

# BI: Introduction to Operating System.

## • What's an OS?

- middleware between user programs &
- manages hardware:
  - CPU, main memory,
  - IO devices (disk, NIC, mouse etc)

## • System Hardware

- CPU
- RAM
- ROM
- various registers
- external devices via drivers.

## \* when we run a program:-

1. compiler translates high level program into executable.  
a.out  
a.exe
2. the .exe contains instructions & data of the program.  
(all addresses!)
3. CPU hardware is instructed via ISA.  
Instruction set architecture.
4. CPU has registers:-
  - PC
  - instruction code
  - Memory address

## • when we run a program:-

- 1) read instruction at PC
  - 2) load data
  - 3) execute instruction
  - 4) Store results.
- most recent data & instructions are cached at CPU, for faster results.

## → so what OS do?

### 1) manages program memory

- Loads program executable from disk to memory - RAM!  
(code, data)

### 2) manages CPU

- initializes PC & other registers.

### 3) OS manages external devices

- Rd/Wr from files from disk.

## I) OS manages the CPU:-

- \* Operating System provides process abstraction.
- \* OS creates & manages processes.
- \* each process has the illusion of having the CPU to itself.  
virtualizes CPU.
- \* Timeshares CPU among processes.
- \* Enables co-ordination b/w processes.

## II) OS manages the memory:-

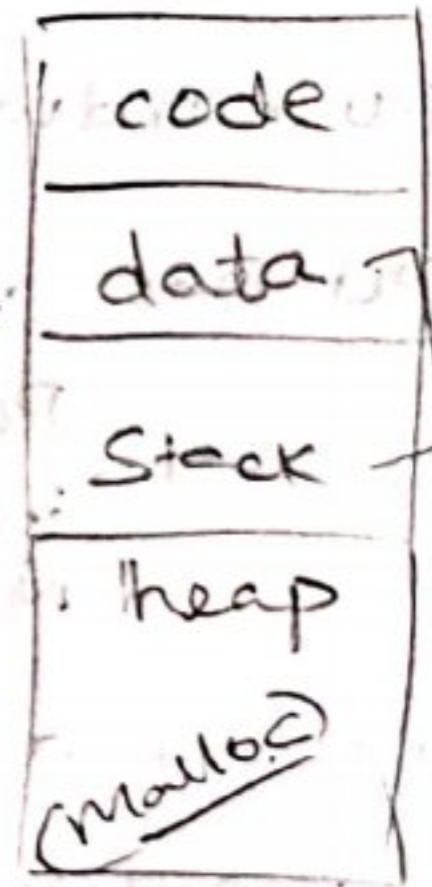
- \* OS manages the memory of the processes:

code, data, Stack, heap

- \* each process thinks it has separate space, numbers code and data starting from 0.

virtual addressing.

- \* OS abstracts the actual placement in memory. Translates from virtual addresses to actual addresses.



What exactly?

## III) OS manages the devices:-

- \* OS has code to manage disk, NIC, other devices — device drivers.

Eg: persistent data organized in disk.

- \* OS evolved from running a single program to multiple processes simultaneously.

## l-21 The process abstraction:- hmmm...

- OS provides a process abstraction.
- OS has a CPU scheduler that picks up one from many active processes to execute on a CPU:

→ Policy: which process to run

→ Mechanism: how to "context switch" between processes.

### \* A process constitutes:-

- a unique process identifier PID.

- memory image

- code & data (static)

- Stack & heap (dynamic)

- CPU context (registers)

- PC register

- current operands

- stack pointer

- File descriptors

- pointers to open files & devices.

STDIN  
STDOUT  
STDERR

### \* State of a process:-

- Running

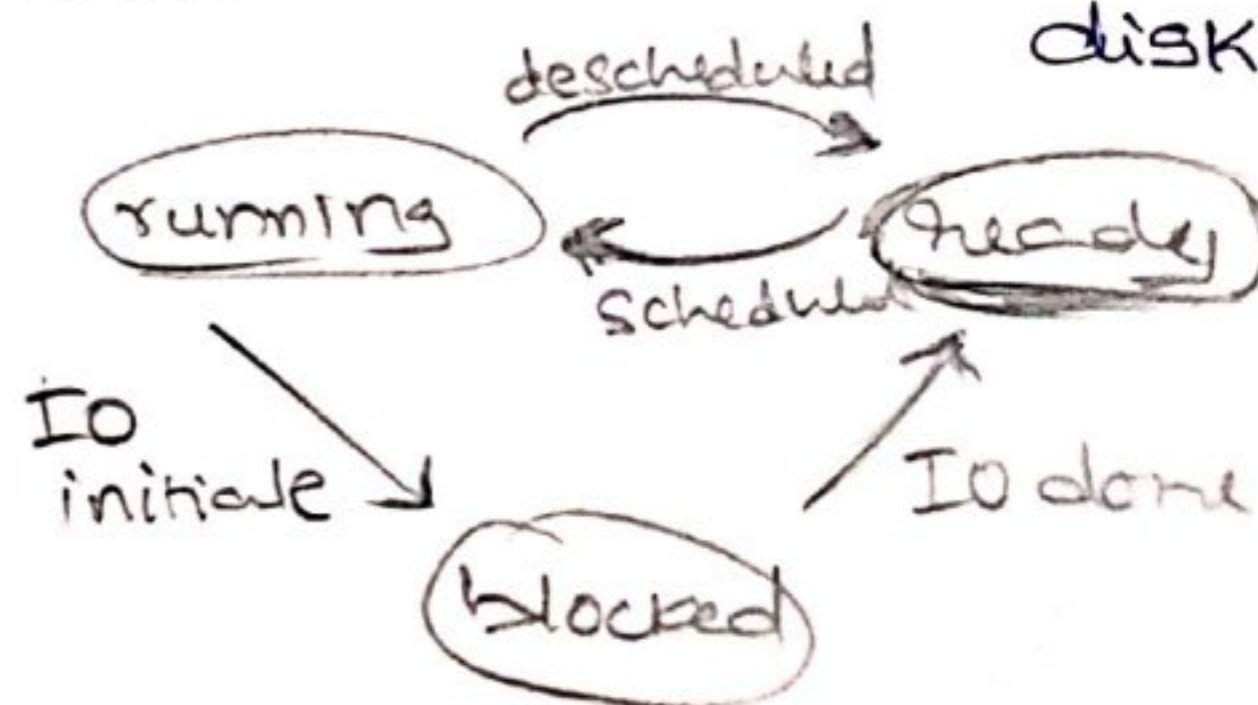
- Ready (waiting to be scheduled)

- Blocked: *suspended, not ready to run.*

- waiting for some event; like issued a read from disk.

- New: being created.

- Dead: terminated



\* OS data structures. maintains a data structure (list etc) of all active processes.

- Each process's info in a PCB (process control block).

- PID

- Process State

- pointers related to other processes (parent process)

- CPU context of the process

[ PC, stack pointer, current operand ]

- pointers to memory locations

(like the absolute position

- pointer to open files.

cool.

of memory image?)

\* This datastructure won't contain the memory image

of process **dummy!** that's in the memory itself.

This contains position of the

# L21 - xv6 introduction & x86 background.

O.S.

ISA family.

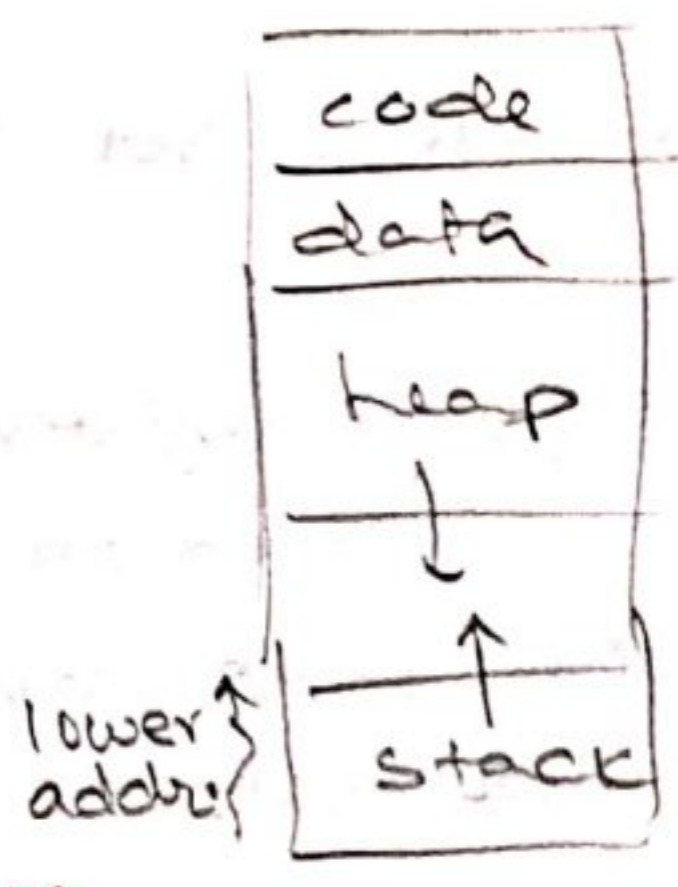
→ xv6 is a O.S. used for teaching

- has 2 versions; for x86 hardware and one for RISC-V hardware
- we'll learn x86 version. (lets see x86 basics).

## → memory image of process:

\* consists of compiled code:-

- compiled code
- Global /static variables  
(memory for these, is allocated at compile time)
- Heap (grows on demand)
- Stack (temp. storage <sup>local vars.</sup> during fun' calls etc.) *grows 'up' towards lower addresses*
- Others like shared libraries



## • x86 registers & example instructions:-

1) general purpose eax, ebx, ecx...

2) eip

3) esp, ebp  
stack ptr.      base ptr.

4) cr3 → metadata; pointer to page table.

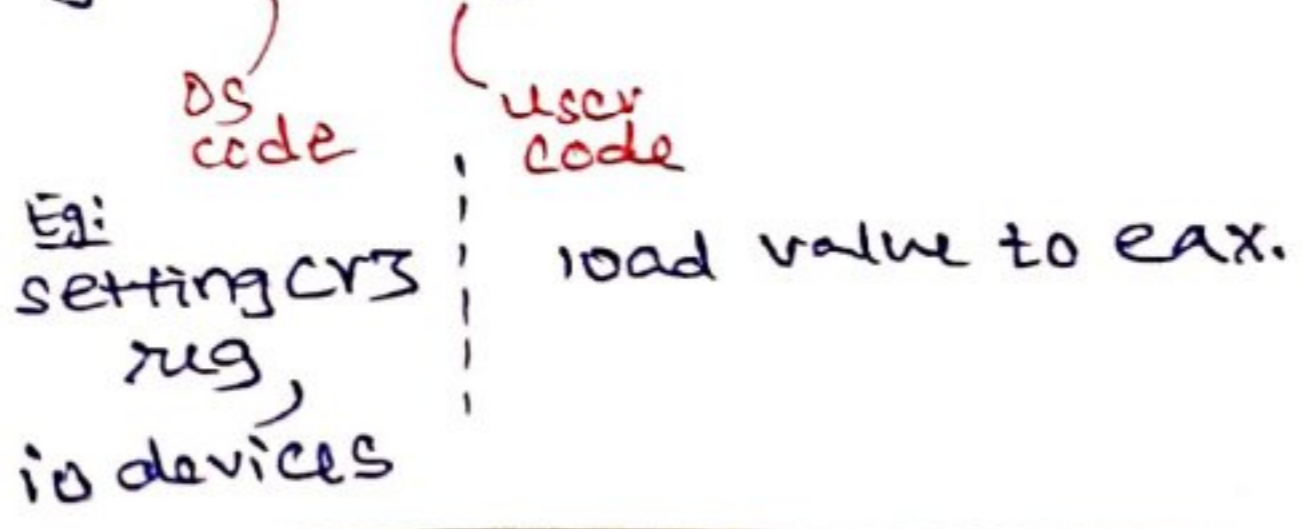
5) Segment registers cs, ds, es, ...

```
mov %eax, %ebx
mov (%eax), %ebx
```

```
push %eax      onto stack.
pop %eax      send stack.top() into eax. } both of these modify esp.
```

```
jmp %eax
```

## \* levels of privilege. (0 to 3)



\* user should request OS services (syscall) for high privilege instructions

## → Function calls and stack:-

### \* What happens:-

1. push arguments to stack
2. "call" fn (this pushes current eip onto stack & jumps)
3. Allocate local vars & complete function.
4. "ret" (this pops the return address & jumps back)

### \* Register values get clobbered!

of CPU

#### 1) caller saved registers:-

- saved on stack by caller before invoking the fn!
- callee code can freely change them.
- caller restores these registers after return.

#### 2) callee saved:-

- caller expects these registers to have same value before & after function invocation.
- saved by callee function & restored as the function ends.  
automatically done by C-compiler.

## L22: Processes in xv6

PCB → process control block

\* the list of all PCBs is critical kernel data structure & maintained in kernel memory.

struct proc in xv6

task\_struct in Linux

\* in xv6; process states are

UNUSED

EMBRYO

SLEEPING ✓ (blocked)

RUNNABLE ✓

RUNNING ✓

ZOMBIE ✓ after killing a process.

PCB has:-

- size of memory for proc

- page table pointer.

- kernel stack pointer

- state of process.

- PID

- list of open files.

- process name  
(for debugging)

- curdir.

1) Kernel stack:- \* for syscalls from process

\* when a function is called in process; user stack stores stuff.

\* but when process calls syscalls to run kernel code;

CPU context stored on kernel stack (security).

- this separate area for each process on kernel stack not accessible by users.

- the link to this kstack is through struct proc of process.

2) list of open files:-

\* Array of pointers. When process opens a new file; a new element is created; & its index is passed as FD.

(file descriptor).

\* First 3 elements of list are open by default:

stdin, stdout, stderr.

### 3) Page table:-

\* every entry in memory image has an address.

- virtual address starting from 0.

- actual physical address will be different.

\* Page table maintains mapping from virtual address to physical address.  
*nice!*  
(more on this later)

### → Process table in xv6:-

```
struct {  
    struct spinlock lock;  
    struct proc proc[NPROC];  
} ptable;
```

\* fixed size array of all procs.

(practically, might have dynamic size).

\* CPU scheduler loops through ptable & sets a runnable process to running.

### → Process state transition:-

i) A process that needs to sleep will set its state SLEEPING.  
& invoke scheduler.

ii) A process which has ran for its fair share will set its state to RUNNABLE & invoke scheduler.



### L3:- process API

\* OS API is provided by a set of "system calls".

- syscall is a function call into OS code which runs at higher privilege levels.
- access to hardware, is allowed only at higher privilege levels.

\* POSIX API:

in order to maintain code portability over various OS; all OSs have to be POSIX compliant.

\* programming lang. libraries hide the details of these POSIX calls

Eg: printf calls the write system call

→ process related system calls (in UNIX):-

- fork() creates a new child process

- All processes are created by forking their parents, **except init process.**  
init is ancestor of all processes.

- exec() replaces the complete memory image of process,

- exit() terminates a process.

- wait() causes a parent to block, until child terminates.

→ fork:-

\* A new process is created by making a copy of parent's memory image. This new process is added to ptable & set to runnable.

\* the return value from fork() = pid of child; in parent process  
= 0; in child process.

Eg:

```
int pid = fork();
```

```
if (pid == 0) {
```

```
    print "child";
```

```
}
```

```
else print "parent";
```

} child prints this.

} our parent prints this.

→ wait for children to die...

\* process termination scenarios:-

1) `exit()` syscall. (called automatically, when end of main)

2) OS terminates misbehaving process.

- Terminated processes are state - ZOMBIE. waiting to be reaped by their parent process.

\* when parent calls `wait()`; its zombie are cleaned.

\* if a parent terminates before child; the init adopts the child.

→ exec():-

• After forking, parent and child are running the same code. meh!  
Not too useful.

\* A process runs `exec` to load another executable into its memory.

→ How does a shell work:-

• init process created just after boot up.

• init  
  ↳ Shell/bash process

& then this shell, after taking user command, forks a child

& uses `exec()` to run command executables.

the commands like `wc`  
`ls`  
are all executables.

\* if we wanna redirect output to a txt file;

• spawn a child

• close `std-out` & open the file.

• call `exec()`.

this'll just update memory image.

won't change open files.

nice!

stored in `struct proc na!`

## L23: System calls for xV6:-

→ what happens on a system call?

\* system calls are available to user programs, defined in user library header "user.h".

\* system call implementation, invokes a special ISA instruction called "trap" instruction, called "int" in x86 ISA.

(in file usys.S)

- This 'int' instruction causes a jump to kernel code that handles the system call.

System call number is stored in eax register.

### 1) fork() call:-

- new process, set to runnable, returns PID to parent, 0 to child.

achieved by  
Setting  
\$eax to 0.  
in child.

### 2) exec():-

- copy new executable into memory

- new stack, heap.

- switch process page table to use new memory img.

### 3) exit():-

i) exiting process cleans up state. (eg. close the files)

ii) Pass abandoned children to init.

(orphans) → the non-zombie ones...?

iii) mark itself as zombie & invoke scheduler.

sched()

xV6 code in  
slides.  
L23.

### 4) wait():-

• search for dead (zombie) child in ptable & clean up.

• if no zombie; wait for one to die.

• if no children exist; return -1.

!!

# uSys.S

```
#define SYSCALL(name) \
```

```
• globl name; \
```

```
name:
```

```
    movl $SYS, %eax;
```

```
    int $T_SYSCALL;
```

```
    ret
```

```
SYSCALL(fork)
```

name variable.

into eax

trap instruction

\* every trap instruction has

param n in "int n"

param in \$eax.

n → unique to a device

T\_syscall etc..

\$eax → more specific call

## L4 - mechanism of process execution:-

### Low-level mechanisms:- (Bye bye 10k feet view)

- how OS runs a process
- how OS handles a system call
- how OS context switches from one process to another.

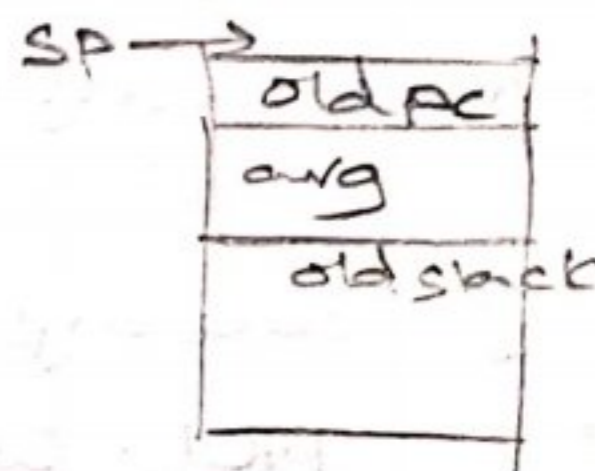
### 1) OS handling a process:-

sequential instructions via PC. have \$SP, \$bp

#### → when function call happens:-

- 1) function call means jump instruction.
  - 2) A new stack frame pushed onto stack & SP updated
  - 3) old value of PC (return value) pushed to stack & PC updated.
- Stack frame contains return value, function arguments etc.

old PC  
value



#### → when system call happens:-

"we don't know the address of the sys-call instructions!"

### \* Kernel doesn't trust user stack -

uses a separate kernel stack in kernel mode.

Separate for each process.

