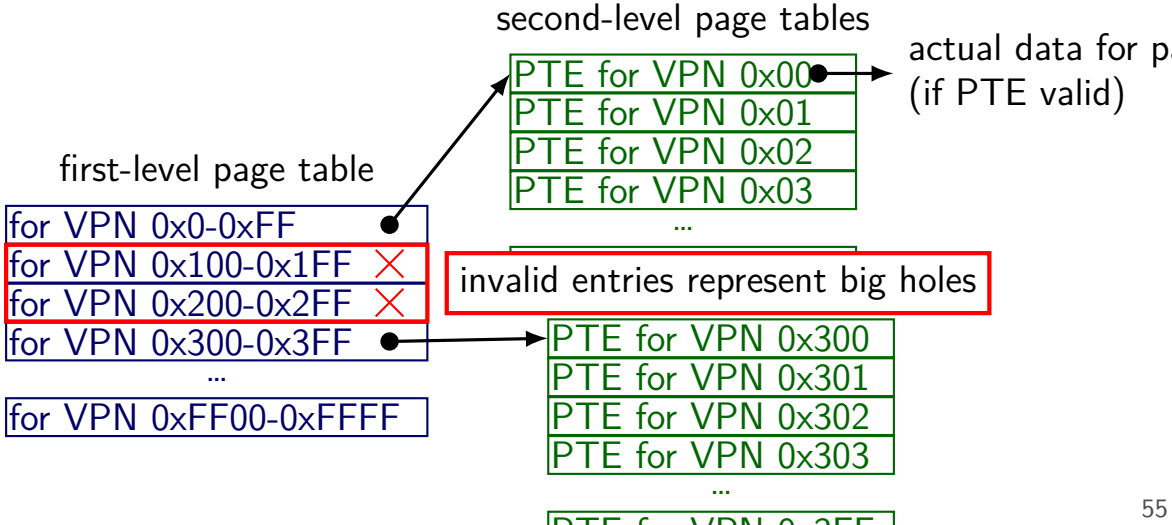

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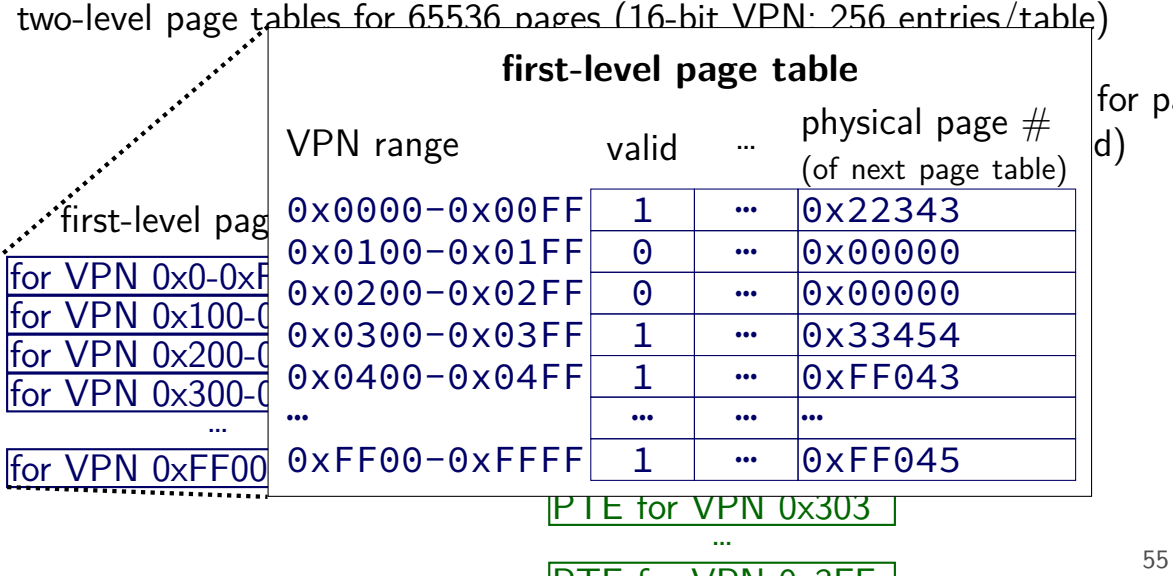

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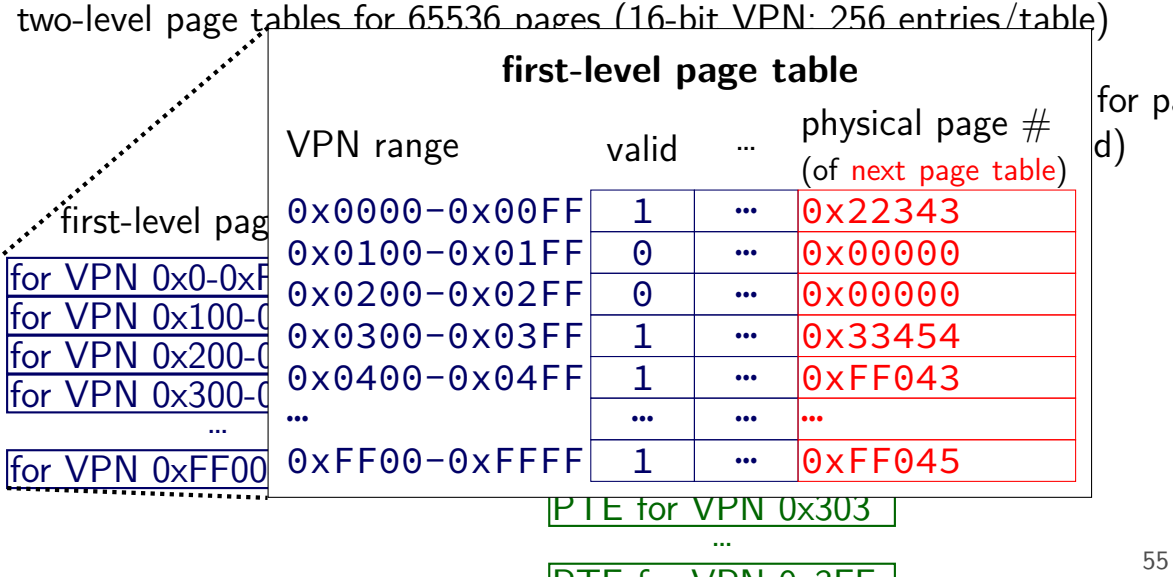

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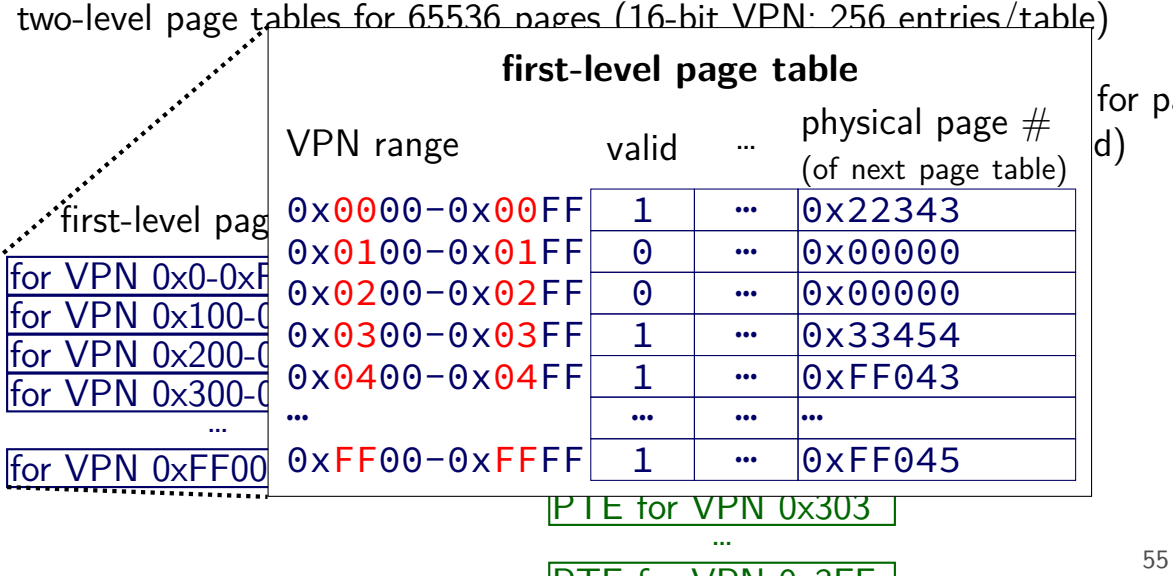

