MEMORY: PAGING AND TLBS

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ADMINISTRIVIA

- Project 2 done!
- Project 3 is out! Start early?

AGENDA / LEARNING OUTCOMES

Memory virtualization

- What is paging and how does it work?
- What are some of the challenges in implementing paging?

RECAP

MEMORY VIRTUALIZATION

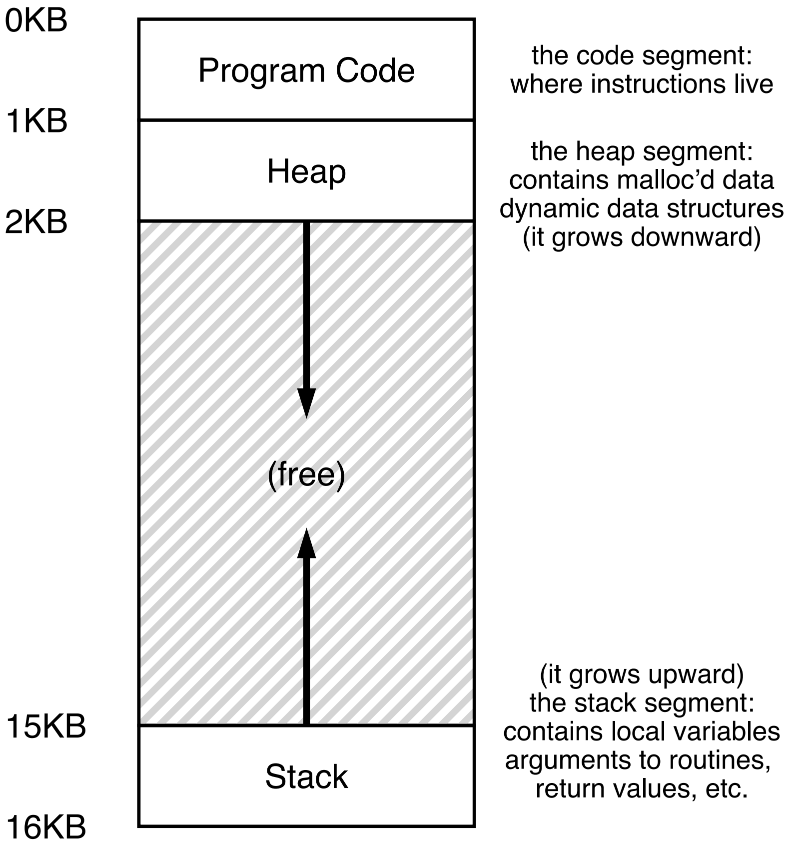
Transparency: Process is unaware of sharing

Protection: Cannot corrupt OS or other process memory

Efficiency: Do not waste memory or slow down processes

Sharing: Enable sharing between cooperating processes

RECAP: WHAT IS IN ADDRESS SPACE?



Static: Code and some global variables

Dynamic: Stack and Heap

REVIEW: SEGMENTATION

Divide address space into logical segments

Each segment corresponds to logical entity in address space

(code, stack, heap)

Each segment has separate base + bounds register

How does process designate a particular segment?

- Top bits of logical address select segment
- Low bits of logical address select offset within segment

EXAMPLE: SEGMENTATION

```
0x0010: movl  0x1100, %edi
```

%rip: 0x0010

Seg	Base	Bounds
0	0x4000	0xfff
1	0x5800	0xfff
2	0x6800	0x7ff

1. Fetch instruction at logical addr 0x0010

   Physical addr:

2. Exec, load from logical addr 0x1100

   Physical addr:

QUIZ 8!

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Segment	Base	Bounds	R W
0	0x2000	0x6ff	1 0
1	0x0000	0x4ff	1 1
2	0x3000	0xfff	1 1
3	0x0000	0x000	0 0

Remember:
1 hex digit → 4 bits

Translate logical (in hex) to physical

0x0240:

0x1108:

0x265c:

0x3002:

