

Beyond Physical Memory: Policies

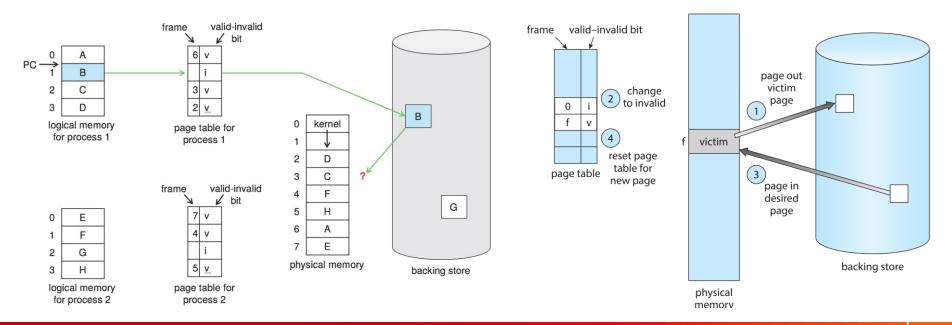


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Page Replacement: Concept

- The memory pressure forces the OS to start paging out pages to make room for actively-used pages
 - Deciding which page(s) to evict is encapsulated within OS's replacement policy
- Since main memory holds a subset of all pages in system, it can be viewed as a cache for virtual memory pages in the system
 - Then, our primary goal in picking a replacement policy for this cache is to minimize the number of cache misses (i.e. maximize the cache hit rate)



Cache Management

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MAT = Tm + (PMiss x Tb)

■ Considering average memory access time (AMAT) for a program

$$AMAT = T_M + (P_{Miss} \cdot T_D)$$

Parameter	Meaning				
T _M	The cost of accessing memory				
T _D	The cost of accessing disk				
P _{Miss}	The probability of not finding the data in the cache $(0 \sim 1.0)$				
P _{Miss}	100ns + (0.1 x 10ms) 10 x 10 ns				

- AMAT examples disk ages |
$$100ns + (0.1 \times 10ms) = 10 \times 10^{10} ns$$
 | $10 \times 10^{10} ns$ | 10×10^{10}

$$-P_{\text{Miss}} = 0.1 \text{ (90\% hit): AMAT} = 100 \text{ ns} + (0.1 \times 10 \text{ ms}) = 1.0001 \text{ ms} \approx 1 \text{ ms}$$

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$$P_{Miss}$$
 = 0.001 (99.9% hit): AMAT = 100 ns + (0.001×10 ms) = 10.1 µs

- Hit rate 90%→99.9% (9.99%p difference) results in AMAT 100 x faster
- The cost of disk access is so high in modern systems
 - Therefore, even a tiny miss rate will quickly dominate the overall AMAT of running programs

The Optimal Replacement Policy (MIN)

- The optimal replacement policy leads to the <u>fewest number of</u> misses overall,

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 - The optimal policy is to replace the page that will be accessed furthest in the future, resulting in the fewest-possible cache misses to page that will be accessed furthest in the
- Example with virtual page access of 0, 1, 2, 0, 1, β, 0, 3, 1, 2, 1 in a row and a cache with capacity of 3 pages
 - Not surprisingly, the first three accesses are misses due to empty cache and such a miss is sometimes called cold-start miss (or compulsory miss)
 - When we reach another miss (page 3), the page 2 will be accessed furthest in the future → OS evicts page 2
 Access Hit/Miss? Evict Cache State
 - We can't build the optimal policy for general purpose OS and use it as reference for comparison as future is usually not known

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$hit \ rate = \frac{mis}{0} = \frac{6}{54.5\%}$	Hit	~~	0, 1, 3
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Miss Miss

