- The process is restarted only when it can regain its old resources as well as the new ones that it is requesting
- Protocol # 2
  - If some requested resources are not available, check whether they are allocated to a process that is waiting for additional resources. If so, **preempt these resources** from the waiting process and allocate them to the requesting one
  - This protocol is often applied to resources whose state can be easily saved and restored later, like CPU registers

## Circular Wait

- Protocol # 1
  - Impose a total ordering of all resource types, and require that each process requests resources in an increasing order
- Protocol # 2
  - Require that whenever a process requests an instance of a resource type, it has released resources with a lower no

### Deadlock Avoidance

• The OS is given in advance additional info concerning which resources a process will request & use during its lifetime

### Safe State

- A state is safe if the system can allocate resources to each process in some order and still avoid a deadlock
- Safe sequence: <P1...Pn>, where all the resources that Pi may request are
  - Currently available, or
  - Held by a process Pj, where j < i
- If the resources are not immediately available, Pi can wait until all processes Pj, j < i, have completed
- When Pi finishes, Pi+1 may obtain its resources
- An unsafe state may (but not necessarily) lead to a deadlock
- Deadlocks are avoided by refusing any requests which lead to an unsafe state, so processes may wait for resources that are available, which may lead to sub-optimal resource utilization



Resource-Allocation-Graph Algorithm

• Claim edge  $Pi \rightarrow Rj$  indicated that process Pj may request resource Rj; represented by a dashed line

- Claim edge converts to request edge when a process requests a resource
- Request edge converted to an assignment edge when the resource is allocated to the process
- When a resource is released by a process, assignment edge reconverts to a claim edge
- Resources must be claimed *a priori* in the system
- Resource allocation graph:



• Unsafe state in resource allocation graph:



- Resource allocation graph algorithm:
  - Suppose that process *Pi* requests a resource *Rj*
  - The request can be granted only if converting the request edge to an assignment edge does not result in the formation of a cycle in the resource allocation graph

## Banker's Algorithm

- First use the Banker's safety algorithm to determine whether the system is currently in a safe state
- Then use the **resource-request algorithm** to check whether each of the given requests may be safely granted or not
- Each process has
  - Allocation vector: The no of each resource type allocated
  - Max vector: The maximum no of each resource to be used
  - Need vector: Outstanding resources (Max Allocation)
- Available ('work') vector: Free resources over all processes

- Maximum resource vector: Allocation vectors + Available vector
- Finish vector: Indicates which processes are still running
- Step 1: Initialize the Finish vector to 0 (0 = false)
- Step 2: Search the array Need from the top to find a process needing fewer resources than those Available
- Step 3: Assume the process completes, and free its resources:
  - Add the resources to the Available vector
  - Subtract the resources from the Process' Allocation vector
  - Place 1 in the appropriate place in the Finish vector
- Continue until Finish contains only 1s

Problems with the Banker's algorithm:

- It requires a fixed number of resources to allocate
  - Resources may suddenly break down
  - Processes rarely know their max resource needs in advance
- It requires a fixed number of processes
  - The no of processes varies dynamically (users log in & out)

## Safety Algorithm

- Let *Work* and *Finish* be vectors of length *m* and *n*, respectively. Initialize: (1)
  - Work = Available

*Finish* [*i*] =*false* for*i*= 0, 1, ..., *n*-1.

- Find and *i* such that both: (2)
  - (a) Finish[i] = false
  - (b) Needi≤Work
  - If no such *i* exists, go to step 4.
- Work= Work + Allocationi (3)

Finish[i] =true

go to step 2

• If *Finish*[*i*] == true for all *i*, then the system is in a safe state (4)

## Resource-Request Algorithm

- *Request*= request vector for process *Pi*. If *Requesti*[*j*] = *k* then process *Pi* wants *k* instances of resource type *Rj*.
  - If *Requesti* ≤*Needi* go to step 2. Otherwise, raise error condition, since process has exceeded its maximum claim (1)
  - If *Requesti* Available, go to step 3. Otherwise *Pi*must wait, since resources are not available (2)
  - Pretend to allocate requested resources to *Pi*by modifying the state as follows: (3)

