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Midterm #1

for Mon/Wed class

This Wed - 10-11:20

OHE 122

(regular classroom)

## Project 2-3 Parts

Parts 1&2 - System Calls &  
Multiprogramming

Part 3 - Convert Carl's Jr to a  
Nachos user program

# Memory Management

Nachos is uniprogrammed

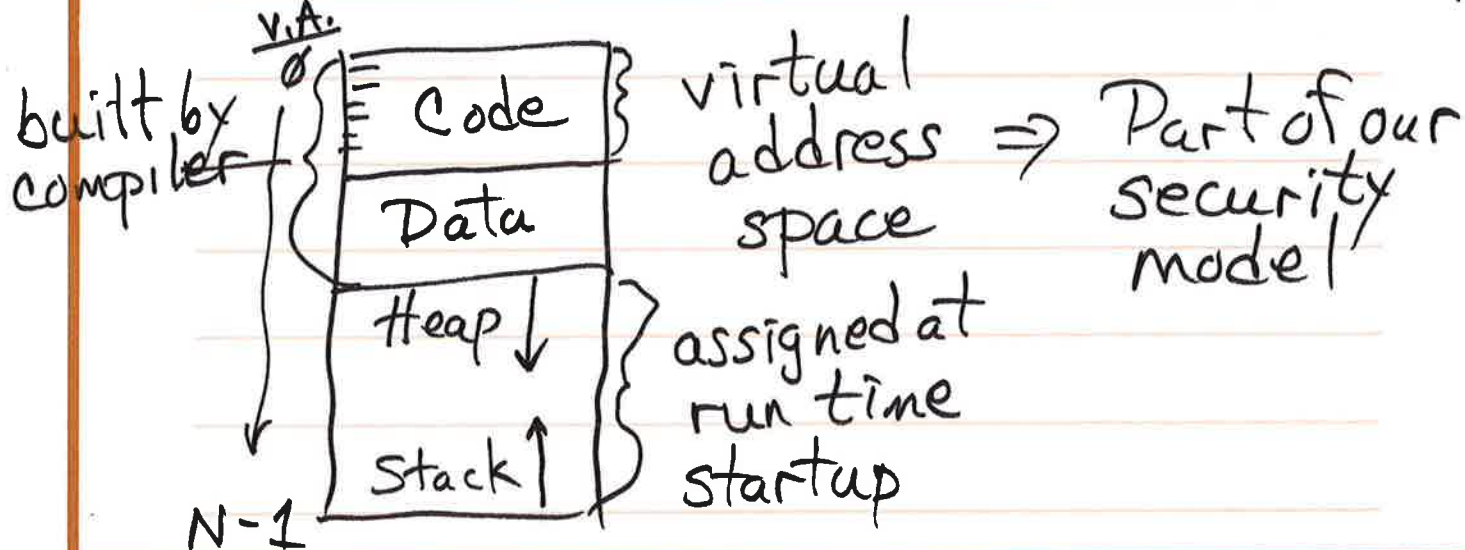
- It can only run one single-threaded user program at a time

