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Memory Virtualization with Segments, Introduction to Paging



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CHAPTER 14: THE MEMORY API

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- **Chapter 13: Introduction to memory virtualization**
 - The address space
 - Goals of OS memory virtualization
- **Chapter 14: Memory API**
 - Common memory errors

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REALLOC()

```
#include <stdlib.h>\n\nvoid *realloc(void *ptr, size_t size)
```

- Resize an existing memory allocation
- Returned pointer may be same address, or a new address
 - New if memory allocation must move
- `void *ptr`: Pointer to memory block allocated with `malloc`, `calloc`, or `realloc`
- `size_t size`: New size for the memory block(in bytes)
- EXAMPLE: `realloc.c`
- EXAMPLE: `nom.c`

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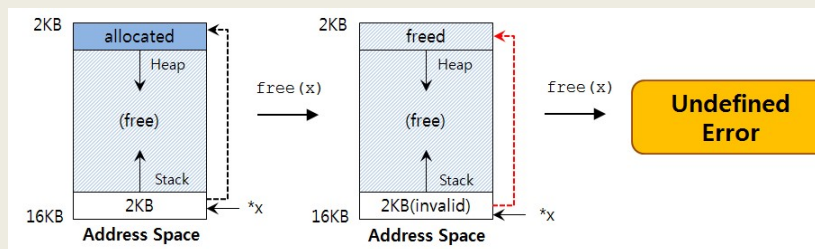
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DOUBLE FREE

```
int *x = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int)); // allocated\nfree(x); // free memory\nfree(x); // free repeatedly
```

- Can't deallocate twice
- Second call core dumps



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SYSTEM CALLS

- **brk(), sbrk()**
 - Used to change data segment size (the end of the heap)
 - Don't use these
- **Mmap(), munmap()**
 - Can be used to create an extra independent “heap” of memory for a user program
- See man page

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CHAPTER 15: ADDRESS TRANSLATION

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- **Chapter 15: Address translation**
 - Base and bounds
 - HW and OS Support

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ADDRESS TRANSLATION

- 64KB Address space example
- Translation: mapping virtual to physical

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BASE AND BOUNDS

- Dynamic relocation
- Two registers base & bounds: **on the CPU**
- OS places program in memory
- Sets base register

$$\text{physical address} = \text{virtual address} + \text{base}$$

- Bounds register
 - Stores size of program address space (16KB)
- OS verifies that every address:

$$0 \leq \text{virtual address} < \text{bounds}$$

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INSTRUCTION EXAMPLE

128 : `movl 0x0(%ebx), %eax`

- Base = 32768
- Bounds = 16384
- Fetch instruction at 128 (virt addr) ↑
 - Phy addr = virt addr + base reg
 - 32896 = 128 + 32768 (base)
- Execute instruction
 - Load from address (var x is @ 15kb=15360)
 - 48128 = 15360 + 32768 (base) -- found x...
- Bounds register: terminate process if
 - **ACCESS VIOLATION:** Virtual address > bounds reg

$physical\ address = virtual\ address + base$

0KB 128 `movl 0x0(%ebx), %eax`
 132 `Addl 0x03, %eax`
 1KB 135 `movl %eax, 0x0(%ebx)`

2KB Program Code
 3KB Heap
 4KB
 (free)
 stack
 14KB
 15KB 3000 **Int x**
 Stack
 16KB

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MEMORY MANAGEMENT UNIT

- MMU
 - Portion of the CPU dedicated to address translation
 - Contains base & bounds registers
- Base & Bounds Example:
 - Consider address translation
 - 4 KB (4096 bytes) address space, loaded at 16 KB physical location

Virtual Address	Physical Address
0	16384
1024	17408
3000	19384
FAULT 4400	20784 (out of bounds)

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DYNAMIC RELOCATION OF PROGRAMS

- Hardware requirements:

Requirements	HW support
Privileged mode	CPU modes: kernel, user
Base / bounds registers	Registers to support address translation
Translate virtual addr; check if in bounds	Translation circuitry, check limits
Privileged instruction(s) to update base / bounds regs	Instructions for modifying base/bound registers
Privileged instruction(s) to register exception handlers	Set code pointers to OS code to handle faults
Ability to raise exceptions	For out-of-bounds memory access, or attempts to access privileged instr.

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OS SUPPORT FOR MEMORY VIRTUALIZATION

- For base and bounds OS support required

- When process starts running
 - Allocate address space in physical memory
- When a process is terminated
 - Reclaiming memory for use
- When context switch occurs
 - Saving and storing the base-bounds pair
- Exception handlers
 - Function pointers set at OS boot time

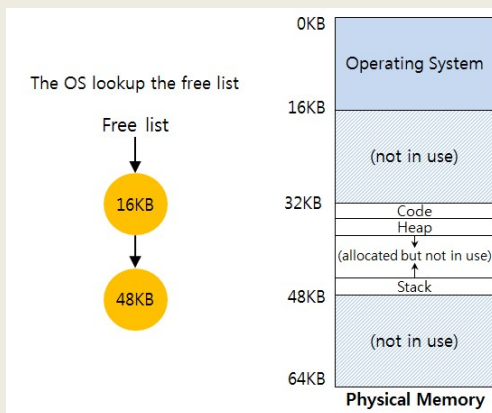
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OS: WHEN PROCESS STARTS RUNNING

