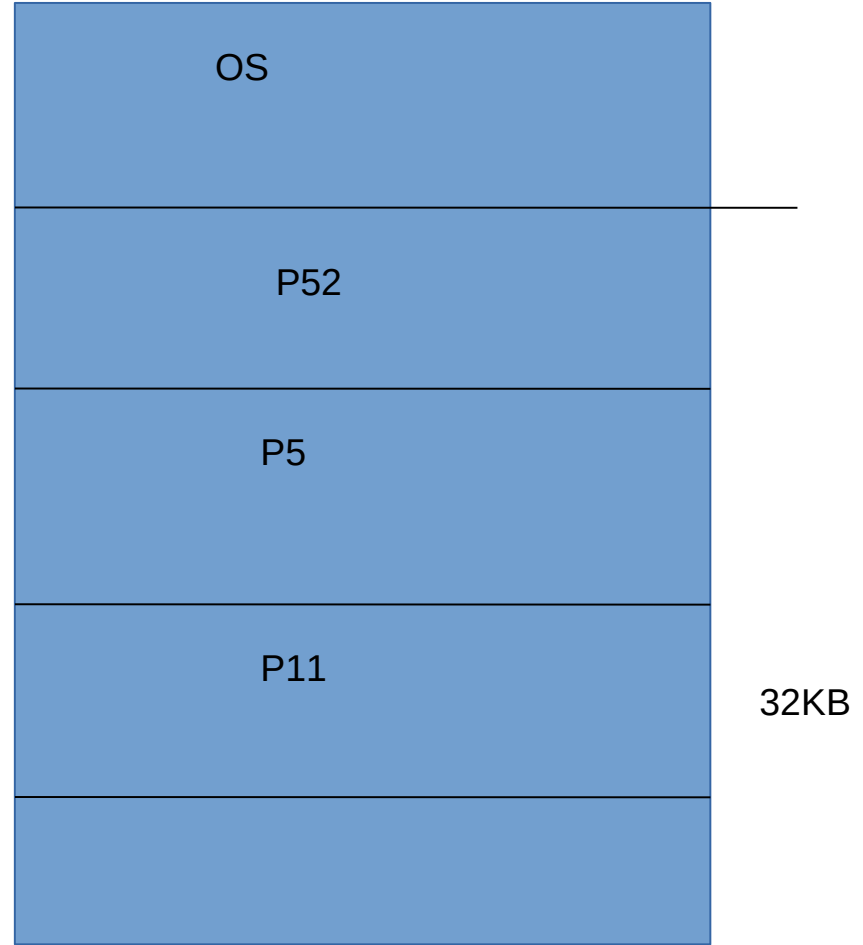
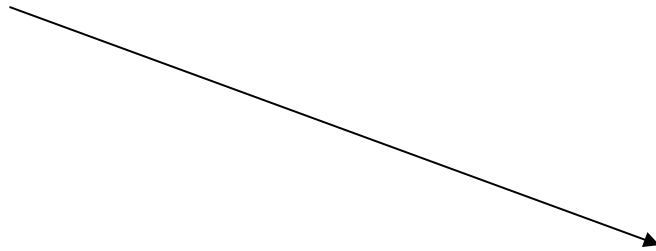