HOW DOES THIS LOOK IN X86

Stack Segment (SS): Pointer to the stack

Code Segment (CS): Pointer to the code

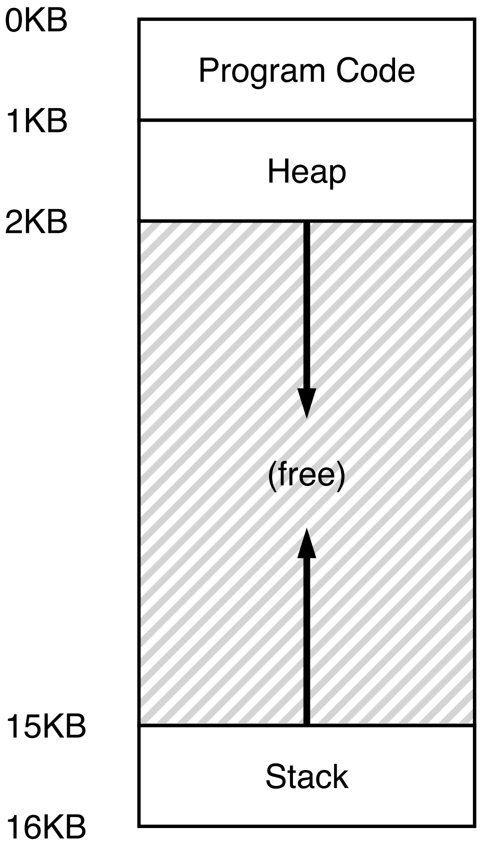
Data Segment (DS): Pointer to the data

Extra Segment (ES): Pointer to extra data

F Segment (FS): Pointer to more extra data

G Segment (GS): Pointer to still more extra data

NOTE: HOW DO STACKS GROW ?



Stack goes 16K → 12K, in physical memory is 28K → 24K

Segment base is at 28K

Virtual address 0x3C00 = 15K

→ top 2 bits (0x3) segment ref, offset is 0xC00 = 3K

How do we make CPU translate that ?

Negative offset = subtract max segment from offset

= 3K – 4K = -1K

Add to base = 28K – 1K = 27K

ADVANTAGES OF SEGMENTATION

Stack and heap can grow independently

- Heap: If no data on free list, dynamic memory allocator requests more from OS (e.g., UNIX: malloc calls sbrk())
- Stack: OS recognizes reference outside legal segment, extends stack implicitly

Different protection for different segments

- Enables sharing of selected segments
- Read-only status for code

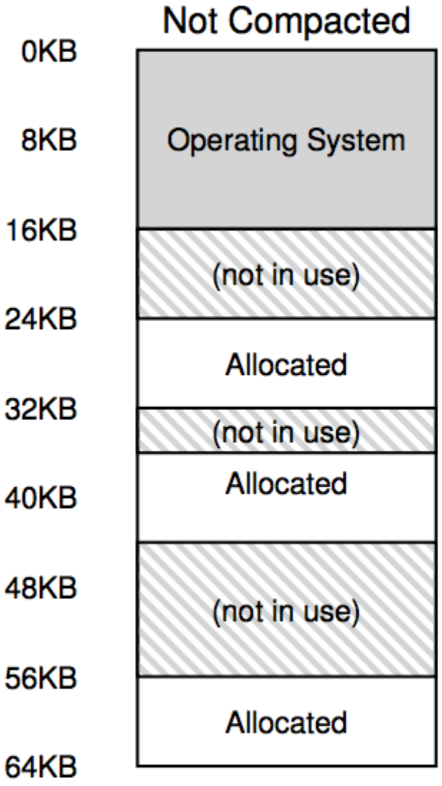
Supports dynamic relocation of each segment

DISADVANTAGES OF SEGMENTATION

Each segment must be allocated contiguously

May not have sufficient physical memory for large segments?

External Fragmentation



PAGING

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Goal: Eliminate requirement that address space is contiguous

