

Lecture 4 Virtual Memory

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Schedule

- Project 4 assignment
- Project 3 due



Project 4 Virtual Memory

- Requirement
 - Implement virtual memory management
 - Enable VM for your OS
 - Setup page tables for user-level processes
 - Handle page fault to support on demand paging assuming physical memory is enough
 - Handle page swapping assuming physical memory is limited



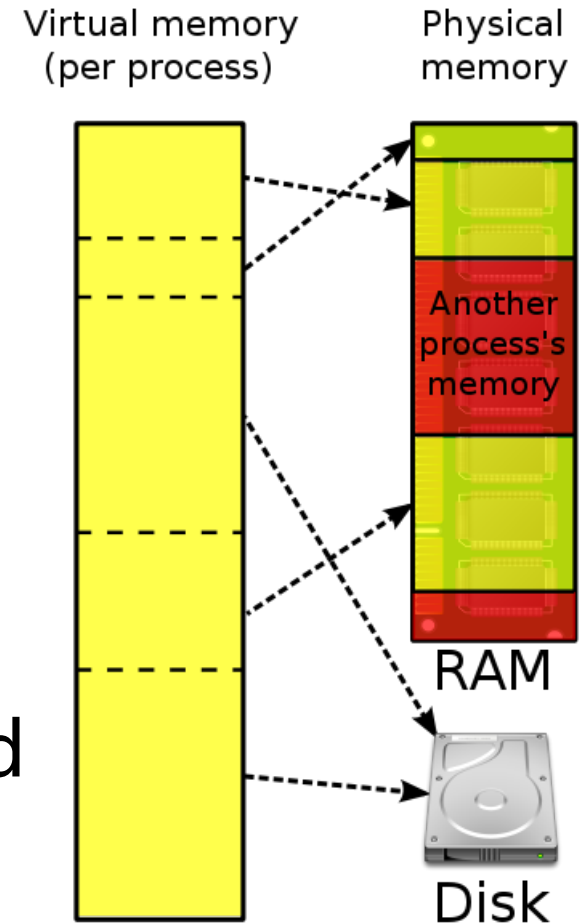
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- Requirement
 - Implement virtual memory management
 - Support getting free memory
 - Zero-copy based pipe



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- Virtual memory
 - Each process sees a contiguous and linear address space, which is called virtual addresses
 - Virtual addresses are mapped into physical addresses by both HW and SW



[From Wikipedia]



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- Virtual memory
 - Virtual address space is divided into pages, which are blocks of contiguous virtual memory addresses
 - e.g. 4KB pages
 - Each page has a virtual address, and is mapped into a physical page frame (e.g. 4KB)