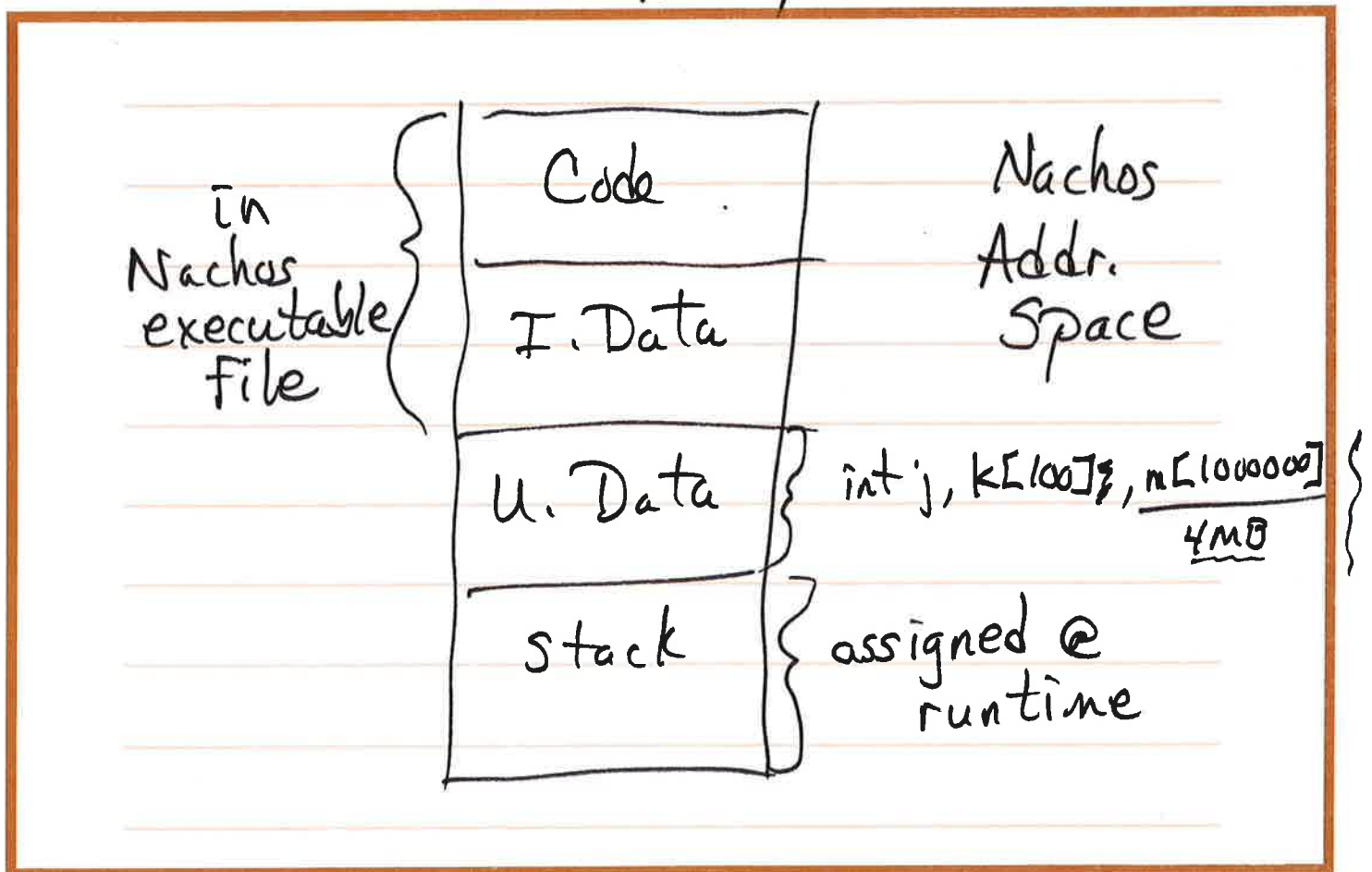
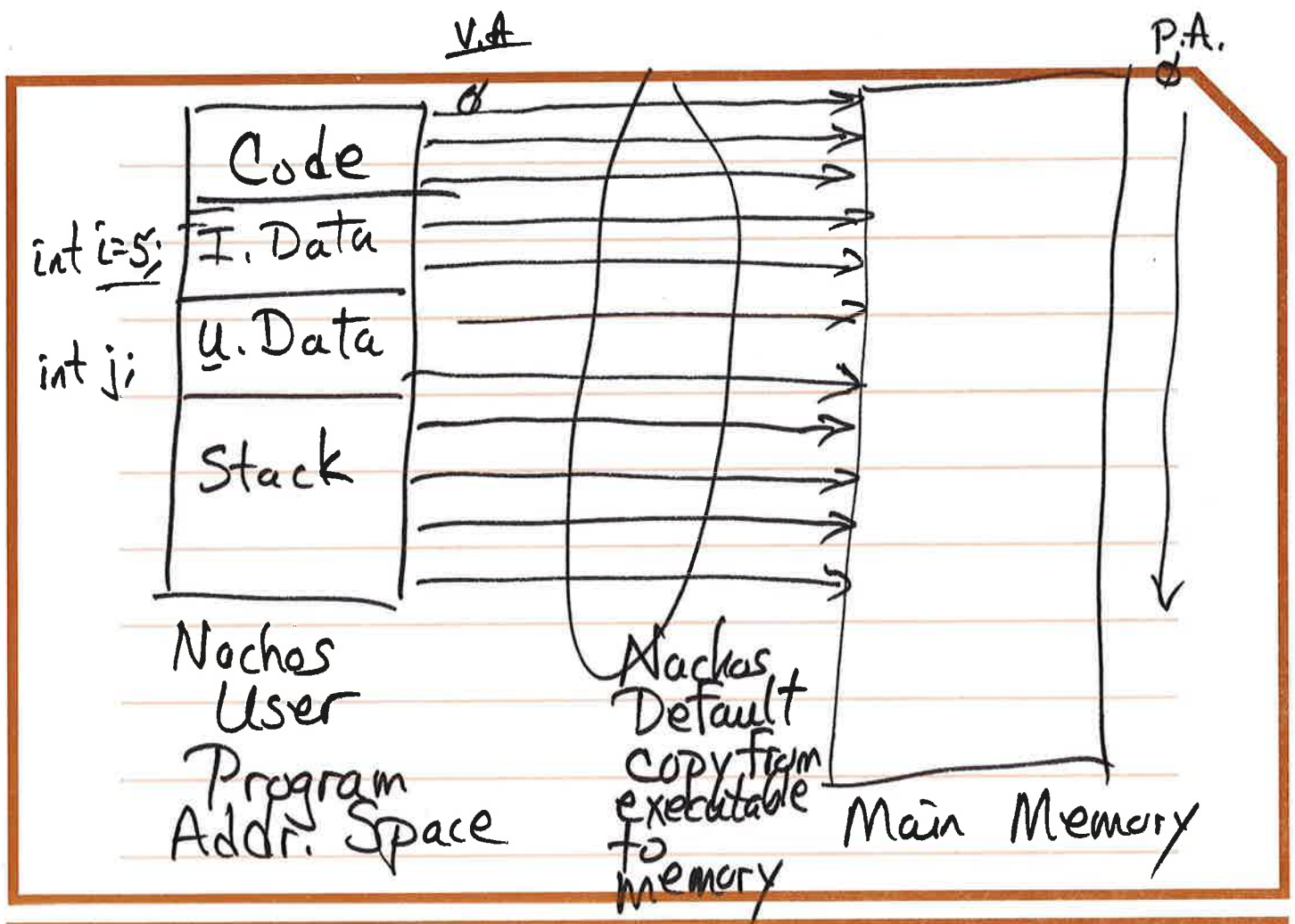
When Nachos loads a user program - it loads the program so that the "virtual addresses" are the same as the "physical addresses" (what & where resides in physical memory)