Available= Available -Request;

Allocationi= Allocationi+ Requesti;

Needi=Needi-Requesti;

- If safe  $\Rightarrow$  the resources are allocated to Pi
- If  $unsafe \Rightarrow Pi$  must wait, and the old resource-allocation state is restored

An Illustrative Example

#### • Example of the Banker's Algorithm:

5 processes  $P_0$  through  $P_4$ ;

3 resource types:

A (10 instances), B (5instances), and C (7 instances)

Snapshot at time  $T_0$ :

	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>Available</u>
	ABC	ABC	ABC
$P_0$	010	753	332
$P_1$	200	322	
$P_2$	302	902	
$P_3$	211	222	
$P_4$	002	433	

The content of the matrix *Need* is defined to be *Max – Allocation*.

	Need	
	ABC	
$P_0$	743	
$P_1$	122	
$P_2$	600	
$P_3$	011	
$P_4$	431	

The system is in a safe state since the sequence  $< P_1, P_3, P_4, P_2, P_0>$  satisfies safety criteria.

# Example: P1 Request (1,0,2):

Check that Request  $\leq$  Available (that is, (1,0,2)  $\leq$  (3,3,2)  $\Longrightarrow$  true.

	<u>Allocation</u>	Need	<u>Available</u>
	ABC	ABC	ABC
$P_0$	010	743	230
<i>P</i> <sub>1</sub>	302	020	
$P_2$	301	600	
$P_3$	211	011	
$P_4$	002	431	

Executing safety algorithm shows that sequence  $< P_1, P_3, P_4, P_0, P_2 >$  satisfies safety requirement.

Can request for (3,3,0) by  $P_4$  be granted? Can request for (0,2,0) by  $P_0$  be granted?

#### Deadlock Detection

- A detection algorithm determines if a deadlock has occurred
- An algorithm recovers from the deadlock

- Advantage:
  - 1. Processes don't need to indicate their needs beforehand
- Disadvantages:
  - 1. Detection-and-recovery schemes require overhead
  - 2. Potential **losses** inherent in recovering from a deadlock

Single Instance of Each Resource Type

- Maintain *wait-for* graph
  - Nodes are processes
  - $Pi \rightarrow Pj$  if *Pi* is waiting for *Pj*.
- Periodically invoke an algorithm that searches for a cycle in the graph. If there is a cycle, there exists a deadlock.
- An algorithm to detect a cycle in a graph requires an order of *n*<sup>2</sup> operations, where *n* is the number of vertices in the graph



## Several Instances of a Resource Type

- Wait-for graph not applicable to a resource-allocation system with multiple instances of each resource type
- Here we make use of a deadlock detection algorithm which is applicable to such a system
- Data structures of the algorithm:
  - **Available**: A vector of length *m* indicates the number of available resources of each type
  - **Allocation**: An *n* x *m* matrix defines the number of resources of each type currently allocated to each process
  - **Request**: An *n* x *m* matrix indicates the current request of each process. If *Request* [*ij*] = *k*, then process *Pi* is requesting *k* more instances of resource type. *Rj*.
- <u>Detection algorithm</u>:
  - Let *Work* and *Finish* be vectors of length *m* and *n*, respectively Initialize: (1)
    - (a) Work = Available
    - (b) For i = 1, 2, ..., n, if Allocation  $i \neq 0$ , then
      - Finish[i] = false;otherwise, Finish[i] = true.
  - Find an index *i* such that both: (2)
    - (a) Finish[i] == false

(b) *Requesti* ≤*Work* 

- If no such *i* exists, go to step 4
- Work = Work + Allocationi (3)

Finish[i] = true

go to step 2.

