

last time (1)

kill() signal sending timing

user ID/group IDs

- used by kernel to determine what to do

- tracked for every process

- libraries/utilities map to names

permission checks in system call handlers

chmod permissions

- user ID (owner) / one group ID / others — read/write/exec

access control list

- list of users/groups — read/write/exec for each

last time (2)

user ID 0 ('root', 'superuser') — passes all permission checks

login program: runs as user ID 0

can access password database because user ID 0

set-user-ID programs

special bit says “run program with owner’s user ID”

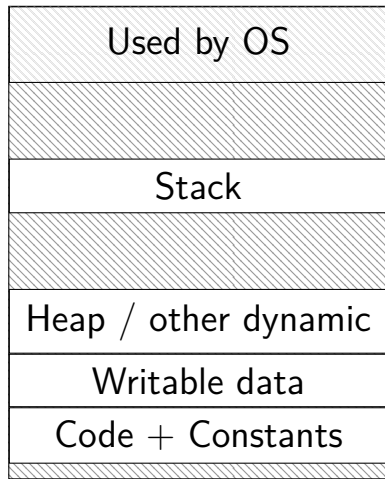
system administrator can setup program to only do ‘safe’ things

example: sudo: allow only users config file to do things as root

example: allow users to shutdown only if no one logged in

system tracks addt'l user ID to help with those checks

program memory



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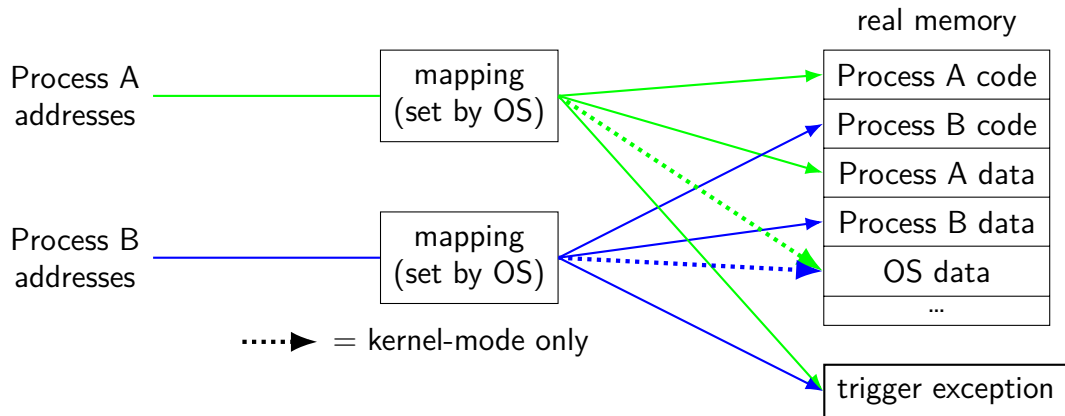
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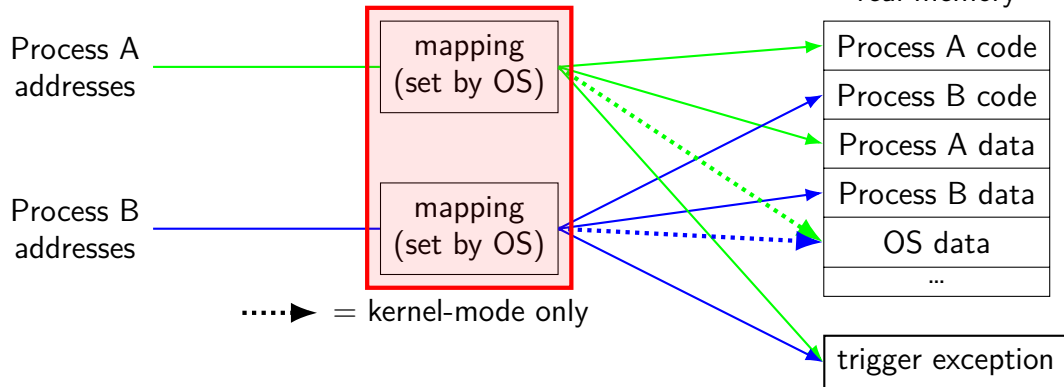
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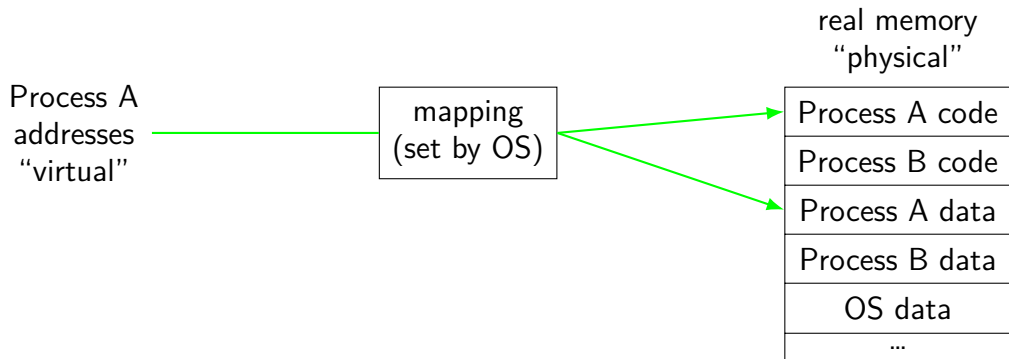
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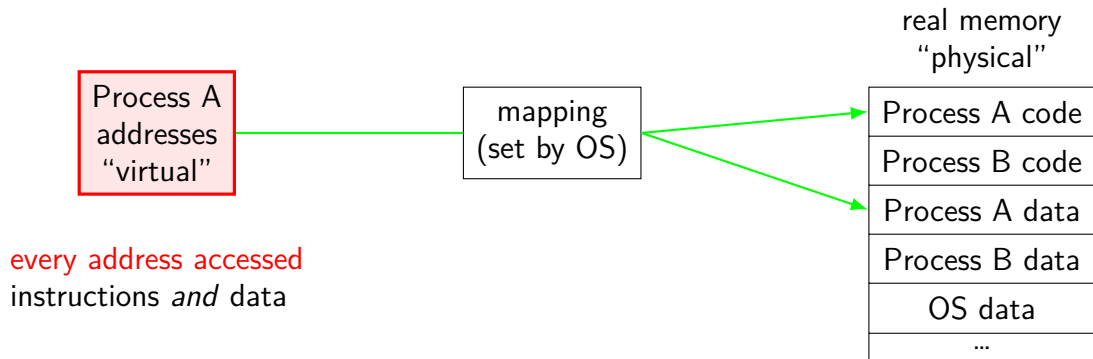
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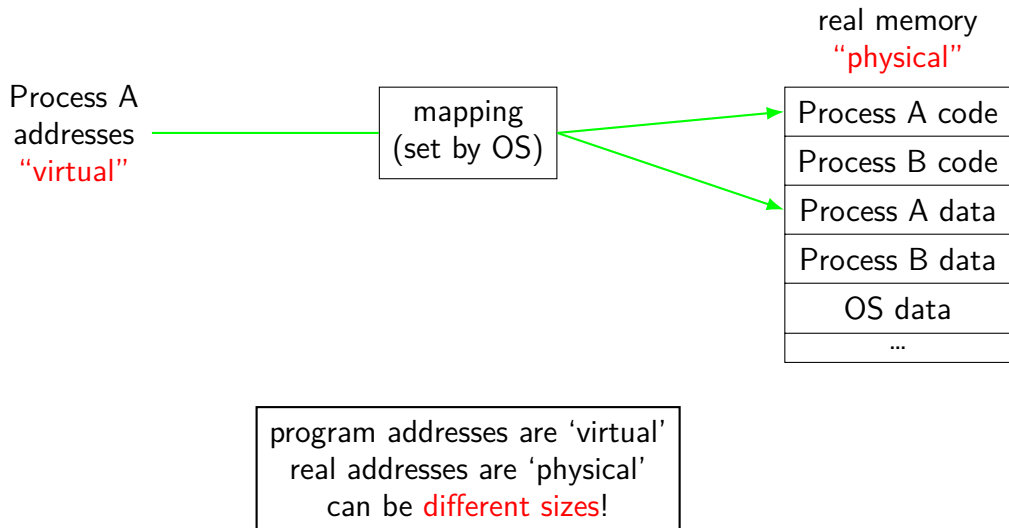
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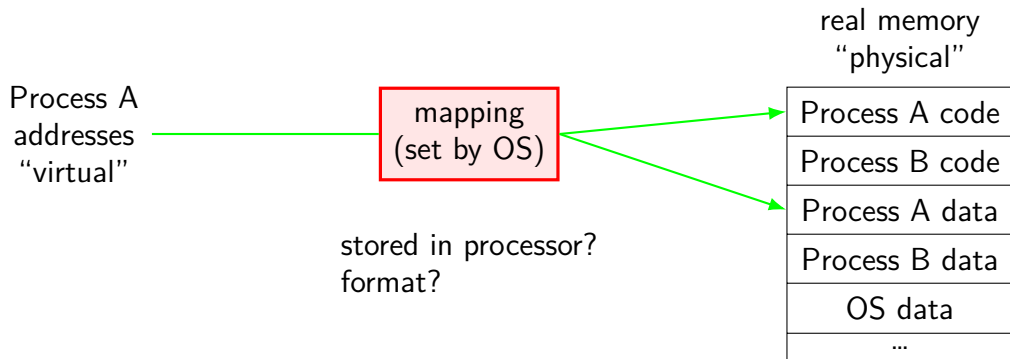
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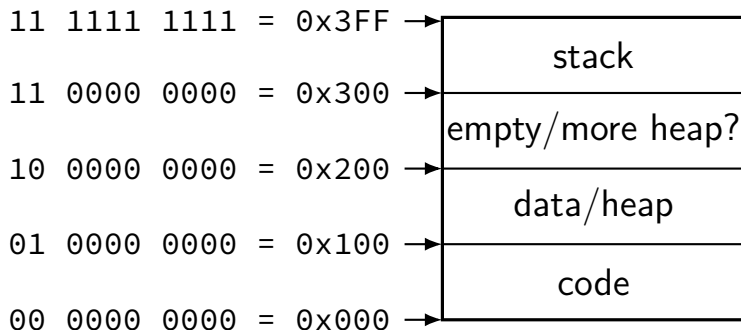
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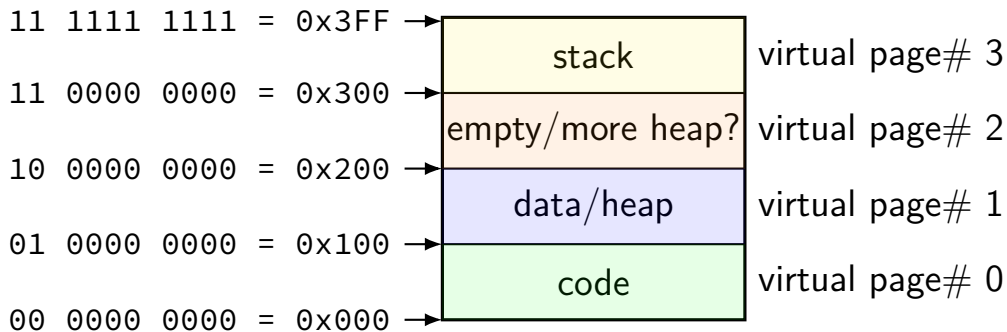
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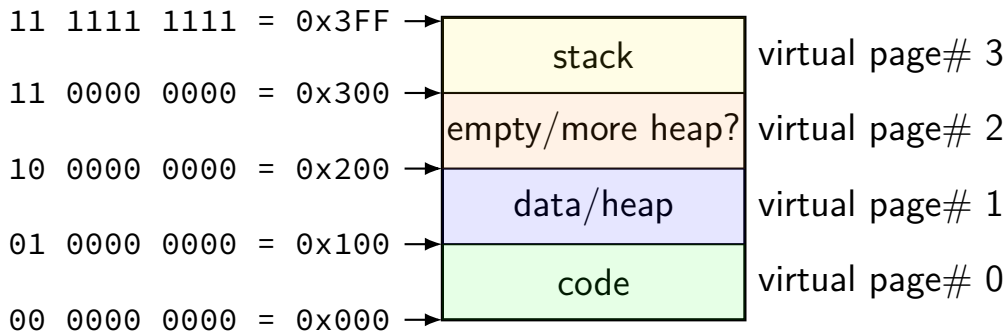
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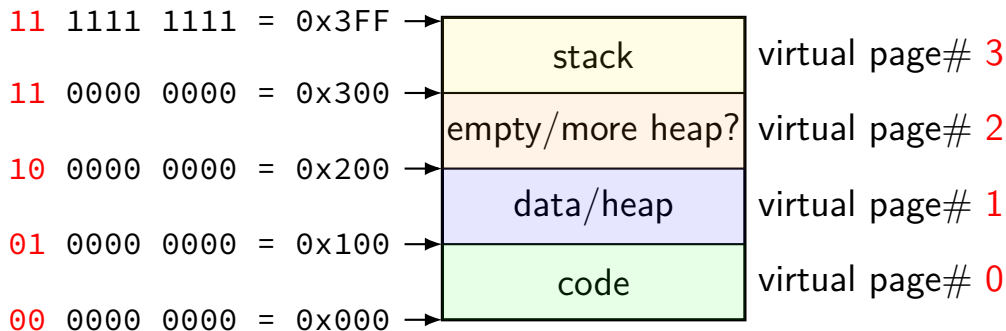


