

Changelog

Changes made in this version not seen in first lecture:

2 November: Correct space on demand from \leq to $<$ and $>$ to \geq since sz is one past the end of the heap

Virtual Memory 1

last time

deadlock

thread A holding a resource X...
waits to get another resource Y...
that is held by a thread...
that needs thread A to give up resource X
(directly or indirectly)

preventing deadlock

ordering: avoid cycles
have more copies of resource
stop waiting (abort, steal resource, ...)

detecting deadlock — see if processes finish

avoiding threads: event loops

beyond threads: event based programming

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idea: one thread handles multiple connections

issue: **read from/write to multiple streams at once?**

event loops

```
while (true) {
    event = WaitForNextEvent();
    switch (event.type) {
        case NEW_CONNECTION:
            handleNewConnection(event); break;
        case CAN_READ_DATA_WITHOUT_WAITING:
            connection = LookupConnection(event.fd);
            handleRead(connection);
            break;
        case CAN_WRITE_DATA_WITHOUT_WAITING:
            connection = LookupConnection(event.fd);
            handleWrite(connection);
            break;
        ...
    }
}
```

some single-threaded processing code

```
void ProcessRequest(int fd) {  
    while (true) {  
        char command[1024] = {};  
        size_t command_length = 0;  
        do {  
            ssize_t read_result =  
                read(fd, command + command_length,  
                      sizeof(command) - command_length);  
            if (read_result <= 0) handle_error();  
            command_length += read_result;  
        } while (command[command_length - 1] != '\n');  
        if (IsExitCommand(command)) { return; }  
        char response[1024];  
        computeResponse(response, command);  
        size_t total_written = 0;  
        while (total_written < sizeof(response)) {  
            ...  
        }  
    }  
}
```

```
class Connection {  
    int fd;  
    char command[1024];  
    size_t command_length;  
    char response[1024];  
    size_t total_written;  
    ...  
};
```

some single-threaded processing code

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void ProcessRequest(int fd) {  
    while (true) {  
        char command[1024] = {};  
        size_t command_length = 0;  
        do {  
            ssize_t read_result =  
                read(fd, command + com  
                      sizeof(command) -  
                if (read_result <= 0) handle_error();  
                command_length += read_result;  
            } while (command[command_length - 1] != '\n');  
            if (IsExitCommand(command)) { return; }  
            char response[1024];  
            computeResponse(response, command);  
            size_t total_written = 0;  
            while (total_written < sizeof(response)) {  
                ...  
            }  
        }  
    }
```

```
class Connection {  
    int fd;  
    char command[1024];  
    size_t command_length;  
    char response[1024];  
    size_t total_written;  
    ...  
};
```

as event code

```
handleRead(Connection *c) {
    ssize_t read_result =
        read(fd, c->command + command_length,
              sizeof(command) - c->command_length);
    if (read_result <= 0) handle_error();
    c->command_length += read_result;

    if (c->command[c->command_length - 1] == '\n') {
        computeResponse(c->response, c->command);
        if (IsExitCommand(command)) {
            FinishConnection(c);
        }
        StopWaitingToRead(c->fd);
        StartWaitingToWrite(c->fd);
    }
}
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        }  
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        StartWaitingToWrite(c->fd);  
    }  
}
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POSIX support for event loops

select and poll functions

take list(s) of file descriptors to read and to write
wait for them to be read/writeable without waiting
(or for new connections associated with them, etc.)

many OS-specific extensions/improvements/alternatives:

examples: Linux epoll, Windows IO completion ports

better ways of managing list of file descriptors

do read/write when ready instead of just returning when reading/writing is okay

message passing

instead of having variables, locks between threads...