If *Finish*[*i*] == false, for some *i*, 1 ≤*i*≤*n*, then the system is in deadlock state. Moreover, if *Finish*[*i*] == *false*, then *Pi* is deadlocked
(4)

### Detection-Algorithm Usage

- The frequency of invoking the detection algorithm depends on:
  - How often a deadlock is likely to occur?
  - How many processes will be affected by deadlock when it happens?
- If detection algorithm is invoked arbitrarily, there may be many cycles in the resource graph and so we would not be able to tell which of the many deadlocked processes "caused" the deadlock
- Every invocation of the algorithm adds to computation overhead

## Recovery from Deadlock

- When a detection algorithm determines that a deadlock exists,
  - The operator can deal with the deadlock manually
  - The system can recover from the deadlock automatically

### **Process Termination**

- Abort all deadlocked processes
- Abort one process at a time until the deadlock cycle is eliminated
- In which order should we choose to abort?
  - Priority of the process
  - How long process has computed, and how much longer to completion
  - Resources the process has used
  - Resources process needs to complete
  - How many processes will need to be terminated
  - Is process interactive or batch?

#### Resource Preemption

- Selecting a victim:
  - We must determine the order of preemption to minimize cost
  - Cost factors: no. of resources being held, time consumed...
- Rollback:
  - If we preempt a resource from a process, the process can't go on with normal execution because its missing a resource
  - We must roll back the process to a safe state & restart it

- Starvation:
  - In a system where victim selection is based primarily on cost factors, the same process may always be picked
  - To ensure a process can be picked only a small number of times, include the number of rollbacks in the cost factor

### Summary

## **Memory Management**

- For a program to be executed, it must be mapped to absolute addresses and loaded into memory
- As the program executes, it accesses program instructions and data from memory by generating these absolute addresses
- Eventually the program terminates and its memory space is declared available so the next program can be loaded & executed
- To improve CPU utilization, keep several programs in memory
- Selection of a **memory-management scheme** depends on many factors, especially the hardware design of the system
- The OS is responsible for these **memory-management** activities:
  - Keeping track of which parts of memory are currently being used and by whom
  - Deciding which processes are to be loaded into memory when memory space becomes available
  - Allocating and de-allocating memory space as needed

# PART FOUR: MEMORY MANAGEMENT

#### **Chapter 8: Memory-Management Strategies**

#### Chapter Objectives:

- To provide a detailed description of various ways of organizing memory hardware
- To discuss various memory-management techniques, including paging and segmentation
- To provide a detailed description of the Intel Pentium, which supports both pure segmentation and segmentation with paging

#### Background

- The strategies in this chapter have all the same goal:
  - To keep many processes in memory simultaneously to allow multiprogramming
  - However, they require that an entire process be in memory before it can execute

#### Basic Hardware

- Program must be brought (from disk) into memory and placed within a process for it to be run
- Main memory and registers are only storage CPU can access directly
- Register access in one CPU clock (or less)
- Main memory can take many cycles
- Cache sits between main memory and CPU registers
- Protection of memory required to ensure correct operation
- A pair of base and limit registers define the logical (virtual) address space



• 420940 - 300040 = 120900 (logical address space)

## Address Binding

- Input queue = the collection of processes on the disk that is waiting to be brought into memory for execution
- Processes can normally reside in any part of the physical memory
- Addresses in the source program are generally symbolic ('count')
- A compiler binds these symbolic addresses to relocatable addresses ('14 bytes from the beginning of this module')
- The linkage editor / loader binds these relocatable addresses to absolute addresses ('74014')
- Address binding of instructions and data to memory addresses can happen at three different stages
  - Compile time:
    - If memory location known a priori, absolute code can be generated
    - Must recompile code if starting location changes
  - Load time:
    - Must generate relocatable code if memory location is not known at compile time
  - Execution time:
    - Binding delayed until run time if the process can be moved during its execution from one memory segment to another
    - Need hardware support for address maps (e.g., base and limit registers)
- Steps a user program needs to go through (some optional) before being executed:



#### Logical versus Physical Address Space

- Logical address = one generated by the CPU
- Physical address = one seen by the memory unit, and loaded into the memory-address register of the memory
- The compile-time and load-time address-binding methods generate identical logical & physical addresses
- The execution-time address-binding scheme results in **differing** logical (= 'virtual') & physical addresses
- Logical(virtual)-address space = the set of all logical addresses generated by a program
- Physical-address space = the set of all physical addresses corresponding to these logical addresses
- Memory-management unit (MMU) = a hardware device that does the run-time mapping from virtual to physical addresses
- The **MMU**:
  - Hardware device that maps virtual to physical address
  - In MMU scheme, the value in the relocation (**base**) register is added to every address generated by a user process at the time it is sent to memory
  - The user program deals with logical addresses; it never sees the real physical addresses
- Dynamic relocation using a relocation register:



## Dynamic Loading

- With dynamic loading, a routine is not loaded until it is called
- All routines are kept on disk in a relocatable load format
  - The main program is loaded into memory and is executed
  - When a routine needs to call another one, the calling routine first checks to see whether the other routine has been loaded
  - If not, the relocatable linking loader is called to load the desired routine into memory
  - Then, control is passed to the newly loaded routine
- Advantage of dynamic loading:
  - An unused routine is never loaded
- Dynamic loading doesn't require special support from the OS
- The user must design his programs to take advantage of this
- However, OS's may help the programmer by providing library routines to implement dynamic loading

## Dynamic Linking and Shared Libraries

- Static linking:
  - System language libraries are treated like any other object module and are combined by the loader into the binary program image
- Dynamic linking:
  - Linking is postponed until execution time
  - Look at image in address binding!!! Also shows dynamic linking
- A stub is found in the image for each library-routine reference
  - Stub:
    - Code that indicates how to **locate** the memory-resident library routine, or how to **load** the library if the routine is not already in memory
- Either way, the stub replaces itself with the address of the routine, and executes the routine
- The next time that code segment is reached, the library routine is executed directly, with no cost for dynamic linking
- Under this scheme, all processes that use a language library execute only one copy of the library code
- Unlike dynamic loading, dynamic linking requires help from the OS:
  - If the processes in memory are protected from one another, then the OS is the only entity that can check to see whether the needed routine is in another process' memory space
- Shared libraries:
  - A library may be replaced by a new version, and all programs that reference the library will automatically use the new one
- Version info is included in both program & library so that programs won't accidentally execute incompatible versions

## Swapping

- p.322 324 TB
- A process can be swapped temporarily out of memory to a backing store, and then brought back into memory for continued execution
- Backing store
  - Fast disk large enough to accommodate copies of all memory images for all users; must provide direct access to these memory images
- Roll out, roll in:
  - When a higher-priority process arrives a lower-priority process is swapped out, and then swapped back in when the higher-priority process finishes
- Major part of swap time is transfer time
  - Total transfer time is directly proportional to the amount of memory swapped
- Swapping requires a backing store (normally a fast disk)
- The backing store must be big enough to accommodate all copies of memory images for all users, and must provide direct access
- The system has a ready queue with all processes whose memory images are on the backing store or in memory and ready to run
  - The CPU scheduler calls the **dispatcher** before running a process

- The dispatcher checks if the next process in queue is in memory
- If not, and there is no free memory region, the dispatcher **swaps out** a process currently in memory and swaps in the desired one
- It then reloads registers and transfers control to the process
- The context-switch time in such a swapping system is fairly high
- If we want to swap a process, it must be completely idle
- Schematic view of Swapping:



main memory

### **Contiguous Memory Allocation**

- Memory is usually divided into two partitions:
  - One for the resident OS
  - One for the user processes
- The OS is usually placed in low or high memory (Normally low since interrupt vector is in low memory)
  - Affected by location of the interrupt vector
- Contiguous memory allocation:
  - Each process is contained in a single contiguous section of memory

