

4-way module interleaving

0000	0001	0010	0011	0100	0101	0110										1111
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	

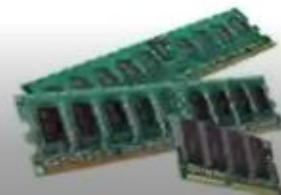
	M0(00)	M1(01)	M2(10)	M3(11)		M0(00)	M1(01)	M2(10)	M3(11)
00	0	1	2	3		0	4	8	12
01	4	5	6	7		1	5	9	13
10	8	9	10	11		2	6	10	14
11	12	13	14	15		3	7	11	15

low order memory

high order memory

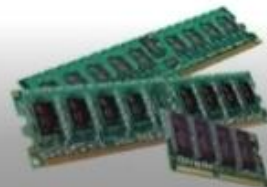
LSB-address of module
MSB-address of words

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Hit Rate and Miss Penalty

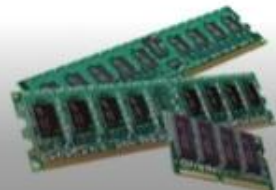
- The number of hits stated as a fraction of all attempted accesses is called the **Hit Rate**.
- The extra time needed to bring the desired information into the cache is called the **Miss Penalty**.
- High hit rates well over 0.9 are essential for high-performance computers.
- Performance is adversely affected by the actions that need to be taken when a miss occurs.
- A performance penalty is incurred because
 - of the extra time needed to bring a block of data from a slower unit to a faster unit.
 - During that period, the processor is stalled waiting for instructions or data.
 - We refer to the total access time seen by the processor when a miss occurs as the miss penalty.
- Let h be the hit rate, M the miss penalty, and C the time to access information in the cache. Thus, the average access time experienced by the processor is
- $t_{avg} = hC + (1 - h)M$
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Caches on the processor chip

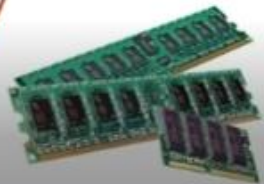
- In high performance processors 2 levels of caches are normally used.
- Avg access time in a system with 2 levels of caches is

$$T_{ave} = h_1c_1 + (1-h_1)h_2c_2 + (1-h_1)(1-h_2)M$$



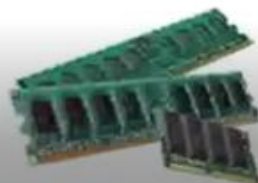
Virtual memories

- Recall that an important challenge in the design of a computer system is to provide a large, fast memory system at an affordable cost.
- Architectural solutions to increase the effective speed and size of the memory system.
- Cache memories were developed to increase the effective speed of the memory system.
- Virtual memory is an architectural solution to increase the effective size of the memory system.



Virtual memories (contd..)

- When a new piece of a program is to be transferred to the main memory, and the main memory is full, then some other piece in the main memory must be replaced.
 - Recall this is very similar to what we studied in case of cache memories.
- Operating system automatically transfers data between the main memory and secondary storage.

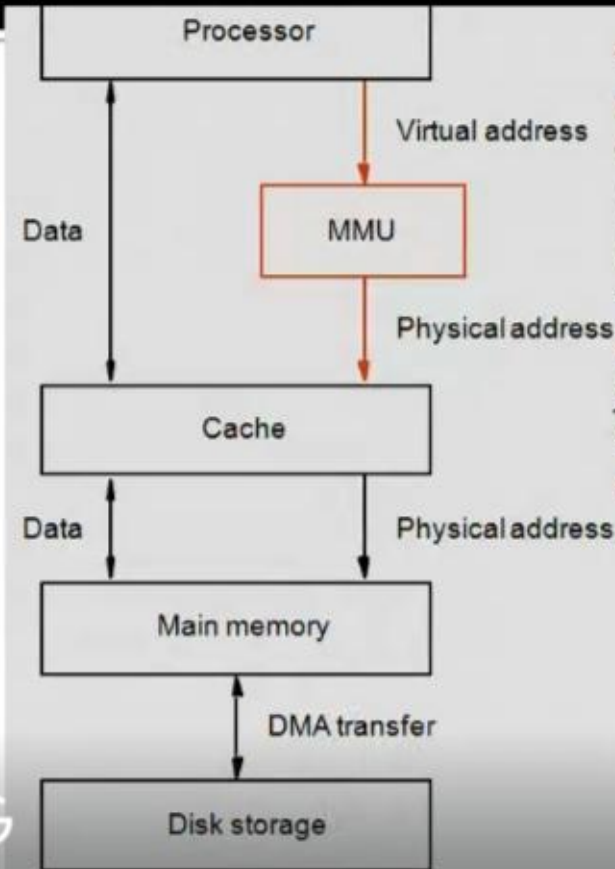


Virtual memories (contd..)

- Techniques that automatically move program and data between main memory and secondary storage when they are required for execution are called virtual-memory techniques.
- Processor issues binary addresses for instructions and data.
 - These binary addresses are called logical or virtual addresses
- Virtual addresses are translated into physical addresses by a combination of hardware and software subsystems.
 - If virtual address refers to a part of the program that is currently in the main memory, it is accessed immediately.
 - If the address refers to a part of the program that is not currently in the main memory, it is first transferred to the main memory before it can be used.