send messages between threads/processes

what you need anyways between machines

big 'supercomputers' = really many machines together

arguably an easier model to program

can't have locking issues

message passing API

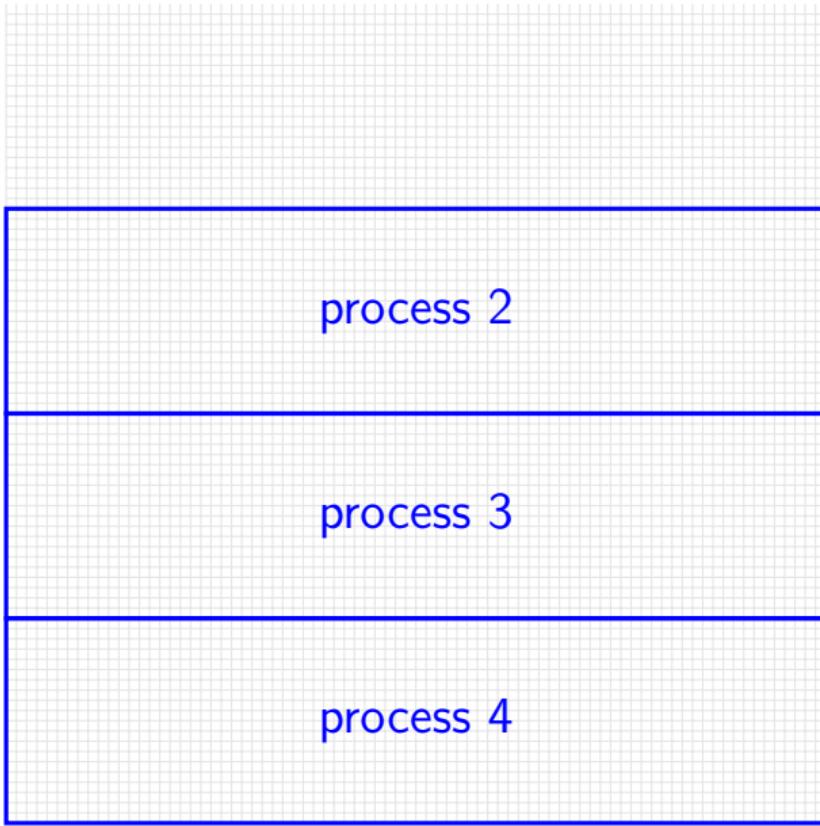
core functions: Send(told, data)/Recv(fromId, data)

simplest version: functions wait for other processes/threads

extensions: send/recv at same time, multiple messages at once, don't wait, etc.

```
if (thread_id == 0) {  
    for (int i = 1; i < MAX_THREAD; ++i) {  
        Send(i, getWorkForThread(i));  
    }  
    for (int i = 1; i < MAX_THREAD; ++i) {  
        WorkResult result;  
        Recv(i, &result);  
        handleResultForThread(i, result);  
    }  
} else {  
    WorkInfo work;  
    Recv(0, &work);  
    Send(0, ComputeResultFor(work));  
}
```