### \* kernel doesn't trust user provided address to jump to

- kernel sets up Interrupt Descriptor Table (IDT) at boot time.
- IDT has addresses of kernel function instructions to go to, for system calls.

### \* when syscall is made, a trap instruction is run. with syscall code saved;

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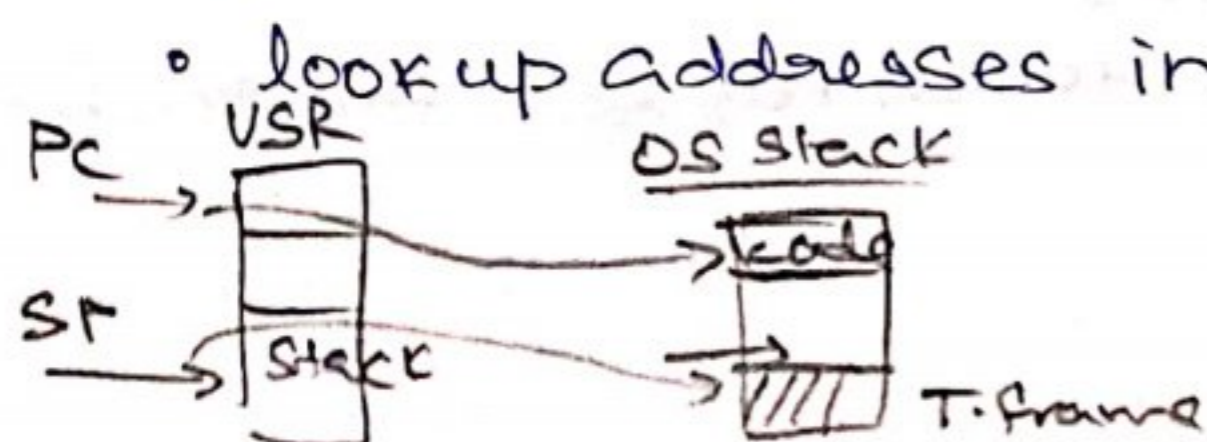
code saved;

to lookup IDT.

#### Trap instruction:-

- Moves CPU to higher privilege level.
- Switches to kernel stack
- Save trapframe (old PC, registers) on kernel stack.

- look up addresses in IDT & jump to trap handler function in OS code



## → Trap instruction:-

- trap instruction is executed on hardware in the cases of

- System call (by user program)
- Program fault (program access illegal memory) **segfault**.
- Interrupt (external device needs attention of OS)  
or **timeshare** Eg: network packet arrived on NIC.  
**interrupt from O.S.**

\* IDT has many entries:-

syscall/interrupt store an ID in CPU register before calling trap;

## → Returning from trap:-

Baked in silicon

- \* when OS is done with syscall/Interrupt; it calls an instruction called return-from-trap.  
- reverse everything done by trap instruction.

- \* Must you always return back to the same process?  
NO! OS first checks if it should switch.

## Why Switch?

- Sometimes OS can't return back to same process it left
  - process has exited or terminated (seg fault)  
1. **syscall**      2. **program fault**.
  - process made a blocking system call.
- Sometimes we want to timeshare CPU.

In such cases OS performs **CONTEXT SWITCH**.

## OS scheduler:-

Policy: which to pick.

Mechanisms: how to pick

- Policy:-
- Non-preemptive (co-operative) schedulers: switch, only when running process is blocked/terminated
  - Preemptive (non cooperative) schedulers: CPU generates periodic timer interrupts  
- after servicing the interrupt, OS checks if process has ran for too long.

Mechanism:-

context switch happens; when both processes are in **kernel mode.**

Now;

- Save context (PC, register, kernel stack pointer) of A on kernel Stack.
- Switch SP to kernel stack of B. ] stored in struct proc.
- Restore context from B's kernel stack.
- call return-from-trap instruction. [B's format would be similar; which was previously set up by OS itself or even allocproc].

\* Trapframe vs switch context:-

when going user code → kernel code :-

trap frame stored by trap instruction.

a single, special instruction

when switching :-

context switching code stores context

## L24:- Trap handling in xv6

\* Traps:- when OS wants to switch; it traps user process.

- System calls
- Interrupts | every device has IRQ number  
(interrupt request)
- Program faults.

\* in `usys.S`; `int` instruction is invoked. ] for syscalls.  
- for hardware interrupts, device sends signal to CPU & CPU executes `int`.

\* Trap instruction has a (param `n`) to indicate type of interrupt.  
syscall & keyboard interrupt have different value for `n`.

\* The following happen as part of `int(n)`:-

`eip` & `esp` are pointing to user code & user stack previously

1) Fetch `n`<sup>th</sup> entry from IDT. (CPU knows location of IDT)

2) Save `esp` into internal register.

3) Switch `esp` to kernel stack of current process. (CPU knows this)

4) On kernel stack, save old `esp`, `eip`

5) Load new `eip` from IDT to kernel trap handler.

Also, syscall trap instruction can access syscall IDT but not disk-interrupt IDT. (made sure via CPU privilege levels)

### \* Trapframe

State pushed onto <sup>kernel</sup> Stack during trap handling.

- CPU context of where execution stopped is saved. (so as to resume after trap)

- Some extra information needed by trap handler.

\* The `intn` instruction has only pushed the bottom few entries.

- The trap handler kernel code will push the remaining.

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the C structure just indicates the complete structure of trapframe; bottom half of which is built by `int` instruction & top half built by alltraps kernel trap handler.



→ Kernel trap handler:- (alltraps) assembly code.

\* IDT entries for all interrupts will set eip to point to the Kernel trap handler "alltraps".

\* "Alltraps" assembly code will push <sup>flags pushed by intn instr.</sup> remaining registers to complete trapframe on kernel stack.

- "pushal" pushes all general purpose registers.

\* invoke C trap handling function named "trap".

- push pointer to trap frame (esp) as argument to trap 0.

we have a mix of assembly code & C code. (20)

→ C trap handler function:- trap ( struct trapframe\* t )

this was passed via assembly code.

\* C trap handler; written in C; invoked in assembly.

\* if in int(n); n == "T\_SYSCALL" (as in usys.S); indicating this trap is system call.

\* Trap handler invokes common system call function

- looks at call no. stored in eax & calls the corresponding <sup>functn.</sup>

- return value of syscall stored in eax. (fork or exec or ----)

hence in fork(); we make eax 0 in child.

myproc() returns the current struct proc.

check myproc() → tf → eax & call the corresponding syscall.

↳ store return value in same eax.

\* Separate code to handle interrupt from devices.

(each device has different n for 'intn' instruction)

\* Timer is special hardware interrupt, & is generated periodically to trap to kernel.

On timer interrupt, a process yields CPU to scheduler.

```
if (myproc() && myproc() -> state == RUNNING &&
```

```
    tf -> trapno == T_IRQ0 + IRQ_TIMER)
```

```
    yield();
```

```
void  
yield(void)
```

```
{
```

```
    acquire(&ptable.lock);
```

```
    myproc() -> state = RUNNABLE;
```

```
    sched();
```

```
    release(&ptable.lock);
```

```
}
```

→ Return from trap: **trapret**:

- pop all state from kernel stack.

- instruction "iret" does the opposite of "int" instruction.

**int** → i enter

- changes privilege levels

- pops values pushed by int.

(esp & eip)

- execution of user code resumes.

## L25: Context switching in xv6:-

- \* every CPU has a scheduler thread (special process, running the Scheduler code)
- \* After running for some time, a process switches to scheduler when
  - process terminated
  - process wants to sleep (blocking syscall)
  - process **yields** after running for a long time. (timer interrupt)
- \* context switch happens only in kernel mode.



### → scheduler() and sched():-

- \* Scheduler thread shifts to a process via scheduler().
- \* user process shifts to scheduler thread via sched().

Both have `switch(&context*, context*)...`

invoked from `exit`,  
`sleep`,  
`yield`.

### → Struct context:-

```
struct context {
```

```
    uint edi;
    uint esi;
    uint ebx;
    uint ebp;
    uint eip;
};
```

set of registers  
to be saved;  
when switching  
processes.

\* In both `scheduler()` & `sched()`;

`switch()` switches between two "contexts".

\* context is pushed onto kernel stack.

struct proc maintains a pointer to the context structure on stack.

`p` → context.

### → Trapframe vs context:-

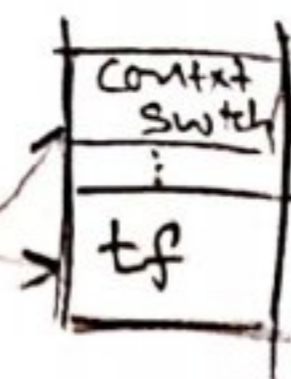
• trapframe saved, when CPU switches from user to kernel mode.  
eip in trapframe is when syscall was made in user code.

• context structure is saved, when CPU switches from process to scheduler.  
eip in context structure is when `switch()` is called.

(In kernel code)

→ struct proc has pointers to both.

```
struct trapframe *tf;
struct context *context;
```



→ Switch function:

- \* This is the one, which actually creates the context struct.
- \* Both CPU struct & proc struct maintain a context struct pointer (struct context\*)
- \* Switch takes 2 arguments
  - ↳ since we need to update this pointer.
  - address of old context pointer, to switch from;
  - new context pointer to switch to; we just need to read this context.
- \* When invoked from scheduler();

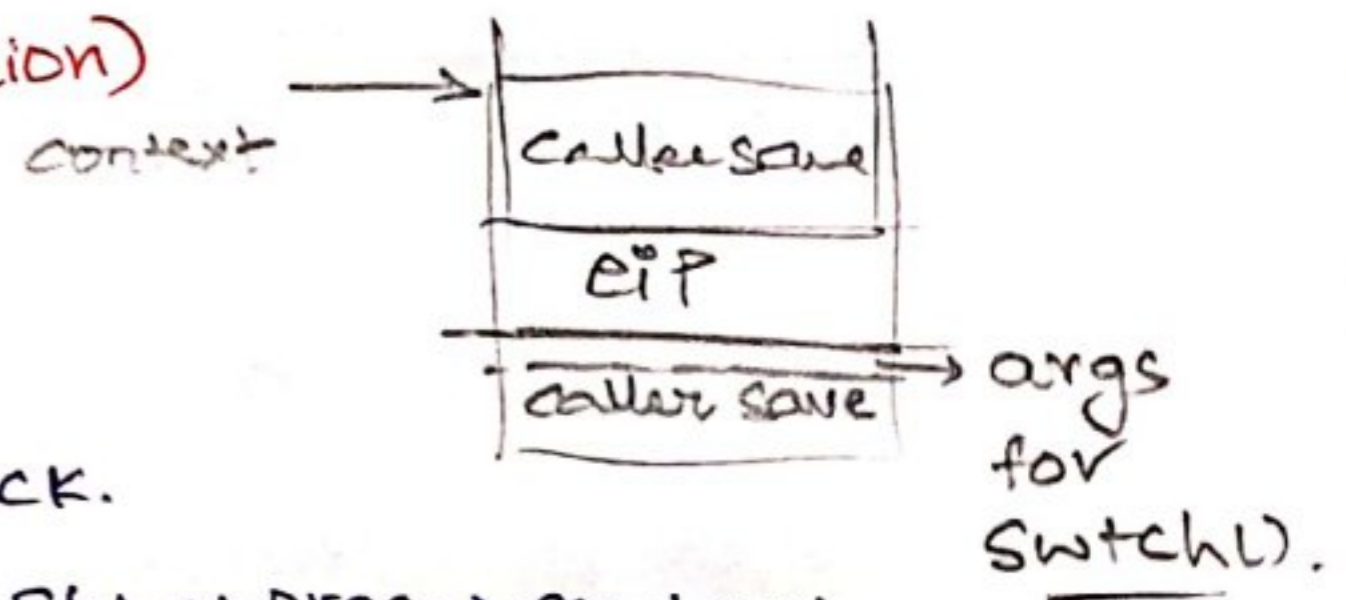
```
Switch (&(c->scheduler), p->context);
```

When invoked from sched();

```
Switch (&(p->context), mycpu()->scheduler);
```

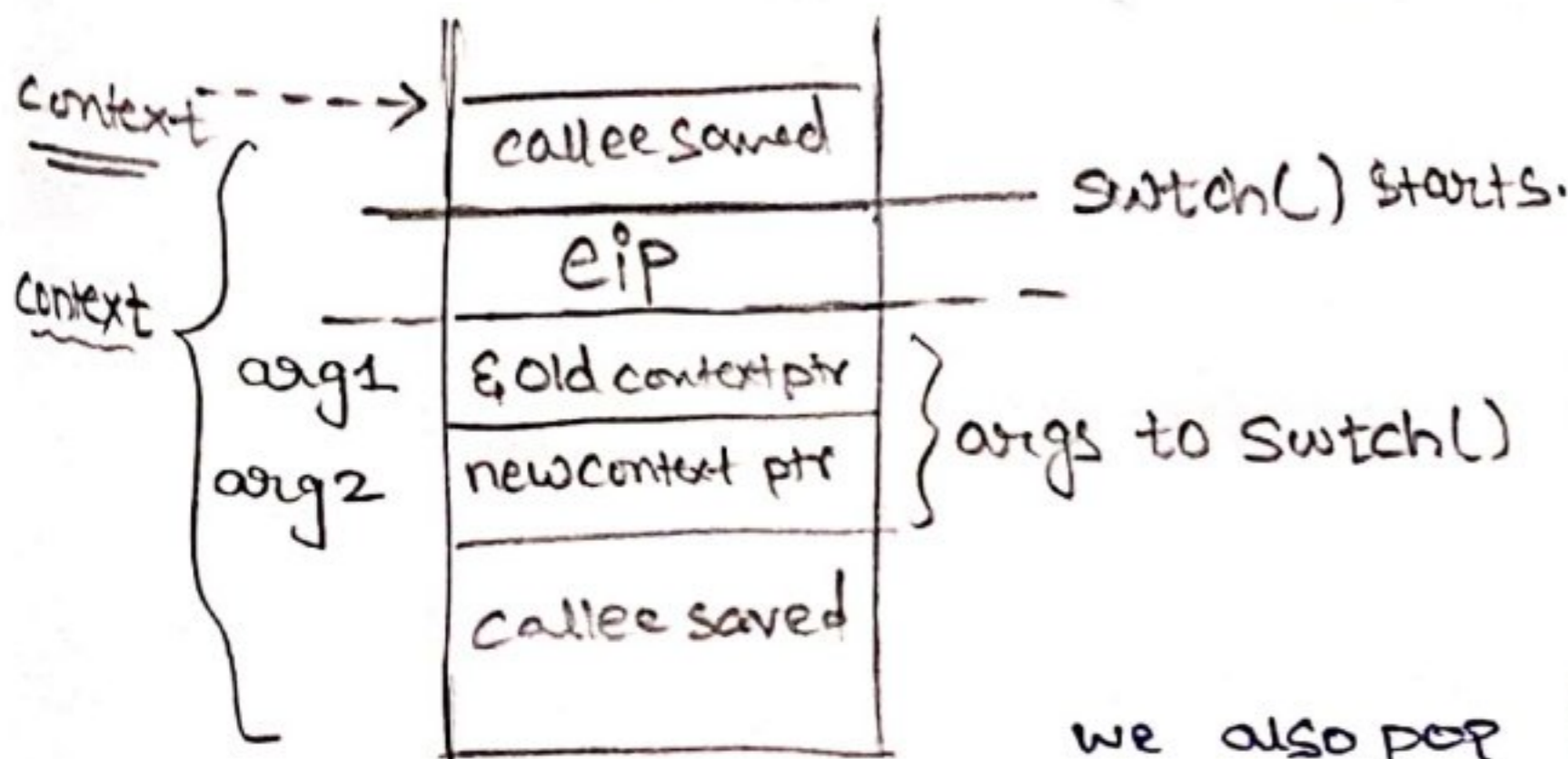
1) what is on Kstack, when a process has just invoked switch();

- caller save registers (C calling convention)
- Return address (eip)



2) What does switch do?

- push callee saved regs onto the Kstack.
- save pointer to this context in the struct proc->context.
- switch esp from old kernel stack to new kernel stack.
- pop callee saved registers from new stack
- return from function call.



```
movl 4(%esp), %eax;
movl 8(%esp), %edx;
```

we also pop the callee regs [ < l25 p9 > assembly code for switch.  
 & return from switch() in the new process. Tough to write in C. 😊

## L26 process creation in xv6:-

what's this?

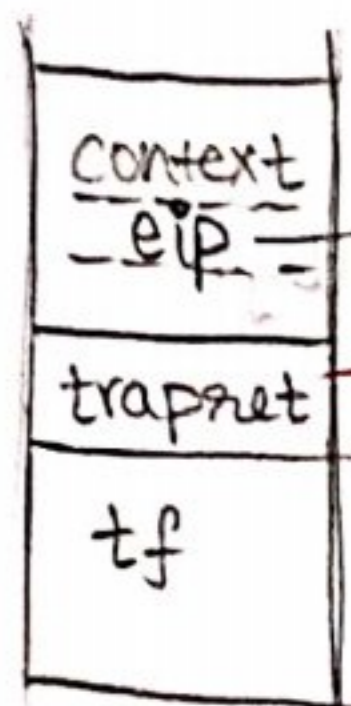
- \* init process: first process created by xv6 after boot up.
  - This init process forks shell process; which in turn forks all other user processes.
  - init is ancestor of all other processes; in unix-like systems.

- \* allocproc() is called during both init process creation & in fork system call.
  - Allocates new structproc, PID etc.
  - [IMP] sets up kernel stack of this new process so that it is ready to be context-switched in by scheduler. COOL.

### → Allocproc:

- 1) Find unused entry in ptable(). mark it as embryo.  
Status = UNUSED. (mark as runnable, after creation completed)
  - 2) New PID allocated
  - 3) New memory for kstack allocated.  
kalloc() will return first byte addr.
  - 4) Go to bottom of stack. Leave space for trapframe (move on this later)
  - 5) push return address of "trapret"
  - 6) push context structure, with eip pointing to "forkret"
- When this new process is scheduled; it begins execution at forkret (in kernel code); then returns to trapret (in kernel code); then returns from trap frame to user code. 😊

"we created a hand-crafted kstack, to look like the process was trapped & context-switched in post."



this is a piece of code in alltraps.S

which takes us from kernel to user code after popping some &

calling iret instruction!

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awesome

Allocproc code.

intertwine assembly and c.

→ Init process creation:

→ `Allocproc()` has created a new process.

Trapframe of process set to make process return to first instruction

But isn't `initcode.S` kernel?

of `initcode.S` in userspace.

\* the `initcode.S` simply performs "exec" to run the init program.

\* init program opens `STDIN, STDOUT, STDERR` files.

- inherited by all subsequent processes; as child inherits parent's files.

- forks a child, execs a shell.

- reaps dead children (its own or other orphan descendants).

<read L26, P 4, 5 code>

→ Forking a new process: (more technical view)

• `fork()` allocates new process via `allocproc()`.

2) parent memory & files copied.

3) Trap frame of child, copied from parent.

- Hence, child returns to the exact same line of code as parent.

- different physical mem. but same virtual memory address.

- only the value in `eax` (syscall return values are stored in `eax`) is set to 0 in child.

4) set the child to runnable.

5) parent returns from `fork()` syscall & runs normally.

