Deadlocks

The Deadlock Problem

- A set of blocked processes each holding a resource and waiting to acquire a resource held by another process in the set
- Example
 - System has 2 disk drives
 - P_1 and P_2 each hold one disk drive and each needs another one
- Example
 - semaphores A and B, initialized to 1

P ₀	<i>P</i> ₁
wait (A);	wait(B)
wait (B);	wait(A)

Bridge Crossing Example



- Traffic only in one direction
- Each section of a bridge can be viewed as a resource
- If a deadlock occurs, it can be resolved if one car backs up (preempt resources and rollback)
- Several cars may have to be backed up if a deadlock occurs
- Starvation is possible
- Note Most OSes do not prevent or deal with deadlocks

System Model

- Resource types R_1, R_2, \ldots, R_m CPU cycles, memory space, I/O devices
- Each resource type R_i has W_i instances.
- Each process utilizes a resource as follows:
 - request
 - use
 - release

Deadlock Characterization

Deadlock can arise if four conditions hold simultaneously.

- Mutual exclusion: only one process at a time can use a resource
- Hold and wait: a process holding at least one resource is waiting to acquire additional resources held by other processes
- No preemption: a resource can be released only voluntarily by the process holding it, after that process has completed its task
- Circular wait: there exists a set {P₀, P₁, ..., P₀} of waiting processes such that P₀ is waiting for a resource that is held by P₁, P₁ is waiting for a resource that is held by

 P_2 , ..., P_{n-1} is waiting for a resource that is held by P_n , and P_0 is waiting for a resource that is held by P_0 .

Resource-Allocation Graph

A set of vertices V and a set of edges E.

- V is partitioned into two types:
 - P = {P₁, P₂, ..., P_n}, the set consisting of all the processes in the system
 - $R = \{R_1, R_2, ..., R_m\}$, the set consisting of all resource types in the system
- request edge directed edge $P_1 \rightarrow R_i$
- assignment edge directed edge $R_j \rightarrow P_i$

Resource-Allocation Graph (Cont.)

• Process



• Resource Type with 4 instances



• P_i requests instance of R_j



• P_i is holding an instance of R_j



Example of a Resource Allocation Graph



Resource Allocation Graph With A Deadlock



Graph With A Cycle But No Deadlock



Basic Facts

- If graph contains no cycles ⇒ no deadlock
- If graph contains a cycle \Rightarrow
 - if only one instance per resource type, then deadlock
 - if several instances per resource type, possibility of deadlock

Methods for Handling Deadlocks

- Ensure that the system will *never* enter a deadlock state
- Allow the system to enter a deadlock state and then recover
- Ignore the problem and pretend that deadlocks never occur in the system; used by most operating systems, including UNIX

Deadlock Prevention

Restrain the ways request can be made

- **Mutual Exclusion** not required for sharable resources; must hold for nonsharable resources
- Hold and Wait must guarantee that whenever a process requests a resource, it does not hold any other resources
 - Require process to request and be allocated all its resources before it begins execution, or allow process to request resources only when the process has none
 - Low resource utilization; starvation possible

Deadlock Prevention (Cont.)

- No Preemption
 - If a process that is holding some resources requests another resource that cannot be immediately allocated to it, then all resources currently being held are released
 - Preempted resources are added to the list of resources for which the process is waiting
 - Process will be restarted only when it can regain its old resources, as well as the new ones that it is requesting
- **Circular Wait** impose a total ordering of all resource types, and require that each process requests resources in an increasing order of enumeration

Deadlock Avoidance

Requires that the system has some additional *a priori* information available

- Simplest and most useful model requires that each process declare the *maximum number* of resources of each type that it may need
- The deadlock-avoidance algorithm dynamically examines the resource-allocation state to ensure that there can never be a circular-wait condition
- Resource-allocation state is defined by the number of available and allocated resources, and the maximum demands of the processes

Safe State

- When a process requests an available resource, system must decide if immediate allocation leaves the system in a safe state
- System is in safe state if there exists a sequence $\langle P_1, P_2, ..., P_n \rangle$ of ALL the processes is the systems such that for each P_i , the resources that P_i can still request can be satisfied by currently available resources + resources held by all the P_i , with j < i
- That is:
 - If P_i resource needs are not immediately available, then P_i can wait until all P_i have finished
 - When *P_j* is finished, *P_i* can obtain needed resources, execute, return allocated resources, and terminate
 - When *P_i* terminates, *P_{i+1}* can obtain its needed resources, and so on

Basic Facts

- If a system is in safe state ⇒ no deadlocks
- If a system is in unsafe state ⇒ possibility of deadlock
- Avoidance ⇒ ensure that a system will never enter an unsafe state.

