

# Homework-8: Implementation of FIFO and Second Chance Page Replacement Algorithms

**⚠ Important:** This homework focuses on implementing two page replacement algorithms: First-In, First-Out (FIFO) and Second Chance (Clock Algorithm). Students will work with memory management concepts including page frames, page faults, reference bits, and circular queue structures.

**💡** All the necessary concepts required to complete this homework are covered in **Module 5: Memory Management and textbook chapter on memory management**.

You must use these strict gcc compilation flags while building your application:

```
-std=c17  
-D_POSIX_C_SOURCE=200809L  
-Wall  
-Wextra  
-Werror  
-g  
-O0
```

**⚠ There is only one submission - RESUBMISSION IS NOT ALLOWED.** You must test your implementation with the provided testing framework on the Ocelot server before the final submission.

## Grader Contact Information

For any questions or concerns related to assignment grading, please reach out to the TA listed below.

### Communication Guidelines:

- Ensure that all communication is polite and respectful
- **You must contact the Graders first for any grading issues**
- If the matter remains unresolved, feel free to reach out to the instructor

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## Section 1: Homework Overview

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To implement two fundamental page replacement algorithms: **FIFO (First-In, First-Out) and Second Chance (Clock Algorithm)** that manage page frames in virtual memory systems, demonstrating how operating systems handle page faults and optimize memory utilization.

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## Section 2: Learning Objectives

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- Understand and implement the FIFO page replacement algorithm.
  - Understand and implement the Second Chance (Clock) page replacement algorithm.
  - Work with page frames and manage page fault occurrences.
  - Implement reference bit management for the Second Chance algorithm.
  - Handle circular queue structures for victim frame selection.
  - Calculate page fault rates and hit ratios.
  - Compare the performance characteristics of different page replacement strategies.
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## Section 3: Problem Description

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You will implement two **page replacement algorithms** that operating systems use to manage limited physical memory when demand exceeds available page frames.

### Algorithm 1: FIFO (First-In, First-Out)

The **FIFO algorithm** replaces the oldest page in memory (the one that has been in memory the longest).

#### Algorithm Overview:

1. **Frame Management:** Pages are loaded into frames in sequential order
2. **Replacement Policy:** Replace the oldest page (first-in) when all frames are full
3. **Circular Queue:** Use a circular queue structure with a victim pointer
4. **Page Hit:** If requested page is already in memory, no replacement occurs
5. **Page Fault:** If requested page is not in memory, replace the oldest page

#### Key Characteristics:

- Simple to implement and understand
- Uses a circular FIFO queue
- Can suffer from Belady's Anomaly (more frames may cause more page faults)
- Does not consider page usage patterns

## Input Format

Your program will read from a file named `INPUT.txt` with the following format:

```
1 | Reference string = 1,2,3,4,1,2,5,1,2,3,4,5
2 | Number of frame = 3
```

### Input Specifications:

- First line contains the page reference string (comma-separated integers)
- Second line contains the number of available frames
- Page numbers are non-negative integers
- Frame count is a positive integer

## Output Format

**Your output must exactly match this format:**

```
1 | FIFO Page Replacement Algorithm
2 | -----
3 | Page 7 loaded. Page fault occurred. Frames: [ 7  _  _ ]
4 | Page 0 loaded. Page fault occurred. Frames: [ 7  0  _ ]
5 | Page 1 loaded. Page fault occurred. Frames: [ 7  0  1 ]
6 | Page 2 loaded. Page fault occurred. Frames: [ 2  0  1 ]
7 | Page 0 already in memory. No page fault. Frames: [ 2  0  1 ]
8 | Page 3 loaded. Page fault occurred. Frames: [ 2  3  1 ]
9 | Page 0 loaded. Page fault occurred. Frames: [ 2  3  0 ]
10 | Page 2 already in memory. No page fault. Frames: [ 2  3  0 ]
11 | Page 0 already in memory. No page fault. Frames: [ 2  3  0 ]
12 | Page 4 loaded. Page fault occurred. Frames: [ 4  3  0 ]
13 | Page 0 already in memory. No page fault. Frames: [ 4  3  0 ]
14 | Page 2 loaded. Page fault occurred. Frames: [ 4  2  0 ]
15 |
16 | FIFO Summary
17 | =====
18 | Reference String: 7 0 1 2 0 3 0 2 0 4 0 2
19 | Page Faults:      Y Y Y Y N Y Y N N Y N Y
20 | Total Page Faults: 8
21 | Hit Ratio (Number_of_Page_Hits / Total_Number_of_Pages): 33.33%
```

## Algorithm 2: Second Chance (Clock Algorithm)

The **Second Chance algorithm** is an improvement over FIFO that considers whether a page has been recently referenced before replacing it.