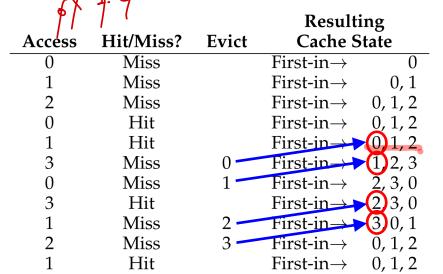
Miss

Hit

A Simple Policy: EIFO → সং মান পদা শুন্ত miss) খুধান্ধ প এনামান

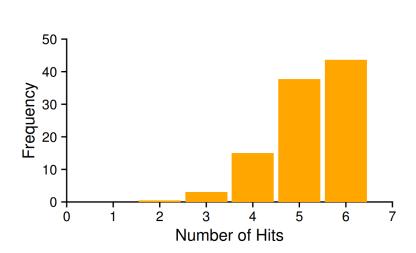
- FIFO (first-in, first-out) replacement was used early systems
 - Pages were simply placed in a queue when they enter the system
 - When a replacement occurs, the page on the front of the queue is evicted
 - FIFO has one great strength: quite simple to implement
 - Cons: hit rate may not increase when the cache gets larger (Belady's Anomaly)
- Example with the same access sequence and cache
 - Three compulsory misses to pages 0, 1, and 2, and then hit on both 0 and 1
 - When page 3 is referenced, causing a miss, OS evicts page 0 that was the first one in order

$$hit \ rate = \frac{hits}{hits + misses} = \frac{4}{4 + 7} = 36.4\%$$



Another Simple Policy: Random

- Random replacement policy simply picks a random page to replace under memory pressure
 - Random has properties similar to FIFO; simple to implement
 - Cons: unpredictable -> performance varies
- Example with the same access sequence and cache
 - Three compulsory misses and OS randomly evicts the page upon a miss



Random performance over 10,000 trials: sometimes it is as good as optimal (6 hits) sometimes it does much worse (2 hits or fewer)

			Resulting
Access	Hit/Miss?	Evict	Cache State
0	Miss		0
1	Miss		0, 1
2	Miss		0, 1, 2
0	Hit		0, 1, 2
1	Hit		0, 1, 2
3	Miss	0	1, 2, 3
0	Miss	1	2, 3, 0
3	Hit		2, 3, 0
1	Miss	3	2, 0, 1
2	Hit		2, 0, 1
1	Hit		2, 0, 1

$$hit \ rate = \frac{hits}{hits + misses} = \frac{5}{5+6} = 45.5\%$$

Using History: LRU

- FIFO or random policy might kick out an important page, one that is about to be referenced again
 - We lean on the past and use history to improve our guess at the future (locali
- A family of simple historically-based algorithms are born
 - Least-Frequently-Used (LFU) policy replaces the least-frequently-used pages
 - Least-Recently-Used (LRU) policy replaces the least-recently used ones.
- Example with the same access sequence and cache (LRU)
 - Three compulsory misses and OS picks least-recently-used page for eviction.

$$hit\ rate = \frac{hits}{hits + misses} = \frac{6}{6+5} = 54.5\%$$



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Access	Hit/Miss?	Evict	Cache State		
0	Miss		$LRU \rightarrow$	0	
1	Miss		$LRU{\rightarrow}$	0, 1	
2	Miss		$LRU{\rightarrow}$	0, 1, 2	
0	Hit		$LRU {\rightarrow}$	1, 2, 0	
1	Hit		$LRU{\rightarrow}$	2 , 0, 1	
3	Miss	2	$LRU{\rightarrow}$	0, 1, 3	
0	Hit		$LRU{\rightarrow}$	1, 3, 0	
3	Hit		$LRU{\rightarrow}$	1, 0, 3	
1	Hit		$LRU{\rightarrow}$	0, 3, 1	
2	Miss	0	$LRU{\rightarrow}$	3, 1, 2	
1	Hit		$LRU {\rightarrow}$	3, 2, 1	

- Opposites of these algorithms:
 - 1) Most-Frequently-Used (MFU)
 - 2) Most-Recently-Used (MRU)