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int i = 0;
```

first executable instruction is at virtual address 0

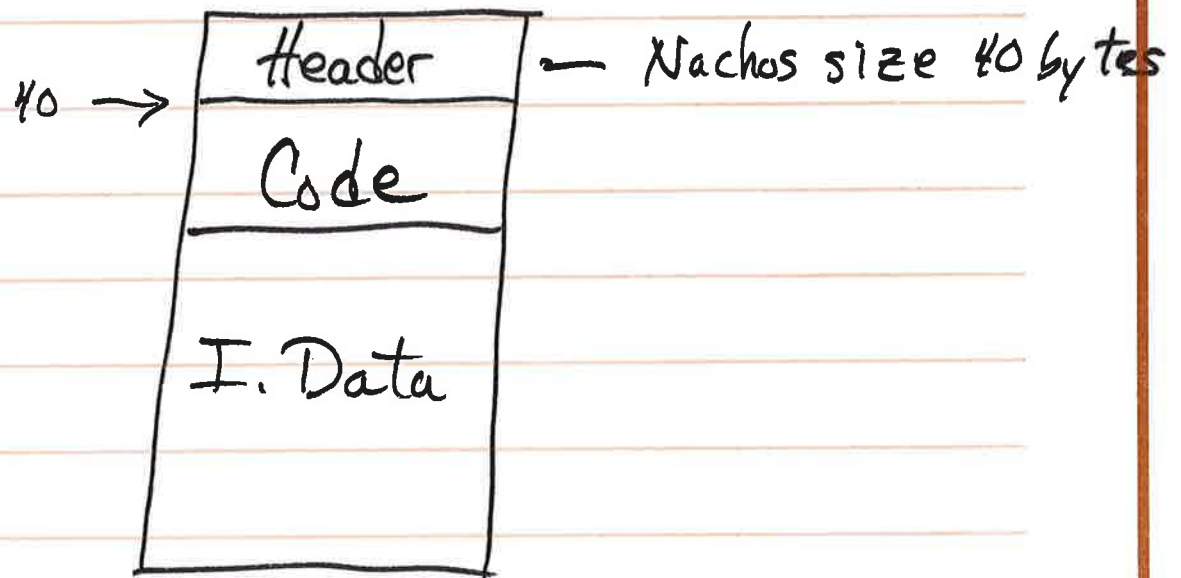
```
{ * i = 5;  
  for ( ) {
```







# Nachos Executable File



Header contains 3 values for  
Code, I. Data, U. Data

- start
- size
- inFileAddr
- starting virtual address
- size of segment
- byte offset of segment start in executable (except for U. Data)

Nachos names

# How to load the executable contents into memory?

- Memory is "divided" into equal size pieces - pages

- The OS allocates memory 1 page at a time

↓  
to a user program

- We copy the code & initialized

data from the executable into memory 1 page at a time

↓  
an unused page

The O.S. must now track the used / unused pages of memory

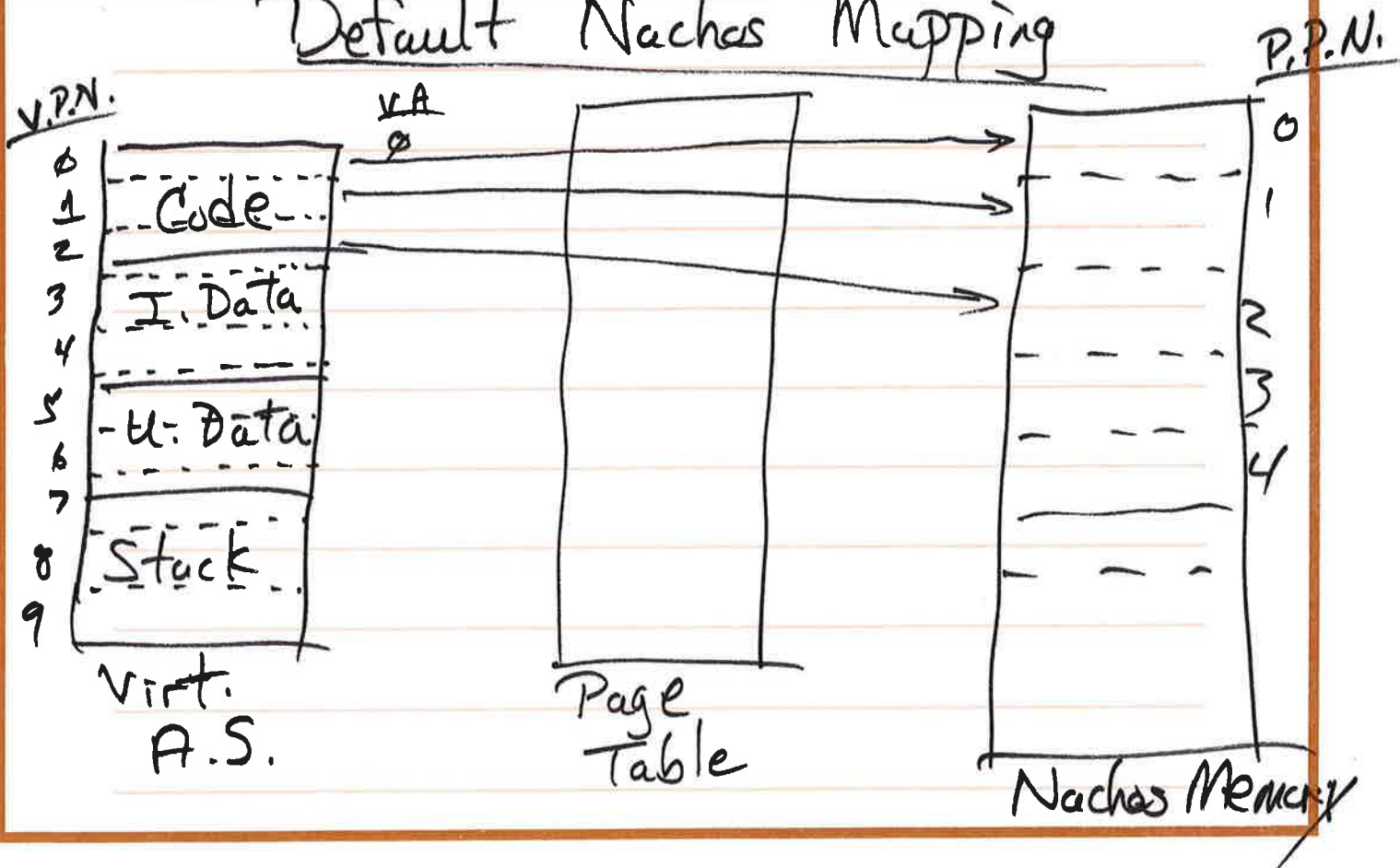
Page Table For each process, we need to track where each virt. address space page is loaded into memory

## Page Table

A mapping of virtual page locations (starting virtual address of that page) to the physical page locations (where were they copied into memory).

Nachos has a page table - as part of a process

## Default Nachos Mapping



Page Table is an array  
indexed by V.P.N.

V.P.N.

Index	Page Table
0	0
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	6

Nachos  
Default  
Loading

PPN

You must change this for  
multiprogramming

You must find an unused  
page of memory when loading  
a new virtual page



The Nachos page table is part of the AddrSpace class

- in userprog directory