Ready queue

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Free---4KB



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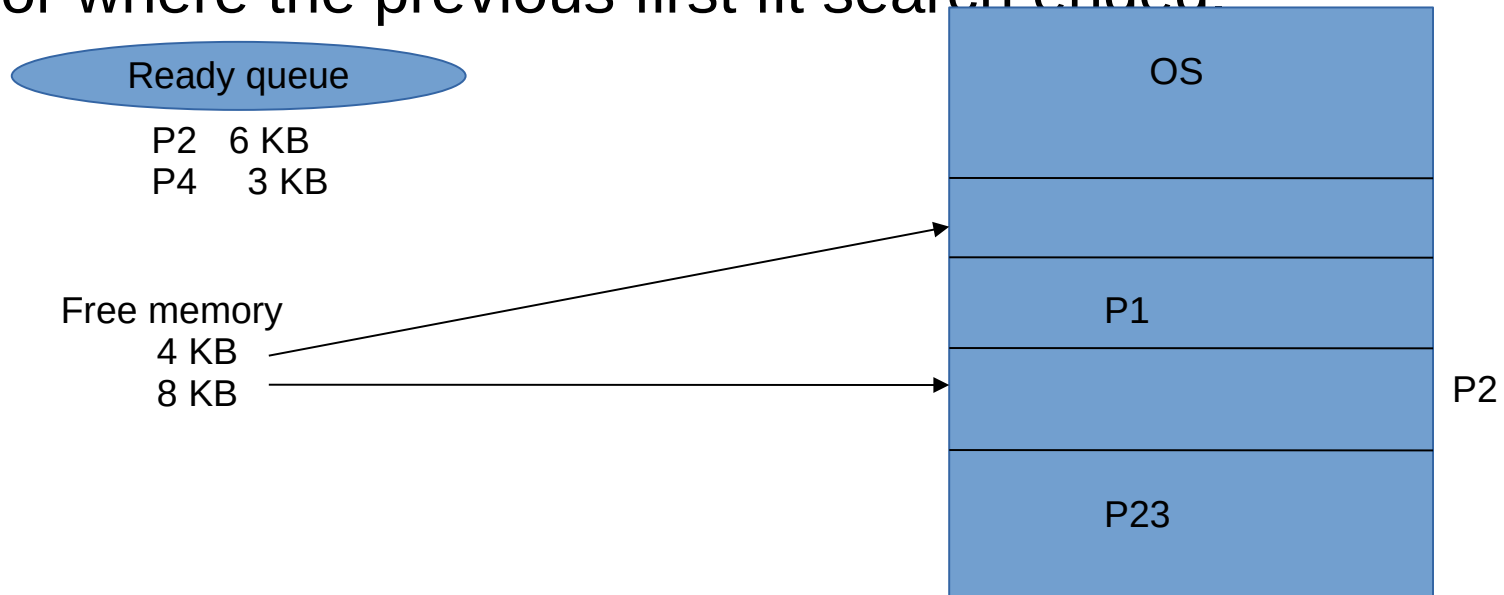
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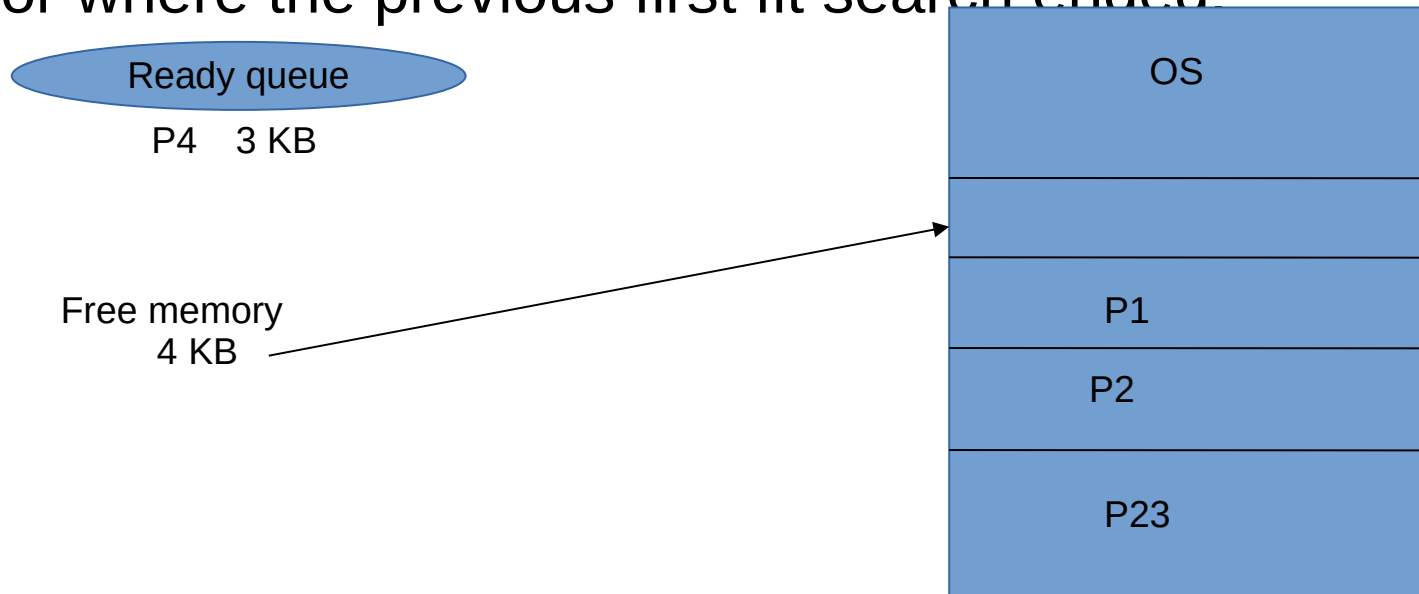
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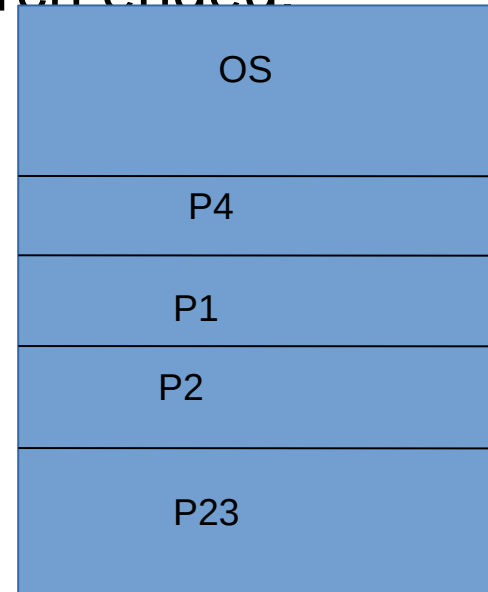