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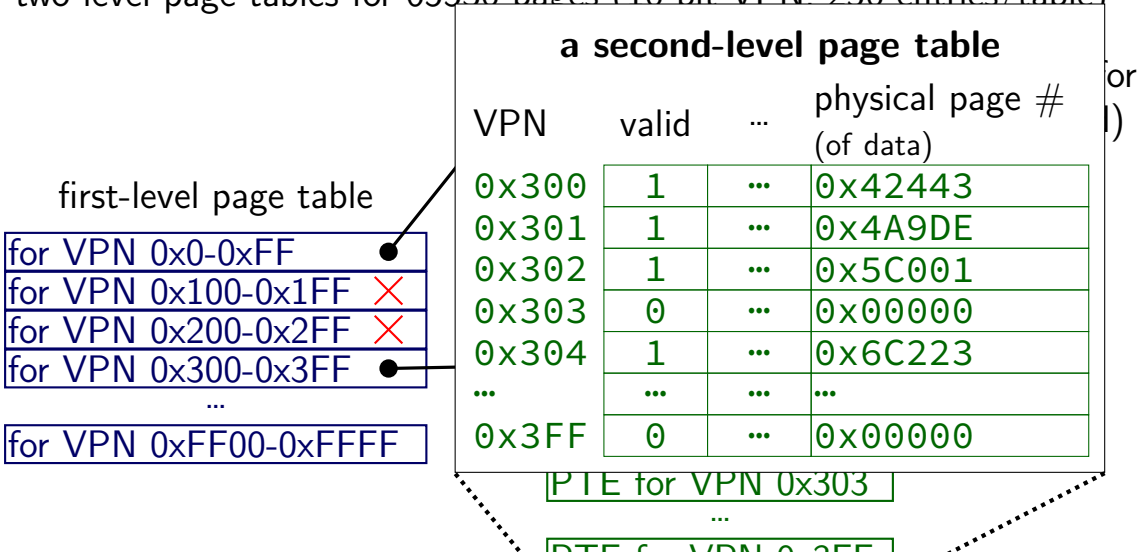

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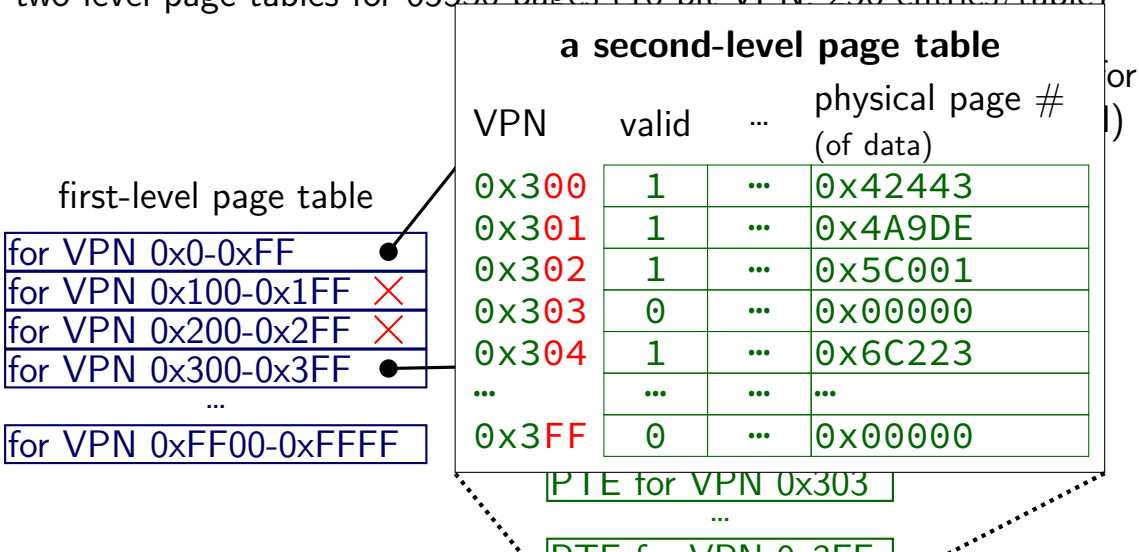

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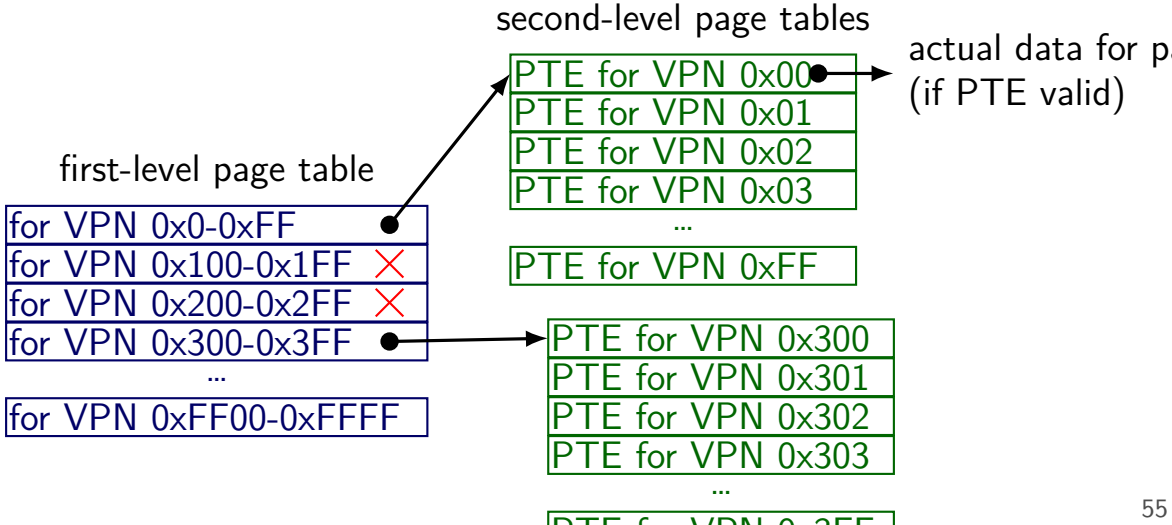
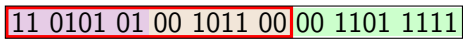


two-level page table lookup

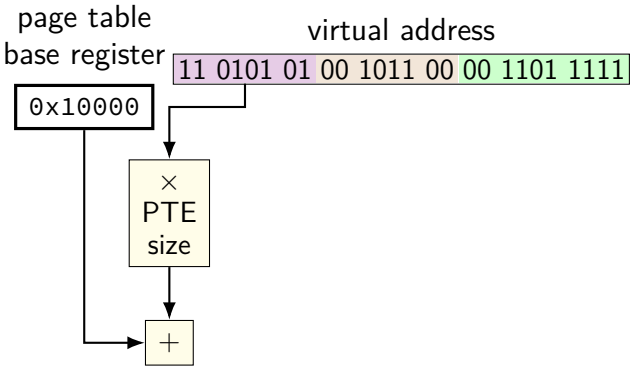
virtual address



VPN — split into two parts (one per level)