Safe, Unsafe, Deadlock State



Avoidance algorithms

- Single instance of a resource type
 - Use a resource-allocation graph
- Multiple instances of a resource type
 - Use the banker's algorithm

Resource-Allocation Graph Scheme

- Claim edge $P_i \rightarrow R_i$ indicated that process P_j may request resource R_i ; 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 *P_i* requests a resource *R_j*
- 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

- Multiple instances
- Each process must a priori claim maximum use
- When a process requests a resource it may have to wait
- When a process gets all its resources it must return them in a finite amount of time

Data Structures for the Banker's Algorithm

Let n = number of processes, and m = number of resources types.

- Available: Vector of length *m*. If available [*j*] = *k*, there are *k* instances of resource type *R_j* available
- Max: n x m matrix. If Max [i,j] = k, then process P_i may request at most k instances of resource type R_i
- Allocation: n x m matrix. If Allocation[*i*,*j*] = k then P_i is currently allocated k instances of R_i
- **Need**: *n* x *m* matrix. If *Need*[*i*,*j*] = *k*, then *P*_{*i*} may need *k* more instances of *R*_{*i*} to complete its task

Need [i,j] = Max[i,j] – Allocation [i,j]

Safety Algorithm

1. Let *Work* and *Finish* be vectors of length *m* and *n*, respectively. Initialize:

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

- 2. Find and *i* such that both:
 - (a) Finish [i] = false
 - (b) $Need_i \leq Work$

If no such *i* exists, go to step 4

- 3. Work = Work + Allocation_i Finish[i] = true go to step 2
- 4. If *Finish* [*i*] == true for all *i*, then the system is in a safe state

Resource-Request Algorithm for Process P_i

Request = request vector for process P_i . If Request_i[j] = k then process P_i wants k instances of resource type R_i

- 1. If $Request_i \leq Need_i$ go to step 2. Otherwise, raise error condition, since process has exceeded its maximum claim
- 2. If $Request_i \leq Available$, go to step 3. Otherwise P_i must wait, since resources are not available
- 3. Pretend to allocate requested resources to P_i by modifying the state as follows:

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Available = Available - Request;
Allocation<sub>i</sub> = Allocation<sub>i</sub> + Request<sub>i</sub>;
Need<sub>i</sub> = Need<sub>i</sub> - Request<sub>i</sub>;
```

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

Example of Banker's Algorithm

• 5 processes P₀ through P₄;

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	A B C	A B C
D 0	010	753	332
<i>P</i> ₁	200	322	
P_2	302	902	
P_3	211	222	
P_4	002	433	

Example (Cont.) • The content of the matrix *Need* is defined to be *Max* – Allocation

 $\begin{array}{r} \underline{Need} \\ A B C \\ P_0 & 7 4 3 \\ P_1 & 1 2 2 \\ P_2 & 6 0 0 \\ P_3 & 0 1 1 \\ P_4 & 4 3 1 \\ \end{array}$

 The system is in a safe state since the sequence < P₁, P₃, P₄, P₂, P₀> satisfies safety criteria

Example: P_1 Request (1,0,2)

Check that Request ≤ Available (that is, (1,0,2) ≤ (3,3,2) ⇒ true

<u>A</u>	<i>llocation</i>	<u>Need</u>	<u>Available</u>	
	ABC		A B C	A B C
P_0	010		743230	
<i>P</i> ₁ 3	02	0 2	0	
P ₂	301	6	500	
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

- Allow system to enter deadlock state
- Detection algorithm
- Recovery scheme

Single Instance of Each Resource Type

- Maintain *wait-for* graph
 - Nodes are processes
 - $P_i \rightarrow P_j$ if P_i is waiting for P_j
- 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 n² operations, where n is the number of vertices in the graph

Resource-Allocation Graph and Wait-for Graph



Resource-Allocation Graph

Corresponding wait-for graph

Several Instances of a Resource Type

- 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 [i_j] = k, then process P_i is requesting k more instances of resource type. R_j.

Detection Algorithm

- 1. Let *Work* and *Finish* be vectors of length *m* and *n*, respectively Initialize:
 - (a) *Work = Available*
 - (b) For i = 1,2, ..., n, if Allocation_i ≠ 0, then Finish[i] = false;otherwise, Finish[i] = true
- 2. Find an index *i* such that both:
 - (a) Finish[i] == false (b) Request_i \leq Work

If no such *i* exists, go to step 4

Detection Algorithm (Cont.)

3. Work = Work + Allocation_i Finish[i] = true go to step 2

4. If *Finish*[*i*] == false, for some *i*, $1 \le i \le n$, then the system is in deadlock state. Moreover, if *Finish*[*i*] == *false*, then *P*_{*i*} is deadlocked

Algorithm requires an order of $O(m \ge n^2)$ operations to detect whether the system is in deadlocked state
Example of Detection Algorithm

- Five processes P₀ through P₄; three resource types A (7 instances), B (2 instances), and C (6 instances)
- Snapshot at time *T*₀:

<u>A</u>	<u>llocationR</u>	<u>equest</u> <u>Available</u>
	ABC	ABCABC
$P_0 0$	10	000000
P_1	200	202
$P_2^{-}3$	03	000
P_3	211	100
P_4	002	002

• Sequence <*P*₀, *P*₂, *P*₃, *P*₁, *P*₄> will result in *Finish*[*i*] = true for all *i*

Example (Cont.)

• P₂ requests an additional instance of type C

- State of system?
 - Can reclaim resources held by process P₀, but insufficient resources to fulfill other processes; requests
 - Deadlock exists, consisting of processes P₁, P₂, P₃, and P₄

Detection-Algorithm Usage

- When, and how often, to invoke depends on:
 - How often a deadlock is likely to occur?
 - How many processes will need to be rolled back?
 - one for each disjoint cycle
- 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

Recovery from Deadlock: 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?

Recovery from Deadlock: Resource Preemption

- Selecting a victim minimize cost
- Rollback return to some safe state, restart process for that state
- Starvation same process may always be picked as victim, include number of rollback in cost factor

Memory Management Strategies

Background

- 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

Base and Limit Registers



Binding of Instructions and Data to Memory

- 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)

Multistep Processing of a User Program



Logical vs. Physical Address Space

- The concept of a logical address space that is bound to a separate **physical address space** is central to proper memory management
 - Logical address generated by the CPU; also referred to as virtual address
 - Physical address address seen by the memory unit
- Logical and physical addresses are the same in compile-time and load-time addressbinding schemes; logical (virtual) and physical addresses differ in execution-time address-binding scheme

Memory-Management Unit (MMU)

- Hardware device that maps virtual to physical address
- In MMU scheme, the value in the relocation 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

- Routine is not loaded until it is called
- Better memory-space utilization; unused routine is never loaded
- Useful when large amounts of code are needed to handle infrequently occurring cases
- No special support from the operating system is required implemented through program design

Dynamic Linking

- Linking postponed until execution time
- Small piece of code, *stub*, used to locate the appropriate memory-resident library routine
- Stub replaces itself with the address of the routine, and executes the routine
- Operating system needed to check if routine is in processes' memory address
- Dynamic linking is particularly useful for libraries
- System also known as shared libraries

Swapping

- 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 swapping variant used for priority-based scheduling algorithms; lower-priority process is swapped out so higher-priority process can be loaded and executed