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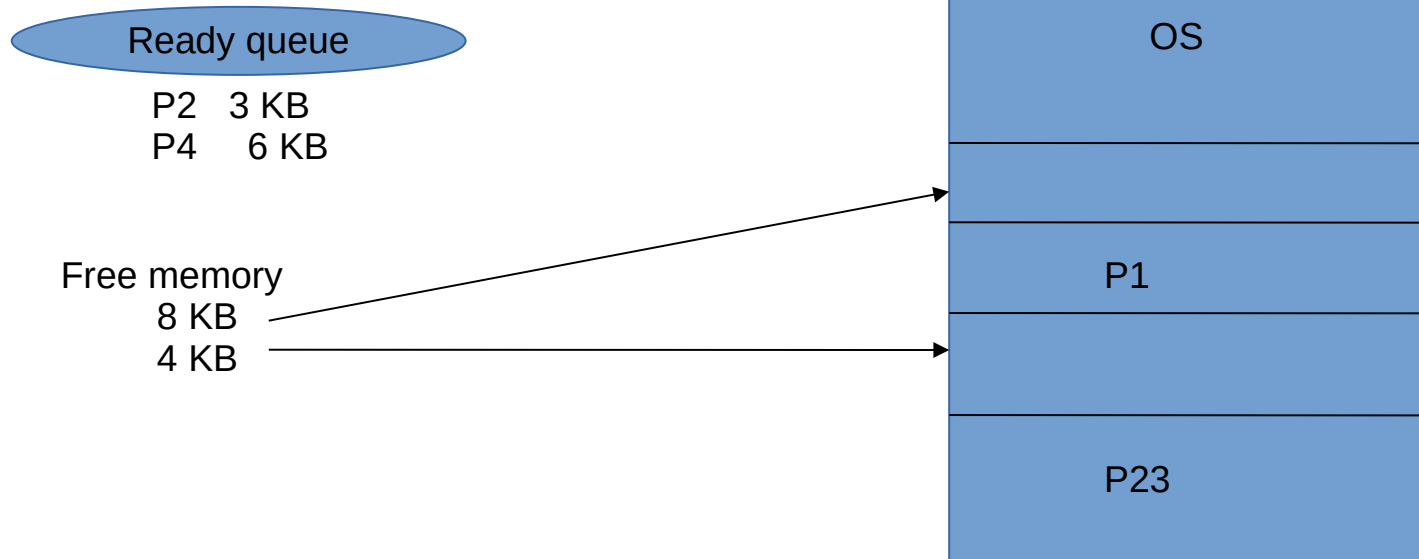