this example: parts equal sized — common, but not required

two-level page table lookup



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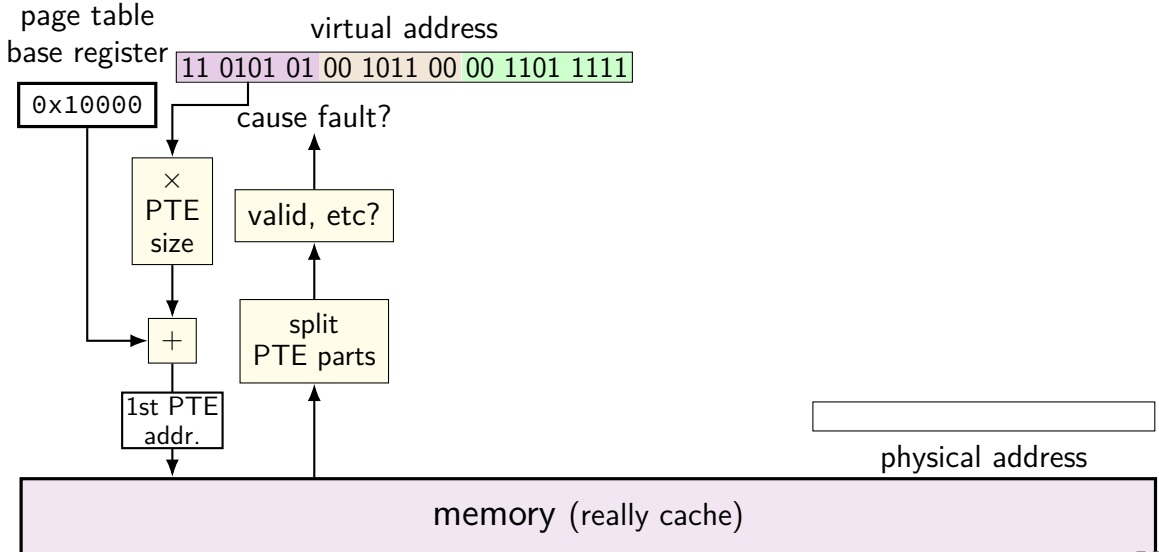

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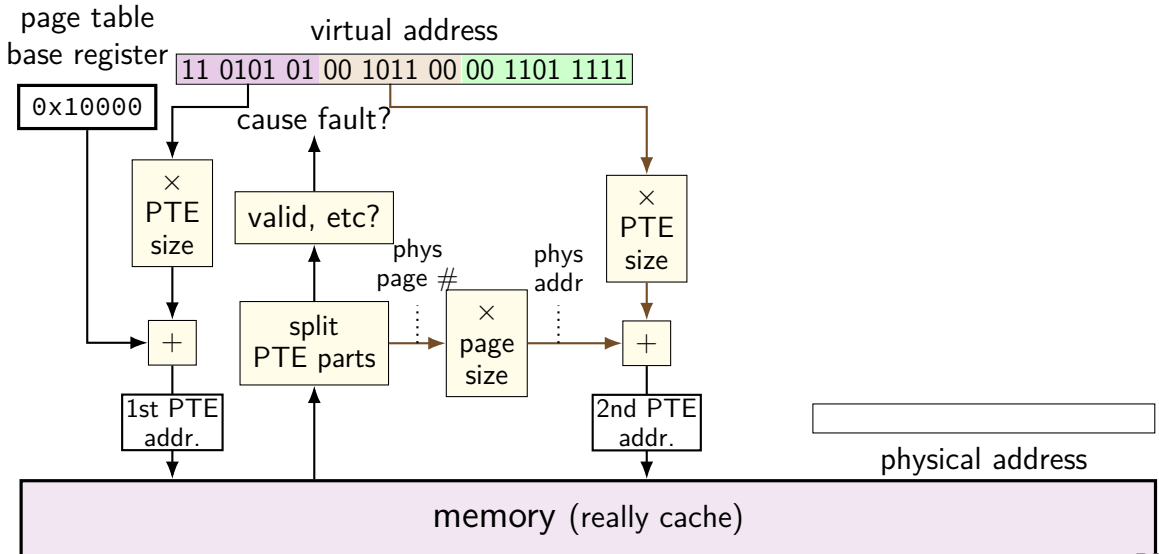

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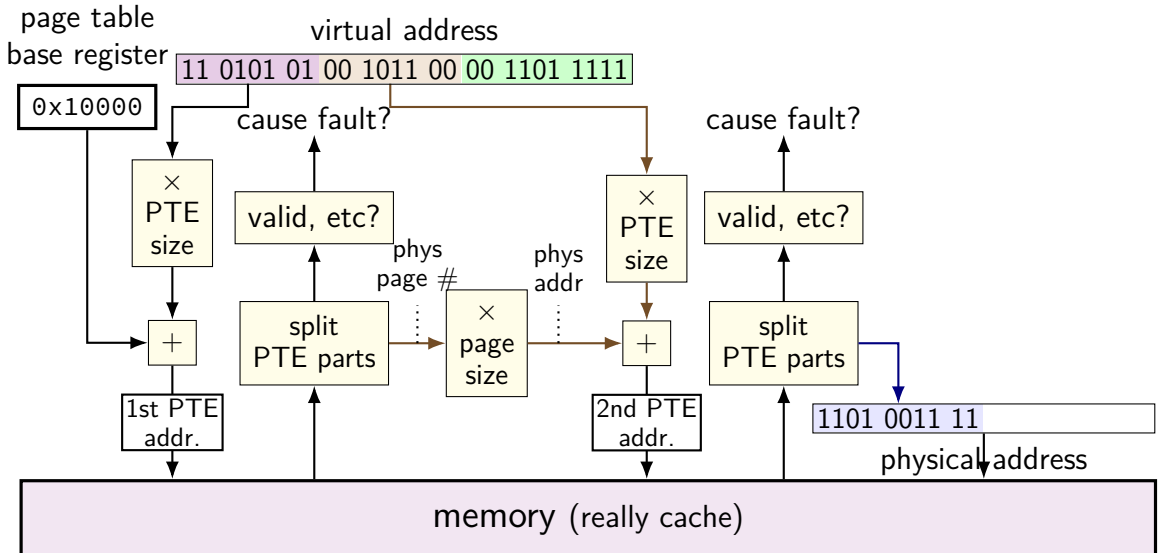

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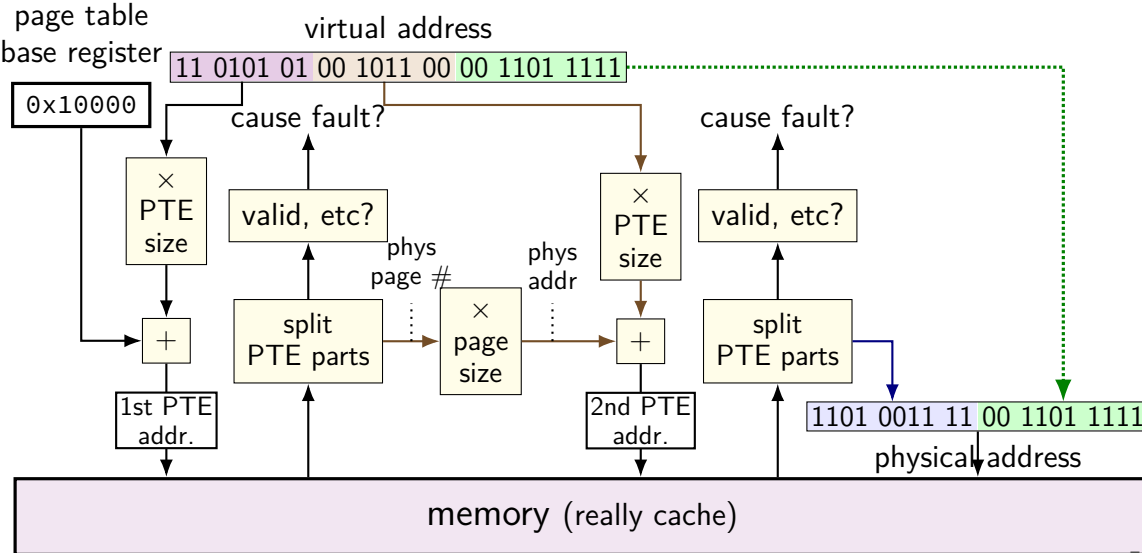

