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- OS tracking memory as list of mappings (separate from page table)
- page table from HW for hardware

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- ...

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- page table base register
- representing entries as integers

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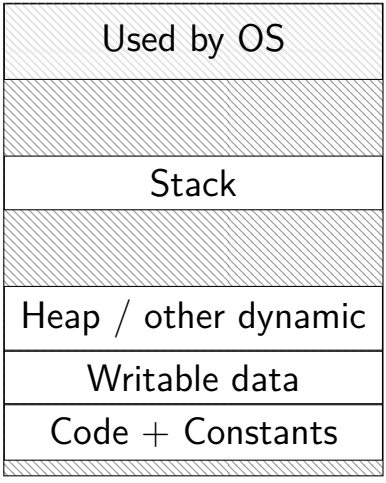

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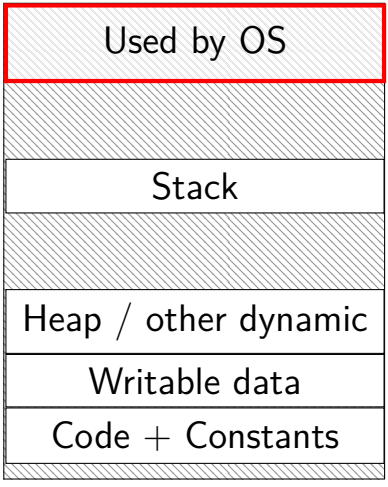

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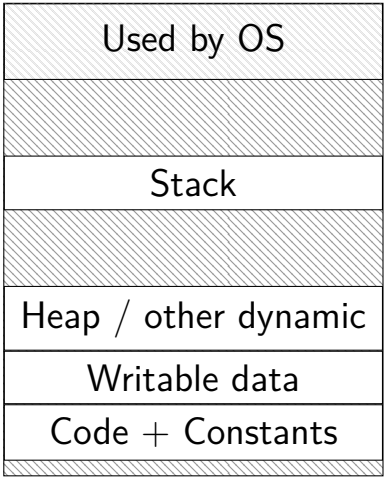

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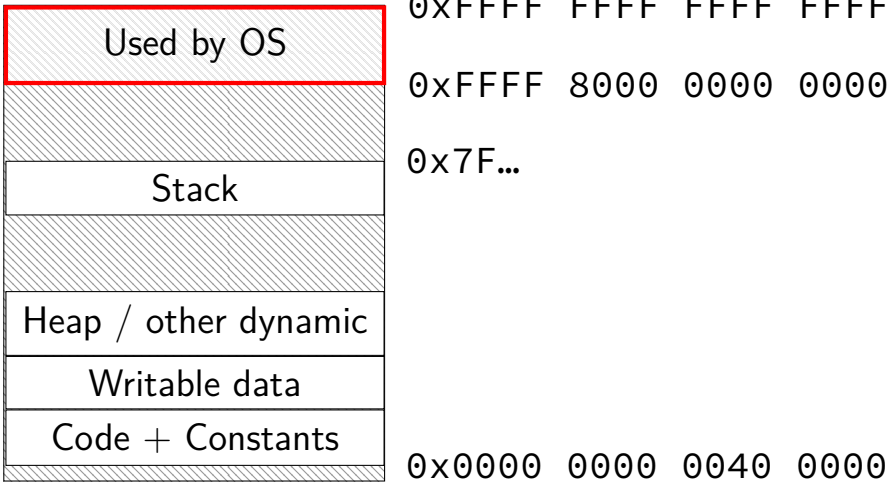

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simulate page tables (on top of normal program memory)

> 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 ...
#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 (void*) (~0L) if invalid
void *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)
```

translate()

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parts

