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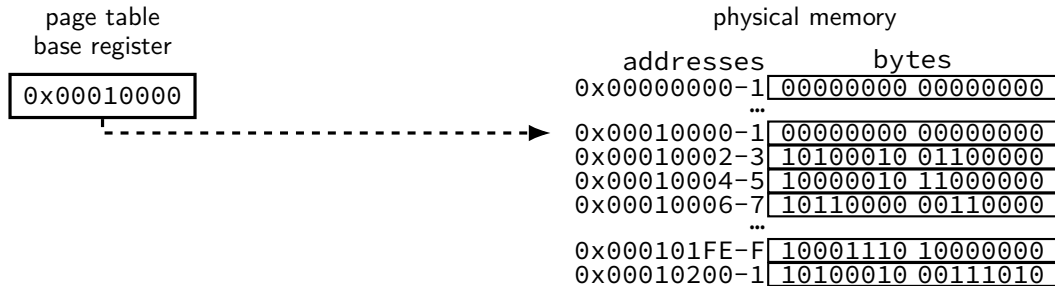


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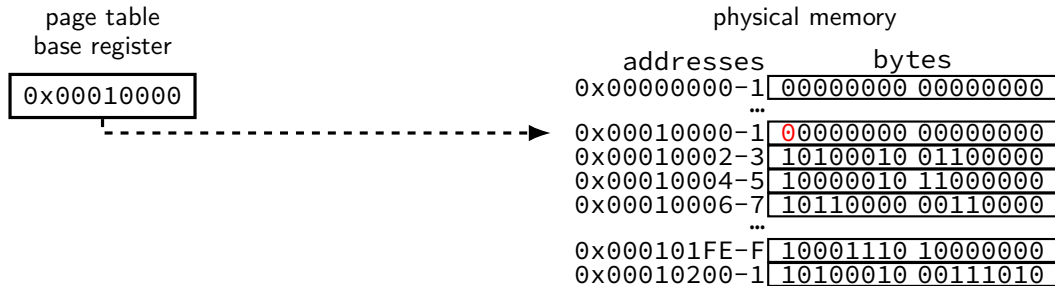


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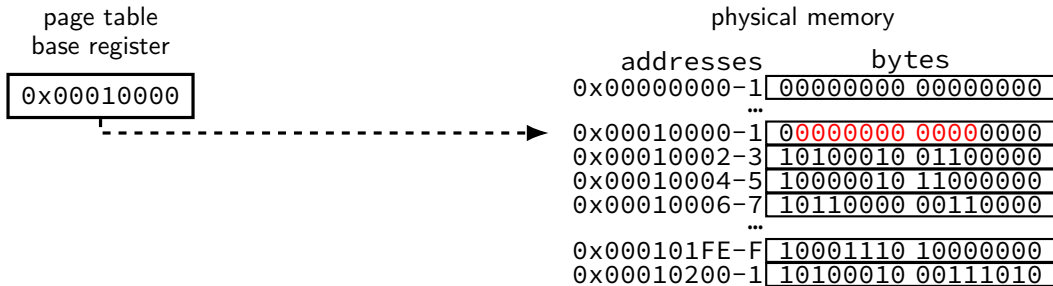


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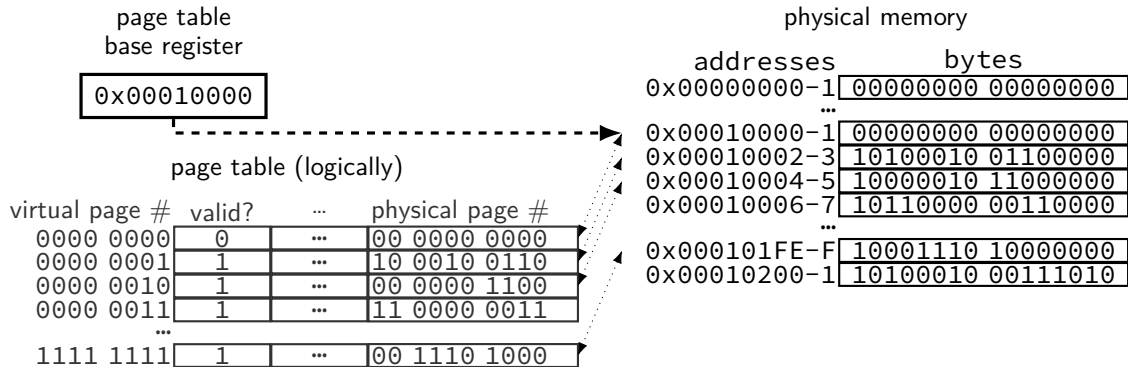


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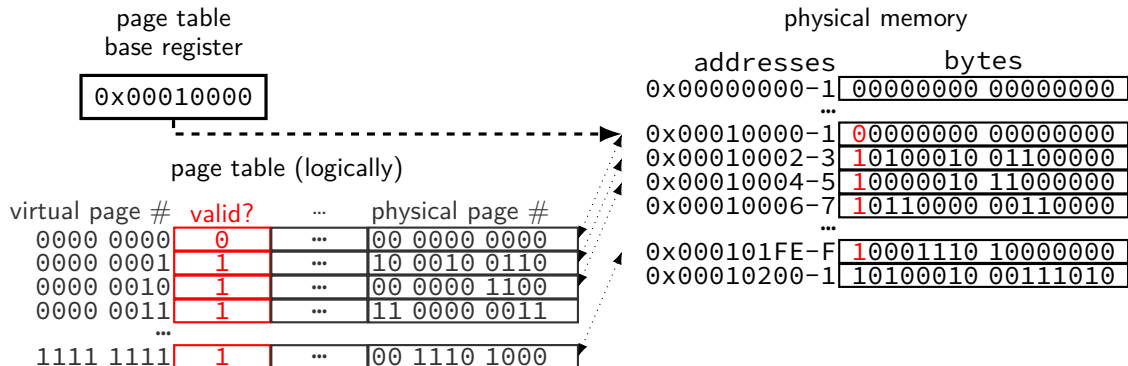


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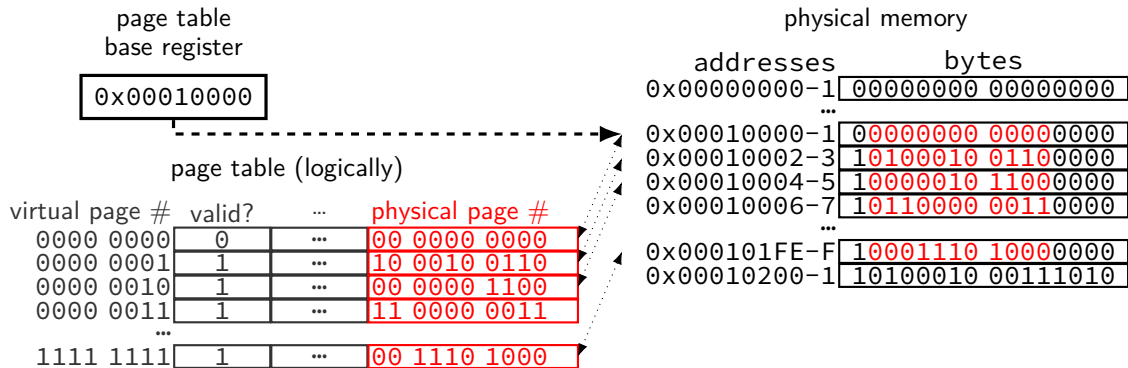


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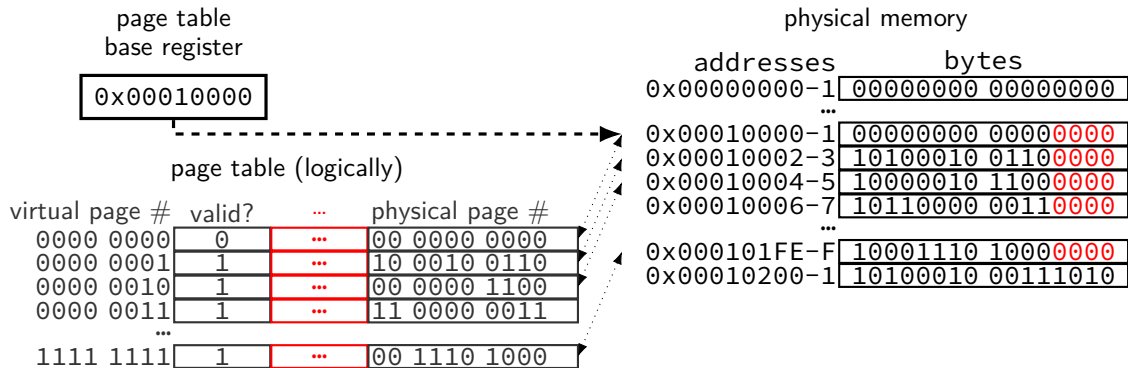


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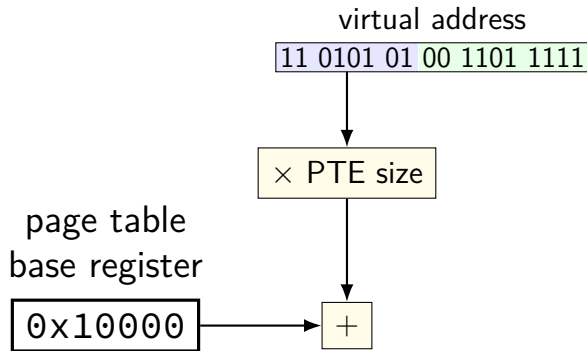