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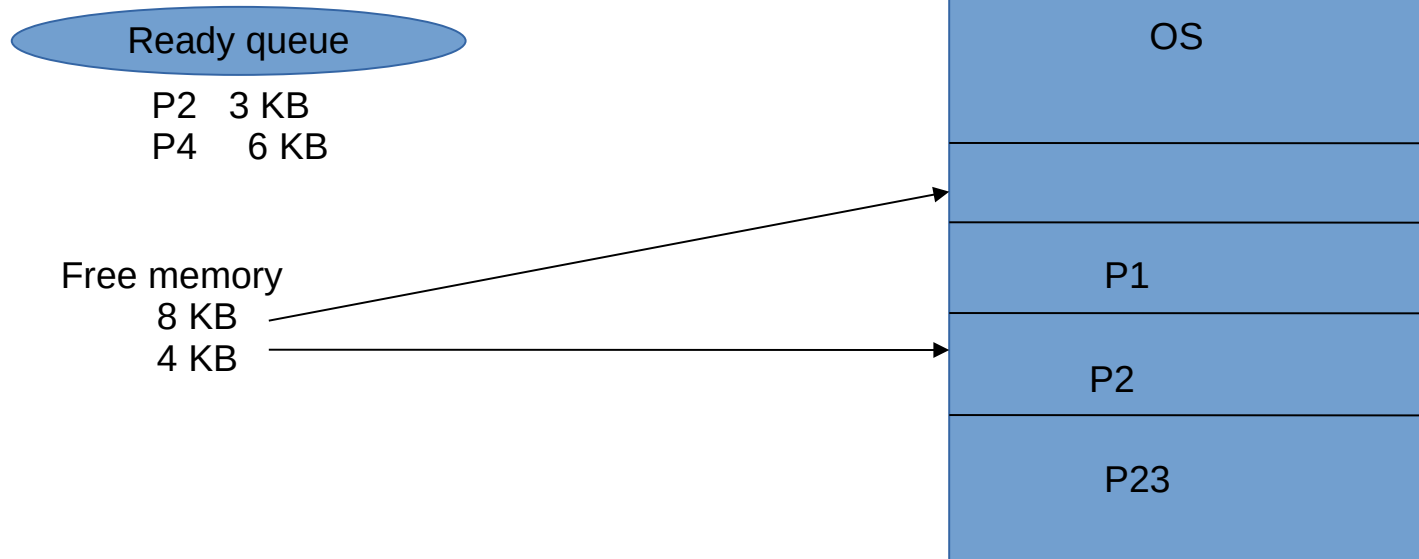
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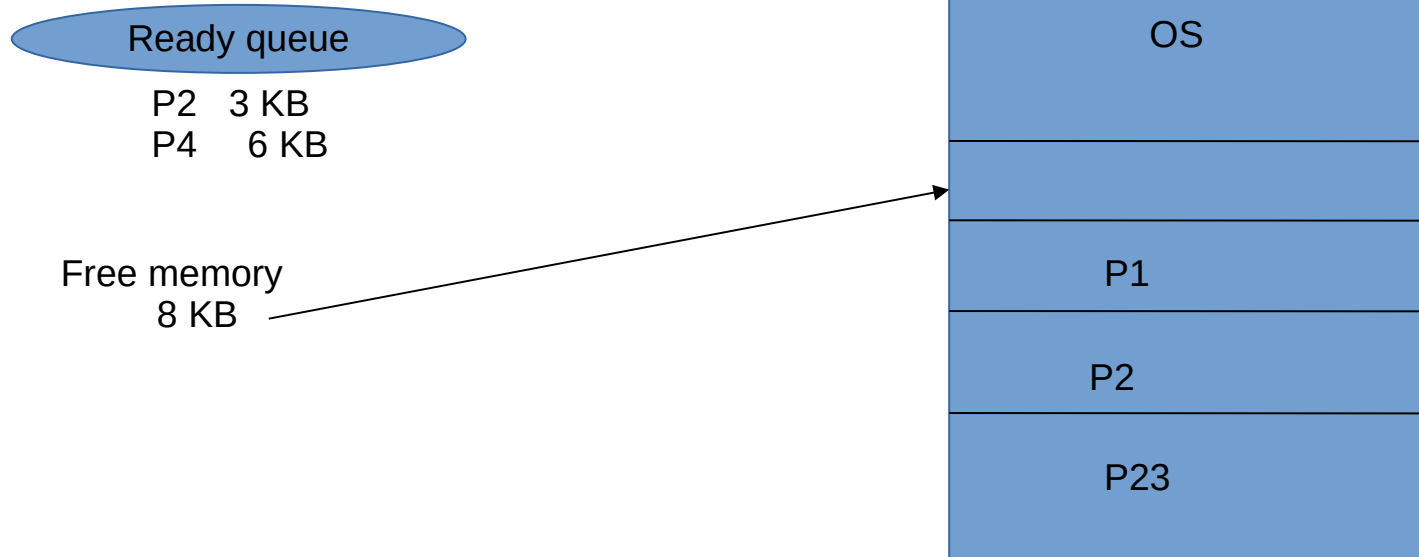
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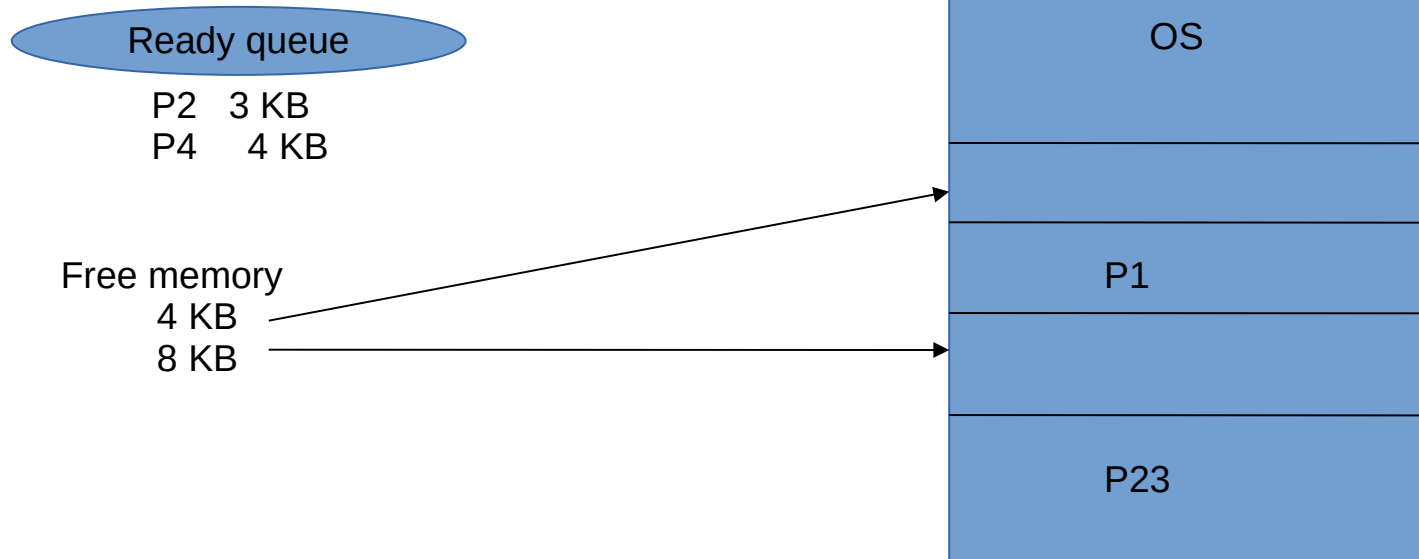
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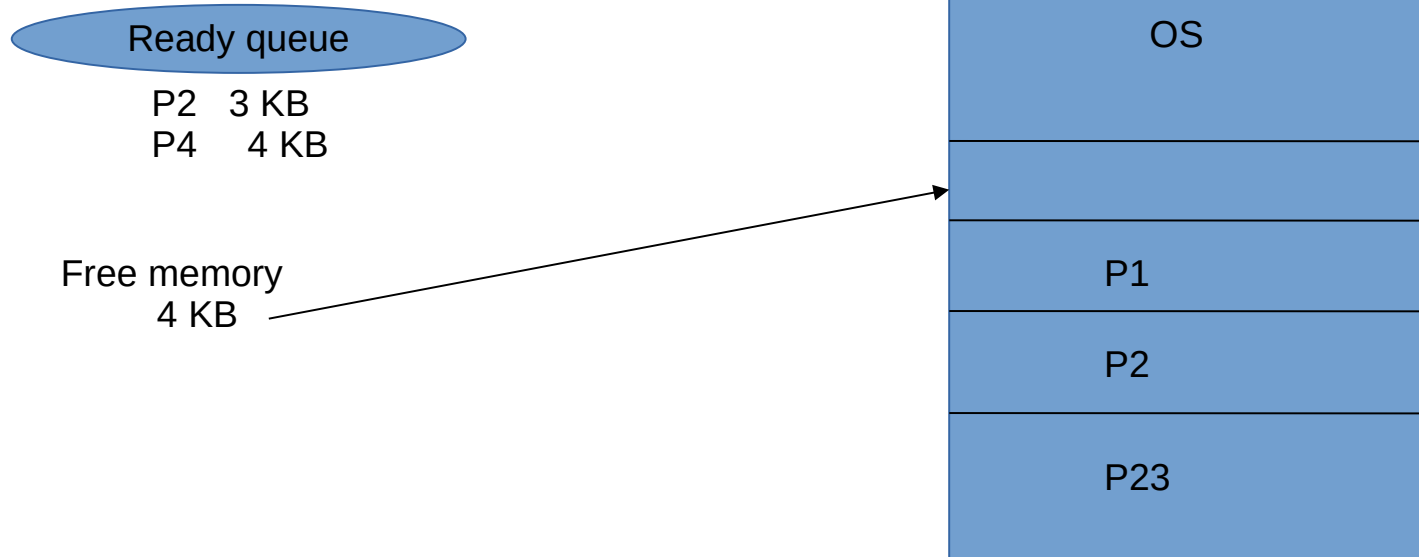
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Simulations have shown that both first fit and best fit are better than worst fit in terms of decreasing both time and storage utilization.

