



# last time

cache misses and C code

size of way = distance between same set

$K$ -way set-associative caches

like  $K$  direct-mapped caches 'stapled together'

still divide addresses into tag/index/offset

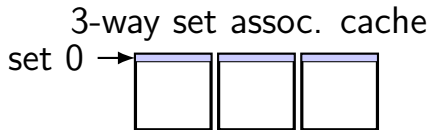
index identifies set with  $K$  blocks

store valid bit+tag for each block

replacement policies least recently used + related

# anonymous feedback

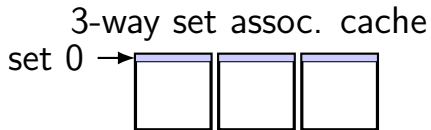
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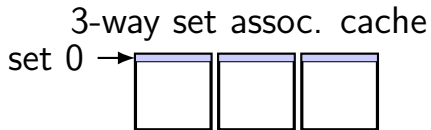
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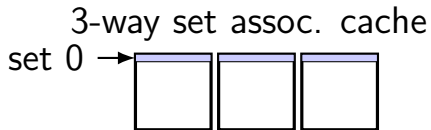
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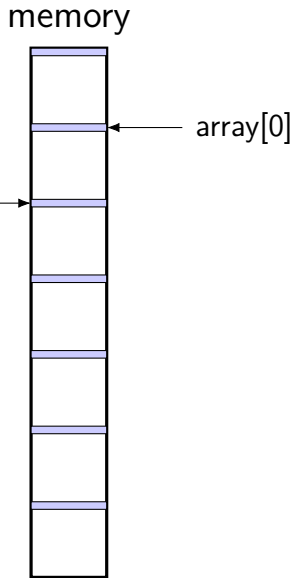


# mapping of sets to memory (3-way)



$$\text{where } X = \frac{\text{way size}}{\text{array element size}}$$

accesses (way size) bytes apart in array?  
beware conflict misses!



# handling writes

what about writing to the cache?

two decision points:

if the value is not in cache, do we add it?

- if yes: need to load rest of block

- if no: missing out on locality?

if value is in cache, when do we update next level?

- if immediately: extra writing

- if later: need to remember to do so



# allocate on write?

processor writes **less than whole** cache block

block not yet in cache

two options:

## write-allocate

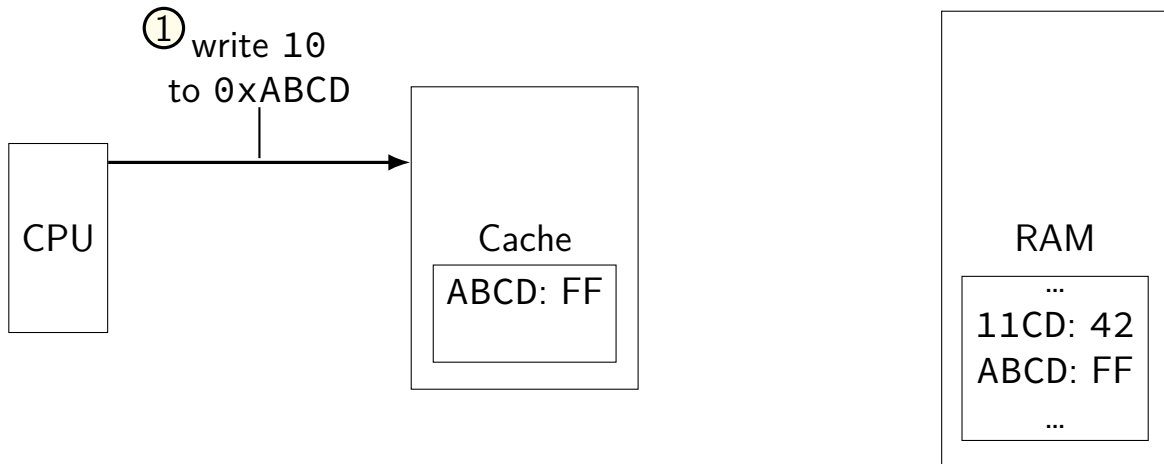
fetch rest of cache block, replace written part  
(then follow write-through or write-back policy)

## write-no-allocate

don't use cache at all (send write to memory *instead*)  
guess: not read soon?