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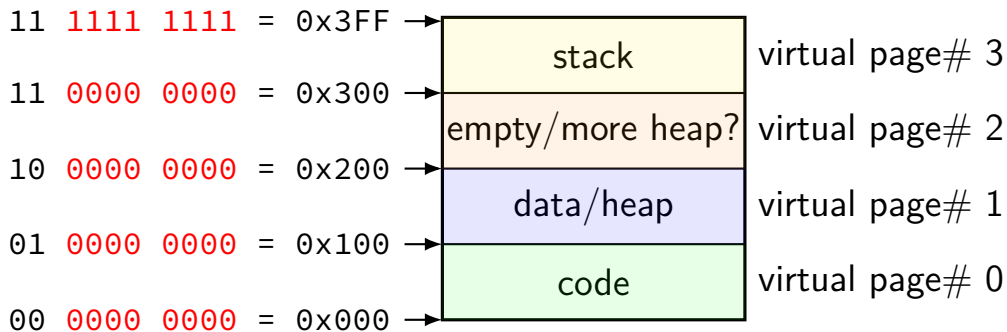
divide memory into **pages** (2^8 bytes in this case)
“virtual” = addresses the program sees

toy program memory



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

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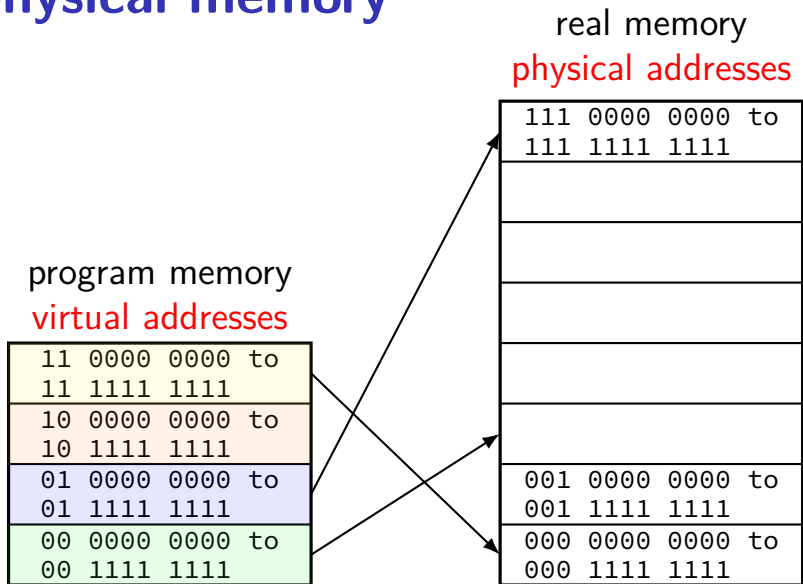
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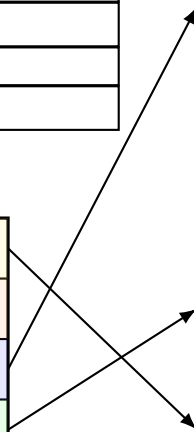
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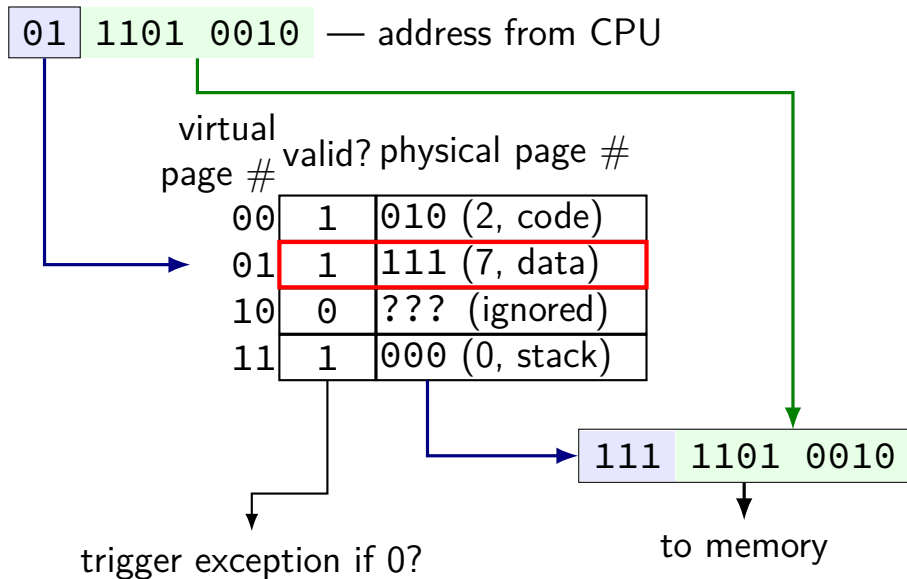
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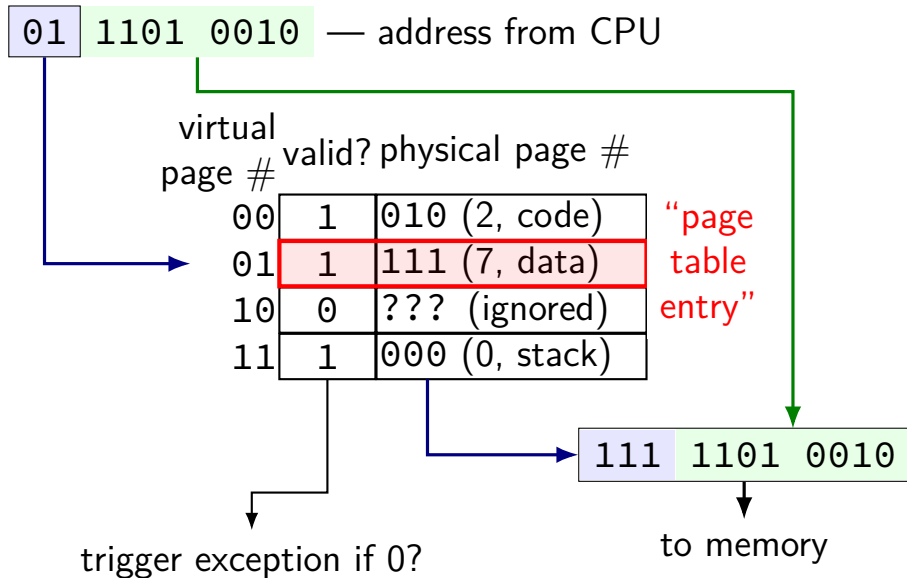
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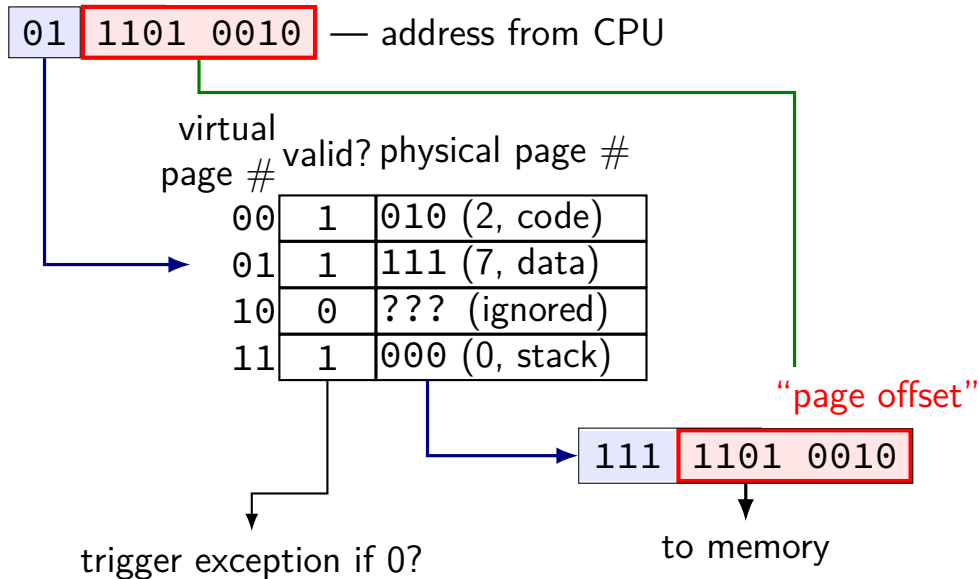
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on virtual address sizes

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

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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)

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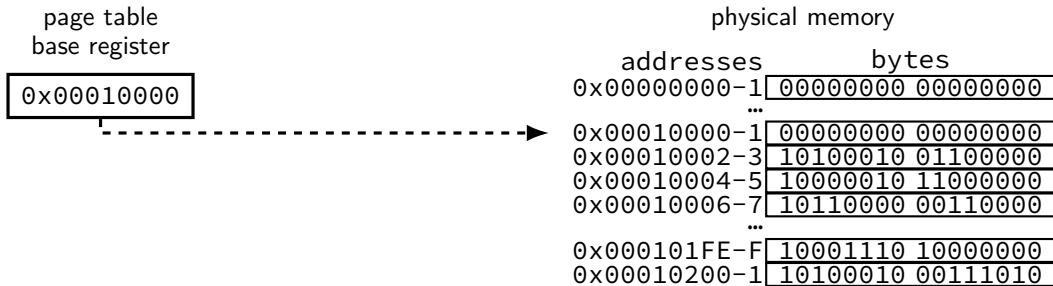


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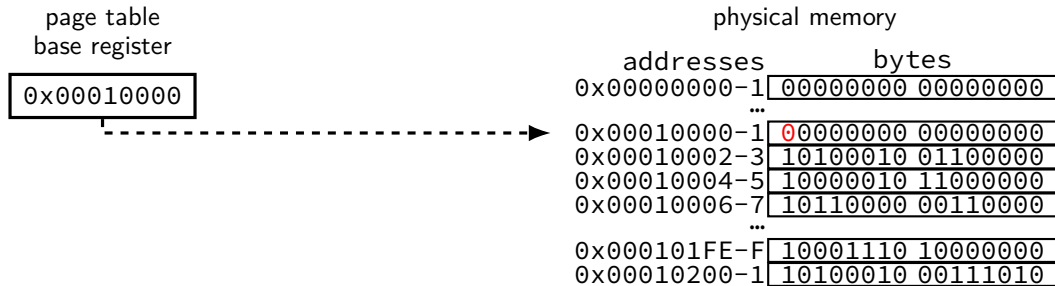


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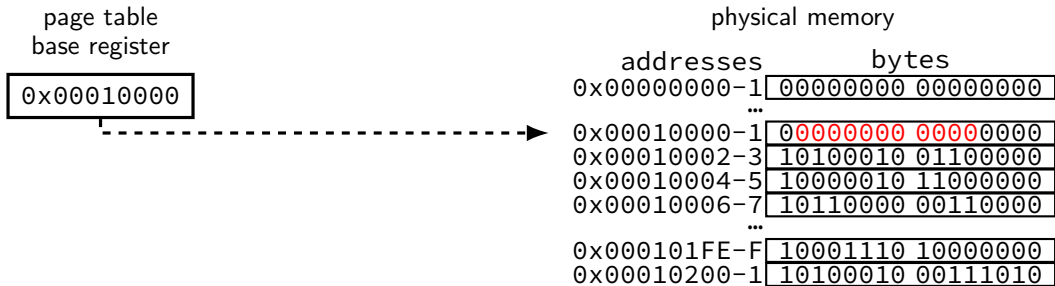


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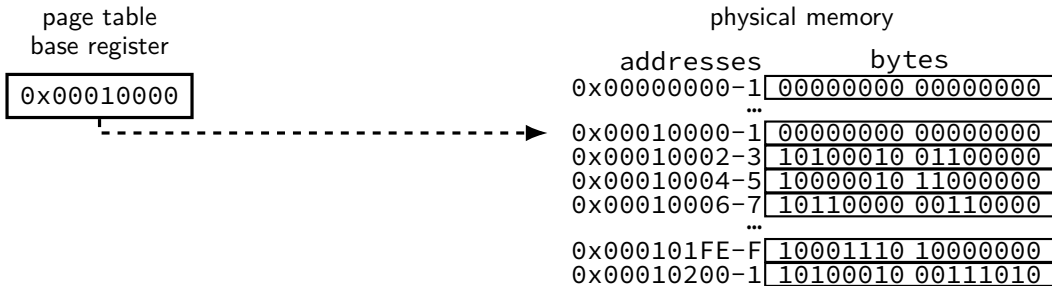


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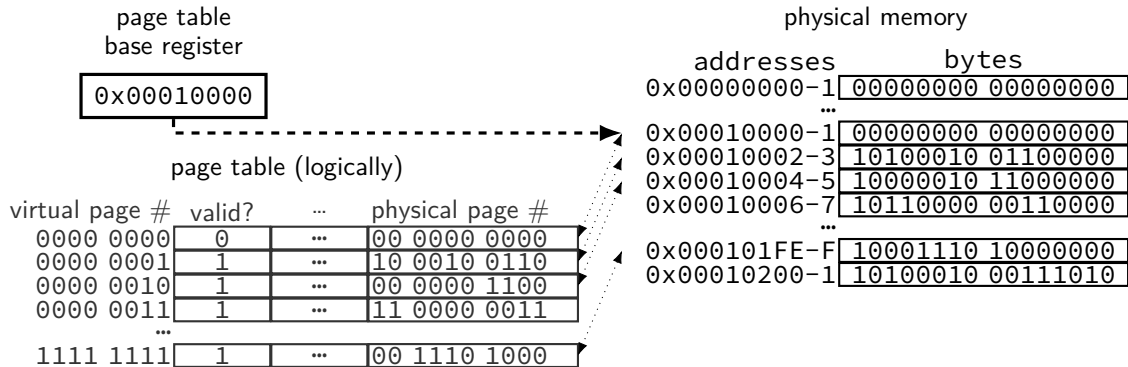


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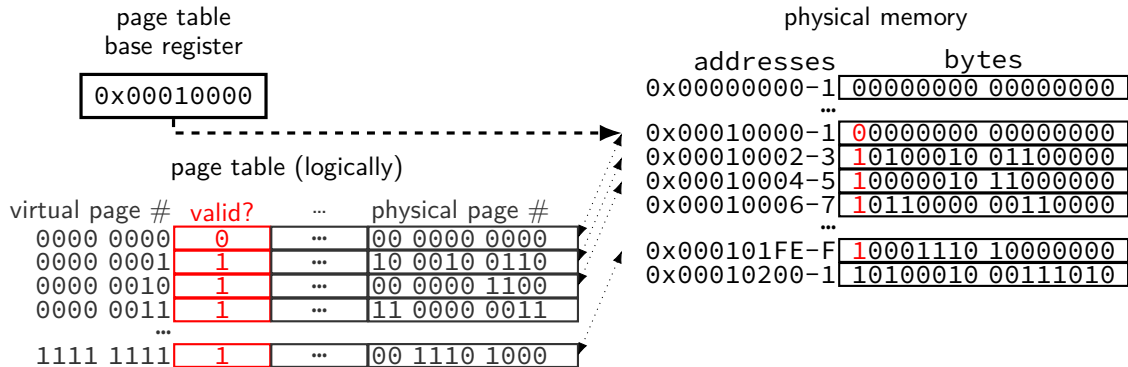


