

Nachos Project Assignment 3 Memory Management / CPU part 2

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Project 3 – part1

Memory Management

What will you learn from this project?

- 1. Memory Swap management
- 2. Swap replacement algorithm
- 3. Demand paging

Why we need swap management

- 1. It expands the amount of memory a process may use.
- 2. A significant number of the pages referenced by a process early in its life may only be used for initialization and then never used again

Disadvantages:

1. Performance decrease (Disk is slow.)

Swap Management

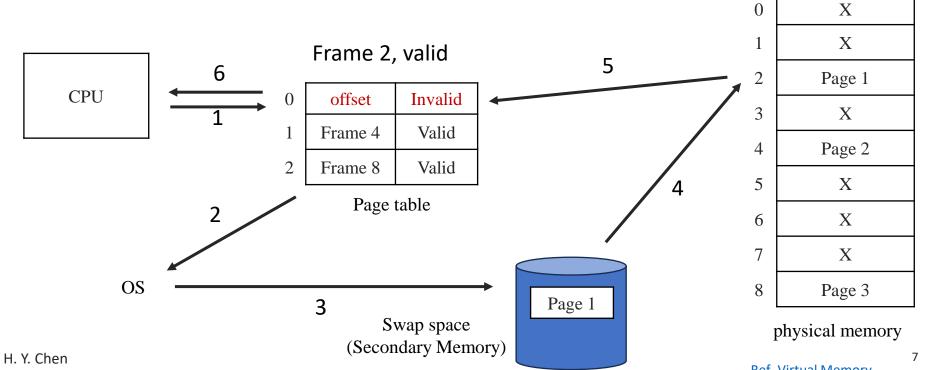
Goal:

- Successfully execute the following test cases, concurrently.
 - /test/matmalt.c
 - /test/sort.c
- Both cases use require lots of memory
 - Larger than the physical memory

Demand Paging

- Only load pages into memory when necessary. (Actually, we loads some pages into memory to avoid lots of page fault).
- Strictly follow above definition which is called pure demand paging.
- You can decide how many preload pages.
- When page not in memory (present bit off), trap to OS via page fault.

Steps in handling a page fault



Page fault

When valid bit set to fault, this will throw a PageFaultException and trap to Kernel

/machine/kernel/translate.cc

- We can catch the exception in ExceptionHandler and handle the page fault.
- Add some codes in /userprog/exception.cc and create other files if needed.
- BadVAddrReg will store the VA which is not in memory.

Page fault

- You can create a Virtual Memory Manger class to handle page fault.
- Note: Load 1 page
- If memory is enough, get a free frame and put the page in.
- If memory is full, page-replacement algorithm to select victim frame to swap out.
 - Design your own page replacement algorithm to get the frame
 - Specify the method in your report
 - More algorithm more socre

Swap Space – Create Disk

- swap = new SynchDisk in userkernel.cc
- Use the disk as swap space.
- Access the virtual memory in the disk by...
 - kernel->swap->WriteSector
 - kernel->swap->ReadSector
- See "synchdisk.cc" and other files in /filesys for details!
 - Read the header in those files first

SynchDisk

- SynchDisk object resides above the raw disk (Nachos)
- It blocks the calling thread until after the corresponding I/O complete interrupt takes place. (synchronous)
- Nachos is multi-thread and disk cannot service more than one request at a time.
- It provides mutual exclusion, so that multiple threads can safely call the SynchDisk routines concurrently

SynchDisk

SynchDisk provides the following operations

- SynchDisk(char *name):
 Constructor takes the name of Unix file that holds the disk's contents.
- ReadSector(int sectorNumber, char *data)
- WriteSector(int sectorNumber, char *data)

Invoke the underlying Disk::ReadSector/ WriteSector and then wait for interrupt

Callback():

Disk interrupt handler is called when an I/O operation completes

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Project Tasks

- Disk swap space
- Record some necessary information to manage memory swapping
 - PageTable
 - Swap replacement information
 - Memory usage
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- Demand paging, page fault handler and page replacement algorithm (FIFO, LRU...)

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Some files that might be useful

- For the disk usage details, see:
 - /filesys/synchdisk.h
 - /filesys/synchdisk.cc
 - Other files in /filesys(Optional)
- For the swap space initialization:
 - /userprog/userkernel.h
 - /userprog/userkernel.cc
- For the page fault handling:
 - /userprog/exception.h
 - /userprog/exception.cc

Some files that might be useful

- For the loading of pages
 - userprog/addrspace.h
 - userprog/addrspace.cc
- Header file (.h) and comments are helpful
- Based on your implementation, there might be different files that your need to see and modify.

Project 3 – part2 CPU scheduling 2

CPU scheduling 2

- Please following the instruction in the assignment
- Assignment will be released on NTU cool.
- TA will explain next week.

Report

Part 1 (50%)

- What is your motivation, problem analysis and plan?
- Explain the details of code snippet you added or modified.
- Experiment result and some discussion, observation.
- What problem you face and how to tackle it?

Part 2 (50%)

^{*} If your code are more different than reference, more score

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Reference

- Nachos SynchDisk
- Linux Swap Management

