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## A case study

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Implementation of the Page Replacement Algorithms

(FIFO, LRU and Optimal Algorithm)

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<https://github.com/its-xin/PageReplacementAlgorithm>

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## I. DOCUMENTATION

### 1. Main Interface

A screenshot of a web application titled "Page Replacement Algorithm Calculator". The interface has a dark green header with the title. Below the header, there is a form with two input fields: "Reference String (space-separated):" and "Number of Frames:". The "Reference String" field is empty, and the "Number of Frames" field contains the value "3". To the right of the "Number of Frames" field, there is a checkbox labeled "Use Random" and a green "Simulate" button. At the bottom of the form, there are two orange buttons: "Calculator" and "About". The background of the form is light yellow.

*Figure 1. Main Interface*

The Main Interface is the starting point of the Page Replacement Algorithm Calculator. It features an easy-to-use form where users can input a custom reference string (separated by spaces) and specify the number of available frames. A checkbox labeled "Use Random" allows users to generate a randomized reference string for quicker testing or exploration. Once the necessary values are entered, clicking the Simulate button triggers the page replacement algorithm chosen by the user. The clean layout, visually organized fields, and accessible design make it suitable for both beginners and students learning operating system concepts.



2. Simulation Result Panel

Reference String: 7,0,1,2,0,3,0,4,2,3,0,3,2,1,2,0,1,7,0,1

Number of Page Frames: 3

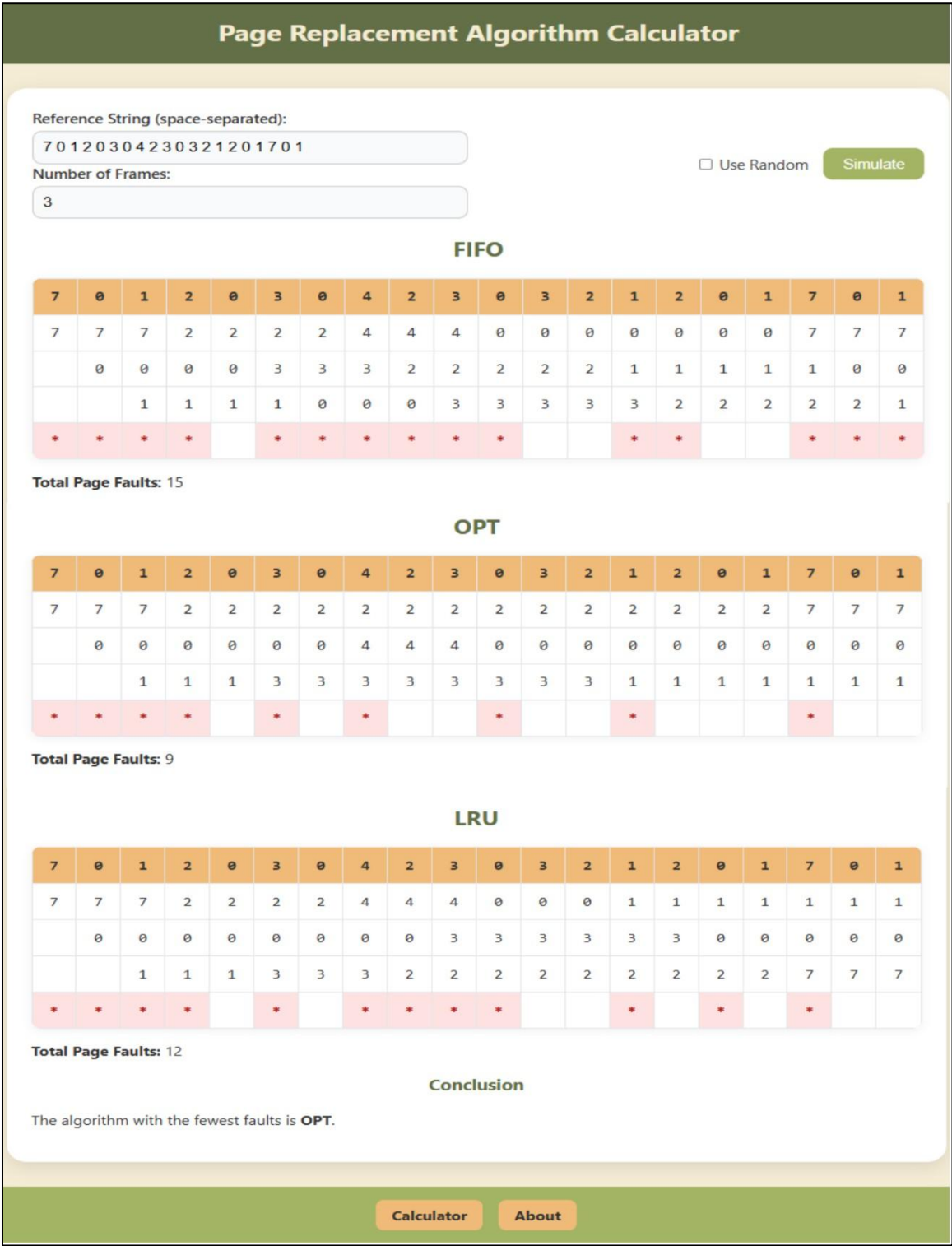


Figure 2. Simulation Result Panel



After running a simulation, the Simulation Result Panel displays a visual representation of how the page replacement algorithm processes the reference string. This result is presented in a grid format, showing memory frames across each time step. It indicates which pages are loaded, when a page fault occurs, and how pages are replaced based on the selected algorithm—FIFO (First-In, First-Out), LRU (Least Recently Used), or OPT (Optimal). The clear and step-by-step visualization helps learners grasp the internal workings of memory management in operating systems, making it a valuable educational tool.

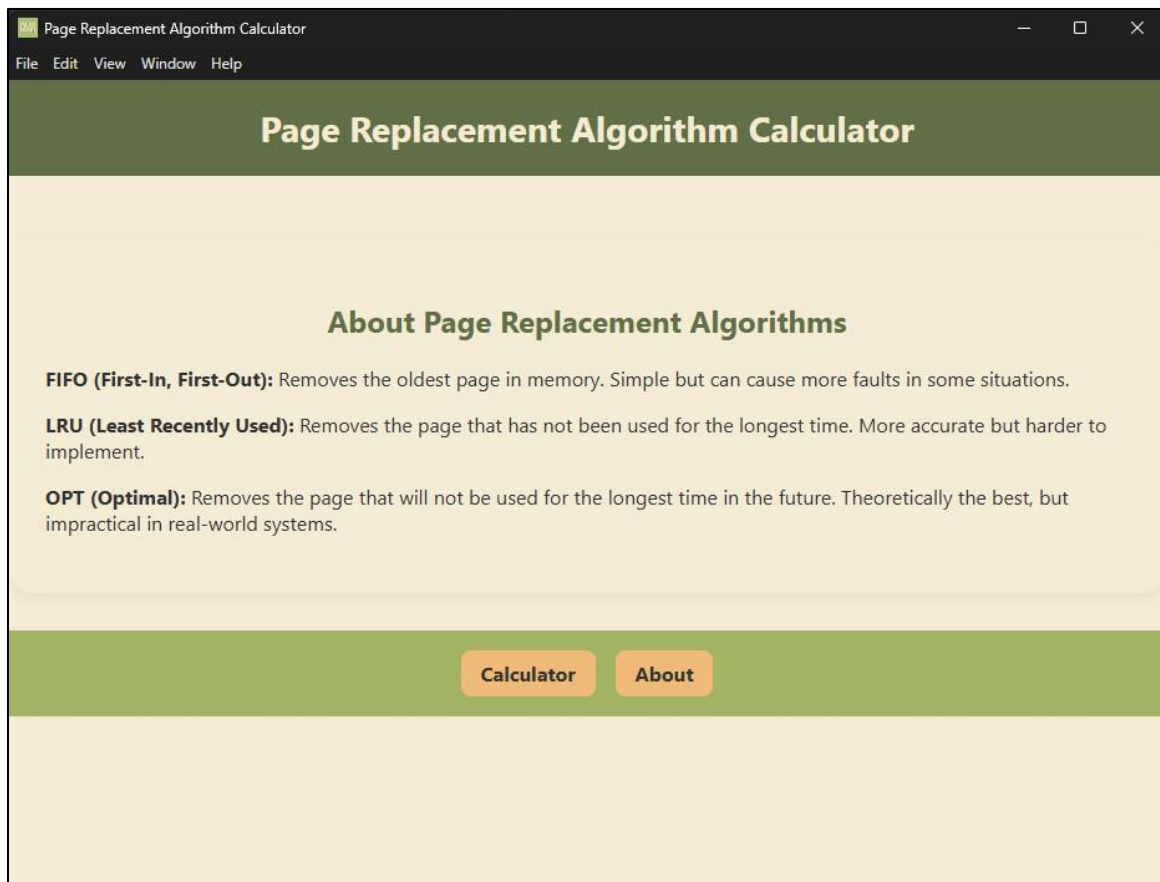
Algorithm	Page Faults
First-In-First-Out (FIFO)	15
Optimal (OPT)	9
Least Recently Used (LRU)	12

