





## **Base and Limit Registers**

- A pair of **base** and **limit registers** define the logical address space
- CPU must check every memory access generated in user mode to be sure it is between base and limit for that user













# 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 address-binding schemes; logical (virtual) and physical addresses differ in execution-time address-binding scheme
- Logical address space is the set of all logical addresses generated by a program
- Physical address space is the set of all physical addresses generated by a program



#### **Dynamic relocation using a relocation register**





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# Swapping

- A process can be swapped temporarily out of memory to a backing store, and then brought back into memory for continued execution
- 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
- System maintains a ready queue of ready-to-run processes which have memory images on disk

\*\*\*\*Dynamic Loading and Dynamic Linking are given as class lecture, follow the class note.





### **Schematic View of Swapping**







## **Contiguous Allocation**

- Main memory must support both OS and user processes
- Limited resource, must allocate efficiently
- Contiguous allocation is one early method
- Main memory usually into two partitions:
  - Resident operating system, usually held in low memory with interrupt vector
  - User processes then held in high memory
  - Each process contained in single contiguous section of memory





# **Contiguous Allocation (Cont.)**

- 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





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# **Multiple-partition allocation**

- Multiple-partition allocation
  - Degree of multiprogramming limited by number of partitions
  - Variable-partition sizes for efficiency (sized to a given process' needs)
  - 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
  - Process exiting frees its partition, adjacent free partitions combined
  - Operating system maintains information about:
    a) allocated partitions
    b) free partitions (hole)



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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





- Physical address space of a process can be noncontiguous; process is allocated physical memory whenever the latter is available
  - Avoids external fragmentation
  - Avoids problem of varying sized memory chunks
- Divide physical memory into fixed-sized blocks called frames
  - Size is power of 2, between 512 bytes and 16 Mbytes
- 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
- Backing store likewise split into pages
- Still have Internal fragmentation





- 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

n

m -n





## **Paging Hardware**





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#### **Paging Model of Logical and Physical Memory**





### **Paging Example**

0 a

1 b

> C d e

> > f

g h

k

п

234567

12 13 m

14 15 0 p



p a b C d 0 gh 28 physical memory



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#### **Free Frames**



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#### **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



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### **User's View of a Program**





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### **Logical View of Segmentation**



user space



physical memory space



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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





- Protection
  - With each entry in segment table associate:
    - validation bit =  $0 \Rightarrow$  illegal segment
    - read/write/execute privileges
- Protection bits associated with segments; Since segments vary in length, memory allocation is a dynamic storageallocation problem





#### **Segmentation Hardware**