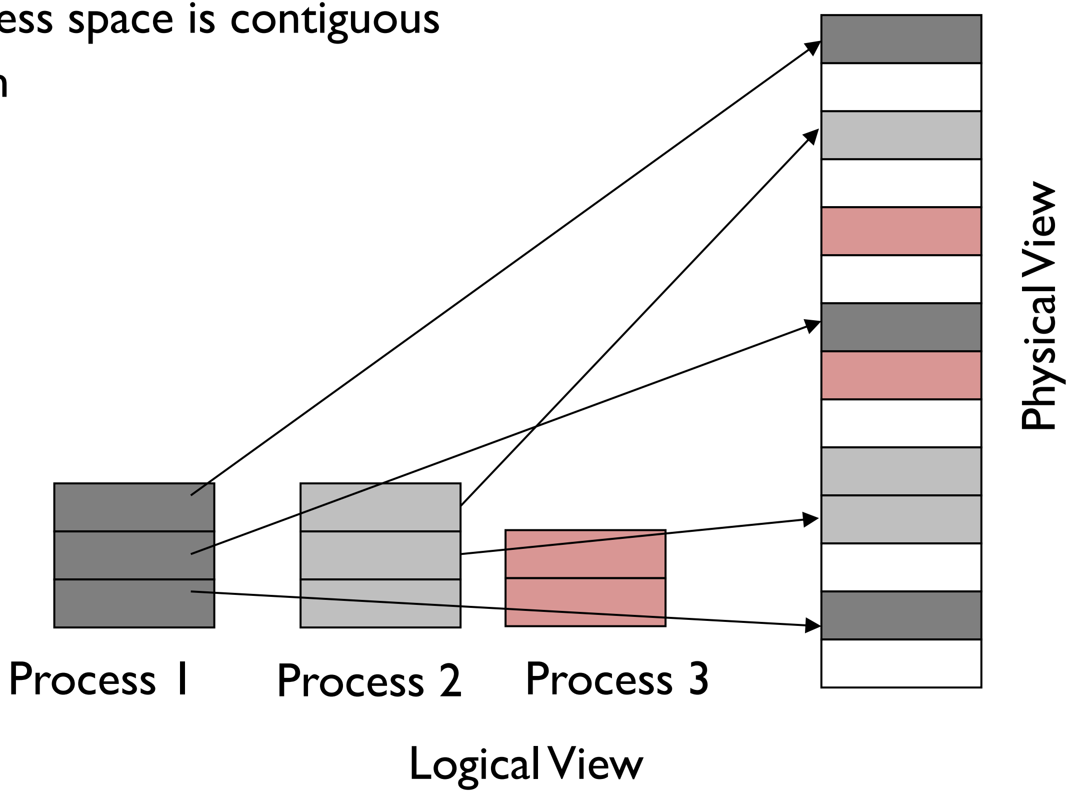
Eliminate external fragmentation

Grow segments as needed

Idea:

Divide address spaces and physical memory into fixed-sized pages

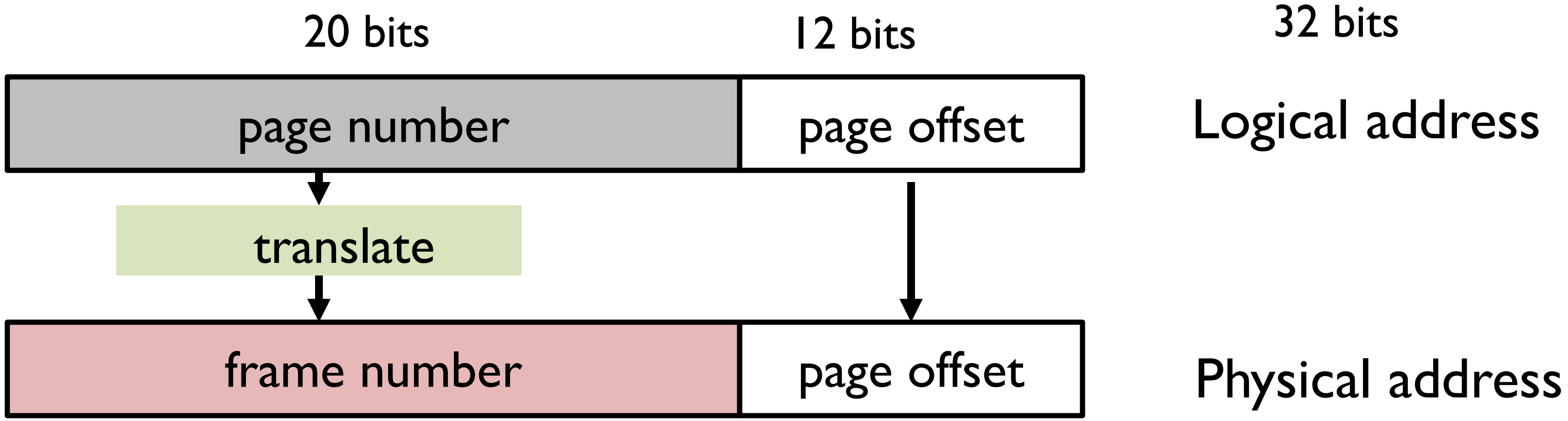
Size: 2^n, Example: 4KB



TRANSLATION OF PAGE ADDRESSES

How to translate logical address to physical address?

- High-order bits of address designate page number
- Low-order bits of address designate offset within page



No addition needed; just append bits correctly!

ADDRESS FORMAT

Given known page size, how many bits are needed in address to specify offset in page?

Page Size	Low Bits (offset)
16 bytes	
1 KB	
1 MB	
512 bytes	
4 KB	

ADDRESS FORMAT

Given number of bits in virtual address and bits for offset,
how many bits for virtual page number?

Page Size	Low Bits(offset)	Virt Addr Total Bits	High Bits(vpn)
16 bytes	4	10	
1 KB	10	20	
1 MB	20	32	
512 bytes	9	16	
4 KB	12	32	

ADDRESS FORMAT

Given number of bits for vpn, how many virtual pages can there be in an address space?