message passing game of life

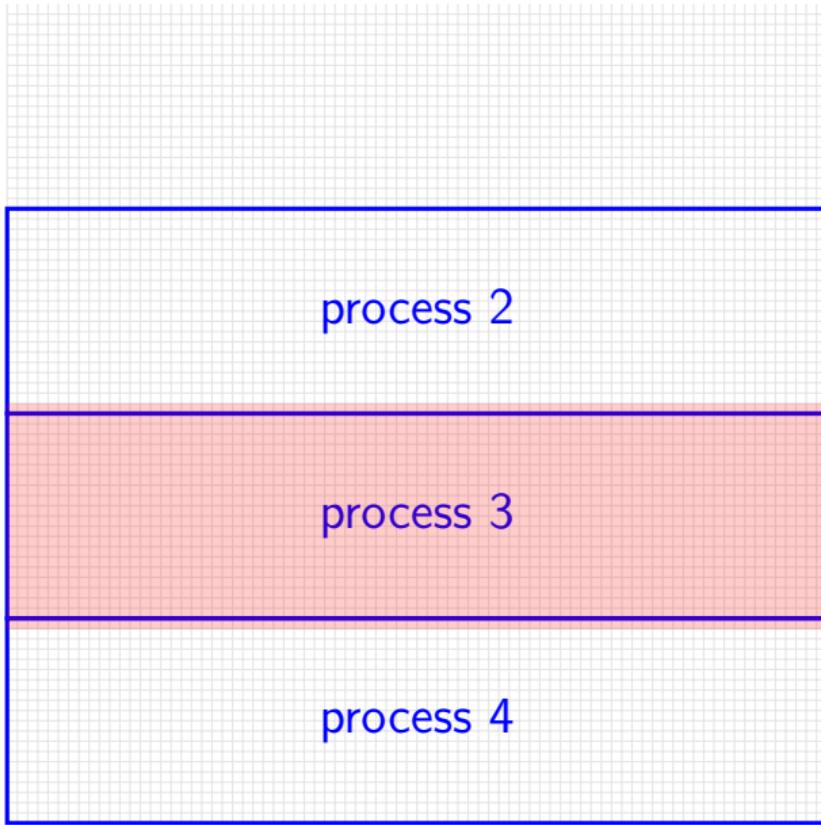


divide grid
like you would for normal threads

each process **stores cells**
in that part of grid

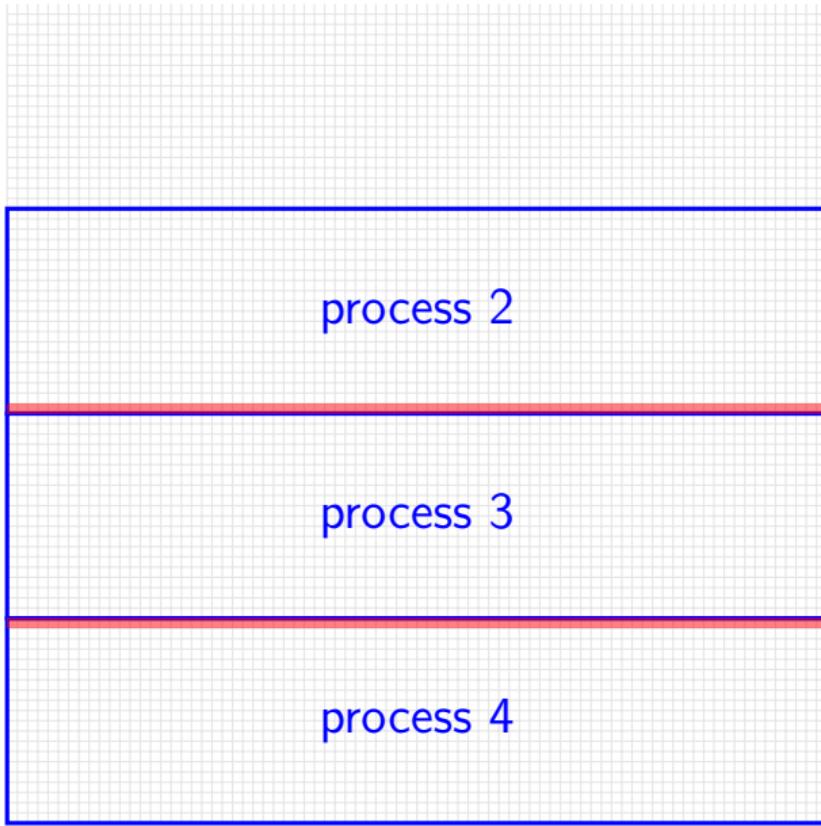
(no shared memory!)

message passing game of life



process 3 only needs values
of cells around its area
(values of cells adjacent to
the ones it computes)

