

# **Project Name: Build a Virtual CPU Emulator**

## **Week 05: Memory Management**

**Objective:** The development of strategies and memory organization required for a virtual CPU is concerned with memory management. These processes or threads running in the virtual environment need this memory management.

- It is responsible for memory allocation and deallocation to processes efficiently.
- It provides the necessary support for virtual memory and paging as needed.
- Prevention of Memory Leak and data isolation.
- Implement First Fit, best-fit, or Worst-fit memory allocation policies.

### **1. Set up a simulated memory space**

In computing science, memory simulation provides one way to visualize and manipulate memory in a controlled and virtual environment. The concept is important for understanding how memory allocation, addressing, and operations work in real computing systems. Here, we offer a simple implementation of a simulated memory space in Python. The program initializes memory, performs the basic operations, and displays contents for debugging.

#### **Key Features**

##### **1. Initialization:**

- 1.1. Memory is represented as a list of zeros.
- 1.2. The size parameter defines the total number of memory slots available.

##### **2. Debugging Tool:**

- 2.1. Display memory provides a clear view of all memory slots and their values for debugging.

### **2. Implement memory read/write operations**

#### **Key Features**

##### **1. Read Operation:**

- 1.1. The read(address) method retrieves the data stored at a given memory address.
- 1.2. Validate the address to ensure it lies within the bounds of memory size.

##### **2. Write Operation:**

- 2.1. The write (address, data) method stores data at a specified memory address.
- 2.2. Ensures that only valid addresses are written to, preventing out-of-bounds errors.

##### **3. Error Handling:**

- 3.1. Both methods raise a Value Error if an invalid memory address is accessed.

### 3. Handle address mapping and memory segmentation

#### Key Features

##### 1. Memory Segmentation:

- 1.1. The memory is divided into three distinct segments:
  - 1.1.1. **Code Segment:** Holds program instructions.
  - 1.1.2. **Stack Segment:** Used for function calls and local variables.
  - 1.1.3. **Heap Segment:** Allocated for dynamic memory.

##### 2. Address Mapping:

- 2.1. Logical addresses provided within a segment are mapped to physical addresses in the actual memory.

##### 3. Error Handling:

- 3.1. Ensures segment sizes do not exceed total memory.
- 3.2. Verifies that logical addresses stay within the bounds of their respective segments.