To improve CPU utilization in a multiprogramming environment we need multiple programs in main memory at the same time.

Basic CPUs and Physical Memory
- CPU <-> cache <-> Physical memory
  - CPU stall going to main memory
  - cache speedups
- Address Binding
  - compile time
  - load time (relocatable code)
  - execution time
- logical (CPU) vs physical (memory) addresses
  - MMU -- changes logical into physical
  - PIC (position independent code)
- Dynamic Linking and shared libraries
  - Needs PIC code
  - Usually needs advanced hardware
- Protection from other processes, dynamic address control
Memory Management Techniques

Swapping
- Copying out memory to a "backing store"
- Early systems used "drum storage"
- Disk is used now, both rotating and solid state
- End of quantum, swap out while running another process.
- Larger memory means less swapping
- Thrashing -- spending most of time swapping
- Mobile OSes don’t usually support swapping
  - Give other applications memory warnings ...

Contiguous Memory Allocation
- Full memory footprint of programs stored contiguously
- Protection from other processes
  - Base and limit registers (Kernel mode access only)
    - Min and Max for current process
    - real address vs base+offset
- Partition memory for processes
  - Fixed sized partitions
  - Variable sized partitions
Partition algorithms (variable sizes)
- First fit
- Best fit
- Worst fit
- Fragmentation
  - external -- variable partitions
  - internal -- fixed sized or blocked allocation

Paging -- a better solution
- Non-contiguous memory allocation
- Uses special hardware to do address mapping

Basic Method
- Physical memory -- divided up into equal sized frames
- Logical memory -- divided up into pages (same size as frames)
- MMU maps between logical memory (pages) to physical (frames)
- Page table: maps page to frame
- Physical memory can have more frames than logical has pages
- page table changed between processes (kernel mode only)
Blitz as an example of paging

Memory
- Byte addressable, 32 bit addresses
- 32 bit aligned
- Big Endian
- Page size is 8K bytes

Page Table Registers
- PTBR - Page Table Base Register (32 bits)
  - loaded with "ldptbr" instruction
- PTLR - Page Table Length Register (32 bits) in bytes
  - loaded with "ldptrl" instruction

Paging is turned on by "Paging Enabled" bit in Status Register set to 1

Physical memory:
- Low addresses -- interrupt table
- High addresses -- memory mapped I/O devices

When paging is on, logical address are broken up as:
- 31-24: high order bits (8 bits)
- 23-13: page number bits (11 bits)
- 12-00: offset (13 bits)
Blitz as an example of paging (page 2)

Review:
- 31-24: high order bits (8 bits)
- 23-13: page number bits (11 bits)
- 12-00: offset (13 bits)

Physical addresses are generated from logical addresses as:
- High order bits ignored (16M max mapped address space)
- Page number selects a 32 bit entry from the page table
- Frame number in the page table is concatenated with offset
  - Result is physical memory address

Page table entry format:
- 31-13: frame number
- 12-04: ignored (may be used by OS)
- 3: Dirty bit (1 => updated)
- 2: Referenced bit (1 => referenced)
- 1: Writable bit (1 => writable, 0 => read only)
- 0: Valid bit

Memory cycle: R or W, logical address
- May cause one of several exceptions: Page Invalid, Page Read-Only, Address exception
Blitz as an example of paging (page 3)

Referenced and Dirty bit
- Set by the MMU as part of the operation
  - Referenced => used for either a read or write
  - Dirty => page has had a store to it

More Complex Paging Hardware
- Multi-level page tables: (32 bit x86 series, old NS 32532)
  - Page size 4k, 32 bit addresses
  - 1024 entries in each page table page
- Virtual Address
  - 11-00: offset
  - 21-12: entry B
  - 31-22: entry A
- Register has a pointer to Table A (Page directory)
- Entry A: 1K entries pointing to entry B tables (Page Table)
- Entry B: 1K entries pointing to frames
- Filled out page tables ... 1025 4K pages: 4,198,400 bytes
- Entries similar to blitz: bits 31-12, frame number,
  - 11-7 unused (mostly), 6 dirty, 5 referenced, 4 cache disable
  - 3 write-through, 2 user/supervisor, 1 R/W, 0 valid
RISC-V Summary

- **SV 32** -- very similar to i386, 4K pages, 2 level page tables
  - 1K entries per page table, 32 bits/entry
  - ANY PTE can be a "leaf"
  - 4K page and a 4M page (must be 4M aligned, super page)