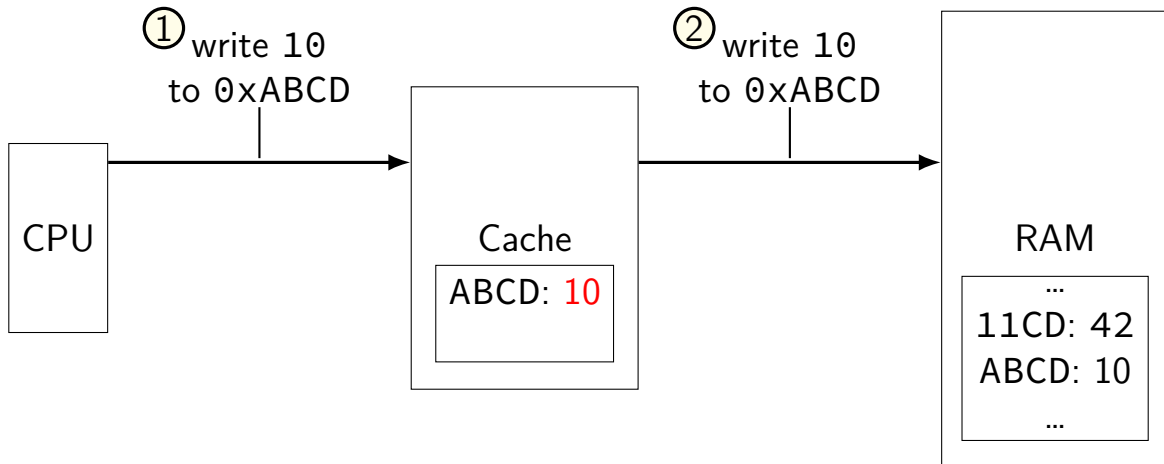
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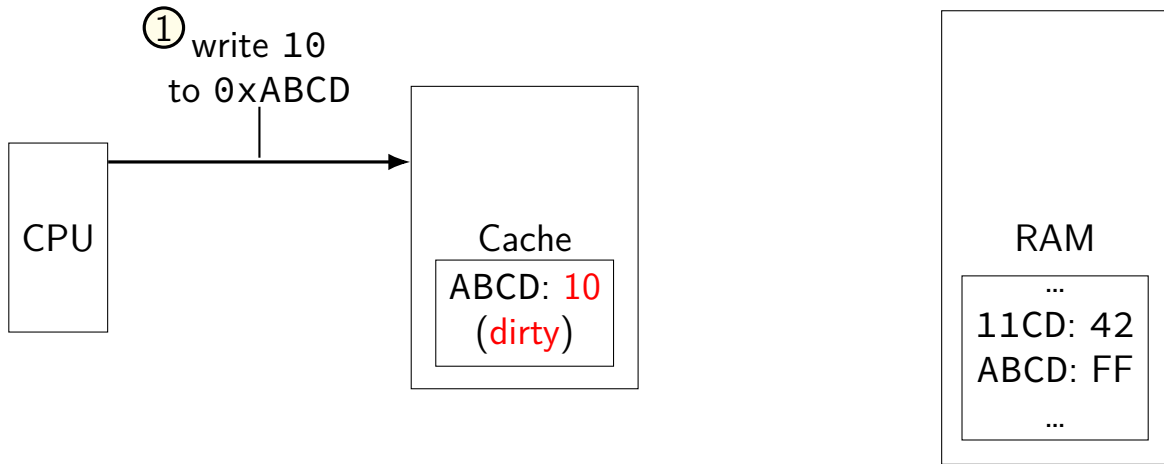
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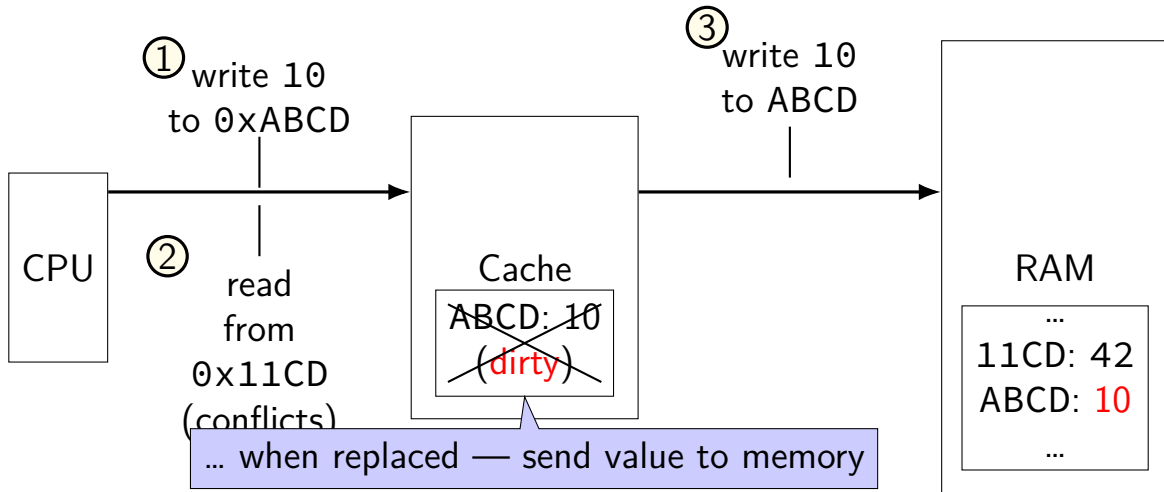
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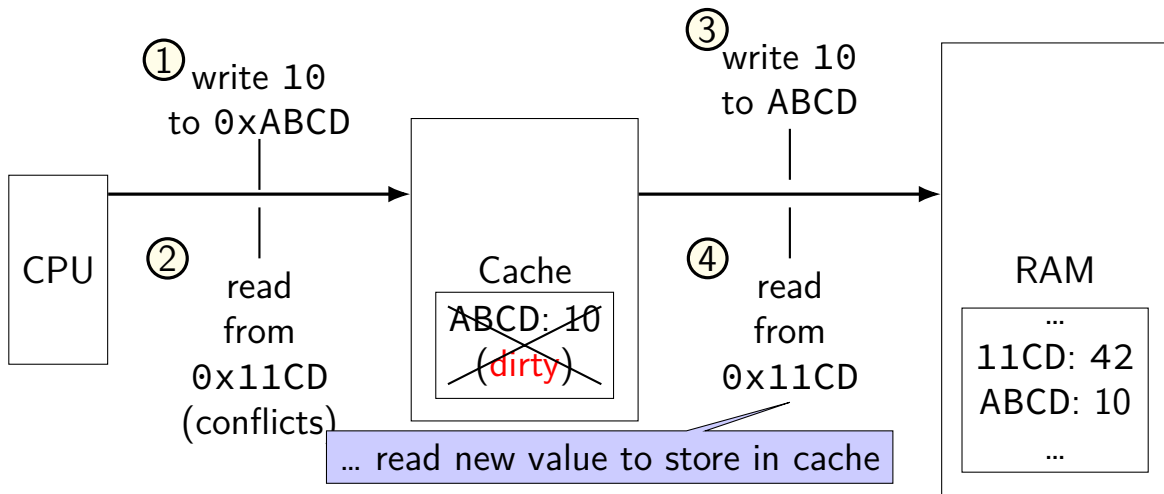


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## option 2: write-back



# write-through v. write-back



# writeback policy

changed value!

2-way set associative, 4 byte blocks, 2 sets

index	valid	tag	value	dirty	valid	tag	value	dirty	LRU
0	1	000000	mem[0x00] mem[0x01]	0	1	011000	mem[0x60]* mem[0x61]*	1	1
1	1	011000	mem[0x62] mem[0x63]	0	0				0

1 = dirty (different than memory)  
needs to be written if evicted

# write-allocate + write-back

2-way set associative, LRU, writeback

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writing 0xFF into address 0x04?

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step 3a: read in new block – to get mem[0x05]

step 3b: update LRU information

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writing 0xFF into address 0x04?

step 1: is it in cache yet?

step 2: no, **just send it to memory**

# exercise (1)

2-way set associative, LRU, write-allocate, writeback

index	valid	tag	value	dirty	valid	tag	value	dirty	LRU
0	1	001100	mem[0x30] mem[0x31]	0	1	010000	mem[0x40]* mem[0x41]*	1	0
1	1	011000	mem[0x62] mem[0x63]	0	1	001100	mem[0x32]* mem[0x33]*	1	1

for each of the following accesses, performed alone, would it require (a) reading a value from memory (or next level of cache) and (b) writing a value to the memory (or next level of cache)?

writing 1 byte to 0x33

reading 1 byte from 0x52

reading 1 byte from 0x50

## exercise (2)

2-way set associative, LRU, write-no-allocate, write-through

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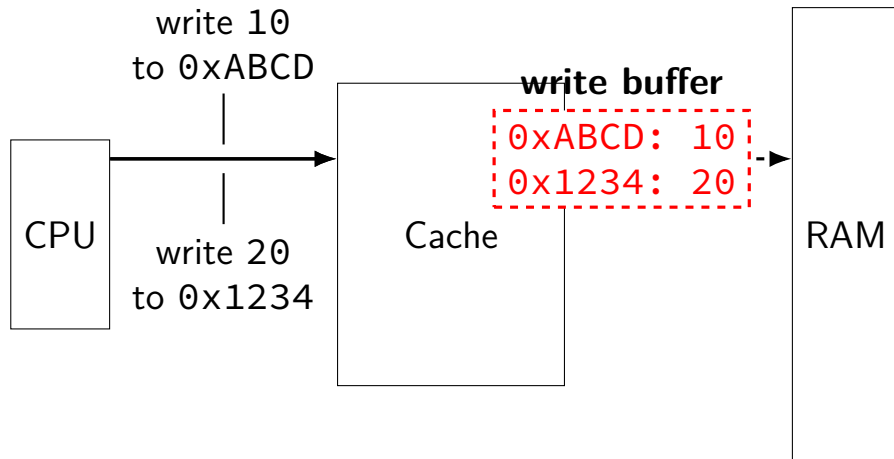
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# fast writes



write appears to complete immediately when placed in buffer  
memory can be much slower