Neither first fit nor best fit is clearly better in terms of storage utilization but first fit is generally faster.

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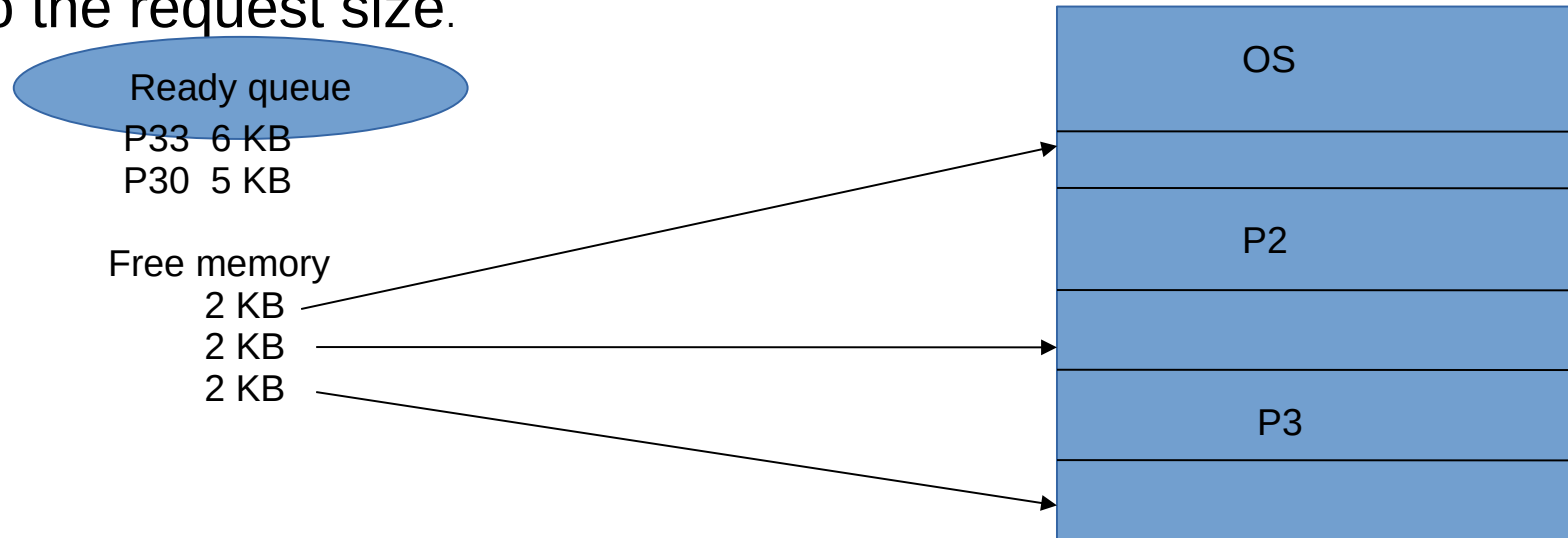
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# Solution?