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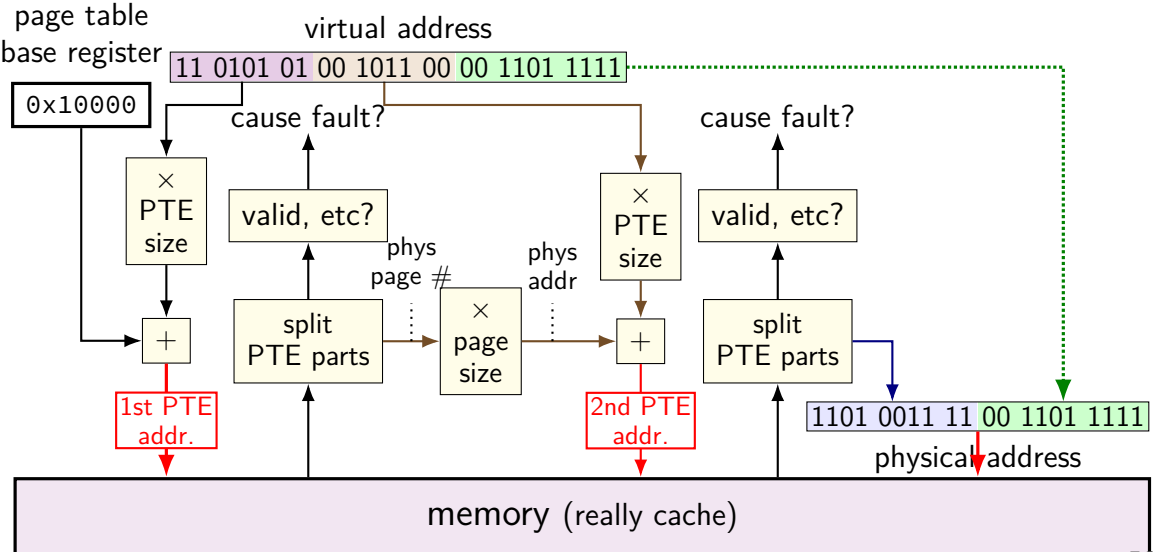

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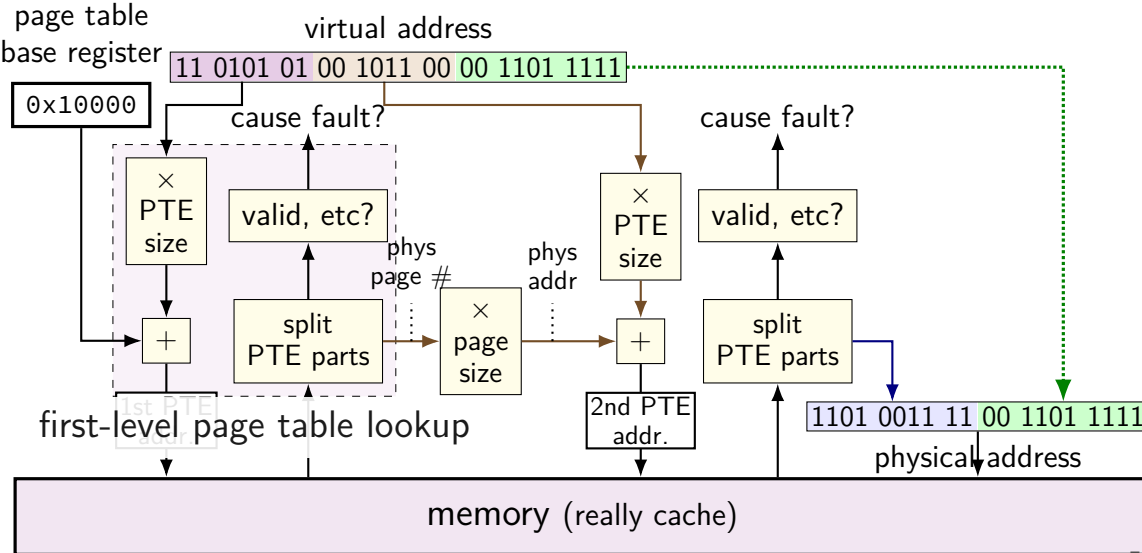

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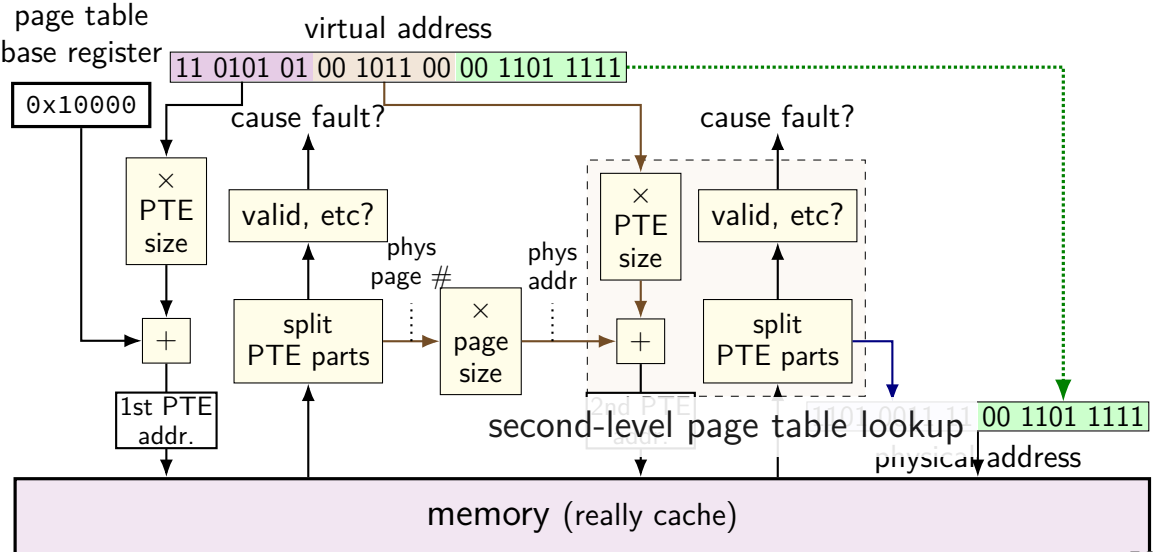

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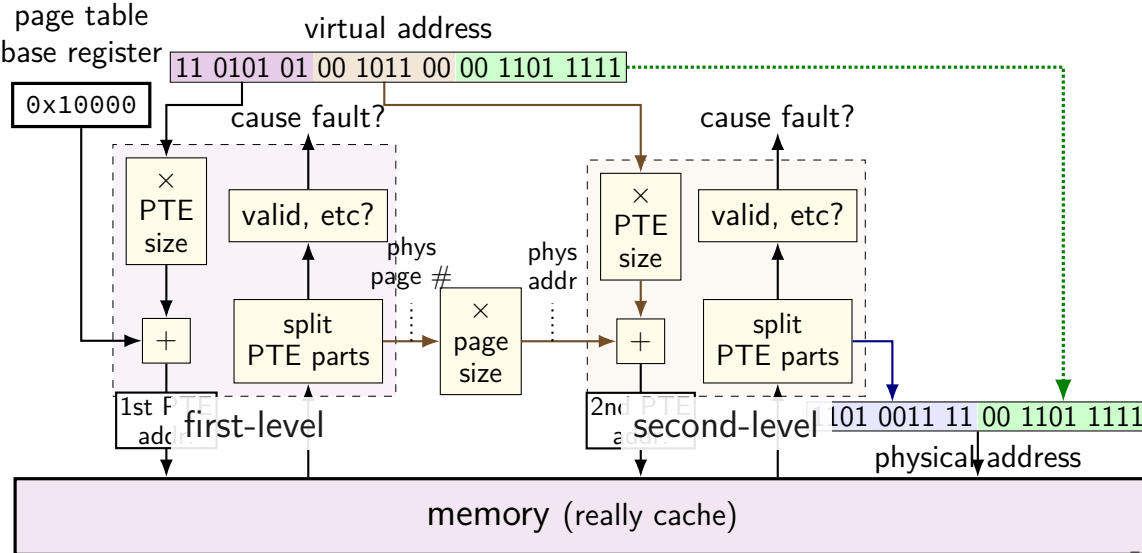