# making any cache look bad

1. access enough blocks, to fill the cache
2. access an additional block, replacing something
3. access last block replaced
4. access last block replaced
5. access last block replaced
- ...

but — typical real programs have **locality**



# cache optimizations

(assuming typical locality + keeping cache size constant if possible...)

	miss rate	hit time	miss penalty
increase cache size	better	worse	—
increase associativity	better	worse	worse?
increase block size	depends	worse	worse
add secondary cache	—	—	better
write-allocate	better	—	?
writeback	—	—	?
LRU replacement	better	?	worse?
prefetching	better	—	—

prefetching = guess what program will use, access in advance

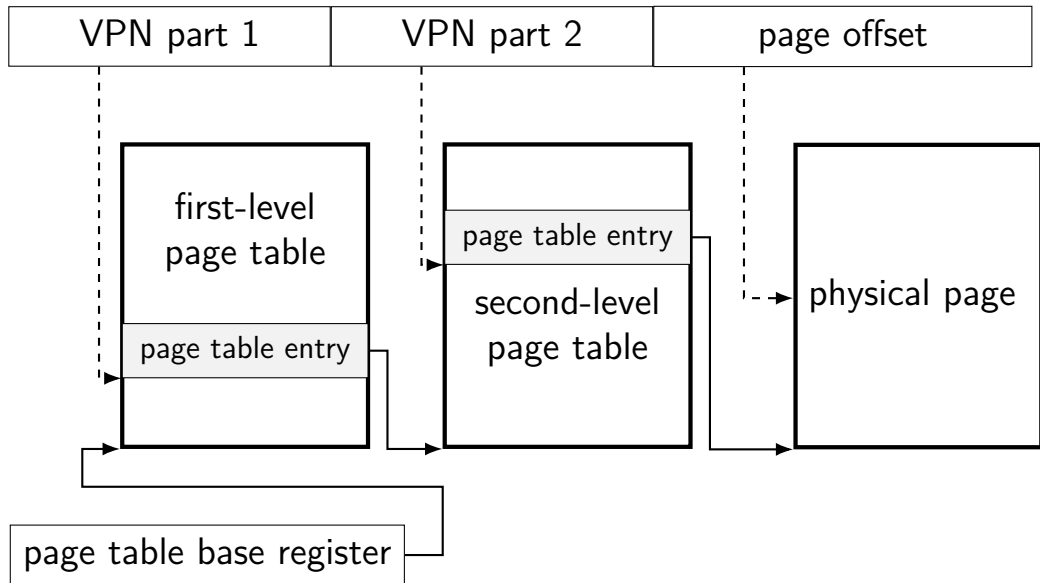
$$\text{average time} = \text{hit time} + \text{miss rate} \times \text{miss penalty}$$

# cache optimizations by miss type

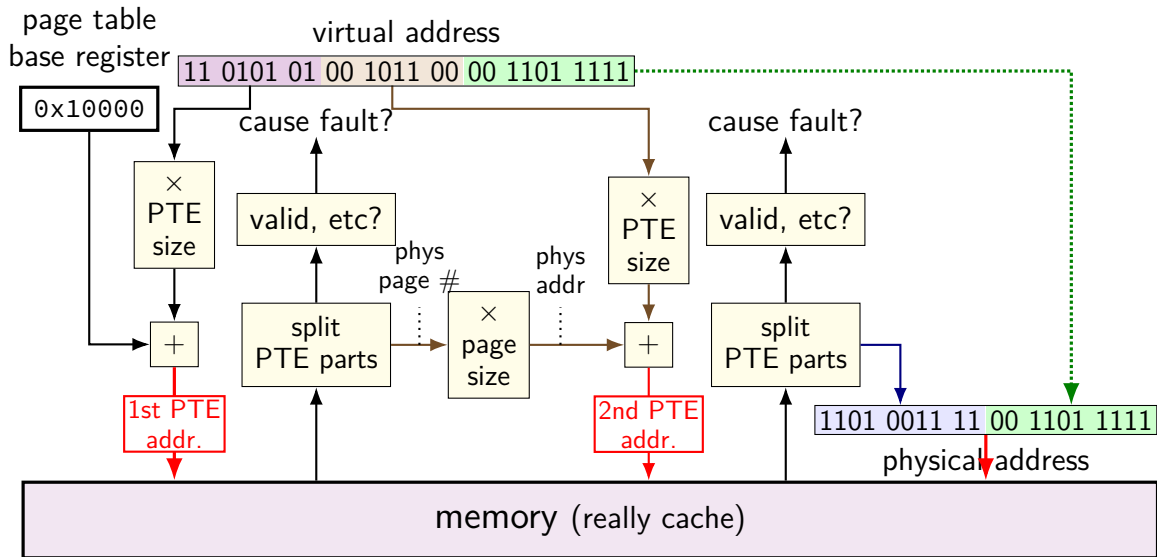
(assuming other listed parameters remain constant)

	capacity	conflict	compulsory
increase cache size	fewer misses	fewer misses	—
increase associativity	—	fewer misses	—
increase block size	more misses?	more misses?	fewer misses
LRU replacement	—	fewer misses	—
prefetching	—	—	fewer misses

## another view



# two-level page table lookup



## cache accesses and multi-level PTs

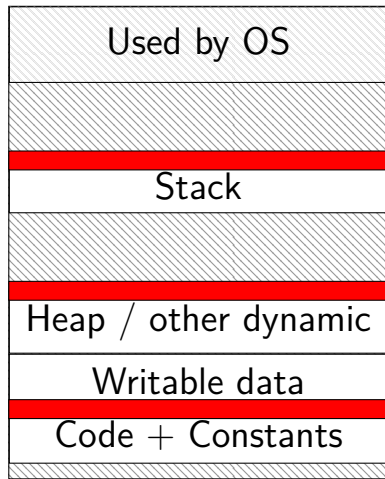
four-level page tables — five cache accesses per program memory access

L1 cache hits — typically a couple cycles each?

so add 8 cycles to each program memory access?

not acceptable

# program memory active sets



0xFFFF FFFF FFFF FFFF

0xFFFF 8000 0000 0000

0x7F...

small areas of memory active at a time  
one or two pages in each area?