## Memory Mapping and Protection

- The OS must be protected from user processes, and user processes must be protected from one another
- Use a relocation register with a limit register for protection
- Relocation register contains the smallest physical address
- The limit register contains the range of logical addresses
- The memory-management unit (MMU) maps the logical address **dynamically** by adding the value in the relocation register
  - This mapped address is sent to memory
- When the CPU scheduler selects a process for execution, the dispatcher loads the relocation & limit registers
- Because every address generated by the CPU is checked against these registers, we can protect both the OS and the other users' programs & data from being modified by this running process
- HW address protection with base and limit registers:



- The relocation-register scheme provides an effective way to allow the OS size to change dynamically
- **Transient** OS code:
  - Code that comes & goes **as needed** to save memory space and overhead for unnecessary swapping

### Memory Allocation

- A simple method: divide memory into fixed-sized partitions
  - Each partition may contain exactly one process
  - The degree of multiprogramming is bound by the no of partitions
    - When a partition is free, a process is selected from the input queue and is loaded into the free partition
    - When the process terminates the partition becomes available
  - (The above method is no longer in use)
- Another method: the OS keeps a table indicating which parts of memory are available and which are occupied
- Initially, all memory is available, and is considered as one large block of available memory, a hole
- When a process arrives, we search for a hole large enough
- If we find one, we allocate only as much memory as is needed
  - As processes enter the system, they are put into an input queue
  - When a process is allocated space, it is loaded into memory and can then compete for the CPU
  - When a process terminates, it releases its memory
- We have a list of available block sizes and the input queue
- The OS can order the input queue with a scheduling algorithm
- Memory is allocated to processes until, finally, there isn't a hole (block of memory) large enough to hold the next process
- The OS can then wait until a large enough block is available, or it can skip down the input queue to see whether the smaller memory requirements of some other process can be met
- In general, a set of holes of various sizes is scattered throughout memory at any given time
- When a process arrives and needs memory, the system searches this set for a hole that is large enough for this process
- If the hole is too large, it is split up:
  - One part is allocated to the process, and the other is returned to the set of holes
- On process termination, the memory block returns to the hole set
- Adjacent holes are merged to form one larger hole

- Solutions to the dynamic storage allocation problem:
  - First fit (Better and faster)
    - Allocate the **first hole** that is **big enough**
  - Best fit (Ok)
    - Allocate the smallest hole that is big enough
  - Worst fit (Not as good as the other two)
    - Allocate the largest hole
- These algorithms suffer from **external fragmentation**:
  - Free memory space is broken into pieces as processes are loaded and removed

### Fragmentation

- **External fragmentation**:
  - Exists when enough total memory space exists to satisfy a request, but it is not contiguous
- Internal fragmentation:
  - Allocated memory may be slightly larger than requested memory; this size difference is memory internal to a partition, but not being used
- **Compaction** is a solution to the problem of external fragmentation
  - Free memory is shuffled together into one large block
  - Compaction is not always possible: if relocation is static and is done at assembly / load time, compaction cannot be done
- Simplest compaction algorithm:
  - Move all processes towards one end of memory, leaving one large hole of free memory (Expensive, lots of overhead)
- Another solution:
  - Permit the logical-address space of a process to be noncontiguous
  - Paging and segmentation allows this solution

## Paging

- Permits the physical-address space of a process be noncontiguous
- Traditionally: support for paging has been handled by hardware
- Recent designs: the hardware & OS are closely integrated

## Basic Method

- Physical memory is broken into fixed-sized blocks called frames
- Logical memory is broken into same-sized blocks called pages
- When a process is to be executed, its pages are loaded into any available memory frames from the backing store
- The backing store has blocks the same size as the memory frames
- Every address generated by the CPU is divided into 2 parts:
  - a page number (to index the page table)
  - a page offset