- OS searches for free space for new process
 - Free list: data structure that tracks available memory slots



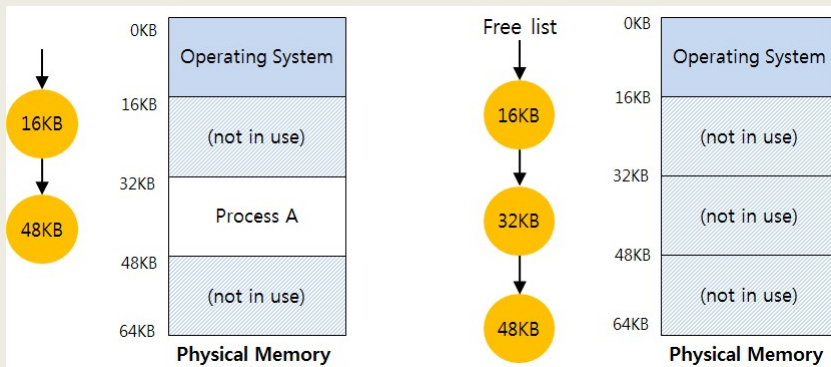
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OS: WHEN PROCESS IS TERMINATED

- OS places memory back on the free list



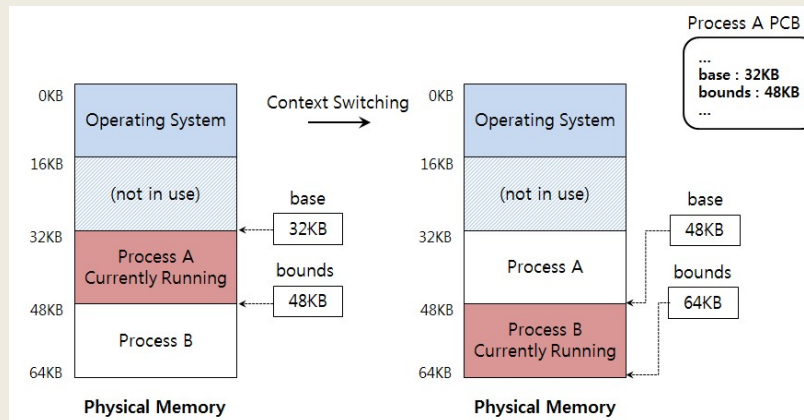
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OS: WHEN CONTEXT SWITCH OCCURS

- OS must save base and bounds registers
 - Saved to the Process Control Block PCB (`task_struct` in Linux)



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DYNAMIC RELOCATION

- OS can move process data when not running
 - OS deschedules process from scheduler
 - OS copies address space from current to new location
 - OS updates PCB (base and bounds registers)
 - OS reschedules process
- When process runs new base register is restored to CPU
- Process doesn't know it was even moved!**

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Consider a 64KB computer the loads a program. The BASE register is set to 32768, and the BOUNDS register is set to 4096. What is the physical memory address translation for a virtual address of 6000 ?

34768

38768

32769

36864

Out of bounds

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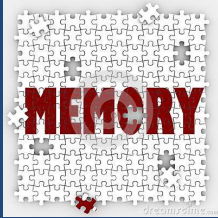
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CHAPTER 16: SEGMENTATION



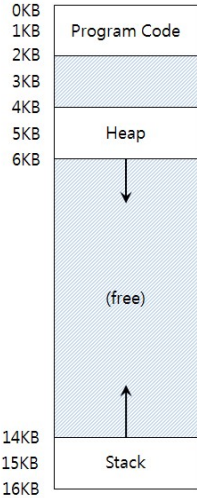
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BASE AND BOUNDS INEFFICIENCIES

- **Address space**
 - Contains significant unused memory
 - Is relatively large
 - Preallocates space to handle stack/heap growth

- **Large address spaces**
 - Hard to fit in memory

- **How can these issues be addressed?**



0KB
1KB
2KB
3KB
4KB
5KB
6KB
14KB
15KB
16KB

Program Code

Heap

(free)

Stack

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MULTIPLE SEGMENTS

- Memory segmentation
- Manage the address space as (3) separate segments
 - Each is a contiguous address space
 - Provides logically separate segments for: code, stack, heap
- Each segment can placed separately
- Track base and bounds for each segment (registers)

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SEGMENTS IN MEMORY

- Consider 3 segments:

Much smaller

↓

Segment	Base	Size
Code	32K	2K
Heap	34K	2K
Stack	28K	2K

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ADDRESS TRANSLATION: CODE SEGMENT

$physical\ address = offset + base$

- Code segment - physically starts at 32KB (base)
- Starts at "0" in virtual address space

Segment	Base	Size
Code		16KB

Bounds check:
 Is virtual address within 2KB address space?

or 32868
 desired
 address

Virtual Address Space
Physical Address Space

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ADDRESS TRANSLATION: HEAP

$Virtual\ address + base\ is\ not\ the\ correct\ physical\ address.$

- Heap starts at virtual address 4096
- The data is at 4200
- Offset= 4200 - 4096 = 104 (virt addr - virt heap start)
- Physical address = 104 + 34816 (offset + heap base)

Segment	Base	Size
Heap	34K	2K

$104 + 34K\ or\ 34920$
 is the desired
 physical address

Address Space
Physical Memory

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SEGMENTATION FAULT

- Access beyond the address space
- Heap starts at virtual address: 4096
- Data pointer is to 7KB (7168)
- Is data pointer valid?