0x0000 0000 0040 0000

# page table entries and locality

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needed page table entries are **very small**



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virtual page number divided into  
index + tag

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not much spatial locality between page table entries  
(they're used for kilobytes of data already)

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few active page table entries at a time  
enables highly associative cache designs

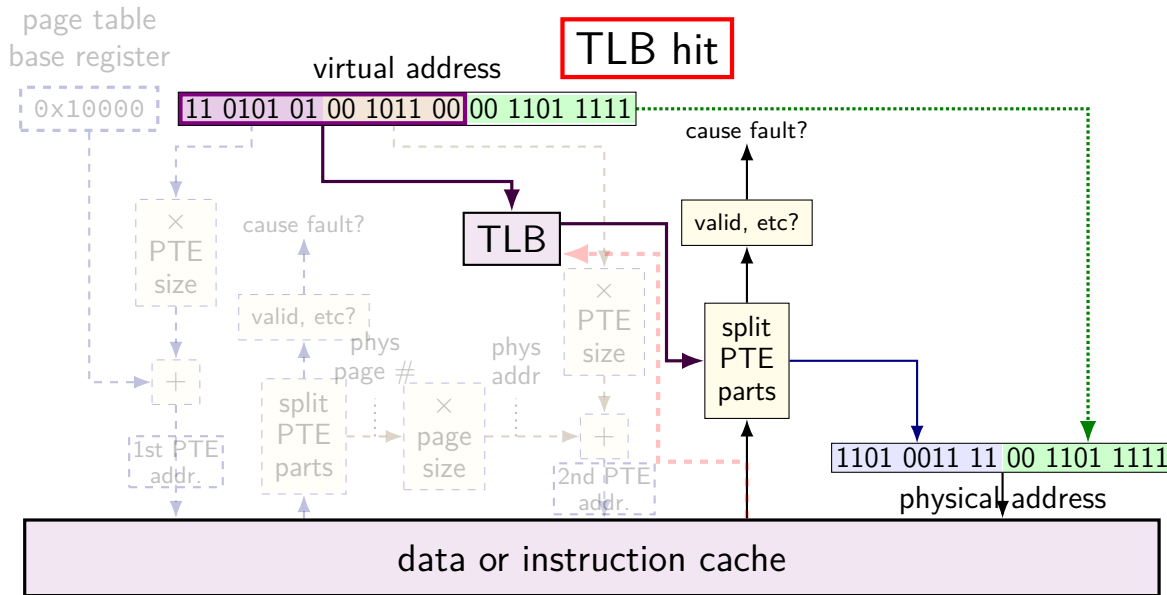
# TLB and multi-level page tables

TLB caches **valid last-level page table entries**

doesn't matter which last-level page table

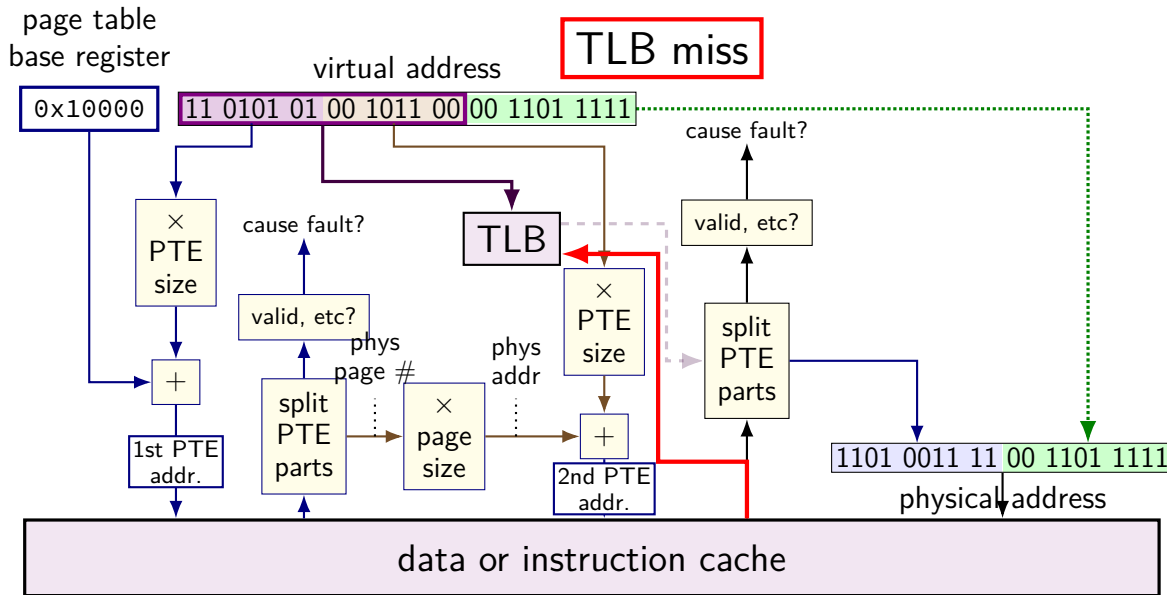
means TLB output can be used directly to form address