## Algorithm Overview:

1. **Reference Bit:** Each frame has a reference bit (0 or 1)
2. **On Page Load:** When a page is loaded, its reference bit is set to 1
3. **On Page Hit:** When a page is accessed, its reference bit is set to 1
4. **Victim Selection:**
  - Start from current victim pointer position
  - If reference bit = 0, replace the page
  - If reference bit = 1, give it a "second chance" by clearing the bit to 0 and move to next frame
  - Continue in circular fashion until a page with reference bit = 0 is found
5. **Circular Queue:** Victim pointer wraps around to frame 0 after reaching the last frame
6. **Victim Page Pointer (Clock Hand) Advancement:** Victim Page Pointer (Clock Hand) advances each time it clears a reference bit to 0, and also after replacing a page (*not on page hits*)

## Key Characteristics:

- Prevents recently used pages from being replaced
- Uses a circular queue with reference bits
- Industry standard used in real operating systems

## Input Format

Your program will read from a file named `INPUT.txt` with the following format:

```
1 | Reference string = 1,2,3,4,1,2,5,1,2,3,4,5
2 | Number of frame = 3
```

## Input Specifications:

- First line contains the page reference string (comma-separated integers)
- Second line contains the number of available frames
- Page numbers are non-negative integers
- Frame count is a positive integer

## Output Format

Your output must exactly match this format:

```
1 | Second Chance (Clock) Page Replacement Algorithm
2 | -----
3 | Page 7 loaded into empty frame. Frames: [ 7 _ _ ]
4 | Page 0 loaded into empty frame. Frames: [ 7 0 _ ]
5 | Page 1 loaded into empty frame. Frames: [ 7 0 1 ]
6 | Page 2 replaces page with reference bit 0. Frames: [ 2 0 1 ]
7 | Page 0 already in memory. Reference bit set. Frames: [ 2 0 1 ]
8 | Page 3 replaces page with reference bit 0. Frames: [ 2 0 3 ]
9 | Page 0 already in memory. Reference bit set. Frames: [ 2 0 3 ]
10 | Page 2 already in memory. Reference bit set. Frames: [ 2 0 3 ]
```

```

11 Page 0 already in memory. Reference bit set. Frames: [ 2 0 3 ]
12 Page 4 replaces page with reference bit 0. Frames: [ 4 0 3 ]
13 Page 0 already in memory. Reference bit set. Frames: [ 4 0 3 ]
14 Page 2 replaces page with reference bit 0. Frames: [ 4 0 2 ]
15
16 Second Chance Summary
17 =====
18 Reference String: 7 0 1 2 0 3 0 2 0 4 0 2
19 Page Faults: Y Y Y Y N Y N N N Y N Y
20 Total Page Faults: 7
21 Hit Ratio (Number_of_Page_Hits / Total_Number_of_Pages): 41.67%

```

## Output Requirements:

- Show step-by-step execution for each page reference
- Display frame contents after each page reference
- Use  for empty frames
- Show "loaded" for page faults, "already in memory" for hits
- Display summary with reference string, fault indicators (Y/N), total faults, and hit ratio
- **Exact spacing and formatting required** - frames shown as `[ 1 0 7 ]` with single spaces

## Key Concepts

**Page Fault:** Occurs when a requested page is not in any frame

- Requires loading the page from disk (simulated)
- Triggers replacement algorithm if all frames are full

**Page Hit:** Occurs when a requested page is already in a frame

- No replacement needed
- For Second Chance: reference bit is set to 1

**Hit Ratio:** Percentage of page references that result in hits

- Formula: `(Total References - Page Faults) / Total References × 100`
- Higher hit ratio indicates better performance

**Reference Bit (for Second Chance Algorithm only):**

- Set to 1 when page is loaded or accessed
- Cleared to 0 when page is given a second chance
- Used to determine victim for replacement

**Victim Page Pointer, also called the *Clock Hand* (Second Chance only):**

- Initially set to frame 0
- Advances each time it clears a reference bit to 0, and also after replacing a page (**not on page hits**)
- Wraps around circularly (after last frame, goes to frame 0)

## Section 4: Provided Files Framework

 Refer to these files for understanding the exact requirements.

 Please do not make any modifications to the framework files provided. You are required to implement **only** the file `submission_HW8.c`. Any changes to the framework files may result in errors during evaluation or loss of credit.