Virtual memory organization



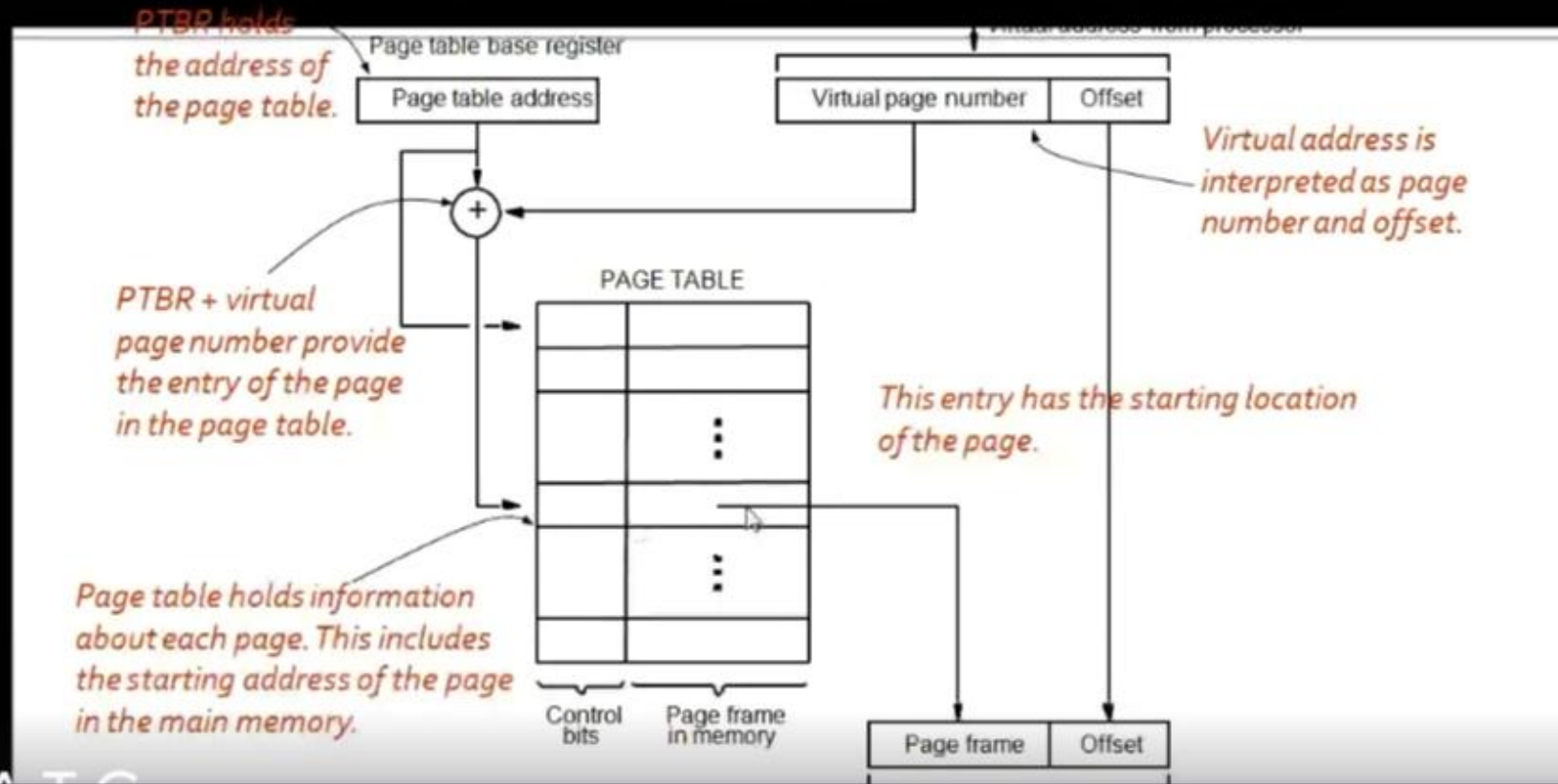
- Memory management unit (MMU) translates virtual addresses into physical addresses.
- If the desired data or instructions are in the main memory they are fetched as described previously.
- If the desired data or instructions are not in the main memory, they must be transferred from secondary storage to the main memory.
- MMU causes the operating system to bring the data from the secondary storage into the main memory.

VIRTUAL MEMORY ADDRESS TRANSLATION

- All programs and data are composed of fixed length units called **Pages** (Figure)
 - The Page consists of a block-of-words. The words occupy contiguous locations in the memory. The pages are commonly range from 2K to 16K bytes in length.
- **Like Cache Bridge** speed-up the gap between main-memory and secondary-storage.
- **Each virtual-address contains**
 - 1) Virtual Page number (Low order bit) and
 - 2) Offset (High order bit).
- Virtual Page number + Offset → specifies the location of a particular word within a page.



Address translation (contd..)



Making VM work: translation

How does a program access memory?

1. Program executes a load specifying a virtual address (VA)