# TLB and two-level lookup

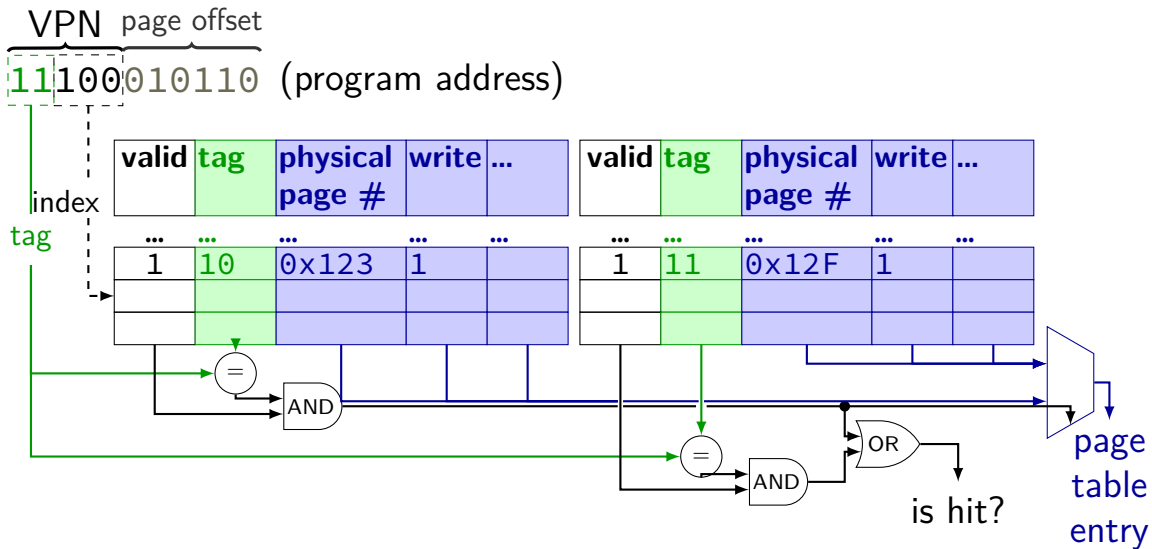




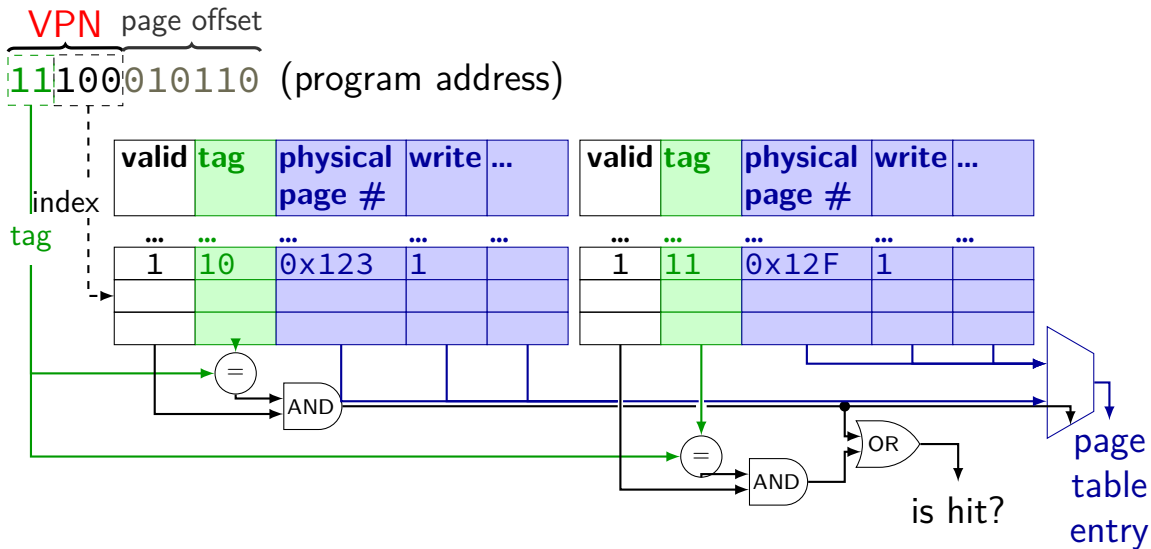
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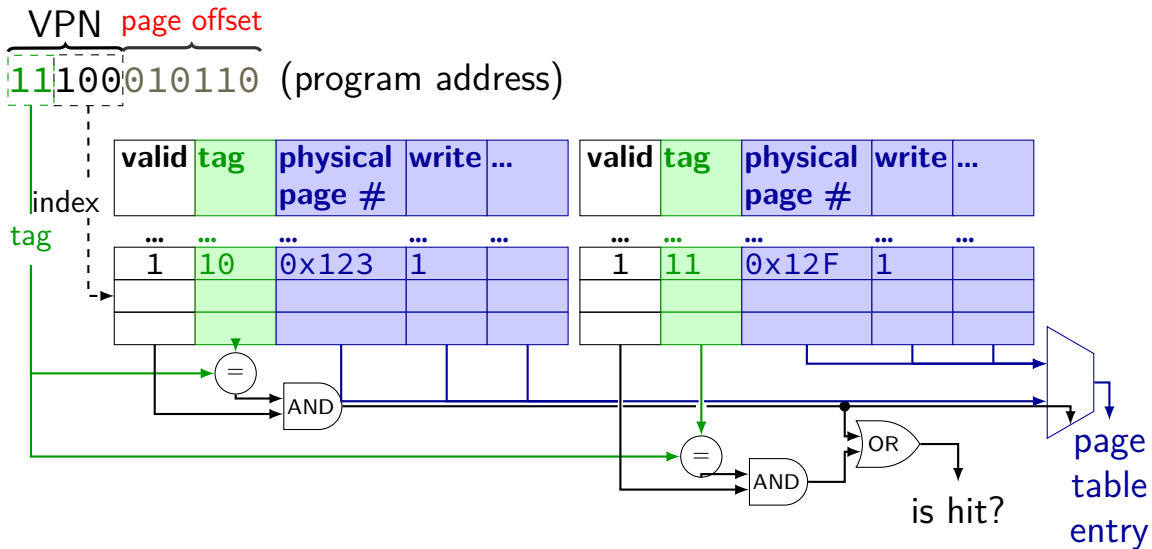
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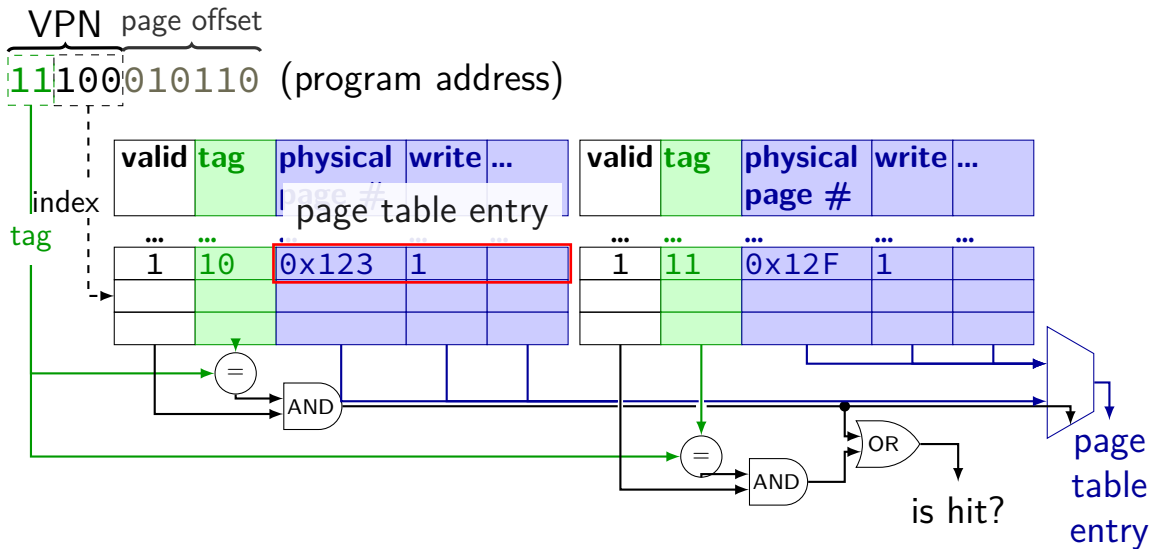
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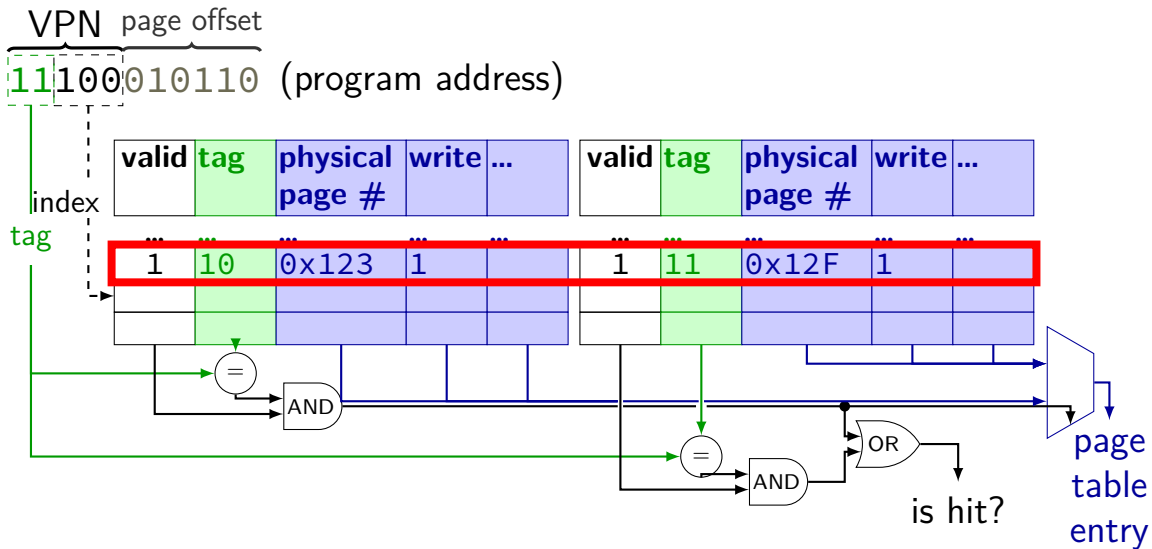
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# why threads?