- **SV 39** -- Add another level, 3 levels
  - 4k base page, 64 bit entries -> 512 entries per page table
  - ANY PTE can be a "leaf", 4K, 2M, and 1G pages! (aligned)

- **SV 48** -- Add another level, 4 levels
  - 4k base page, 64 bit entries -> 512 entries per page table
  - any PTE can be a "leaf", 4k, 2M, 1G and 512G pages. (aligned)

Ref: https://riscv.org/specifications/privileged-isa pg 59
Larger Page Tables

some 64 bit architectures use other techniques

- Hashed Page tables
  - Entry: Virtual Address, Frame, chain address
  - Size of table an issue
- Clustered page tables -- similar to hashed
  - Each entry points to a cluster of pages
  - 8, 16, or 32 pages in cluster
  - makes smaller hash tables
- Inverted Page Tables (Ultra sparc, Power PC)
  - Issue: regular page tables may take lots of memory
  - Solution: frame table
    - Entry: Process Id, Virtual Address/page
    - VA: <processID, Page #, offset>
    - inverted table is searched for <PID, Page#>
    - inverted table in associative memory or hash table
    - harder to implement shared memory

Shared pages?

- blitz/i386/RISCV-5 methods
- hashed and inverted tables
Other hardware support for paging

Problem: Where to store page tables?

☐ In special registers?
   ☐ Process switch requires one to reload registers

☐ In memory?
   ☐ Each memory reference needs to look up a page table entry
     ☐ PTBR (Page Table Base Register)
     ☐ Makes process switch much easier, one register
     ☐ double (or more) the time to access memory

☐ Solution to this ... TLB (Translation Look-aside buffer)
   ☐ High speed associative memory
     ☐ Stores <page number, frame number> pairs
     ☐ Can get it "invalidated" or "flushed"
   ☐ TLB set up by accessing a page table
     ☐ Fewer entries than total pages available
     ☐ Sometimes TLB entries can be "wired down"
   ☐ Some TLBs store <pid, page number, frame number>
      ☐ Can be used by multiple processes concurrently
Segmentation

Another twist of logical addresses to physical addresses

- Idea of various segments
  - e.g. Text, Global, Heap, Stack
  - may expand memory by using unique addresses for each segment
  - e.g. Often know when fetching instructions vs data

- Old example: HP 3000, 63 text segments, 1 or 2 data segments
  - Segments can help do shared libraries
  - Allowed for larger memory space than 16bit addresses allowed

- More recent example: IA-32
  - Up to 16K segments, each segment 4G
    - 8K shared segments, 8K private segments
  - 6 segment registers to allow a process to address multiple segments
  - final physical address, 32 bit
  - doesn’t allow larger physical than logical spaces
Virtual Memory (Chapter 10)

Previous chapter
- multiple processes in memory at the same time
- techniques to share main memory
- page table mechanisms

This chapter -- complete memory view for processes
- how to manage memory (by kernel) for processes

Basic requirement -- instructions/data must be in real memory to use them
- not all data/instructions need to be in memory all the time
  - some unused code may never be needed
  - logical memory may be larger than physical memory
    - Old times ... overlays
- Error cases may not be needed
- Complete subsystems may be unused during a particular run
  - Programmer allocates 100x100, user uses 10x10

- Allow placing of data/instructions in memory only if needed.
  - Not all of all segments are mapped
  - Allows more processes in main memory at the same time
Virtual memory -- separation of logical (user) view from physical memory

- Programmer can program with a large VM address
- Programmer can view it as linear and contiguous
- Paging hardware allows for "shared pages"
  - Use to get shared libraries implemented

Demand paging

- A different kind of "swapping"
  - Swapping?
    - Save entire process memory to disk, reload to memory to run
- Demand paging can be a "lazy swapper"
  - process doing this is the "pager"
  - Code (text) of program is on disk
  - Can allocate disk space for process "r/w memory" to be saved.
Demand paging (page 2)

- don’t load memory from disk until it is needed
  - How?
  - Page fault => need page X
  - find page X on disk
  - load page X into memory
  - update page table
  - rerun instruction
  - uses the valid bit in the page tables
  - larger page tables (multi-level) demand load page tables
Pure demand paging...