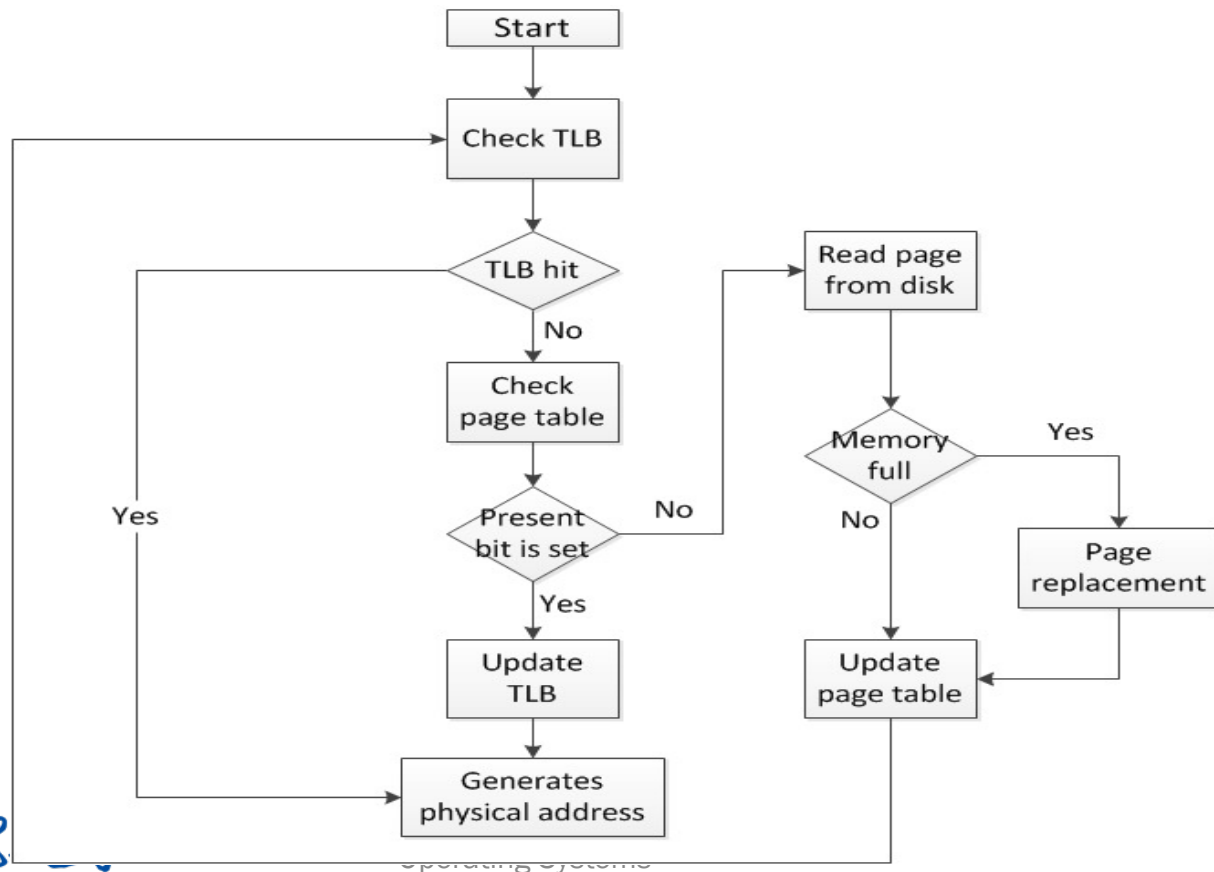
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- Virtual memory
 - Page tables
 - The data structure to store the mapping between virtual addresses and physical addresses
 - Each mapping is a page table entry
 - MMU and TLB
 - MMU stores a cache of recently used mappings from the page table, which is called translation lookaside buffer (TLB)
 - For RISC-V, TLB is handled by hardware
 - Hardware page table walker



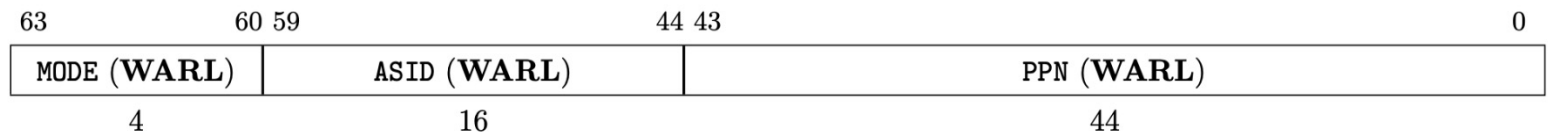
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- Virtual memory
 - Address translation



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- Enabling virtual memory
 - You need to set *satp* register
 - PPN is the physical page frame of page directory
 - Fill 8 in MODE to enable sv39 mode (three-level page table)
 - ASID represents the ID of current process, which is used to distinguish different processes



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- Enabling virtual memory
 - Example

```
// SATP_MODE_SV39 为 8, ASID 为 0, NOMAL_PAGE_SIZE 为 12, 代表 4KB 的偏移  
// 这些宏定义定义在 arch/riscv/include/pgtable.h  
set_satp(SATP_MODE_SV39, 0, 0x51000000 >> NORMAL_PAGE_SHIFT);
```



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- Process switch
 - Modify ***satp*** register
 - Use *sfence.vma* to flush TLB manually
 - Pls. refer to *local_flush_tlb_all* 和 *local_flush_tlb_page* (arch/riscv/include/pgtable.h)
- Note that, when PTE is modified, you also need to flush TLB