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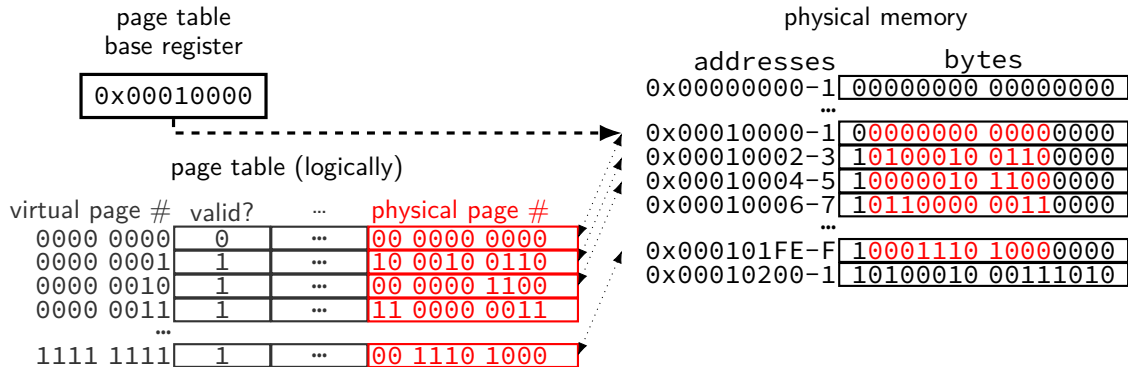


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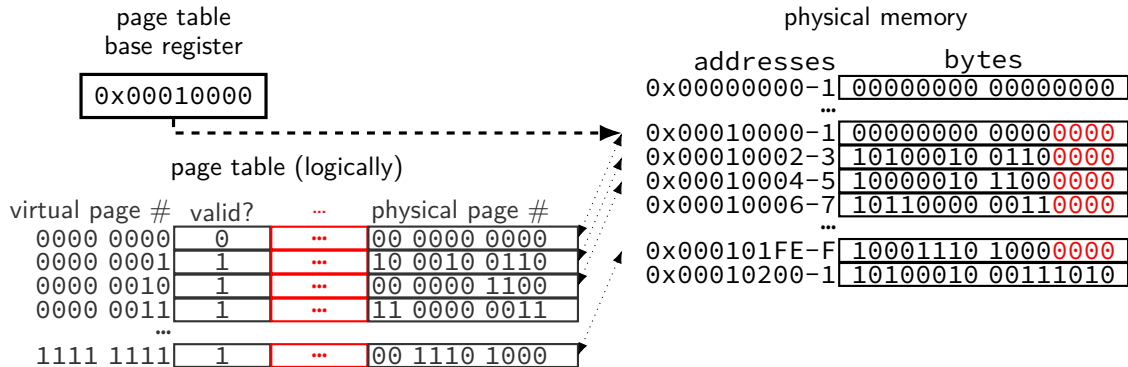


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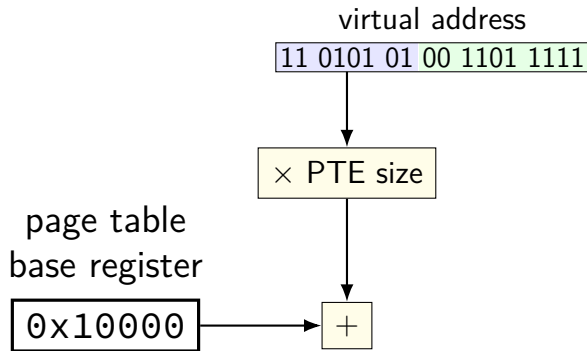


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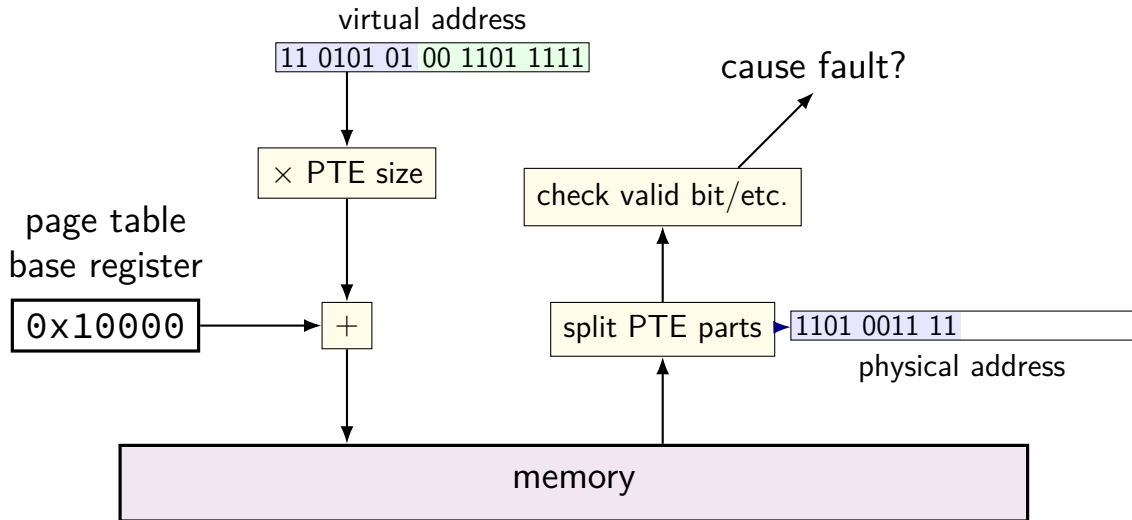
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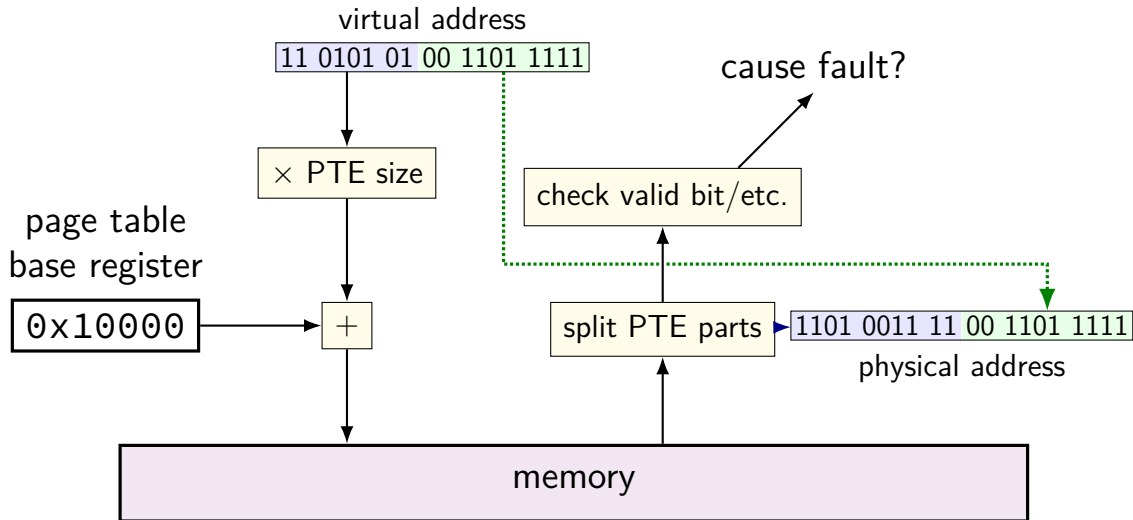
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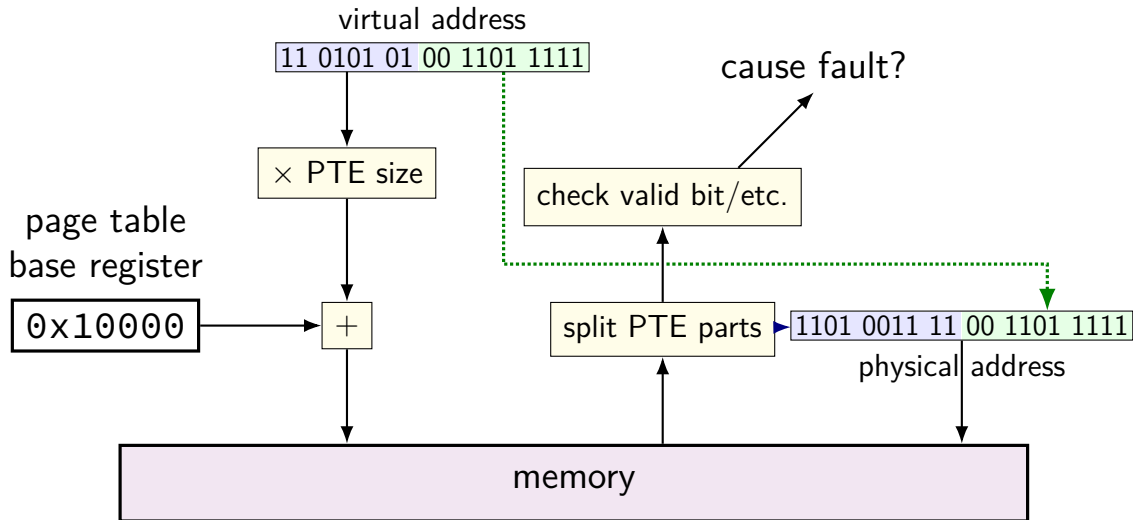
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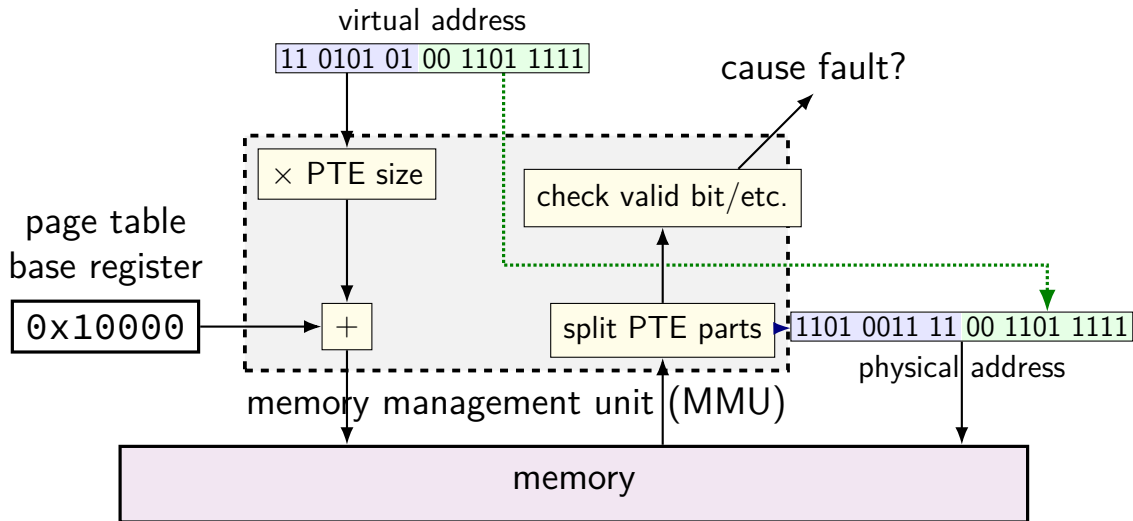
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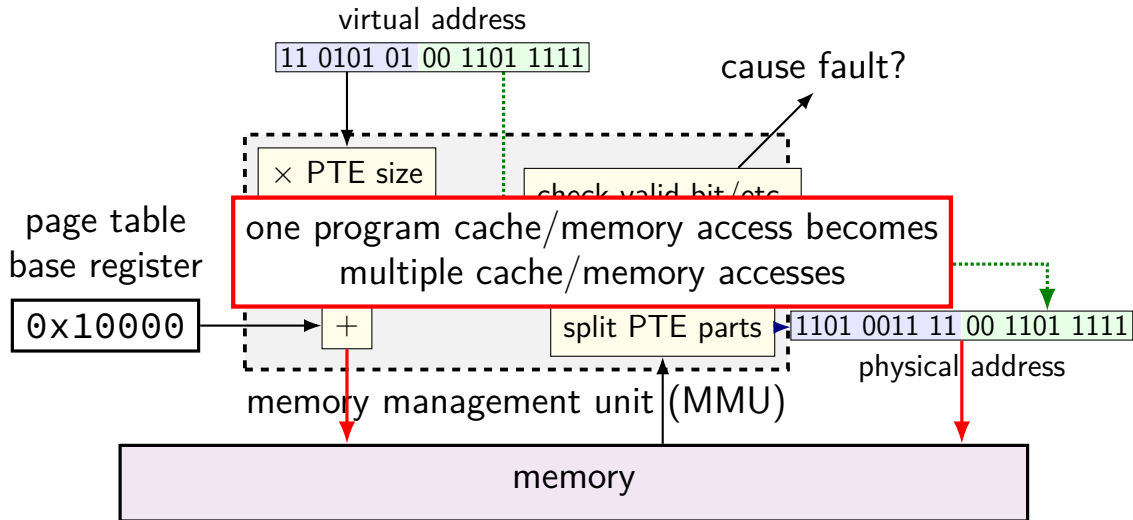
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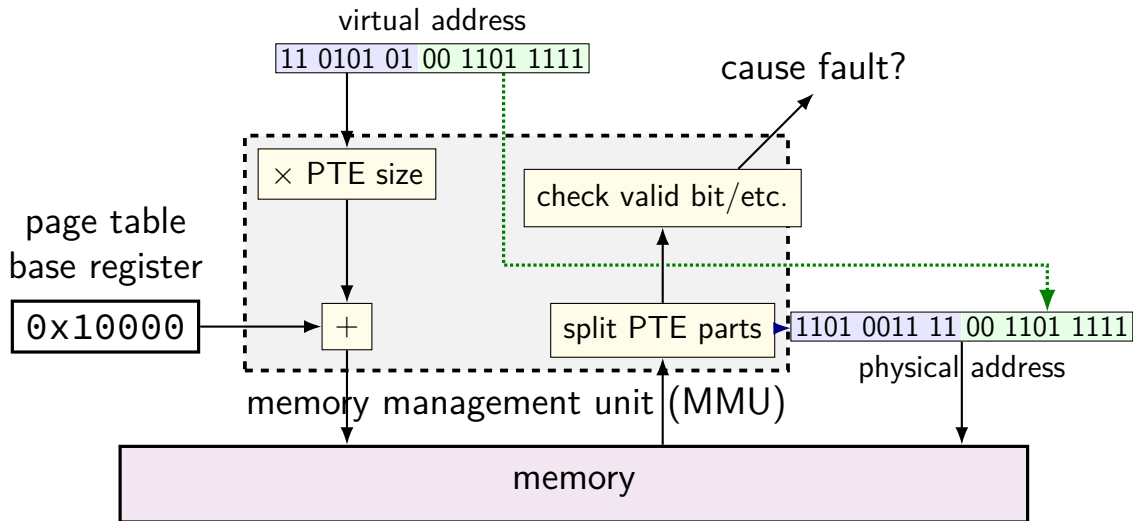
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exercise setup