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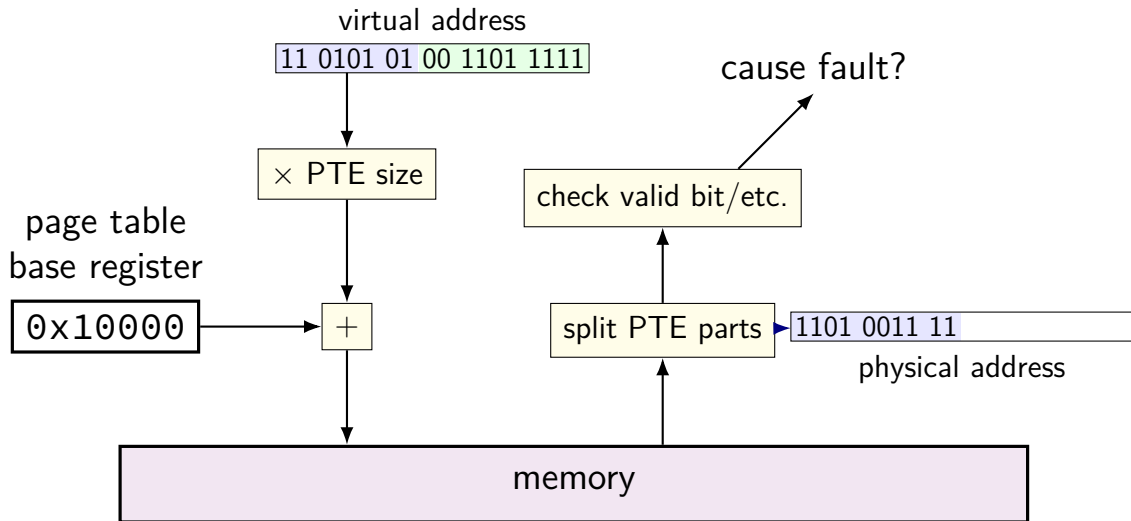
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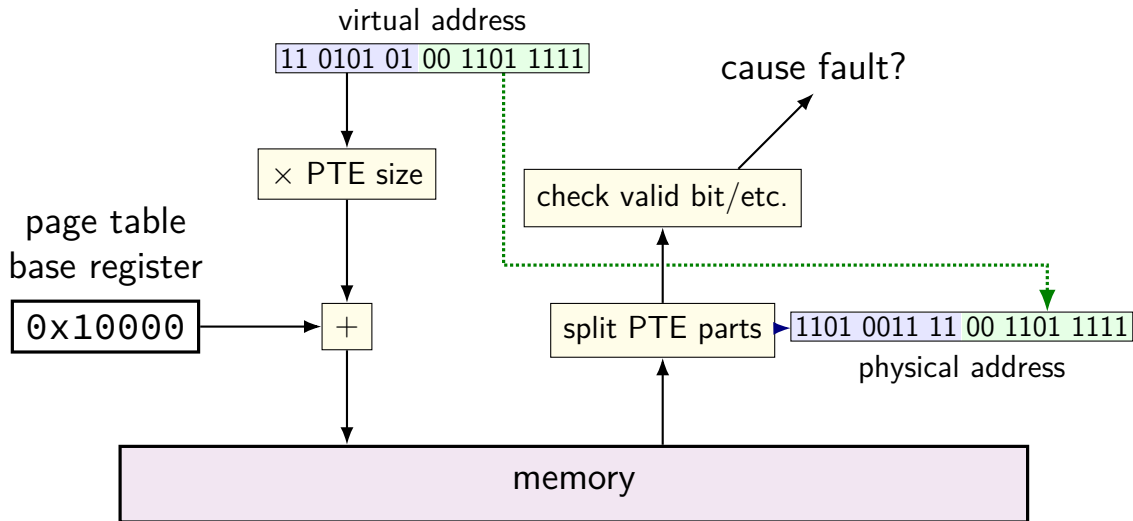
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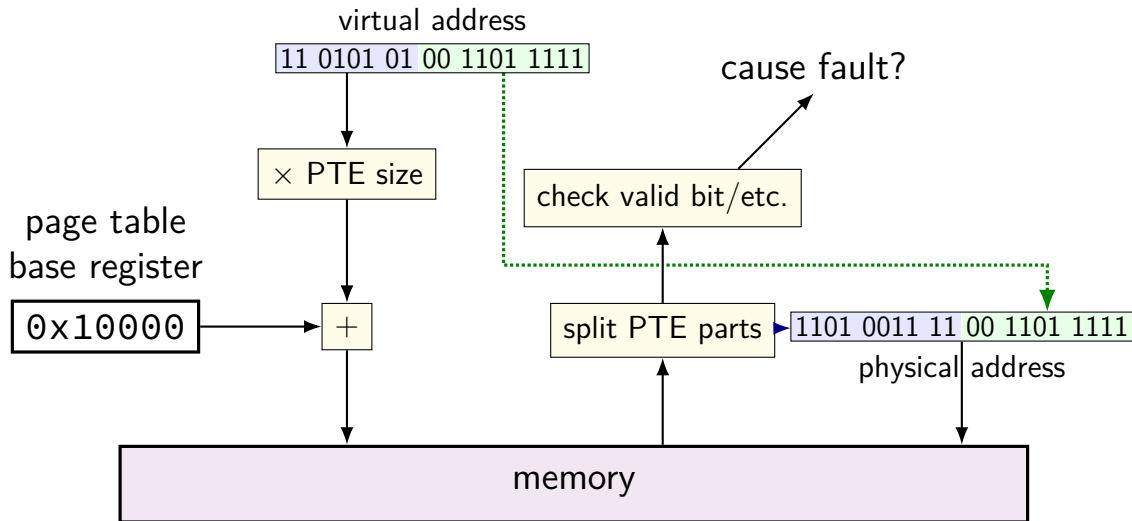
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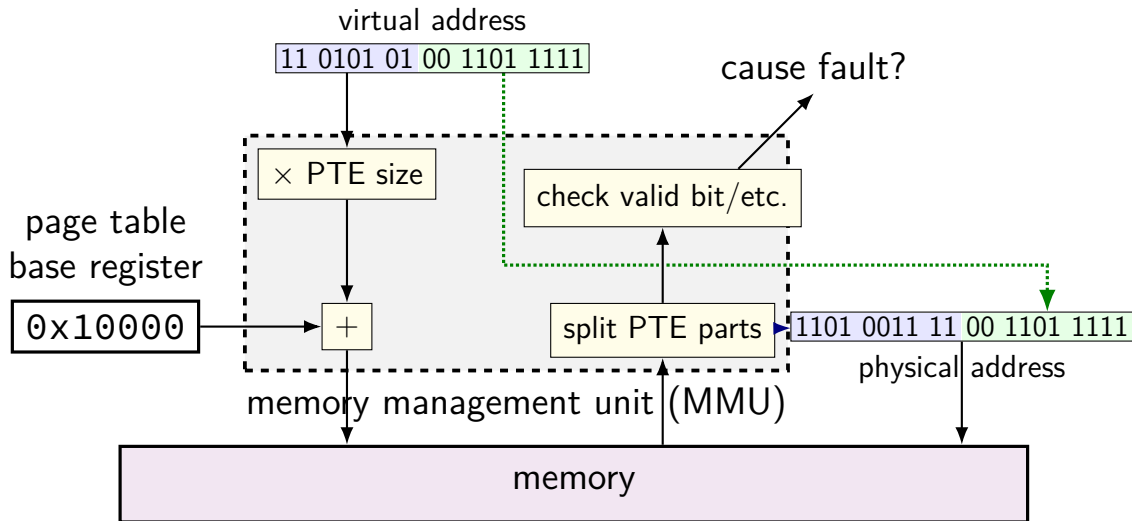


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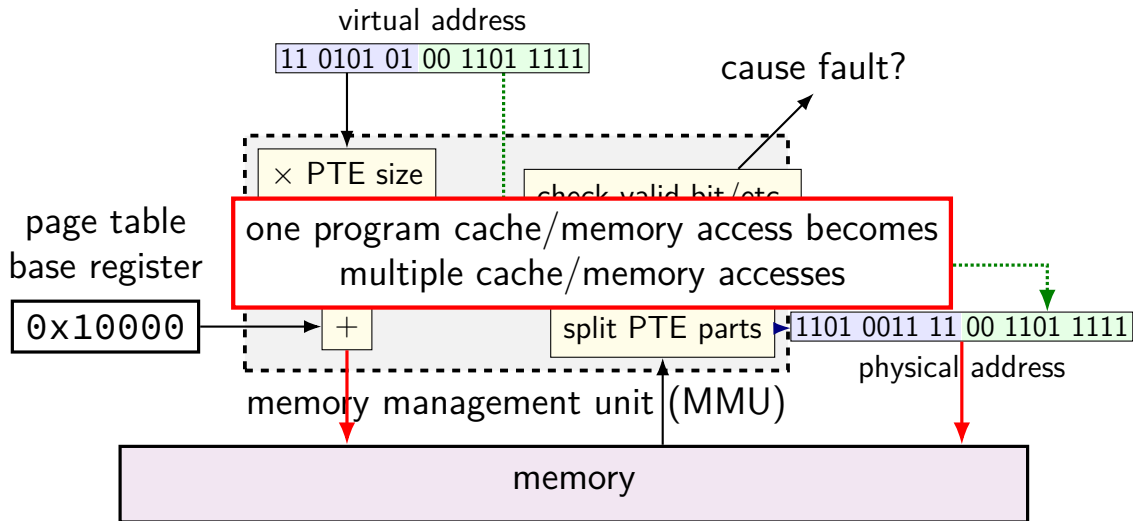




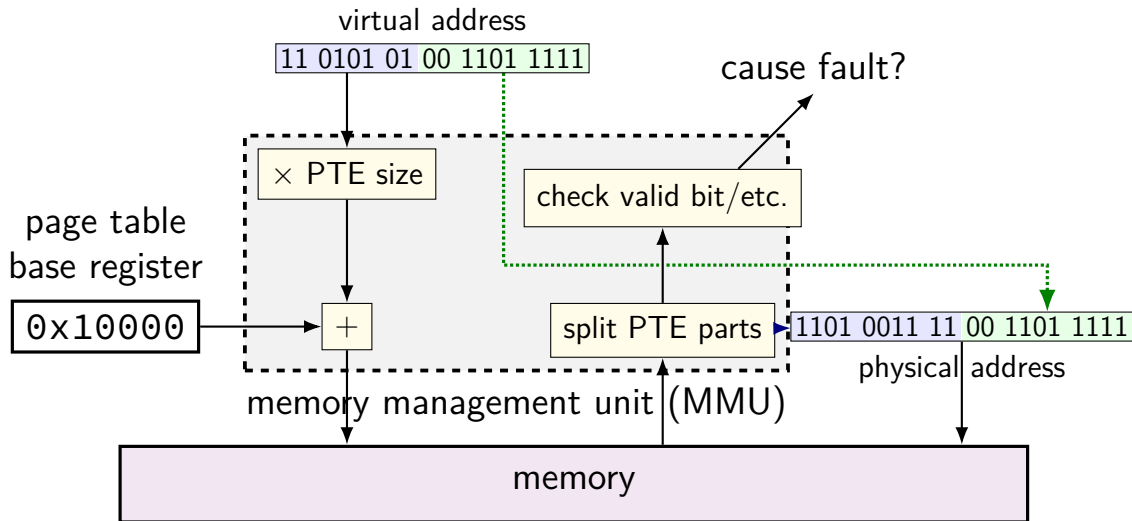
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simulate page tables (on top of normal program memory)

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

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#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:

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1	1	0x9999	
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3	1	0x3333	
...	...	...	

ptbr = GetPointerToTable(

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

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

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# parts

part 1 (next week): LEVELS=1, POBITS=12 and  
translate() OR  
page\_allocate()

part 2: all LEVELS, both functions  
in preparation for code review  
originally scheduled for lab on the 27th  
will move to lab just after reading day  
(might mean I need to cancel lab one week)

part 3: final submission  
Friday after code review  
most of grade based on this  
will test previous parts again