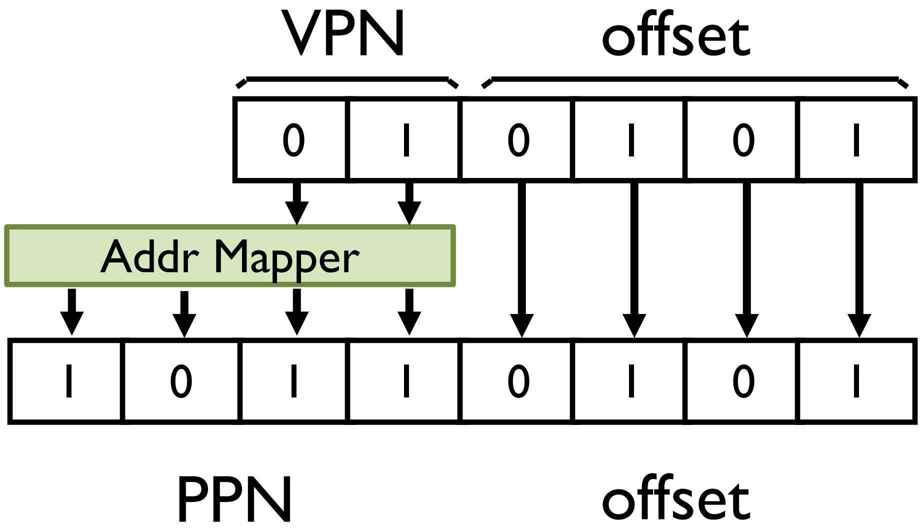
Page Size	Low Bits (offset)	Virt Addr Bits	High Bits (vpn)	Virt Pages
16 bytes	4	10	6	
1 KB	10	20	10	
1 MB	20	32	12	
512 bytes	9	16	7	
4 KB	12	32	20	

VIRTUAL → PHYSICAL PAGE MAPPING

Number of bits in virtual address

need not equal

number of bits in physical address

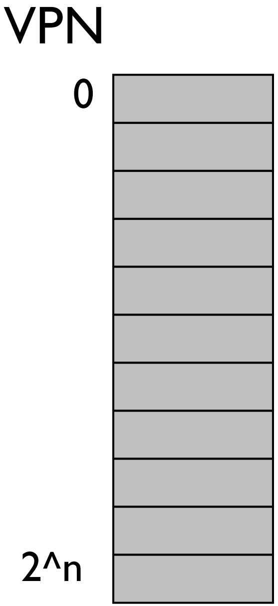


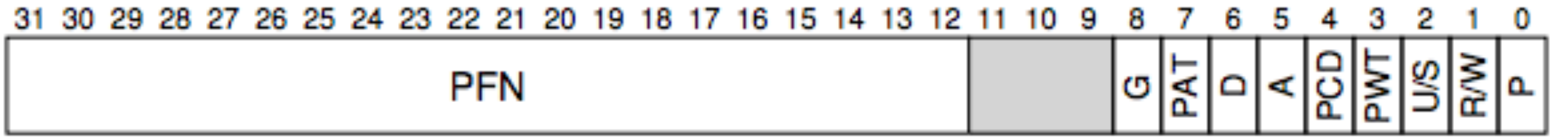
How should OS translate VPN to PPN?

PAGETABLES

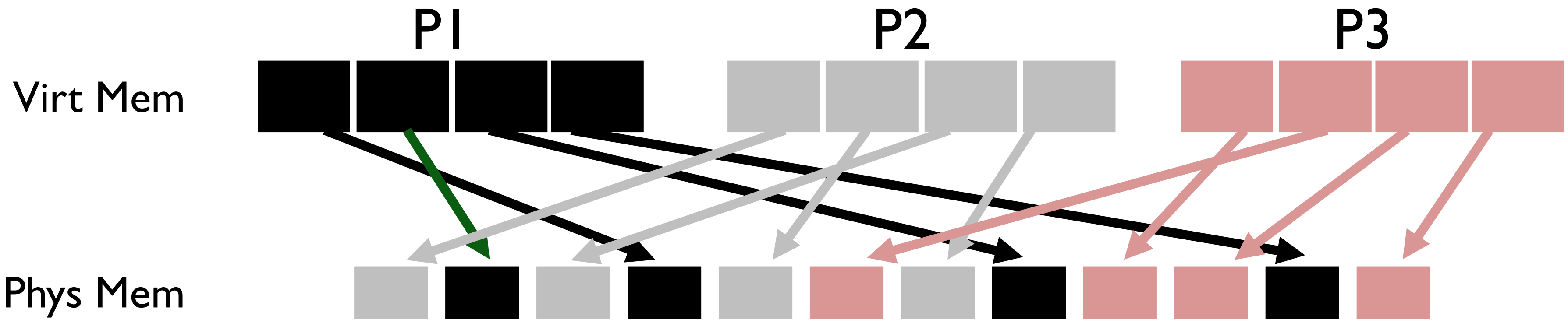
What is a good data structure ?