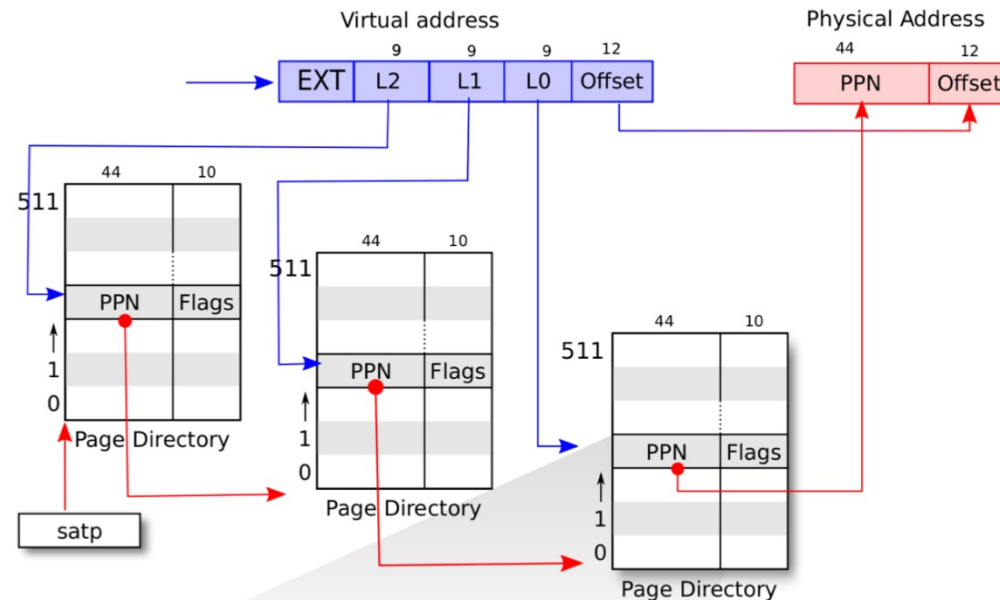
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- Page table setup
 - After enabling virtual memory, **both kernel and user-level processes** use virtual addresses
 - Both kernel and user-level processes need to setup page tables
 - Pls. note that page table **itself also needs** page frames



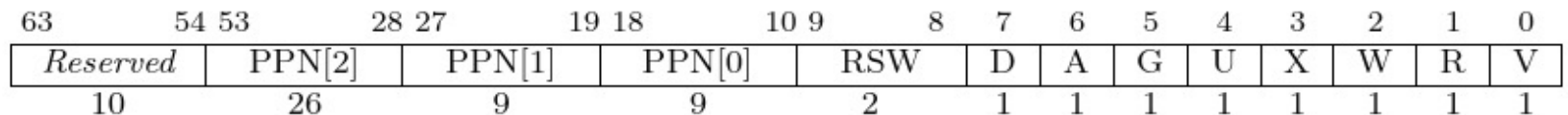
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- Page table setup
 - Two-level page table is used for kernel, which is already setup in start code
 - Three-level page table is used for user-level process



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- Page table setup
 - Design the structure of page table entries (PTE)
 - Physical address
 - X,W,R
 - U : Set for user-mode access
 - Valid
 - Access, Dirty
 - They are automatically set using QEMU, but need to be set by page fault handler when on board



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- Page table setup
 - Statically fill page table
 - Fill paired VA to PA mappings
 - On-demand paging
 - An empty page table
 - Fill the page table when page fault occurs



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- Kernel Address Space
 - The entry point of the kernel is 0xffffffffc0_50202000, and its physical address is 0x50202000

地址范围	建议用途
0xffffffffc0_50000000 - 0xffffffffc0_50200000	BBL 代码及其运行所需的内存
0xffffffffc0_50200000 - 0xffffffffc0_51000000	Kernel 的数据段/代码段等
0xffffffffc0_51000000 - 0xffffffffc0_52000000	Kernel 页表以及跳转表等
0xffffffffc0_52000000 - 0xffffffffc0_60000000	供内核动态分配使用的内核虚拟地址空间



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- Process Address Space
 - Each Process has its private address space
 - Apps may start at same entry point and stack address
 - All processes share kernel address space
 - You need to copy the kernel page table into the page tables of all user-level processes



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- Load user program
 - First set up page table for user process
 - The kernel needs to load the program to the virtual address
 - The kernel needs to know the **kernel virtual address** mapping to the **corresponding physical address** for the above VA

```
// va 为需要映射的虚拟地址, pgdir 为页表目录,  
// 返回值为为 va 映射的物理地址对应的内核虚地址  
uintptr_t alloc_page_helper(uintptr_t va, uintptr_t pgdir);
```