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- 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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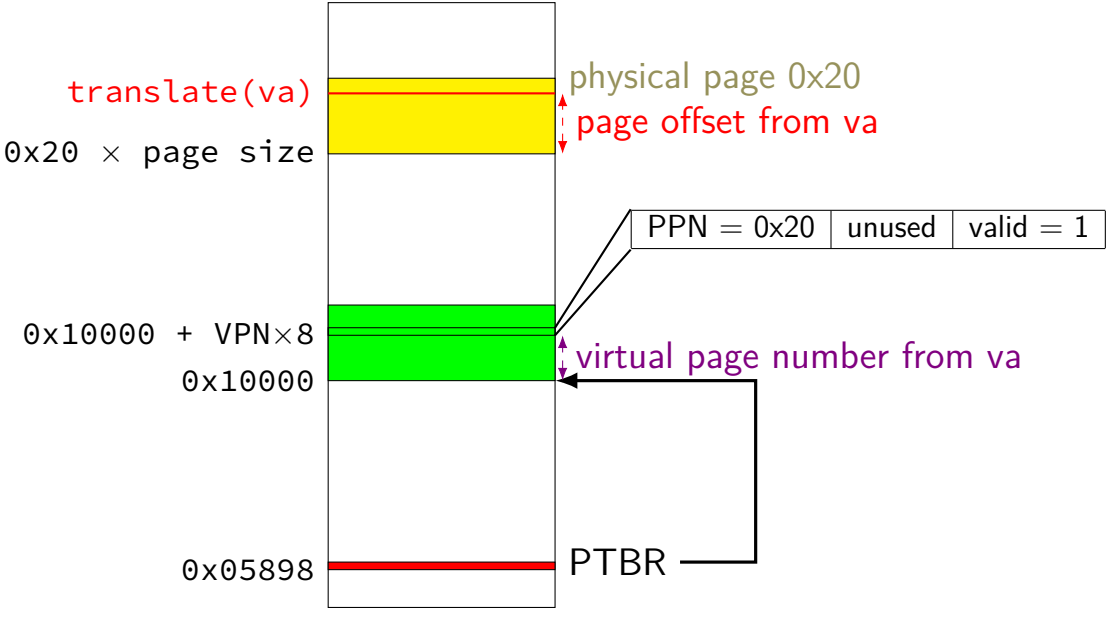

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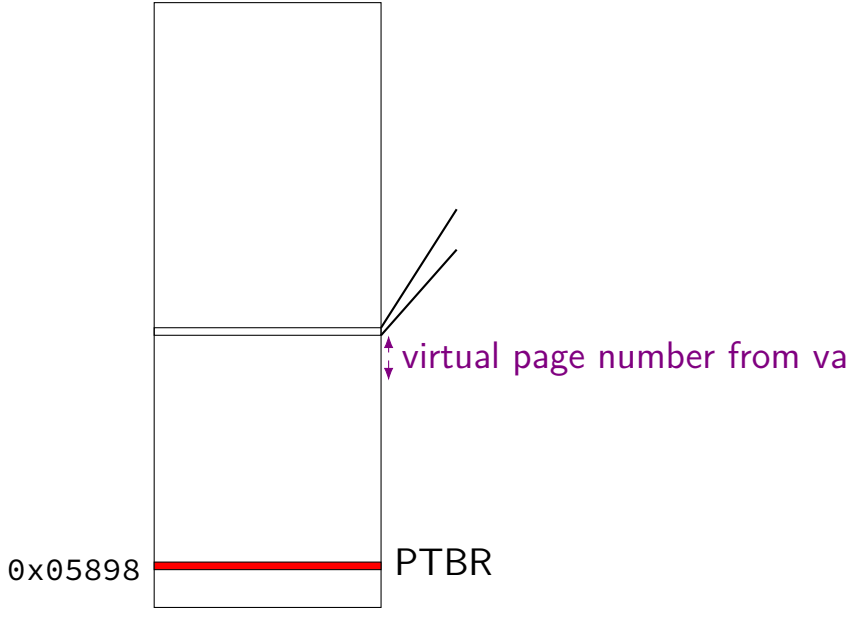

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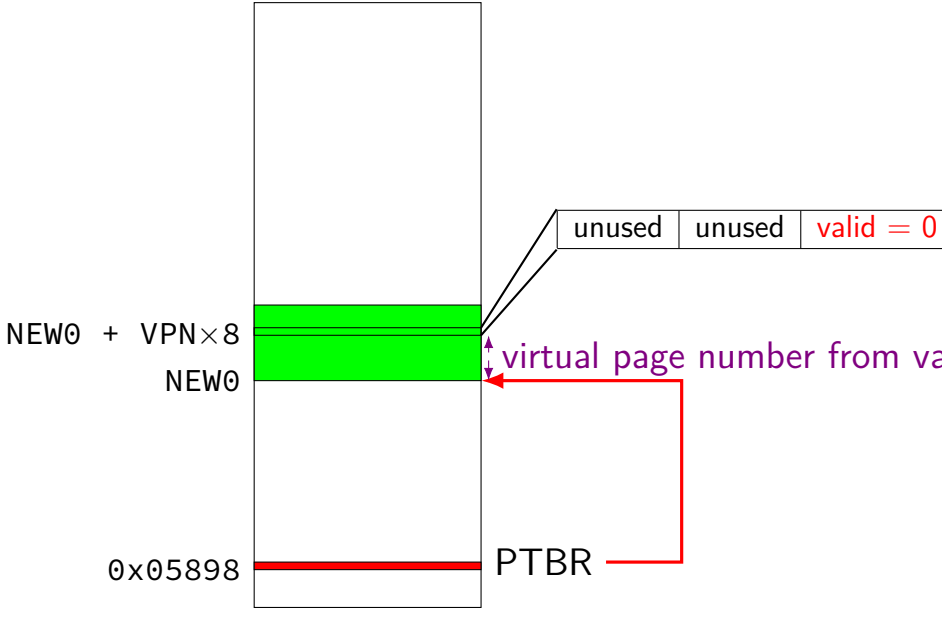

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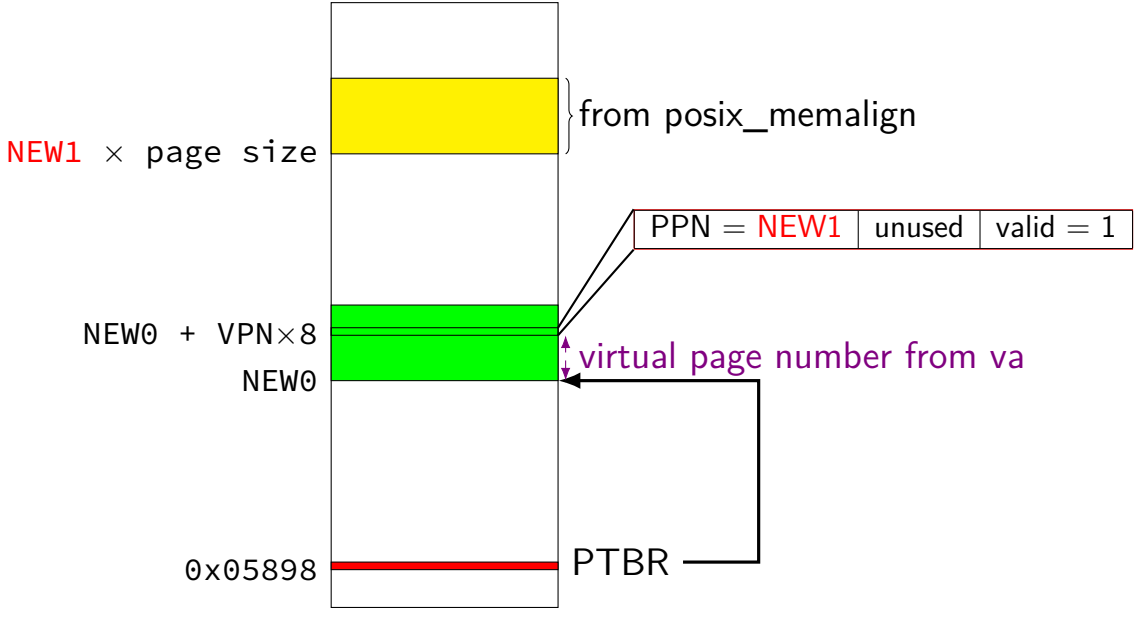

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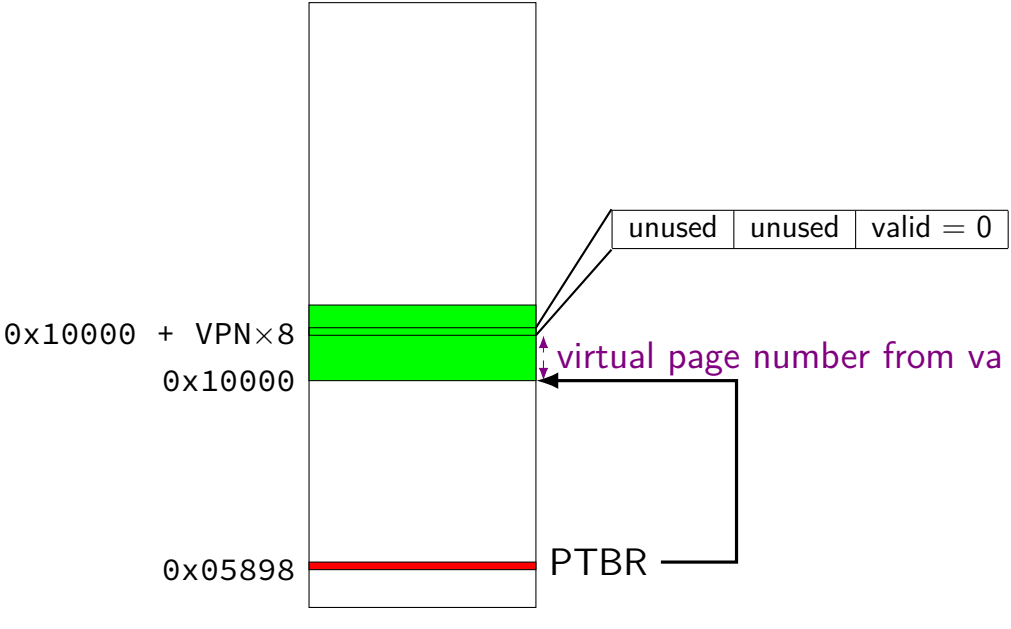

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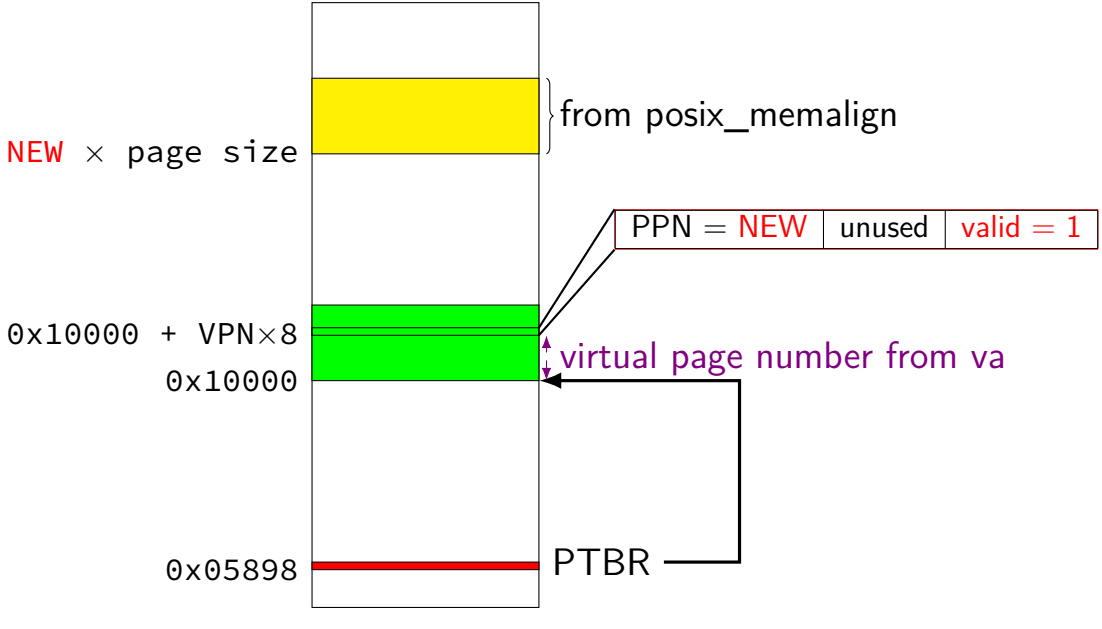

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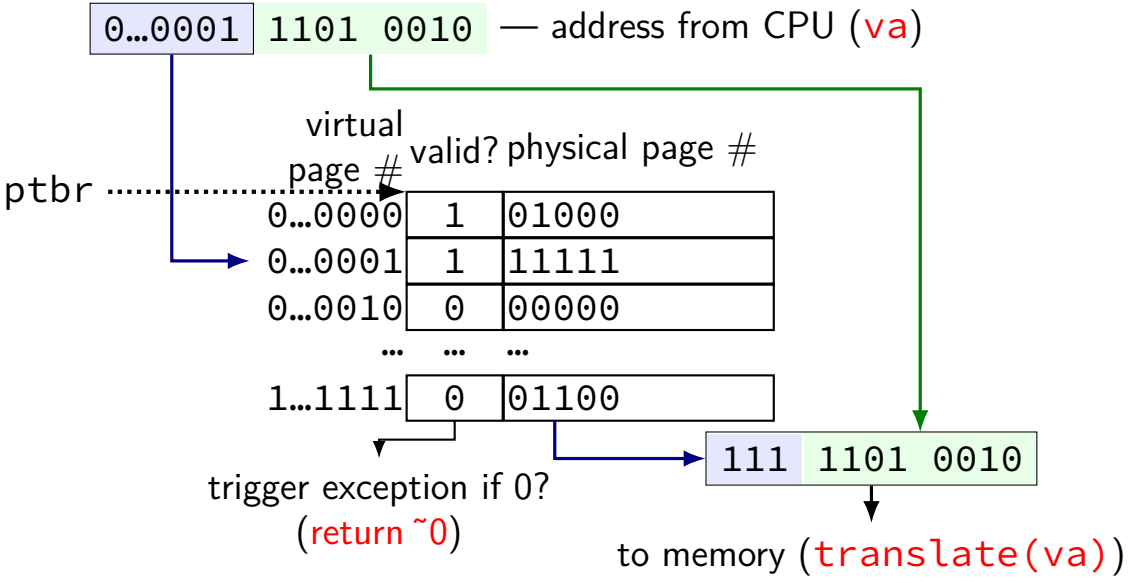

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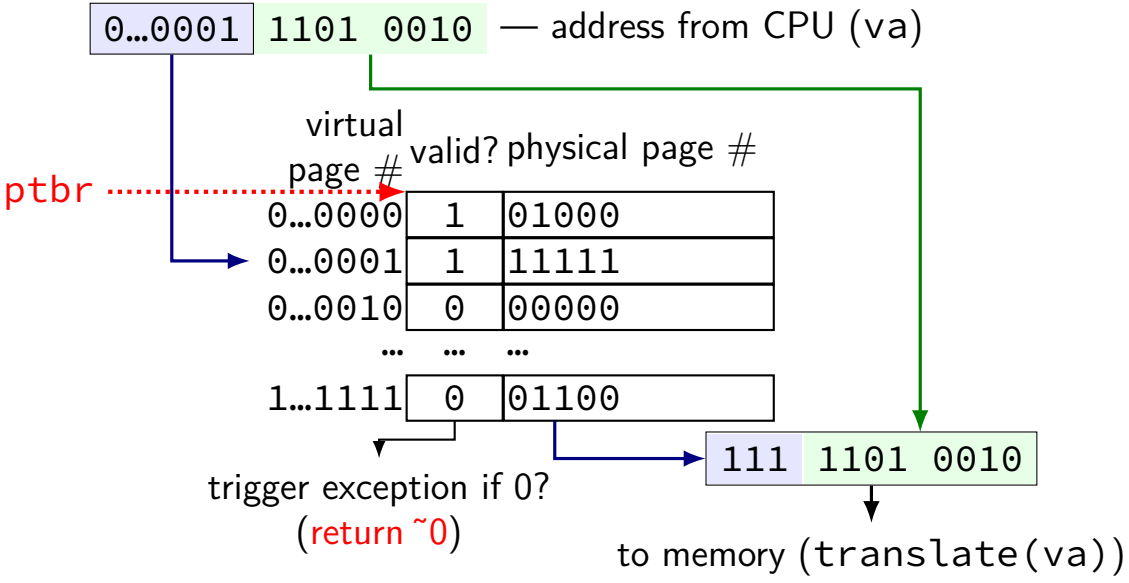

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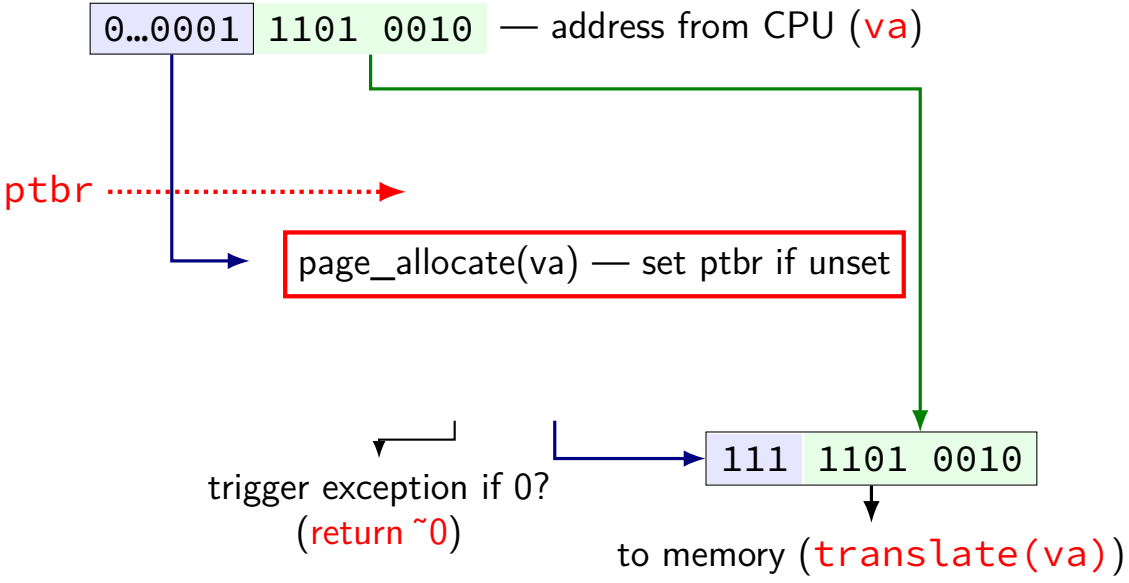

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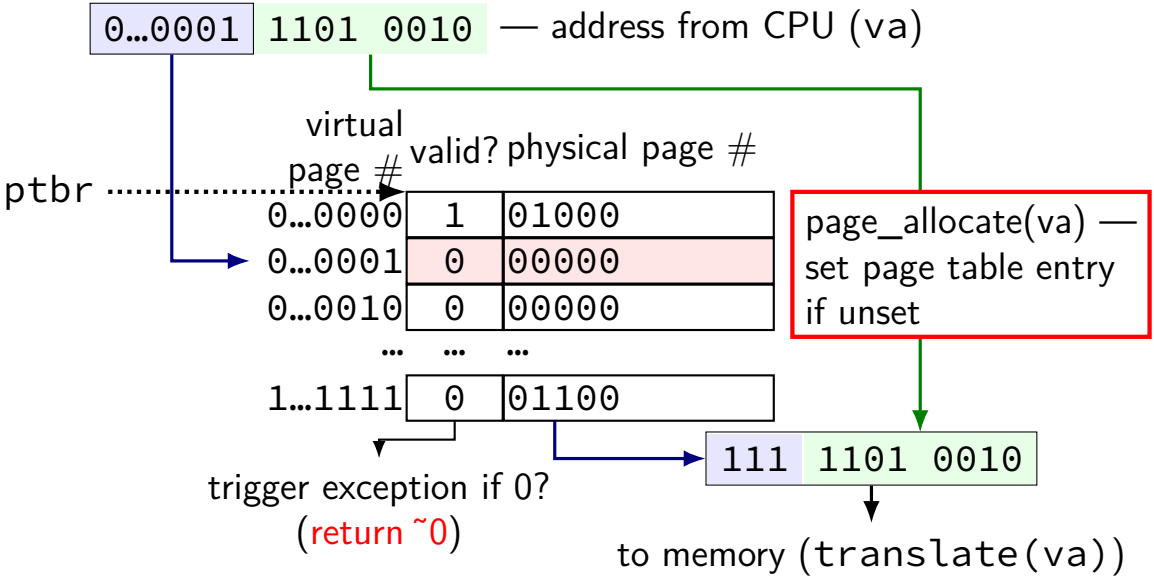

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impossible to store PTE for every page

how can we save space?