Simple solution: Linear page table aka *array*

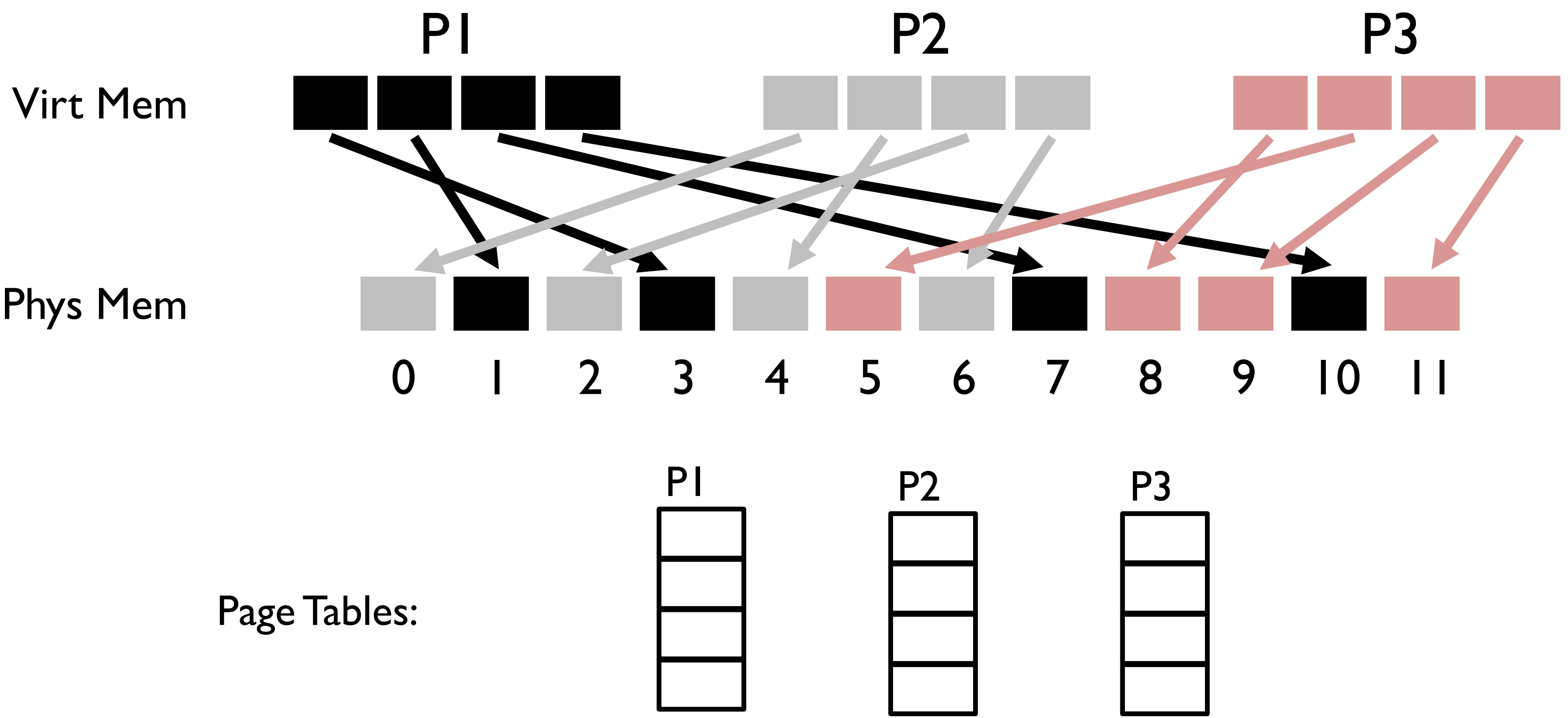




PER-PROCESS PAGETABLE



FILL IN PAGETABLE



QUIZ 9

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Description	Name of approach
1. one process uses RAM at a time	
2. rewrite code and addresses before running	
3. add per-process starting location to virt addr to obtain phys addr	
4. dynamic approach that verifies address is in valid range	
5. several base+bound pairs per process	

Candidates: Segmentation, Static Relocation, Base, Base+Bounds, Time Sharing

QUIZ9: HOW BIG IS A PAGETABLE?

Consider a **32-bit** address space with 4 KB pages. Assume each PTE is 4 bytes

How many bits do we need to represent the offset within a page?

How many virtual pages will we have in this case?

What will be the overall size of the page table?

WHERE ARE PAGETABLES STORED?

Implication: Store each page table in memory

Hardware finds page table base with register (e.g., CR3 on x86)

What happens on a context-switch?

Change contents of page table base register to newly scheduled process

Save old page table base register in PCB of descheduled process

OTHER PAGETABLE INFO

What other info is in pagetable entries besides translation?