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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()

with POBITS=12, LEVELS=1:

| VPN valid? physical | | |) |
|---------------------|-----|--------|---|
| 0 | 0 | — | |
| 1 | 1 | 0x9999 | |
| 2 | 0 | — | |
| 3 | 1 | 0x3333 | |
| ... | ... | ... | |

ptbr = GetPointerToTable(

translate(0x0FFF) == (void*) ~0L

translate(0x1000) == (void*) 0x9999000

translate(0x1001) == (void*) 0x9999001

translate(0x2000) == (void*) ~0L

translate(0x2001) == (void*) ~0L

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| | | |
|-----|-----|-------|
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| 1 | 1 | (new) |
| 2 | 0 | — |
| 3 | 1 | — |
| ... | ... | ... |

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allocated with posix_memalign

page_allocate()

with POBITS=**12**, LEVELS=1:

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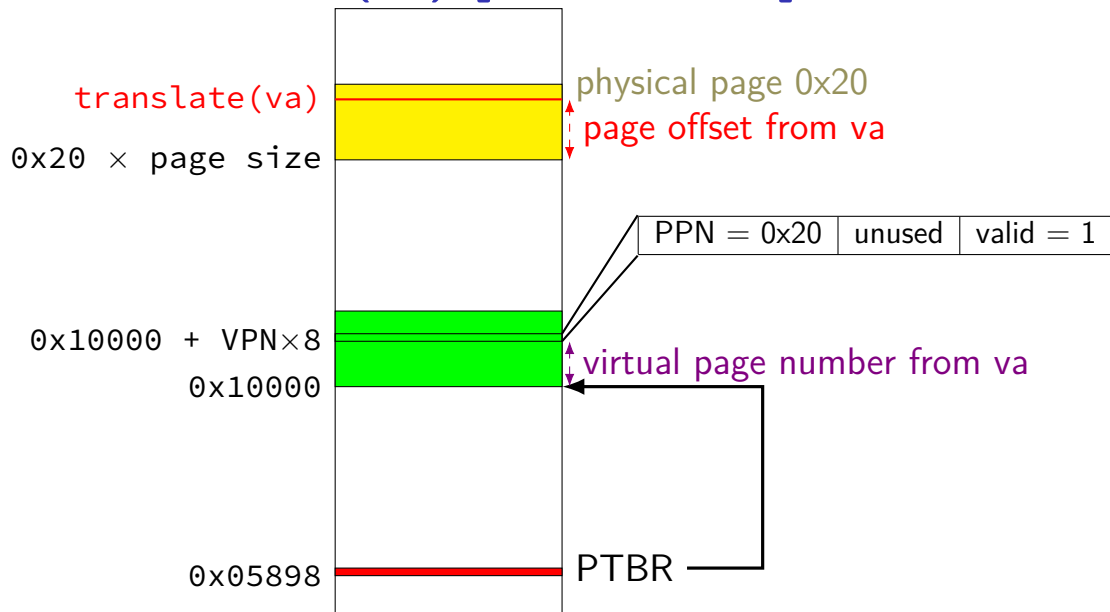
address/page table entry format

(with POBITS=12, LEVELS=1)

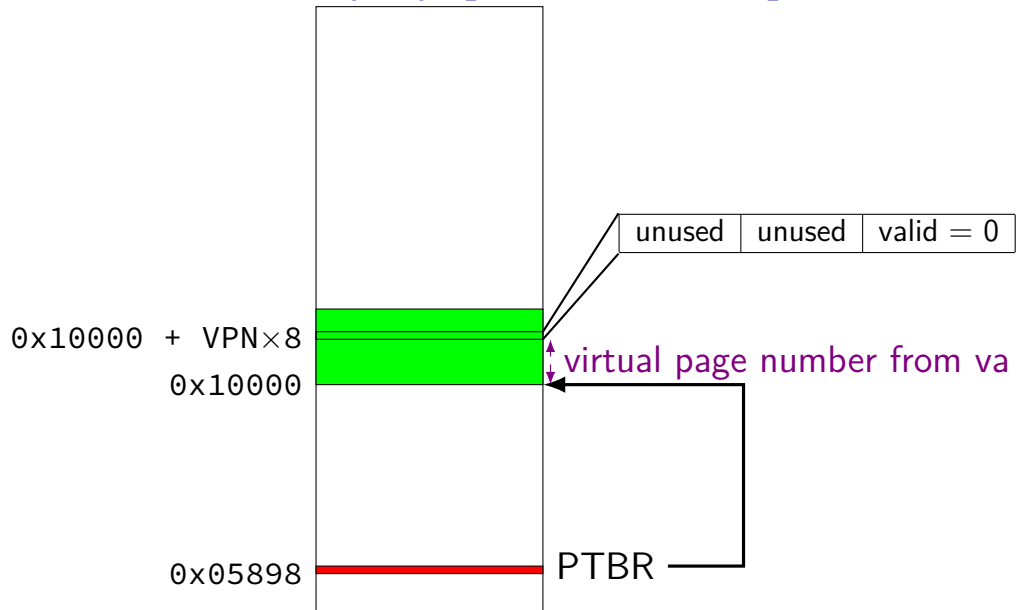
| | bits 63–21 | bits 20–12 | bits 11–1 | bit 0 |
|------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------|-----------|
| page table entry | physical page number | | unused | valid bit |
| virtual address | unused | virtual page number | page offset | |
| physical address | physical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

in assignment: value from `posix_memalign` = physical address

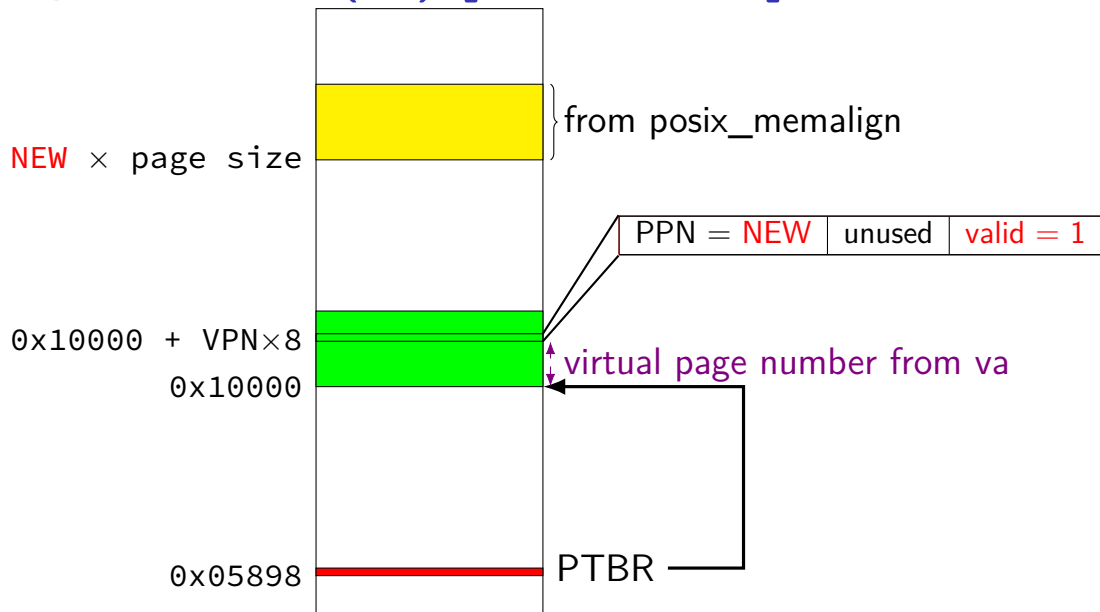
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top 16 bits of 64-bit addresses not used for translation

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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??)

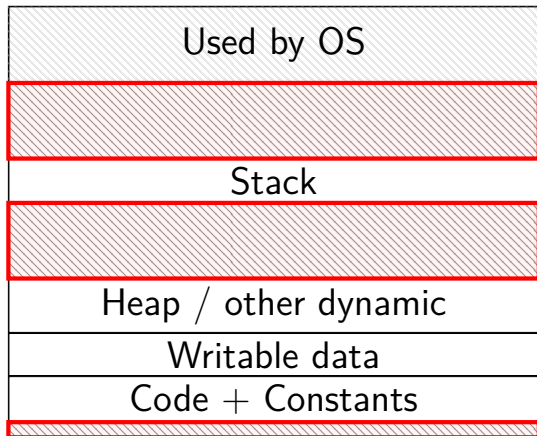
huge page tables

huge virtual address spaces!

impossible to store PTE for every page

how can we save space?

holes



most pages are **invalid**

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tree data structure

but not quite a search tree

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

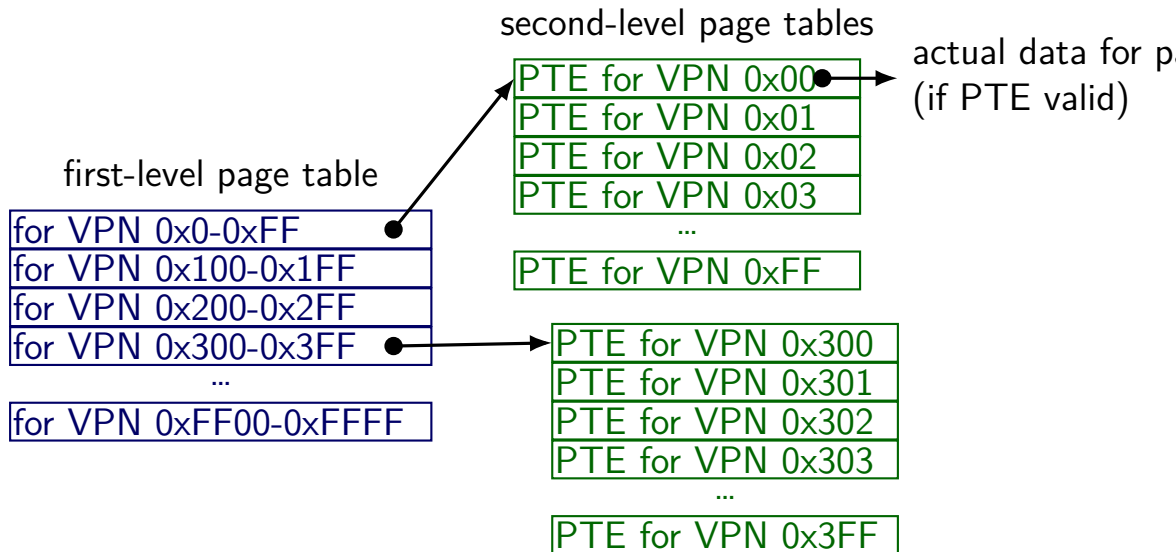
- doing two memory accesses is already very slow

- solution: tree with many children from each node

- (far from binary tree's left/right child)

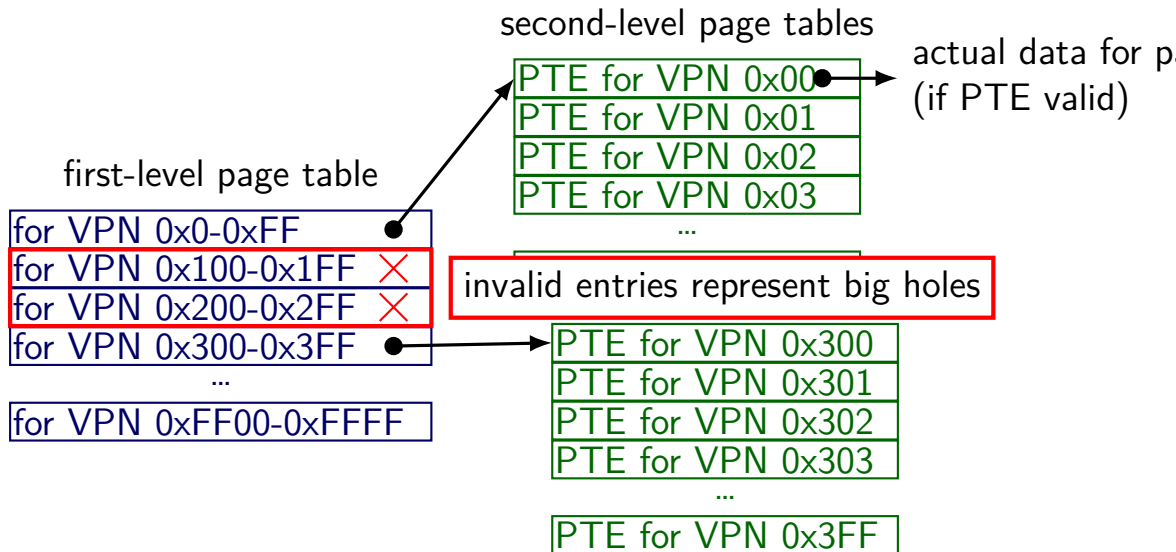
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|------------------------|-------|-----|---|-------------|
| VPN range | valid | ... | physical page # (of next page table) | |
| 0x0000-0x00FF | 1 | ... | 0x22343 | |
| 0x0100-0x01FF | 0 | ... | 0x00000 | |
| 0x0200-0x02FF | 0 | ... | 0x00000 | |
| 0x0300-0x03FF | 1 | ... | 0x33454 | |
| 0x0400-0x04FF | 1 | ... | 0xFF043 | |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | |
| 0xFF00-0xFFFF | 1 | ... | 0xFF045 | |

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| 0x0100-0x01FF | 0 | ... | 0x00000 | |
| 0x0200-0x02FF | 0 | ... | 0x00000 | |
| 0x0300-0x03FF | 1 | ... | 0x33454 | |
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| ... | ... | ... | ... | |
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a second-level page table

| VPN | valid | ... | physical page # (of data) |
|-------|-------|-----|------------------------------|
| 0x300 | 0 | 1 | 0x42443 |
| 0x301 | 0 | 1 | 0x4A9DE |
| 0x302 | 0 | 1 | 0x5C001 |
| 0x303 | 0 | 1 | 0x00000 |
| 0x304 | 0 | 1 | 0x6C223 |
| ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 0x3FF | ... | 1 | 0x00000 |