- Major part of swap time is transfer time; total transfer time is directly proportional to the amount of memory swapped
- Modified versions of swapping are found on many systems (i.e., UNIX, Linux, and Windows)
- System maintains a ready queue of ready-to-run processes which have memory images on disk

Schematic View of Swapping



Contiguous Allocation

- Main memory usually into two partitions:
 - Resident operating system, usually held in low memory with interrupt vector
 - User processes then held in high memory
- Relocation registers used to protect user processes from each other, and from changing operating-system code and data
 - Base register contains value of smallest physical address
 - Limit register contains range of logical addresses each logical address must be less than the limit register
 - MMU maps logical address *dynamically*

Hardware Support for Relocation and Limit Registers



Contiguous Allocation (Cont)

- Multiple-partition allocation
 - Hole block of available memory; holes of various size are scattered throughout memory
 - When a process arrives, it is allocated memory from a hole large enough to accommodate it
 - Operating system maintains information about:
 a) allocated partitions
 b) free partitions (hole)



Dynamic Storage-Allocation Problem

How to satisfy a request of size *n* from a list of free holes

- First-fit: Allocate the *first* hole that is big enough
- **Best-fit**: Allocate the *smallest* hole that is big enough; must search entire list, unless ordered by size
 - Produces the smallest leftover hole
- Worst-fit: Allocate the *largest* hole; must also search entire list
 - Produces the largest leftover hole

First-fit and best-fit better than worst-fit in terms of speed and storage utilization

Fragmentation

- External Fragmentation 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
- Reduce external fragmentation by compaction
 - Shuffle memory contents to place all free memory together in one large block
 - Compaction is possible *only* if relocation is dynamic, and is done at execution time
 - I/O problem
 - Latch job in memory while it is involved in I/O
 - Do I/O only into OS buffers

Paging

- Logical address space of a process can be noncontiguous; process is allocated physical memory whenever the latter is available
- Divide physical memory into fixed-sized blocks called frames (size is power of 2, between 512 bytes and 8,192 bytes)
- Divide logical memory into blocks of same size called pages
- Keep track of all free frames
- To run a program of size *n* pages, need to find *n* free frames and load program
- Set up a page table to translate logical to physical addresses
- Internal fragmentation

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

• For given logical address space 2^m and βage size 2^n

Paging Hardware



Paging Model of Logical and Physical Memory



Paging Example



32-byte memory and 4-byte pages

Free Frames



Before allocation

After allocation

Implementation of Page Table

- Page table is kept in main memory
- Page-table base register (PTBR) points to the page table
- Page-table length register (PRLR) indicates size of the page table
- In this scheme every data/instruction access requires two memory accesses. One for the page table and one for the data/instruction.
- The two memory access problem can be solved by the use of a special fast-lookup hardware cache called associative memory or translation look-aside buffers (TLBs)
- Some TLBs store address-space identifiers (ASIDs) in each TLB entry – uniquely identifies each process to provide address-space protection for that process

Associative Memory

• Associative memory – parallel search

Page #	Frame #

Address translation (p, d)

- If p is in associative register, get frame # out
- Otherwise get frame # from page table in memory

Paging Hardware With TLB



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 = α
- Effective Access Time (EAT)

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

Memory Protection

- Memory protection implemented by associating protection bit with each frame
- Valid-invalid bit attached to each entry in the page table:
 - "valid" indicates that the associated page is in the process' logical address space, and is thus a legal page
 - "invalid" indicates that the page is not in the process' logical address space

Valid (v) or Invalid (i) Bit In A Page Table



Shared Pages

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


Structure of the Page Table

- Hierarchical Paging
- Hashed Page Tables
- Inverted Page Tables

Hierarchical Page Tables

- Break up the logical address space into multiple page tables
- A simple technique is a two-level page table

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:

F	page number		page offset
	$ ho_{ m i}$	<i>p</i> ₂	d

where p_i is an index into the outer p_i outer p_i outer p_i outer p_i is the displacement within the page of the outer page table

Address-Translation Scheme



Three-level Paging Scheme

outer page	inner page	offset
p_1	p_2	d
42	10	12

2nd outer page	outer page	inner page	offset
p_1	p_2	<i>p</i> ₃	d
32	10	10	12

Hashed Page Tables

- Common in address spaces > 32 bits
- The virtual page number is hashed into a page table
 - This page table contains a chain of elements hashing to the same location
- Virtual page numbers are compared in this chain searching for a match
 - If a match is found, the corresponding physical frame is extracted

