

Operating System: Virtual Memory Questions

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Question 1

When a program tries to access a page that is mapped in address space but not loaded in physical memory, then _____

- a) segmentation fault occurs
- b) fatal error occurs
- c) page fault occurs
- d) no error occurs

Question 2

Effective access time is directly proportional to _____

- a) page-fault rate
- b) hit ratio
- c) memory access time
- d) none of the mentioned

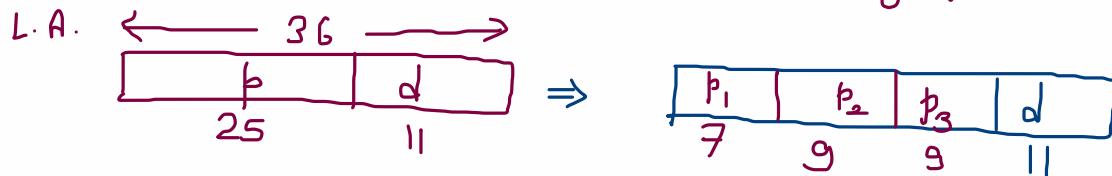


Question 3

Consider a paged memory system with virtual address of 36-bits and physical address of 28-bits. The page size is 2KB. Further consider that one page table entry size is 4bytes.

$$\hookrightarrow 2^{11}B \Rightarrow \text{offset} = 11\text{-bits}$$

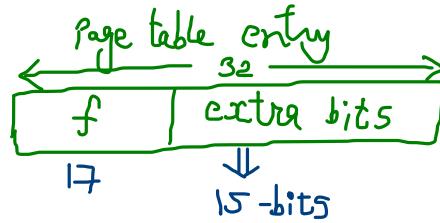
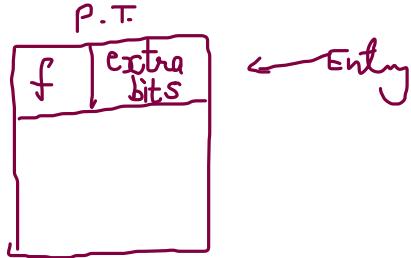
1. Page table size is? $2^{25} * 4B = 2^{27}B = 128MB$
2. Can we store entire page table in single page? If not then how many levels of page table required? *No, 3 level paging required*



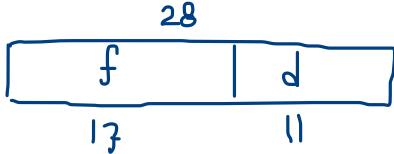
$$\text{no. of P.T. entries in single page} = \frac{2KB}{4B} = 2^9$$

Ques) From previous questⁿ in each page table entry, how many bits are stored for protection etc. ?

Sol:-



P.A.



Ans = 15-bits

Question 4

In a paging scheme, logical address space is 4KB and page table entry size is 8 bytes. What should be the optimal page size?

2^{12}

→ min overhead

Solution 4

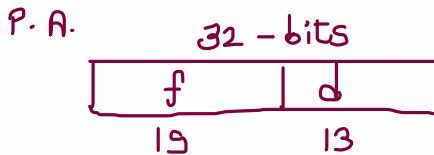
Optimal page size = $\sqrt{LAS * E}$

$$\sqrt{2 * LAS * E} = \sqrt{2 * 4KB * 8B} = \sqrt{2^{16}B * B} = 256B$$

LAS = Logical address space

E = Page Table Entry Size

Question 5

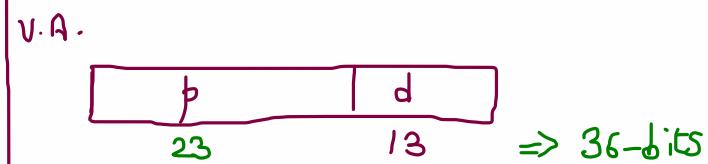


A computer system implements 8 kilobyte pages and a 32-bit physical address space. Each page table entry contains a valid bit, a dirty bit, three permission bits, and the translation. If the maximum size of the page table of a process is 24 megabytes, the length of the virtual address supported by the system is 36 bits

$$\begin{aligned} \text{E} &= f + 1 + 1 + 3 = 24\text{-bits} \\ &\quad \begin{matrix} 19 & 13 \end{matrix} \\ \text{P. A.} &= 32\text{-bits} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Page} = 8\text{ KB} = 2^{13}\text{ B}$$