- Heap starts at $4096 + 2 \text{ KB seg size} = 6144$
- Offset = $7168 > 4096 + 2048 (6144)$

Address Space

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SEGMENT REGISTERS

- Used to dereference memory during translation

13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
[Segment Register]													
Segment						Offset							

- First two bits identify segment type
- Remaining bits identify memory offset
- Example: virtual heap address 4200 (01000001101000)

13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Segment		Offset											

Segment	bits
Code	00
Heap	01
Stack	10
-	11

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SEGMENTATION DEREFERENCE

```

1 // get top 2 bits of 14-bit VA
2 Segment = (VirtualAddress & SEG_MASK) >> SEG_SHIFT
3 // now get offset
4 Offset = VirtualAddress & OFFSET_MASK
5 if (Offset >= Bounds[Segment])
6     RaiseException(PROTECTION_FAULT)
7 else
8     PhysAddr = Base[Segment] + Offset
9     Register = AccessMemory(PhysAddr)
    
```

- VIRTUAL ADDRESS = 01000001101000 (on heap)
- SEG_MASK = 0x3000 (11000000000000)
- SEG_SHIFT = 01 → *heap* (mask gives us segment code)
- OFFSET_MASK = 0xFFF (00111111111111)
- OFFSET = 000001101000 = 104 (isolates segment offset)
- OFFSET < BOUNDS : 104 < 2048

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STACK SEGMENT

- Stack grows backwards (FILO)
- Requires hardware support:
- Direction bit: tracks direction segment grows

Physical Memory

Segment	Base	Size	Grows Positive?
Code	32K	2K	1
Heap	34K	2K	1
Stack	28K	2K	0

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SHARED CODE SEGMENTS

- Code sharing: enabled with HW support
- Supports storing shared libraries in memory only once
- DLL: dynamic linked library
- .so (linux): shared object in Linux (under /usr/lib)
- Many programs can access them
- Protection bits: track permissions to segment

Segment Register Values(with Protection)

Segment	Base	Size	Grows	Positive?	Protection
Code	32K	2K		1	Read-Execute
Heap	34K	2K		1	Read-Write
Stack	28K	2K		0	Read-Write

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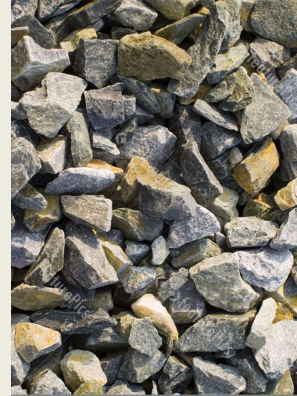
Consider a program with 2KB of code, a 1 KB stack, and a 2 KB heap. This program runs on a 64 KB computer that manages memory with 4 kb segments. If the computer is empty and segments were allocated as: code, stack, heap, how large can the heap grow to?

32 KB
 56 KB
 24 KB
 4 KB
 0 KB

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SEGMENTATION GRANULARITY

- Coarse-grained
- Manage memory as large purpose based segments:
 - Code segment
 - Heap segment
 - Stack segment



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SEGMENTATION GRANULARITY - 2

- Fine-grained
- Manage memory as list of segments
- Code, heap, stack segments composed of multiple smaller segments
- Segment table
 - On early systems
 - Stored in memory
 - Tracked large number of segments



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MEMORY FRAGMENTATION

- Consider how much free space?
- We'll say about 24 KB

- Request arrives to allocate a 20 KB heap segment

- Can we fulfil the request for 20 KB of contiguous memory?

Not compacted

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COMPACTION

- Supports rearranging memory
- Can we fulfil the request for 20 KB of contiguous memory?

- **Drawback: Compaction is slow**
 - Rearranging memory is time consuming
 - 64KB is fast
 - 4GB+ ... slow

- **Algorithms:**
 - Best fit: keep list of free spaces, allocate the most snug segment for the request
 - Others: worst fit, first fit... (in future chapters)

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**WE WILL RETURN AT
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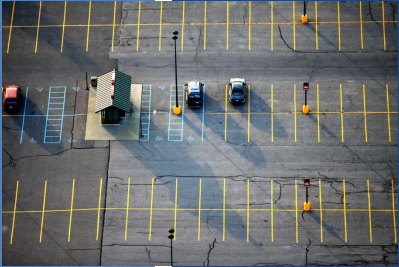


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CHAPTER 17: FREE SPACE MANAGEMENT

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- **Chapter 17: Free Space Management**
 - Fragmentation, Splitting, coalescing
 - The Free List
 - Memory Allocation Strategies

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FREE SPACE MANAGEMENT

- How should free space be managed, when satisfying variable-sized requests?
- What strategies can be used to minimize fragmentation?
- What are the time and space overheads of alternate approaches?