# address/page table entry format

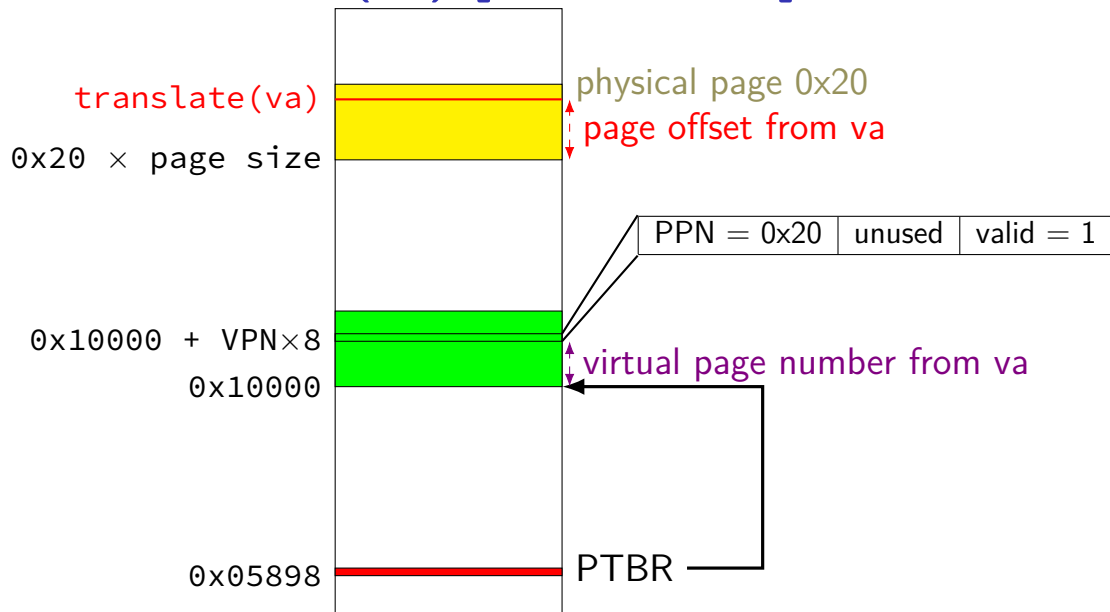
(with POBITS=12, LEVELS=1)

	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	

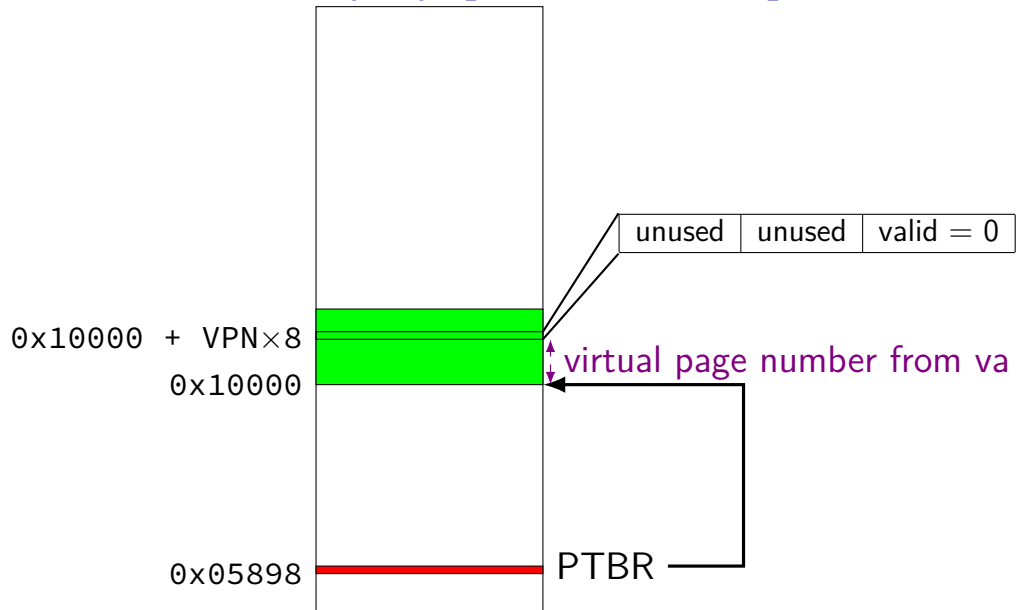
in assignment: value from `posix_memalign` = physical address



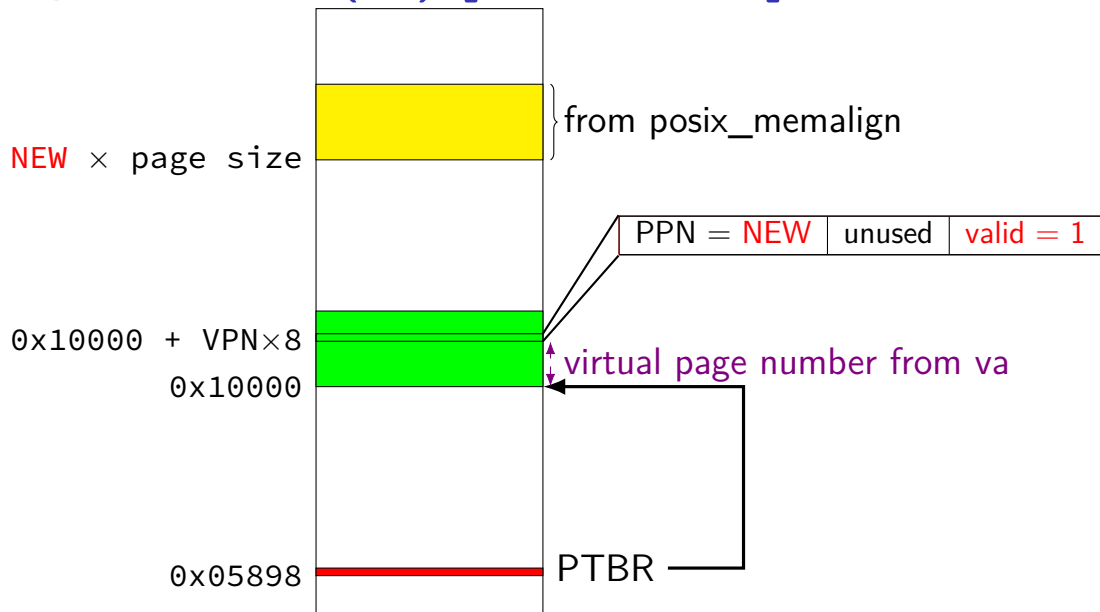
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page table entries are 8 bytes (room for expansion, metadata)

trick: power of two size makes table lookup faster

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



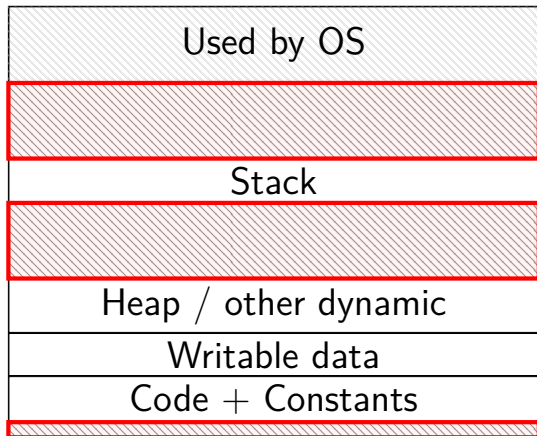
# huge page tables

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

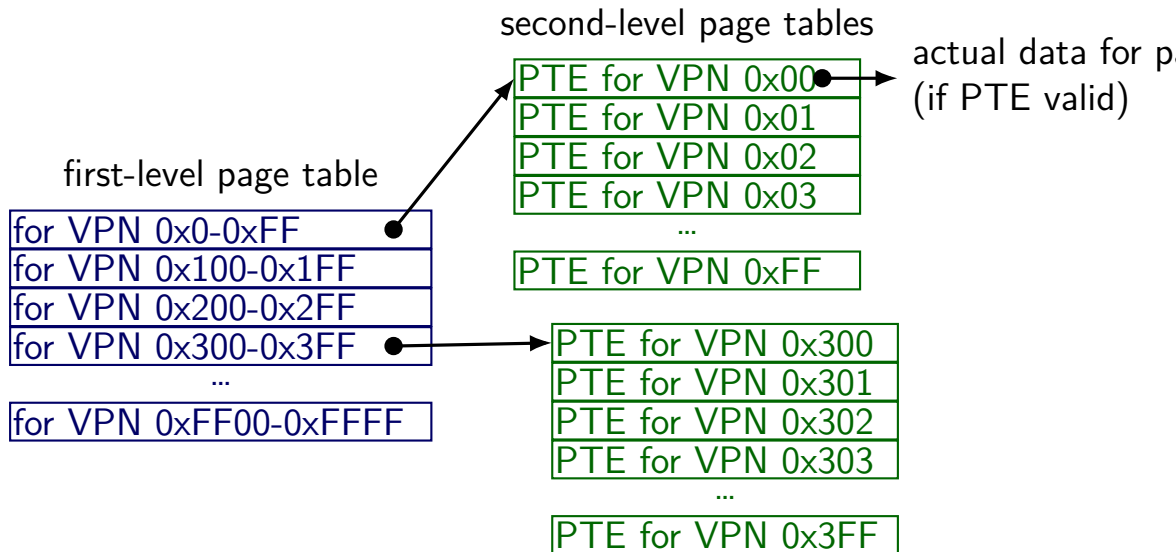
- doing two memory accesses is already very slow

- solution: tree with many children from each node

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

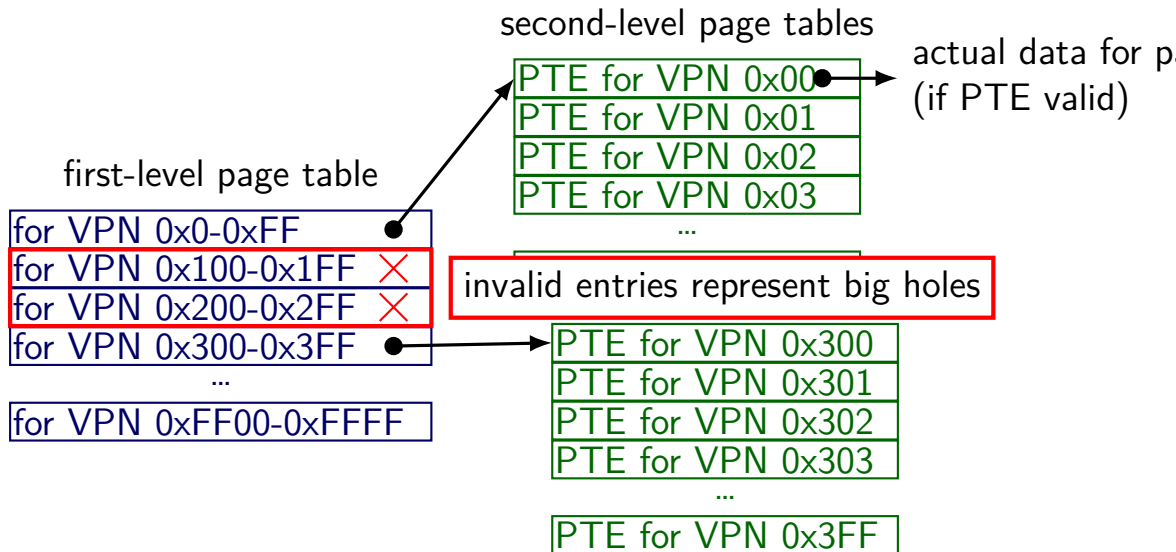
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VPN range	valid	...	physical page # (of next page table)	
0x0000-0x00FF	1	...	0x22343	
0x0100-0x01FF	0	...	0x00000	
0x0200-0x02FF	0	...	0x00000	
0x0300-0x03FF	1	...	0x33454	
0x0400-0x04FF	1	...	0xFF043	
...	...	...	...	
0xFF00-0xFFFF	1	...	0xFF045	