### Folder Structure

```

1 PROVIDED_FILES/
2   └── skeleton_submission_HW8.c      # Implementation template file (rename to submission_HW8.c)
3   ├── page_replacement.h            # Header file (Do not modify!)
4   ├── driver.c                     # Main driver program (Do not modify!)
5   ├── Makefile                      # Build system (Do not modify!)
6   ├── autograder_HW8.sh            # Testing script (Do not modify!)
7   ├── batchgrader_HW8.sh           # Batch testing script (Do not modify!)
8   ├── Sample_Executable/
9     └── page_replacement          # Sample executable for testing
10    └── Testing/
11      └── Testcases/               # Test cases (Do not modify!)
12        ├── simple.txt             # Simple, Moderate testcases
13        ├── moderate.txt           # Moderate Rigorous testcases
14        ├── rigorous.txt            # Rigorous testcases
15        └── Expected_Output/       # Corresponding Expected outputs
16          ├── fifo_simple_output.txt
17          ├── fifo_moderate_output.txt
18          ├── fifo_rigorous_output.txt
19          ├── second_chance_simple_output.txt
20          ├── second_chance_moderate_output.txt
21          └── second_chance_rigorous_output

```

## Section 5: Submission Requirements

### File Requirements ( exact names required)

- **submission\_HW8.c**: Your complete implementation containing both FIFO and Second Chance algorithms
- **README.txt or README.pdf or README.md**: Student information and documentation
  - Your README  MUST include:

```

1 # Student Information
2 - Full Name: [Your Full Name]
3 - PID: [Your FIU Panther ID]
4 - Section: [Your Course Section]
5 - FIU Email: [Your @fiu.edu email]
6
7 # Homework: FIFO and Second Chance Page Replacement
8 [Brief description of your implementation approach]
9 [Explain how you implemented the FIFO algorithm]
10 [Explain how you implemented the Second Chance algorithm]
11 [Describe how you handled the circular queue and reference bits]
12 [Mention any challenges faced and how you solved them]

```

## Deliverable Folder (ZIP file) Structure - ⚠ exact structure required - no additional files/subfolders

⚠ DO NOT submit any other files other than these required files. The batch autograder may treat any additional items in the ZIP file as invalid, which will result in a grade of zero: submission\_HW8.c, README.txt (or README.pdf or README.md)

📁 All other required framework files will be supplied by the instructor to the autograder during final grading.

- ⚠ You are required to submit your work as a single ZIP archive file.
- ⚠ Filename Format: your `Firstname_Lastname.zip` (exact format required).
- You will be held responsible for receiving a ZERO grade if the submission guidelines are not followed.

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1 Harry_Potter.zip
2   └── submission_HW8.c  # Your FIFO and Second Chance implementation
3     └── README.txt      # Your details and implementation approach

```

## ✓ Section 6: Developing and Testing Your Implementation

### Development Workflow

#### RECOMMENDED DEVELOPMENT ORDER:

1. **Start with FIFO** - simpler algorithm, builds foundation
2. **Test FIFO thoroughly** before moving to Second Chance
3. **Implement Second Chance** - builds on FIFO with reference bits
4. **Test Second Chance** with various scenarios
5. **Validate output format** matches exactly with expected output

## STEP 1 - Sample Executable Testing:

```

1 # Test FIFO implementation
2 ./page_replacement Testing/Testcases/simple.txt fifo > my_fifo_output.txt
3
4 # Test Second Chance implementation
5 ./page_replacement Testing/Testcases/simple.txt second_chance > my_second_chance_output.txt

```

Study the output carefully to understand:

- How frames are displayed: [ 1 0 7 ]
- When page faults vs hits occur
- How the summary section is formatted
- Exact text for each message

## STEP 2 - Manual testing:

Ensure the following files are located in the **same directory**:

- **Your implementation:** `submission_HW8.c`
- **All the provided framework files**
- **The provided testcase folder:** `Testing/`

```

1 # Explore the Makefile first to understand build targets and compilation settings
2 cat Makefile
3
4 # Build the executable
5 make rebuild
6
7 # Test your FIFO implementation
8 ./page_replacement Testing/Testcases/simple.txt fifo > my_fifo_output.txt
9 diff my_fifo_output.txt Testing/Expected_Output/fifo_simple_output.txt
10
11 # Test your Second Chance implementation
12 ./page_replacement Testing/Testcases/simple.txt second_chance > my_second_chance_output.txt
13 diff my_second_chance_output.txt Testing/Expected_Output/second_chance_simple_output.txt
14
15 # If diff shows no output, your implementation is correct!
16 # Repeat the above steps for Moderate and Rigorous testcases

```

## STEP 3 - Autograder testing:

Ensure the following files are located in the **same directory**, and then run the **Autograder**:

- **Your implementation:** `submission_HW8.c`
- **All the provided framework files**
- **The provided testcase folder:** `Testing/`