- The page table contains the base address of each page in memory
- This base address is combined with the page offset to define the physical memory address that is sent to the memory unit
- The page size, defined by the hardware, is usually a power of 2
- Paging schemes have no external, but some internal fragmentation
- Small page sizes mean less internal fragmentation
- However, there is less overhead involved as page size increases
- Also, disk I/O is more efficient with larger data transfers
  - When a process arrives in the system to be executed, its size, expressed in pages, is examined
  - (Noncontiguous) frames are allocated to each page of the process
- The frame table contains entries for each physical page frame, indicating which are allocated to which pages of which processes
- Address Translation Scheme:
  - Address generated by CPU is divided into:
  - **Page number (***p***)** used as an index into a *page table* which contains base address of each page in physical memory
  - **Page offset (d)** combined with base address to define the physical memory address that is sent to the memory unit

page number page offset

р	d
<i>m</i> - <i>n</i>	n

- For given logical address space 2<sup>^</sup>*m* and page size 2<sup>^</sup>n page
- An illustration of the hardware that supports paging:



• The paging model of logical and physical memory:



• Paging Example: 32-bytee memory and 4-byte pages (p.330)



• With the arrival of new processes the following happens:



- a) Before allocation
- b) After allocation

## Hardware Support

- Most OS's store a **page table** for each process
- A pointer to the page table is stored in the PCB

- Different ways for hardware implementation of the page table:
  - The page table is implemented as a set of dedicated registers
    - The CPU dispatcher reloads these registers just like the others
    - Instructions to load / modify the page-table registers are privileged, so that only the OS can change the memory map
    - Disadvantage: works only if the page table is reasonably small
    - The page table is kept in memory, and a **page-table base register** (PTBR) points to the page table
    - Changing page tables requires changing only this one register, substantially reducing context-switch time
    - Disadvantage: two memory accesses are needed to access one byte
  - Use a small, fast-lookup hardware cache: the translation look-aside buffer (TLB)
    - The TLB is associative, high-speed memory
    - Each entry in the TLB consists of a key and a value
    - When the associative memory is presented with an item, it is compared with all keys simultaneously
    - If the item is found, the corresponding value field is returned
    - The search is fast, but the hardware is expensive
- The TLB is used with page tables in the following way:
  - When a logical address is generated by the CPU, its page number is presented to the TLB
  - If the page number is found, its frame number is immediately available and is used to access memory
  - If the page number is not in the TLB, a memory reference to the page table must be made
  - The obtained frame number can be used to access memory
  - If the TLB is full of entries, the OS must replace one
  - Some TLBs have wired down entries that can't be removed
  - Some TLBs store address-space identifiers (ASIDs) in each entry of the TLB, that uniquely identify each process and provide address space protection for that process
- Paging Hardware with TLB:



• The percentage of times that a particular page number is found in the TLB is called the hit ratio

- Effective access time:
  - Associative Lookup = ε time unit
  - Assume memory cycle time is 1 microsecond
  - Hit ratio –percentage of times that a page number is found in the associative registers; ratio related to number of associative registers
  - Hit ratio = ±
  - Effective Access Time(EAT)

 $\mathsf{EAT} = (1 + \varepsilon) \alpha + (2 + \varepsilon)(1 - \alpha)$ 

 $= 2 + \varepsilon - \alpha$ 

#### Protection

- Memory protection is achieved by protection bits for each frame
- Normally, these bits are kept in the page table
- One bit can define a page to be read-write or read-only
- Every reference to memory goes through the page table to find the correct frame number, so the protection bits can be checked
- A valid-invalid bit is usually attached to each page table entry
  - 'Valid': the page is in the process' logical-address space
  - 'Invalid': the page is not in the process' logical-address space
- Illegal addresses are trapped by using the valid-invalid bit
- Valid (v) or Invalid (i) Bit in a Page Table:



- Many processes use only a small fraction of the address space available to them, so it's wasteful to create a page table with entries for every page in the address range
- A page-table length register (PTLR) can indicate the size of the page table

### Shared Pages

- Another advantage of paging: it is possible to share common code
- Reentrant code (pure code) = non-self-modifying code
- If the code is reentrant, then it never changes during execution
- Thus, two or more processes can execute the same code at once

