

TCSS 422: OPERATING SYSTEMS

Memory Virtualization III: **Introduction to Paging, Translation Lookaside Buffer (TLB), Smaller Tables**

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ONLINE DAILY FEEDBACK SURVEY

- Daily Feedback Quiz in Canvas – Available After Each Class
- Extra credit available for completing surveys **ON TIME**
- Tuesday surveys: due by ~ Wed @ 11:59p
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Quiz 0 - C background survey

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Quiz Instructions

Question 1 0.5 pts

On a scale of 1 to 10, please classify your perspective on material covered in today's class:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Mostly Review To Me				Equal New and Review					Mostly New to Me

Question 2 0.5 pts

Please rate the pace of today's class:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Slow				Just Right					Fast

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MATERIAL / PACE

- Please classify your perspective on material covered in today's class (31 of 46 respondents (7 online) – 67.39%):
 - 1-mostly review, 5-equal new/review, 10-mostly new
 - **Average – 6.87 (↑ - previous 6.52)**

- Please rate the pace of today's class:
 - 1-slow, 5-just right, 10-fast
 - **Average – 5.55 (↑ - previous 5.48)**

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FEEDBACK FROM 3/3

- **What is the difference between defragmentation and compaction?**
- These terms are similar, but not the same
- **Defragmentation:** largely refers to traditional magnetic hard disk drives (HDDs)
 - Data was physically stored across cylinders, tracks, and sectors
 - Reorganized large data files so all data was written contiguously would improve read/write speeds
 - >>The disk heads do not need to jump and reposition as often
- **Coalescing** – merge adjacent free blocks to create a larger single free block (no moving just merging free blocks)
- **Compaction** – move live memory blocks (in use) to make them contiguous, to free large contiguous block elsewhere

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FEEDBACK - 2

- **Are the entries in a page table always 4 bytes? Or just in the examples shown?**
 - They do not have to be 4 bytes. The examples we've seen are mostly for indexing a 32-bit address space. (4 GB computer)
- **What purpose does the page offset bits serve?**
 - Offset bits index (point to) the specific memory you want to access on the page
 - Code (an assembly instruction)
 - Variable (a variable on the heap, stack, or data segment)
 - If a variable is at address 100 (11000100), the offset bits in the virtual address are the same as the physical address
 - Offset bits are not translated, only virtual page numbers (VPNs) to page frame numbers (PFNs) are
- **Are there multi-level page tables?**
 - Yes, these are discussed in Chapter 20

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FEEDBACK - 3

- **How do you find the offset bits of the page table?**
 - Offset bits come directly from the virtual address
 - A virtual address consists of:
 - The virtual page number (VPN)
 - Offset bits that refer to specific code or data
 - Offset bits are not stored in the page table
 - Status bits are stored in the page table
 - They provide various management bits for read/write state, etc.
- **What is the worst-case scenario for the 'next fit' memory allocation strategy if the only usable chunk is right before the current pointer location?**
 - This sounds like n comparisons, where n is the size of the list

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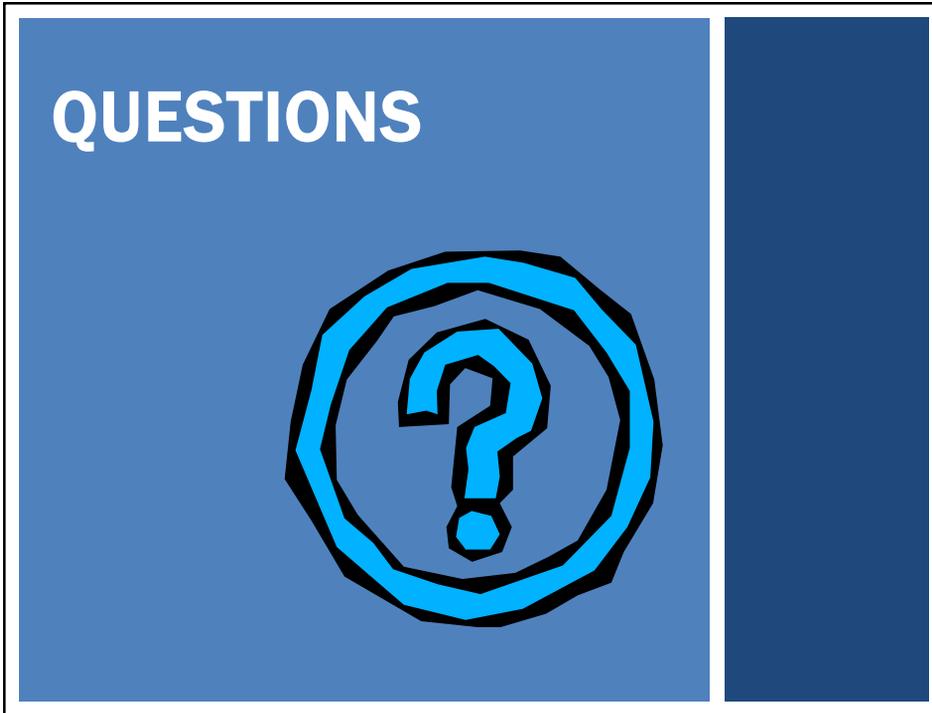
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CATCH UP FROM LECTURE 14/15		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Switch to Lecture 14 Slides▪ Slides L14.90 to L14.103 (Chapter 18 - Introduction to Paging) ▪ Switch to Lecture 15 Slides▪ Slides L15.33 to L15.81 (Chapter 19 - Translation Lookaside Buffer - TLB) (Chapter 20 - Paging - Smaller Tables)		
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QUIZ 2		
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