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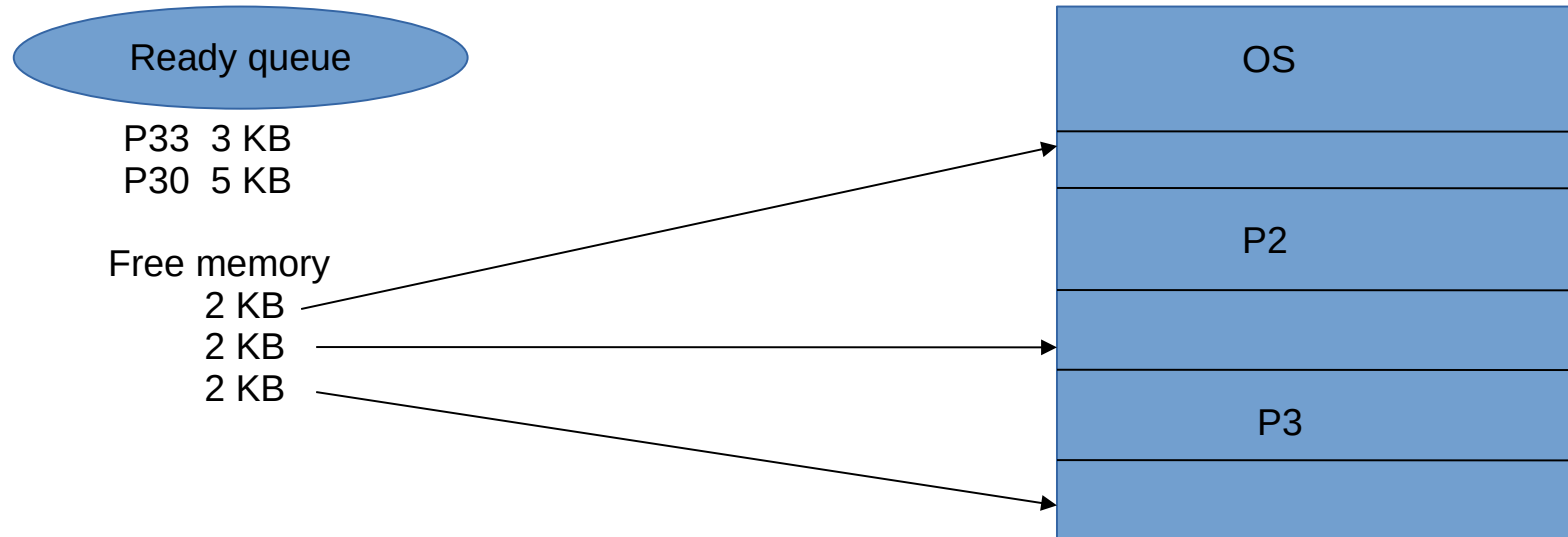
For a relocatable process to be able to execute in its new location, all internal addresses must be relocated.