<L26, Pg6> `fork()` code beautiful.

## L5- Scheduling Policies:-

**preemptive:** willing to stop in middle of large process.

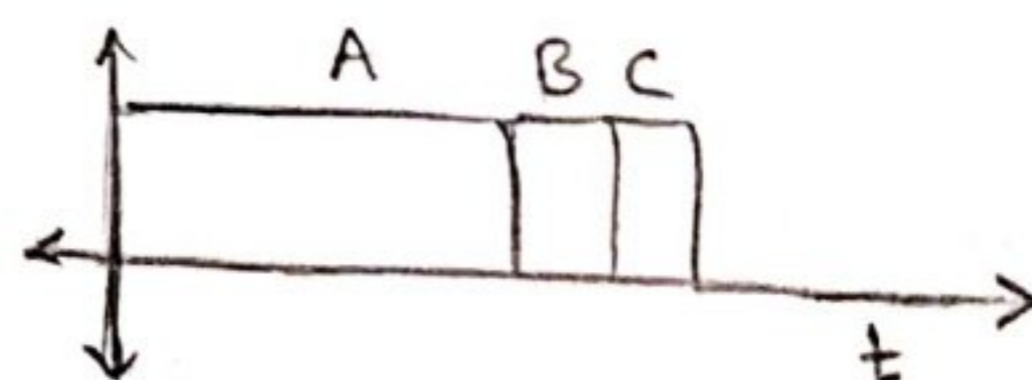
- \* Scheduler has 2 parts — policy now!  
└ mechanism
- which process to run next, from a set of processes.
- \* OS scheduler schedules the CPU requests (bursts) of processes
  - CPU burst = CPU time used on a single stretch, by a process.

\* What are we trying to optimize?

- Maximize Utilization (= fraction of time CPU is used)  
*easy. Always.*
- Minimize average turnaround-time  
(= time from process arrival to completion)
- Minimize average response time  
(= time from arrival to first execution)
- Fairness: all processes must be treated equally
- Minimize Overheads: run processes long enough to amortize cost of context switch ( $\approx 1 \mu s$ )

a) FIFO scheduling:-

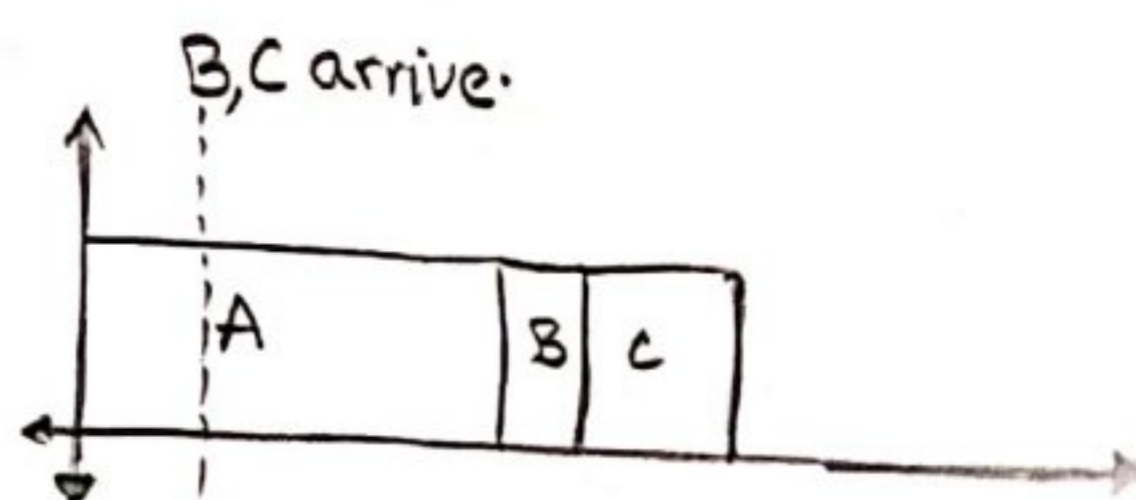
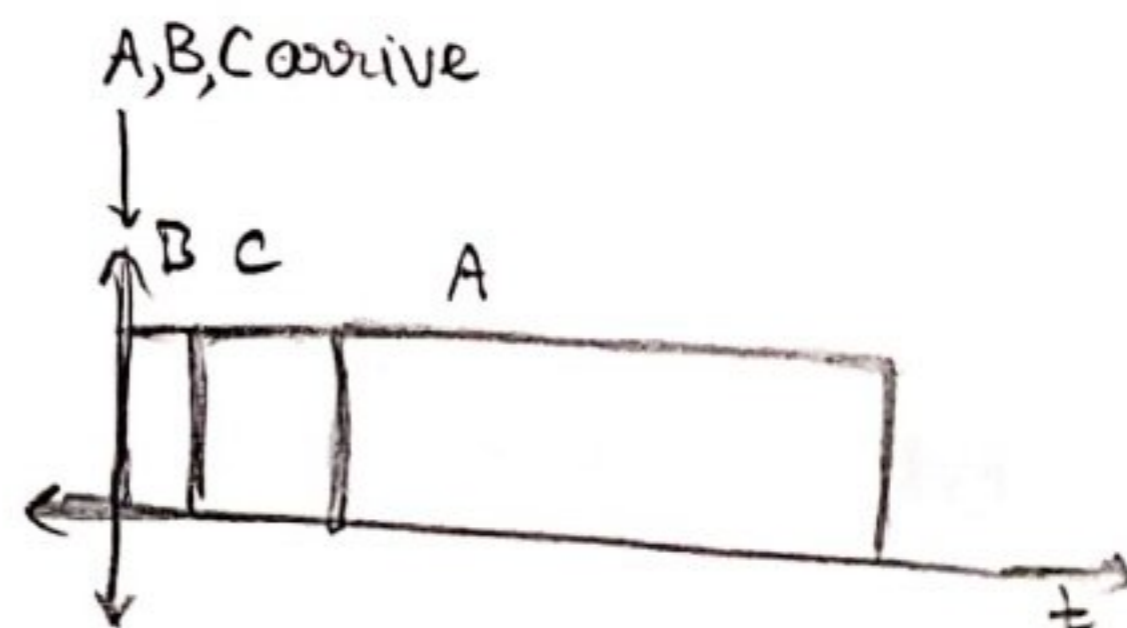
- \* Schedule in the order arrived.
- \* Problem: convoy effect
  - A is too big. B, C must wait
  - High turnaround times.
  - Also response times!



ABC arrive at  $t=0$  in order A, B, C.

b) Shortest Job first:- (SJF)

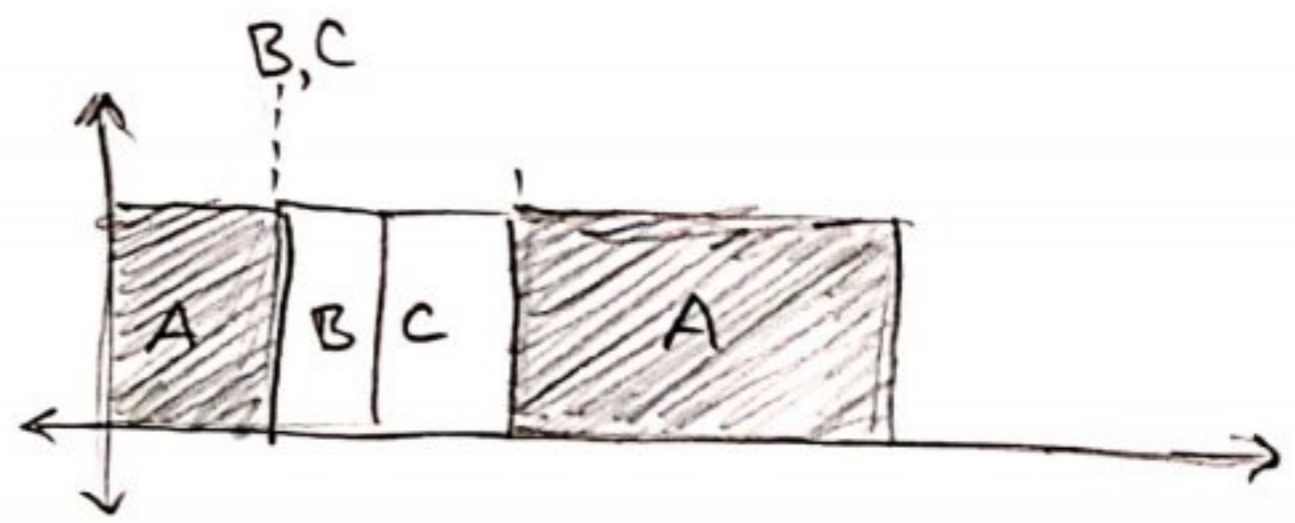
- \* provable optimal avg. turnaround time, when all processes arrive together.
- \* SJF is non-preemptive. So short jobs stuck behind longer ones; if they arrive after longer ones.



c) Shortest time to completion first:-  
(STCF)

\* ALSO, Shortest remaining time first. (SRTF)

- preemptive scheduling.
- preempts running task, if time left is more than new arrivals.



checking shortest when new procs arrive.

d) Round Robin:-

- \* every process executed for a fixed quantum slice.  
(keep slice big enough to amortize context switch cost)

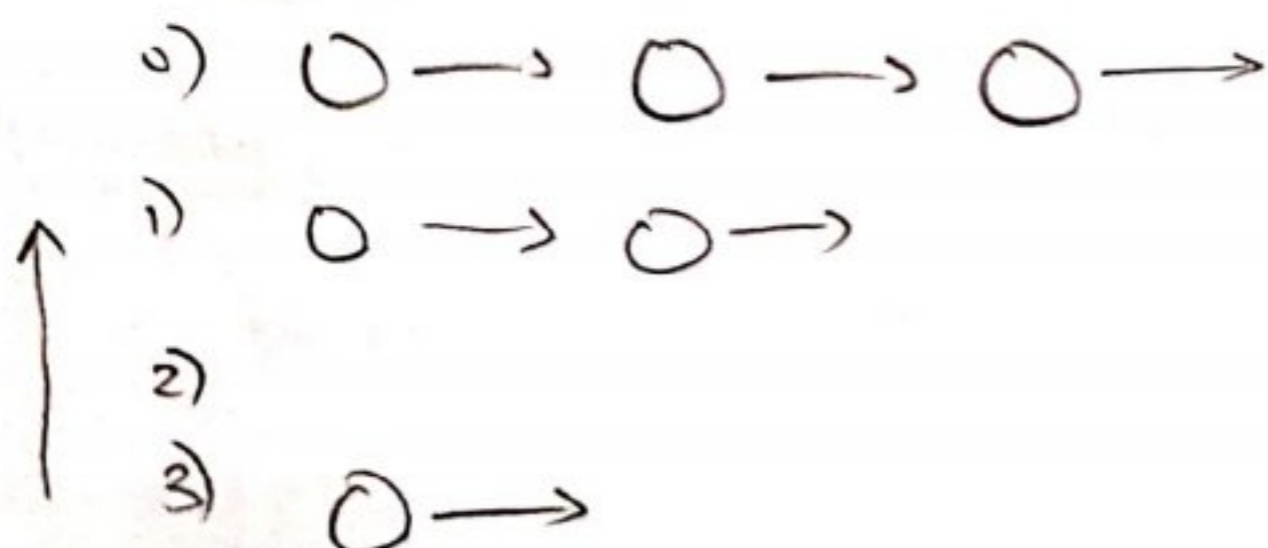


- \* preemptive.
- \* Good for responsetime & fairness
- \* Big blow on turnaround time.

e) Unix:-

- \* Schedulers in real system are more complex.
- \* Unix uses a multilevel feedback queue (MLFQ)

- many queues, in priority order.
- processes from highest queue scheduled first
- within same priority, any algo like RR
- priority of process decays with age.





## LG: Inter-process Communication (IPC):-

- each process has its own unique memory image.
- If two processes want to work together, they need to use IPC mechanisms.

### 1. Shared memory:-

Shared memory get.

- \* `shmget()` System call.

`int shmget (key_t key, int size, int shmflg).`

- same key means, both processes have same segment of memory.
- need to take care one process is not overwriting another.

### 2. Signals:-

- \* Either the OS or a process, can send signal to another process.

`Ctrl+C` → `SIGINT`.

- \* Some signals can't be overridden. Eg: `SIGKILL`. Some can be.

- \* Signal handler: every process has default code for signal handling.

### 3. Sockets:-

- \* can be used by processes on same machine or different machine to communicate.

- TCP/UDP sockets across PCs
- Unix sockets in local machine

- \* OS transfers data across socket buffers.

### 4. Pipes:-

- \* pipe system call returns 2 file descriptors.

- read handle & write handle
- A pipe is a half-duplex communication.



- \* Regular pipes: both fds are in same process.

- parent & child fd after fork.

- \* Named pipes: two endpoints can be in different processes.

- \* OS buffers pipe data b/w read & write.

## 5 message queues:

- \* mailbox abstraction
- \* process can open a mailbox & send/receive messages from mailbox.
- \* OS buffers the intermediate mails.
- \* Each system call read/write have blocking & non-blocking versions.
  - read from empty queues
  - write to full queues.returns with a value or an error code.

## LT: Intro to virtual memory:-

### \* Why virtualize memory:-

- Bcoz real view of physical memory is messy!
- Multiple processes are stored, all jumbled up.
- Need to hide this complexity from user.

\* Every process thinks as if it has access to a large space of addresses from 0 to MAX.

\* CPU issues load store instructions with virtual addresses.

\* MMU memory management unit transfers virtual addresses to present on CPU itself! real addresses.

OS makes the pagetable available to MMU.

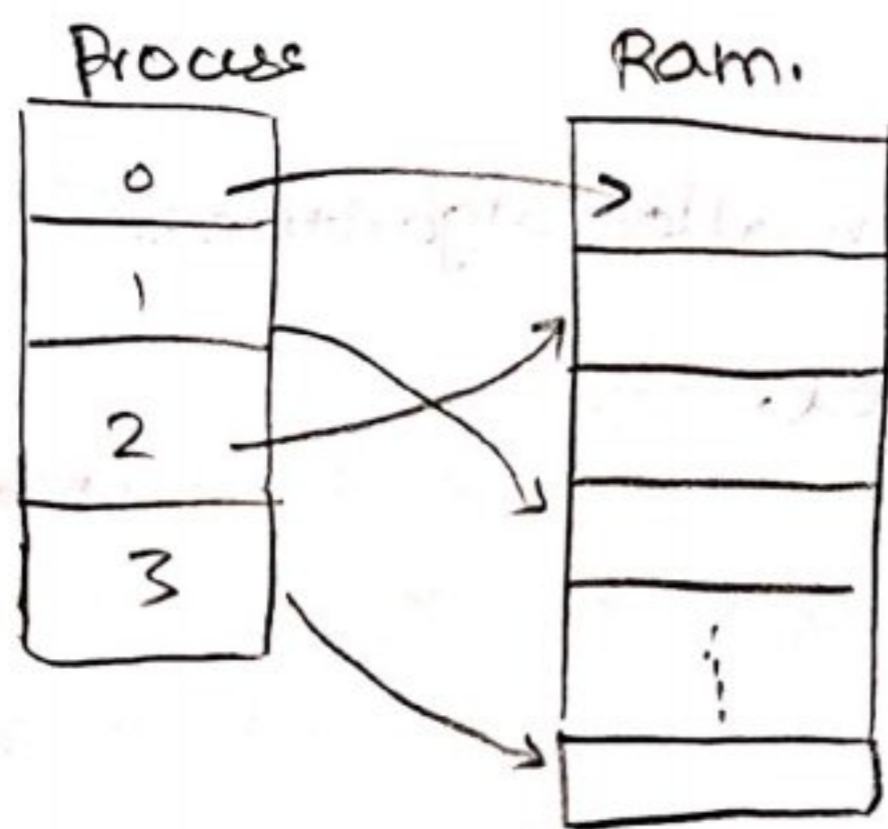
### → The concept of paging:-

\* The virtual address space is divided into fixed size segments called pages. Also the physical addresses are divided into page frames.

\* To allocate memory to a process, pages are mapped to frames.

\* The pagetable stores mapping from virtual page number to physical frame number.

first 12 bits or so...  
of address.



4KB pages...  
1KB pages...  
etc.

### \* Goals of memory virtualization:-

- Transparency: user not aware of messy details
- Efficiency: minimize overheads in terms of memory & access time.
- Isolation & protection: user should not access anything outside his address space.

Cool!

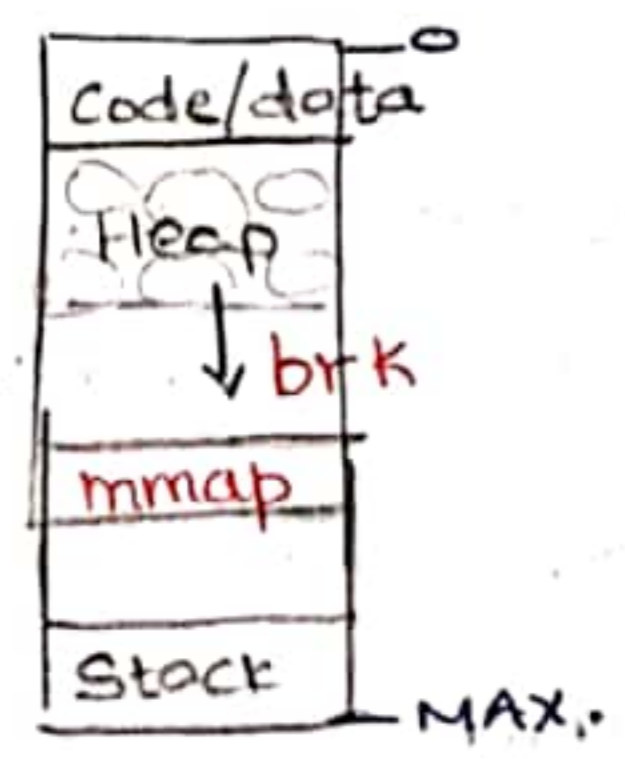
All 3 are handled.

\* Memory Allocation: whole 0 to MAX isn't allotted at process creation. Waste then!

- \* user C-code can allocate more heap memory using malloc().
- \* malloc implemented in C library -
  - here we got algos for efficient space management.