Hashed Page Table



Inverted Page Table

- 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

Inverted Page Table Architecture



Segmentation

- Memory-management scheme that supports user 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



Logical View of Segmentation

user space

physical memory space

Segmentation Architecture

- Logical address consists of a two tuple: <segment-number, offset>,
- Segment table maps two-dimensional physical addresses; each table entry has:
 - base contains the starting physical address where the segments reside in memory
 - limit specifies the length of the segment
- Segment-table base register (STBR) points to the segment table's location in memory
- Segment-table length register (STLR) indicates number of segments used by a program;

segment number *s* is legal if *s* < STLR

Segmentation Architecture (Cont.)

- Protection
 - With each entry in segment table associate:
 - validation bit = $0 \Rightarrow$ illegal segment
 - read/write/execute privileges
- Protection bits associated with segments; code sharing occurs at segment level
- Since segments vary in length, memory allocation is a dynamic storage-allocation problem
- A segmentation example is shown in the following diagram

Segmentation Hardware



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

Logical to Physical Address Translation in Pentium



page number		page offset
p_1	<i>p</i> ₂	d
10	10	12

Intel Pentium Segmentation



Linear Address in Linux

Broken into four parts:

global middle directory directory	page table	offset
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Three-level Paging in Linux (linear address)

global directory middle directory offset page table global directory middle directory page table page global frame directory entry 4 page table 4 middle entry 4 directory entry CR3 -> register

Virtual-Memory Management

Background

- 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 via:
 - Demand paging
 - Demand segmentation

Virtual Memory That is Larger Than Physical Memory



Virtual-address Space



Shared Library Using Virtual Memory



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 \Rightarrow 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

Transfer of a Paged Memory to Contiguous Disk Space



Valid-Invalid Bit

- With each page table entry a valid–invalid bit is associated (v ⇒ in-memory, i ⇒ not-in-memory)
- Initially valid–invalid bit is set to i on all entries
- Example of a page table snapshot:



- During address translation, if valid-invalid bit in page table entry
 - is $\textbf{I} \Rightarrow \text{page fault}$

Page Table When Some Pages Are Not in Main Memory



Page Fault

• If there is a reference to a page, first reference to that page will trap to operating system:

page fault

1.Operating system looks at another table to decide:

- Invalid reference \Rightarrow abort
- Just not in memory

2.Get empty frame

3.Swap page into frame

4.Reset tables

5.Set validation bit = v

6.Restart the instruction that caused the page fault

Page Fault (Cont.)

- Restart instruction
 - block move



• auto increment/decrement location

Steps in Handling a Page Fault



Performance of Demand Paging

- 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 + swap page in + restart overhead)

Demand Paging Example

- Memory access time = 200 nanoseconds
- Average page-fault service time = 8 milliseconds
- EAT = (1 p) x 200 + p (8 milliseconds)
 = (1 p x 200 + p x 8,000,000)
 = 200 + p x 7,999,800
- If one access out of 1,000 causes a page fault, then
 EAT = 8.2 microseconds.
 This is a slowdown by a factor of 40!!
Process Creation

- Virtual memory allows other benefits during process creation:
 - Copy-on-Write
 - Memory-Mapped Files (later)

Copy-on-Write

• Copy-on-Write (COW) allows both parent and child processes to initially *share* the same pages in memory

If either process modifies a shared page, only then is the page copied

- COW allows more efficient process creation as only modified pages are copied
- Free pages are allocated from a **pool** of zeroed-out pages

Before Process 1 Modifies Page C



After Process 1 Modifies Page C



What happens if there is no free frame?

- Page replacement find some page in memory, but not really in use, swap it out
 - algorithm
 - performance want an algorithm which will result in minimum number of page faults
- Same page may be brought into memory several times

Page Replacement

- Prevent over-allocation of memory by modifying page-fault service routine to include page replacement
- Use modify (dirty) bit to reduce overhead of page transfers only modified pages are written to disk
- Page replacement completes separation between logical memory and physical memory – large virtual memory can be provided on a smaller physical memory

Need For Page Replacement



Basic Page Replacement

- 1. Find the location of the desired page on disk
- 2. Find a free frame:
 - If there is a free frame, use it
 - If there is no free frame, use a page replacement algorithm to select a victim frame
- 3. Bring the desired page into the (newly) free frame; update the page and frame tables
- 4. Restart the process

Page Replacement



Page Replacement Algorithms

- Want lowest page-fault rate
- Evaluate algorithm by running it on a particular string of memory references (reference string) and computing the number of page faults on that string
- In all our examples, the reference string is