- start program running without any pages in memory!
  (New program & process)
- not cool ... there are known pages needed
  - instructions at load position
  - initial stack location
  - global data possibly
- performance is an issue for demand paging
- levels of access: cache -> memory -> disk
- times? 10ns, 200ns, 8ms
- effective access time = (1-p)*ma + p*pft
  - ma = memory access time (ignoring cache effects),
  - pft = page fault time, p = fault probability 0 <= p <= 1
- Use ns (nano seconds)
- ma = 200
Demand paging (page 3)

- Performance (continued)
  - pft?
    - trap, context switch, call page fault function
    - find page, lookup disk file, schedule page load
    - wait for page to be loaded
    - return from trap (context switch ...)

- up to 8 ms (or more!)
- time = (1-p) * 200 + p * 8000000
  - = 200 + 7999800*p

- If p = .001 (one out of 1000) => 8.2 microsec memory cycle!
- 10% performance degradation?
  - 220 > 200 + 7999800*p
  - 20 > 7999800*p
  - p < 0.0000025  (1 in 400000)
Process creation

Fork():

- Have a running process with a complete memory image
- Options?
  - Copy the entire memory space?
  - Copy on write!
    - On fork, turn all page entries to R/O
    - A process that gets a page fault due to write
      - Copy frame
      - Set each page table to point to a different one
    - (Harder to do on inverted page tables)
  - Processes share R/O pages
- Advantage of copy-on-write?
  - Don’t copy and then throw away!
- vfork()?
  - Suspend parent, let child run using parent’s memory
  - Child should immediately call exec().
  - Child change of memory will show up in parent!

Exec(): Keep current PCB and so forth, rebuild memory image
Demand Paging and Page Replacement

With demand paging comes something not as expensive as swapping ...
- page removal from frames when out of frames
  - page fault -> need more memory
  - memory is full, need to reuse a frame
  - take a page from some other process
    - Dirty or clean page?
      - clean if possible
        don’t have to write it out
don’t have to wait for it to be written
- Algorithm for selecting frame/page to throw out... (page replacement algorithms)
  - most OSes have their own scheme .... but
  - there are standard algorithms to consider
    - FIFO
      - Issues?
May throw out one you need soon
Belady’s anomaly -- more frames increase page fault rate in some cases
Expect more page frames lower fault rate
Optimal Page replacement

Always replace the page that will not be used for the longest period of time.

Doesn’t really exist

Trying to approximate the Optimal Page replacement algorithm

Least recently used (LRU)

- page that has not been used for the longest
- assume it will not be needed soon
- locality of reference in code and data

How to implement?

- Hardware support is essential
- Counters -- add a memory reference counter to hardware
  - Access to a page stores counter to that page table entry
  - Smallest counter in page table is LRU page
- Stack -- add a stack to the page table
  - Each memory access puts the current page on top of stack
  - Entries are not allowed to be duplicated
  - Entry at the bottom of stack is LRU page
Problem?

Few computers supply previous mentioned hardware support

What do they provide?

- Referenced and Dirty Bits -- like Blitz

LRU approximation algorithms

- These algorithms assume that the referenced and dirty bits are cleared on load

second-chance

- Basic algorithm is fifo

- when a page is selected, check reference bit
  - if 0, replace
  - if 1, add to end of fifo and clear reference bit

enhanced second-chance

- use referenced and modified, use the pair \((r,d)\)
- \((0,0)\) not referenced, not modified, good choice
- \((0,1)\) not referenced, modified, requires a page out also
- \((1,0)\) referenced, not modified, may be used again
- \((1,1)\) referenced, modified, most likely in active use, page out required

- replace the oldest in the lowest non-empty class first
Additional-reference-bits
- keep an extra integer value for each page in memory (8 bits works)
- at a regular interval shift reference bit into extra integer at MSB
  - 100 ms a good time?
  - right shift R -> extra_int, lsb (least significant bit) drops out
  - clear the reference bit
- replace page with smallest extra integer
- vary the number of bits
- extreme case of 1 bit => second-chance algorithm

LFU - Least frequently used
- keep a count of the number of times the page is used
  - hardware counter?
  - reference bit?
- small counts imply not frequently used
- Issue: Initial use page, not used later
  - Solution: count aging

MFU - most frequently used
- idea is that new pages just brought in have not been frequently used
Other paging related ideas

Page-Buffering

- Keep a collection of free frames -- the pool
- page fault -> select page to replace via algorithm
  - get a free frame for new page, start read immediately
  - if old frame is dirty, write it out, then add it back to the pool
- want to keep a minimum number in the free frame pool
- allows process to resume faster than a "write page, load page" operation
- Modification to improve "write times"
  - when paging device is idle, select a modified frame to write out
  - improves the probability that the page is not dirty when selected for page out
- Another tweak -- pages in the free pool "remember" which page they contain
  - A page fault for a page in the free pool requires no I/O to restore
  - works well with FIFO or second-chance
  - works with other paging algorithms
Frame Allocation

How should frames be allocated to processes?
  □ Equal allocation?
  □ Proportional allocation?