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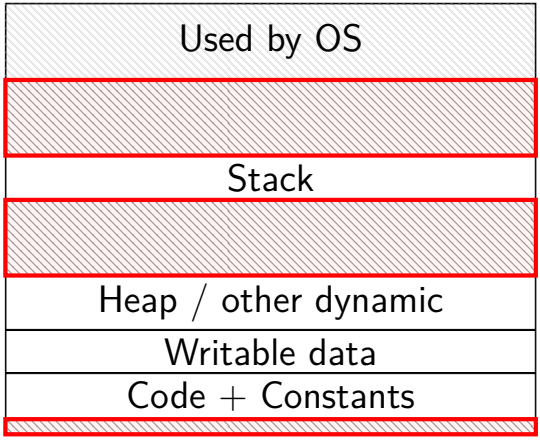

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search tree tradeoffs

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
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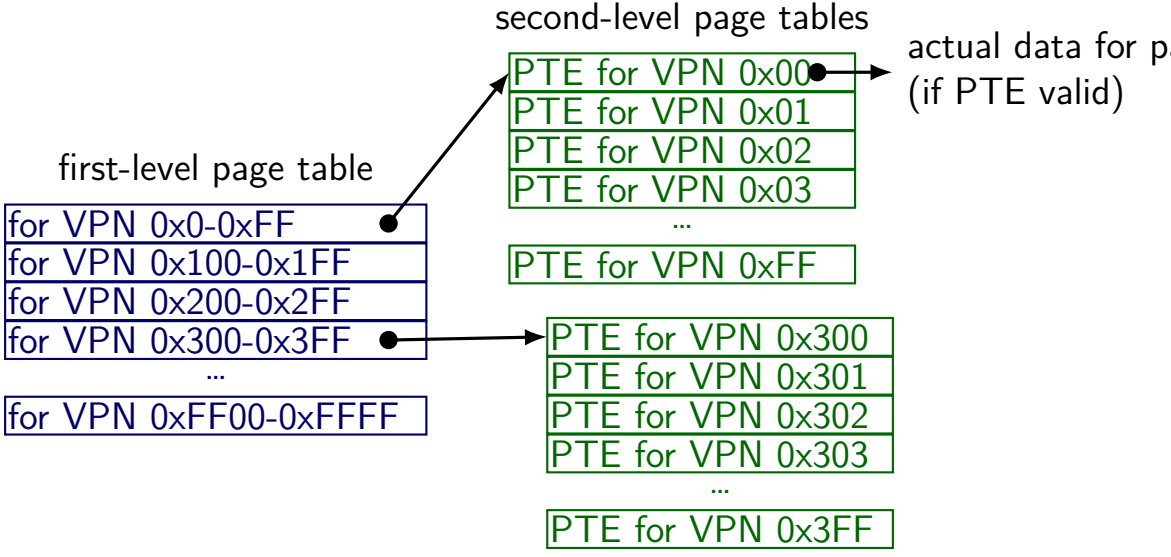

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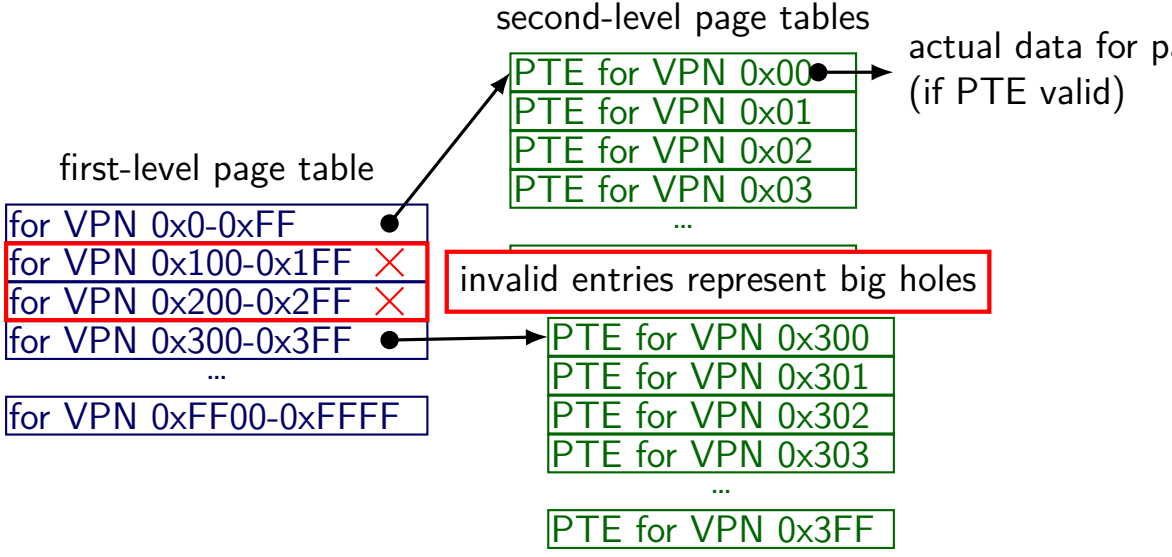

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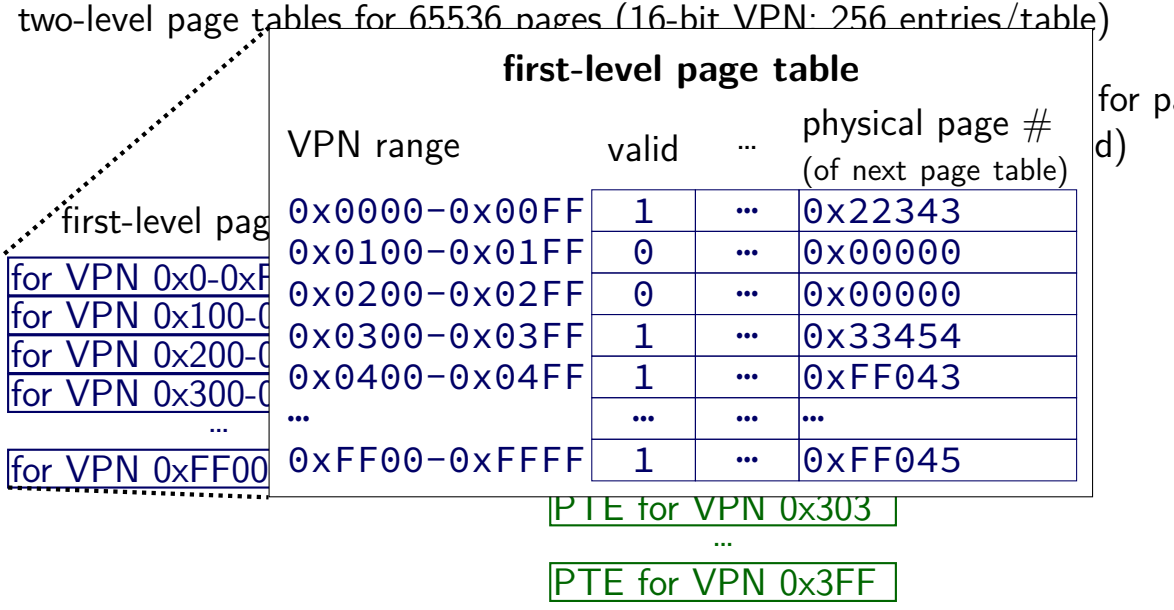

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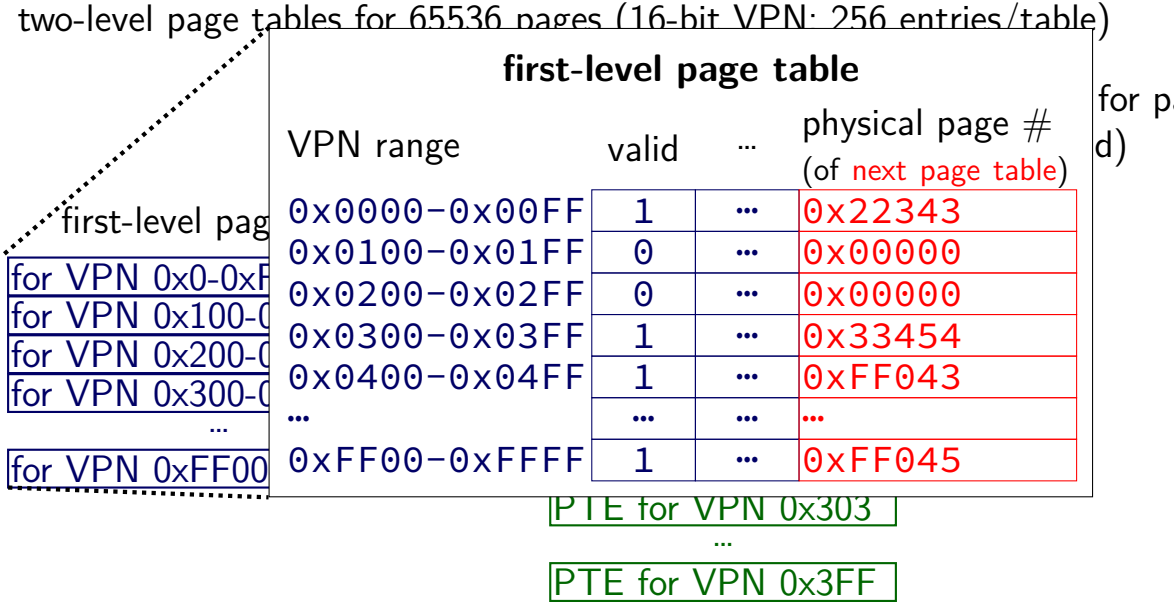

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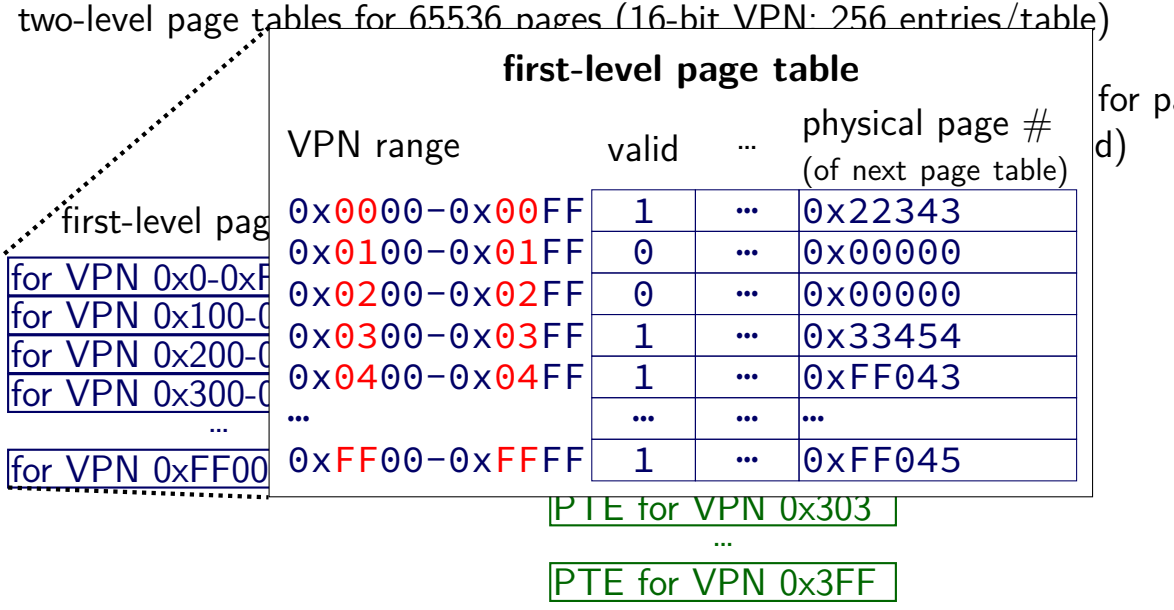