first-level page table for VPN 0x000-0x0FF

for VPN 0x100-0x1FF

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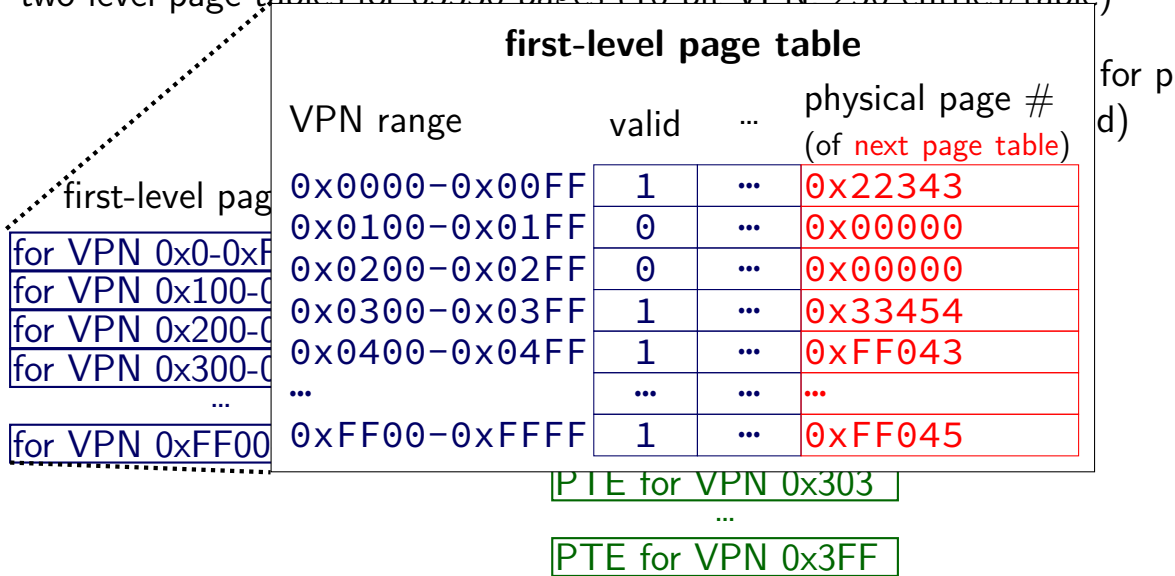
PTE for VPN 0x303

...

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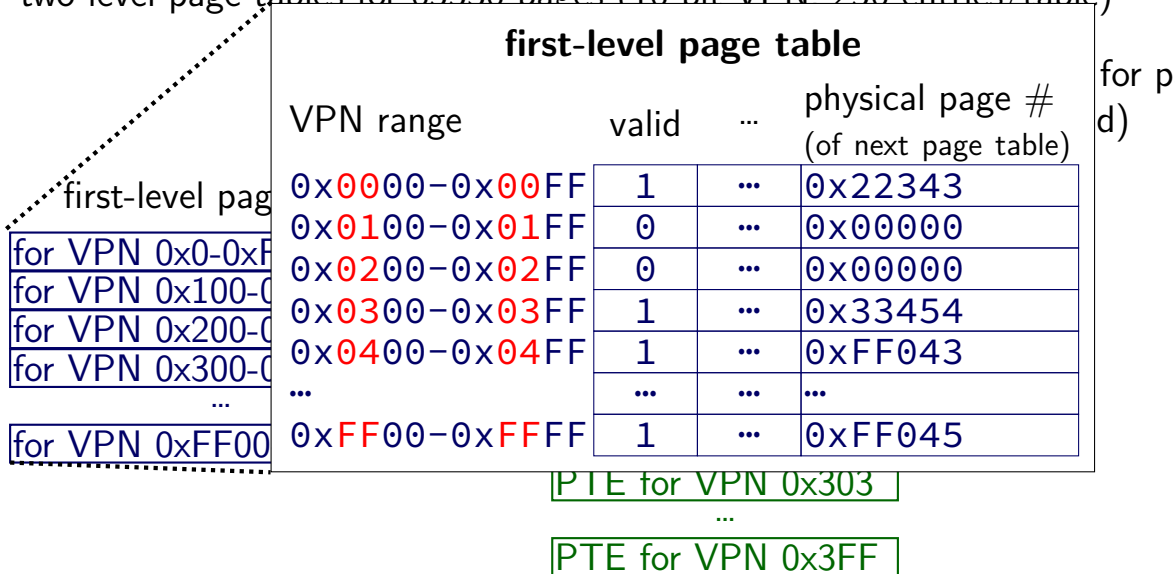
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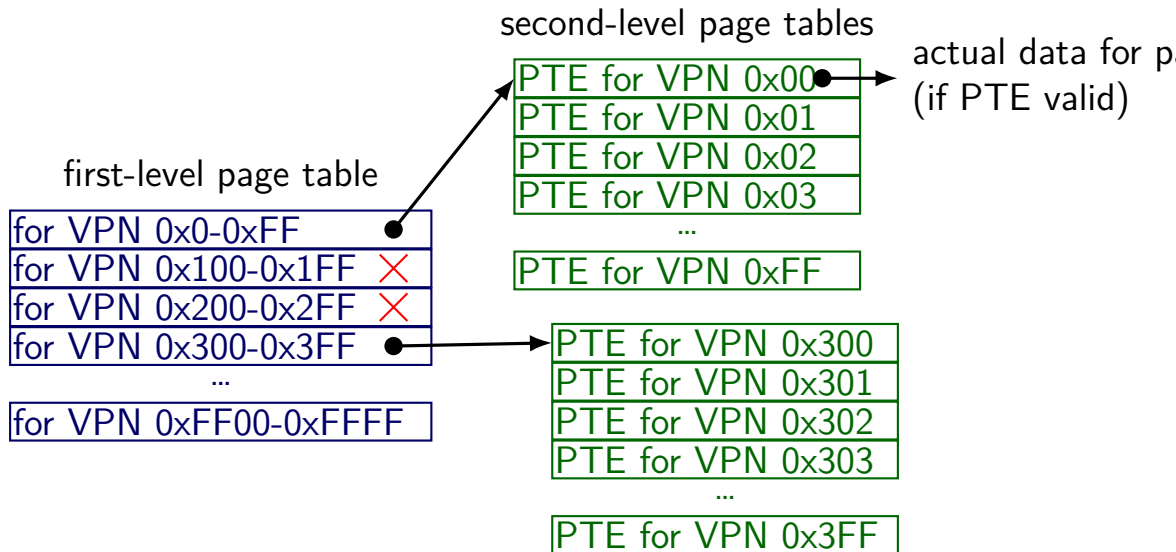
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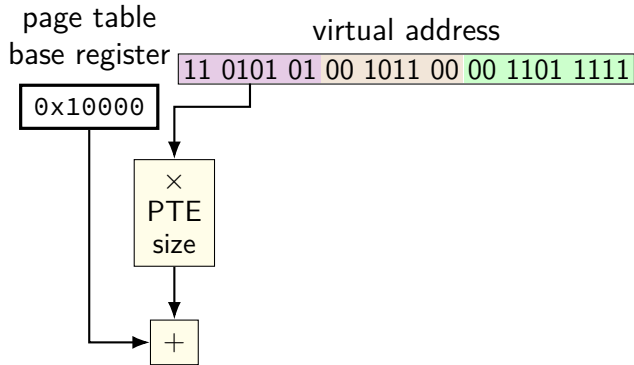
virtual address

11	0101	01	00	1011	00	00	1101	1111
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VPN — split into two parts (one per level)

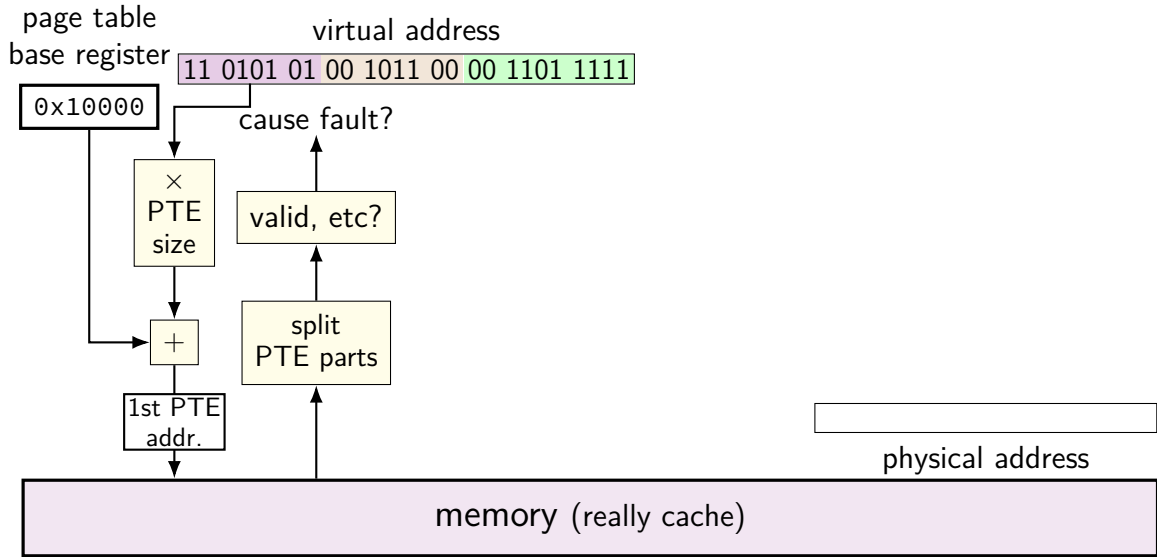
this example: parts equal sized — common, but not required