concurrency: different things happening at once

- one thread per user of web server?

- one thread per page in web browser?

- one thread to play audio, one to read keyboard, ...?

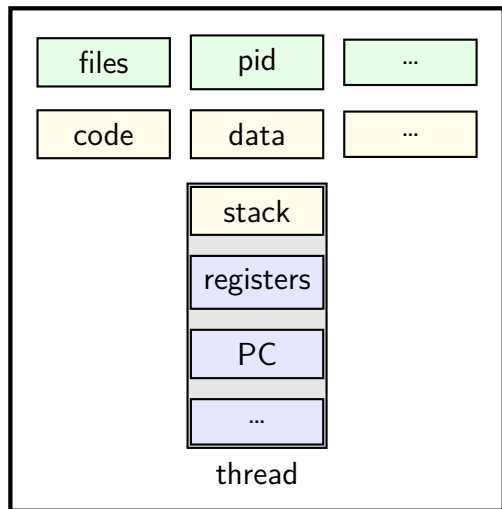
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parallelism: do same thing with more resources

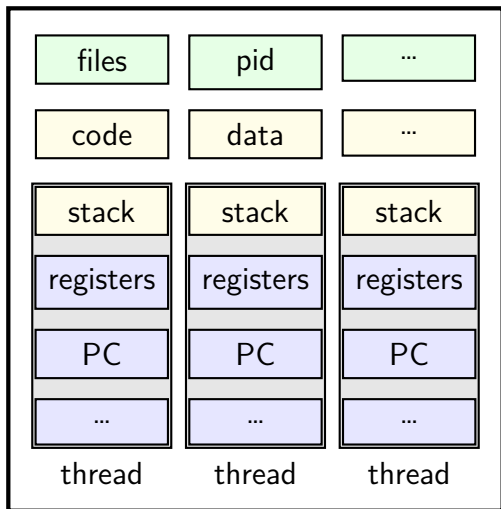
- multiple processors to speed-up simulation (life assignment)

# single and multithread processes

single-threaded process



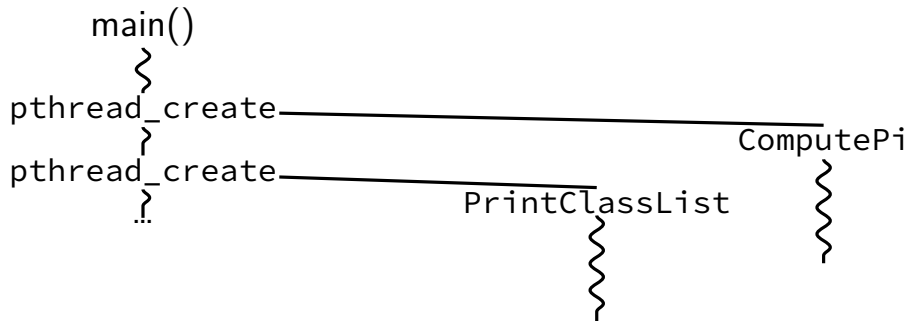
multi-threaded process





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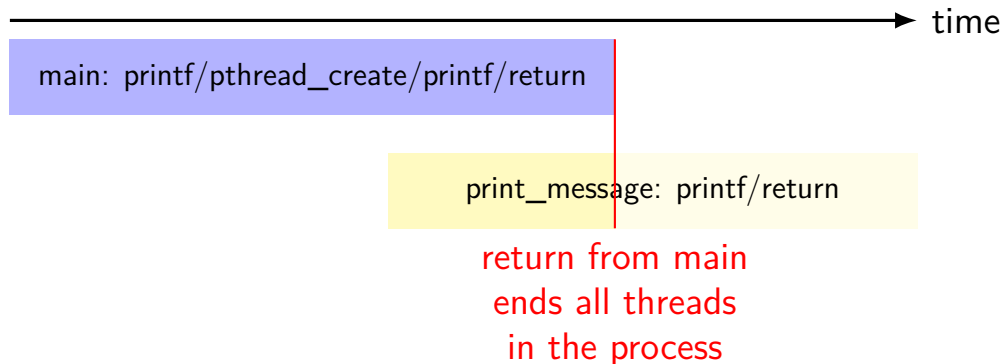
```
#include <pthread.h>
#include <stdio.h>
void *print_message(void *ignored_argument) {
    printf("In the thread\n"); return NULL;
}
int main() {
    printf("About to start thread\n");
    pthread_t the_thread;
    pthread_create(&the_thread, NULL, print_message, NULL);
    printf("Done starting thread\n");
    return 0;
}
```

My machine: outputs In the thread about 4% of the time.  
What happened?

## a race

returning from main **exits the entire process** (all its threads)  
same as calling exit; not like other threads

race: main's return 0 or print\_message's printf first?