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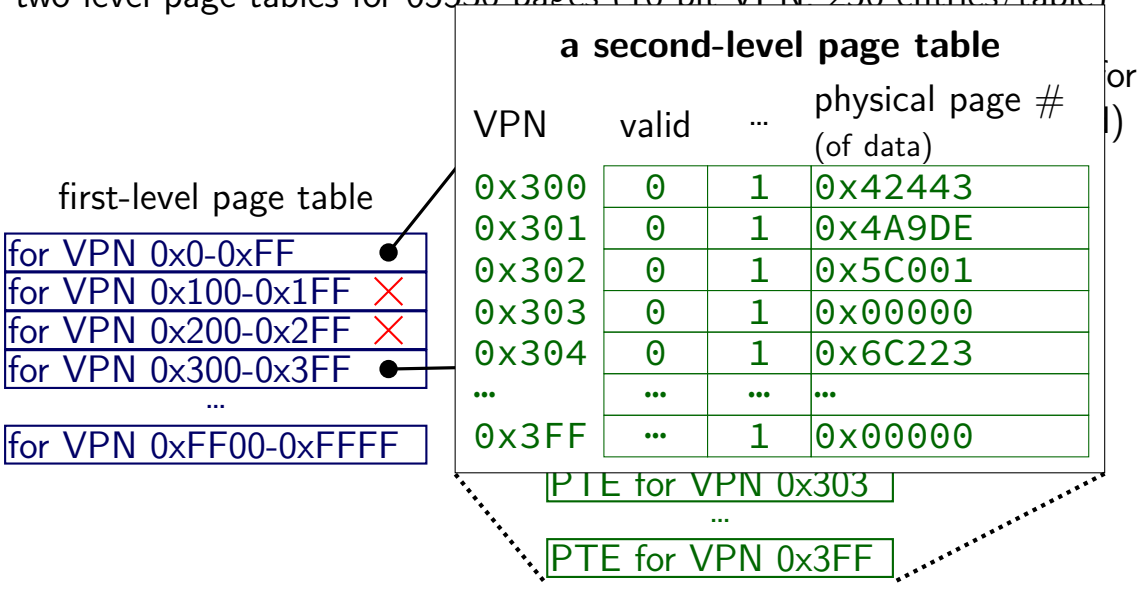

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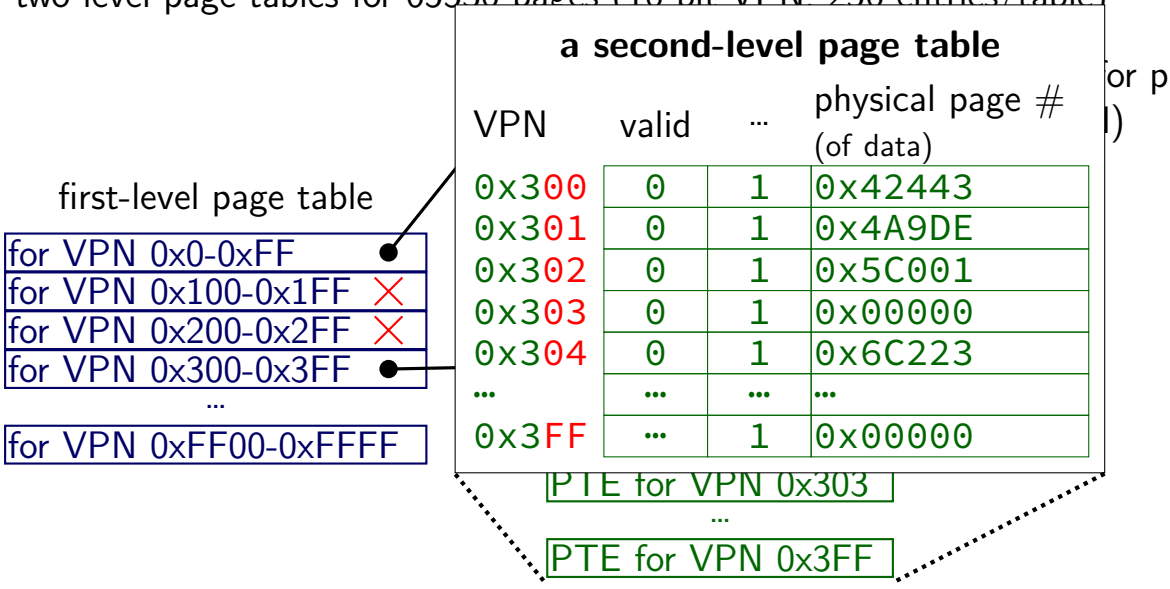

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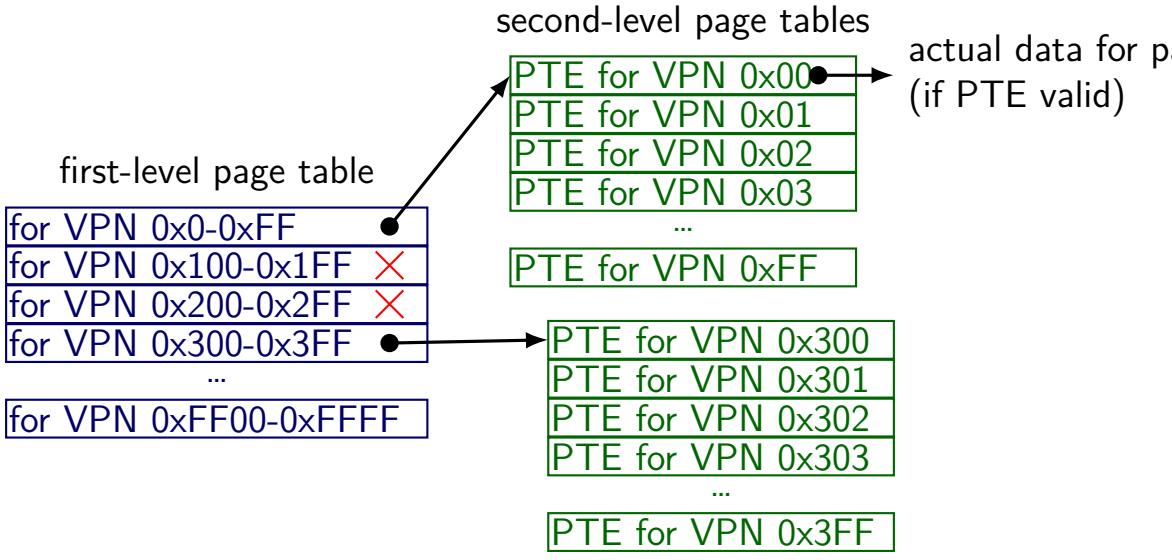

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virtual address

VPN — split into two parts (one per level)

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

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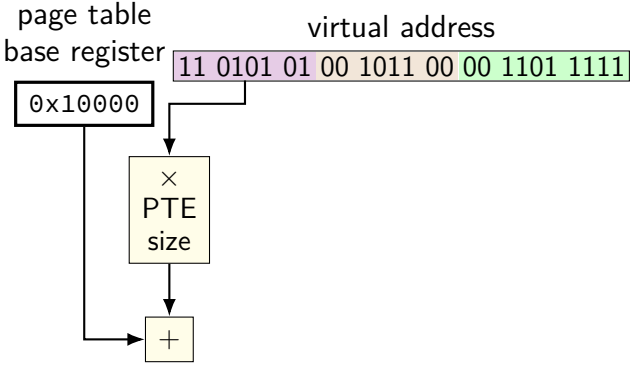

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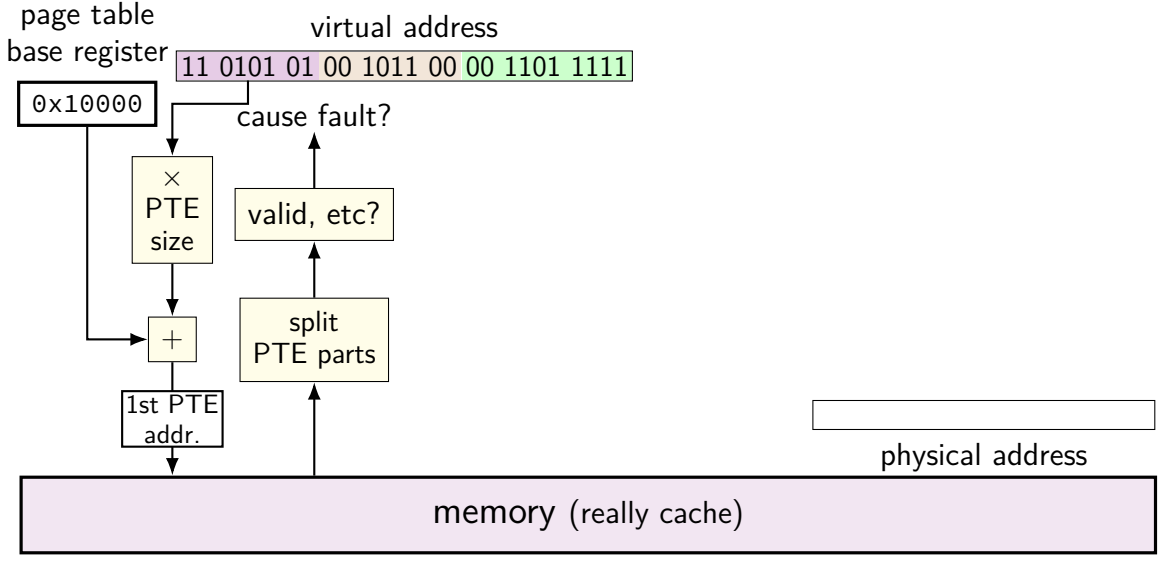

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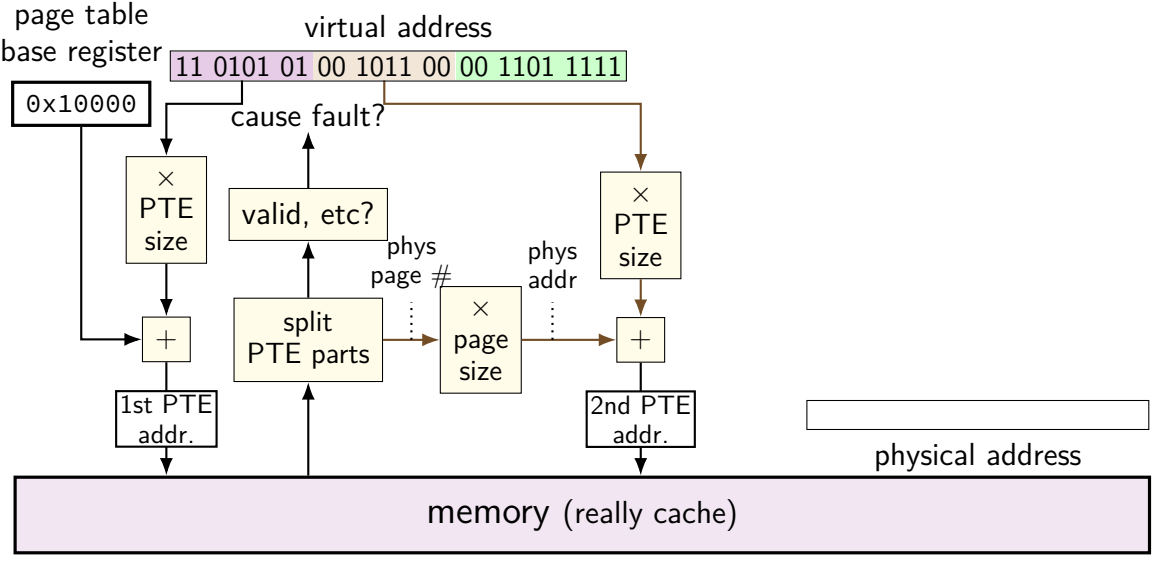