PTE for VPN 0x303

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| for VPN 0x200-0x2FF | × |
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PTE for VPN 0x303

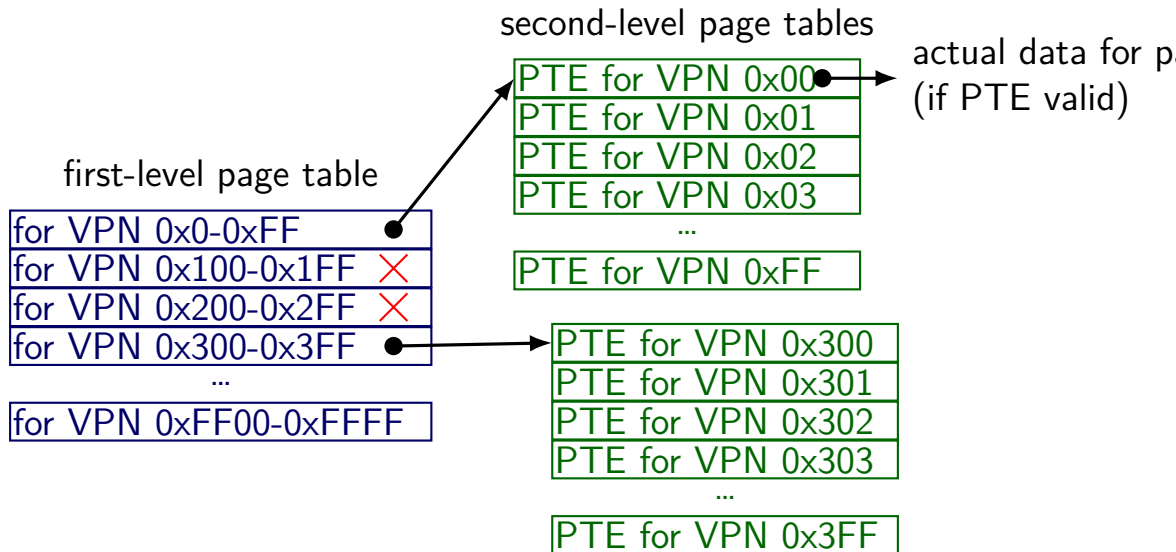
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PTE for VPN 0x3FF

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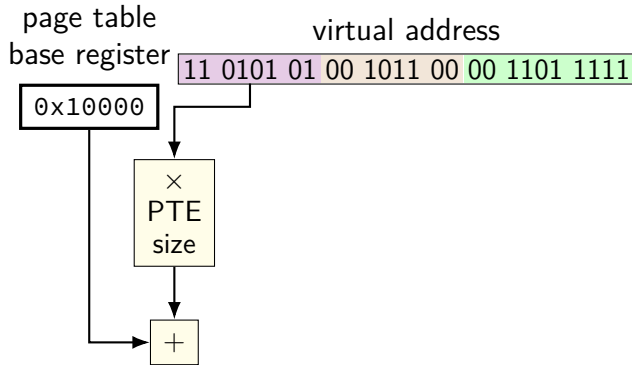
virtual address

| | | | | | | | | |
|----|------|----|----|------|----|----|------|------|
| 11 | 0101 | 01 | 00 | 1011 | 00 | 00 | 1101 | 1111 |
|----|------|----|----|------|----|----|------|------|

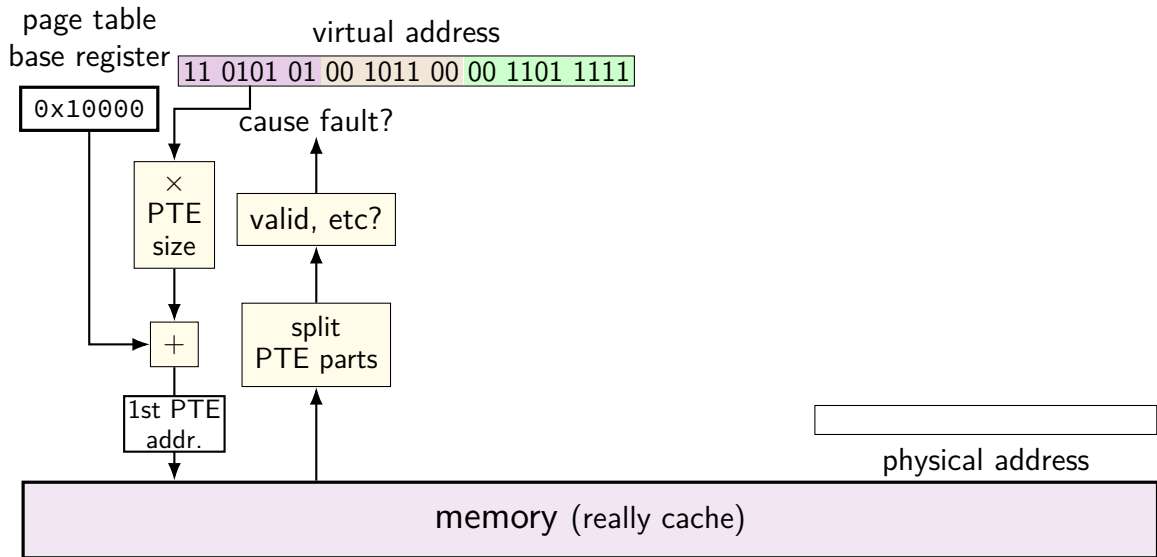
VPN — split into two parts (one per level)