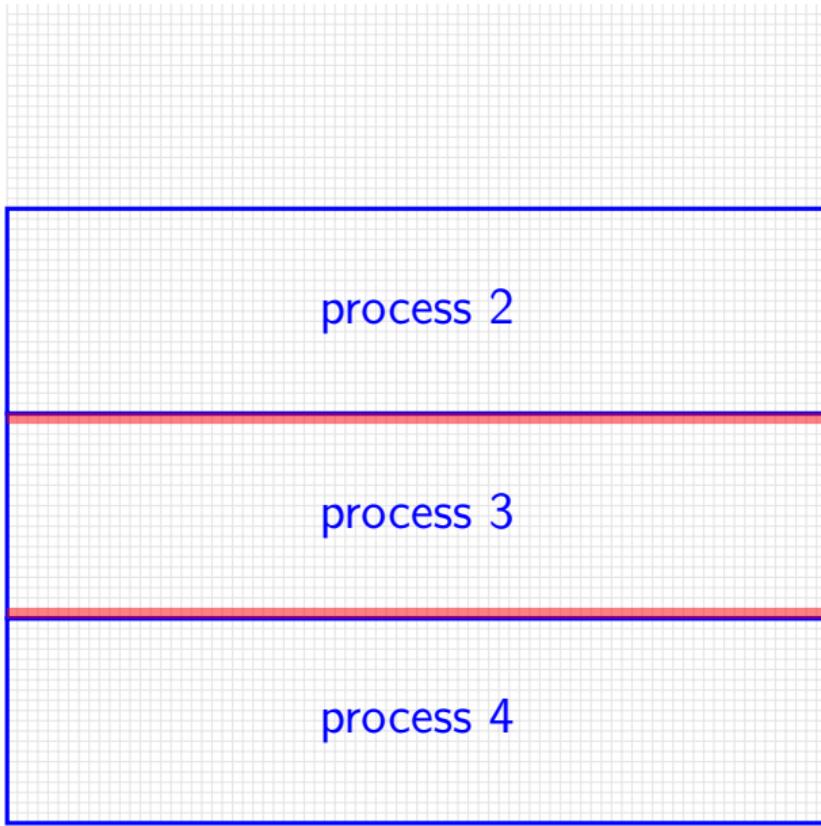
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small slivers of
other process's cells needed

solution: process 2, 4
send messages with cells every iteration

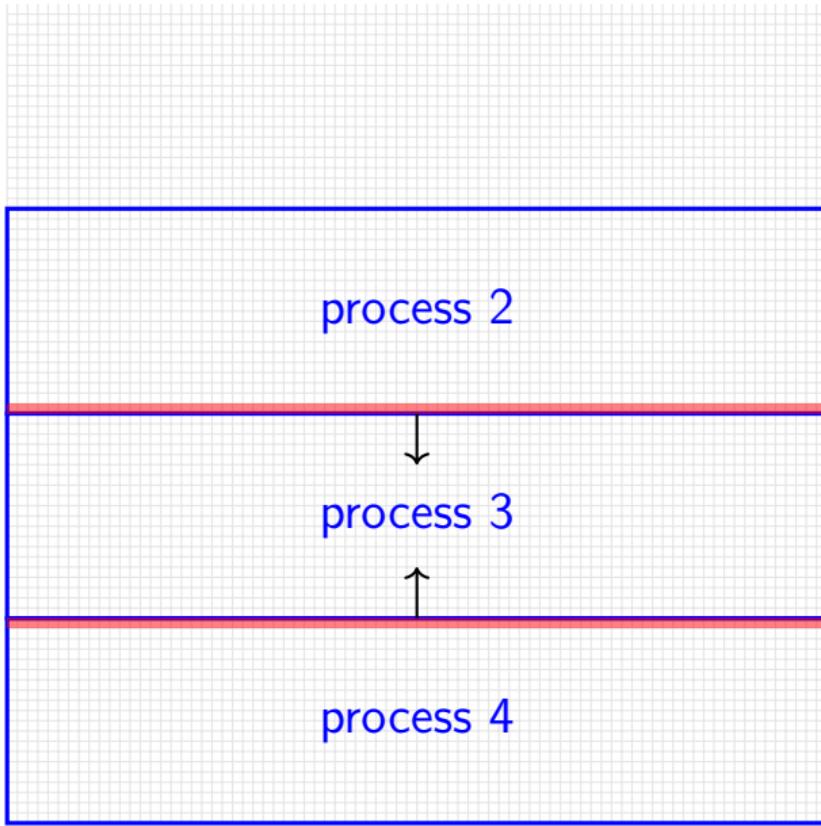
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some of process 3's cells
also needed by process 2/4