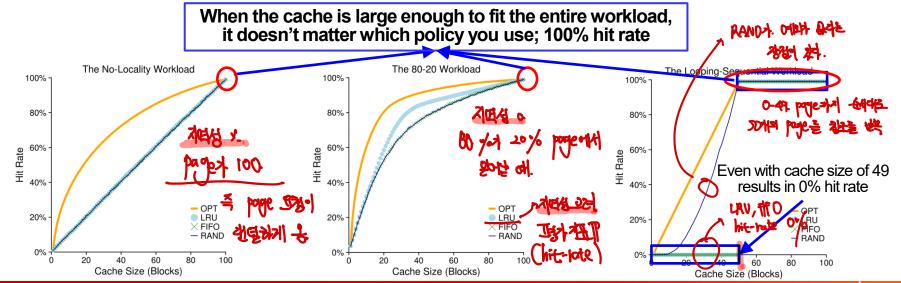
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Workload Examples

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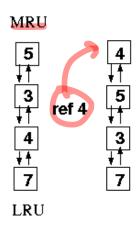
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- Examining more complex workloads to better understand
 - 50 or 100 unique page accesses over time, choosing next page randomly overall 10,000 accesses; cache size from 1 to 100 pages (holding 1 ~ all pages)
 - 1) No-locality workload: LRU, FIFO, and random all perform the same, with the hit rate exactly determined by the size of the cache, while optimal is the best
 - 2) 80-20 workload (80% references by 20% pages): while both random and FIFO do reasonably well, LRU does better (20% hot pages referenced again)
 - 3) Looping-sequence workload (0~49 page in a row and repeat): while both LRU and FIFO show a worst (kicking out older pages), random is better



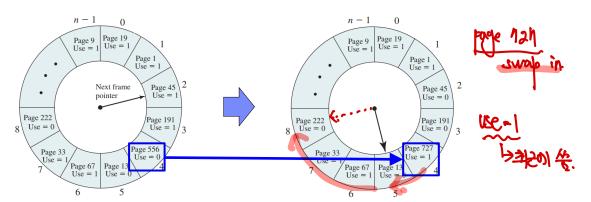
Implementing Historical Algorithms

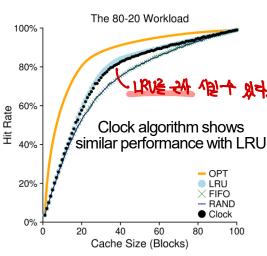
- To implement LRU perfectly, a lot of work is required
 - Upon each page access, some data structure needs to be updated to move this page to the front of this list (MRU side)
 - To keep track which pages were least- and most-recently used, accounting work on every memory reference is required
 - To speed-up, fordware's help is possible (e.g. time stamp)



- Approximating LRU is more feasible for computation efficiency

 This requires some hardware support, a use (reference) bit; whenever a page is
 - referenced, the bit is set by hardware to 1, then OS sets it to 0 by own algorithm
 - Clock algorithm: moving clock until finding a page with use bit = 0; then replacing it to new with use bit = 1





Considering Dirty Pages & Other Policies



- If a page has been modified and is thus (irty), it must be written back to disk to evict it, which is expensive 中 地 地
 - If it has not been modified (and is thus clean), the eviction is free; the physical frame can be reused without additional I/O
 - Thus, some systems prefer to evict clean pages over dirty pages
 - To support this behavior, the hardware should include a modified (dirty) bit)

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Other policies for virtual memory system



- OS has to decide when to bring a page into memory; page selection policy:
 - 1) For most pages, OS brings the page into memory when it is accessed, "on demand"; demand paging
 - 2) OS could guess that a page is about to be used, and thus bring it in ahead of time; prefetching (e.g. code pages P & P+1 together)
- Another policy determines how the OS writes pages out to disk:

 Many system collect a number of pending writes together in memory and write them to disk in one (more efficient) write; clustering or grouping of writes

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- What should OS do when physical memory is not enough to hold all the working sets of processes?
 - The working set indicates a set of pages that a process is using actively
 - The system will constantly be paging; most of the time is spent by OS paging data back and forth over the disk, called thrashing, degrading CPU utilization