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

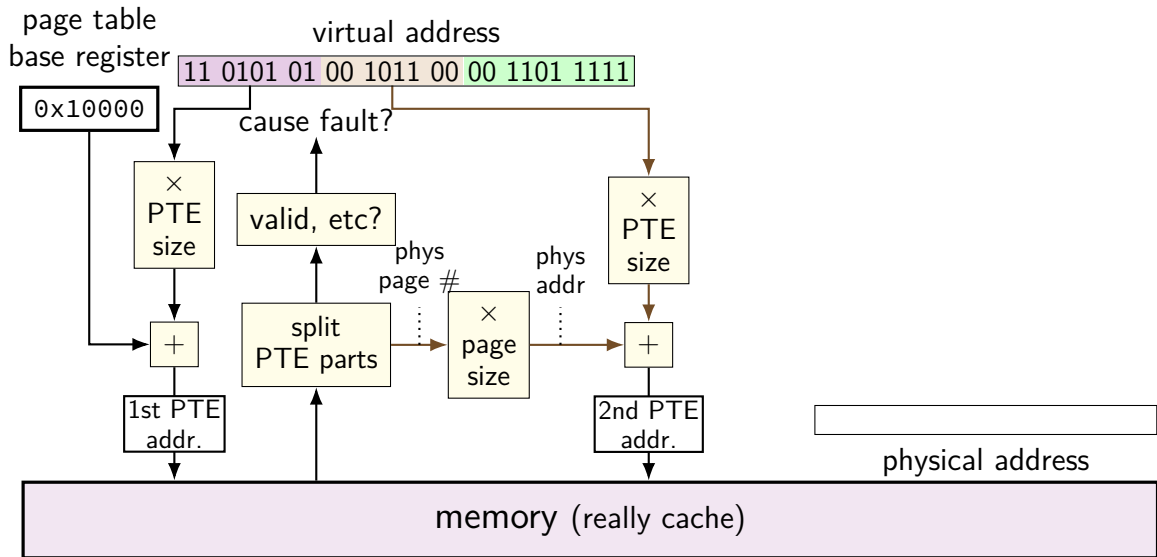
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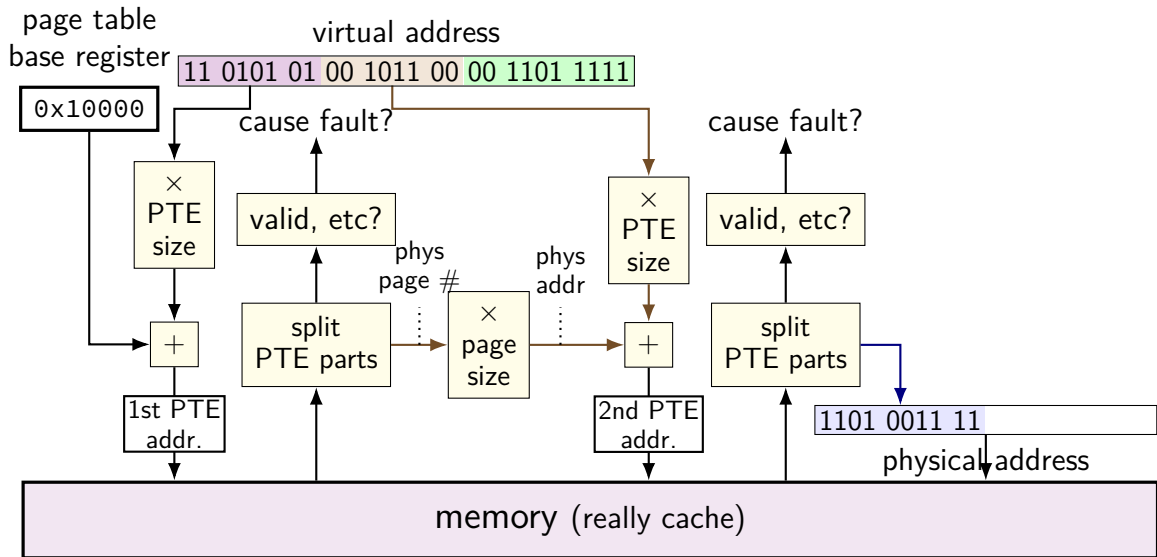
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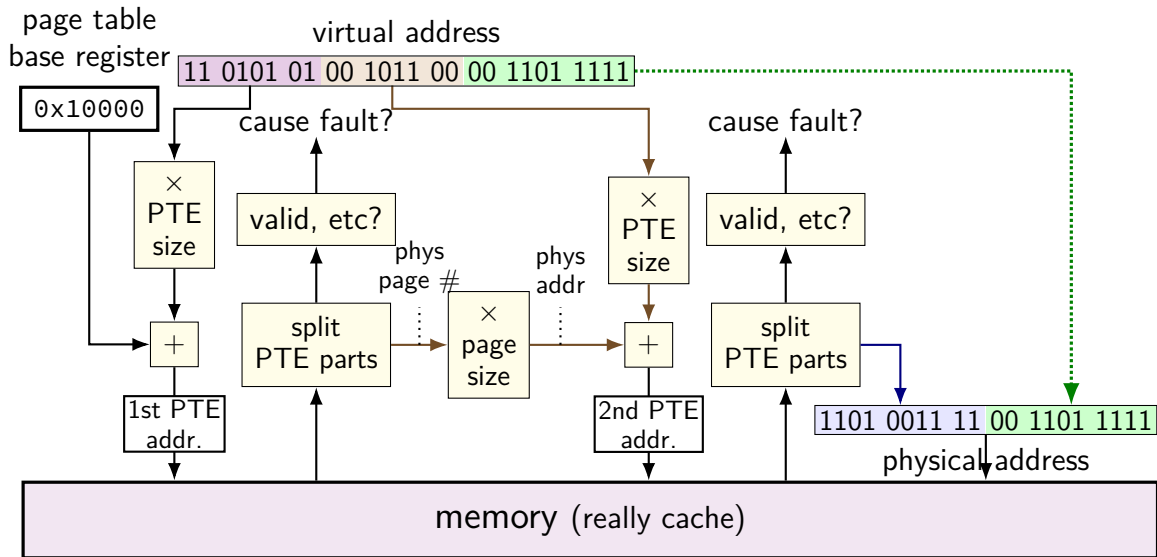
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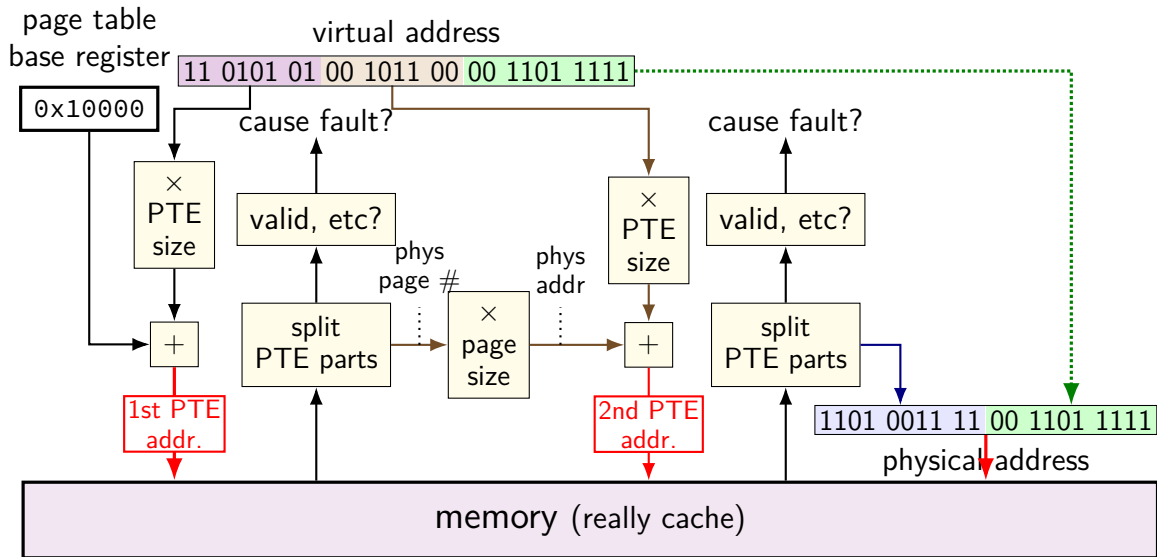
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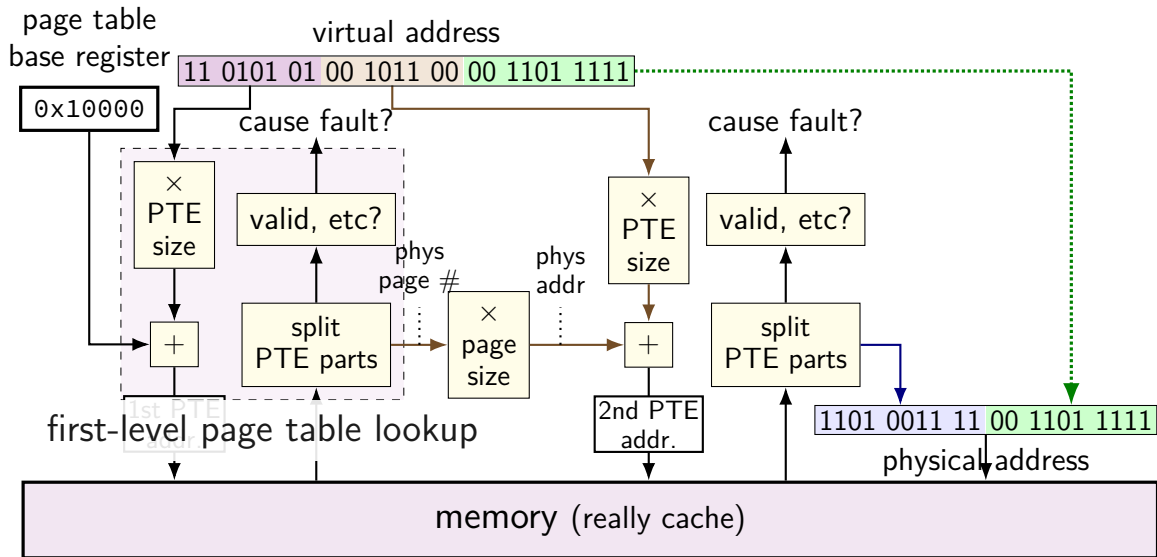
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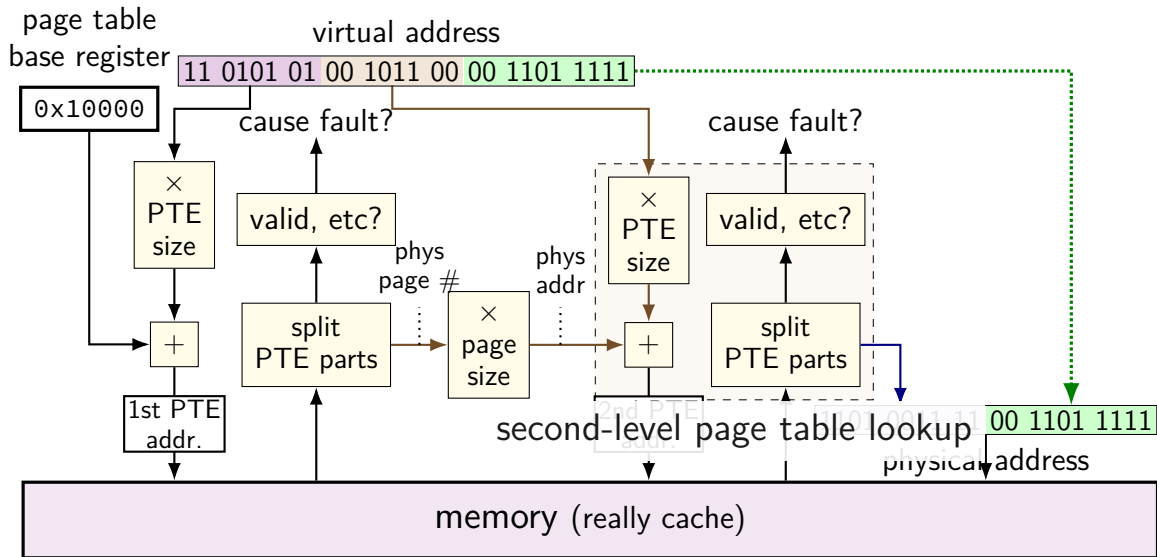
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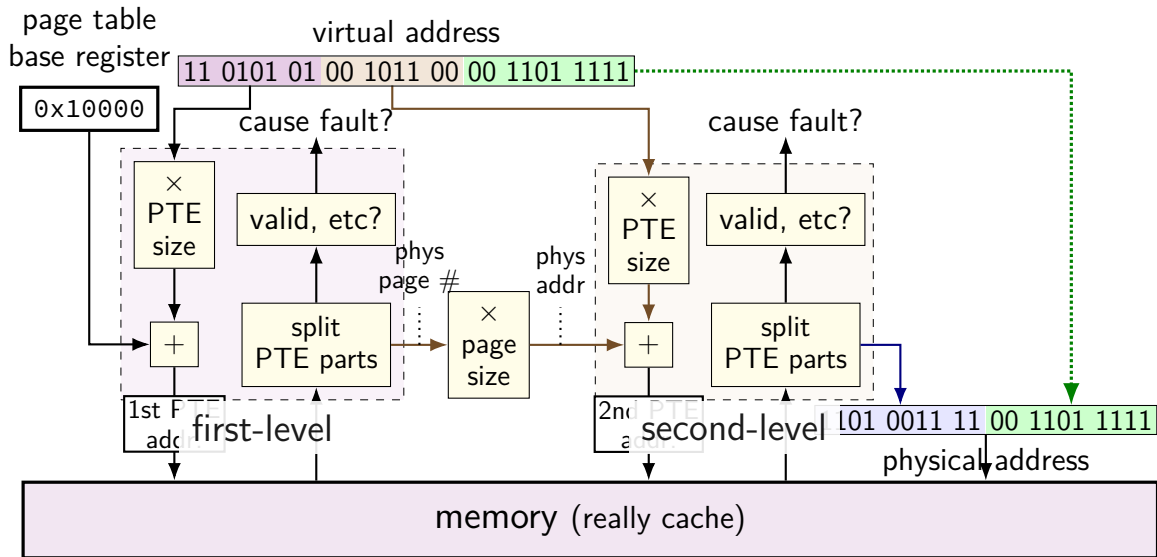
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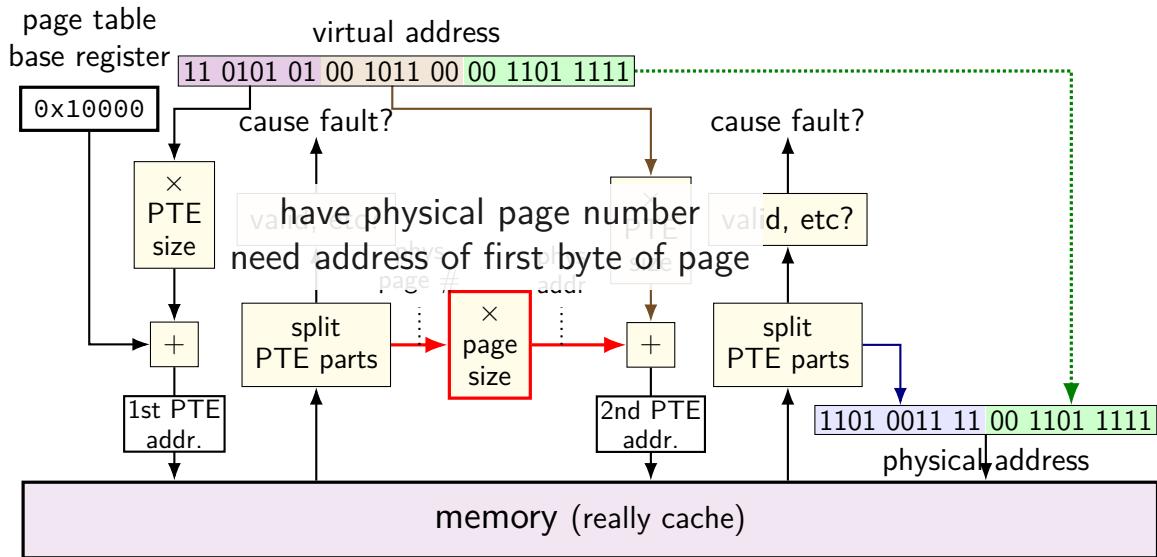
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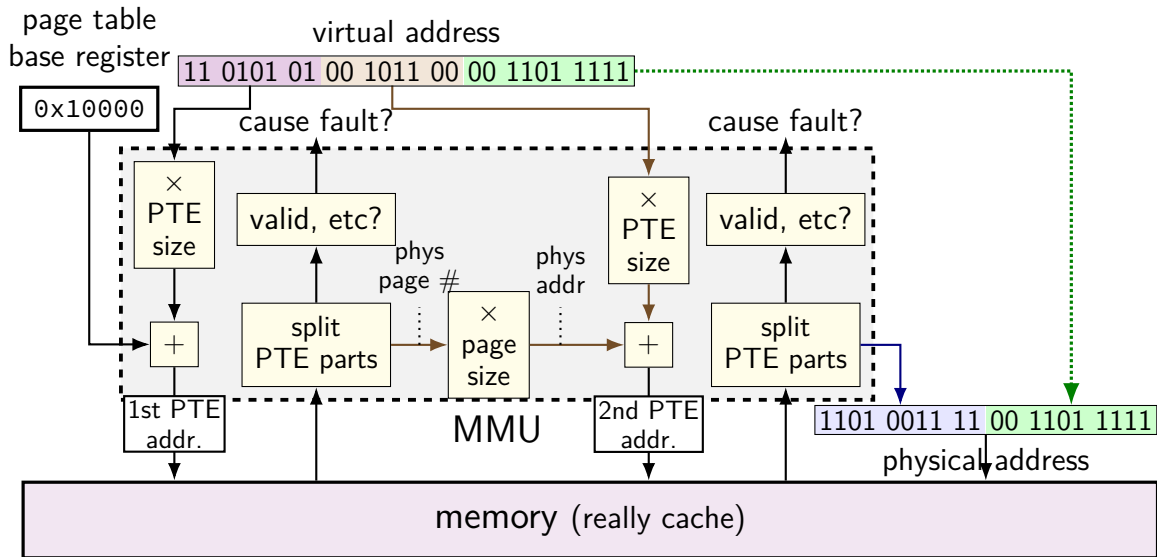
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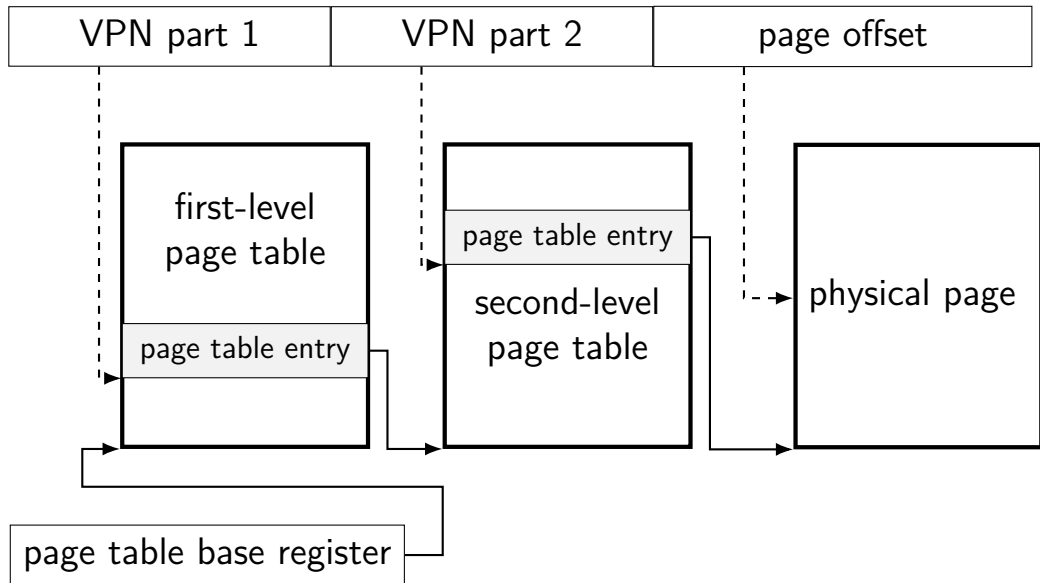
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another view



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

x86-64 page table splitting

48-bit virtual address

12-bit page offset (4KB pages)

36-bit virtual page number, split into four 9-bit parts

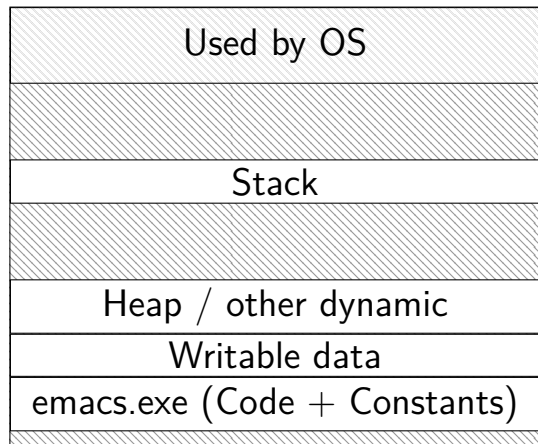
page tables at each level: 2^9 entries, 8 bytes/entry
deliberate choice: each page table is one page

note on VPN splitting

indexes used for lookup **parts of the virtual page number**
(there are not multiple VPNs)

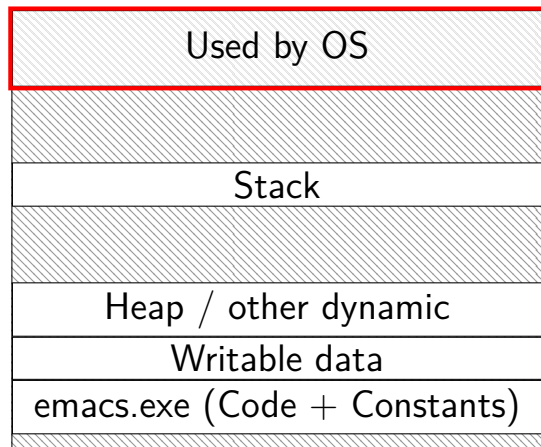
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OS's memory

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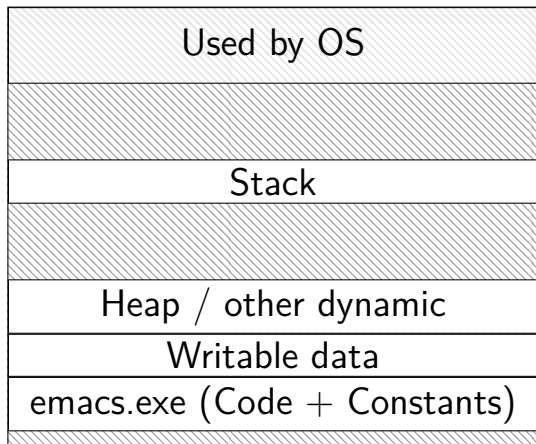
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code better not be modified by user program