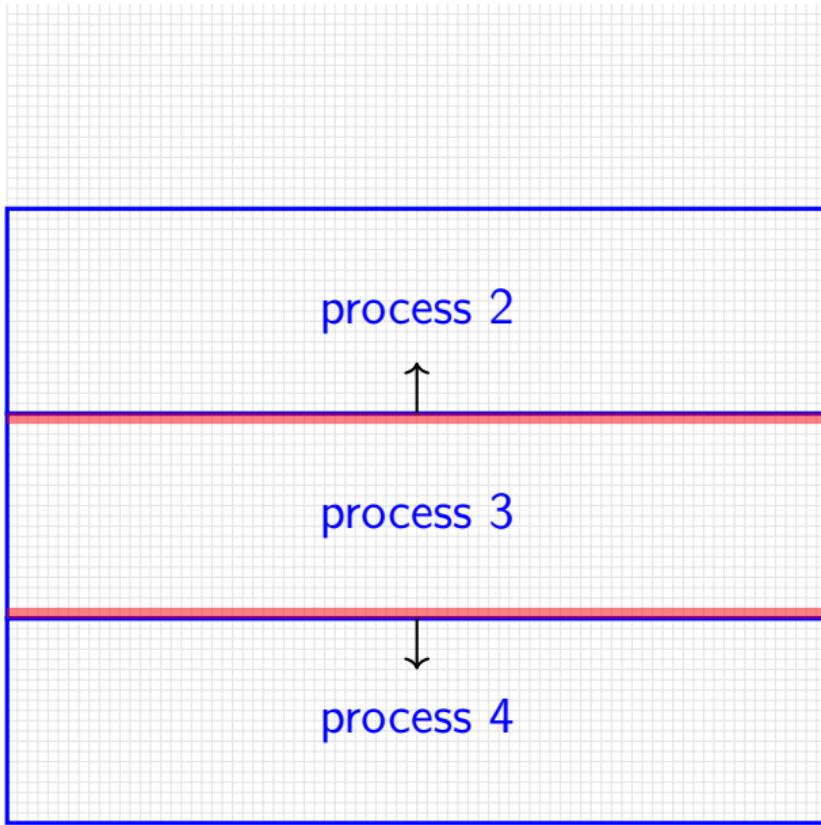
so process 3 also sends messages

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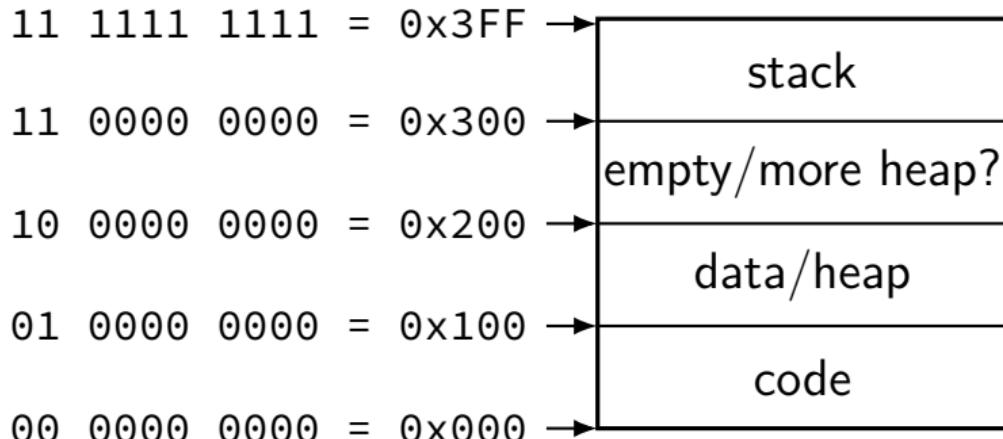
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(while odd receives), then
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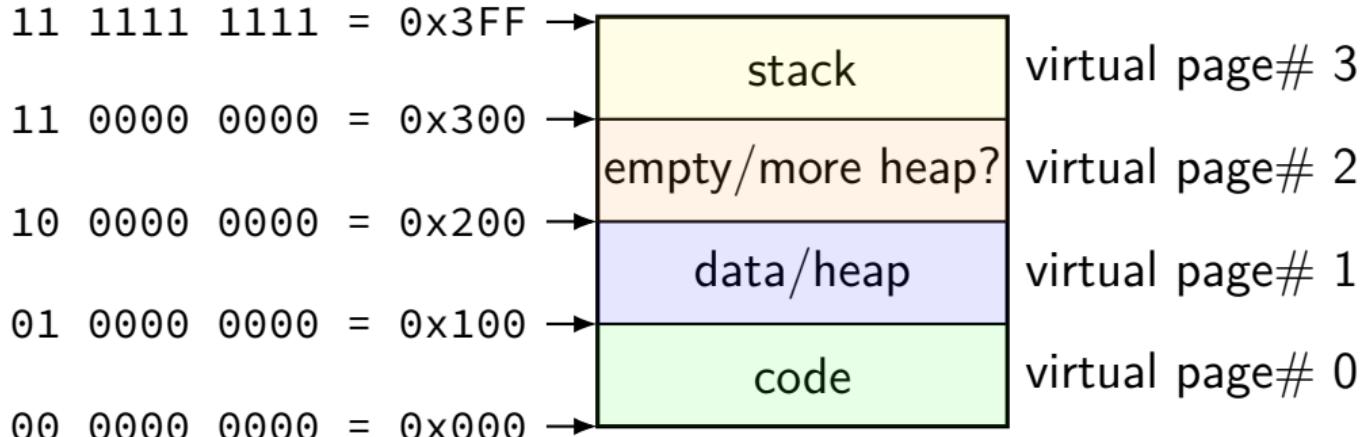