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FREE SPACE MANAGEMENT

- Management of memory using
 - Only fixed-sized units
 - Easy: keep a list
 - Memory request → return first free entry
 - Simple search
 - With variable sized units
 - More challenging
 - Results from variable sized malloc requests
 - Leads to fragmentation

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FRAGMENTATION

- Consider a 30-byte heap

30-byte heap:

free	used	free	
0	10	20	30

- Request for 15-bytes

free list: head →

addr:0 len:10	→	addr:20 len:10	→	NULL
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- Free space: 20 bytes
- No available contiguous chunk → return NULL

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FRAGMENTATION - 2

- **External:** *OS can compact*
 - Example: Client asks for 100 bytes: malloc(100)
 - OS: No 100 byte contiguous chunk is available: returns NULL
 - Memory is externally fragmented - - Compaction can fix!
- **Internal:** *lost space - OS can't compact*
 - OS returns memory units that are too large
 - Example: Client asks for 100 bytes: malloc(100)
 - OS: Returns 125 byte chunk
 - Fragmentation is *in* the allocated chunk
 - Memory is lost, and unaccounted for – can't compact

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ALLOCATION STRATEGY: SPLITTING

- Request for 1 byte of memory: `malloc(1)`

30-byte heap: free used free
 0 10 20 30

free list: head → addr:0
len:10 → addr:20
len:10 → NULL

- OS locates a free chunk to satisfy request
- Splits chunk into two, returns first chunk

30-byte heap: free used free
 0 10 20 21 30

free list: head → addr:0
len:10 → addr:21
len:9 → NULL

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ALLOCATION STRATEGY: COALESCING

- Consider 30-byte heap
- `Free()` frees all 10 bytes segments (*list of 3-free 10-byte chunks*)

head → addr:10
len:10 → addr:0
len:10 → addr:20
len:10 → NULL

- Request arrives: `malloc(30)`
- ***SPLIT DOES NOT WORK*** - no contiguous 30-byte chunk exists!
- Coalescing regroups chunks into contiguous chunk

head → addr:0
len:30 → NULL

- Allocation can now proceed
- Coalescing is defragmentation of the free space list

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MEMORY HEADERS

- `free(void *ptr)`: Does not require a size parameter
- *How does the OS know how much memory to free?*
- **Header block**
 - **Small descriptive block of memory at start of chunk**

An Allocated Region Plus Header

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MEMORY HEADERS - 2

Specific Contents Of The Header

```
typedef struct __header_t {
    int size;
    int magic;
} header_t;
```

A Simple Header

- **Contains size**
- **Pointers: for faster memory access**
- **Magic number: integrity checking**

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MEMORY HEADERS - 3

- Size of memory chunk is:
 - Header size + user malloc size
 - N bytes + sizeof(header)
- Easy to determine address of header

```
void free(void *ptr) {  
    header_t *hptr = (void *)ptr - sizeof(header_t);  
}
```

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THE FREE LIST

- Simple free list struct
- Use mmap to create free list
- 4kb heap, 4 byte header, one contiguous free chunk

```
typedef struct __node_t {  
    int size;  
    struct __node_t *next;  
} node_t;
```

```
// mmap() returns a pointer to a chunk of free space  
node_t *head = mmap(NULL, 4096, PROT_READ|PROT_WRITE,  
                    MAP_ANON|MAP_PRIVATE, -1, 0);  
head->size = 4096 - sizeof(node_t);  
head->next = NULL;
```

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FREE LIST - 2

- Create and initialize free-list “heap”

```

// mmap() returns a pointer to a chunk of free space
node_t *head = mmap(NULL, 4096, PROT_READ|PROT_WRITE,
                    MAP_ANON|MAP_PRIVATE, -1, 0);
head->size = 4096 - sizeof(node_t);
head->next = NULL;
        
```

- Heap layout:

head →

size:	4088
next:	0
...	

[virtual address: 16KB
header: size field

header: next field(NULL is 0)

the rest of the 4KB chunk

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FREE LIST: MALLOC() CALL

- Consider a request for a 100 bytes: `malloc(100)`
- Header block requires 8 bytes
 - 4 bytes for size, 4 bytes for magic number
- Split the heap – header goes with each block

A 4KB Heap With One Free Chunk

head →

size:	4088
next:	0
...	

the rest of the 4KB chunk

A Heap : After One Allocation

ptr →

size:	100
magic:	1234567
First block is used	
size:	3980
next:	0
...	

head →

the 100 bytes now allocated

the free 3980 byte chunk

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FREE LIST: FREE() CALL

- Addresses of chunks
- Start=16384
 - + 108 (end of 1st chunk)
 - + 108 (end of 2nd chunk)
 - + 108 (end of 3rd chunk)
 - = 16708

Free Space With Three Chunks Allocated

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FREE LIST: FREE() CHUNK #2

- Free(sptr)
- Our 3 chunks start at 16 KB (@ 16,384 bytes)
- Free chunk #2 - sptr
- Sptr = 16500
 - addr - sizeof(node_t)
- Actual start of chunk #2
 - 16492

The free 3764-byte chunk

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FREE LIST- FREE ALL CHUNKS

- Now free remaining chunks:
- Free(16392)
- Free(16608)
- Walk back 8 bytes for actual start of chunk
- External fragmentation
- Free chunk pointers out of order
- Coalescing of next pointers is needed

[virtual address: 16KB]

size: 100
next: 16492

... (now free)

size: 100
next: 16708

... (now free)

head → size: 100
next: 16384

... (now free)

size: 3764
next: 0

... The free 3764-byte chunk

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GROWING THE HEAP

- Start with small sized heap
- Request more memory when full
- sbrk(), brk()

Segmented heap

Address Space

Physical Memory

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MEMORY ALLOCATION STRATEGIES

- **Best fit**
 - Traverse free list
 - Identify all candidate free chunks
 - Note which is smallest (has best fit)
 - When splitting, “leftover” pieces are small (and potentially less useful -- fragmented)
- **Worst fit**
 - Traverse free list
 - Identify largest free chunk
 - Split largest free chunk, leaving a still large free chunk