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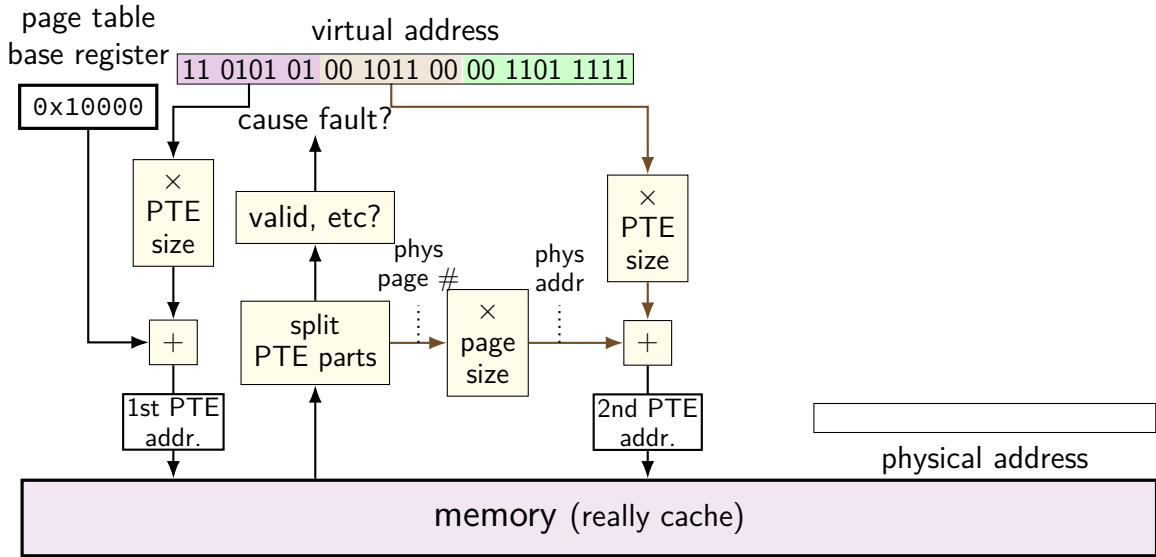




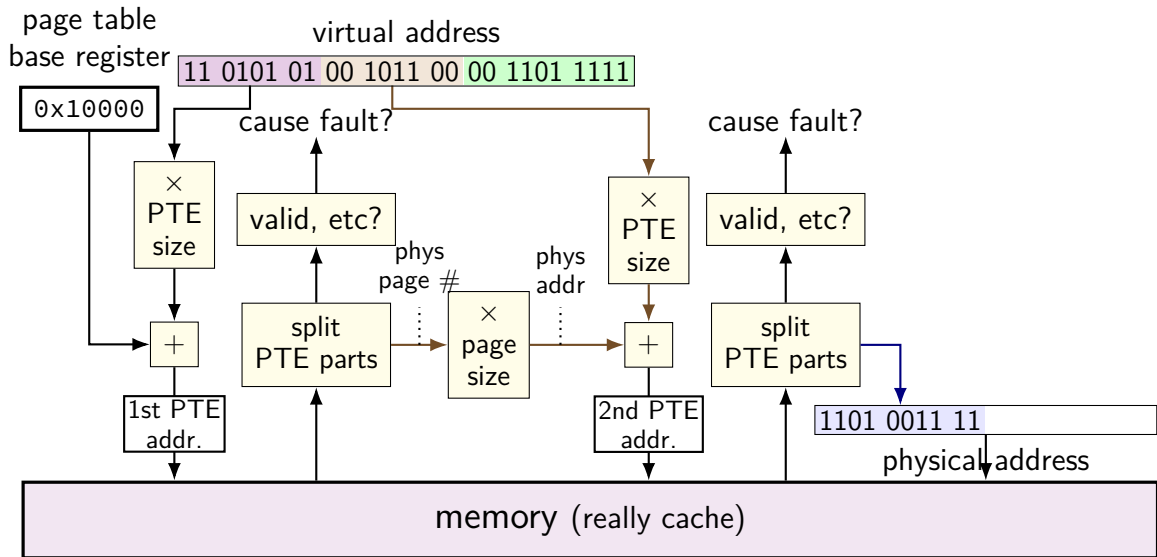
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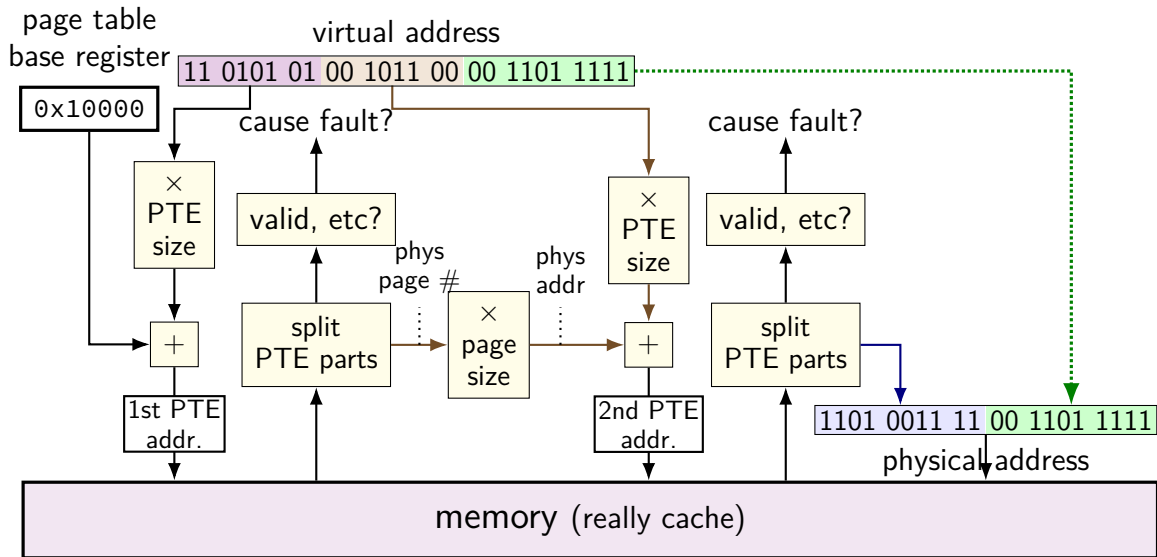
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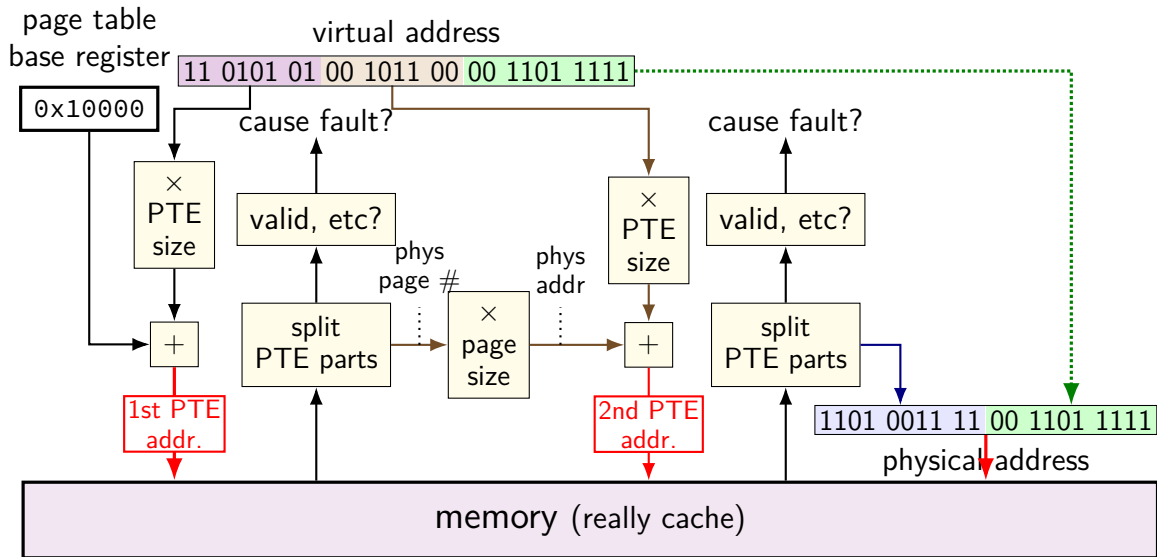
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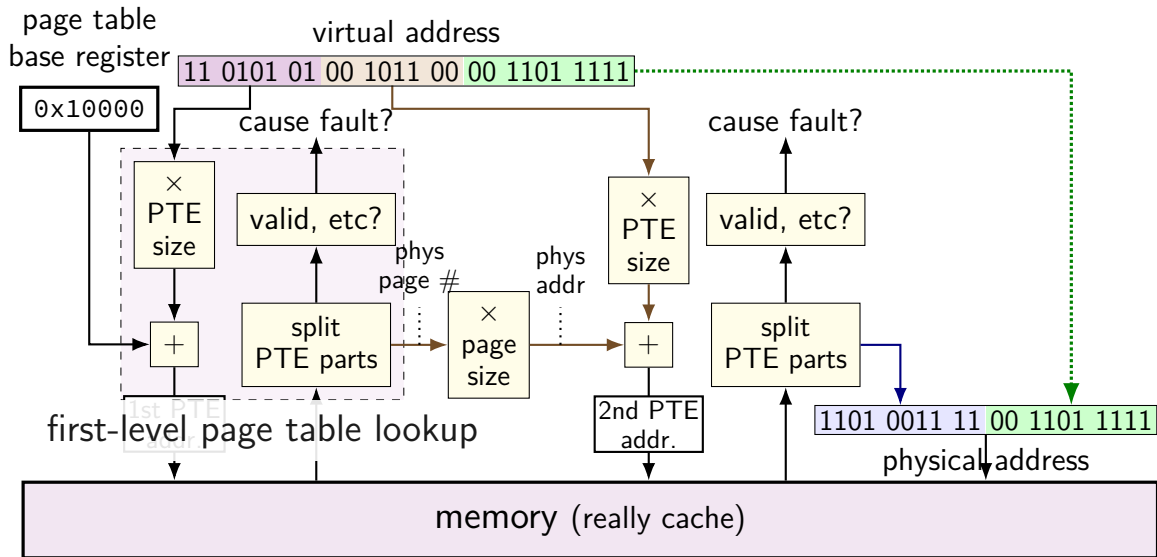
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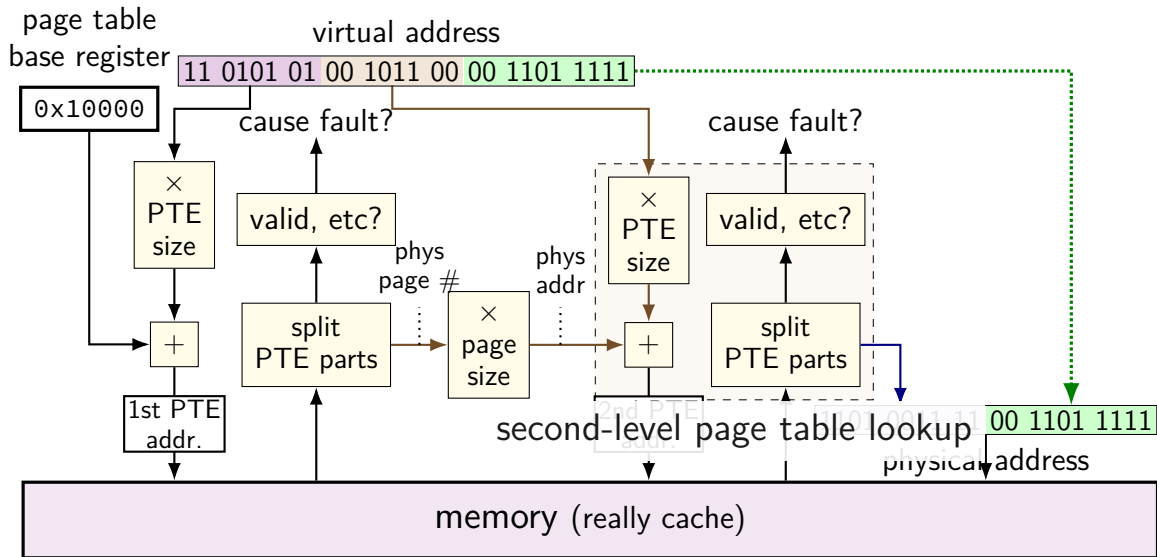
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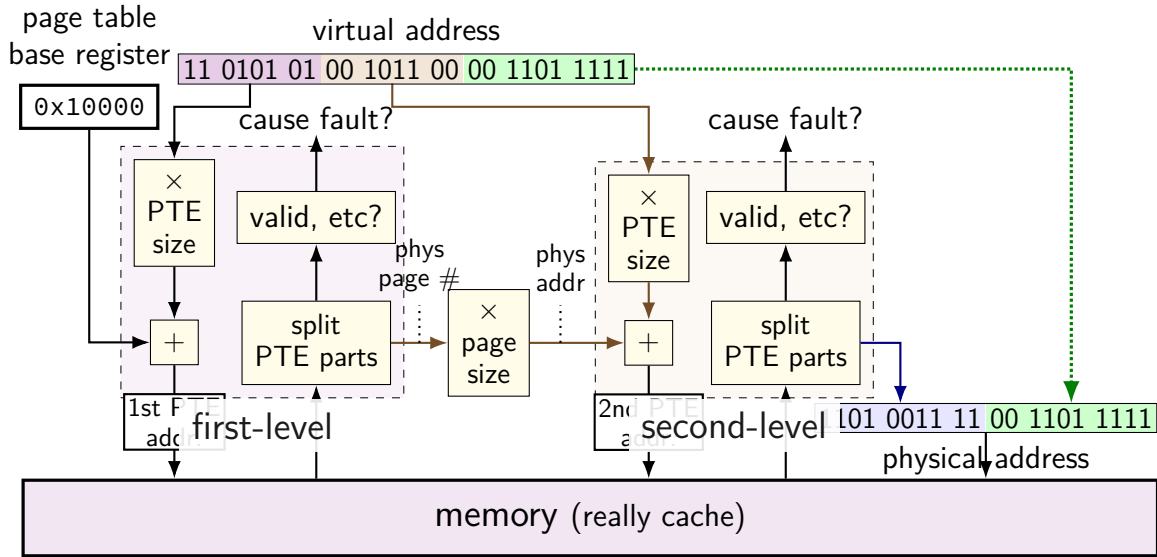
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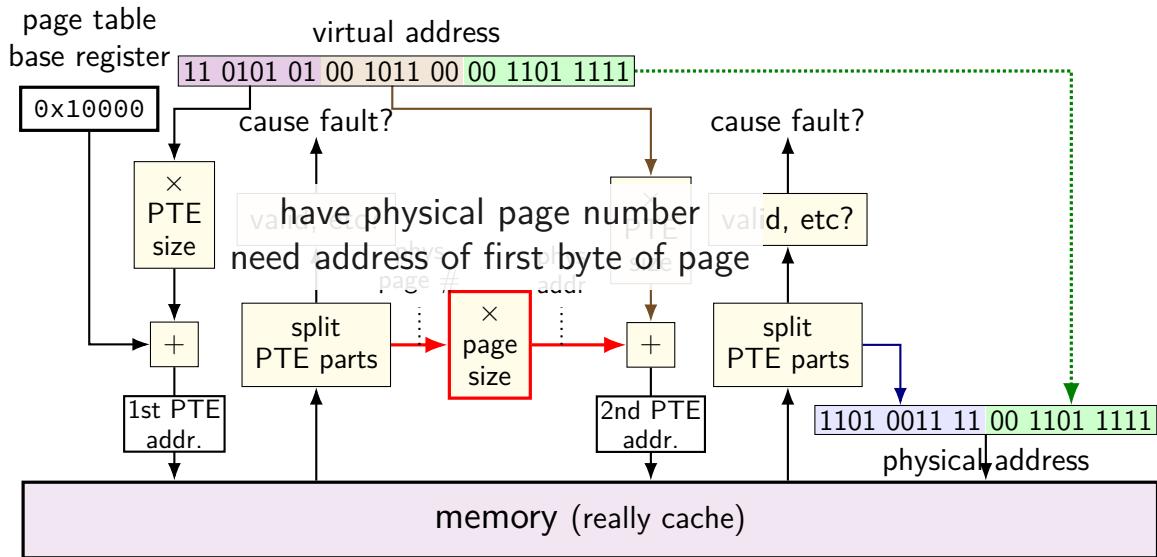