- `addrspace.h`

Address space loading must be completed BEFORE the user program can execute

- in ~~add~~ AddrSpace constructor

Your task: When a new page of memory is needed by a process, select an unused page of memory

Use BitMap class - already part  
of Nachos

Has 2 methods

Find(); returns an int

Clear( )

└ takes an int

You create ONE BitMap object  
for the entire OS  $\Rightarrow$  system.h.cc

~~The~~ Your main memory is to  
have the same # of entries as  
there physical pages of memory

• in machine.h

#define NumPhysPages



use NumPhysPages in  
your BitMap  
declaration

is the #  
of physical  
memory  
pages

To "Find" an unused memory page call the bitmap Find() method.

- but... it needs a lock

Use Clear to release a page of memory back to the O.S.

## Watch Out in AddrSpace Constructor

Nachos does NOT copy from the executable into memory by page. It does the entire segment

- YOU MUST copy only 1 page at a time

executable  $\rightarrow$  ReadAt ( location in memory, Page Size,

&mainMemory[ PPN \* Page Size ],  
128

start location in file to read  
noffth. code. inFileAddr + (VPN \* Page Size)  
|  
header object



Also, Nachos only allows for 1 thread per process

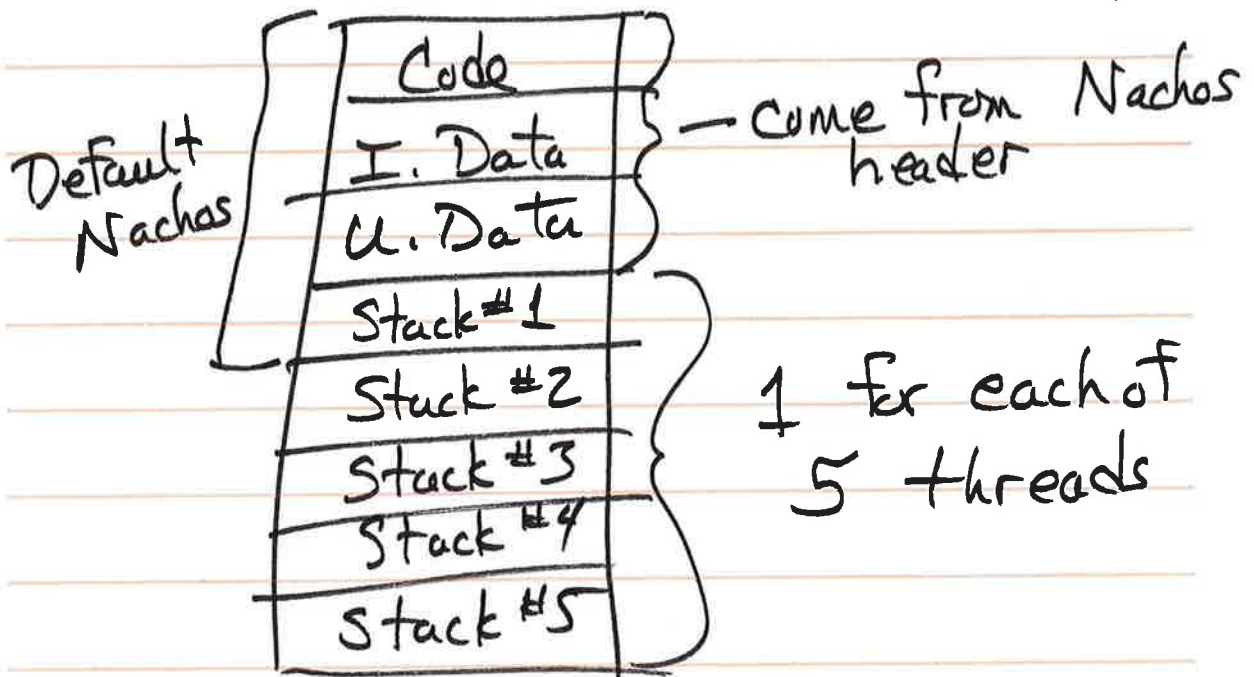
- Each thread MUST have its own stack.

You have to fix this, also.

You MUST allow a process to have stack space for each thread.

- A thread's stack is used & managed by Nachos.
- Your job is to ensure that each thread has its own 8 pages of stack space