- valid bit
- protection bits
- present bit (needed later)
- reference bit (needed later)
- dirty bit (needed later)

Pagetable entries are just bits stored in memory

- Agreement between HW and OS about interpretation

MEMORY ACCESSES WITH PAGING

14 bit addresses

```
0x0010: movl  0x1100, %edi
```

Assume PT is at phys addr 0x5000
Assume PTE's are 4 bytes
Assume 4KB pages
How many bits for offset? 12

Simplified view of page table

2
0
80
99

Fetch instruction at logical addr 0x0010

Access page table to get ppn for vpn 0

Mem ref 1:

Learn vpn 0 is at ppn ___

Fetch instruction at _______ (Mem ref 2)

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Exec, load from logical addr 0x1100

Access page table to get ppn for vpn 1

Mem ref 3:

Learn vpn 1 is at ppn ___

Movl from ______ into reg (Mem ref 4)

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Fetch instruction at logical addr 0x0010

Access page table to get ppn for vpn 0

Mem ref 1: ___0x5000___

Learn vpn 0 is at ppn 2

Fetch instruction at __0x2010__ (Mem ref 2)

Exec, load from logical addr 0x1100

Access page table to get ppn for vpn 1

Mem ref 3: ___0x5004___

Learn vpn 1 is at ppn 0

Movl from __0x0100__ into reg (Mem ref 4)

PROS/CONS OF PAGING

No external fragmentation

Any page can be placed in any frame in physical memory

Fast to allocate and free

- Alloc: No searching for suitable free space
- Free: Doesn't have to coalesce with adjacent free space

Internal fragmentation

- Page size may not match process needs
- Wasted memory grows with larger pages

Additional memory reference to page table →

- Page table must be stored in memory
- MMU stores only base address of page table

Storage for page tables may be substantial

- Requires PTE for all pages in address space
- Entry needed even if page not allocated ?

SUMMARY: PAGE TRANSLATION STEPS

For each mem reference:

1. extract **VPN** (virt page num) from **VA** (virt addr)
2. calculate addr of **PTE** (page table entry)
3. read **PTE** from memory
4. extract **PFN** (page frame num)
5. build **PA** (phys addr)
6. read contents of **PA** from memory into register

Which steps are expensive?

EXAMPLE: ARRAY ITERATOR

```
int sum = 0;
for (i=0; i<N; i++){
    sum += a[i];
}
```

Assume 'a' starts at 0x3000
Ignore instruction fetches
and access to 'i'

What virtual addresses?

load 0x3000

load 0x3004

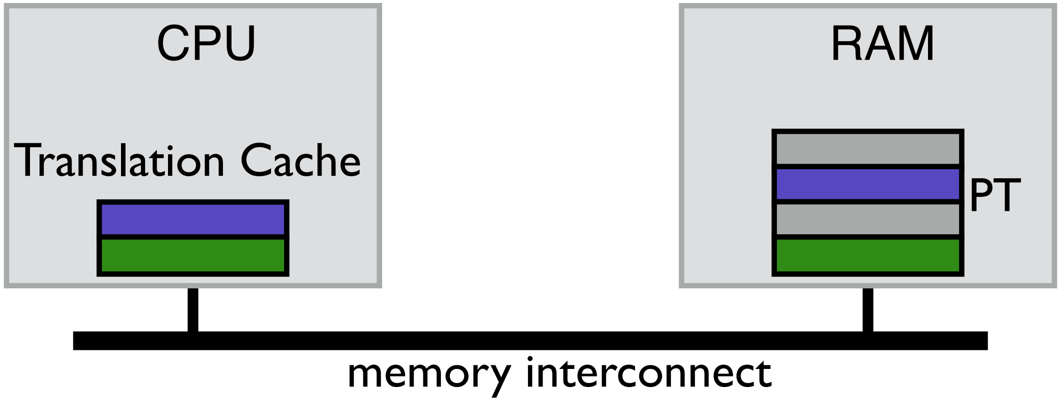
load 0x3008

load 0x300C

What physical addresses?

load 0x100C
load 0x7000
load 0x100C
load 0x7004
load 0x100C
load 0x7008
load 0x100C
load 0x700C

STRATEGY: CACHE PAGE TRANSLATIONS

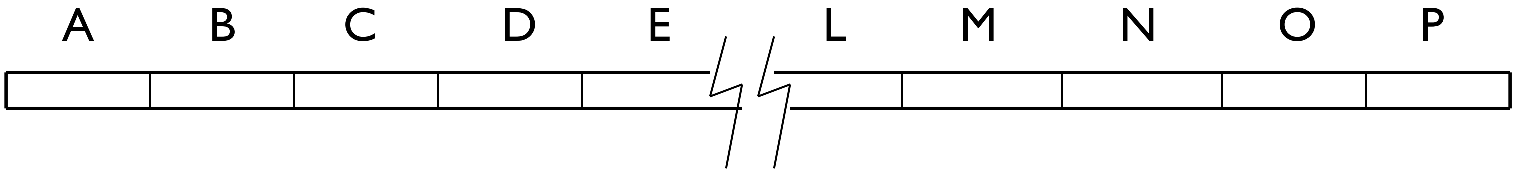


TLB: TRANSLATION LOOKASIDE BUFFER

TLB ORGANIZATION

TLB Entry

Tag (virtual page number)	Physical page number (page table entry)



Fully associative

Any given translation can be anywhere in the TLB

Hardware will search the entire TLB in parallel

ARRAY ITERATOR (W/ TLB)

```
int sum = 0;
for (i = 0; i < 2048; i++){
    sum += a[i];
}
```

Assume 'a' starts at 0x1000
Ignore instruction fetches
and access to 'i'

Assume following virtual address stream:
load 0x1000

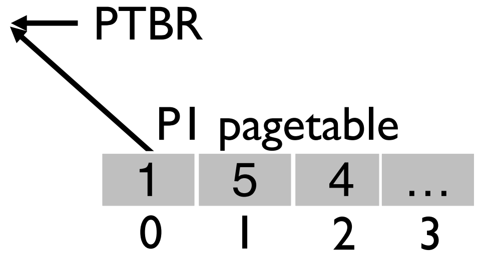
load 0x1004

load 0x1008

load 0x100C
…

What will TLB behavior look like?