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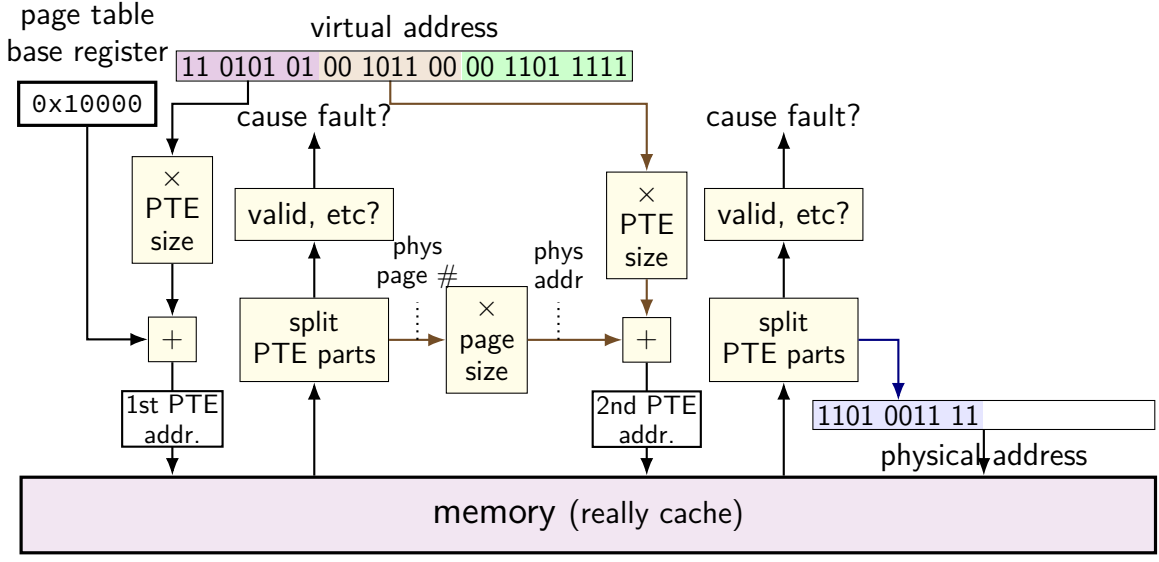

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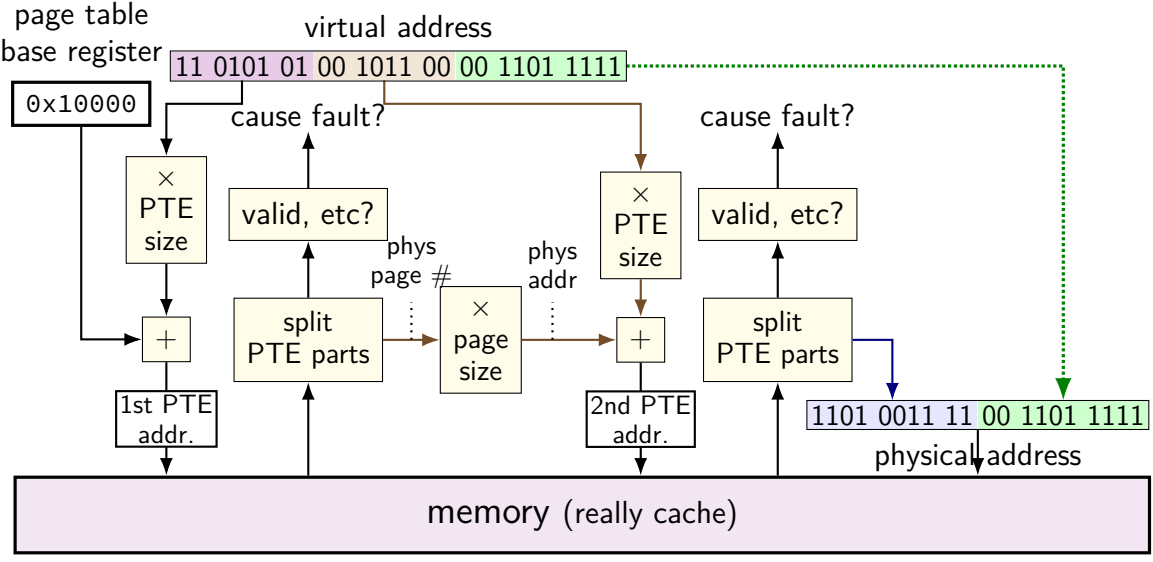

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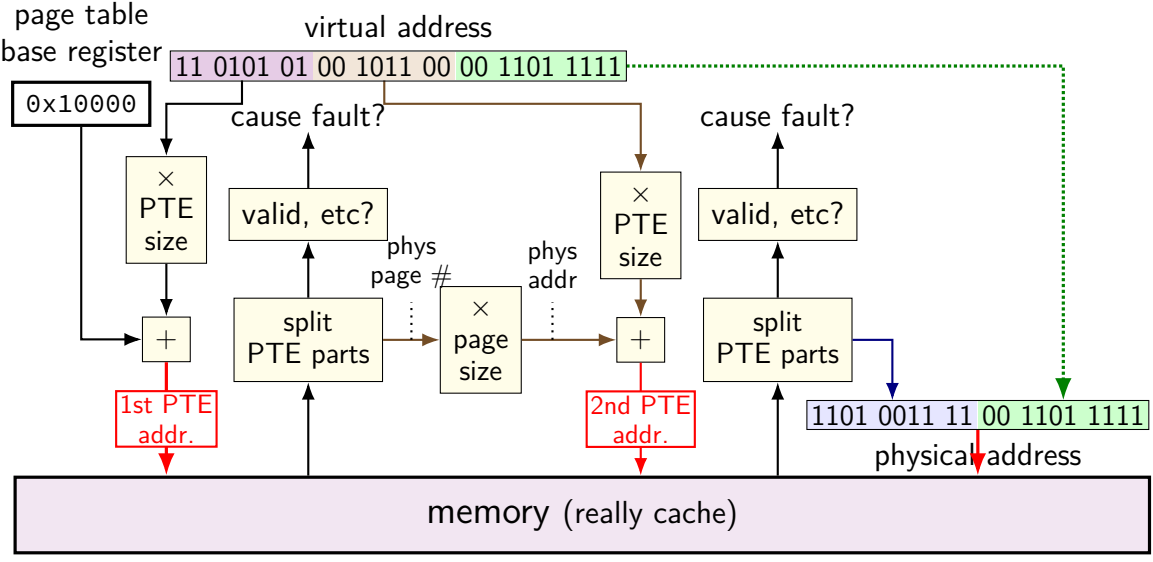

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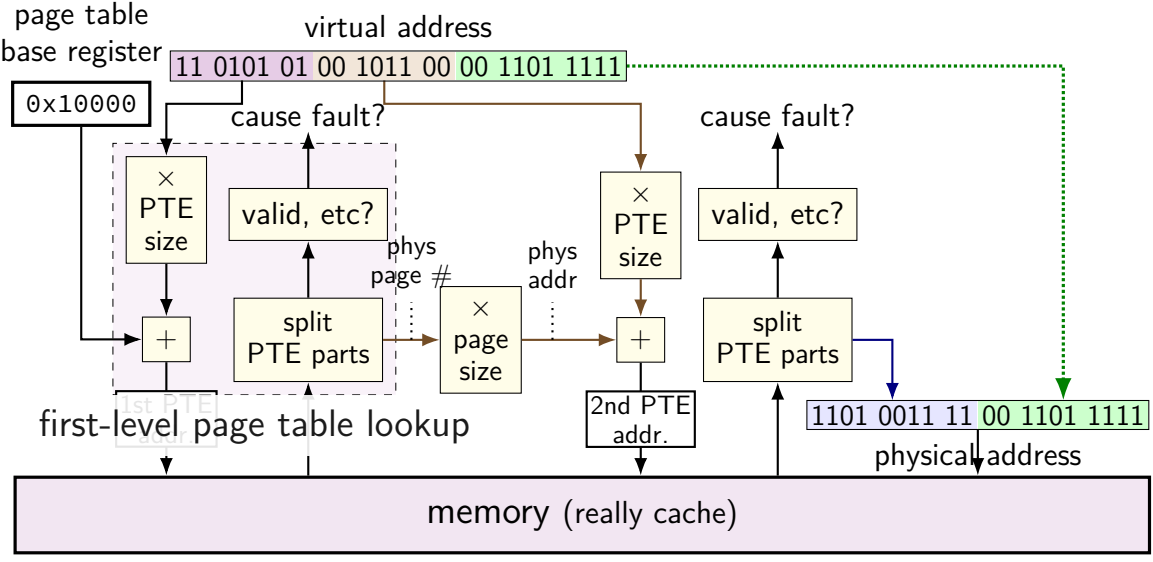

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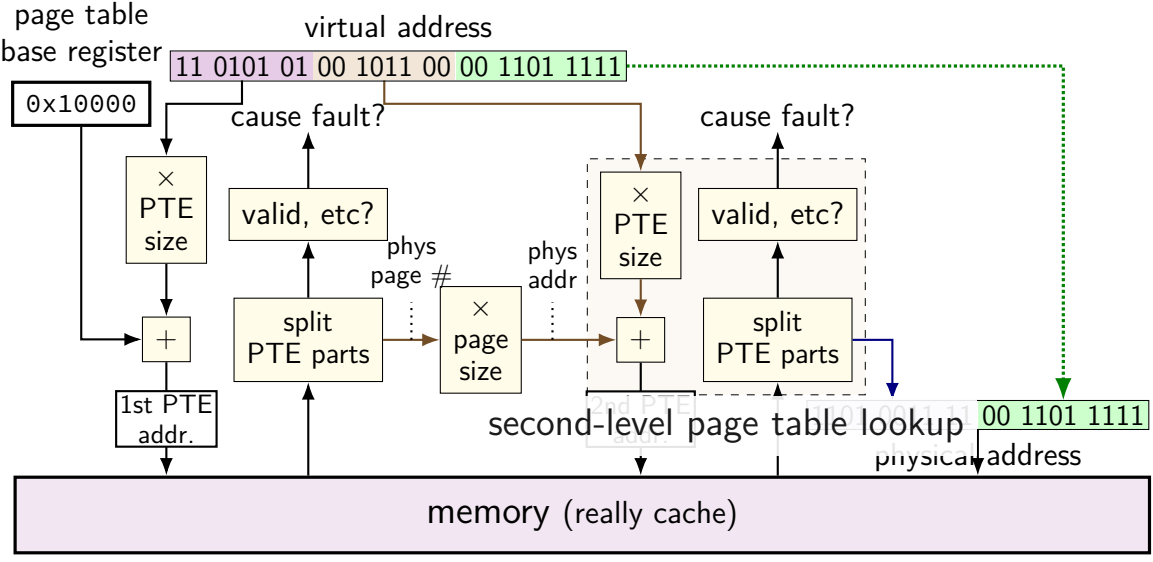

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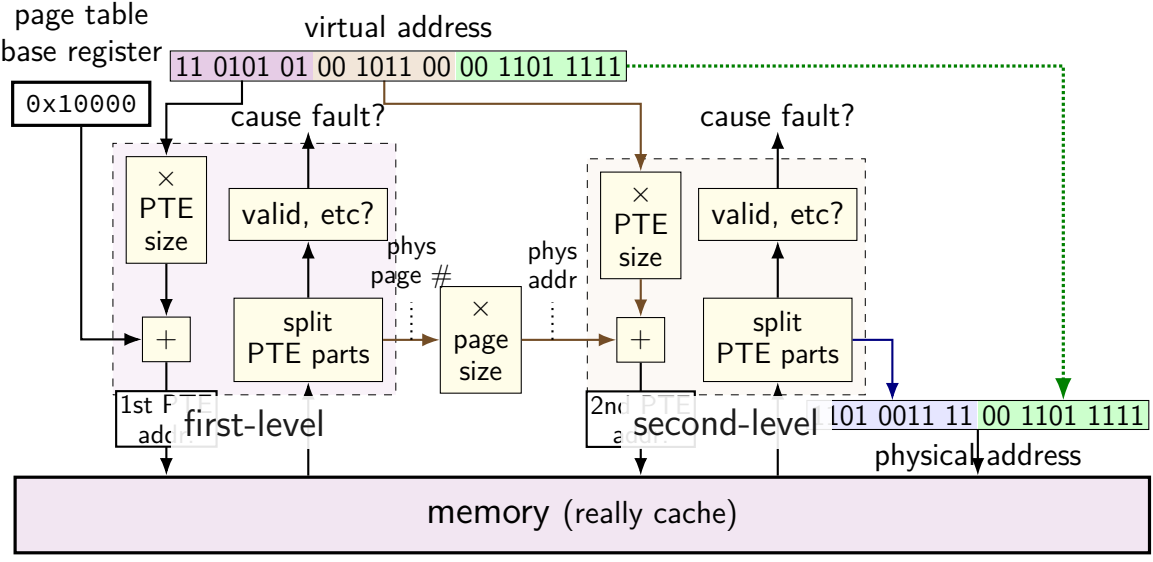

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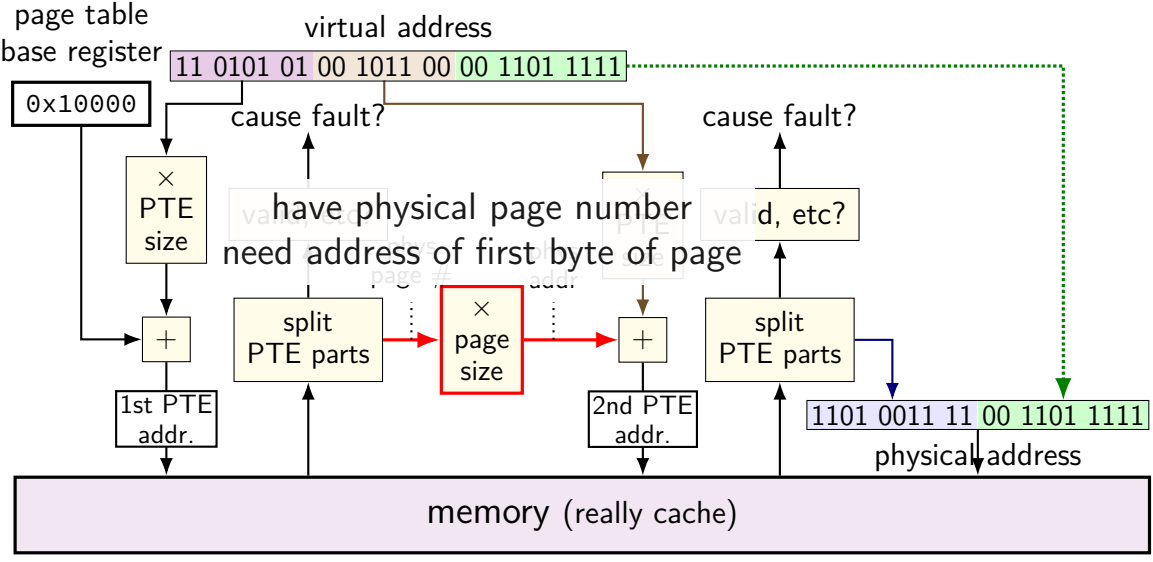

