

Chapter 13 Memory Virtualization

multiprocessing, timesharing placed demands

- + expensive to copy/restore memory footprint of a process
- + protection to avoid rogue process from corrupting memory used by OS or other processes

Fig. 13.2 example of early systems

OS code, user code in single memory space

Fig. 13.3

heap - dynamic allocation, grows one way (down)

stack - local variables, arguments, grows other way (up)

13.4 Goals for memory virtualization

- transparency - process should not know how address translation works
- efficient
- protected

Example Code Listing p. 6

Every Address you see is virtual

Each process memory address is reported in terms of a flat virtual address space

As we saw before, many processes can each have a datum having the same virtual memory address.

Types of memory

14.1 stack allocation

```
void func() {
    int x;
}
```

push space on stack

pop when function exits

The stack makes recursion possible

heap allocated memory

dynamic size

longer-term, memory needed even when function exits

```
#include <stdlib.h>
```

```
void func() {
    int* x = (int*)malloc(sizeof(int));

    PCB* list = (PCB*)malloc(sizeof(PCB));

    char** words = (char**)malloc(sizeof(char*)*NUM_WORDS);

    // allow extra byte for EOS symbol
    char* clone = (char*)malloc(sizeof(strlen(myString)+1));
```

malloc receives an integer that gives amount of memory needed in bytes and returns a pointer (address) if successful; else, NULL.

Releasing memory from example above

```
free(x);
free(list);
free(words);
free(clone);
```

Common errors with dynamic memory

- a) forget to alloc memory
- b) not alloc enough
- c) forget to initialize alloc'd memory
- d) forget to free alloc'd memory

Aside - lifetime of memory leak

15.3 Hardware-based address translation

Each process has an assigned base and limit
that demarks its assigned location in physical RAM
base register
limit register

given virtual address V

```
if ( $V < \text{limit}$ )  
    physical address = base +  $V$   
else  
    trap - memory out of bounds error
```