## fixing the race (version 1)

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    printf("Done starting thread\n");
    pthread_join(the_thread, NULL); /* WAIT FOR THREAD */
    return 0;
}
```



## fixing the race (version 2; not recommended)

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    pthread_exit(NULL);
}
```

## pthread\_join, pthread\_exit

`pthread_join`: wait for thread, retrieves its return value  
like `waitpid`, but for a thread  
return value is pointer to anything

`pthread_exit`: exit current thread, returning a value  
like `exit` or returning from `main`, but for a single thread  
same effect as returning from function passed to `pthread_create`

# sum example (only globals)

```
int values[1024];
int results[2];
void *sum_front(void *ignored_argument) {
    int sum = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < 512; ++i) { sum += values[i]; }
    results[0] = sum;
    return NULL;
}
void *sum_back(void *ignored_argument) {
    int sum = 0;
    for (int i = 512; i < 1024; ++i) { sum += values[i]; }
    results[1] = sum;
    return NULL;
}
int sum_all() {
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    pthread_create(&sum_back_thread, NULL, sum_back, NULL);
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}
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values, results: global variables — shared

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# sum example (only globals)

two different functions

happen to be the same except for some numbers

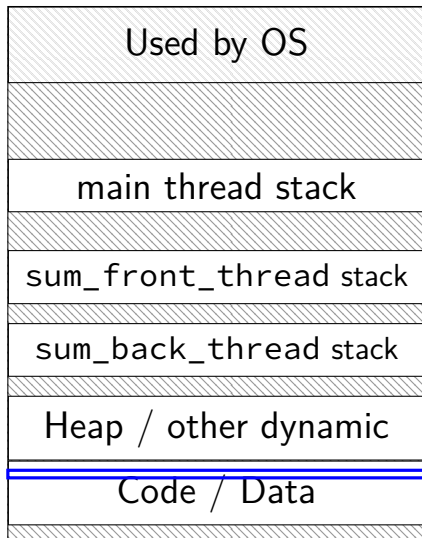
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sum

values returned from threads  
via global array instead of return value  
(partly to illustrate that memory is shared,  
partly because this pattern works when we don't join (later))

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# thread\_sum memory layout



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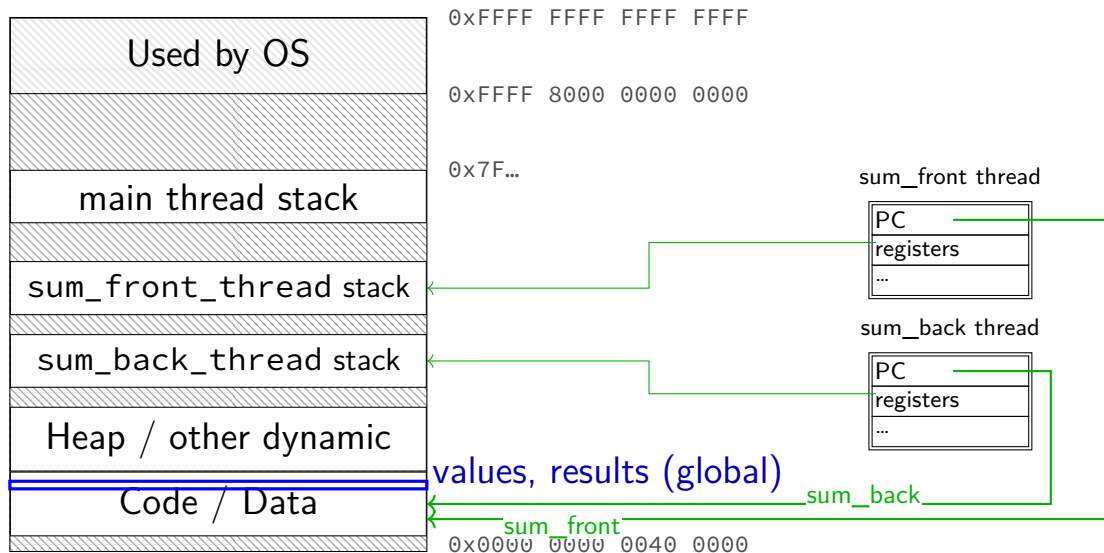
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0x7F...

values, results (global)

0x0000 0000 0040 0000

# thread\_sum memory layout





# sum example (to global, with thread IDs)

```
int values[1024];
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void *sum_thread(void *argument) {
    int id = (int) argument;
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    for (int i = id * 512; i < (id + 1) * 512; ++i) {
        sum += values[i];
    }
    results[id] = sum;
    return NULL;
}
int sum_all() {
    pthread_t thread[2];
    for (int i = 0; i < 2; ++i) {
        pthread_create(&threads[i], NULL, sum_thread, (void *) i);
    }
    for (int i = 0; i < 2; ++i)
        pthread_join(threads[i], NULL);
    return results[0] + results[1];
}
```

# sum example (to global, with thread IDs)

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        pthread_join(threads[i], NULL);
    return results[0] + results[1];
}
```

values, results: global variables — shared

# sum example (info struct)

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struct ThreadInfo {
    int start, end, result;
};
void *sum_thread(void *argument) {
    struct tThreadInfo *my_info = (struct ThreadInfo *) argument;
    int sum = 0;
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    my_info->result = sum;
    return NULL;
}
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        pthread_create(&threads[i], NULL, sum_thread, &info[i]);
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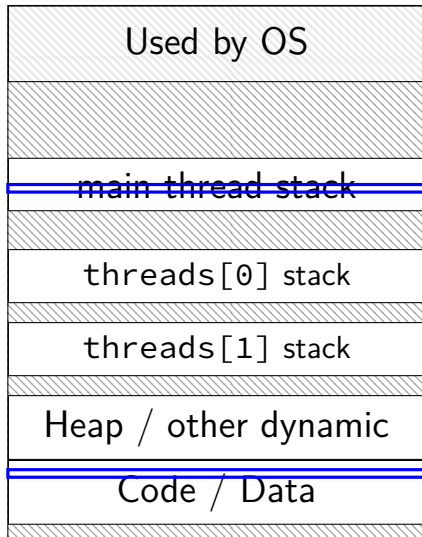
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my\_info: pointer to sum\_all's stack;  
only okay because sum\_all waits!

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# thread\_sum memory layout (info struct)



0xFFFF FFFF FFFF FFFF

0xFFFF 8000 0000 0000

0x7F...

info array

my\_info

my\_info

values (global)

0x0000 0000 0040 0000

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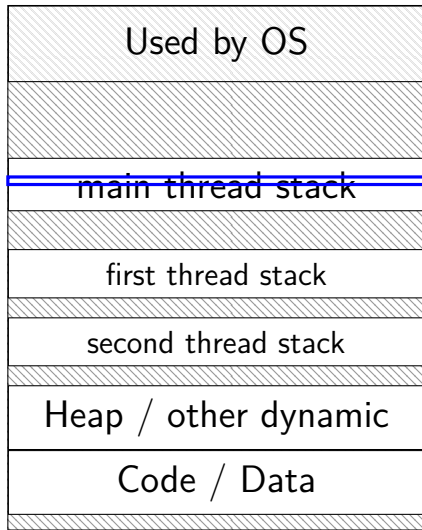
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# program memory (to main stack)



0xFFFF FFFF FFFF FFFF

0xFFFF 8000 0000 0000

0x7F...

info array

values (stack? heap?)