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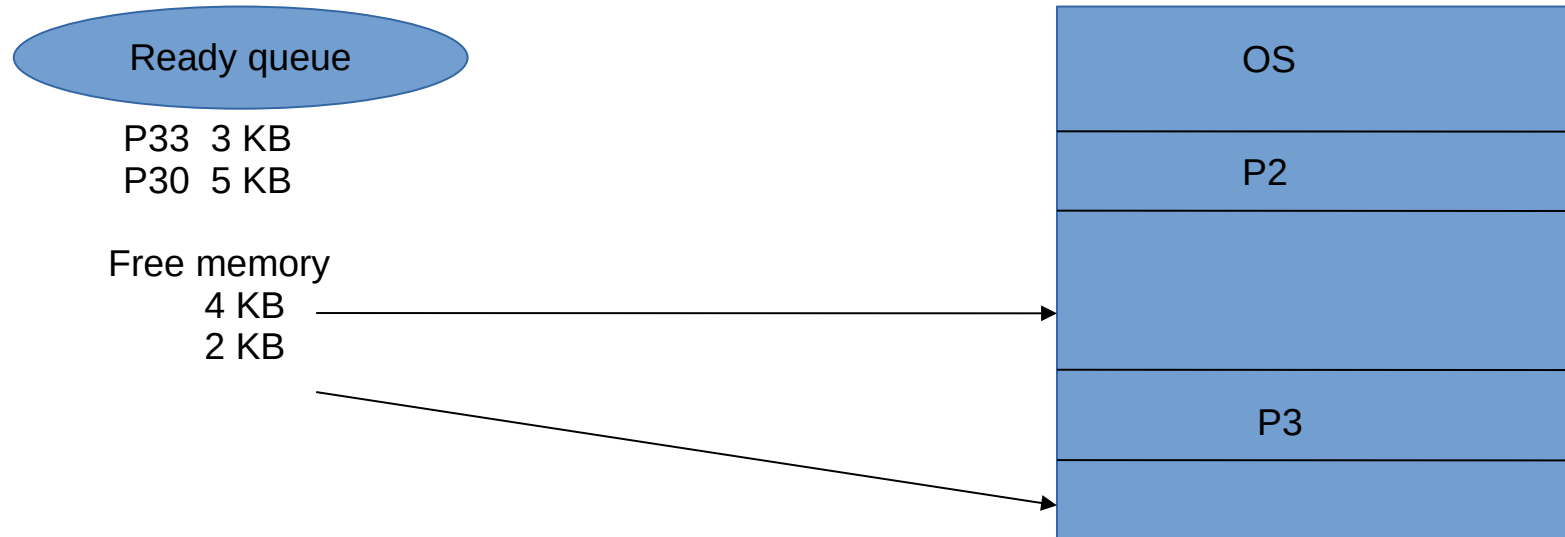
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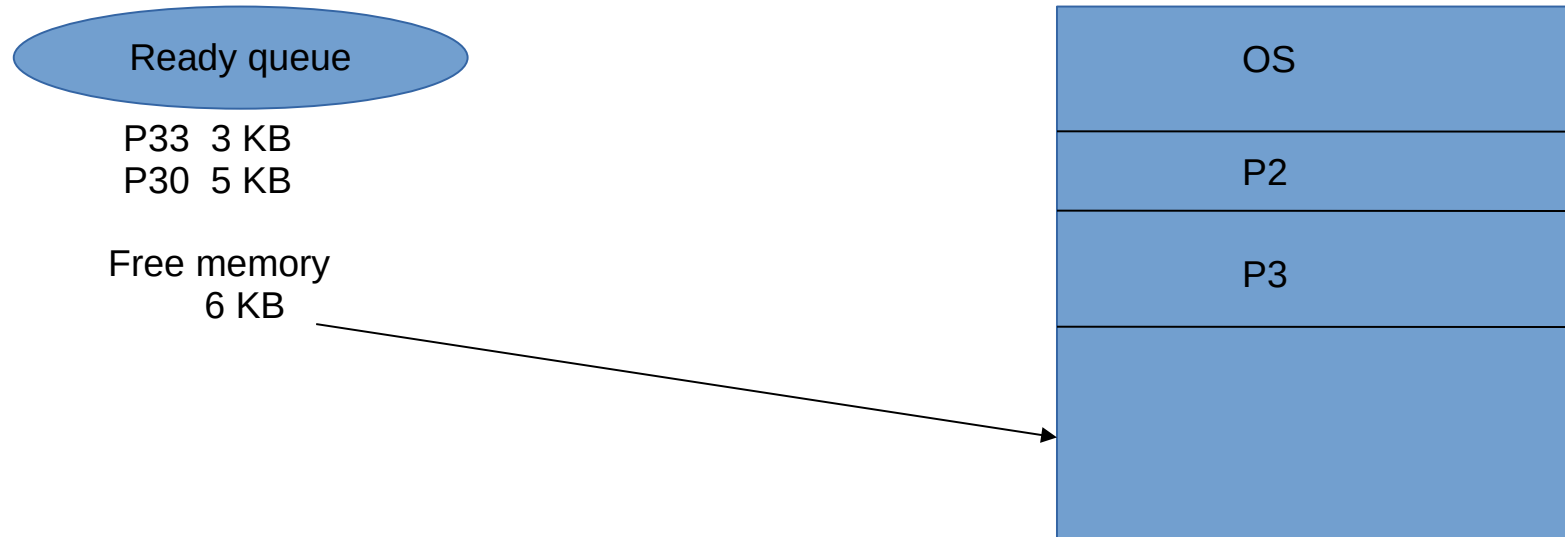
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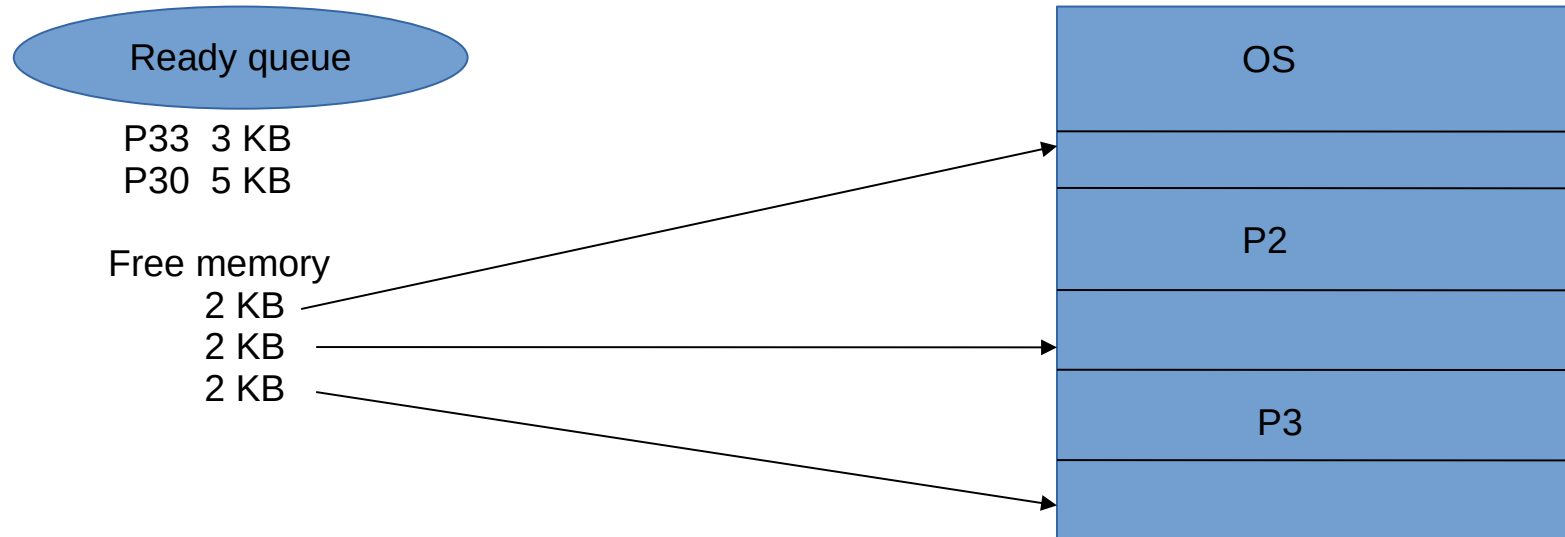
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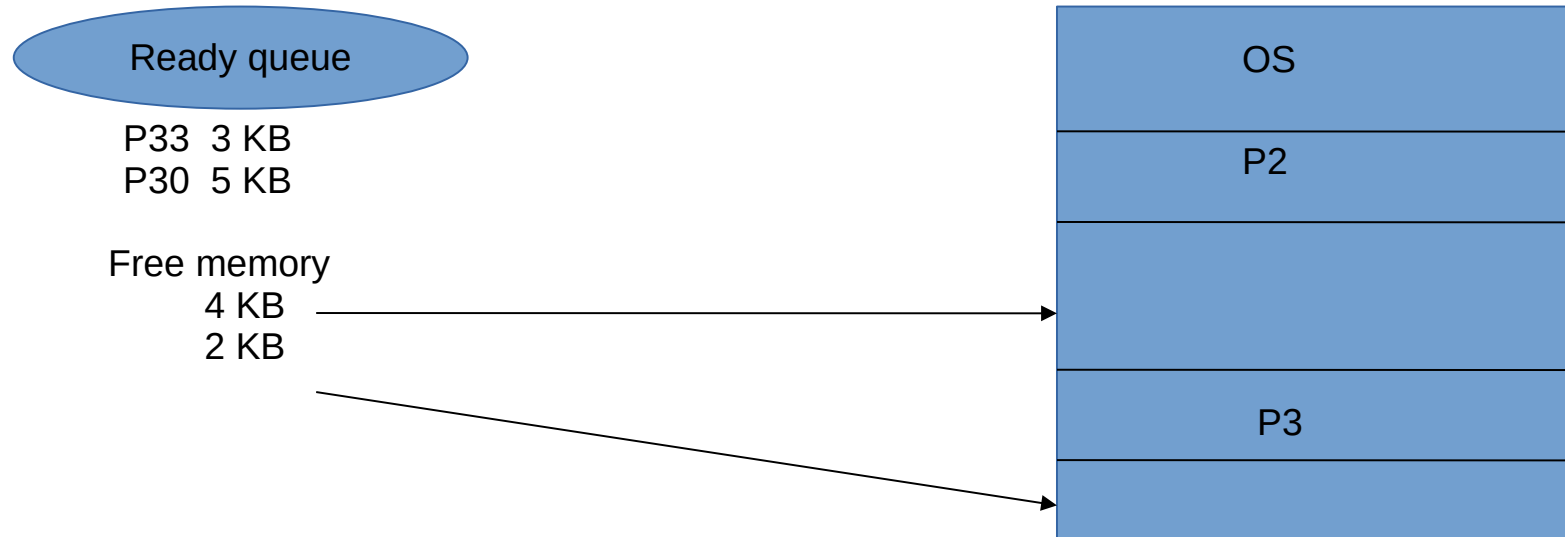
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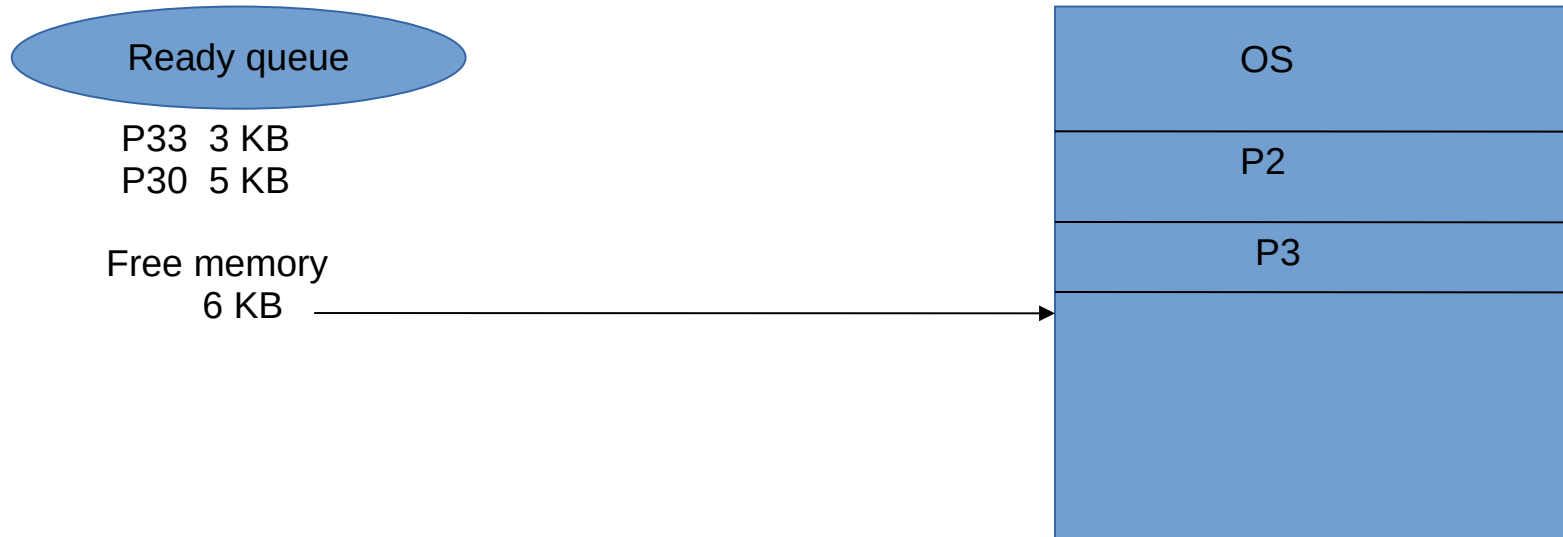
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Consider a hole of 2002 bytes and let us say this is the only available at the moment.

Suppose the next process requests 2000 bytes.

If we allocate exactly the requested block, we are left with a hole of 2 bytes.

The overhead to keep track of this hole will be substantially larger than the hole itself.

The general idea is to allocate this hole as part of the larger request.

Therefore the allocated memory is slightly larger than the request. So a little amount of memory is wasted.

So internal fragmentation exist.

Compaction is really tough .....  
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