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- Load user program

```
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2 Entry point 0x10000
3 There are 2 program headers, starting at offset 64
4
5 Program Headers:
6   Type                Offset                VirtAddr                PhysAddr
7
8   FileSiz             MemSiz             Flags  Align
9   LOAD                0x00000000000001000 0x00000000000010000 0x00000000000010000
10  GNU_STACK           0x0000000000000c35 0x0000000000001c40  RWE    0x1000
11                   0x0000000000000000 0x0000000000000000 0x00000000000000000
12                   0x0000000000000000 0x0000000000000000  RW     0x10
13
14 Section to Segment mapping:
15 Segment Sections...
16  00      .text .rodata .sdata .sbss .bss
17  01
```

Virtual address range: 0x10000 ~ 0x11c40

Process image location: 0x10000 ~ 0x10c35

Fill zeros: 0x10c35 ~ 0x11c40



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Virtual address range: 0x10000 ~ 0x11c40

Assume mapped physical address range: 0x52000000 ~ 0x52000c35

Kernel load program image: 0xffffffffc0 52000000 ~ 0xffffffffc0 52000c35



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- Handling page fault
 - Page fault: not matching PTE in the page table
 - Allocate a physical page
 - Update the page table to setup the mapping between virtual page and physical page
 - Flush TLB entry
 - Use *scause* register to identify interrupt type
 - Develop page fault handler
 - The address of virtual page causing page fault is stored in *stval* register



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- Handling swapping
 - Assuming you have limit memory space, you need to swap in-memory pages out to disk when there are no available pages.
 - When these swapped-out pages are reused again, swap the pages in from disk
 - Use bios read/write functions we provided to read from and write to SD card



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- Step-by-step Task 1
 - Load kernel into memory
 - Finish APIs for manipulating kernel page table
 - Print “CPU #i has entered kernel with VM!”

```
1  /*
2   * Just start kernel with VM and print this string
3   * in the first part of task 1 of project 4.
4   * NOTE: if you use SMP, then every CPU core should call
5   * `kernel_brake()` to stop executing!
6   */
7  printk("> [INIT] CPU %u has entered kernel with VM!\n",
8         (unsigned int)get_current_cpu_id());
9  // TODO: [p4-task1 cont.] remove the brake and continue to start user
        processes.
10 kernel_brake();
```



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- Step-by-step Task 1
 - Statically setup page table for user-processes *shell* and *fly*
 - Initialize page table entries and set all pages valid
 - Filling kernel page table entries into user-level process page table
 - Modify scheduler to allow switch page table among different processes
 - Reclaim memory space when executing *kill* and *exit*



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- Step-by-step: Task 2
 - Setup dynamic page table for user-level processes to support on-demand paging
 - Handling page fault for *rw*.
 - *rw* runs when you can input different virtual addresses
 - You need support in-kernel locking as you did in Project 2
 - The lock resides in the shared kernel space



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- Step-by-step: Task 3
 - Limit the available memory space, and design a test case to access a range of memory addresses, which is larger than the available memory space
 - Supporting swapping with your own designed replacement policy
 - We do not have any specific requirement for the replacement policy



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- Step-by-step: Task 4
 - Support user to use the shell command *free* to check the available memory space
 - Implement the corresponding syscall function `sys_get_free_memory`



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- Step-by-step: Task 5
 - Support zero copy based pipe
 - After sender sends data into the pipe, the kernel unmaps the mapping between the physical page frames and the virtual pages of the pipe
 - Then, the kernel maps these page frames holding the senders' data to the address space of the receiver
 - After that, the receiver can directly read the data



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- Requirements for design review
 - 请描述你对内核页表的理解，例如内核页表结构、PTE内容、页表大小、页表在内存中的存放位置等
 - 请描述用户态进程页表创建设置的过程。并简述内核加载一个用户进程时，如何将其运行在虚拟内存上？
 - 请描述page fault处理的流程，最好可以提供一些流程伪代码



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- Requirements for design review
 - Page swap时使用的替换策略是什么？
 - 任何想讨论的其他问题



Project 4 Virtual Memory

- Requirement for S/A/C-Core

Core type	Task requirements
S-Core	Task 1
A-Core	Tasks 1~3
C-Core	Tasks 1~5



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- P4 schedule
 - Design review: 3rd Dec.
 - Due
 - C core due : 10th Dec.
 - A core due: 17th Dec.
 - Please read the guidebook carefully, and contact us if you have any question