- StackReg is the O.S. register for the top of a thread's user stack space

## New Nachos Address Space



## 2 Fundamental Ways to do this

- ① Make the page table big enough for some fixed number of threads

Ex: 50 threads max

$50 \times 8 = 400$  pages needed for stacks

Then, on a request to Fork a new thread, you "use" 8 unused pages of stack

- ② Make a new page table each time, 8 pages bigger
  - Copy old pagetable data to new page table

## Changes to Addressspace Constructor

1. Copy from executable to memory  
1 page @ a time
2. Use your main memory BitMap  
to find an unused memory page
3. Rework the page table so it  
can handle multiple stacks

# System Calls

Nachos user programs exist  
in test directory

• Carl's Jr conversion go here

Part 1, some of Part 2, deal  
with system calls



mechanism by which the OS  
allows user programs to

perform kernel tasks



Nachos has a system call mechanism that is setup

Several system calls are already implemented

System calls are implemented in `exception.cc` in `user prog.`

You will REALLY want to use

the student documentation

Don't try to understand ALL system calls before implementing one.

You are going to write a set of syscalls

- Allow for multiprocessing
  - Fork - creates a new thread
  - Exec - creates a new single-threaded process
  - Exit - when a thread is done executing

• Synchronization

Locks: Acquire, Release,  
Create Lock, Destroy Lock

CVs: Wait, Signal, Broadcast,  
CreateCV, DestroyCV

Miscellaneous: Yield (do this first)  
• 1 line of code