$$\text{P. T. size} = 24\text{ MB}$$



$$\text{P. T. size} = 2^P * 3\text{ bytes}$$

$$24\text{ MB} = 2^P * 3\text{ B}$$

$$2^P = 8\text{ M} \Rightarrow 2^P = 2^{23}$$

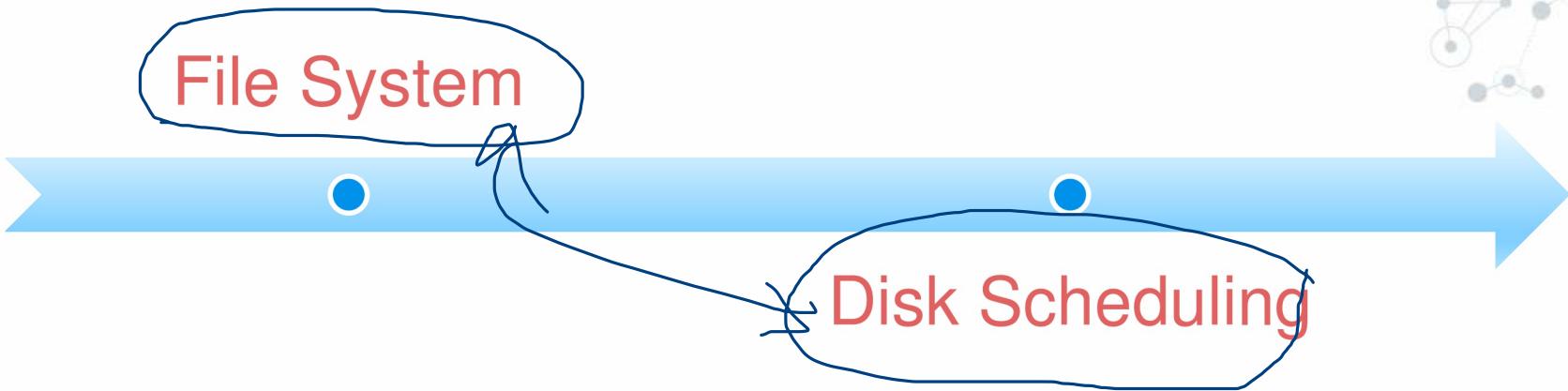
$P = 23\text{-bits}$

Question 6

Consider a 2-level paging in which main memory access time is 200ns, TLB access time is 20ns and TLB hit ratio is 90%. What is the effective memory access time?

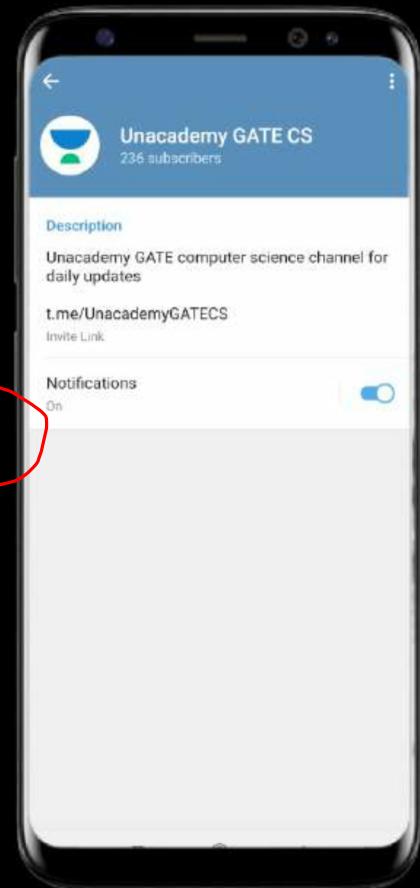
$$\begin{aligned} \text{E.M.A.T.} &= H * (t_{TLB} + t_{mm}) + (1-H) \underbrace{(t_{TLB} + 3t_{mm})}_{\substack{\hookrightarrow 2 \text{ times for} \\ \text{translat'n}}} \\ &= 0.9 * (20 + 200) + 0.1 (20 + 600) \\ &= 260 \text{ nsec} \end{aligned}$$

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