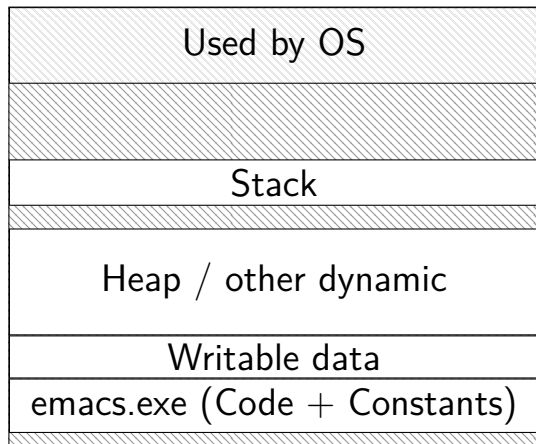
- otherwise: uncontrolled way to “escape” user mode

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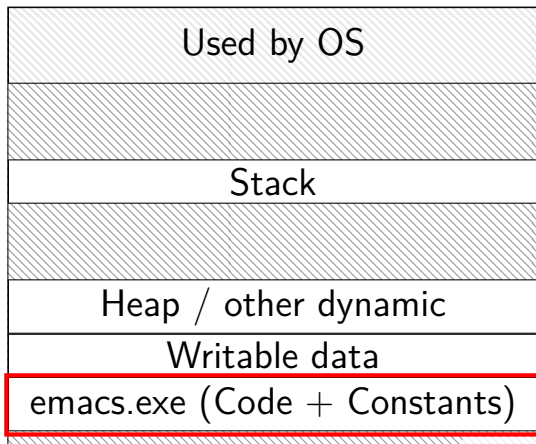


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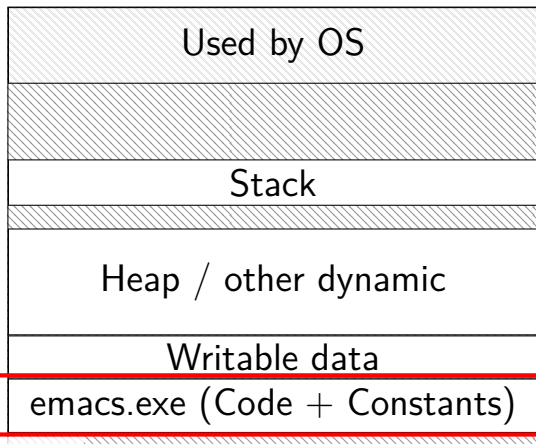


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Emacs (run by user mst3k)



Emacs (run by user xyz4w)



same data?

two copies of program

would like to only have one copy of program

what if mst3k's emacs 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 MMU 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 |

assignment

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2-level splitting

9-bit virtual address

6-bit physical address

8-byte pages \rightarrow 3-bit page offset (bottom bits)

9-bit VA: 6 bit VPN + 3 bit PO

6-bit PA: 3 bit PPN + 3 bit PO

8 entry page tables \rightarrow 3-bit VPN parts

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

2-level exercise (1)

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2-level exercise (2)

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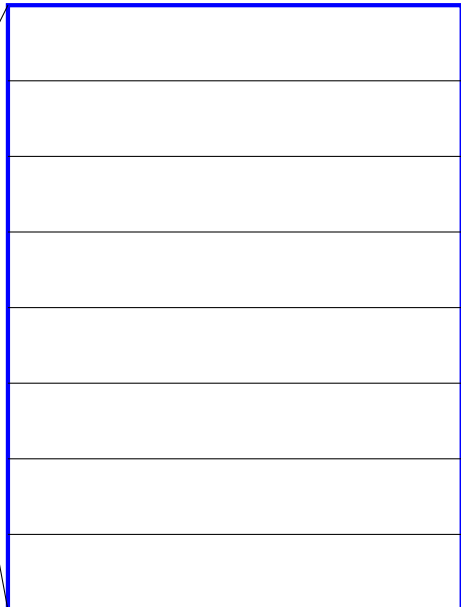
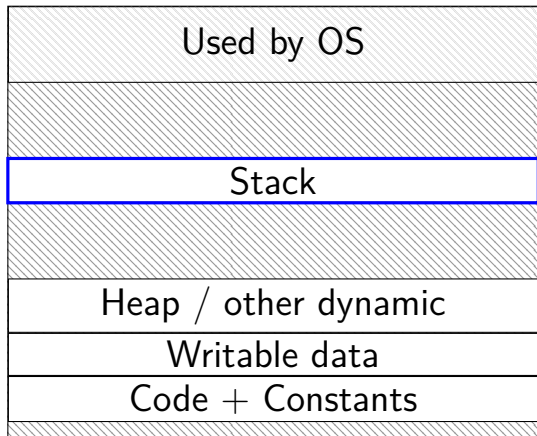
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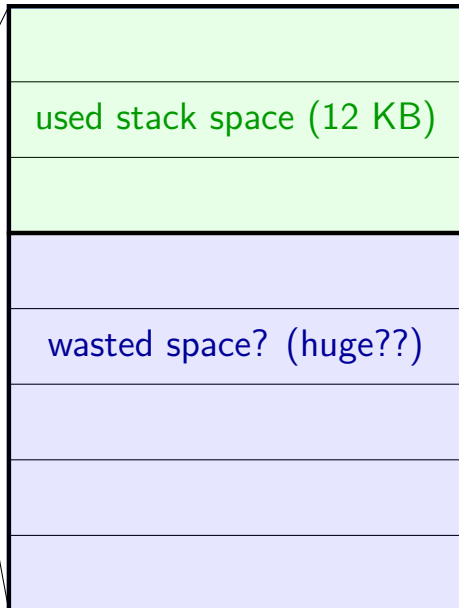
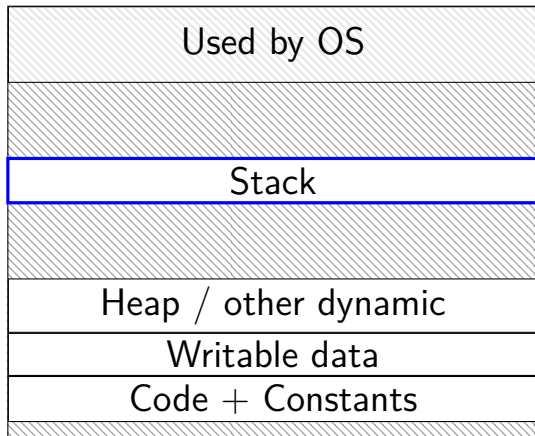
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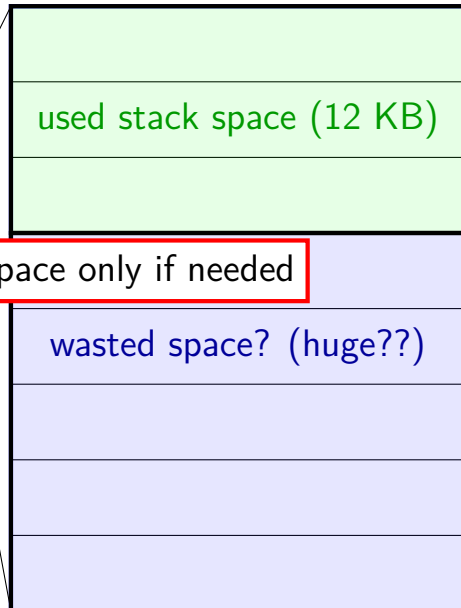
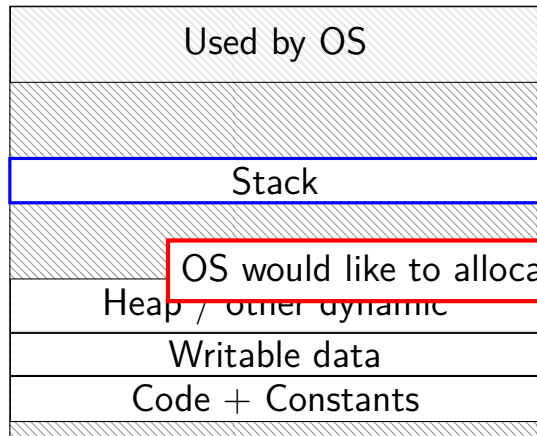
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OS would like to allocate space only if needed

allocating space on demand

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```
...  
// requires more stack space  
A: pushq %rbx  
  
B: movq 8(%rcx), %rbx  
C: addq %rbx, %rax  
...
```

VPN

```
...  
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0x7FFFC  
0x7FFFD  
0x7FFFE  
0x7FFFF  
...
```

valid? physical
page

| valid? | physical page |
|--------|------------------|
| ... | ... |
| 0 | --- |
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| 1 | 0x12340 |
| 1 | 0x12347 |
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| ... | ... |

allocating space on demand

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```
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pushq triggers exception
hardware says “accessing address 0x7FFBFF8”
OS looks up what’s should be there — “stack”

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...  
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A: pushq %rbx restarted  
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C: addq %rbx, %rax  
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| ... | ... | ... |
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| ... | ... | ... |

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

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
```