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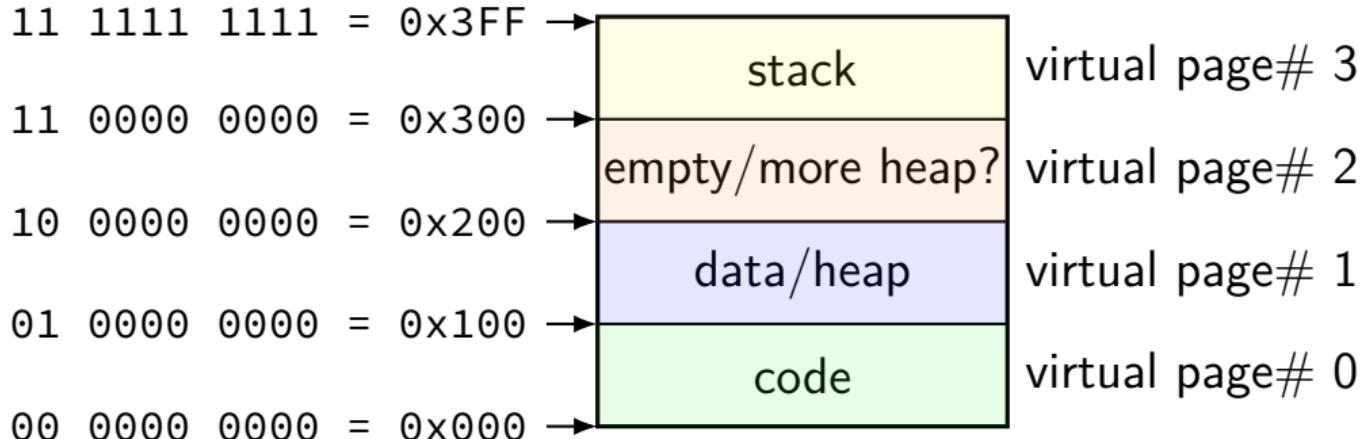
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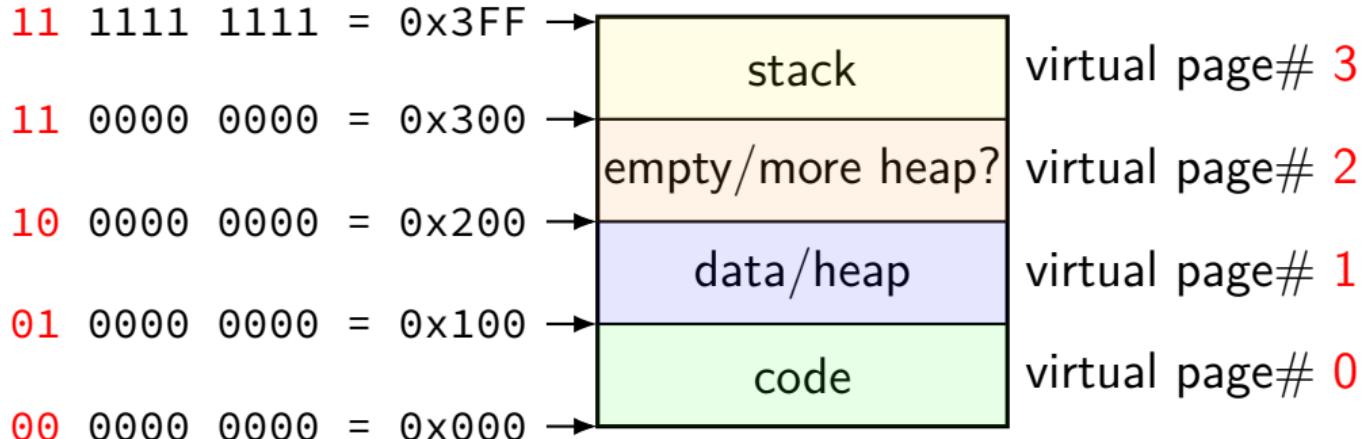