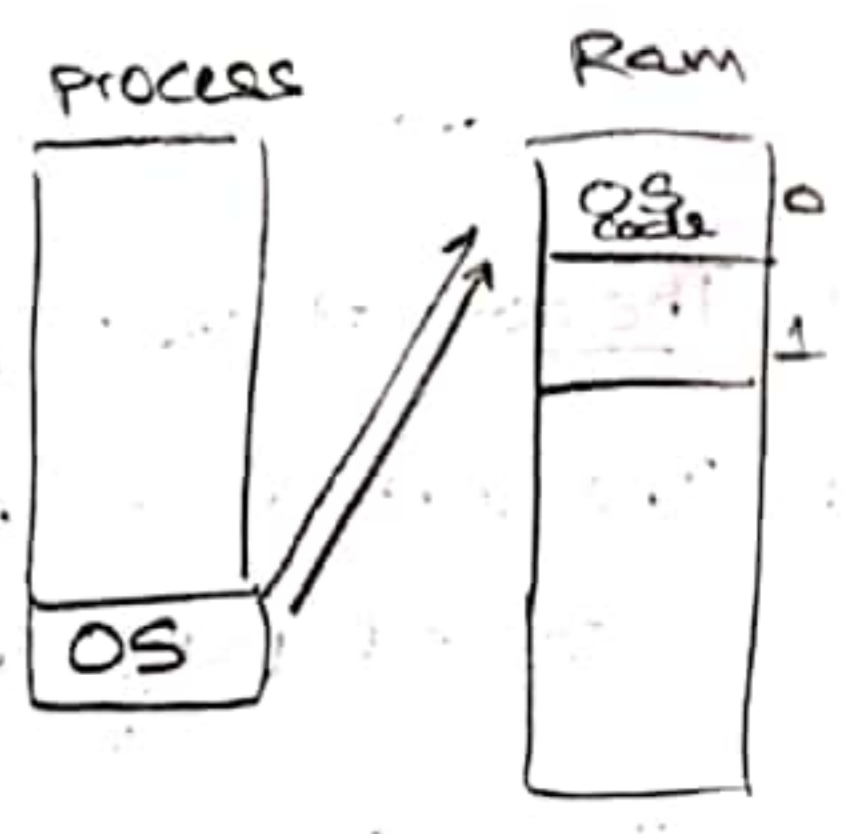
\* To grow heap,  
brk / sbrk system call.

- \* The user program can also allocate a page sized memory using the mmap() syscall.
  - get "anonymous" page from OS.



→ The address space of OS code in a process:-

- \* OS is not a separate process with its own address space.
- \* OS code is part of the address space of all processes.
- \* Page table maps OS virtual addresses to real OS code.
  - [only 1 real OS code like, for all processes].
  - like a header file.



\* How does OS allot itself memory?

- large allocations; OS takes up a page.
- small allocations; OS uses various memalloc algorithms.

\* can't use libc & malloc in kernel. ☹️

who will OS syscall to gain....

So, in xv6 kernel code  
(which is written in C)

We never have  
new ---;  
malloc C)...

?

hmmm...  
wow....

## LB: Mechanism of Address Translation:-

- \* In a simple example of one page translation;  
OS tells the MMU, the base (start address)  
and the bound (total size of allocation)
- then the MMU does:  
 $PA = VA + \text{base.}$   
if  $(VA \geq \text{bound})$  error!
- \* Hence, OS just says the base, bound once. It is not involved in every translation.

## \* Hardware role:-

- ISA has privileged instructions to set translation information.  
(base bound etc)
- MMU uses this information for every! translation.
- MMU generates fault & traps into OS when: access is illegal!  
! Hardware! interrupt VA out of bounds.

## \* role of OS:- (in memory management)

- \* OS maintains free list of memory. (In a linked list..)
  - \* Allocates frames during process creation (& when requested)
  - \* maintains page table in PCB of a process.
  - \* Set address translation information in hardware.
  - \* Handles traps from hardware. - during context switch ✓
- Segmentation:- external fragmentation:-  
- in unallocated RAM. - during Trap? X X.
- \* say we are using generalized (base, bound) rather than fixed size pages.
  - \* variable sized allocations leads to external fragmentation:
    - small holes left out in RAM, between segments.
    - no such issue with fixed size segments.

## L9: Paging:-

- \* lets allocate memory in fixed sized chunks. → makes mem management easy.
- Avoids external fragmentation.
- Has internal fragmentation (partially filled pages)

### → Page table:-

- \* per-process data structure
- \* Array stores mapping from  
Virtual page number to Physical frame number

VPN

PFN

fair enough.

Index is virtual page number!

Not the starting address of page!

- \* MMU has access to page table.
- \* OS updates page table of MMU upon context switch.  
but not during trap into kernel.

### → Page table entry (PTE):-

The OS class scene from

- \* Page table entry is one per virtual page. "The social network!"  
Hche!

- \* VPN is the index into Page table for its PTE.  
array of PTEs.

- \* Each page table entry contains

→ PFN (physical frame number) & few other bits

Status bits

→ valid bit: is the page used by process?

→ Protection bits read/wr. permission.

→ Present bit: is this page in memory? Or swap?

→ Dirty bit: has this page been modified

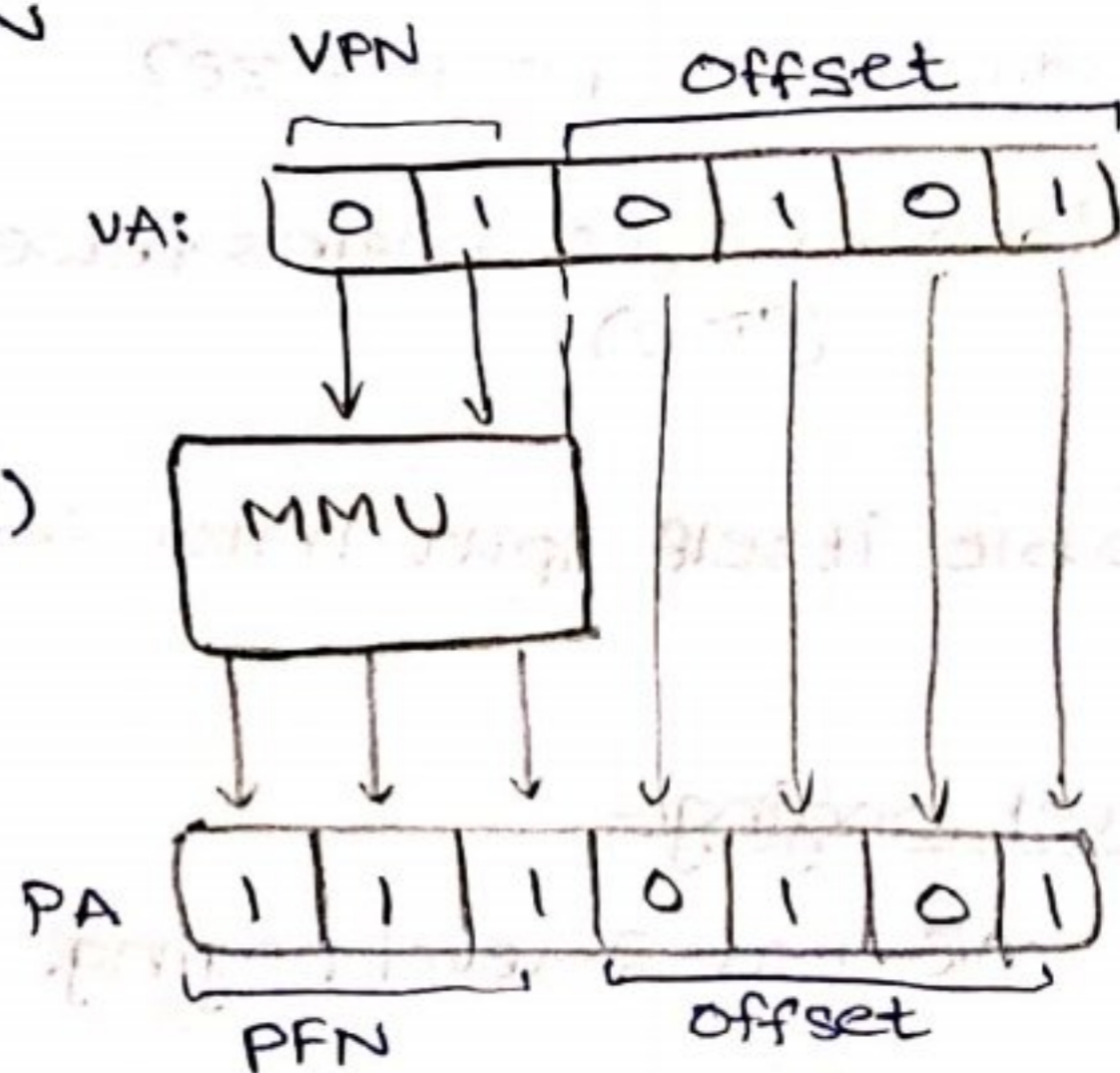
→ Accessed bit: has this page been recently accessed?

(even for reading!)  
demand paging!

\* most significant bits of VA give VPN

\* the MMU stores the address of the start of page table.

Need to add (or rather append!) offset.



\* MMU needs to translate EVERY address from CPU.

- Paging adds overhead to translation. (could be multi-level page table).

\* Hence use a cache for VAPA translation.

→ Translation Lookaside Buffer TLB:- inside MMU

\* A cache of recent VA-PA mappings accessed.

\* MMU first looks inside TLB.

(Since Memory access is slow...)

- if TLB hit, PA directly accessed.

- if TLB miss, then MMU walks the page table.

\* TLB misses are expensive (multiple memory accesses)

\* locality of reference has a high hit rate.

code usually

asks l/w/s/w in similar locations.

- for loops  
etc.

\* TLB entries become invalid on context switch & change of page tables.

\* Page tables typical size:

4KB → first 20 bits of VA is our VPN.  
12 bits offset

\* say each PTE is 4 bytes; then total page table is

$$4 \times 2^{20} \text{ B} = 4 \text{ MB}$$

(table) for single process.

\* How to reduce page table size?

- larger pages means fewer PTE.  
(Size)

or

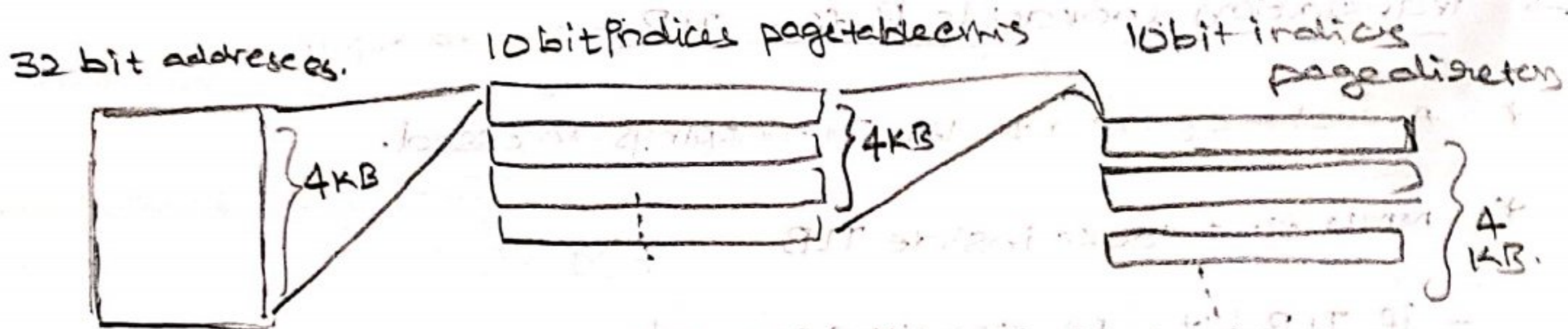
Page table itself split into smaller chunks  
(Pages) haha.

→ Multilevel paging:-

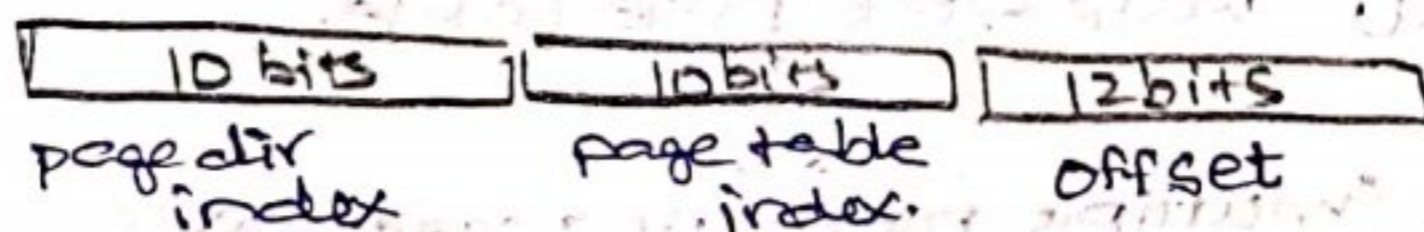
XV6 has 2-level paging.

\* A page table itself spread over many pages. (All need not be allocated at process creation)

\* An "outer" page table or page directory tracks PFNs of page table pages.



VA:



∴  $2^{32}$  values }  $4 \times 2^{20}$  page table Bytes }  $4 \times 2^{10}$  Page directory Bytes.

4GB 4MB 4KB

all  $2^{10}$  page table pages need not be allocated. This saves space on page table per process.

\* We could need even higher level page tables.

- 64bit arch, - 7 levels.

\* Like this; in case of TLB miss, we'd need heavy cost.



## L10- Demand Paging:-

- \* Not all pages of all active processes are present in RAM/memory.
- OS uses a part of disk (swap area) to store pages not in use.

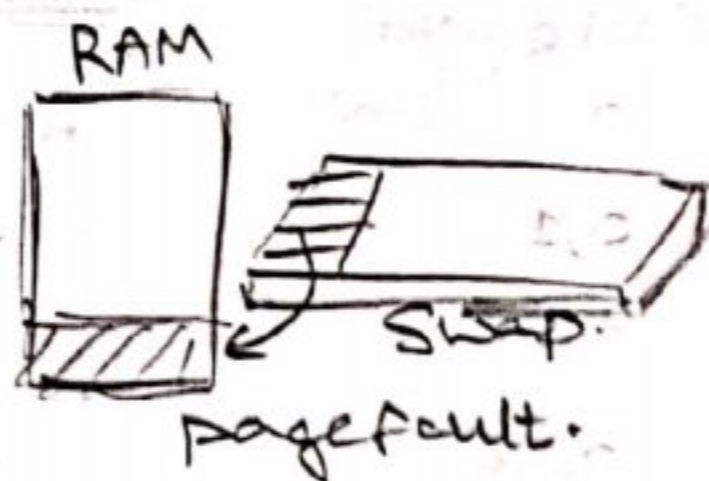
### → Page fault:-

\* present bit indicates if the page is in memory or not:

- if page not present, MMU raises a trap to OS - page fault.  
not error!
- in kernel mode (after trapping);

OS issues read to disk to bring back the page.

- OS switches to another process. (Disk has a small CPU which works independent of our computer CPU).
- After disk read completes; disk raises an interrupt & OS updates the page table of our old process & marks it ready.
- When old process is scheduled again, OS restarts the instruction that caused page fault.  
not the next instruct!



Summary:- What happens on memory access by MMU:-

1) CPU issues load to VA.

- checks CPU cache first 000....
- goes to main memory in case of cache miss.

2) MMU looks up TLB for VA =

- TLB hit: obtains PA, access memory.
- TLB miss: walks page table & obtains PTE.

When moving a page to swap; clear TLB entry!!.

- If present bit set, access memory
- If not present, but valid, raise page fault. OS handles page fault; sets the present bit; restarts instruct.
- If invalid page, trap to OS for error.

\* more complications in page fault:-

- what if OS finds no space to swap in the faulting page.
- OS will readily swap out pages to keep a list of free pages.

→ Page replacement policy:-

1. Optimal: replace page not needed for the longest time in future. (not practical... we don't know future).
2. FIFO: replace page, bought in the earliest! (but, could be a popular page)
3. LRU: replace the page that was least recently (or frequently) used.  
LFU: least recently used

Eg: 3 frames & 4 pages...

\* first few access are cold miss.  
 Compulsory:

Optimal:-

Access	Hit/Miss	Remove	Cache (after page fault)
0	miss		0
1	miss		0,1
2	miss		0,1,2
0	hit		0,1,2
1	hit		0,1,2
3	miss	2	0,1,3
0	hit		0,1,3
3	hit		0,1,3
1	hit		0,1,3
2	miss	3	0,1,2
1	hit		0,1,2

cold misses: (0, 1, 2)

net = 3 + 2 misses  
 cold

usually worse than optimal.

FIFO:-

Access	Hit/Miss	Remove	Cache
0	miss		0
1	miss		0,1
2	miss		0,1,2
0	hit		0,1,2
1	hit		0,1,2
3	miss	0	1,2,3
0	miss	1	2,3,0
3	hit		2,3,0
1	miss	2	3,0,1
2	miss	3	0,1,2
1	hit		0,1,2

net = 3 + 4 misses  
Bad.

Belady's anomaly:-

performance gets worse, when memory size increases.

## LRU policy:-

Access	hit/miss	evict	cache.
0	miss	—	0
1	miss	—	0, 1
2	miss	—	0, 1, 2
0	hit	—	1, 2, 0
1	hit	—	2, 0, 1
3	miss	2	0, 1, 3
0	hit	—	1, 3, 0
3	hit	—	1, 0, 3
1	hit	—	0, 3, 1
2	miss	0	3, 1, 2
1	hit	—	3, 2, 1

\* works well due to locality of reference.  
 - recently used pages are more popular.  
 - Hence evict least recently used ones.

keep 0 at last;  
 Since most recent.

∴ hit = 3 + 2  
 Same as optimal.

## \* How is LRU implemented:-

- OS is not involved in each & every memory access. How to implement LRU?
- Hardware helps some approximation.
- MMU sets a bit <sup>in PTE.</sup> "accessed bit" when page is accessed.
- OS periodically looks at this bit; to estimate active & inactive pages. <sup>classify into hot/cold pages.</sup>
- To replace; OS tries to find a page that has low access bit (0).  
 - may also look for page with dirty bit unset.

\* So OS only swaps out

pages of

current process?

(to avoid swapping out to disk).  
 not sure here...

\* Will TLB be cleared, if page swapped out?

# L11: memory allocation Algorithms

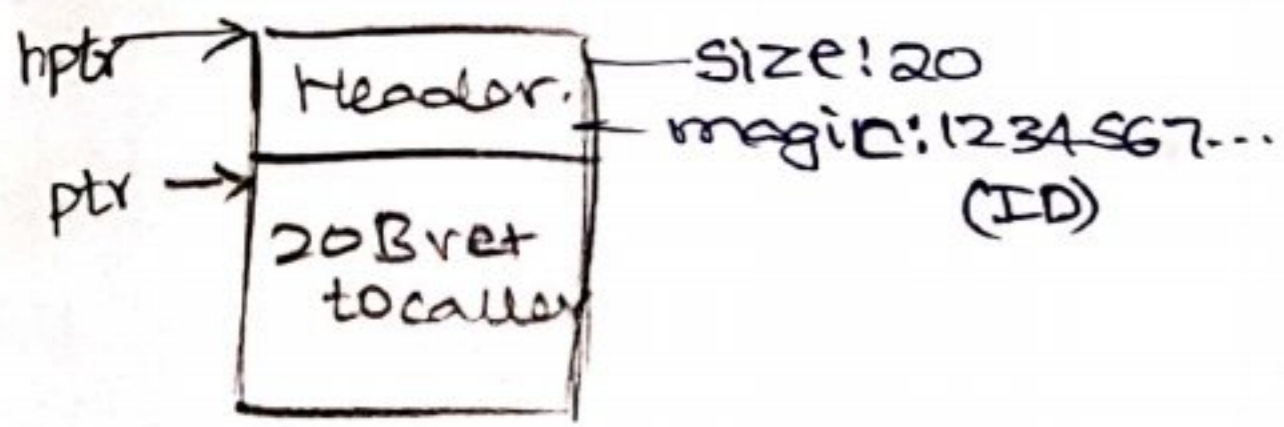
→ Linked list with headers  
Data Structure + Algorithm.

↳ first, best, worst allocations

- \* Fixed size allocation is straightforward. Let's see for variable sized w/o allocations.
- \* This problem must be solved in C-library in malloc() & also in kernel. Kernel must allocate memory of its internal data structures.