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**

Linux maps: list of maps

```
$ cat /proc/self/maps
```

```
00400000-0040b000 r-xp 00000000 08:01 48328831 /bin/cat
0060a000-0060b000 r-p 0000a000 08:01 48328831 /bin/cat
0060b000-0060c000 rw-p 0000b000 08:01 48328831 /bin/cat
01974000-01995000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0 [heap]
7f60c718b000-7f60c7490000 r-p 00000000 08:01 77483660 /usr/lib/locale/locale-archive
7f60c7490000-7f60c764e000 r-xp 00000000 08:01 96659129 /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libc-2.1
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7ffc5d2b2000-7ffc5d2d3000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0 [stack]
7ffc5d3b0000-7ffc5d3b3000 r-p 00000000 00:00 0 [vvar]
7ffc5d3b3000-7ffc5d3b5000 r-xp 00000000 00:00 0 [vdso]
ffffffff600000-ffffffff601000 r-xp 00000000 00:00 0 [vsyscall]
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01974000-01995000 rw-p 00000000 00:00 0 [heap]
```

```
7f60c718b000-7f60c7490000 r--p 00000000 08:01 77483660 /usr/lib/locale/locale-archive
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7f60c7490000-7f60c7490000 r--p 00000000 08:01 77483660 /usr/lib/locale/locale-archive
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7f60c764e000-7f60c764e000 r--p 00000000 08:01 77483660 /usr/lib/locale/locale-archive
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ffffffffffff-ffffffffffff r--p 00000000 08:01 77483660 /usr/lib/locale/locale-archive
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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 ...

page tricks generally

deliberately make program trigger page/protection fault

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

have separate 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

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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“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)

HDD/SDDs are slow

HDD reads and writes: milliseconds to tens of milliseconds

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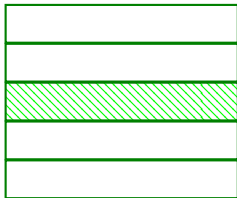
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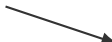
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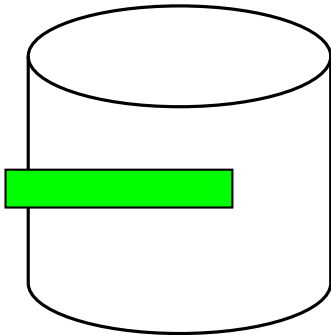


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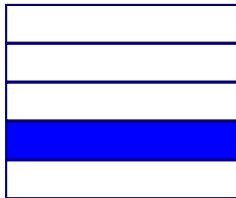
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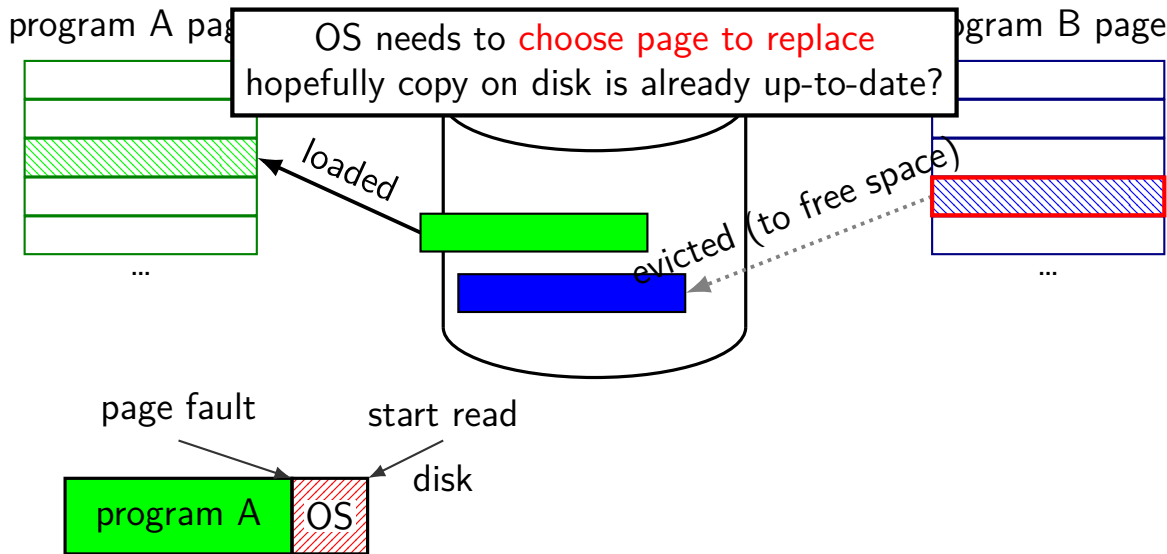


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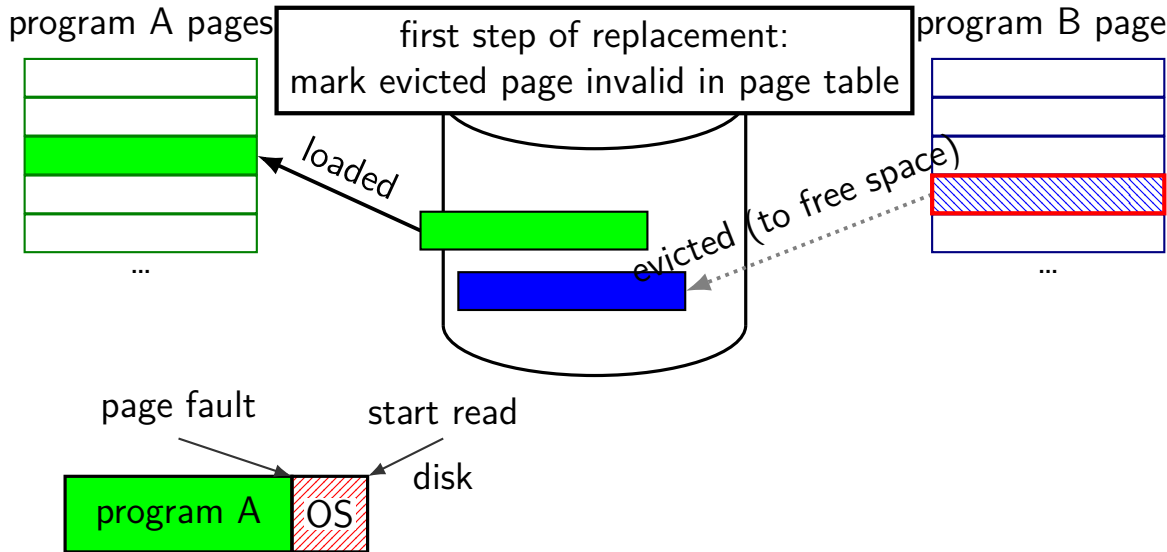


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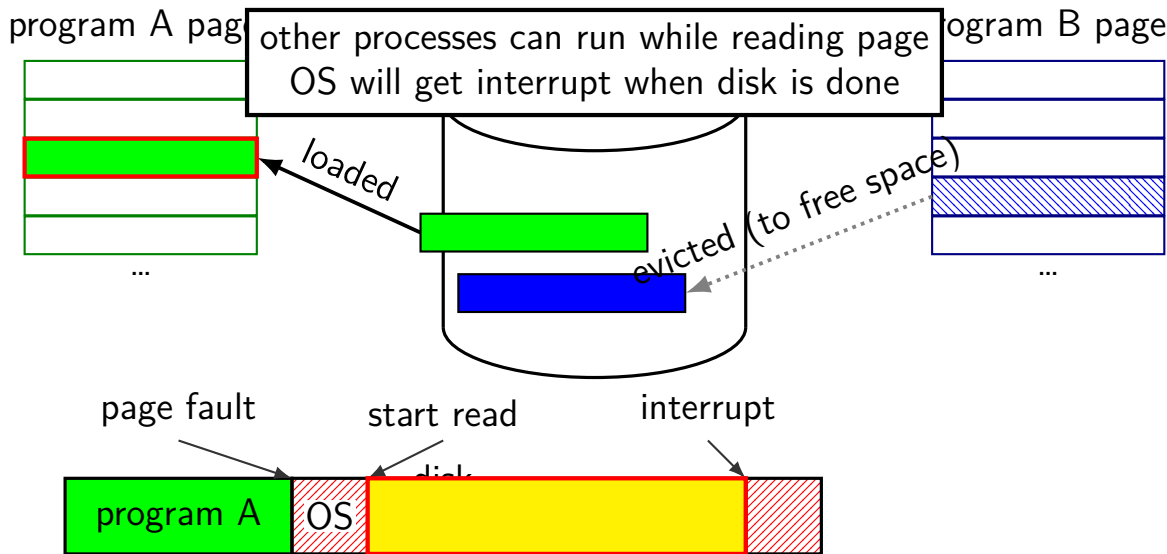
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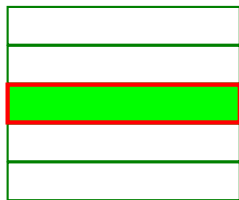


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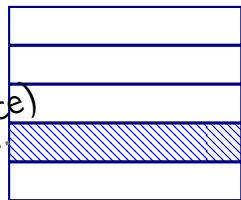
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loaded

evicted (to free space)

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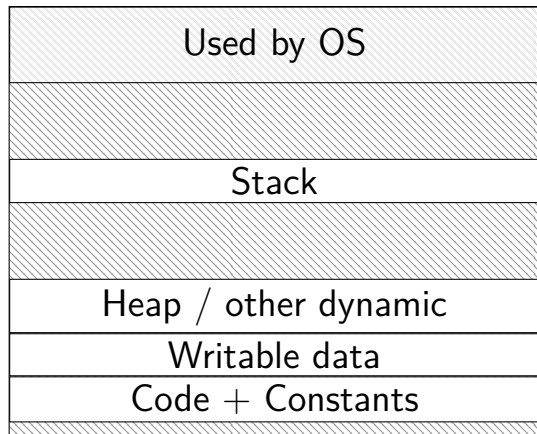
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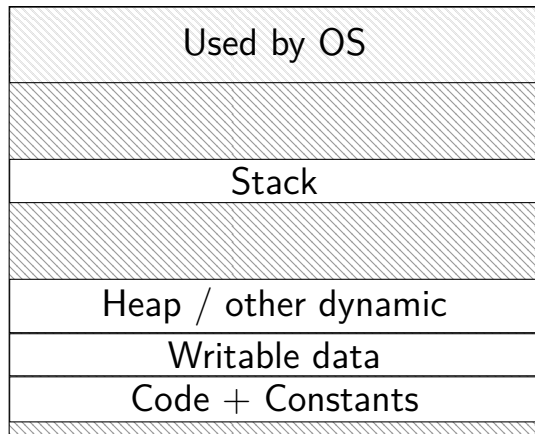


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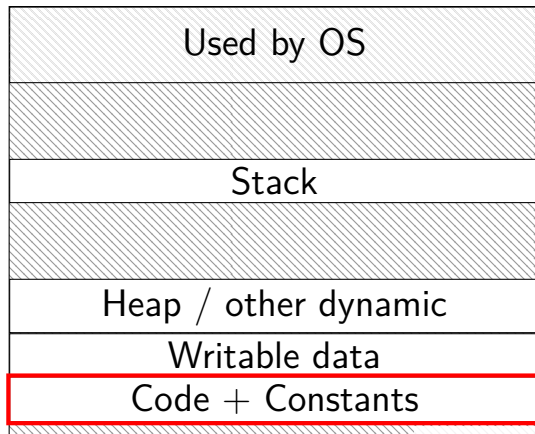


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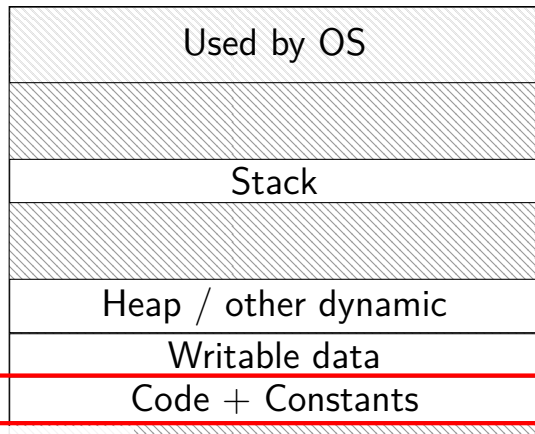


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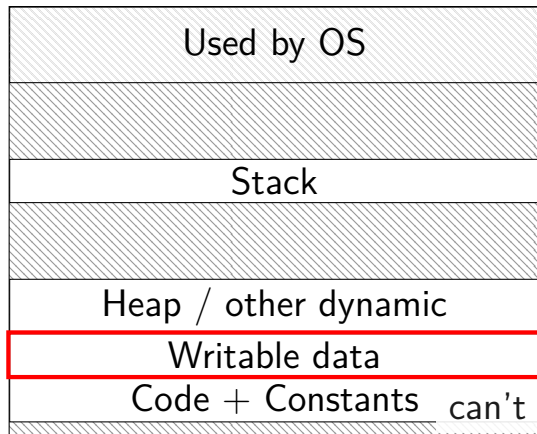
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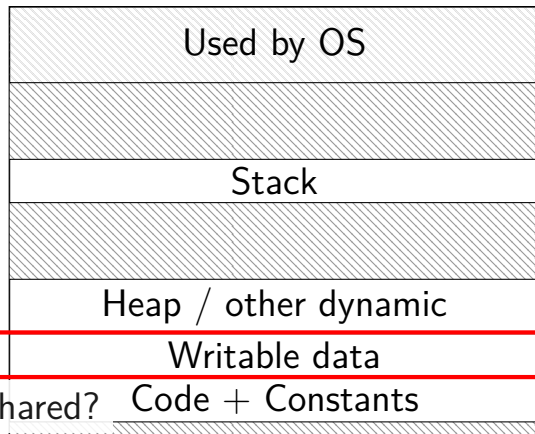
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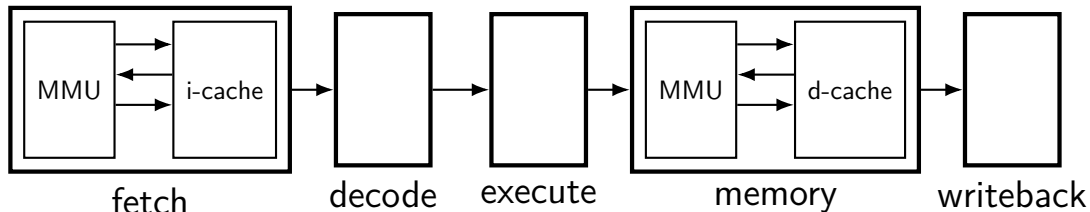
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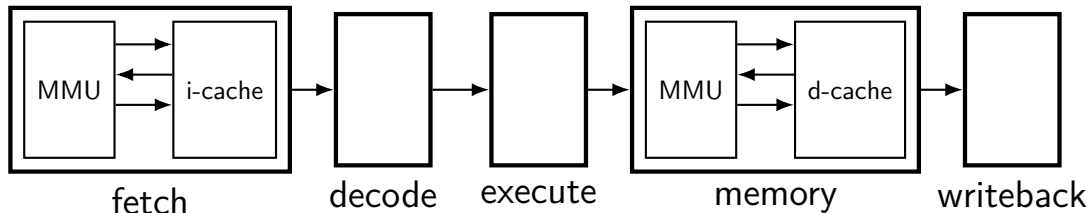
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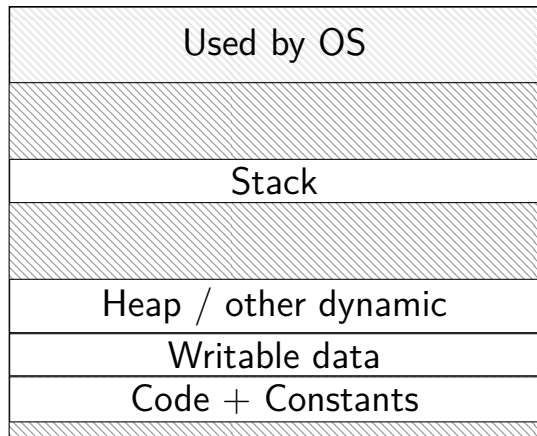


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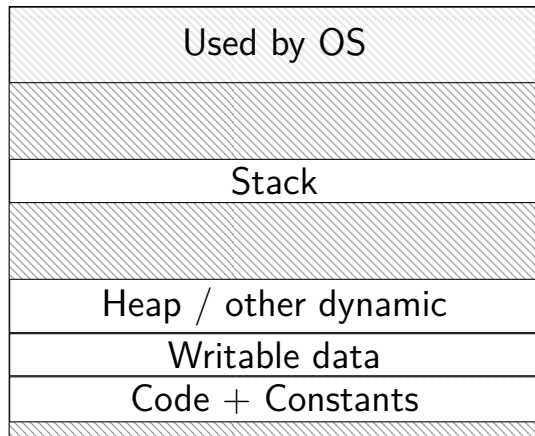
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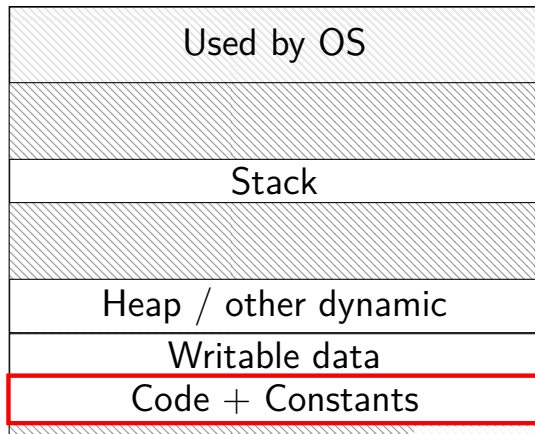


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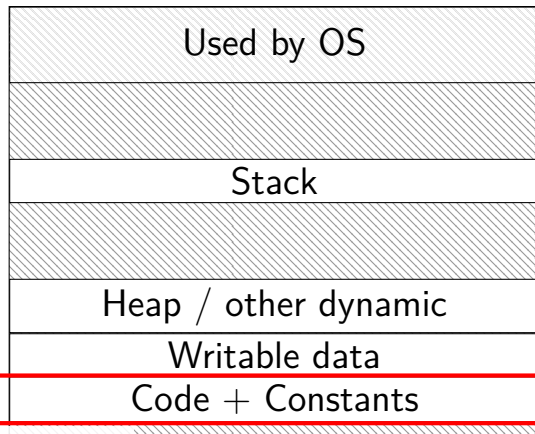


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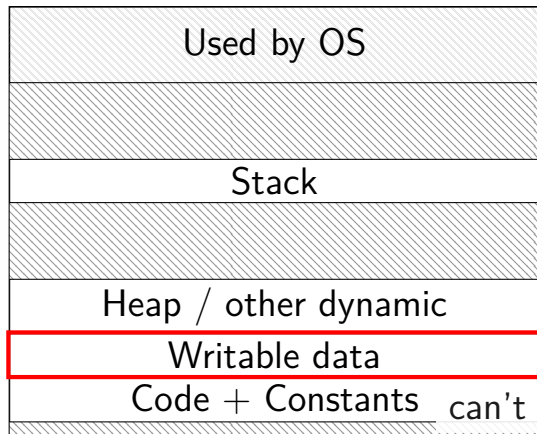
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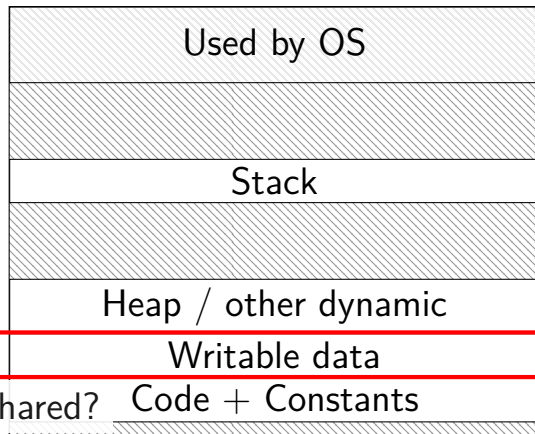
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