TLB ACCESSES: SEQUENTIAL EXAMPLE



CPU's TLB

Valid	VPN	PPN

Virt

load 0x1000

load 0x1004

load 0x1008

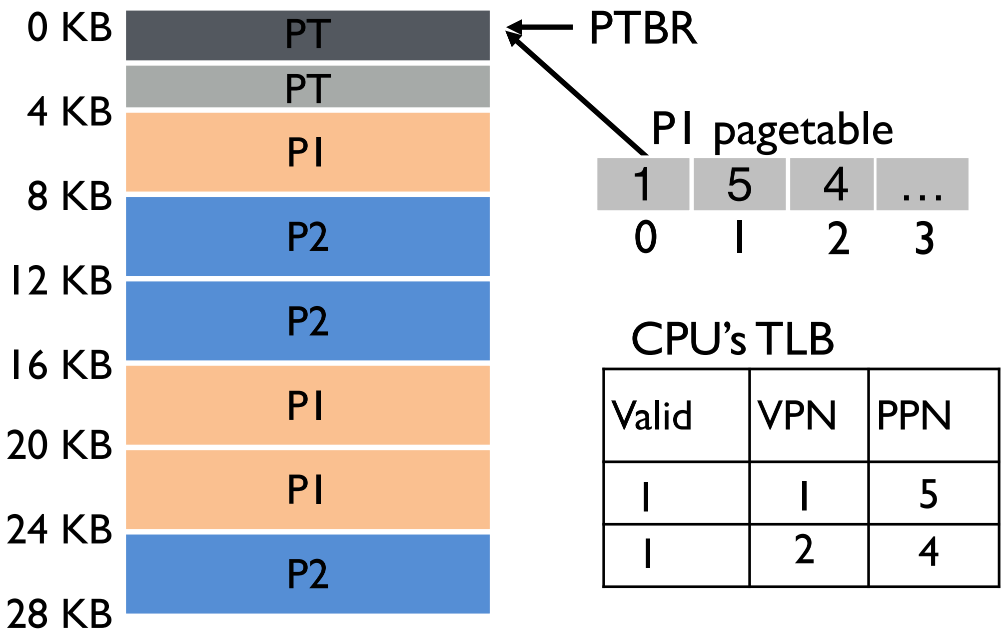
load 0x100c

...

load 0x2000

load 0x2004

TLB ACCESSES: SEQUENTIAL EXAMPLE



Valid	VPN	PPN
1	1	5
1	2	4

Virt

load 0x1000
load 0x1004
load 0x1008
load 0x100c
...
load 0x2000
load 0x2004

Phys

load 0x0004
load 0x5000
(TLB hit)
load 0x5004
(TLB hit)
load 0x5008
(TLB hit)
load 0x500C
...
load 0x0008
load 0x4000
(TLB hit)
load 0x4004

QUIZ 10: TLBS

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Consider a processor with 16-bit address space and 4kB page size.
Assume Page Table is at 0x2000 and each PTE is of 4 bytes.

Simplified view of the PT

VPN	PPN
4	7
5	8
3	9
2	1

Virtual Addresses
0x3000: load 0x5320, %eax
0x3004: load 0x4004, %ebx
0x3008: mul %ecx, %eax, %ebx
0x300C: store %ebx, 0x5324
0x3010: load 0x5328, %ebx

Total number of memory accesses

Memory accesses

QUIZ 10: TLBS

Simplified view of the PT

VPN	PPN
4	7
5	8
3	9
2	1

Virtual Addresses
0x3000: load 0x5320, %eax
0x3004: load 0x4004, %ebx
0x3008: mul %ecx, %eax, %ebx
0x300C: store %ebx, 0x5324
0x3010: load 0x5328, %ebx

Valid	VPN	PPN
0	2	6
0	7	23
0	2	5
0	3	2
0	1	89

Memory accesses

PERFORMANCE OF TLB?

```
int sum = 0;
for (i=0; i<2048; i++) {
    sum += a[i];
}
```

Would hit rate get better or worse with smaller pages?