- Each process has its own copy of registers and data storage to hold the data for the process' execution ٠
- Only one copy of the editor needs to be kept in physical memory •
- Each user's page table maps onto the same physical copy of the editor, but data pages are mapped onto • different frames
- Systems that use inverted page tables have difficulty implementing shared memory •
- Shared code .
  - One copy of read-only (reentrant) code shared among processes (i.e., text editors, compilers, window systems).
  - Shared code must appear in same location in the logical address space of all processes •
- Private code and data
  - Each process keeps a separate copy of the code and data •
  - The pages for the private code and data can appear anywhere in the logical address space •
- Shared Pages Example: •



process Pa

ed1, 2, 3 are shared code pages, while each process has its own data page •

# Structure of the Page Table

- **Hierarchical Paging**
- Hashed Page Tables •
- **Inverted Page Tables** •

## Hierarchical Paging

- Two-level paging algorithm: .
  - The page table is also paged ٠
- Known as a forward-mapped page table because address translation works from the outer page table • inwards
- Two-Level Page-Table Scheme: .



- Two-Level Paging Example:
  - A logical address (on 32-bit machine with 1K page size) is divided into:
    - a page number consisting of 22 bits
    - a page offset consisting of 10 bits
  - Since the page table is paged, the page number is further divided into:
    - a 12-bit page number
    - a 10-bit page offset
  - Thus, a logical address is as follows:

page number			page offset
	p <sub>i</sub>	<i>p</i> <sub>2</sub>	d
	12	10	10

- where *pi* is an index into the outer page table, and *p2* is the displacement within the page of the outer page table
- Address-Translation Scheme:



## Hashed Page Tables

- Each entry in the hash table contains a linked list of elements that hash to the same location
- Each element consists of:
  - The virtual page number
  - The value of the mapped page frame

- A pointer to the next element in the linked list
- The virtual page number is compared to field (a) in the first element in the linked list
- If there is a match, the corresponding page frame (field b) is used to form the desired physical address
- If there is no match, subsequent entries in the linked list are searched for a matching virtual page number
- Clustered page tables are similar to hashed page tables, except that each entry in the table refers to several pages
- Clustered page tables are particularly useful for sparse address spaces where memory references are noncontiguous and scattered throughout the address space



**Inverted Page Tables** 

- One entry for each real page of memory
- Entry consists of the virtual address of the page stored in that real memory location, with information about the process that owns that page
- Decreases memory needed to store each page table, but increases time needed to search the table when a page reference occurs
- Use hash table to limit the search to one or at most a few page-table entries



### Segmentation

- Memory-management scheme that supports the users' view of memory
- A program is a collection of segments. A segment is a logical unit such as:
  - main program,

- procedure, •
- function, •
- method, .
- object,
- local variables, global variables, .
- common block,
- stack, .
- symbol table, arrays •

# Basic Method

- Segmentation is a memory-management scheme that supports this user view memory •
- A logical address space is a collection of segments •
- The user's view of a Program: .



- The user specifies each address by: a segment **name** and an **offset** 
  - (Segments are *implemented* with numbers rather than names) •
- Logical view of segmentation •



physical memory space

- When a program is compiled, segments are constructed for E.g.
  - The code •
  - The global variables
  - The heap, from which memory is allocated •
  - The stacks used by each thread •

- The procedure call stack, to store parameters
- The code portion of each procedure or function
- The local variables of each procedure and function
- The loader would take all these segments and assign them segment numbers

#### Hardware

- Although you can refer to objects by a two-dimensional address, the physical memory is still a onedimensional sequence of bytes
- A segment table maps two-dimensional user-defined addresses into one-dimensional physical addresses
- Each entry of the table has a segment base and a segment limit



• Example of Segmentation:



# Example: The Intel Pentium

- Supports both segmentation and segmentation with paging
- CPU generates logical address
  - Given to segmentation unit
    - Which produces linear addresses
  - Linear address given to paging unit
    - Which generates physical address in main memory
    - Paging units form equivalent of MMU

## Pentium Segmentation

# Pentium Paging

Linux on Pentium Systems

# Summary

# Chapter 9: Virtual-Memory Management

Virtual memory is a technique that allows the execution of processes that are not completely in memory