*my\_info*

*my\_info*

0x0000 0000 0040 0000

# sum example (on heap)

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struct ThreadInfo { pthread_t thread; int *values; int start; int end; int result;
void *sum_thread(void *argument) {
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}

struct ThreadInfo *start_sum_all(int *values) {
    struct ThreadInfo *info = calloc(2, sizeof(struct ThreadInfo));
    for (int i = 0; i < 2; ++i) {
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    }
    return info;
}

int finish_sum_all(ThreadInfo *info) {
    for (int i = 0; i < 2; ++i)
        pthread_join(info[i].thread, NULL);
    int result = info[0].result + info[1].result;
    free(info);
    return result;
}
```

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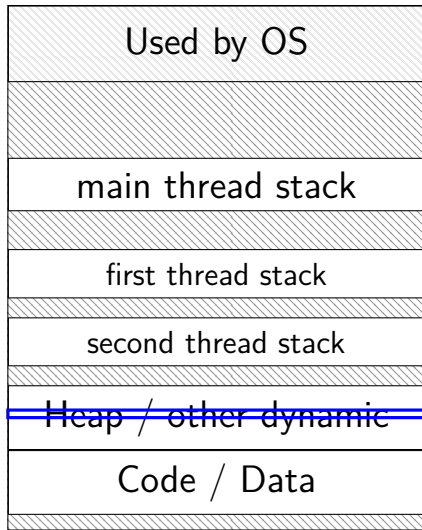
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# thread\_sum memory (heap version)



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0x7F...

*my\_info*

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**info array**

values (stack? heap?)

0x0000 0000 0040 0000

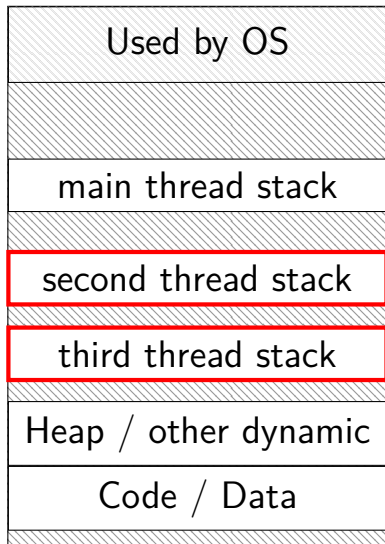


# what's wrong with this?

```
/* omitted: headers */
void *create_string(void *ignored_argument) {
    char string[1024];
    ComputeString(string);
    return string;
}

int main() {
    pthread_t the_thread;
    pthread_create(&the_thread, NULL, create_string, NULL);
    char *string_ptr;
    pthread_join(the_thread, (void**) &string_ptr);
    printf("string is %s\n", string_ptr);
}
```

# program memory



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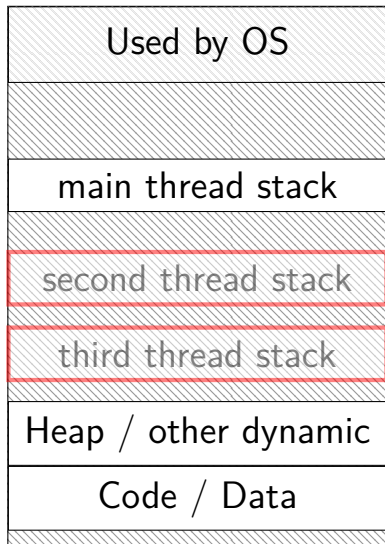
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# thread resources

to create a thread, allocate:

new stack (how big???)

thread control block

deallocated when ...

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can deallocate stack when thread exits

but need to allow collecting return value

same problem as for processes and waitpid

# pthread\_detach

```
void *show_progress(void * ...) { ... }  
void spawn_show_progress_thread() {  
    pthread_t show_progress_thread;  
    pthread_create(&show_progress_thread, NULL,  
                  show_progress, NULL);
```

*/\* instead of keeping pthread\_t around to join thread later: \*/*

```
pthread_detach(show_progress_thread);
```

```
}
```

```
int main() {  
    spawn_show_progress_thread();  
    do_other_stuff();  
    ...  
}
```

detach = don't care about return value, etc.  
system will deallocate when thread terminates

# starting threads detached

```
void *show_progress(void * ...) { ... }  
void spawn_show_progress_thread() {  
    pthread_t show_progress_thread;  
    pthread_attr_t attrs;  
    pthread_attr_init(&attrs);  
    pthread_attr_setdetachstate(&attrs, PTHREAD_CREATE_DETACHED);  
    pthread_create(&show_progress_thread, attrs,  
                  show_progress, NULL);  
    pthread_attr_destroy(&attrs);  
}
```

## setting stack sizes

```
void *show_progress(void * ...) { ... }  
void spawn_show_progress_thread() {  
    pthread_t show_progress_thread;  
    pthread_attr_t attrs;  
    pthread_attr_init(&attrs);  
    pthread_attr_setstacksize(&attrs, 32 * 1024 /* bytes */);  
    pthread_create(&show_progress_thread, attrs,  
                  show_progress, NULL);  
}
```



# a note on error checking

from `pthread_create` manpage:

## ERRORS

**EAGAIN** Insufficient resources to create another thread, or a system-imposed limit on the number of threads was encountered. The latter case may occur in two ways: the **RLIMIT\_NPROC** soft resource limit (set via `setrlimit(2)`), which limits the number of process for a real user ID, was reached; or the kernel's system-wide limit on the number of threads, [`/proc/sys/kernel/threads-max`](#), was reached.

**EINVAL** Invalid settings in `attr`.

**EPERM** No permission to set the scheduling policy and parameters specified in `attr`.

special constants for *return value*

same pattern for many other pthreads functions

will often omit error checking in slides for brevity

# error checking pthread\_create

```
int error = pthread_create(...);  
if (error != 0) {  
    /* print some error message */  
}
```

**backup slides**

## exercise: TLB access pattern (setup)

4-entry, 2-way TLB, LRU replacement policy, initially empty

4096 byte pages

how many index bits?

TLB index of virtual address 0x12345?

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type	virtual	physical
read	0x440030	0x554030
write	0x440034	0x554034
read	0x7FFFE008	0x556008
read	0x7FFFE000	0x556000
read	0x7FFFDFF8	0x5F8FF8
read	0x664080	0x5F9080
read	0x440038	0x554038
write	0x7FFFDFF0	0x5F8FF0

which are TLB hits? which are TLB misses? final contents of TLB?

# cache miss types

common to categorize misses:

roughly “cause” of miss assuming cache block size fixed

*compulsory* (or *cold*) — **first time** accessing something  
adding more sets or blocks/set wouldn't change

*conflict* — sets aren't big/flexible enough  
a fully-associative (1-set) cache of the same size would have done better

*capacity* — cache was not big enough

*coherence* — from sync'ing cache with other caches  
only issue with multiple cores

# thread versus process state

## thread state

- registers (including stack pointer, program counter)

- ...

## process state

- address space

- open files

- process id

- list of thread states

- ...

# process info with threads

parent process info

thread infos	thread 0: {PC = 0x123456, rax = 42, rbx = ...} thread 1: {PC = 0x584390, rax = 32, rbx = ...} ...
page tables	
open files	fd 0: ... fd 1: ...
...	...



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advantage: no special logic for threads (mostly)

two threads in same process = tasks sharing everything possible

## aside: alternate threading models

we'll talk about **kernel threads**

OS scheduler deals **directly** with threads

alternate idea: library code handles threads

kernel doesn't know about threads w/in process

*hierarchy* of schedulers: one for processes, one within each process

not currently common model — awkward with multicore