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EXAMPLES

- Allocation request for 15 bytes



- Result of Best Fit



- Result of Worst Fit



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MEMORY ALLOCATION STRATEGIES - 2

- **First fit**
 - Start search at beginning of free list
 - Find first chunk large enough for request
 - Split chunk, returning a “fit” chunk, saving the remainder
 - Avoids full free list traversal of best and worst fit
- **Next fit**
 - Similar to first fit, but start search at last search location
 - Maintain a pointer that “cycles” through the list
 - Helps balance chunk distribution vs. first fit
 - Find first chunk, that is large enough for the request, and split
 - Avoids full free list traversal

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Which memory allocation strategy is more likely to distribute free chunks closer together which could help when coalescing the free space list?

Best Fit

Worst Fit

First Fit

None of the above

All of the above

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SEGREGATED LISTS

- For popular sized requests
e.g. for kernel objects such as locks, inodes, etc.
- Manage as segregated free lists
- Provide object caches: stores pre-initialized objects

- How much memory should be dedicated for specialized requests (object caches)?

- If a given cache is low in memory, can request “slabs” of memory from the general allocator for caches.
- General allocator will reclaim slabs when not used

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BUDDY ALLOCATION

- Binary buddy allocation
 - Divides free space by two to find a block that is big enough to accommodate the request; the next split is too small...
- Consider a 7KB request

The diagram illustrates the binary buddy allocation process. It starts with a single 64 KB block. This block is split into two 32 KB blocks. The left 32 KB block is further split into two 16 KB blocks. The left 16 KB block is split into two 8 KB blocks. The right 8 KB block is highlighted in a darker blue. Below the diagram, it states '64KB free space for 7KB request', indicating that the 8 KB block is too large and the 16 KB block is too small, leaving the entire 64 KB area free.

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BUDDY ALLOCATION - 2

- Buddy allocation: suffers from internal fragmentation
- Allocated fragments, typically too large
- Coalescing is simple
 - Two adjacent blocks are promoted up

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A computer system manages program memory using three separate segments for code, stack, and the heap. The codesize of a program is 1KB but the minimal segment available is 16KB. This is an example of:

External fragmentation

Binary buddy allocation

Internal fragmentation

Coalescing

Splitting

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A request is made to store 1 byte. For this scenario, which memory allocation strategy will always locate memory the fastest?

Best fit

Worst fit

Next fit

None of the above

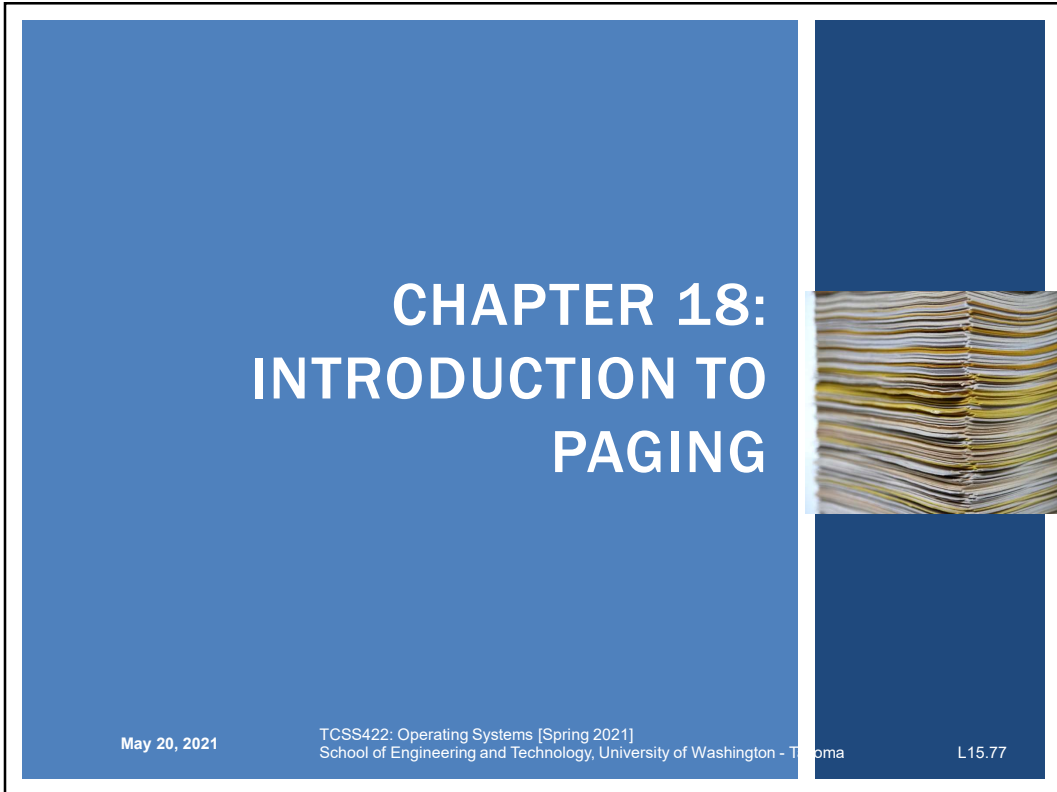
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OBJECTIVES – 5/20