```

1 # Make autograder executable
2 chmod +x autograder_HW8.sh
3
4 # Run the autograder
5 ./autograder_HW8.sh

```

- **Check your grade** and fix any issues
- **Repeat until** you achieve the desired score

## STEP 4 - Batch Autograder testing:

**⚠ Important:** The batch autograder processes multiple submissions. Please be patient!

The batch autograder, **used by the instructor**, processes all student submissions at once. It utilizes the provided framework files, extracts the required files from your submitted `.zip` file, and performs grading accordingly.

**⚠ Backup Files Before Running Batch Grader - The script deletes existing files to rebuild the environment from scratch.**

Ensure the following files are located in the **same directory**, and then run the **Batch Autograder**:

- **All the provided framework files**
- **The provided testcase folder:** `Testing/`
- **Your final submission ZIP file** consisting the required files for the submission: example, `Harry_Potter.zip`

```

1 # Make batch autograder executable
2 chmod +x batchgrader_HW8.sh
3
4 # Run the batch-autograder
5 ./batchgrader_HW8.sh

```

## Final Testing requirements:

- **⚠ MUST test on ocelot server:** `ocelot-bbhatkal.aul.fiu.edu`
- **⚠ Test thoroughly before submission** - no excuses accepted
- **⚠ "Works on my computer" is NOT accepted** as an excuse
- **✓ If you pass all test cases on the server, you will likely pass instructor's final grading**
- **✓ What you see is what you get** - autograder results predict your final grade

## Section 7: Grading Criteria

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### Autograder Testing

- ⚠ Your implementation `submission_HW8.c` will be tested against the provided test case as well as additional instructor test cases using the autograder.
- ⚠ **Exact output matching required** - any deviation results in point deduction
- ⚠ **Program must compile** without errors or warnings

### Test Case Distribution:

#### FIFO Algorithm (45 points total):

- Simple Test Case (15 points):** Basic FIFO operation with sequential page references
- Moderate Test Case (15 points):** FIFO with mixed hit/fault patterns
- Rigorous Test Case (15 points):** Complex scenarios including edge cases (all frames full, repeated references, worst-case page faults)

#### Second Chance Algorithm (45 points total):

- Simple Test Case (15 points):** Basic Second Chance operation with reference bit management
- Moderate Test Case (15 points):** Reference bit clearing and victim pointer advancement
- Rigorous Test Case (15 points):** Complex scenarios with circular queue wrap-around, multiple second chances, and edge cases

#### Code Quality Manual Grading(10 points):

- Clear code structure and organization
- Meaningful variable names and comments
- Proper memory management
- Well-written README with implementation approach

### Penalties

- ⚠ **Missing README: ZERO grade** (batchgrader compilation failure)
  - ⚠ **Missing `submission_HW8.c`: ZERO grade** (autograder compilation failure)
  - ⚠ **Incorrect ZIP filename: ZERO grade** (autograder extraction failure)
  - ⚠ **Wrong source filename: ZERO grade** (autograder compilation failure)
  - ⚠  **Resubmission: NOT ALLOWED**
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## Section 8: Technical Specifications

### Required Function Signatures

Your `submission_HW8.c` must implement these exact function signatures:

```

1 | void fifo(int pages[], int n, int frames);
2 | void second_chance(int pages[], int n, int frames);

```

#### Function Parameters:

- `pages[]`: Array containing the page reference string
- `n`: Number of page references in the string
- `frames`: Number of available page frames

### Data Structures

You may use these data structures:

```

1 | int frame[MAX_FRAMES];           // Page frames array
2 | int reference[MAX_FRAMES];       // Reference bits for Second Chance (0 or 1)
3 | int k;                          // Victim frame pointer
4 | int page_faults;                // Counter for page faults
5 | char page_fault_occurrence[];    // Track Y/N for each reference

```

## Section 9: Academic Integrity

-  **This is an individual assignment**
-  **You may discuss concepts** but not share code
-  **All submitted code** must be your original work
-  **You are encouraged to refer to textbook and lecture materials** but must write your own implementation
-  **Plagiarism** is a serious offense and will result in penalties - **ZERO grade** (academic integrity violation).

 **Good luck with your FIFO and Second Chance Page Replacement implementation!**