## → Headers:

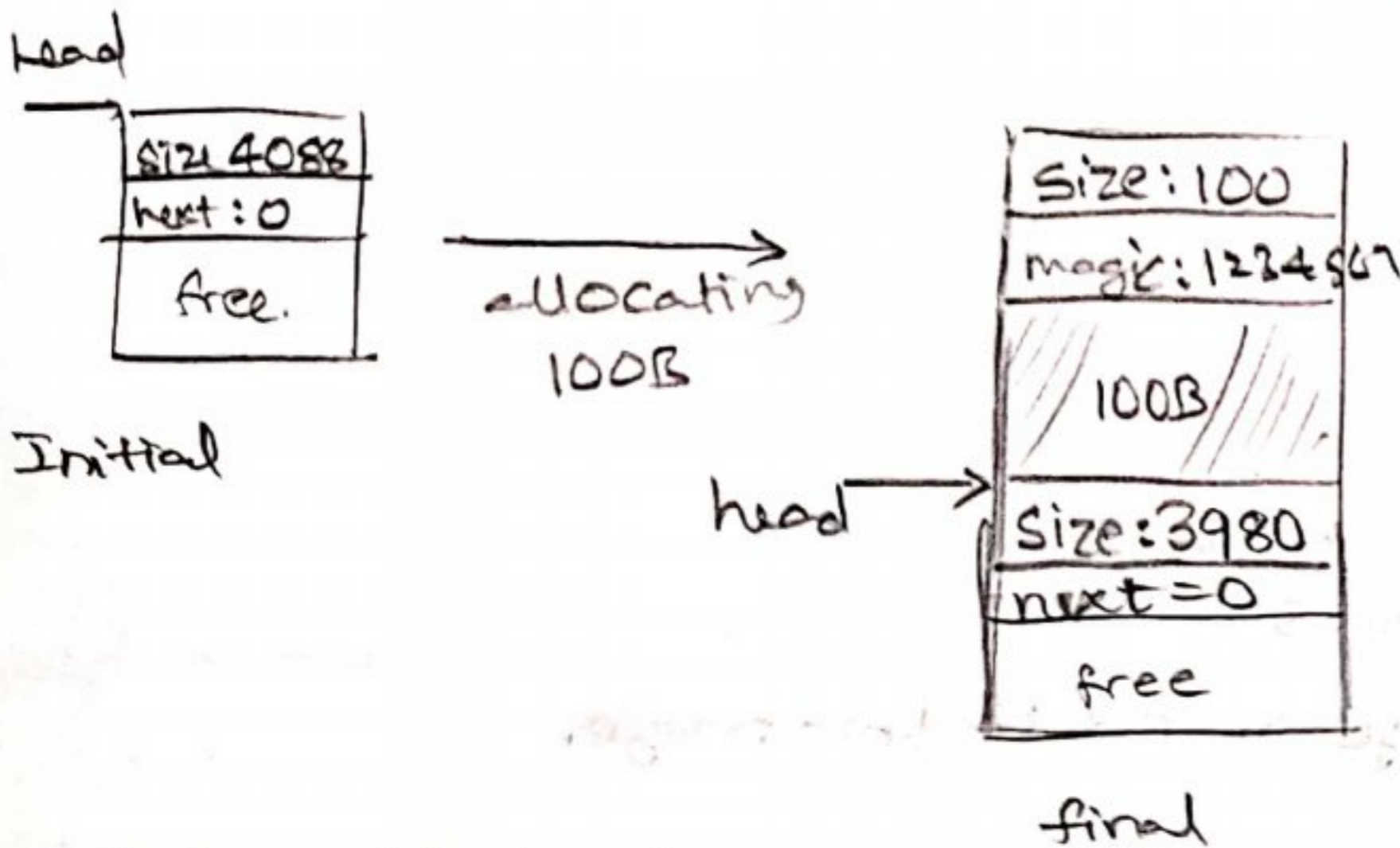
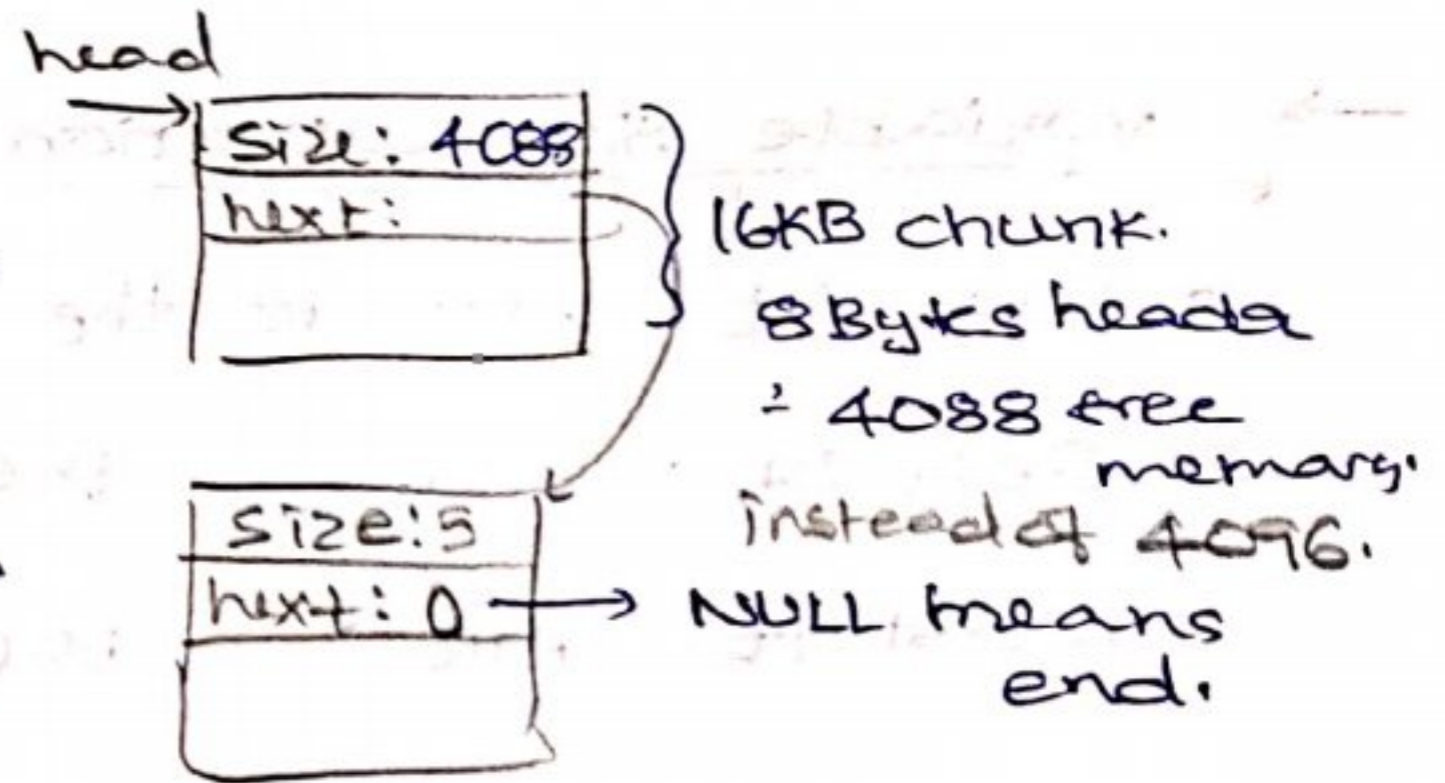
- consider simple case of malloc()
- every allocated chunk has a header with info like size of chunk.



\* Size is needed; since when free() called, we'll know how much to free.

## \* Free space is managed as a freelist.

- pointer to next chunk; mentioned in current chunk.
- Allocations happen from head.
- C-Library tracks the head.



See how  
4088 free → 100 occupied + 3980 free  
header loss = 8 Bytes

NICE!

## \* External Fragmentation:

- \* Say we have 3 100 blocks & 1 3764 block. Now freed middle 100 Block. Total we got 3864 B free space But fragmented!
- \* So, we can't allocate a 3800B request!

Since continuous 3800B unavailable.

\* Splitting & Coalesce!

\* A smart algorithm must coalesce adjacent chunks.

\* Must split while allocating requests & coalesce while freeing requests.

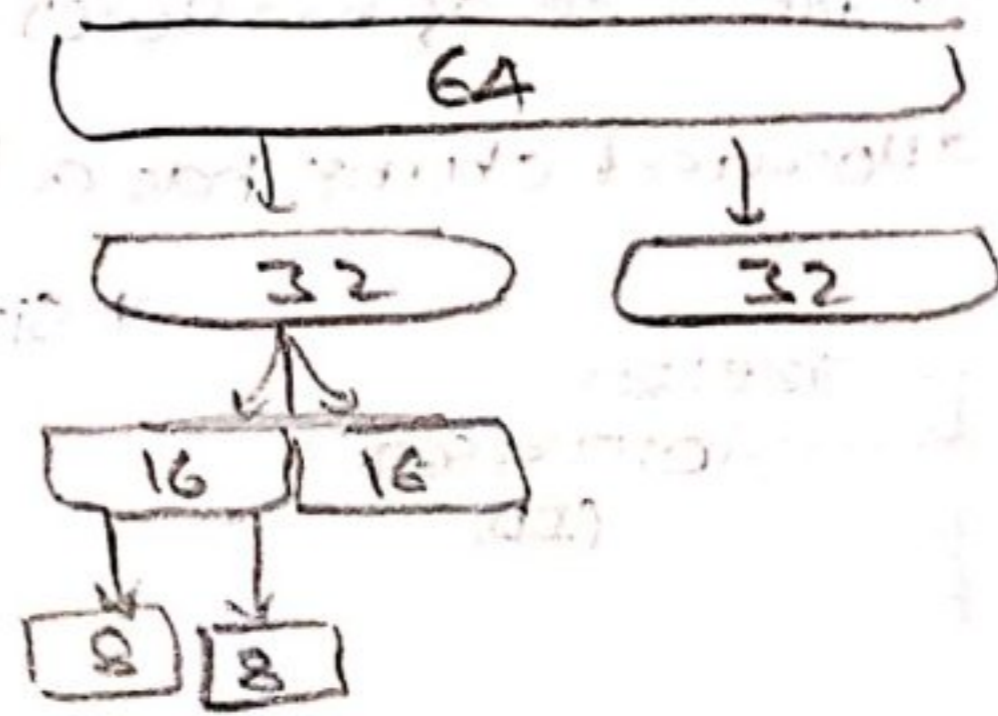
coalescing also reduces headers overhead.

→ Buddy allocation for easy coalescing!

• Allocate memory in powers of 2.

Eg: for 7KB request, allocate 8KB

Cause: if this chunk & its buddy are free, coalesce into bigger chunk.



→ variable size allocation strategies!

\* the policies!

• First fit: Allocate the first chunk that's sufficient.

• Best fit: Allocate the chunk closest in size.

• Worst fit: Allocate the largest chunk in size.

→ fixed size allocations!

\* A Bit easier.

- has free list of pages

- pointer to next page stored in this page.

} need a header no?

\* for smaller allocations (like PCBs), kernel

I dunno... maybe not needed.

uses a slab allocator.

- object caches for each type (size) of object.

- within a cache, only fixed size allocations.

- each cache, made up of one or more "slabs".

\* we could use fixed size allocations in C (instead of malloc...). But meh!

## L27: Paging in xV6

\* 32 bit OS  $\rightarrow$  4GB virtual address space per-process.

Page size  $\rightarrow$  4KB

no demand paging.

\* each PTE has : Page table is indexed using 20 bit index.

\* 20 bit PFN (physical frame no.)

\* some flags:-

PTE-P: present. if not set  $\rightarrow$  page fault.

PTE-W: writable. if unset  $\rightarrow$  only read permitted

PTE-U: user : if unset  $\rightarrow$  only kernel can access page.

\*  $2^{20}$  PTE can't be stored simultaneously.

Two-level page table.

-  $2^{10}$  inner page-table pages.

- outer page directory is 4KB in size.

- physical address of outer page directory in CPU's cr3 register.  
used by MMU

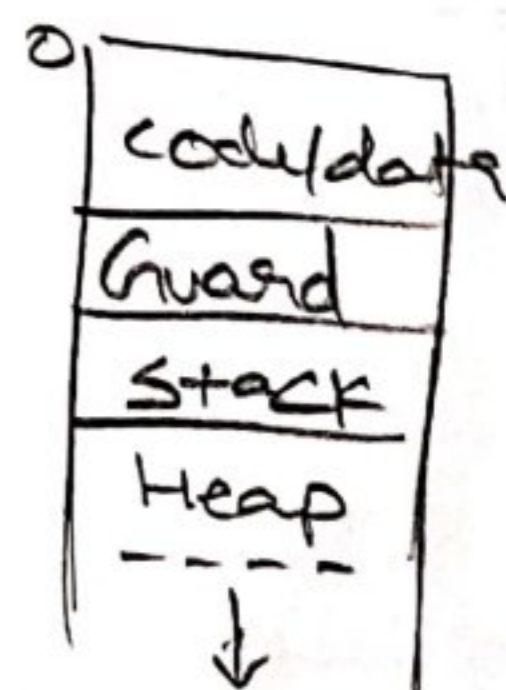
$\rightarrow$  Process virtual address space:-

\* from 0:

- code/data

- Fixed size stack (with guard page)  
!xV6 only.

- expandable heap



\* Kernel code/data:

from 2GB onwards

KERNBASE.

- kernel code/data

*kstack?*

\* - free pages maintained by kernel

- some space reserved for I/O devices.

\* Page table  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{User PTEs } \} \text{ maps low virtual addresses} \end{array} \right.$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Kernel PTEs } \} \text{ maps high-VAs to real OS code.} \end{array} \right.$

(identical in all processes)

→ OS page table mappings:

\* maps  $(2GB + 2GB + \text{PHYSTOP})$  to  $(0, \text{PHYSTOP})$   
 VA PA ↪ in physical memory.

- mapping identical in all processes for kernel code.

\* During trap, we'll use the same pagetable for OS code...

\*  $[0, \text{PHYSTOP})$  has code for  
 - kernel code/data  
 - I/O devices  
 - mostly free pages. in physical addresses.

∴ in kernel VAs;  
 Phy. frame P has virtual address  $P + 2GB$ .  
 can be mapped to user pages.

∴ } same frame has 2 virtual addresses. → then 2 PTEs will point (one user, one kernel) to same PFN.

\* every RAM byte has 2 bytes in process.  
 ∴ Xv6 process can't use more than 2GB.

\* freelist: maintained by OS.

→ just a linked list  
 - kernel maintains a head pointer

```
struct run {
    struct run* next;
};
```

\* assigns pages to user memory & page tables of user procs.

```
struct {
    struct spinlock lock;
    int use lock;
    struct run* freelist;
} kmem;
```

→ Alloc & free:

\* who needs a new page: `kalloc()`

- returns first free page on freelist.

\* who needs to free a page: `kfree()`

- Add free page to head of freelist.

Simple!



## L-28: memory management of user process:-

\* New virtual address space for a process during

- init creation
- fork()
- exec()

\* existing VA space; modified in Sbrk system call.

→ Building pagetable for a process:-

- start with one page for directory.
- Allocate inner pages on-demand.

\* begins with `setupkvm()` (outer directory allocated)

| Add kernel mappings

`mappages()` on `kmap[]`.

after kernel mappings; user page mappings added.

\* page table entries added using

`mappages (pgdir, va, uint size, pa, int perm)`

How many Bytes.

permissions.

- for each page,

walks page table; gets pointer to PTE using walkpgdir(...)

& fills it with pa, permissions.

`mappages(pgdir, va, size, pa, perm)`

`walkpgdir (pgdir, va, alloc)`

Searches for Pgtab in pgdir & returns PTE in Pgtab

if `alloc = 1`;  
allocate PTE corresponding to va if not present.

(PDX, PTX are macros.  
(page directory index, page table index)

→ Fork: copy memory image ] implemented in OS. not the user process.  
Hence, gotta work with PAs. not VAs.

\* copyuvm() called by parent to copy. using setupkvm(): not VAs

- create a new pgtable for child.
- walk through parent VM page by page; copy to child; add PTE in child.

\* for each page in parent:

- fetch PTE, get physical address, permissions.
- kalloc() new page for child. memmove() into new page. memmove() needs physical addresses.
- Add PTE from va to pa in child using mappage(). not virtual in both arguments! (=)

\* real OS do copy-on-write:

initially child also points to same PA as parent.

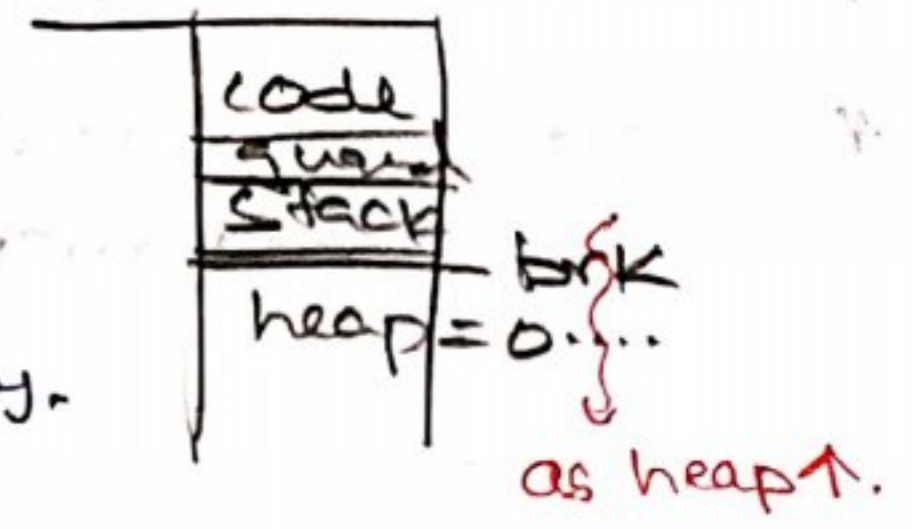
duplication occurs if one of them

modifies the page in their code.

\* virtual address means nothing in OS code.

→ Growing memory image : `sbrk()`.

- \* initially heap is empty.
- program "break" is at end of stack.
- `sbrk()` is invoked by `malloc()` internally.



\* to grow memory; `allocuvm()` allocates new page, adds mappings into `Pgdir`.

\* whenever page table updated, must update `Cr3` reg & TLB also done during context switch.

`growproc(int n)`

- `allocuvm(Pgdir, sz, sz+n)`
- `deallocuvm` if  $n < 0$
- `switchuvm(cuproc)` ? refreshing

`Allocuvm()`:

- \* walk through new VAs to be added
- \* Alloc new page `kalloc()` add to page table `mappages()`.
- \* similarly `deallocuvm()` to `kfree()`.

`Allocuvm()`

- `for (pa < newsz; pa += PG_SIZE)`
  - `mem = kalloc()`
  - `mappages(a, mem)`.
- okay.

