Experiment: Analysis of Recent Trends and Issues in Memory Management

Objective: To study and analyze recent trends, issues, and solutions in memory management techniques used in modern operating systems.

Tasks:

1. Literature Review:

- Conduct a comprehensive literature review on recent research papers, articles, and journals related to memory management in operating systems.
- o Identify and summarize recent trends, challenges, and advancements in memory management techniques such as:
 - **Dynamic Memory Allocation**: Techniques like buddy systems, slab allocation, and advanced data structures.
 - Virtual Memory Management: Paging, segmentation, TLB optimizations.
 - **Memory Protection**: Security enhancements and hardware support.
 - **Memory Compression and Deduplication**: Techniques to reduce memory footprint.
 - **Garbage Collection**: Strategies in managed languages and real-time systems.

2. Case Study:

- Select a recent operating system or a research project that focuses on innovative memory management techniques (e.g., Linux kernel updates, research projects like zswap, zsmalloc, etc.).
- Analyze the design principles, implementation details, and performance evaluations of the chosen system or project.
- Compare it with traditional approaches and highlight the improvements and challenges addressed.

3. Discussion and Conclusion:

- Discuss the implications of the findings in terms of real-world applications and emerging trends in memory management.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of recent solutions in addressing existing challenges (e.g., scalability, security, efficiency).
- Propose potential future research directions or improvements based on the analysis and identified limitations.

Extra credits for:

1. Experimental Setup:

- Set up a practical experiment to simulate and measure memory management techniques.
- Use tools like perf, valgrind, or custom-built programs to profile memory usage, performance metrics (e.g., throughput, latency), and efficiency (e.g., fragmentation).

2. Performance Evaluation:

- o Perform quantitative analysis and benchmarking of memory management techniques.
- Measure impact on overall system performance.
- Present findings. (Use graphs, charts, and comparative analysis to visualize the performance benefits and trade-offs.)

Deliverables:

- **Report**: Summarizing the literature review, case study analysis, experimental setup, results, and conclusions. **Check report plagiarism on Turnitin.**
- **Presentation**: Slides summarizing key findings, methodology, and implications for memory management in modern operating systems.
- **Demo or Simulation**: Optionally, demonstrate practical implementations or simulations of memory management techniques during the presentation.