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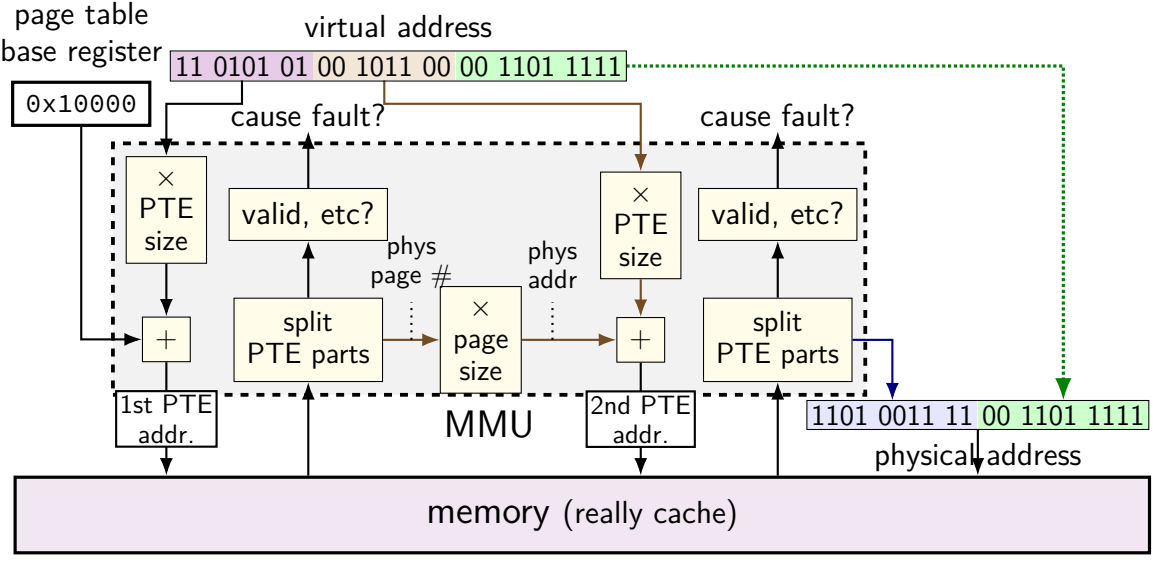
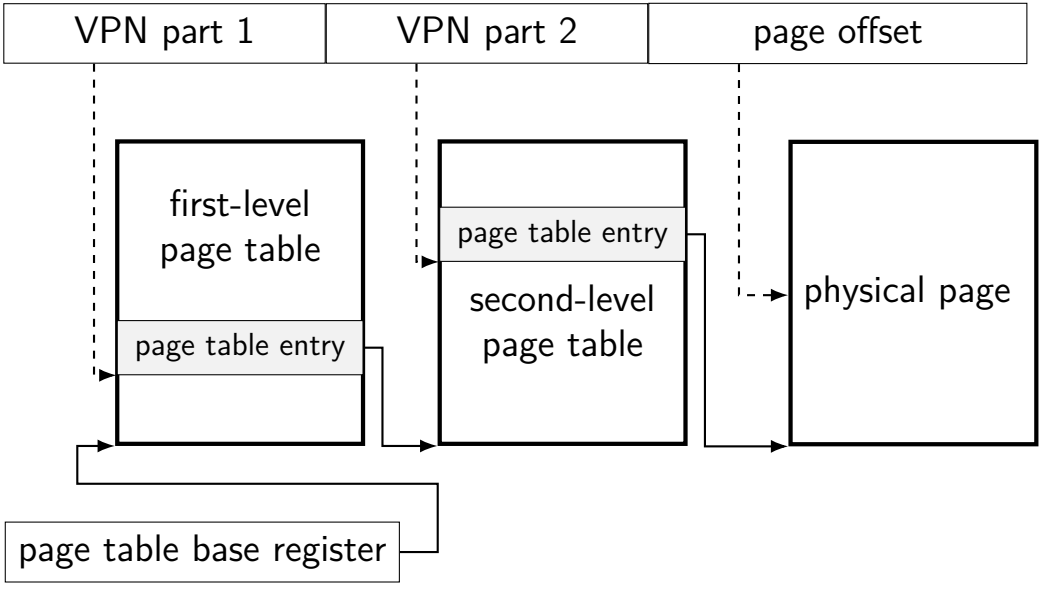


another view



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

assignment: variable number of LEVELS

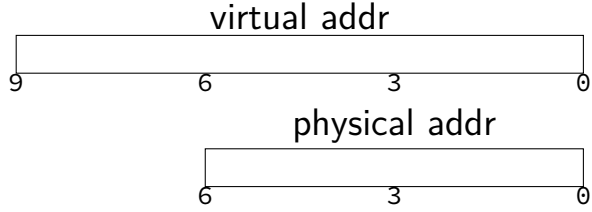
page tables always one page size

means upper bits of virtual address values not used

2-level splitting

9-bit virtual address

6-bit physical address



2-level splitting

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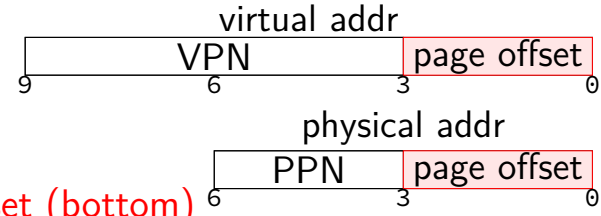

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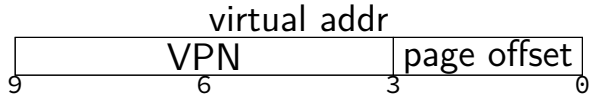

page table (either level)

	valid?	PPN
0		
1		
2		
...	...	...