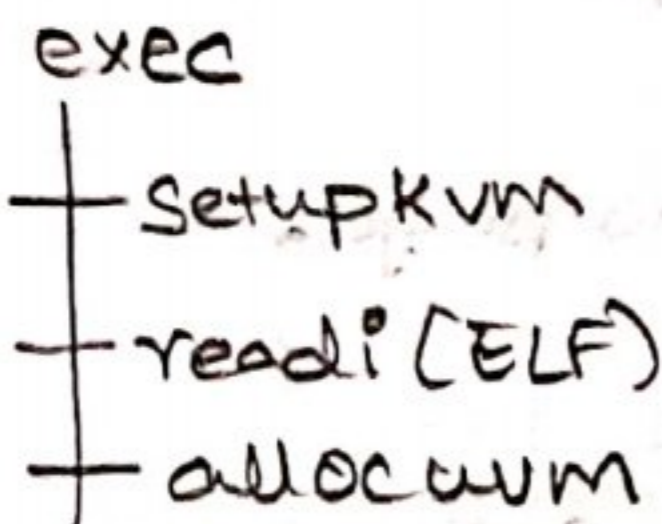
→ exec system call:

executable & linkable format.

\* read ELF binary file from disk to memory.

\* Start with new pg.dir.

- Add mappings to new executable pages & grow virtual addresses.



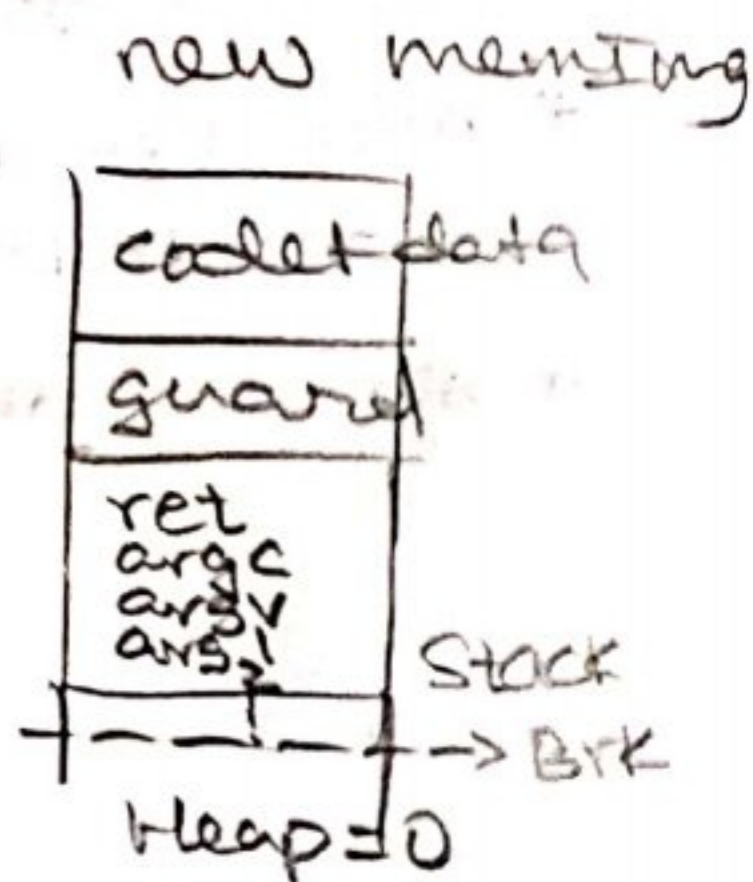
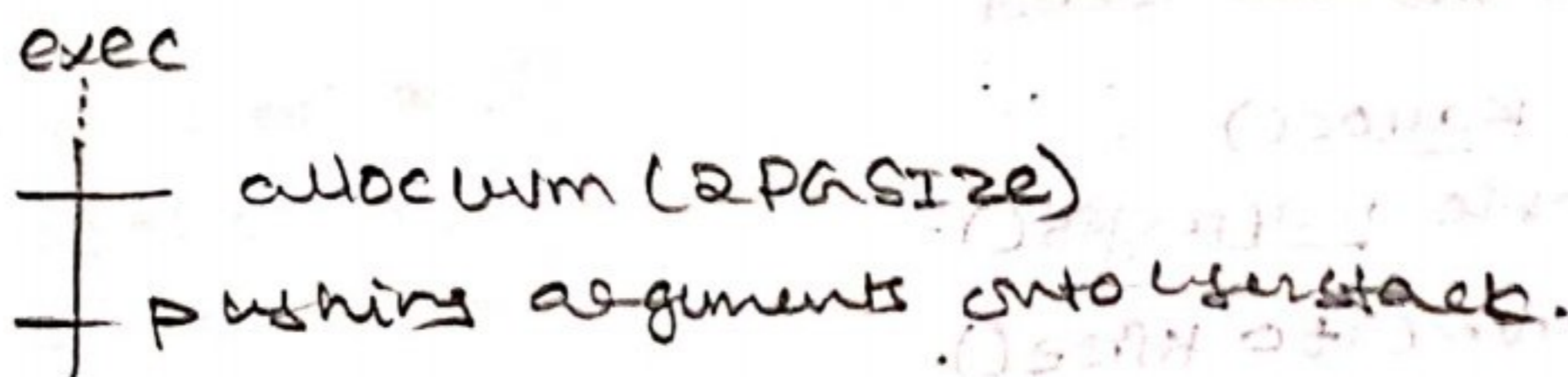
\* After executable is copied only code + data na!

- Allocate 2 pages - Guard + Stack.

↳ permissions cleared. Accessing this will trap!

- push exec() arguments onto user stack for main function of new program. (command line args).

\* Stack now has return address, args, argv array (pointers) & the arguments themselves. !!

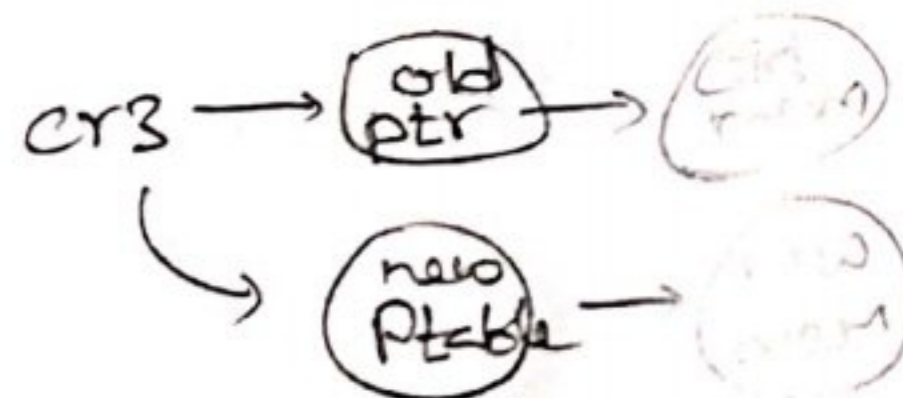
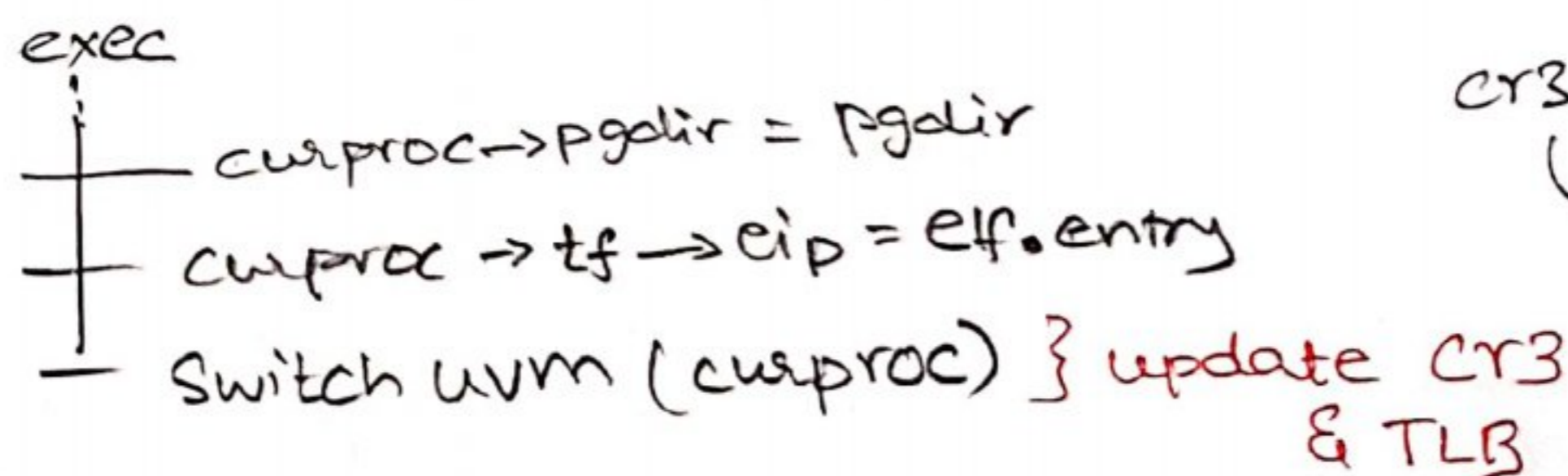


\* if no errors so far; switch to new pg.dir.

- if any error; don't switch. return exec() with error.

\* Set EIP in trap frame to entry of new program.

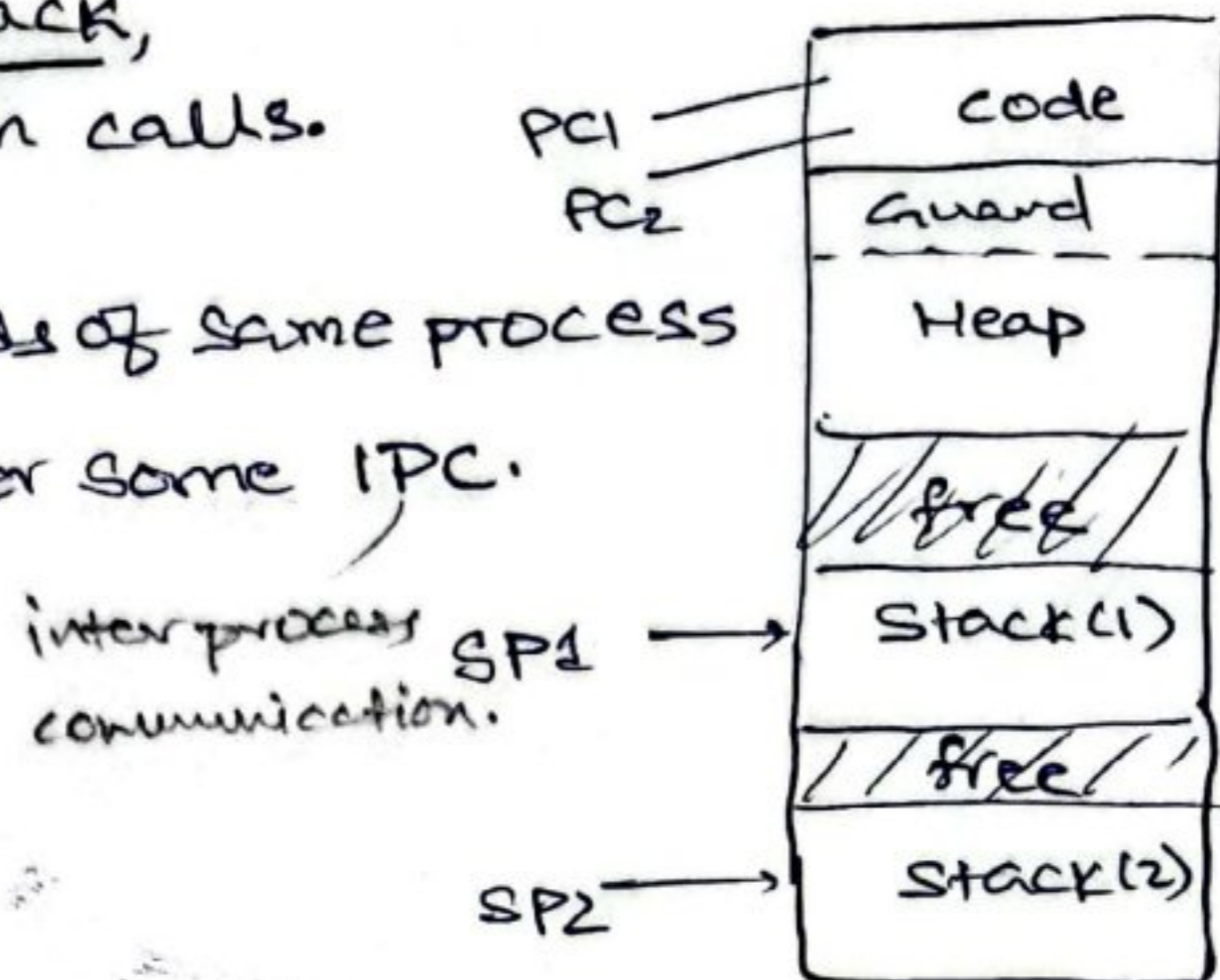
- returning from trap; new code will run.



## L12: Threads and concurrency

- \* Thread is like another copy of a process, that executes independently.
  - Threads share the same address space (code, heap...)
  - Each thread has separate stack, for independent function calls.

- \* For communication among threads of same process use Global variables rather than some IPC.



- \* concurrency vs parallelism:-

multiple threads/processes at same time; even on single core; by interleaving their execution.

multiple processes/threads in parallel over multiple cores.

XV6 has no threads. But supports multi core

- \* why threads?

- single process can effectively use multiple cores parallelly.
- Even if no parallelism, concurrency of threads ensures one thread runs, when other thread is blocked... imp!

- \* Scheduling threads:-

- The context of a thread (PC, register) is in Thread Control Block. TCB.
  - each PCB has a list of TCBs.

- The threads those are scheduled independently by kernel are kernel-threads.

linux pthread.h is a kernel thread.

- \* Some libraries provide user threads.

- user sees many threads

- library multiplexes large no. of user threads over small no. of K-thread

- low overhead of switching in user threads.

pthread\_create()  
pthread\_join()

wooo!

→ Race condition:- concurrent execution leads to different results.

\* We really can't predict the execution order of multiple threads.  
at assembly level.

Say

counter = 0

thread 1:

for(i=0; i<1000; i++)  
counter++;

thread 2:

for(i=0; i<1000; i++)  
counter++;

By end of both threads; we expect the counter to be 2000.  
not anymore...

But we get less, sometimes

counter++ in assembly:-

0) mov 0x8abc, \$1

4) add \$1, 0x01

8) mov \$1, 0x8abc

Thread 1: executes 0, 4 & then interrupt!

Thread 2: executes 0, 4, 8

Thread 1: executes 8.

Now, we finally got (+1) instead of (+2).

\* Critical Section: portion of code, that can <sup>lol....</sup> lead to race condition.

- What shall we do? Mutual exclusion! only one thread executes critical section at once.

- What we need? Atomic Instructions & Atomicity of critical section  
from ISA

Achieve by

using Locks. 😊

LIB: locks:- pthread library in linux provides such lock.

\* We need to update a shared variable...

Use a lock: only a thread which holds the lock can change it.

• Goals of building a lock

- Mutual exclusiveness: lol...

- Fairness

- Low overhead: acquiring, releasing, waiting for a lock; shouldn't consume many resources.

• locks needed for user programs & kernel programs.  
(pthread)

Implementation of locks needs support from microarchitecture & OS.  
(atomic instructions)

→ Disabling interrupts:-

\* Haha; such an implementation isn't nice.

really?  
might be...  
to send signals...

good! - Disabling Interrupts is a privileged instruction & cannot give this power to user code.

- In multicores; another thread on another CPU can access critical section.

(unless u disable on all processors...)  
which is a big waste.

\* can use this in single processor systems inside OS.

→ Lock Implementation:-

\* we'll use a flag to track whether lock is taken/available. But simple instructions won't do. Race condition moves to lock acquisition code.

Use atomic Instructions:-

1) test-and-set: update a variable & return old value. All in one instruction.

& so

```
• struct lock_t { int flag=0; }
```

```
• void lock ( lock_t* lock) {
```

```
    while (TestAndSet(&lock->flag, 1) == 1) {
```

```
        ;
```

```
    } Spin wait. do nothing till condition true.
```

Spin Lock

Spinning until lock is acquired...

2) compareAndSwap (int\* ptr, int expected, int new) {

int actual = \*ptr,

if (actual == expected)

\*ptr = new;

return actual;

}

Again, can implement a spinlock.

→ Alternative to spinning:- sleeping mutex.

\* A contending thread yields the CPU.

while ( testAndSet(&lock → flag, 1) == 1)

yield(); // give up CPU.

nice!

\* Most userspace locks → sleeping mutex kind. Saves lots of resources...

inside OS → spinlocks only.

Who will OS yield to?

why?

itself na?

\* When OS acquires a spinlock:

Doubt!

nice.

1. It must disable interrupts, when the lock is held. Cuz interrupt handler could also request for the same lock & spin forever.

NO!

maybe scheduler itself needs that lock... & again it itself yields & recursive loop...

2. Must not perform any blocking operation.

"never go to sleep with a lock". You are OS!

who'll wake you up?

\* When to use locks:

\* 1. A lock should be used before acquiring any shared data structures.

"thread-safe data structures".

2. All Shared Kernel DS. should be accessed after locking.

3. Coarse-grained locks vs fine-grained locks:-

one big lock for all shared data

separate locks...

- allows more parallelism.

- harder to manage.



# L14: Condition Variables:- Pthreads provide CV for user prog.

\* we done mutual-exclusion. lets see waiting-signalling.  
 different from yielding... → ready to run.

## → Condition Variables:-

\* A CV is a queue, a thread/process can put itself into; waiting for a condition.

- Another thread signals CV to wakeup a waiting thread.

Signal → wakeup one thread.

signal broadcast → wakeup all.

- no flag inside condition variable. just wait(), signal() methods.

- wait() is different from yield() & yield() makes status runnable; where wait() makes status sleeping.

Eg:

Shared value int done = 0

Lock mutex\_t m = init\_mutex;

CV: condvar\_t c = init\_condvar;

```
void thr_exit() {
```

```
    lock(&m);
```

```
    done = 1;
```

```
    signal(&c);
```

```
    unlock(&m);
```

```
}
```

```
void* child {
```

```
    thr_exit();
```

```
    return NULL;
```

```
}
```

```
void thr_join() {
```

```
    lock(&m);
```

```
    while (done == 0)
```

```
        wait(&c, &m);
```

```
    unlock(&m);
```

```
}
```

```
main {
```

```
    pthread_t p;
```

```
    pthread_create(&p, child);
```

```
    thr_join();
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

use a 'while' loop; rather than if-condition; to account for wrong waking of CV.

use lock, while accessing a shared variable. otherwise here; race condition could send parent to permanent sleep.

"Lock must be held while using wait, signal on conditional variables!"

and so;

The wait(.,.) releases the lock; before putting thread to sleep. Never sleep with lock. Similarly; when thread wakes up; it would already be holding the lock.

IMP

1. CV is a queue
2. Update shared vars inside a lock (Read)
3. Use lock; before using wait, signal on conditional variables...

## → Producer - Consumer Problem:-

\* A common pattern in multi-threaded programs:

Setup: one or more producer threads  
one or more consumer threads  
a fixed buffer for everyone.

\* Using 2 CVs:-

```
int count = 0;
cond_t empty, full;
mutex_t mutex;
```

```
void* producer(void* args) {
    int i;
    for (i = 0; i < loops; i++) {
        lock(&mutex);
        while (count == MAX)
            wait(&empty, &mutex);
        put(i);
        signal(&full);
        unlock(&mutex);
    }
}
```

no need lock here.  
locks already stored in  
queue of CV. Those need to  
be returned to processes.

