PRINCIPLES OF OPERATING SYSTEMS

LECTURE 13:PAGING

Paging

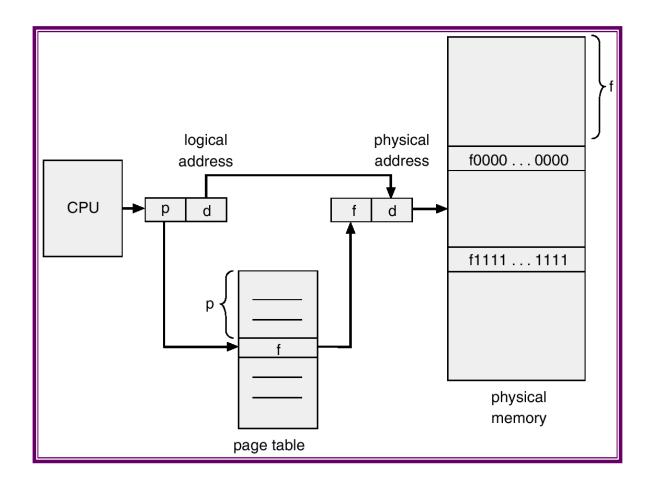
- Logical address space of a process can be noncontiguous; process is allocated physical memory whenever the latter is available.
- Divide physical memory into fixed-sized blocks called frames (size is power of 2, between 512 bytes and 8192 bytes).
- Divide logical memory into blocks of same size called 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

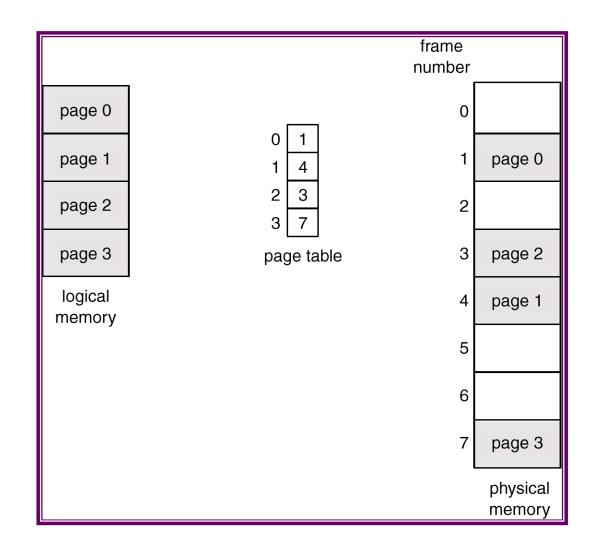
Address generated by CPU is divided into:

- 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.

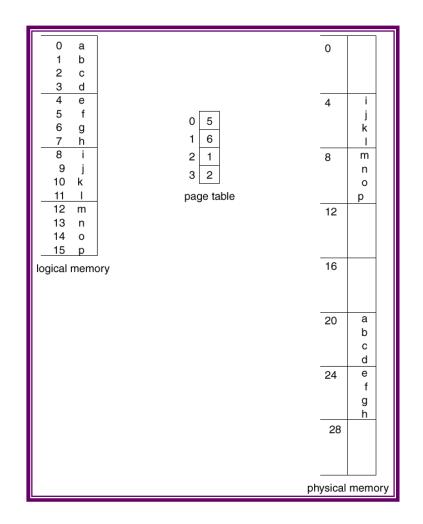
Address Translation Architecture



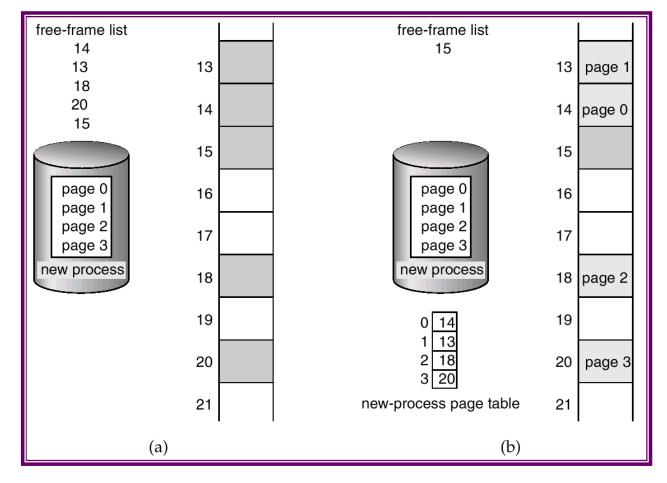
Paging Example



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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)

Associative Memory

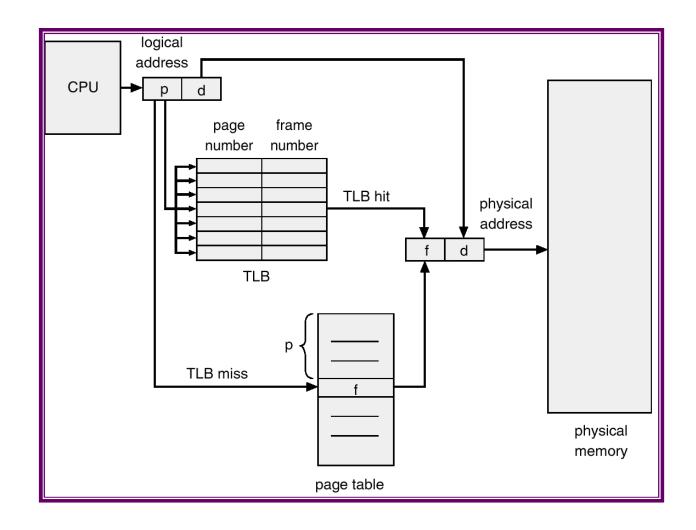
Associative memory – parallel search

Page #	Frame #

Address translation (A', A'')

- If A' 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; ration 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