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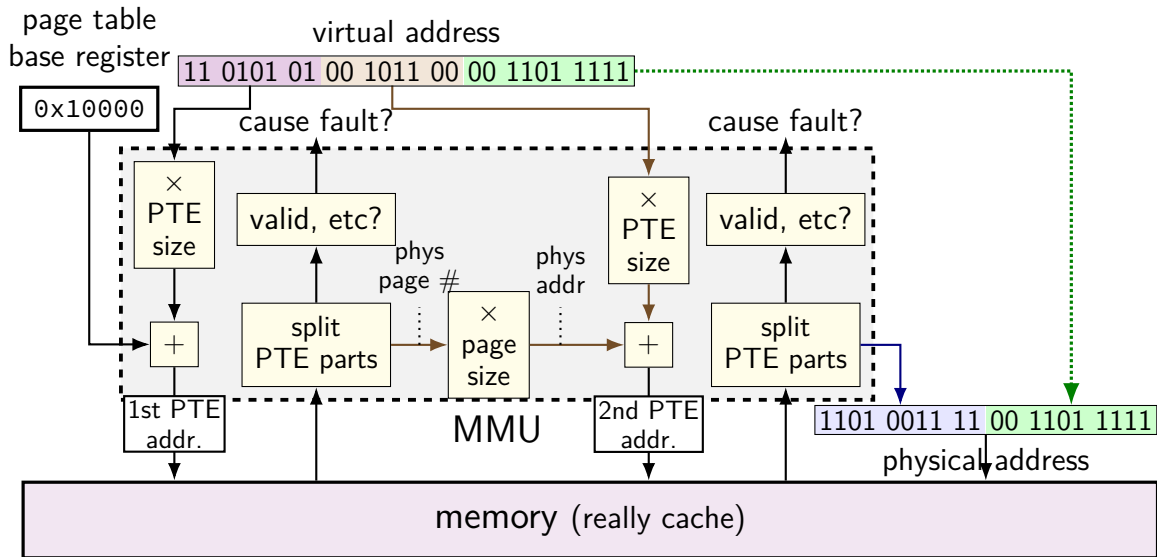




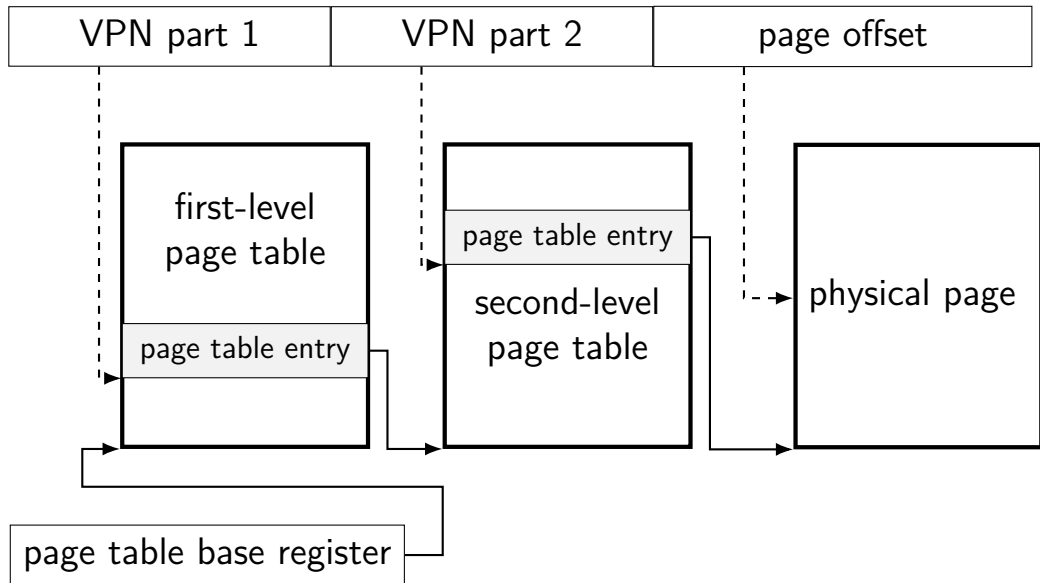
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## another view



# 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)

# 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

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0x00-3	00 11 22 33
0x04-7	44 55 66 77
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page table base register 0x10; translate virtual address 0x376

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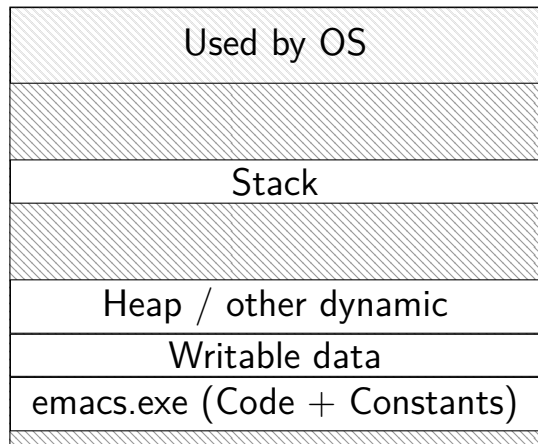
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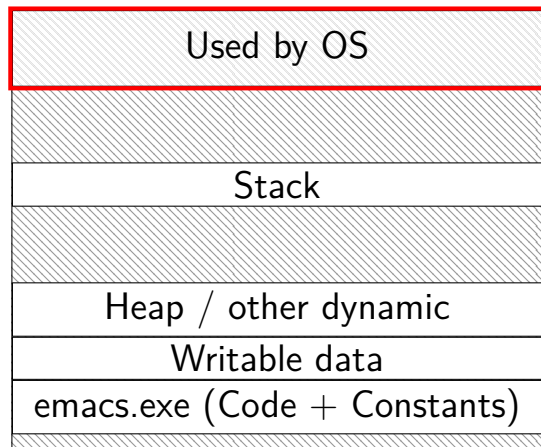
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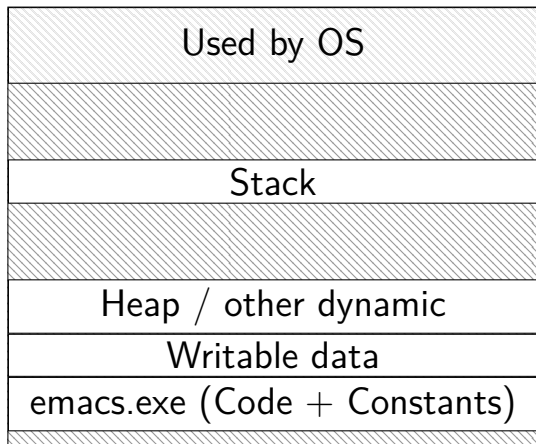
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code better not be modified by user program