1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 5, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Graph of Page Faults Versus The Number of Frames



First-In-First-Out (FIFO) Algorithm

• 3 frames (3 pages can be in memory at a time per process)

• 4 frames

• Belady's Anomaly: more frames ⇒ more page faults

FIFO Page Replacement



FIFO Illustrating Belady's Anomaly



Optimal Algorithm

- Replace page that will not be used for longest period of time
- 4 frames example



- How do you know this?
- Used for measuring how well your algorithm performs

Optimal Page Replacement



Least Recently Used (LRU) Algorithm • Reference string: 1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 5, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

1	1	1	1	5
2	2	2	2	2
3	5	5	4	4
4	4	3	3	3

- Counter implementation
 - Every page entry has a counter; every time page is referenced through this entry, copy the clock into the counter
 - When a page needs to be changed, look at the counters to determine which are to change

LRU Page Replacement



LRU Algorithm (Cont.)

- Stack implementation keep a stack of page numbers in a double link form:
 - Page referenced:
 - move it to the top
 - requires 6 pointers to be changed
 - No search for replacement

Use Of A Stack to Record The Most Recent Page References



LRU Approximation Algorithms • Reference bit

- With each page associate a bit, initially = 0
- When page is referenced bit set to 1
- Replace the one which is 0 (if one exists)
 - We do not know the order, however

Second chance

- Need reference bit
- Clock replacement
- If page to be replaced (in clock order) has reference bit = 1 then:
 - set reference bit 0
 - leave page in memory
 - replace next page (in clock order), subject to same rules

Second-Chance (clock) Page-Replacement Algorithm



Counting Algorithms

- Keep a counter of the number of references that have been made to each page
- LFU Algorithm: replaces page with smallest count
- MFU Algorithm: based on the argument that the page with the smallest count was probably just brought in and has yet to be used

Allocation of Frames

- Each process needs *minimum* number of pages
- Example: IBM 370 6 pages to handle SS MOVE instruction:
 - instruction is 6 bytes, might span 2 pages
 - 2 pages to handle *from*
 - 2 pages to handle to
- Two major allocation schemes
 - fixed allocation
 - priority allocation

Fixed Allocation

- Equal allocation For example, if there are 100 frames and 5 processes, give each process 20 frames.
 frames.
 figure = Size of process p_i
- Proportional allocation Allocate according to the size of up to cet sames

$$a_i = \text{allocation for } p_i = \frac{s_i}{S} \times m$$
$$m = 64$$
$$s_i = 10$$
$$s_2 = 127$$
$$a_1 = \frac{10}{137} \times 64 \approx 5$$
$$a_2 = \frac{127}{137} \times 64 \approx 59$$

Priority Allocation

- Use a proportional allocation scheme using priorities rather than size
- If process P_i generates a page fault,
 - select for replacement one of its frames
 - select for replacement a frame from a process with lower priority number

Global vs. Local Allocation

- Global replacement process selects a replacement frame from the set of all frames; one process can take a frame from another
- Local replacement each process selects from only its own set of allocated frames

Thrashing

- If a process does not have "enough" pages, the page-fault rate is very high. This leads to:
 - low CPU utilization
 - operating system thinks that it needs to increase the degree of multiprogramming
 - another process added to the system
- Thrashing = a process is busy swapping pages in and out

Thrashing (Cont.)



Demand Paging and Thrashing

- Why does demand paging work? Locality model
 - Process migrates from one locality to another
 - Localities may overlap
- Why does thrashing occur? Σ size of locality > total memory size

Locality In A Memory-Reference Pattern



Working-Set Model

- ∆ ≡ working-set window ≡ a fixed number of page references
 Example: 10,000 instruction
- WSS_i (working set of Process P_i) = total number of pages referenced in the most recent Δ (varies in time)
 - if Δ too small will not encompass entire locality
 - if Δ too large will encompass several localities
 - if $\Delta = \infty \Longrightarrow$ will encompass entire program
- $D = \Sigma WSS_i \equiv \text{total demand frames}$
- if $D > m \Rightarrow$ Thrashing
- Policy if *D* > m, then suspend one of the processes

Working-set model



Keeping Track of the Working Set

- Approximate with interval timer + a reference bit
- Example: Δ = 10,000
 - Timer interrupts after every 5000 time units
 - Keep in memory 2 bits for each page
 - Whenever a timer interrupts copy and sets the values of all reference bits to 0
 - If one of the bits in memory = $1 \Rightarrow$ page in working set
- Why is this not completely accurate?
- Improvement = 10 bits and interrupt every 1000 time units

Windows XP

- Uses demand paging with clustering. Clustering brings in pages surrounding the faulting page
- Processes are assigned working set minimum and working set maximum
- Working set minimum is the minimum number of pages the process is guaranteed to have in memory
- A process may be assigned as many pages up to its working set maximum
- When the amount of free memory in the system falls below a threshold, automatic working set trimming is performed to restore the amount of free memory
- Working set trimming removes pages from processes that have pages in excess of their working set minimum