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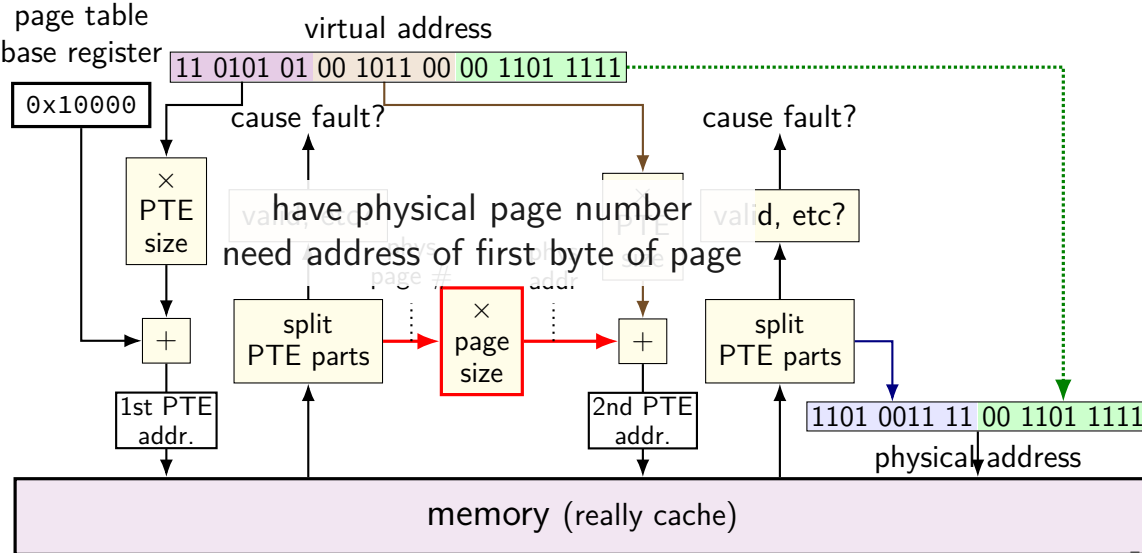

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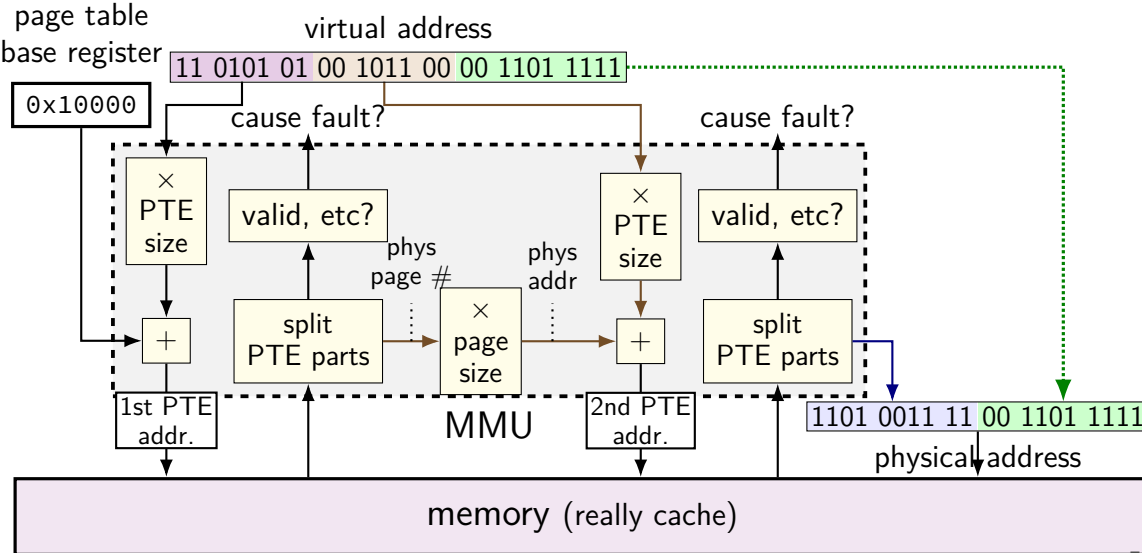
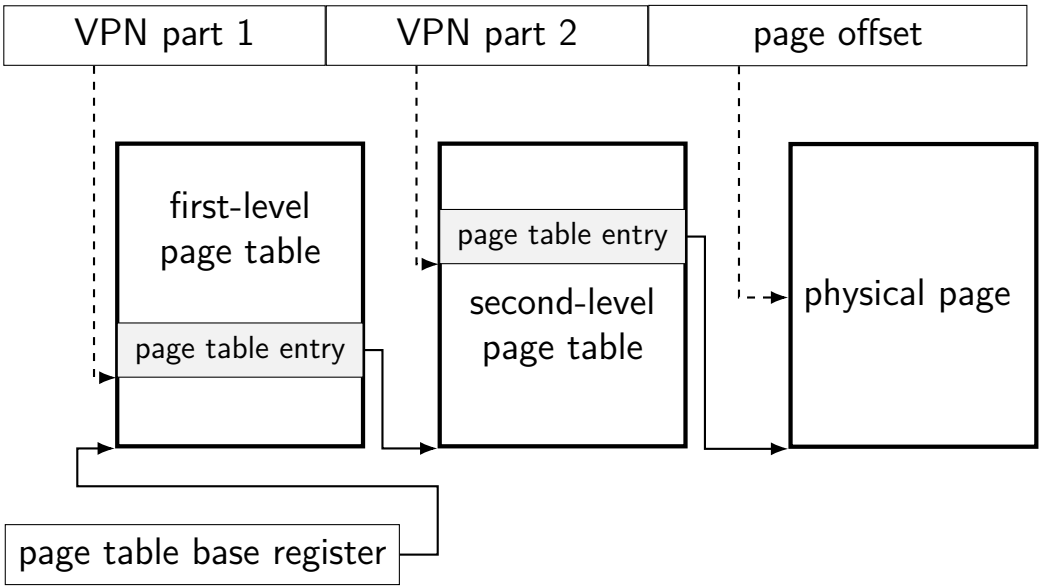


another view



multi-level page tables

VPN split into pieces for each level of page table

top levels: page table entries point to next page table

usually using physical page number of next page table

bottom level: page table entry points to destination page

validity checks at each level

note on VPN splitting

indexes used for lookup parts of the virtual page number

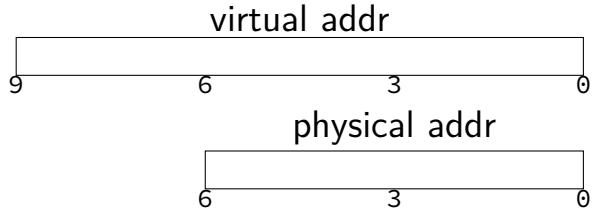
(there are not multiple VPNs)

assignment

2-level splitting

9-bit virtual address

6-bit physical address



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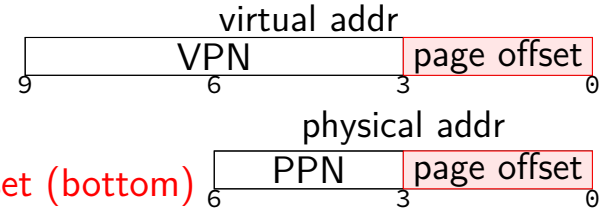