7		

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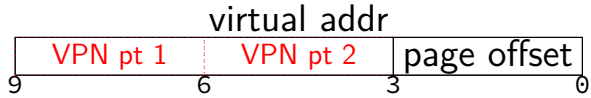
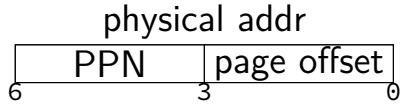
8 entry page tables → 3-bit VPN parts

9-bit VA: 3 bit VPN part 1; 3 bit VPN part 2





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2-level example

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 `0x20`; translate virtual address `0x129`

physical addresses	bytes
0x00–3	00 11 22 33
0x04–7	44 55 66 77
0x08–B	88 99 AA BB
0x0C–F	CC DD EE FF
0x10–3	1A 2A 3A 4A
0x14–7	1B 2B 3B 4B
0x18–B	1C 2C 3C 4C
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0x28–B	89 9A AB BC
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2-level exercise (1)

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 `0x08`; translate virtual address `0x0FB`

physical addresses	bytes
0x00–3	00 11 22 33
0x04–7	44 55 66 77
0x08–B	88 99 AA BB
0x0C–F	CC DD EE FF
0x10–3	1A 2A 3A 4A
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0x00–3	00 11 22 33
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2-level exercise (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
0x00–3	00 11 22 33
0x04–7	44 55 66 77
0x08–B	88 99 AA BB
0x0C–F	CC DD EE FF
0x10–3	1A 2A 5A 4A
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2-level exercise (3)

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 `0x08`; translate virtual address `0x00B`

physical addresses	bytes
0x00–3	00 11 22 33
0x04–7	44 55 66 77
0x08–B	88 99 AA BB
0x0C–F	CC DD EE FF
0x10–3	1A 2A 3A 4A
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2-level exercise (3)

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 `0x08`; translate virtual address `0x00B`

physical addresses	bytes
0x00–3	00 11 22 33
0x04–7	44 55 66 77
0x08–B	88 99 AA BB
0x0C–F	CC DD EE FF
0x10–3	1A 2A 3A 4A
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0x30–3	BA 0A BA 0A
0x34–7	DB 0B DB 0B
0x38–B	EC 0C EC 0C
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2-level exercise (3)

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 `0x08`; translate virtual address `0x00B`

physical addresses	bytes
0x00–3	00 11 22 33
0x04–7	44 55 66 77
0x08–B	88 99 AA BB
0x0C–F	CC DD EE FF
0x10–3	1A 2A 3A 4A
0x14–7	1B 2B 3B 4B
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0x30–3	BA 0A BA 0A
0x34–7	DB 0B DB 0B
0x38–B	EC 0C EC 0C
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2-level exercise (4)

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 `0x08`; translate virtual address `0x1CB`

physical addresses	bytes
0x00–3	00 11 22 33
0x04–7	44 55 66 77
0x08–B	88 99 AA BB
0x0C–F	CC DD EE FF
0x10–3	1A 2A 3A 4A
0x14–7	1B 2B 3B 4B