- Questions from 5/18
- Assignment 2
- Quiz 3 – Synchronized Array
- Tutorial 2 – Pthread, locks, conditions tutorial
- Chapter 14: The Memory API
- Chapter 15: Address Translation
- Chapter 16: Segmentation
- Chapter 17: Free Space Management
- **Chapter 18: Introduction to Paging**

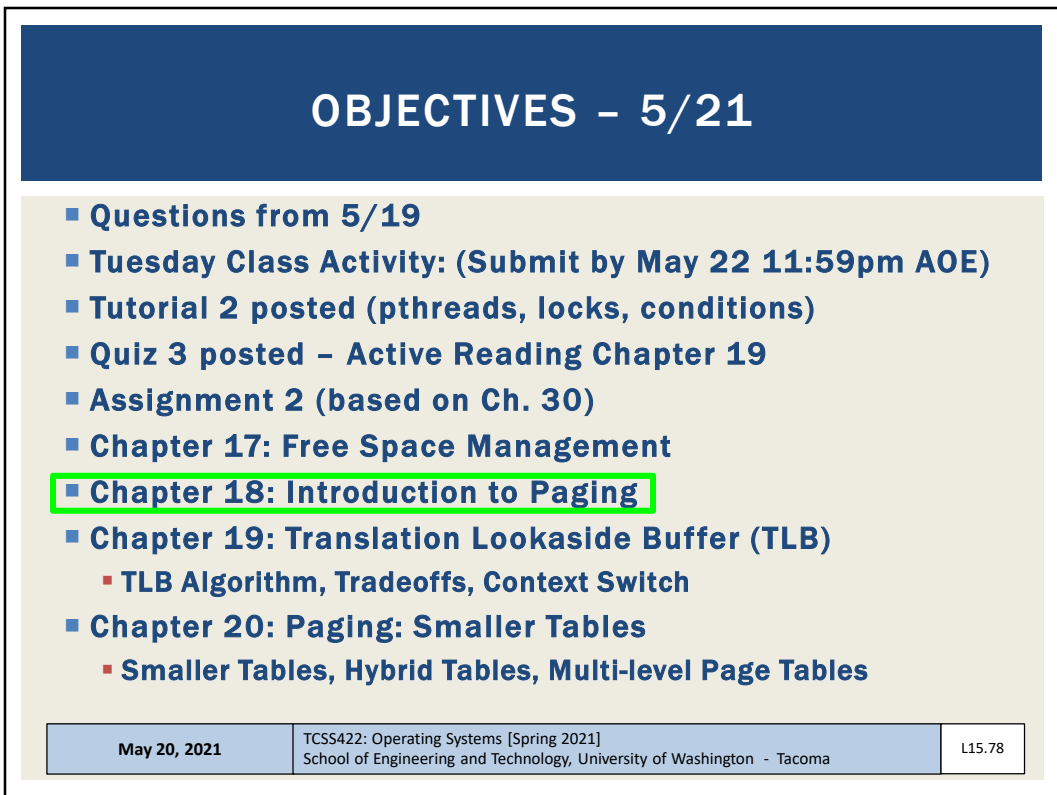
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CHAPTER 18: INTRODUCTION TO PAGING

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OBJECTIVES - 5/21

- Questions from 5/19
- Tuesday Class Activity: (Submit by May 22 11:59pm AOE)
- Tutorial 2 posted (pthreads, locks, conditions)
- Quiz 3 posted - Active Reading Chapter 19
- Assignment 2 (based on Ch. 30)
- Chapter 17: Free Space Management
- **Chapter 18: Introduction to Paging**
- Chapter 19: Translation Lookaside Buffer (TLB)
 - TLB Algorithm, Tradeoffs, Context Switch
- Chapter 20: Paging: Smaller Tables
 - Smaller Tables, Hybrid Tables, Multi-level Page Tables

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PAGING

- Split up address space of process into *fixed sized pieces* called **pages**
- Alternative to *variable sized pieces* (Segmentation) which suffers from significant fragmentation
- Physical memory is split up into an array of fixed-size slots called **page frames**.
- Each process has a **page table** which translates virtual addresses to physical addresses

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ADVANTAGES OF PAGING

- **Flexibility**
 - Abstracts the process address space into pages
 - No need to track direction of HEAP / STACK growth
 - *Just add more pages...*
 - No need to store unused space
 - *As with segments...*
- **Simplicity**
 - Pages and page frames are the same size
 - Easy to allocate and keep a free list of pages

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PAGING: EXAMPLE

Page Table:
 VP0 → PF3
 VP1 → PF7
 VP2 → PF5
 VP3 → PF2

- Consider a 128 byte (2^7) address space with 16-byte (2^4) pages
- Consider a 64-byte (2^6) program address space

A Simple 64-byte Address Space

0		(page 0 of the address space)
16		(page 1)
32		(page 2)
48		(page 3)
64		

64-Byte Address Space Placed In Physical Memory

0	reserved for OS	page frame 0 of physical memory
16	(unused)	page frame 1
32	page 3 of AS	page frame 2
48	page 0 of AS	page frame 3
64	(unused)	page frame 4
80	page 2 of AS	page frame 5
96	(unused)	page frame 6
112	page 1 of AS	page frame 7
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PAGING: ADDRESS TRANSLATION

- **PAGE:** Has two address components
 - **VPN:** Virtual Page Number (*serves as the page ID*)
 - **Offset:** Offset within a Page (*indexes any byte in the page*)

VPN			offset			
Va5	Va4	Va3	Va2	Va1	Va0	

- **Example:**
 Page Size: 16-bytes (2^4),
 Program Address Space: 64-bytes (2^6)

VPN			offset			
0	1		0	1	0	1

Here program can have just four pages...