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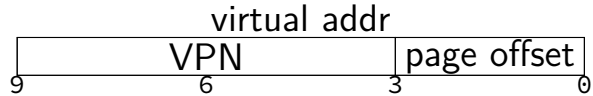

page table (either level)

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1		
2		
...	...	...
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8 entry page tables → 3-bit VPN parts

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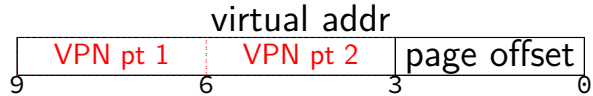

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2-level example

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page table base register `0x20`; translate virtual address `0x129`

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0x0C–F	CC DD EE FF
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0x129 = 1 0010 1001

0x20 + 0x4 ×1 = 0x24

PTE 1 value:

0xF4 = 1111 0100

PPN 111, valid 1

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0x0F3 = 011 111 011

(PTE 1 addr: 0x08 + PTE size times 011 (3))

PTE 1: 0xBB at 0x0B

PTE 1: PPN 101 (5) valid 1

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2-level exercise (2)

9-bit virtual addresses, 6-bit physical; 8 byte pages, 1 byte PTE

page tables 1 page; PTE: 3 bit PPN (MSB), 1 valid bit, 4 unused;

page table base register `0x10`; translate virtual address `0x109`

physical addresses	bytes
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0x04–7	44 55 66 77
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0x109 = 100 011 001

(PTE 1 at:

0x10 + PTE size times 4 (100))

PTE 1: 0x1B at 0x14

PTE 1: PPN 000 (0) valid 1

(second table at:

0 (000) times page size = 0x00)

PTE 2: 0x33 at 0x03

PTE 2: PPN 001 (1) valid 1

001 001 = 0x09 → 0x99

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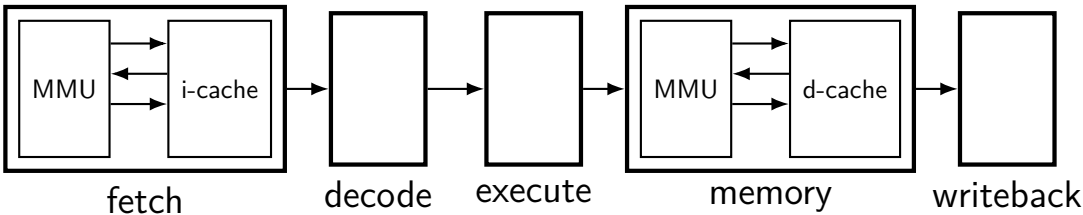

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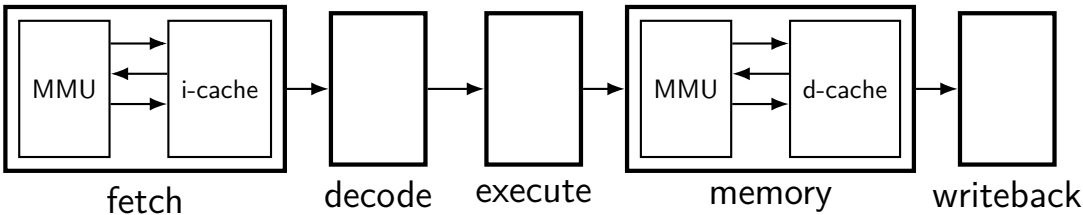

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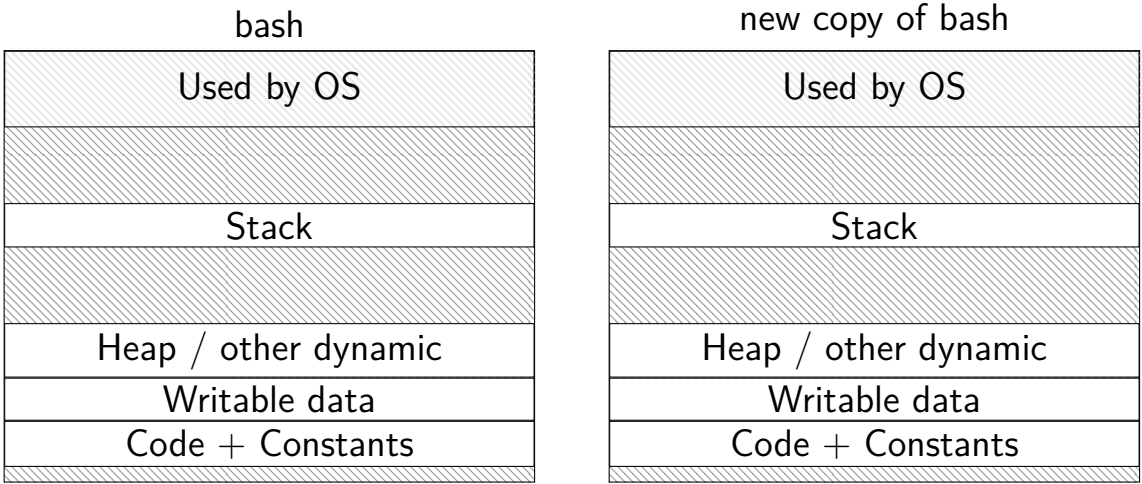

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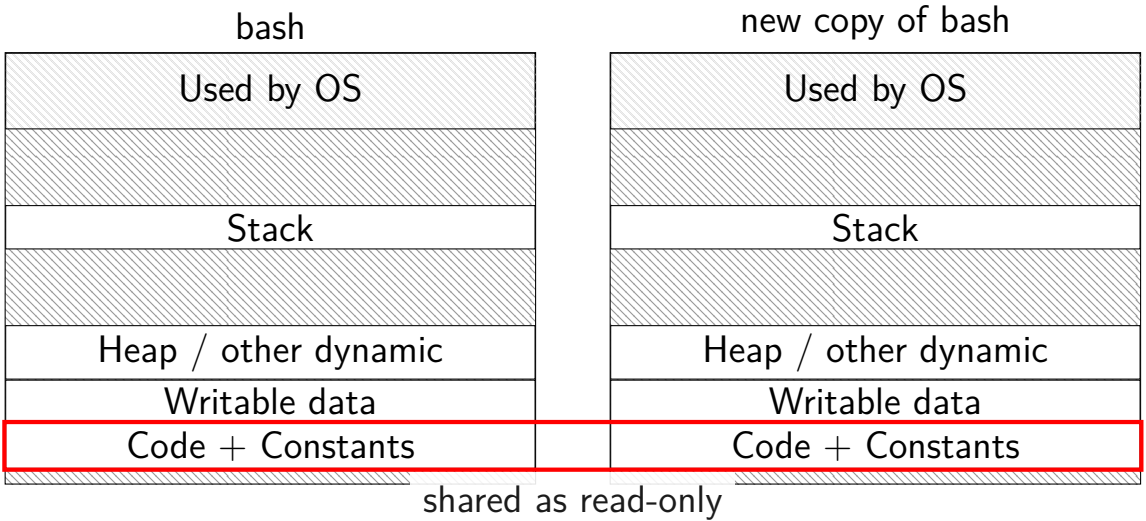