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2-level exercise (5)

10-bit virtual addresses, 6-bit physical; 16 byte pages, 2 byte PTE

page tables 1 page; PTE 1st byte: (MSB) 2-bit PPN, valid bit; rest unused

page table base register `0x10`; translate virtual address `0x376`

physical addresses	bytes
0x00–3	00 11 22 33
0x04–7	44 55 66 77
0x08–B	88 99 AA BB
0x0C–F	CC DD EE FF
0x10–3	1A 2A 3A 4A
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2-level exercise (5)

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page table base register `0x10`; translate virtual address `0x376`

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backup slides

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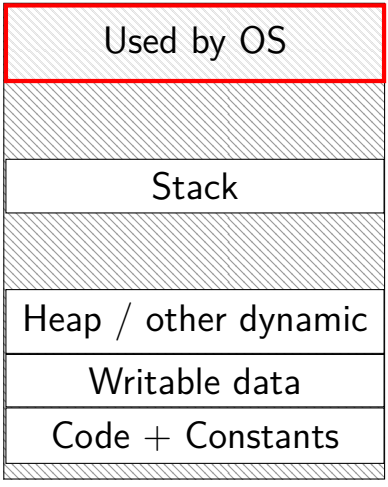

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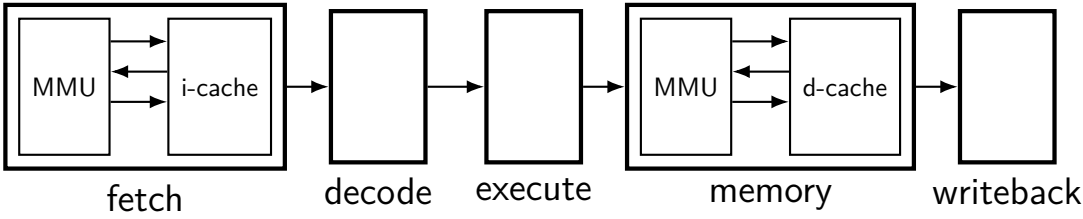

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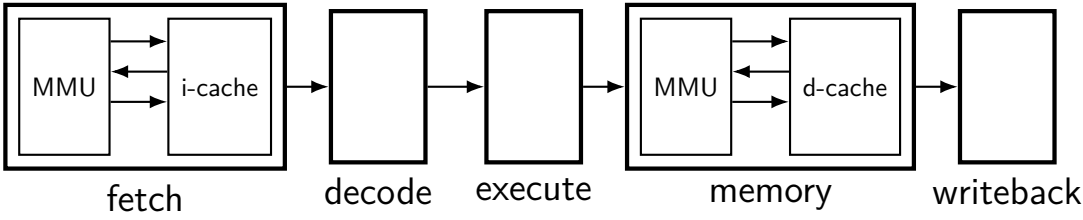

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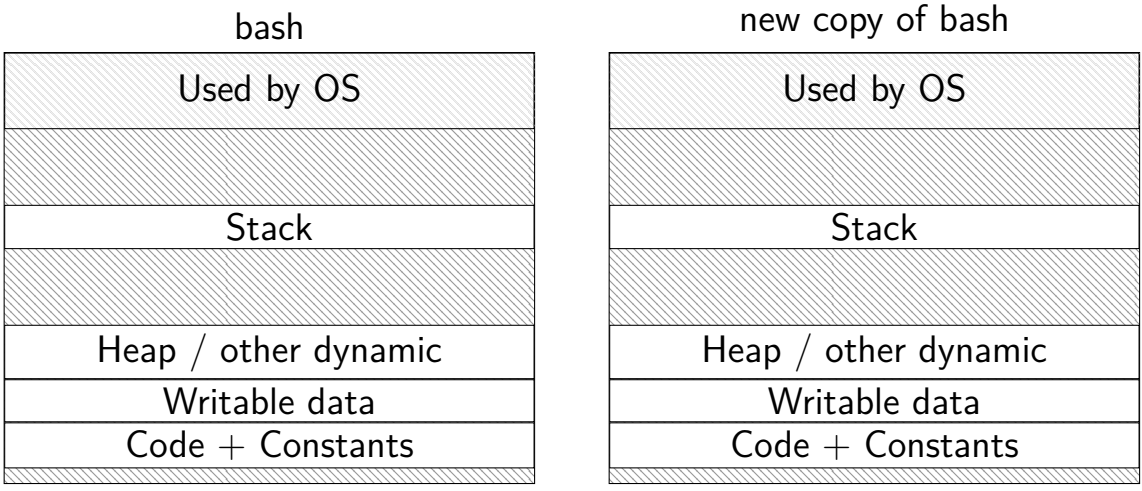

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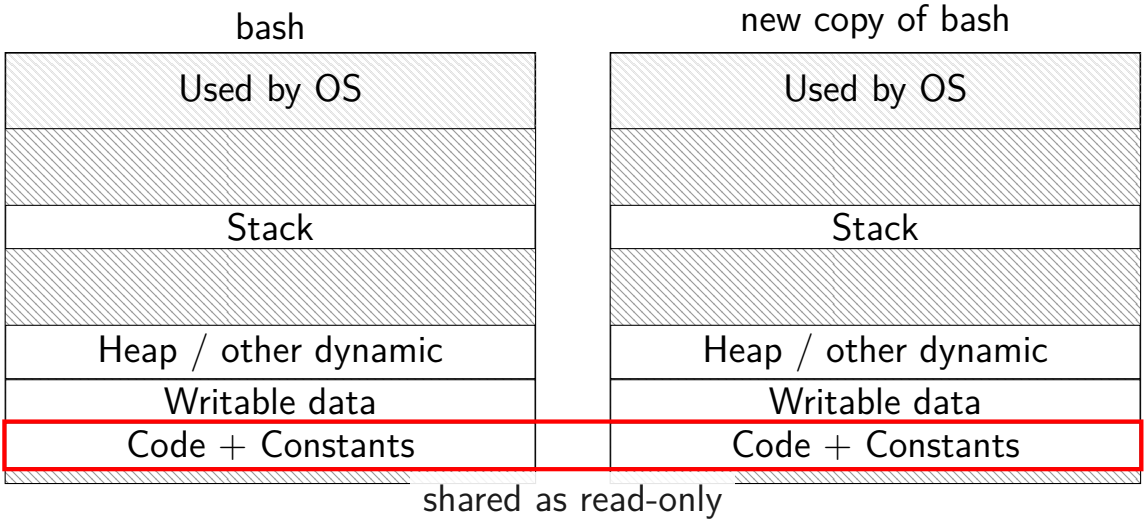

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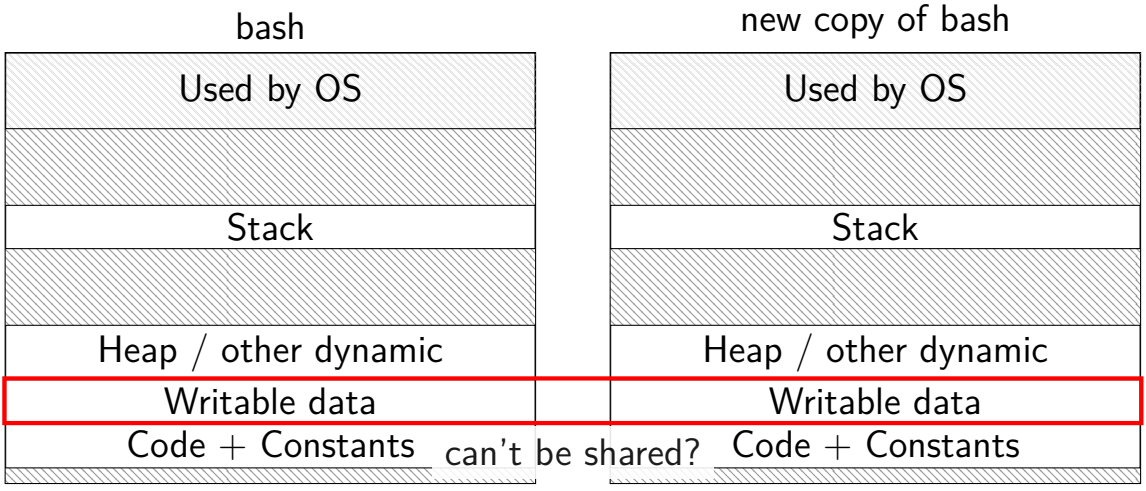

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processor will trigger a fault when it's written

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copy operation actually duplicates page table
both processes share all physical pages
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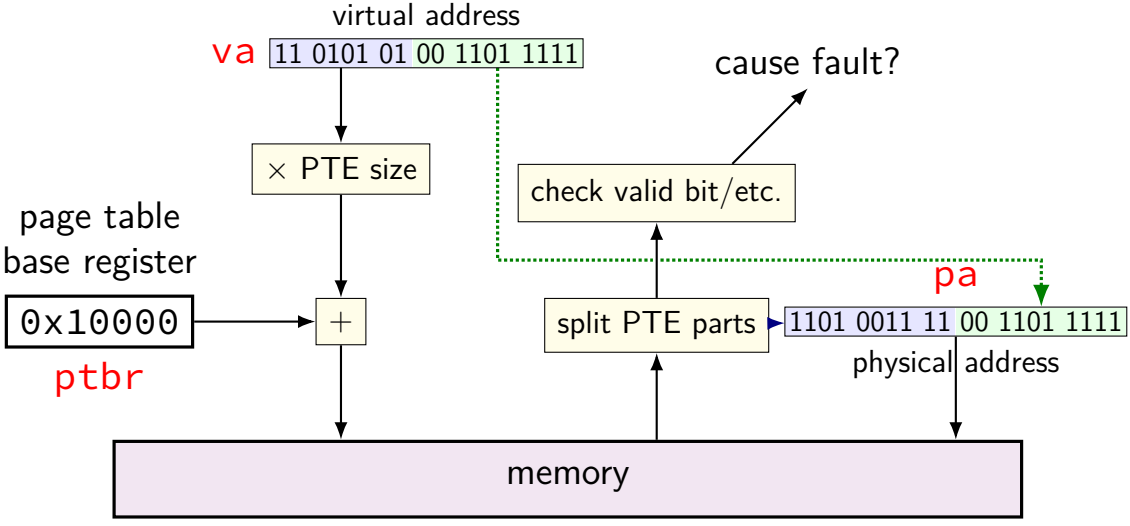

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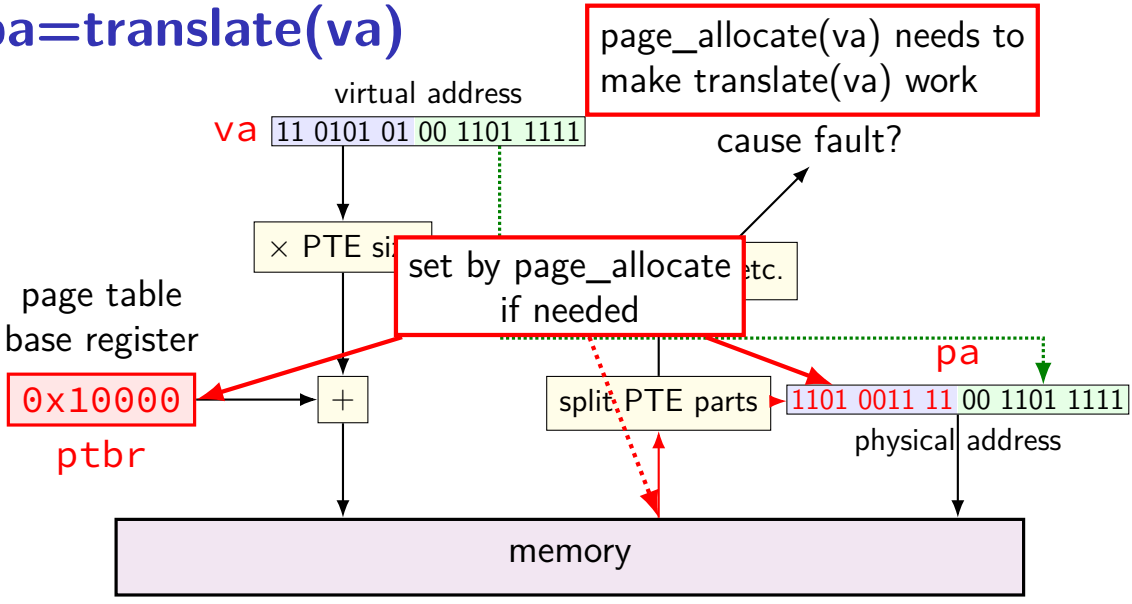

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swapping components

"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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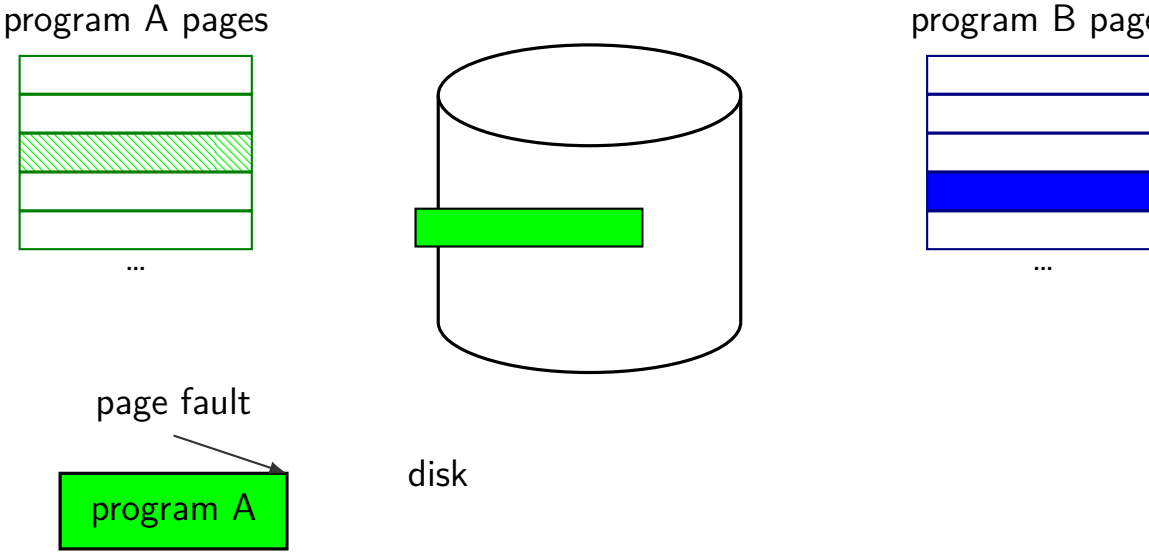

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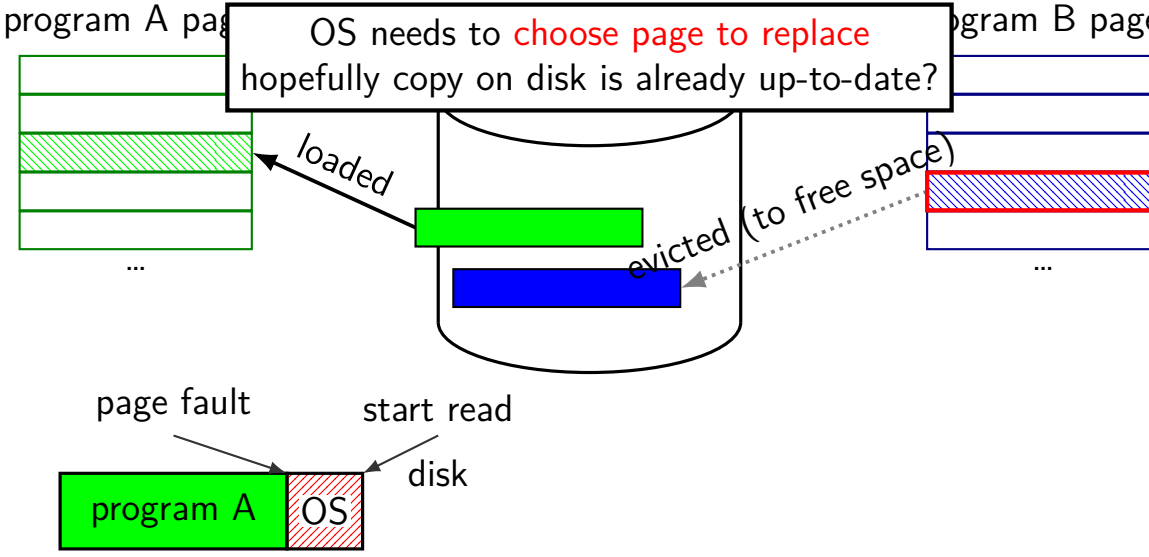

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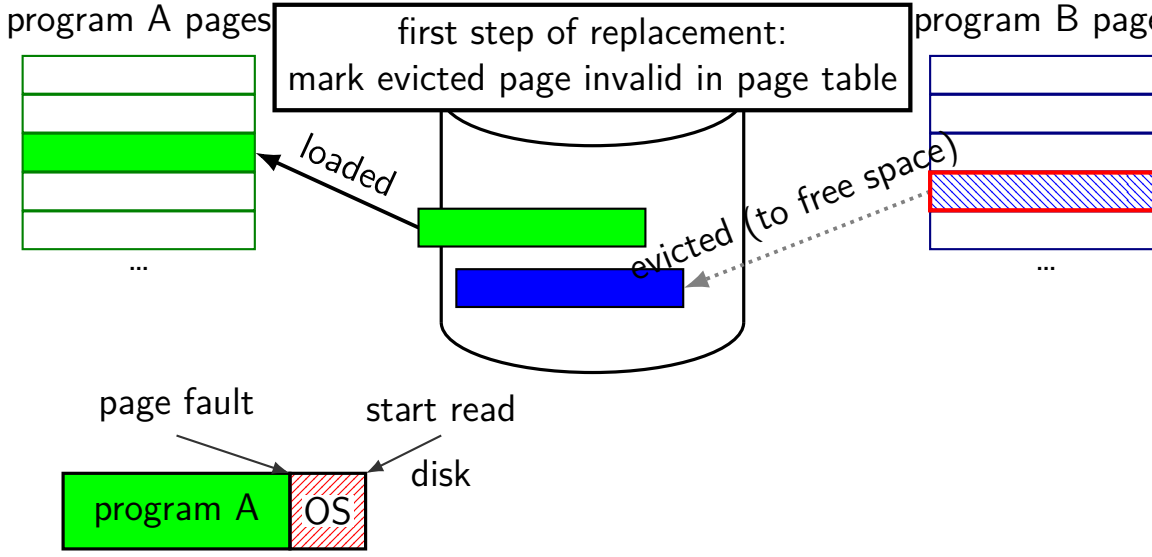

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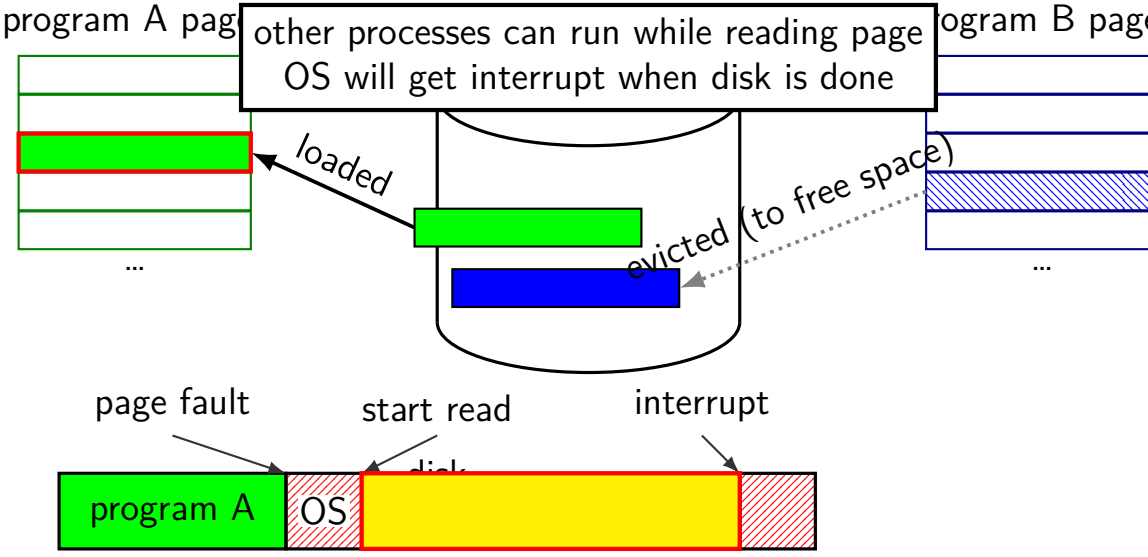

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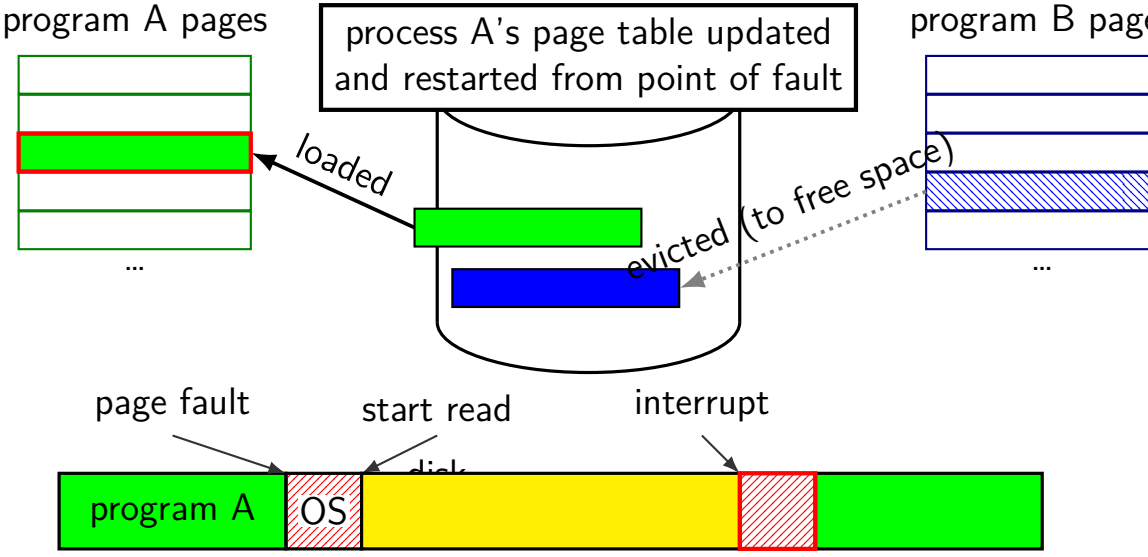

swapping almost mmap

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

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page table entries are 8 bytes (room for expansion, metadata)

trick: power of two size makes table lookup faster

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

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