```
void* consumer(void) {
    int i;
    for (i = 0; i < loops; i++) {
        lock(&mutex);
        while (count == 0)
            wait(&full, &mutex);
        get(i);
        signal(&empty);
        unlock(&mutex);
    }
}
```

Again we note:-

- 1) Lock must be held, during wait, signal on conditional variables.
- 2) Pass the lock to wait(;;) which releases the lock.
- 3) Never sleep with a lock.

## L15. Semaphores:-

\* Semaphore is also a synchronization primitive like CVs.

- Semaphore has an underlying counter.
- up/post increments the counter.
- down/wait decrements the counter & blocks the calling thread if the resulting value is negative.

\* Semaphore with value 1, acts like a lock.

Binary Semaphore = mutex.

```
sem_t m;  
sem_init(&m, X); X = 1  
wait(&m); for lock.  
//critical section  
post(&m)
```

\* Semaphores for ordering

```
void* child() {  
    sem_post(&s);  
}  
main {  
    thread(&p, child);  
    sem_wait(&s);  
}
```

See how we don't use lock beforehand...

Since if() condition is atomically implemented inside sem\_wait

Here no lock is passed in wait(); unlike c.v. wait.

→ Producer Consumer problem again!

\* 2 semaphores for signalling:

- one to track empty slots
- one to track full slots

\* 1 Semaphore as mutex for shared buffer.

```

sem_t empty; sem_init(&empty, 0, MAX);
sem_t full; sem_init(&full, 0, 0);
sem_t mutex; sem_init(&mutex, 0, 1); } a lock...

```

```

void* producer() {
    int i;
    for (i=0; i<loops; i++) {
        sem_wait(&empty);
        sem_wait(&mutex);
        put(i);
        sem_post(&mutex);
        sem_post(&full);
    }
}

```

```

void* consumer() {
    int i;
    for (i=0; i<loops; i++) {
        sem_wait(&full);
        sem_wait(&mutex);
        get(i);
        sem_post(&mutex);
        sem_post(&empty);
    }
}

```

mind this order!  
never sleep with a lock.  
"Acquire lock after signalling"

A different conclusion; when CV are used...  
since cv\_wait are able to free locks; where as sem\_wait are not.

no if() here; since inbuilt inside semaphore.

L16:

(Non-deterministic).  
Bugs in concurrent programming:-

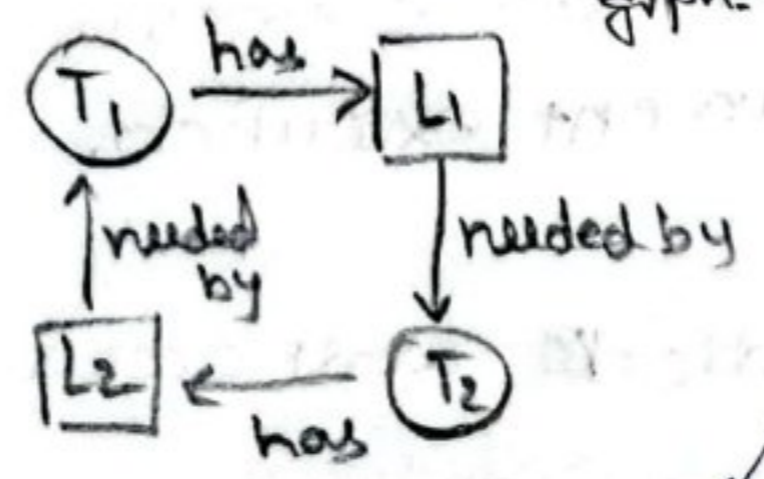
Deadlock bugs:-  
cannot go further

classic: T1 has L1, needs L2  
T2 has L2, needs L1

Condition for deadlock:

See next page.

> deadlock dependency graph.



Non deadlock bugs:-  
wrong results obtained

Atomicity Bugs:  
• fix is: use locks for mutual exclus.

Order violation Bugs:  
• use CV to impose ordering among various processes.  
Signal in 1<sup>st</sup> process  
wait in 2<sup>nd</sup> process  
& a bool variable.

When our assumption about atomicity of instructions is violated.

when our assumption abt order of exec. of 2 or more threads is wrong.  
can't just assume such stuff.

→ conditions for deadlock to occur:

1. Mutual exclusion: a thread claims exclusive control over a resource.
2. Hold-and-wait: thread holds a resource & is waiting for another.
3. No preemption: Thread cannot be made to give up its resources.
4. Circular wait: There is cycle in resource dependency graph.

\* All four above must hold for deadlock.

\* preventing circular wait:

- Acquire locks in a fixed order, everywhere.
- Impose total ordering.

Eg: Acquire the least address lock...

```
if (m1 < m2) {  
    lock (&m1);  
}  
lock (&m2);  
else {  
    lock (&m2);  
}  
lock (&m1);
```

reboot system or  
kill deadlocked process

Doubt

Will killing work?  
lock is still held...

\* preventing hold-and-wait:

- Have a big master lock; instead of small ones.  
    & then acquire smaller ones.
- may reduce concurrent execution.

\* OS can schedule st: deadlocks won't occur... impractical!

Banker's Algorithm

OS won't know na!

## L29: Locking in xv6 :-

\* xv6 has no threads. But supports multiple cores.

So; we need locking in OS code.

\* Use spinlocks to protect critical sections.

→ Spinlocks in xv6 :-

\* xchg (&lk->locked, 1) x86 atomic instruction  
similar to testAndSet.

\* must disable interrupts; before spinning for lock.

\* Interrupts stay disabled; until ALL locks are released.

Maintain a counter for no. of locks held.

mycpu() → ncli;

\* pushcli()

```
{
  disable interrupts
  if mycpu() → ncli == 0;
  mycpu() → ncli++;
}
```

\* popcli()

```
{
  decrement ncli;
  if ncli == 0: enable interrupts
  sti();
}
```

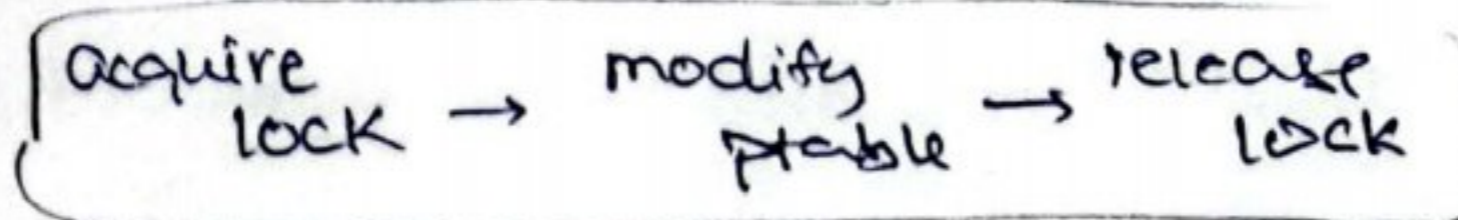
```
acquire() {
  pushcli(); → disable interrupts.
  while (xchg (&lk->locked, 1) != 0)
  ;
}
```

→ ptable.lock :-

\* Any access to ptable must be done with ptable.lock held.

But in code, sometimes...

\* Normally a process :-



But during context switch :- ptable is changing throughout.

(P<sub>1</sub> holds lock → goes to scheduler → P<sub>2</sub> releases lock.)

[IMP]

\* Every function that calls sched(); does so, while holding the lock.

yield()

sleep()

exit()

yield(), sleep(), forkret()

for a newly created process.

Every function switch(;) returns to, releases the ptable lock immediately.

## \* Subtle points about Scheduler();

- scheduler runs a loop with lock held.
- Periodically, when a loop through all the processes is over;

ptable.lock is released & interrupts are enabled.

- what if no process is runnable & interrupts are all disabled....

To avoid this, we enable interrupts periodically.

- \* Interrupts during lockheld time are queued up. (not discarded).

```
void scheduler(void)
{
    for(;;){ //∞ loop
        sti(); //turn on interrupts
        acquire(&ptable.lock);
        for(over all processes){
            _____
            _____
            _____
            switch(0,0);
            _____
            _____
        }
        release(&ptable.lock);
    }
}
```

kernel functions... not userspace...  
 L30: Sleep and Wakeup in xv6 :-

→ Basis :-

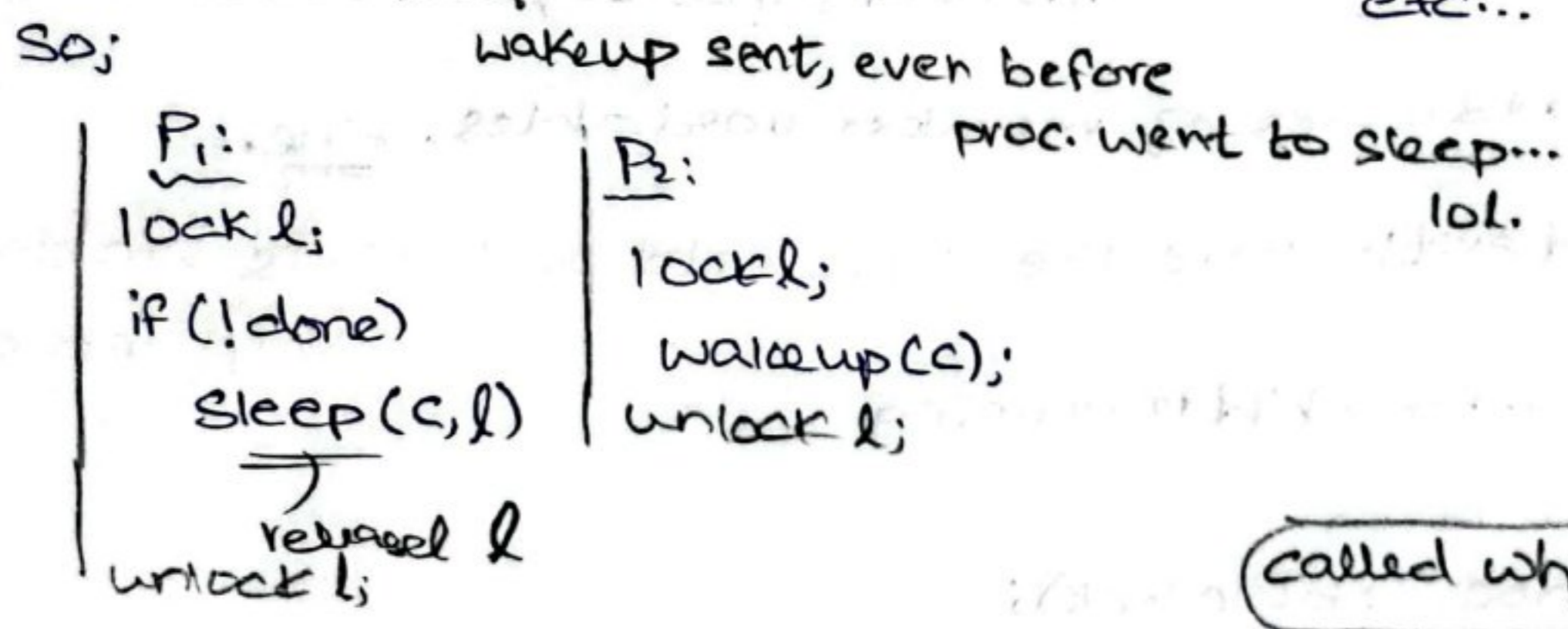
How interrupts work... Similar to condition variables in user codes.

- \* process P1 blocks for an event - disk read.  
 Invokes sleep() function.
- \* While P2 is running; say disk interrupt occurs and wakeup() is run.

How to know which proc? use channel: Stored in struct proc 'chan'

- \* Also; have to use lock for sleeping & wakeup...  
 #common value known to both Sleep process & wakeup process

- to bypass missed wakeup problem:  
 : locat<sup>n</sup> of struct proc  
 : address of disk read etc...



called when lk is ptable.lock

```

1 void sleep(void* chan, spinlock* lk) {
    p = curproc();
    if (lk != &ptable.lock) {
        acquire(&ptable.lock);
        release(&lk); // for wakeup fun.
    }
    p->chan = chan; // stored in struct proc
    ...
    sched();
    p->chan = 0;
    if (lk != &ptable.lock) {
        release(&ptable.lock);
        acquire(lk);
    }
}
    
```

```

2 void wakeup1(void* chan) {
    struct proc* p;
    for (p in procl; p->state == SLEEP & p->chan == chan)
        p->state = RUNNABLE;
}
    
```

wakes up all processes with given chan.

```

3 void wakeup(void* chan) {
    acquire(ptable.lock);
    wakeup1(chan);
    release(ptable.lock);
}
    
```

if lk is not ptable.lock.

release the lk given; only if its NOT ptable.lock.

A wakeup cannot run in b/w sleep; as sleep holds lk or ptable.lock.



\* Examples are pipes:-

```

                struct pipe {
pipewrite ( pipe* p; char* addr;
                int n);
piperead  ( pipe* p; char* addr;
                int n);
                }
                struct spinlock lock;
                char data[PIPESIZE];
                uint nread;
                uint nwrite;
                int readopen;
                int writeopen;
    
```

- one process writes into pipe; another reads from the pipe.
- reader sleeps, if the  $nread = nwrite$ , & writer wakes it.
- writer sleeps if  $nwrite = nread + PIPESIZE$ , & reader wakes it.
- Channel is addresses of member variables. fine.

\* Example is wait and exit! - Here the lock held by both is ptable.lock.  
 Yay! lets see!

\* Parent calls wait when child is running

```

wait() | // wait for children
        | sleep(curproc, &ptable.lock);
    
```

In child; exit() has lock & wakes up parent

```

exit() | // parent could be sleeping
        | wakeup1 (curproc -> parent)
        | min
        | directly this called 😊
    
```

chan = struct  
 proc of  
 parent  
 process.

\* child proc. by itself can't cleanup its complete memory... & its struct  
 CR3, kstack  
 are in use always

So; wait() by parent needs to do this.

# Lecture 17: Communication with IO devices:-

\* IO devices connect to CPU and memory via bus.

## Block devices:-

\* Store a set of numbered blocks.

Eg: Disks

## character devices:-

\* produce/consume stream of bytes

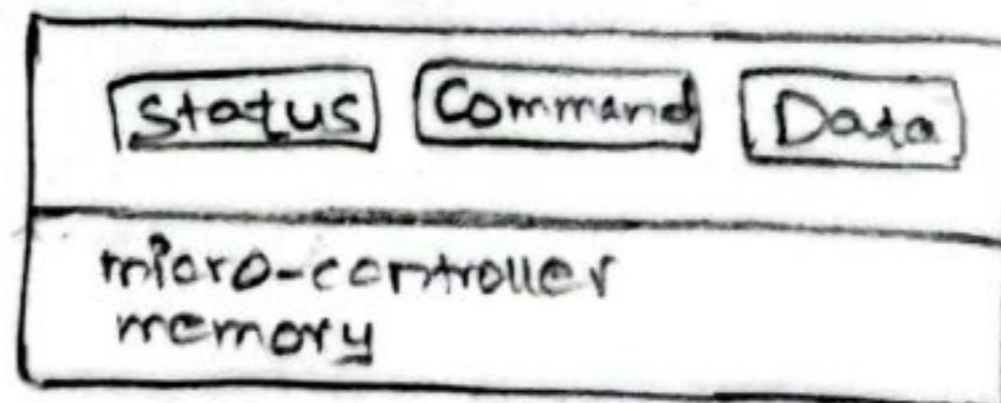
Eg: keyboard

↓ Expose an interface of registers : status, command, data

\* How OS reads/writes these device regs:-

### 1) Explicit IO instructions

- in, out are two such, on x86.
- privileged instructions for OS only.



### 2) Memory mapped IO:-

- Device regs. appear like memory locations.
- Memory hardware routes links these special memory addresses to device regs.

Device

## → Execution of IO requests:-