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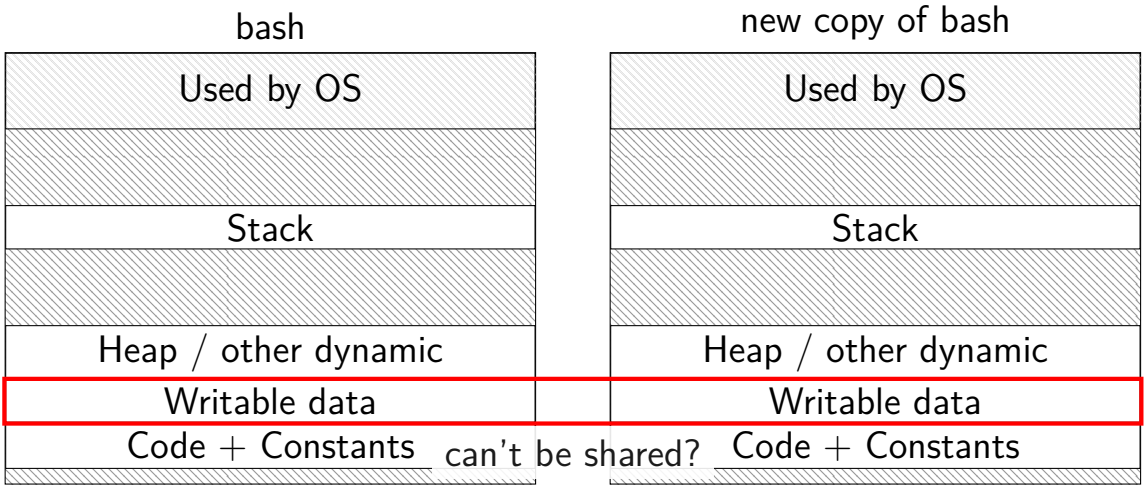

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processor will trigger a fault when it's written

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when either process tries to write read-only page triggers a fault — OS actually copies the page

copy-on-write and page tables

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after allocating a copy, OS reruns the write instruction

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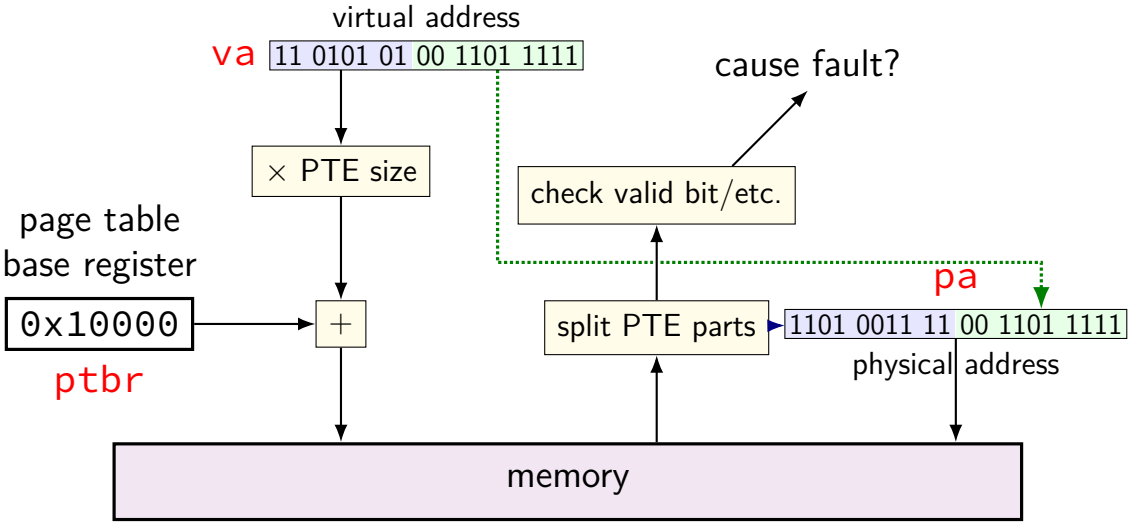

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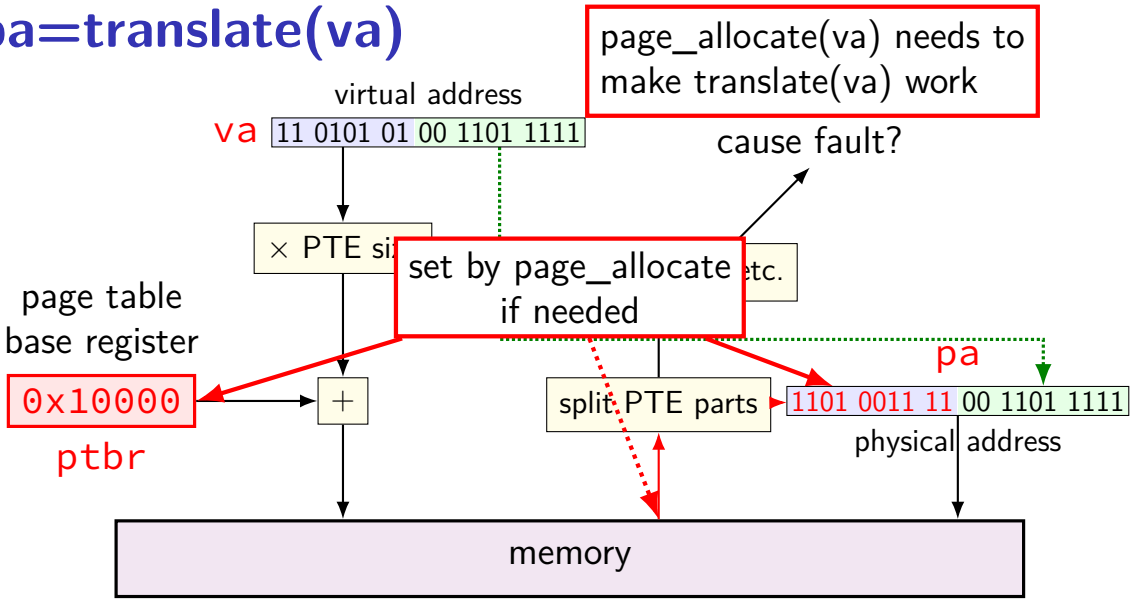

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"swap in" a page — exactly like allocating on demand!

- OS gets page fault — invalid in page table
- check where page actually is (from virtual address)
- read from disk
- eventually restart process

"swap out" a page

- OS marks as invalid in the page table(s)
- copy to disk (if modified)

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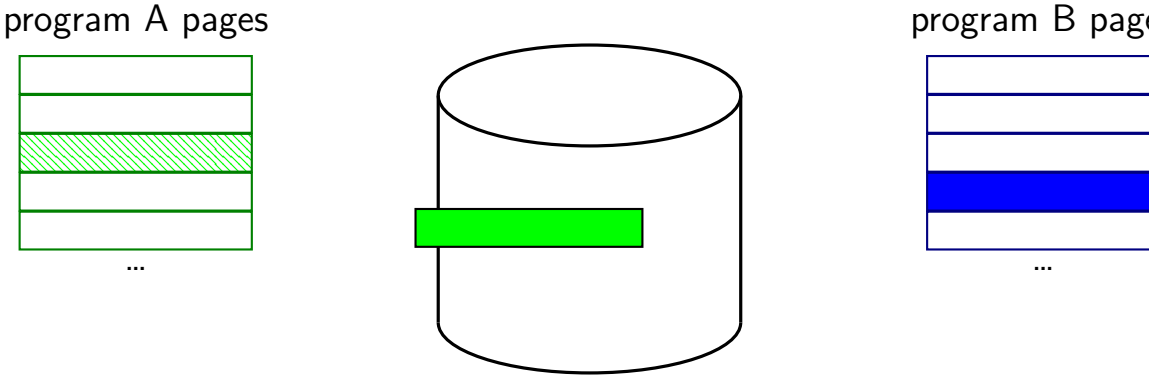