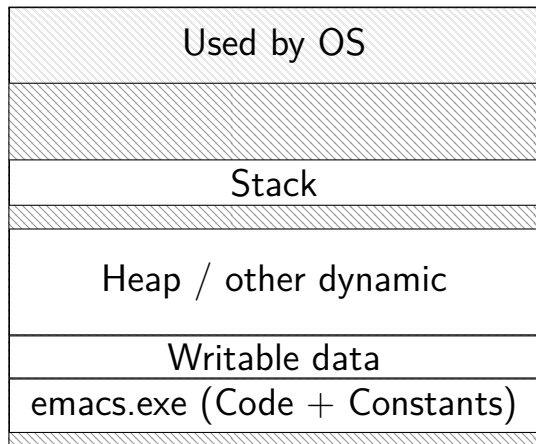
- otherwise: uncontrolled way to “escape” user mode

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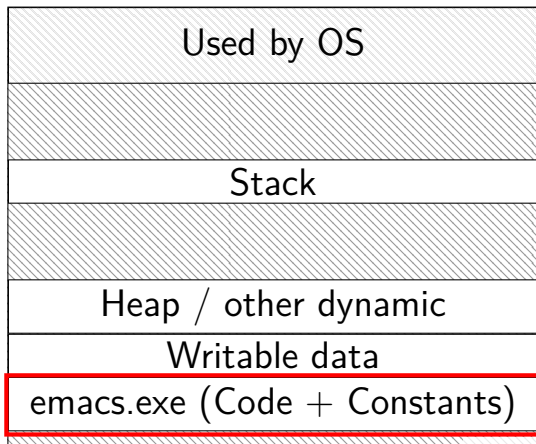


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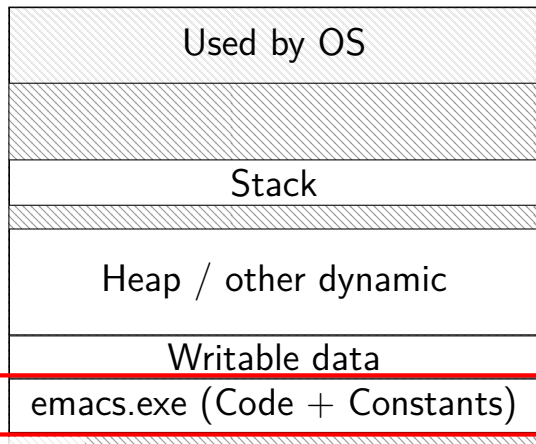


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same data?



## 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?

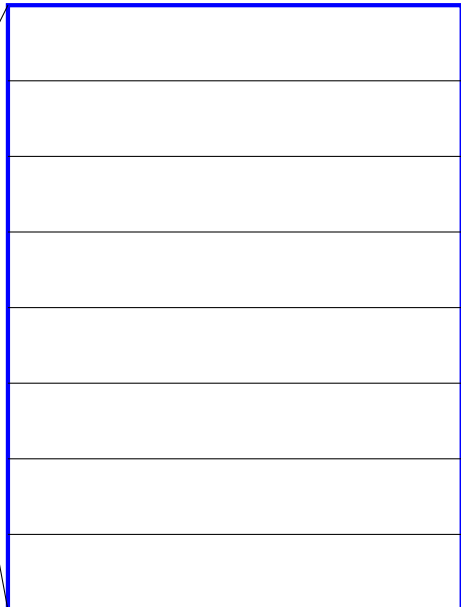
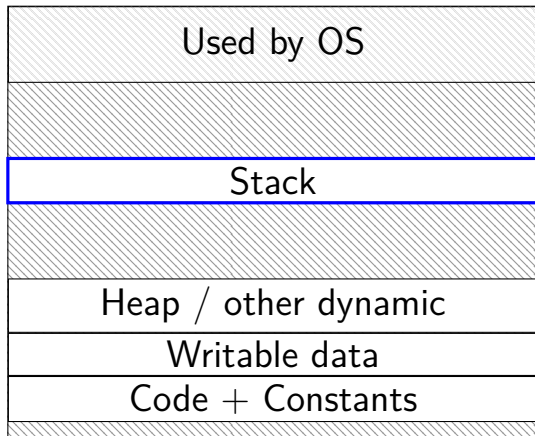
checked by MMU like valid bit

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

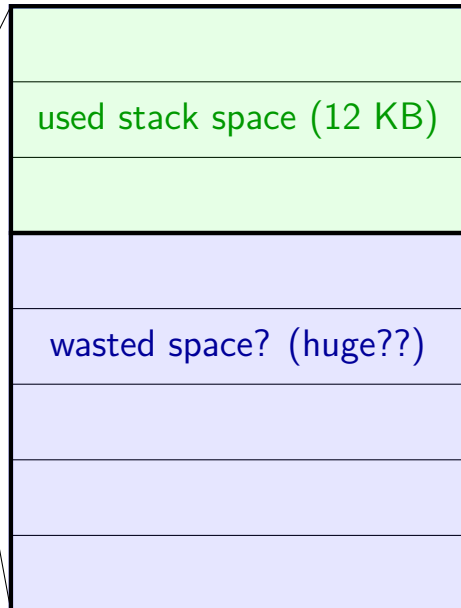
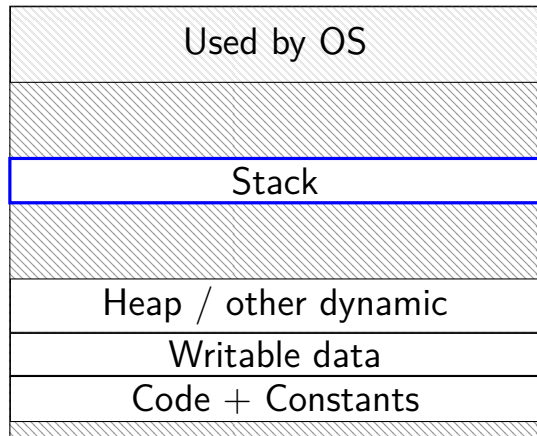
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Program Memory



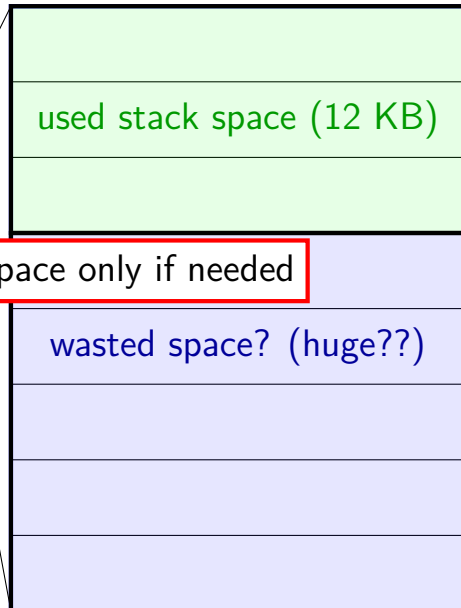
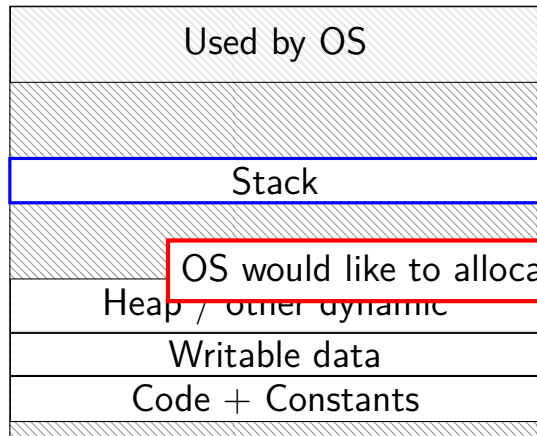
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# allocating space on demand

%rsp = 0x7FFFC000

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

VPN

```
...  
0x7FFFB  
0x7FFFC  
0x7FFFD  
0x7FFFE  
0x7FFFF  
...
```

valid? physical  
page

valid?	physical page
...	...
0	---
1	0x200DF
1	0x12340
1	0x12347
1	0x12345
...	...