Miss rate of TLB: # TLB misses / # TLB lookups

TLB lookups? number of accesses to a = 2048

TLB misses?
= number of unique pages accessed
= 2048 / (elements of 'a' per 4K page)
= 2K / (4K / sizeof(int)) = 2K / 1K
= 2

Miss rate? = 2/2048 = 0.1%

Hit rate? (1 – miss rate) = 99.9%

TLB PERFORMANCE

How can system improve hit rate given fixed number of TLB entries?

Increase page size:

Fewer unique page translations needed to access same amount of memory

TLB Reach: Number of TLB entries * Page Size

WORKLOAD ACCESS PATTERNS

Workload A

```
int sum = 0;
for (i=0; i<2048; i++) {
    sum += a[i];
}
```

Sequential array accesses almost always hit in TLB!

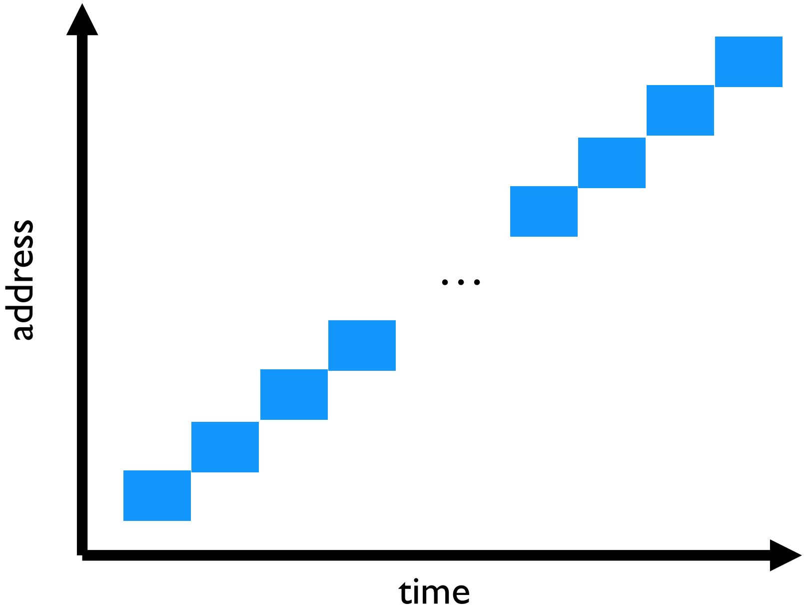
Workload B

```
int sum = 0;
srand(1234);
for (i=0; i<1000; i++) {
    sum += a[rand() % N];
}
srand(1234);
for (i=0; i<1000; i++) {
    sum += a[rand() % N];
}
```

WORKLOAD ACCESS PATTERNS

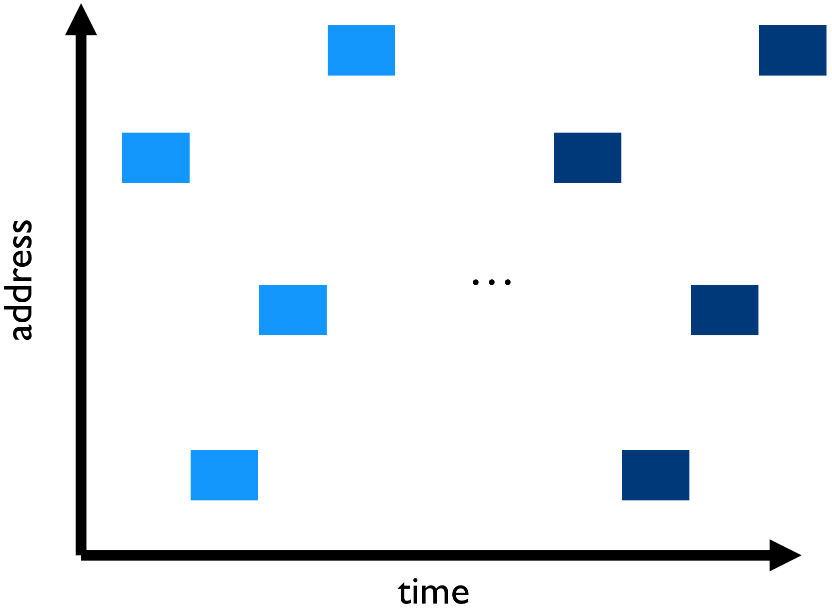
Spatial Locality

Sequential Accesses



Temporal Locality

Repeated Random Accesses



WORKLOAD LOCALITY

Spatial Locality: future access will be to nearby addresses

Temporal Locality: future access will be repeats to the same data

What TLB characteristics are best for each type?

Spatial:

- Access same page repeatedly; need same vpn → ppn translation
- Same TLB entry re-used

Temporal:

- Access same address near in future
- Same TLB entry re-used in near future
- How near in future? How many TLB entries are there?

OTHER TLB CHALLENGES

How to replace TLB entries ? LRU ? Random ?

TLB on context switches ? HW or OS ?

NEXT STEPS

Project 3 is out!

Next class: More TLBs and better pagetables!