First ... minimum frame count?
  □ Instruction length ... can it cross a page
  □ Data access:
    □ number of memory locations per instruction
    □ any indirection
    □ infinite indirection?
    □ limit to 16 levels or so

Equal allocation: m frames, n processes, each gets m/n

Proportional allocation: frames needed total vs frames needed by all processes
  □ P_i_frames_needed/total_frames_needed * frames_available

Priority allocation: give more frames to high priority processes
Global versus Local allocation

- Process i gets a page fault
  - look only at pages owned by P_i? (local)
  - look at all possible frames? (global)
- Global -- a process can’t control own fault rate
- Local -- may not get access to unused memory
  - large program spending lots of time in small part of program/data
- Global used most often

Non-uniform memory access issues

- Multi-CPU / Memory Module systems
- CPU access faster to some memory
- choose frames with minium latency
Thrashing

- CPU utilization vs degree of multiprogramming
  - At some point, increasing the load decreases the CPU utilization
  - Happens more often in global replacement algorithms
    - Spend more time doing paging than CPU work
- Locality
  - A set of frames actively used together
  - A way to help quantify what pages should be in memory
  - May have several localities during the running of a program
  - Don’t have enough pages for locality ... the process thrashes

Working Set Model

- Parameter: delta time -- working-set window
- Varies over time
- Find a working set for each process
- Keep each frame allocation to working set
- Helps stop thrashing and increase CPU utilization
- May be able to help detect working set via page fault rate
Memory Mapped Files and Shared Memory

Techniques using paging
- Memory Mapped Files
  - Map file, don’t page in contents
  - Access to file is via memory "reference"
  - Uses pager to get data into memory
  - Automatic write back of "dirty pages"
  - Allows multiple processes to use same file
- CMU: Recoverable Virtual Memory (RVM)
  - Build a data structure in memory
  - Copy goes to disk
  - Run program again, recover data structure
- NetBSD on small files:
  - mmap(source file); mmap(dest file); memmove(); close()...

Shared Memory
- Use page tables, map same physical frames into logical adr space of 2 or more processes
- Can map as r/w or r/o pages
- SYSV API for shared memory
Kernel Memory and Allocation

Kernel memory is somewhat different than "user memory"
- Still using from limited frame pool
- Hardware may require contiguous memory, e.g. DMA buffers
- Some OSes may not run in a paged mode
- How about a page fault while running in kernel mode?
  - Error for most OSes.
- Read about Buddy System ... not really that good
- Typical allocators
  - subsystem allocates frames
  - may hand out smaller chunks to other parts of the kernel
  - large allocations may be integral number of frames, contiguous
- Typical OS
  - on boot find free frames
  - initialize a kernel memory allocation
  - use "free frames" for both user pages and kernel allocation
  - kernel allocation may interfere with user processes by grabbing frames
- NetBSD -- pmap component maps physical memory
Other issues

Prepaging -- Trying to predict page needs and get the page in memory before use
- May do this for a newly exec() ed process and processes being swapped in.
- Possible problems: guessed wrong, too much prepaging

Page size?
- Often the hardware dictates page size
- Some machines offer several page sizes
  - small pages -> more efficient memory use (fragmentation)
  - larger pages -> less paging
- time required to read/write a given page

TLB reach
- TLB (Translation Lookaside Buffer)
- TLB reach -- amount of memory accessible from the TLB
- page size * number of TLB entries
- would like working set all from the TLB
- Some architectures allow for multiple page sizes
  - means TLB is partially managed by software
I/O and frames

- Common I/O technique, DMA (Direct Memory Access)
- DMA uses real memory addresses
- What if user buffer crosses a page boundary?
  - Don’t do DMA to user memory
  - OR Move pages to be contiguous
- Lock (or pin) a frame in memory for I/O operation
- Lock frames for kernel into memory
  - OSes don’t like to generate page faults themselves!

Kernel access to user data:

- Blitz:
  - Virtual vs Real address
  - Kernel running without mapping, user running with mapping
- Other machines, e.g. i386 or NS32532
  - kernel and user both mapped
- NetBSD: uiomove() function
  - Boot time: start running at real addresses, switch to virtual

Read section 10.10