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EXAMPLE: PAGING ADDRESS TRANSLATION

- Consider a 64-byte (2^6) program address space (4 pages $\rightarrow 2^2$)
- Stored in 128-byte (2^7) physical memory (8 frames $\rightarrow 2^3$)
- Offset is preserved
 - 4 bits indexes any byte
 - Page size is 16 bytes (2^4)
- **Page table** translates a Virtual Page Number (VPN) to a Physical Frame Number (PFN)

Page Table:
 VP0 \rightarrow PF3
 VP1 \rightarrow PF7
 VP2 \rightarrow PF5
 VP3 \rightarrow PF2

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PAGING DESIGN QUESTIONS

- (1) Where are page tables stored?
- (2) What are the typical contents of the page table?
- (3) How big are page tables?
- (4) Does paging make the system too slow?

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(1) WHERE ARE PAGE TABLES STORED?

- Example:
 - Consider a 32-bit process address space (4GB= 2^{32} bytes)
 - With 4 KB pages (4KB= 2^{12} bytes)
 - 20 bits for VPN (2^{20} pages)
 - 12 bits for the page offset (2^{12} unique bytes in a page)
- Page tables for each process are stored in RAM
 - Support potential storage of 2^{20} translations
 = 1,048,576 pages per process
 - Each page has a page table entry size of 4 bytes

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PAGE TABLE EXAMPLE

- With 2^{20} slots in our page table for a single process
- Each slot (i.e. entry) dereferences a VPN
- Each entry provides a physical frame number
- Each entry requires 4 bytes (32 bits)
 - 20 for the PFN on a 4GB system with 4KB pages
 - 12 for the offset which is preserved
 - (note we have no status bits, so this is unrealistically small)
- How much memory is required to store the page table for 1 process?
 - Hint: # of entries x space per entry
 - 4,194,304 bytes (or 4MB) to index one process

VPN ₀
VPN ₁
VPN ₂
...
...
VPN ₁₀₄₈₅₇₆

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NOW FOR AN ENTIRE OS

- If 4 MB is required to store one process
- Consider how much memory is required for an entire OS?
 - With for example 100 processes...
- Page table memory requirement is now $4\text{MB} \times 100 = 400\text{MB}$
- If computer has 4GB memory (maximum for 32-bits), the page table consumes 10% of memory

$400\text{ MB} / 4000\text{ GB}$

- Is this efficient?

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(2) WHAT'S ACTUALLY IN THE PAGE TABLE

- Page table is data structure used to map virtual page numbers (VPN) to the physical address (Physical Frame Number PFN)
 - Linear page table → simple array
- Page-table entry
 - 32 bits for capturing state

31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
PFN																						G	PAT	D	A	PCD	PWT	U/S	R/W	P	

An x86 Page Table Entry(PTE)

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PAGE TABLE ENTRY

- **P: present**
- **R/W: read/write bit**
- **U/S: supervisor**
- **A: accessed bit**
- **D: dirty bit**
- **PFN: the page frame number**

31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
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An x86 Page Table Entry(PTE)

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PAGE TABLE ENTRY - 2

- **Common flags:**
 - **Valid Bit:** Indicating whether the particular translation is valid.
 - **Protection Bit:** Indicating whether the page could be read from, written to, or executed from
 - **Present Bit:** Indicating whether this page is in physical memory or on disk(swapped out)
 - **Dirty Bit:** Indicating whether the page has been modified since it was brought into memory
 - **Reference Bit(Accessed Bit):** Indicating that a page has been accessed

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(3) HOW BIG ARE PAGE TABLES?

- Page tables are too big to store on the CPU
- Page tables are stored using physical memory
- Paging supports efficiently storing a sparsely populated address space
 - Reduced memory requirement
Compared to base and bounds, and segments

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(4) DOES PAGING MAKE THE SYSTEM TOO SLOW?

- Translation
- **Issue #1:** Starting location of the page table is needed
 - HW Support: Page-table base register
 - stores active process
 - Facilitates translation
- **Issue #2:** Each memory address translation for paging requires an extra memory reference
 - HW Support: TLBs (Chapter 19)

Page Table:

VP0 → PF3
VP1 → PF7
VP2 → PF5
VP3 → PF2

Stored in RAM →

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PAGING MEMORY ACCESS

```

1. // Extract the VPN from the virtual address
2. VPN = (VirtualAddress & VPN_MASK) >> SHIFT
3.
4. // Form the address of the page-table entry (PTE)
5. PTEAddr = PTBR + (VPN * sizeof(PTE))
6.
7. // Fetch the PTE
8. PTE = AccessMemory(PTEAddr)
9.
10. // Check if process can access the page
11. if (PTE.Valid == False)
12.     RaiseException(SEGMENTATION_FAULT)
13. else if (CanAccess(PTE.ProtectBits) == False)
14.     RaiseException(PROTECTION_FAULT)
15. else
16.     // Access is OK: form physical address and fetch it
17.     offset = VirtualAddress & OFFSET_MASK
18.     PhysAddr = (PTE.PFN << PFN_SHIFT) | offset
19.     Register = AccessMemory(PhysAddr)
    
```

