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# Programming Assignment #3

**Due** Jul 1 by 11:30pm

**Points** 50

**Submitting** a file upload

**Available** after Jun 22 at 8pm

Design and implement a program to simulate memory allocation/deallocation. You shall create a program that simulates the main memory allocation in an operating system. You will use this to simulate and evaluate *first fit* and *best fit* memory allocation/deallocation techniques when using a linked list to keep track of memory usage.

Implementation:  
Assume the following:

- Memory is 256 KB and is divided into units of 2 KB each.
- A process may request between 3 and 10 units of memory.

Your simulation consists of three components: (1) Memory component that implements a specific allocation/deallocation technique; (2) a request generation component that generates allocation/deallocation requests; and (3) a statistics reporting component that prints out the relevant statistics.

The Memory component exports the following functions:

1. `int allocate_mem (int process_id, int num_units):` allocates num\_units units of memory to a process whose id is process\_id. If successful, it returns the number of nodes traversed in the linked list. Otherwise, it returns -1.

2. `int deallocate_mem (int process_id):` deallocates the memory allocated to the process whose id is process\_id. It returns 1, if successful, otherwise -1.

3. `int fragment_count( ):` returns the number of holes (fragments of sizes 1 or 2 units).

You will implement a separate Memory component for each memory allocation/deallocation technique. The request generation component generates allocation and deallocation requests. For allocation requests, the component specifies the process id of the process for which memory is requested as well as the number of memory units being requested. For this simulation, assume that memory is requested for each process only once. For deallocation requests, the component specifies the process id of the process whose memory has to be deallocated. For this simulation, assume that the entire memory allocated to a process is deallocated on a deallocation request. You may generate these requests based on some specific criteria, e.g. a random sequence or hard coded sequence. There are three performance parameters that your simulation should calculate for both techniques: average number of external fragments, average allocation time in terms of the average number of nodes traversed in allocation, and the percentage of times an allocation request is denied.

Run your simulation generating 10,000 requests using the request generation component, and for each request, invoke the appropriate function of the Memory component for each of the memory allocation/deallocation technique. After every request, update the three performance parameters for each of the techniques.

The statistics reporting component prints the value of the three parameters for both techniques at the end.

Your project shall include a README file using the same conventions/requirements specified in the course README instructions file.

Your program will be tested by compiling and executing on edoras. Your program shall be written such that it compiles and executes cleanly when using gcc/g++. Note - you must use a Makefile. You shall create a sub-directory named "a3" in your home directory. In it, you shall place all of your project files, including your Makefile. Your source files shall contain sufficient comments for making the source easy to read. Name the executable "sim". Also, create an archive file (tarball or zip) and upload to edoras (on the student per project) as your turn-in for assignment #3.

• Create ~/a3 by hand.

• Create all necessary project files. Put them into ~/a3.

• The Makefile shall create an executable named "mot" in this same directory (~/a3).

• The system call "system()" will NOT be allowed

• You must work individually or in pairs (individually or a team of 2 students)

You may use gcc, or g++ compiler on this assignment

Submission

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Grade: 50 (50 pts possible)

Graded Anonymously: no

Comments:

 a3.zip

Dong Lin, Jul 3 at 9:27am

Outstanding! Really well done! I liked your licensing comment as well

Guy Leonard, Jul 5 at 12:15pm