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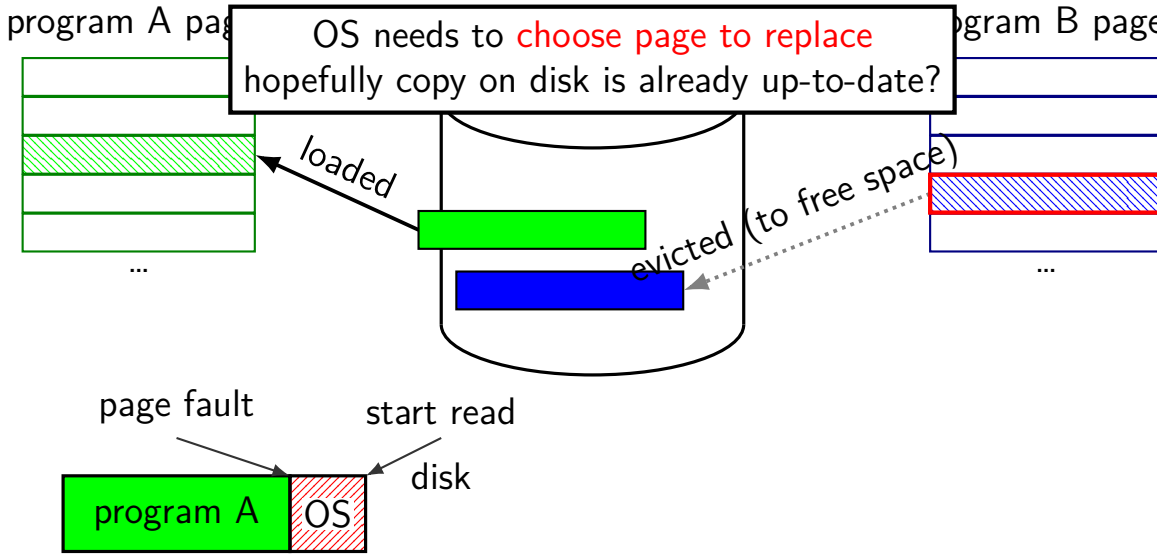

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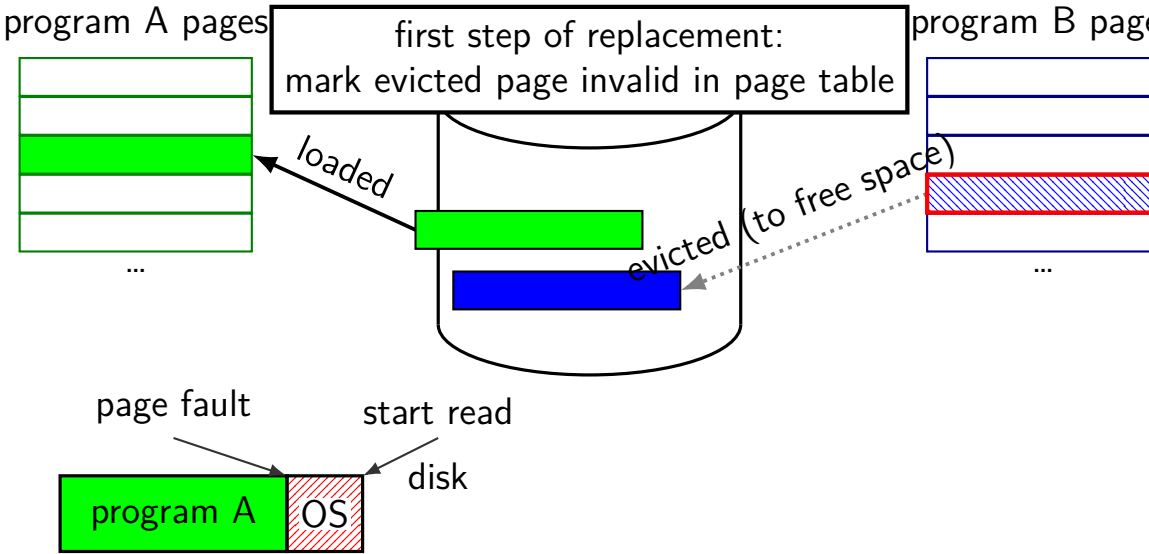

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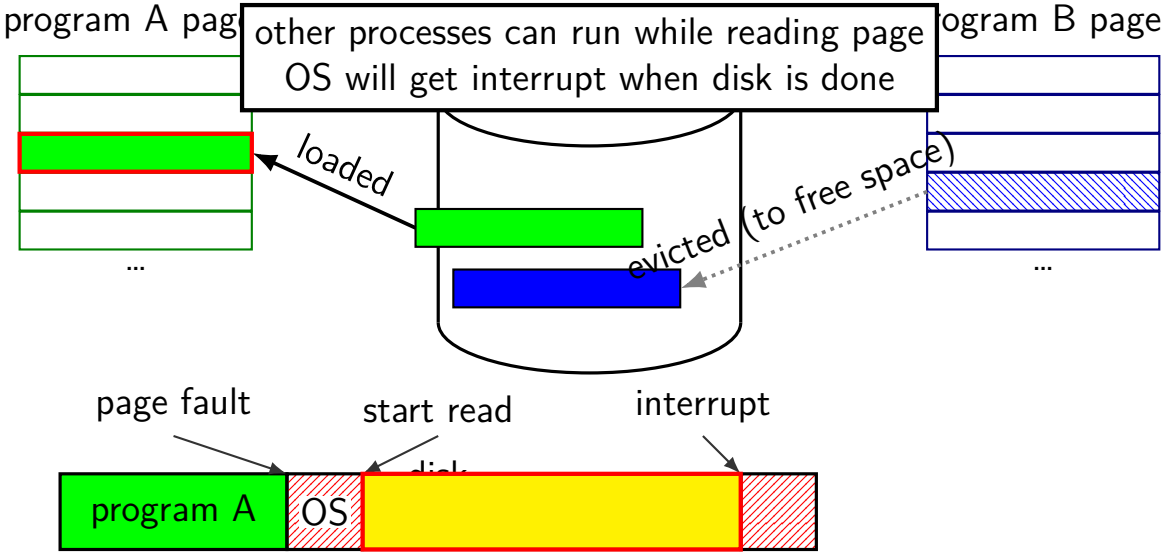

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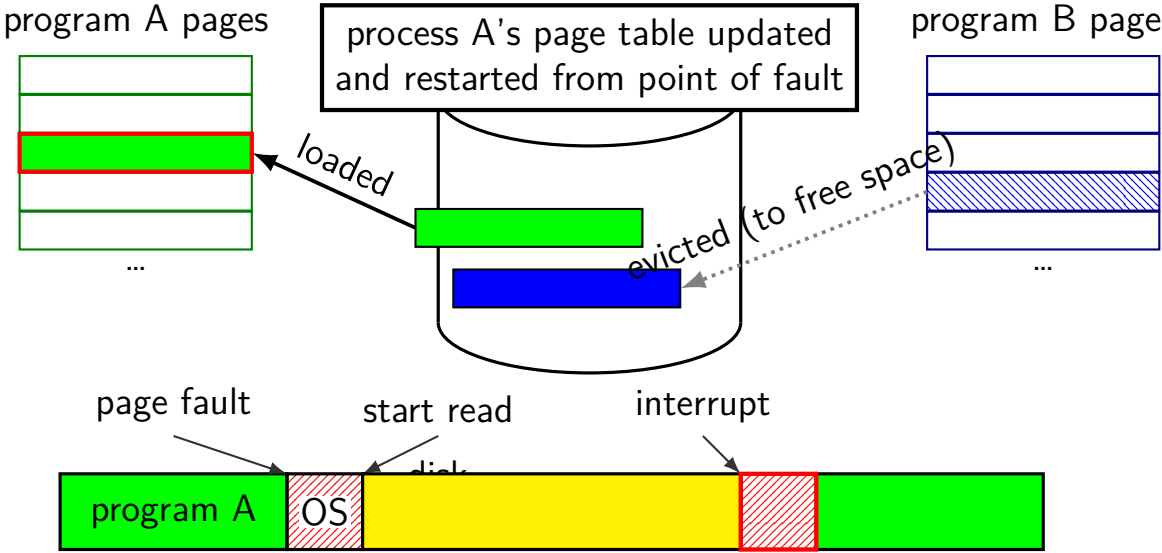

swapping almost mmap

access mapped file for first time, read from disk

(like swapping when memory was swapped out)

write "mapped" memory, write to disk eventually

(like writeback policy in swapping)

use "dirty" bit

extra detail: other processes should see changes

all accesses to file use same physical memory