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COUNTING MEMORY ACCESSES

Example: Use this Array initialization Code

```

int array[1000];
...
for (i = 0; i < 1000; i++)
    array[i] = 0;
    
```

Assembly equivalent:

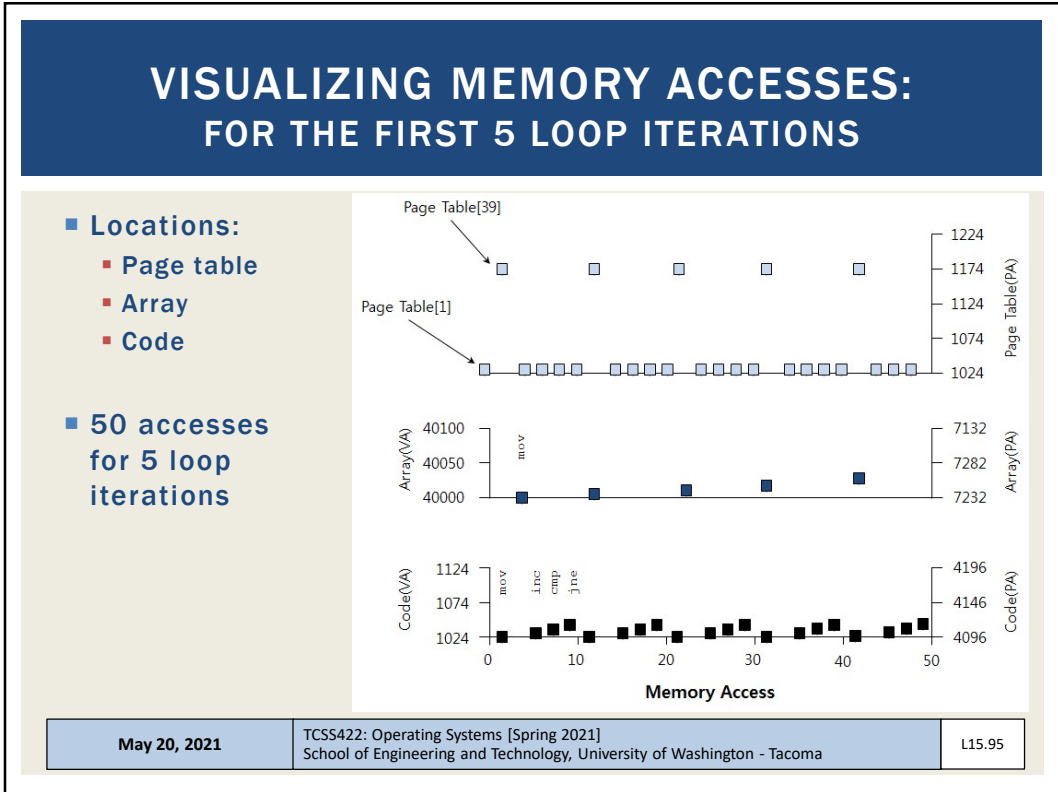
```

0x1024 movl $0x0, (%edi, %eax, 4)
0x1028 incl %eax
0x102c cmpl $0x03e8, %eax
0x1030 jne 0x1024
    
```

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Consider a 4GB Computer with 4KB (4096 byte) pages. How many pages would fit into physical memory?

$2^{32} / 2^{20} = 2^{12}$ pages

$2^{32} / 2^{12} = 2^{20}$ pages

$2^{32} / 2^{16} = 2^{16}$ pages

$2^{32} / 2^8 = 2^{24}$ pages

None of the above

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For the 4GB computer example, how many bits are required for the VPN?

- 24 VPN bits (indexes
2²⁴ locations)
- 16 VPN bits (indexes
2¹⁶ locations)
- 20 VPN bits (indexes
2²⁰ locations)
- 12 VPN bits (indexes
2¹² locations)
- None of the above

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For the 4GB computer example, how many bits are available for page status bits?

- 32 - 12 VPN bits
= 20 status bits
- 32 - 24 VPN bits
= 8 status bits
- 32 - 16 VPN bits
= 16 status bits
- 32 - 20 VPN bits
= 12 status bits
- None of the above

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For the 4GB computer, how much space does this page table require? (number of page table entries x size of page table entry)

2^{20} entries x 4b = 4 MB

2^{12} entries x 4b = 16 KB

2^{16} entries x 4b = 256 KB

2^{24} entries x 4b = 64 MB

None of the above

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For the 4GB computer, how many page tables (for user processes) would fill the entire 4GB of memory?

$4 \text{ GB} / 16 \text{ KB} = 65,536$

$4 \text{ GB} / 64 \text{ MB} = 256$

$4 \text{ GB} / 256 \text{ KB} = 16,384$

$4 \text{ GB} / 4 \text{ MB} = 1,024$

None of the above

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PAGING SYSTEM EXAMPLE

- Consider a 4GB Computer:
 - With a 4096-byte page size (4KB)
 - How many pages would fit in physical memory?
- Now consider a page table:
 - For the page table entry, how many bits are required for the VPN?
 - If we assume the use of 4-byte (32 bit) page table entries, how many bits are available for status bits?
 - How much space does this page table require?
of page table entries x size of page table entry
 - How many page tables (for user processes) would fill the entire 4GB of memory?

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QUESTIONS