# allocating space on demand

%rsp = 0x7FFFC000

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

# 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
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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]
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7f60c718b000-7f60c7490000 r--p 00000000 08:01 77483660 /usr/lib/locale/locale-archive
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7f60c7a7d000-7f60c7a7d000 r--p 00000000 08:01 77483660 /usr/lib/locale/locale-archive
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7ffc5d2b2000-7ffc5d2b2000 r--p 00000000 08:01 77483660 /usr/lib/locale/locale-archive
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```
7ffc5d3b0000-7ffc5d3b0000 r--p 00000000 08:01 77483660 /usr/lib/locale/locale-archive
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7ffc5d3b3000-7ffc5d3b3000 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
```

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 0x7FFFFFFFFF 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)

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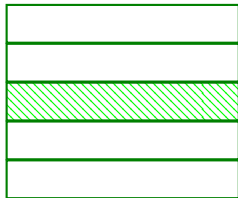
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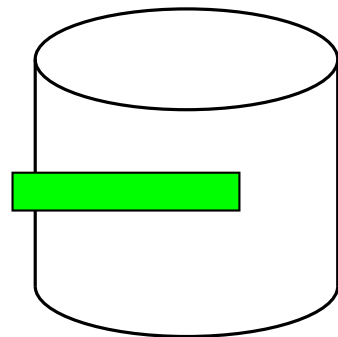
# swapping timeline

program A pages



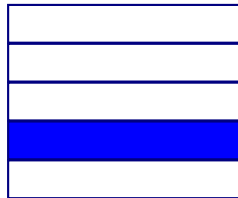
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page fault



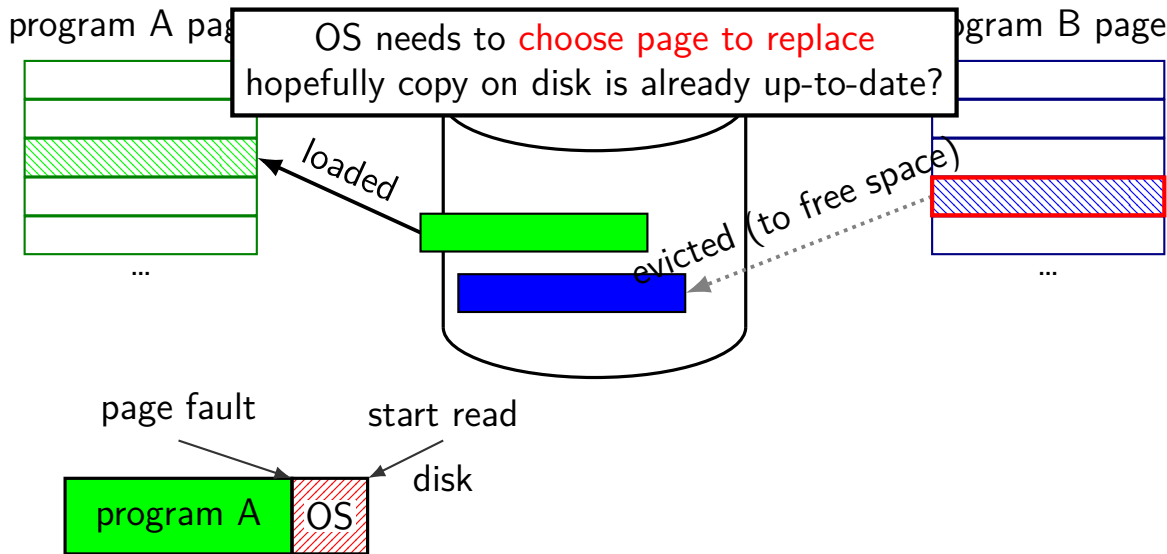
disk

program B page



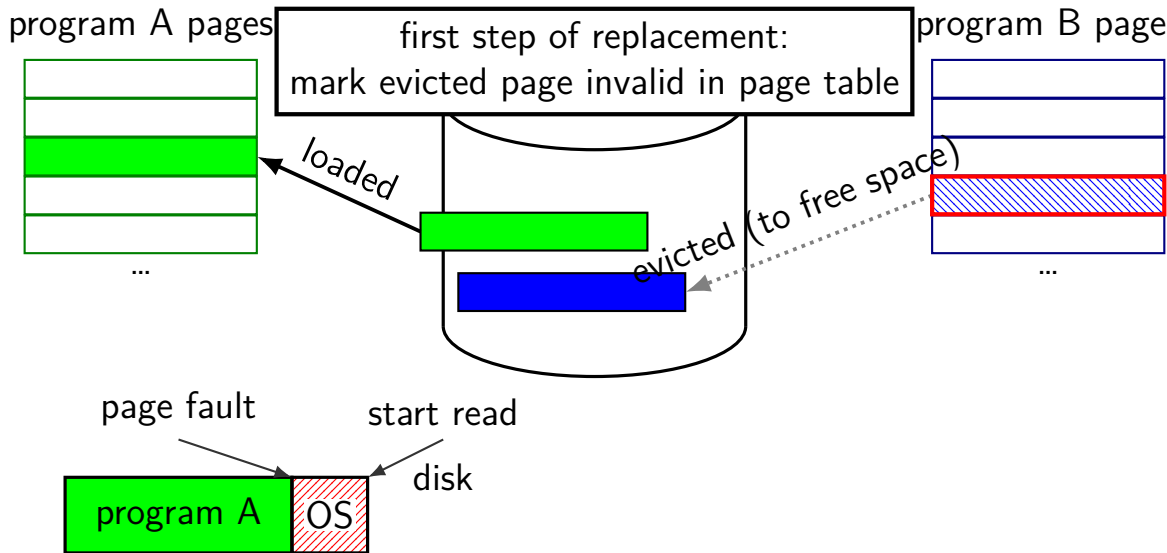
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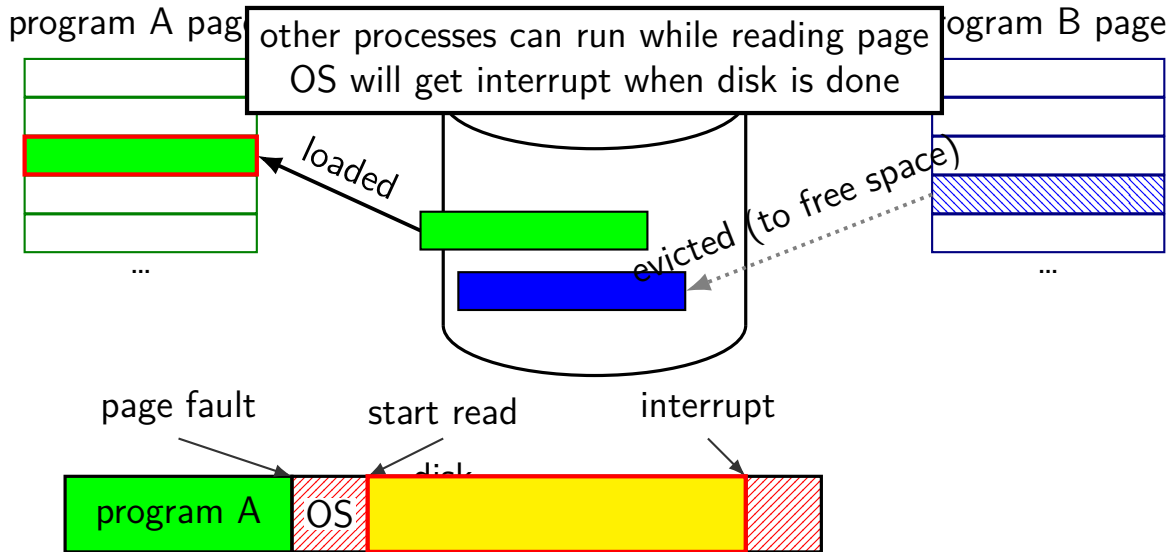




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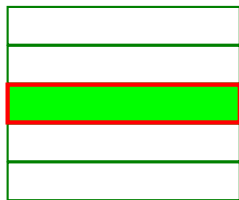


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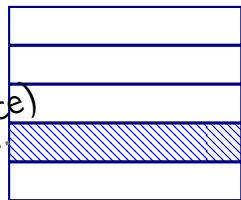
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program A pages



process A's page table updated  
and restarted from point of fault

program B page



loaded

evicted (to free space)

page fault

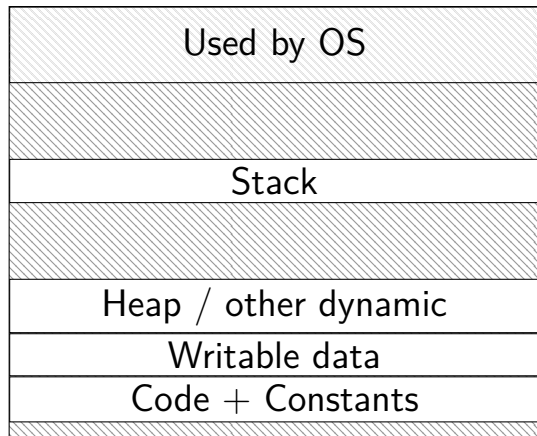
start read

interrupt

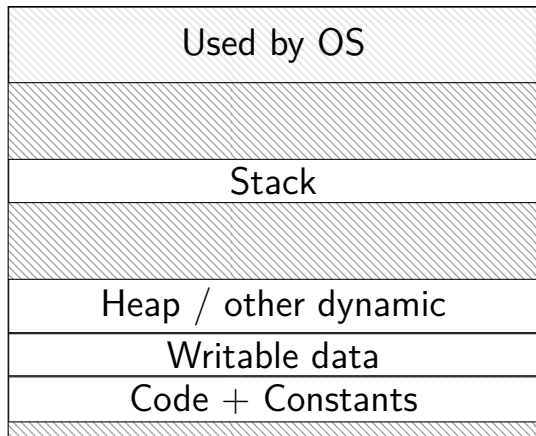


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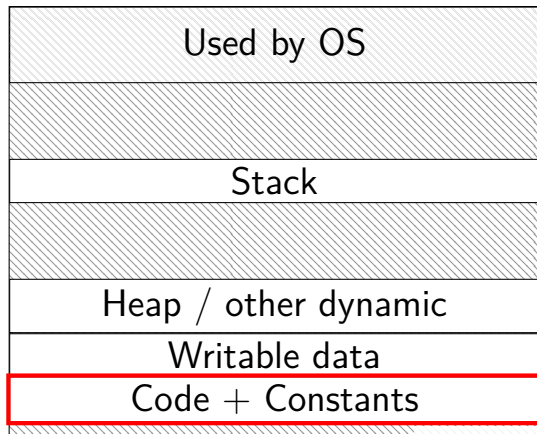


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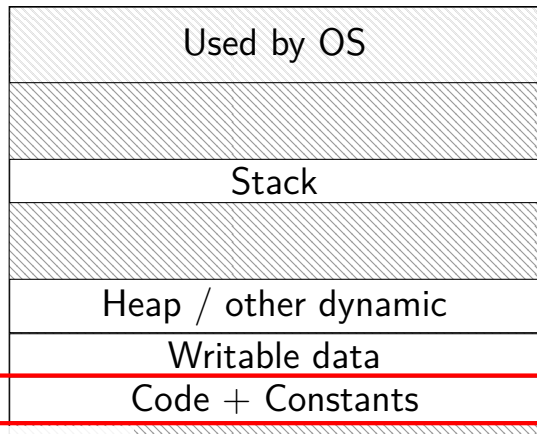


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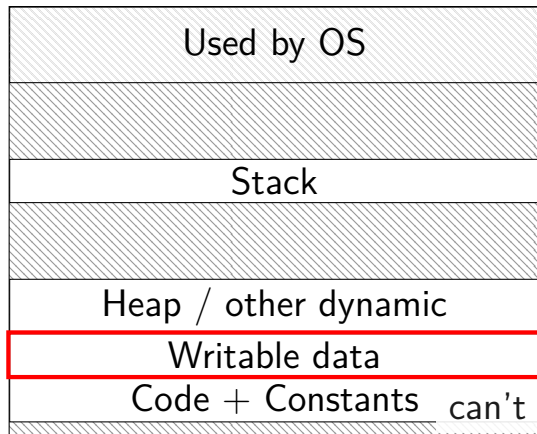
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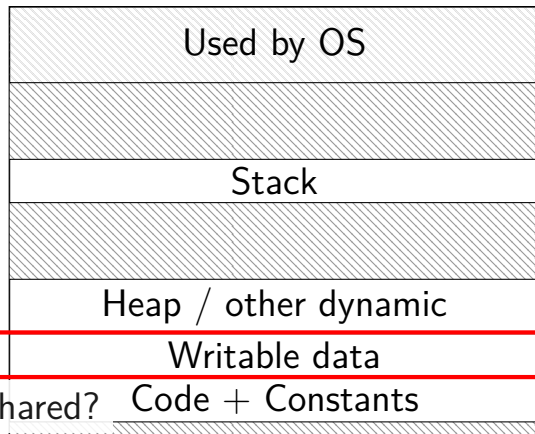
shared as read-only

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can't be shared?

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trick: tell CPU (via page table) shared part is read-only

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**  
but marks pages in **both copies as read-only**

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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

**backup slides**