# Objectives:

- To describe the benefits of a virtual memory system
- To explain the concepts of demand paging, page-replacement algorithms, and allocation of page frames
- To discuss the principle of the working-set model

# Background

- In many cases, the entire program is not needed:
  - Unusual error conditions are almost never executed
  - Arrays & lists are often allocated more memory than needed
  - Certain options & features of a program may be used rarely
- Benefits of executing a program that is only partially in memory
  - More programs could be run at the same time
  - Programmers could write for a large virtual-address space and need no longer use overlays
  - Less I/O would be needed to load / swap programs into memory, so each user program would run faster
- Virtual memory separation of user logical memory from physical memory
  - Only part of the program needs to be in memory for execution
  - Logical address space can therefore be much larger than physical address space
  - Allows address spaces to be shared by several processes
  - Allows for more efficient process creation
- Virtual memory can be implemented by:
  - Demand paging
  - **Demand segmentation**
- Diagram showing virtual memory that is larger than physical memory:



- The virtual address space of a process refers to the logical (or virtual) view of how a process is stored in memory
  - Typically, this view is that a process begins at a certain logical address say, address 0 and exists in contiguous memory



- We allow the for the heap to grow upward in memory as it is used for dynamic memory allocation
- Virtual memory allows files and memory to be shared by two of more processes through page sharing
  - Benefits:
    - System libraries can be shared by several processes through mapping of the shared object into virtual address space
    - Virtual memory enables processes to share memory
      - From chapter 3 we learned that two or more processes can communicate through the use of shared memory
    - Virtual memory can allow pages to be shared during process creation with the fork() system call, speeding up process creation



## Demand Paging

- Bring a page into memory only when it is needed
  - Less I/O needed
  - Less memory needed
  - Faster response
  - More users
- Page is needed ⇒ reference to it
  - invalid reference  $\Rightarrow$  abort
  - not-in-memory  $\Rightarrow$  bring to memory
- Lazy swapper-never swaps a page into memory unless page will be needed
  - Swapper that deals with pages is a **pager**
- A demand-paging system is similar to a paging system with swapping where processes reside in secondary memory (usually on disk)



# Basic Concepts

- Hardware support to distinguish pages in memory / pages on disk:
  - Valid bit:
    - The page is both legal and in memory

#### • Invalid bit:

• The page is either not valid, or valid but currently on the disk



- The process executes and accesses pages that are memory resident
- If the process tries to access a page that was not brought into memory (i.e. one marked 'invalid'), a pagefault trap is caused
- Procedure for handling page faults:
  - Check an internal table to determine whether the reference was a valid / invalid memory access
  - Invalid reference terminate the process; if it was valid, but we have not yet brought in that page, page it in
  - Find a free frame (by taking one from the free-frame list)
  - Read the desired page into the newly allocated frame
  - Modify the internal table and the page table to indicate that the page is now in memory
  - Restart the instruction that was interrupted by the illegal address trap at the same place



- Pure demand paging:
  - Never bring pages into memory until required
- Some programs may access several new pages of memory with each instruction, causing multiple page faults and poor performance
- Programs tend to have locality of reference, so this results in reasonable performance from demand paging
- Hardware to support demand paging:
  - Page table:
    - Can mark an entry invalid through valid invalid bit
  - Secondary memory:
    - Holds pages that are not present in main memory
    - Known as the swap device, and has a swap space (high-speed disk)
- Architectural software constraints:
  - Instructions must be able to be restarted after page faults

## Performance of Demand Paging

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- Demand paging can significantly affect the performance of a computer system
  - We compute the effective access time for a demand-paged memory
- Page Fault Rate  $0 \le p \le 1.0$ 
  - if *p* = 0 no page faults
  - if *p* = 1, every reference is a fault
- Effective Access Time (EAT)
  - EAT = (1 p) x memory access
    - + *p*(page fault overhead
    - + swap page out