Table 1: Simulation Results

The simulation results show that the Optimal (OPT) algorithm performed the best with only 9 page faults, as it selects the page that will not be used for the longest time. Least Recently Used (LRU) followed with 12 page faults, offering a good practical alternative by replacing the page that hasn't been used recently. First-In-First-Out (FIFO) had the highest number of page faults at 15, showing its weakness in not considering page usage patterns. Overall, while OPT is ideal in theory, LRU provides a more realistic and efficient option compared to FIFO for most real-world scenarios.



### 3. About Panel



*Figure 3. About Panel*

The About Panel gives a clear and simple overview of the three page replacement algorithms that the application supports: FIFO, LRU, and OPT. It explains how each algorithm works and what it means in everyday terms. FIFO, which stands for First-In, First-Out, removes the oldest page in memory. It is easy to use but can lead to more errors in some situations. LRU, or Least Recently Used, gets rid of the page that hasn't been accessed for the longest time. This method is usually more effective but is harder to implement. OPT, or Optimal, tries to achieve the best results by removing the page that won't be used for the longest time in the future. While this approach sounds great in theory, it is not practical for real-life systems. This page serves as a helpful reference for users who want to better understand how each algorithm behaves and why they matter in operating systems.



Sample Outputs

Page Replacement Algorithm Calculator

Reference String (space-separated):  
5 5 9 5 7 1 9 7 7 6 8 5 9 8 5 8 3 2 2 9

Number of Frames:  
3

☒ Use Random Simulate

FIFO

5	5	9	5	7	1	9	7	7	6	8	5	9	8	5	8	3	2	2	9
5	5	5	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	5	5	5	5	5	2	2	2
		9	9	9	9	9	9	9	6	6	6	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
				7	7	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	3	3	3	3
*		*		*	*				*	*	*	*				*	*		

Total Page Faults: 10

OPT

5	5	9	5	7	1	9	7	7	6	8	5	9	8	5	8	3	2	2	9
5	5	5	5	5	1	1	1	1	6	8	8	8	8	8	8	3	2	2	2
		9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
				7	7	7	7	7	7	7	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
*		*		*	*				*	*	*					*	*		

Total Page Faults: 9

LRU

5	5	9	5	7	1	9	7	7	6	8	5	9	8	5	8	3	2	2	9
5	5	5	5	5	5	9	9	9	9	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	9
		9	9	9	1	1	1	1	6	6	6	9	9	9	9	3	3	3	3
				7	7	7	7	7	7	7	5	5	5	5	5	5	2	2	2
*		*		*	*	*			*	*	*	*				*	*		*

Total Page Faults: 12

Conclusion

The algorithm with the fewest faults is **OPT**.

Calculator

About



Page Replacement Algorithm Calculator

Reference String (space-separated):

8 2 1 6 3 3 1 9 1 8 6 2 4 8 2 6 1 4 7 7

Number of Frames:

3

☒ Use Random

Simulate

FIFO

8	2	1	6	3	3	1	9	1	8	6	2	4	8	2	6	1	4	7	7
8	8	8	6	6	6	6	6	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	6	6	6	7	7
	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	8	8	8	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1
		1	1	1	1	1	9	9	9	6	6	6	8	8	8	8	4	4	4
*	*	*	*	*			*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*	*	

Total Page Faults: 16

OPT

8	2	1	6	3	3	1	9	1	8	6	2	4	8	2	6	1	4	7	7
8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	6	1	1	7	7
	2	2	6	3	3	3	9	9	9	6	6	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
*	*	*	*	*			*			*	*	*			*	*		*	

Total Page Faults: 12

LRU

8	2	1	6	3	3	1	9	1	8	6	2	4	8	2	6	1	4	7	7
8	8	8	6	6	6	6	9	9	9	6	6	6	8	8	8	1	1	1	1
	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	8	8	8	4	4	4	6	6	6	7	7
		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	4	4
*	*	*	*	*			*		*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*	*	

Total Page Faults: 15

Conclusion

The algorithm with the fewest faults is **OPT**.

Calculator

About