```

while (status == BUSY)
    ;
[write data to data reg
write command to command reg
while (status == BUSY)
    ;

```

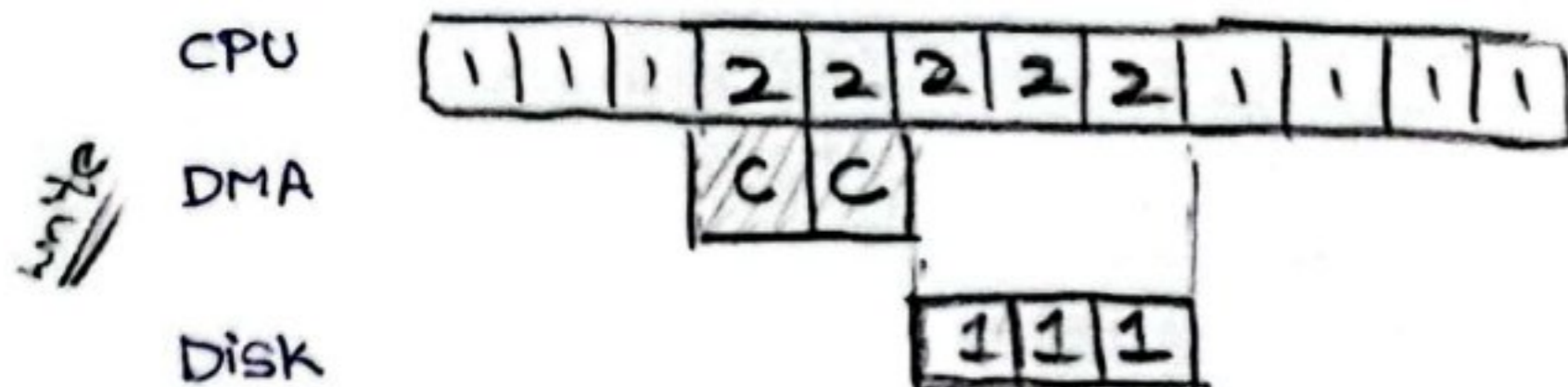
### 1) Polling status to see if device's ready:-

- wastes CPU cycles
- use interrupts. Send process to sleep & device at completion raises interrupt.
- IRQ number identifies which interrupt handler function to call to...
- wakes up blocked process & starts next pending IO request.
- If device is fast, polling better than interrupts as we avoid kernel mode transition overheads. Monitor?

### 2) programmed I/O: explicit copying of data

#### Direct memory Access (DMA):

- CPU wastes time in copying data.
- Instead, a special hardware DMA engine copies from main memory to device and back. CPU provides memory location to DMA.
- read → DMA raises interrupt after copying to mem.
- write → disk starts writing after DMA copies to register.

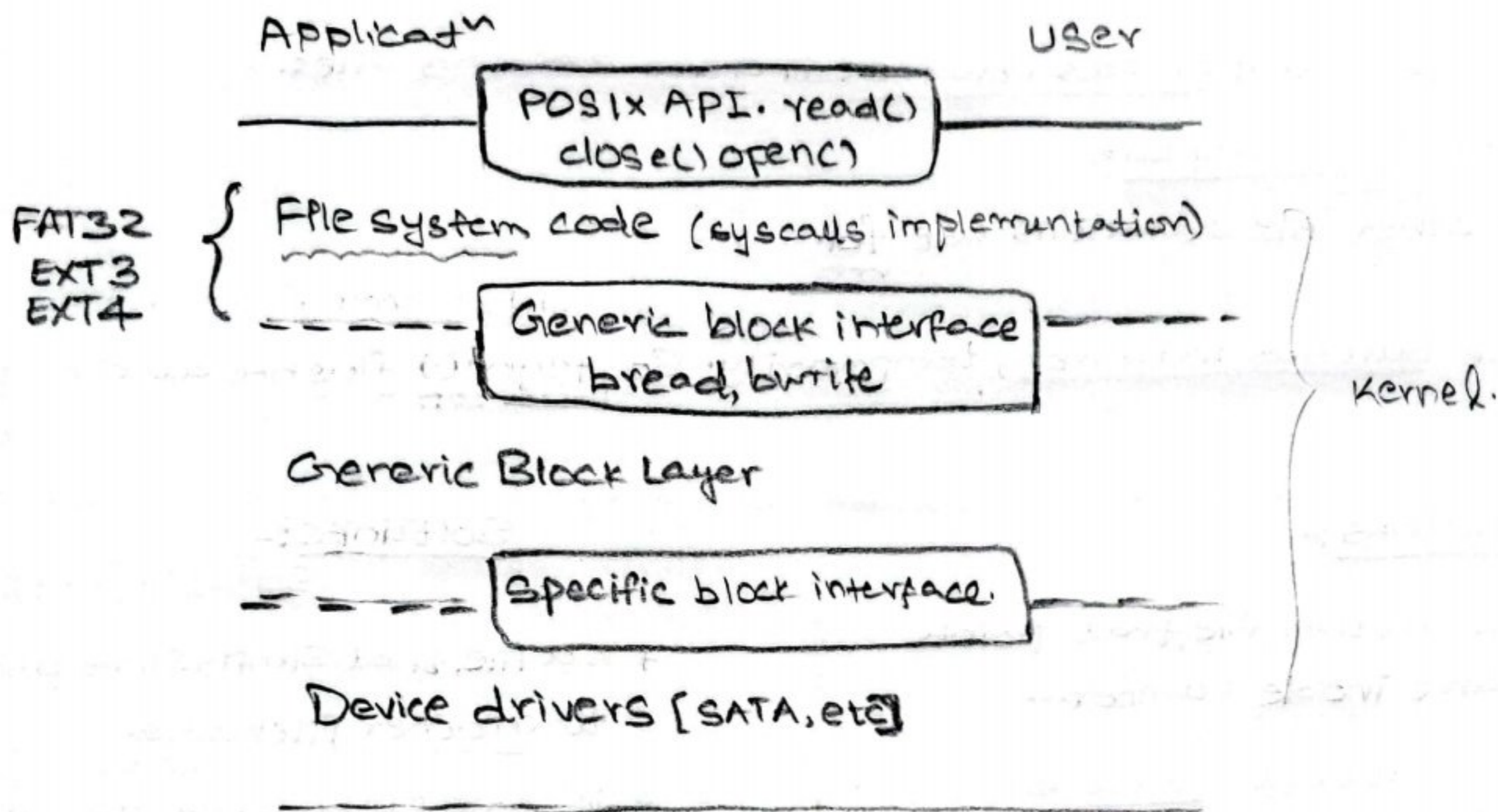


→ Device drivers:- Software.

\* part of OS code, that talks to device, handles its interrupts etc.

\* Most OS code abstracts the device details.

EG: file system code is written on top of a generic block interface.



## L18: Files and Directories:

inode → index node.

\* File: stored persistently.

identified with filename (human read)

& inode number (OS-level)

for each & every file? wow!

Directory: A kind of file, whose contents are filename-inode mappings which it contains.

\* open() system call creates new files & opens existing files.

Returns file descriptor.

All other file operations use fd.

\* Files are buffered in memory temporarily. So fsync() flushes all changes to disk.

### Hardlinks :-

\* creates another file, that points to same inode number..

\* when one deleted; we access inode through another.

\* inode maintains a link count.  
Deletes when links = 0.

### Softlinks :-

Symbolic links

\* is a file, that simply stores pointer to another filename.

\* if main file deleted, then inode gone.

\* mounting a file system & devices using mount command. in linux.

→ memory mapping a file :-

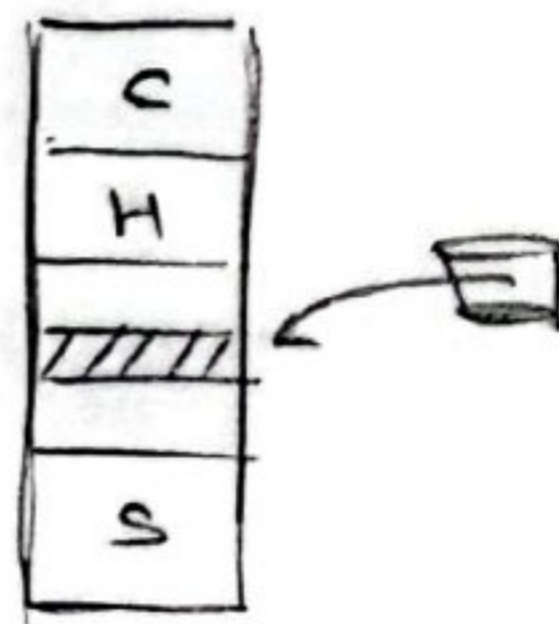
\* Alternate way of file access without fd, read(), write().

\* mmap() allocates a page in virtual address space.

- "Anonymous" page for program data

- file-backed page contains file data.

(filename argument to mmap())



\* Access file data like any other memory locat<sup>n</sup>.

# L19: File System Implementation:

File system  $\neq$  device driver.

\* File system is an organization of files and directories on disk.

I think...

\* Two main aspects

└ Data structures to organize

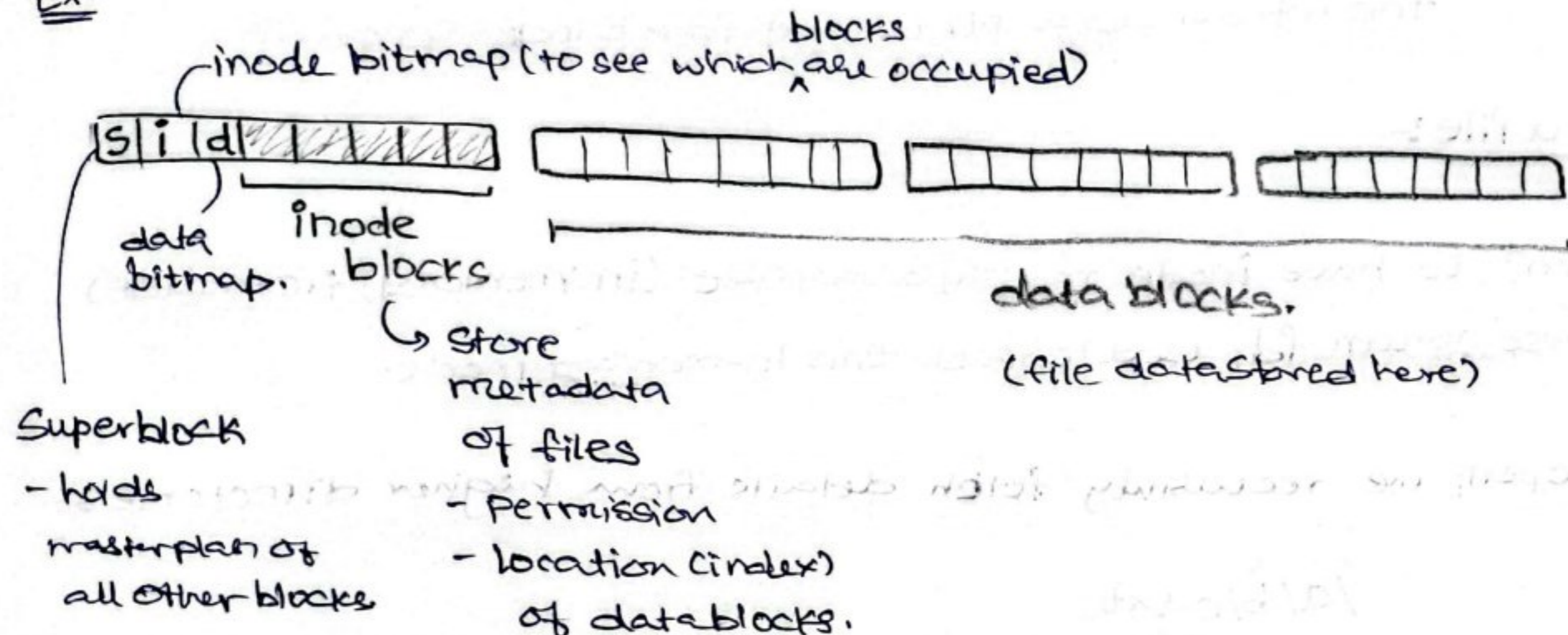
└ System call implementations to read, delete etc.

! Its another layer i.e. OS code.

\* Disks expose a set of blocks. say 512B. File system organize files onto

these blocks.

Ex:



## → Inode table

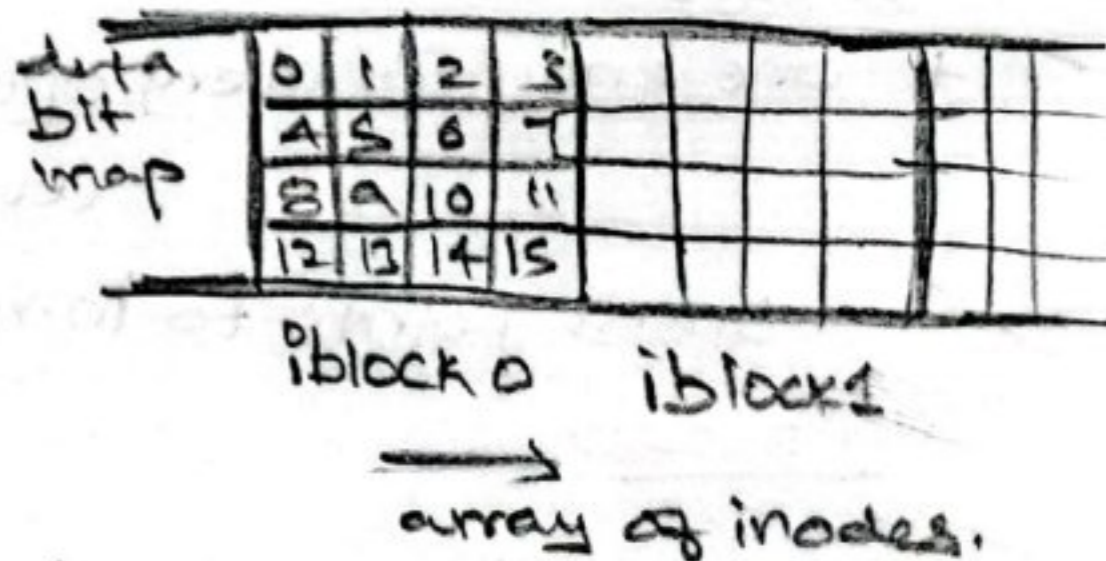
\* Inode no. is index into this table.

each inode block is:

\* Inode stores:

1) file metadata - name, access time.

2) pointers to file data.  
(block numbers)



\* file not stored contiguously on disk. Have to track block numbers.

So inside inode...

- Direct pointers: no. of first few blocks stored in inode itself.

(enough for small files)

- Indirect pointers:

inode stores no. of block, which in turn has block numbers of file.

\* we similarly have double and triple indirect blocks.

multilevel indexing.

\* Or, use File Allocation Table (FAT); where each ~~entry~~ ~~block~~ ~~has~~ pointer to

File system

a separate filesystem na...

next block.

First block addy. stored in inode.

\* tracking free blocks: (both inode blocks and datablocks)

- Bitmaps

Store one bit per block to indicate free/used.

- Freelist

Superblock stores pointer to 1<sup>st</sup> free block.

this intem stores ptr to next free block so on...

→ opening a file:-

\* why open? to have inode readily available (in memory, from disk)

- Also return fd; used to reach this in-memory inode.

\* during open; we recursively fetch details from higher directories

↓ ↓ ↓  
/a/b/c.txt  
create  
or  
load inode

\* Open file table:-

Global:-

\* one entry for every open file.

(even pipes, sockets)

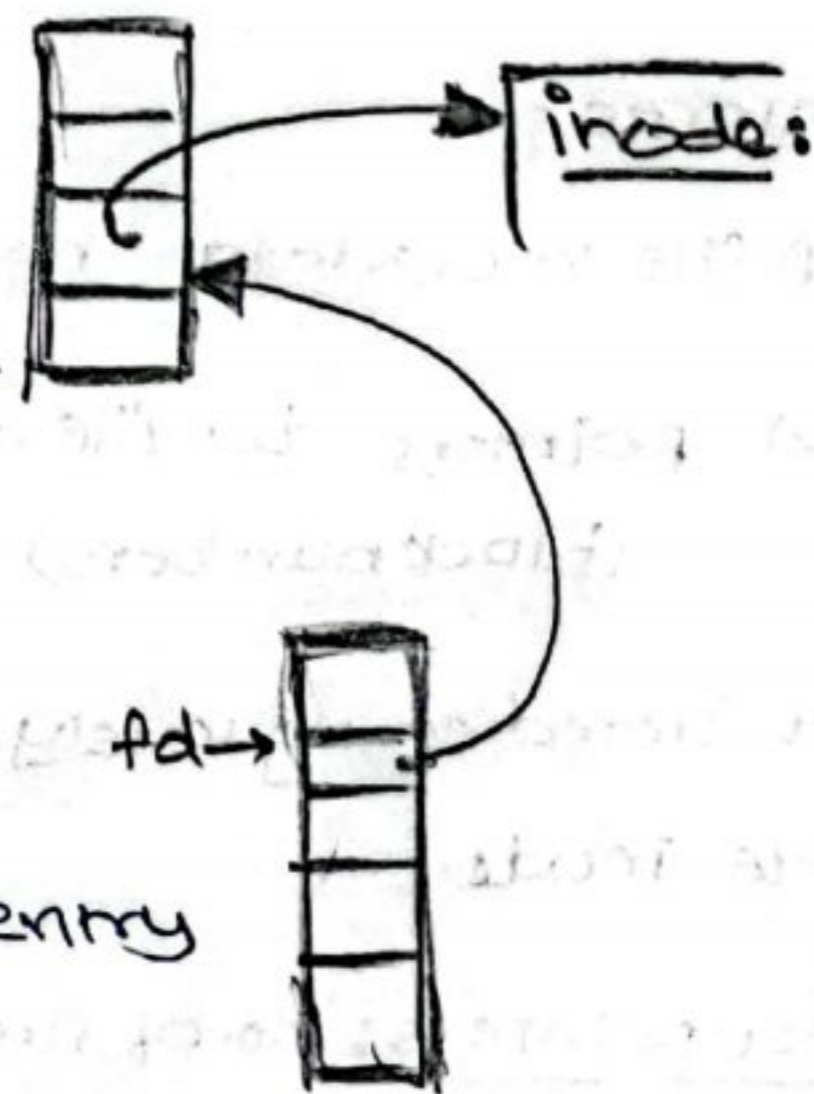
- Entry points to in-memory copy of inode.

Per-process:-

\* Array of files opened by process.

- fd is index into this array

- entry points to global-open-file table entry



\* open() creates entries in both file tables & returns fd.

in good.

## → Virtual File System:- (abstraction)

- \* File systems differ in implementation of data structures.
- \* VFS looks at a file system as objects & operations.
- \* Syscall logic is written on VFS.
- \* To develop new file system; simply implement functions on VFS objects & provide these to kernel.

\* syscall implementation does not have to change with FS implementation.  
Spirit of SWDEV.

## → Disk buffer cache:-

- \* recently fetched disk blocks are cached.
  - FS issued read/write are passed onto buffer first.
  - while writing;
    - Synchronous/write-through cache : write to disk imm.
    - Asynchronous/write-back cache : have a dirty bit set & write back when evicted.
- \* Benefits:
  - Improved performance due to no disk I/O
  - single copy of block in memory (no inconsistency)
- \* Some applications like databases, avoid caching altogether.  
to avoid inconsistencies due to crash.

# L31,32: XV6 filesystem

## Abstractions:

System Call

open()  
link()  
read()

---

operation on fs-data  
structs

struct dirnode{} → disk structure.  
struct dirent{}  
struct file{}  
struct ftable{} for open files.  
struct inode{} → in-memory inode.  
struct icache{}  
  
struct buf{} → disk block.  
buffer.

---

Block I/O layer

(disk buffer cache

\* buffers disk &  
synchronizes process access  
to disk.

struct bcache is buf[ ]

bread() }  
bwrite() } use below, driver  
bget() } functions...  
brelse() } → lock! exclusive access!

\* use input to read/write  
blocks

device drivers  
(communicate with  
harddisk)

iderw() → read/write to disk.  
idestart() → many assembly  
code.  
ideintr() → interrupt handler  
→ in, out  
instructions

logging in disk: we want atomicity on disk changes. (when crash...)

- \* logging groups disk changes into transaction.
- later, installs the changes into disk, one by one.
- if crash happens after logging, the entries are replayed on restart of disk.



\* link count of inode = no. of directory entries pointing to the inode.  
diskinode

\* for in-memory structures:-

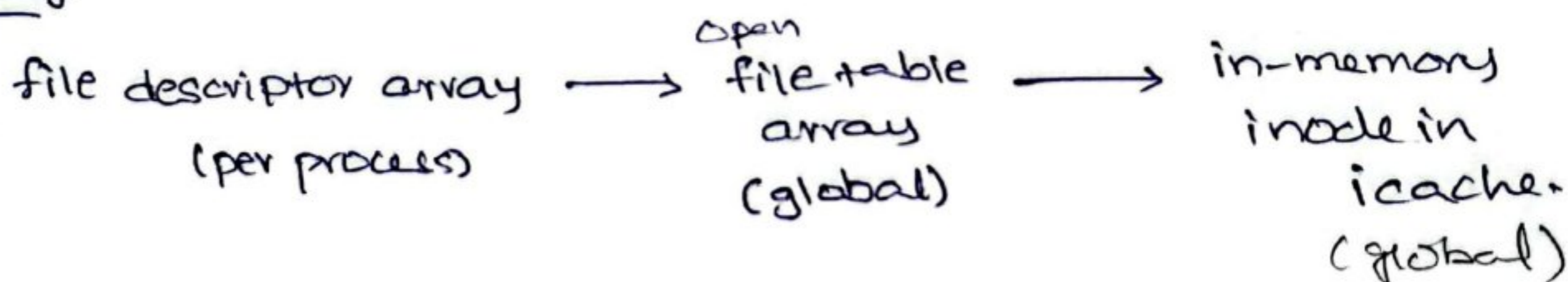
- two processes P, Q open same file, use different file entries in ftable.
  - points to same inode
  - different offsets
- two parent-child process use same ftable entry...
  - shared offset.

reference no. in file <sup>struct</sup> is how many ftable entries point to it.

\* on disk:-

inodes, datablocks, free bitmap, logs.

in-memory:-



\* updates to disk happen via buffercache.

- changes to all blocks in a systemcall are wrapped into log  
for atomicity.

we either want  
all or none,  
in case of crash.

Nothing like,  
inode is updated but  
data block is  
trash.