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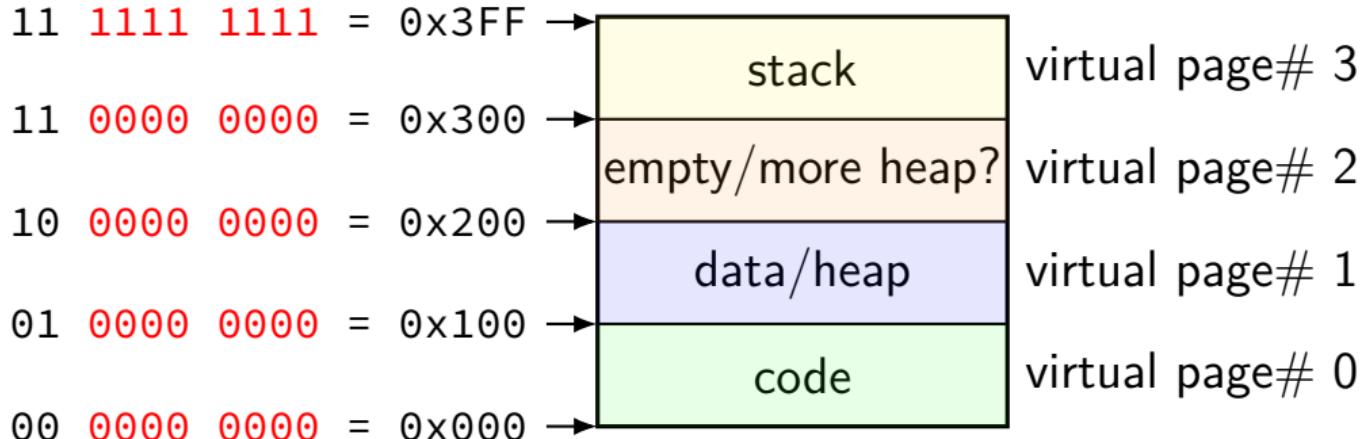
divide memory into **pages** (2^8 bytes in this case)
“virtual” = addresses the program sees

toy program memory



page number is upper bits of address
(because page size is power of two)

toy program memory



rest of address is called **page offset**

toy physical memory

real memory
physical addresses

111 0000 0000 to
111 1111 1111
001 0000 0000 to
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000 0000 0000 to
000 1111 1111

program memory
virtual addresses

11 0000 0000 to
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real memory
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physical page 7

physical page 1
physical page 0

toy physical memory

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11	1111	1111	
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10	1111	1111	
01	0000	0000	to
01	1111	1111	
00	0000	0000	to
00	1111	1111	

real memory
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111	1111	1111	
001	0000	0000	to
001	1111	1111	
000	0000	0000	to
000	1111	1111	

toy physical memory

virtual page #	physical page #
00	010 (2)
01	111 (7)
10	<i>none</i>
11	000 (0)

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page table!

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toy page table lookup

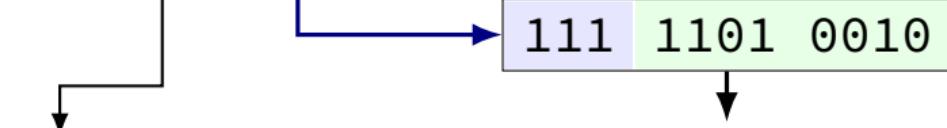
virtual page #	valid?	physical page #
00	1	010 (2, code)
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toy page table lookup

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“page
table
entry”

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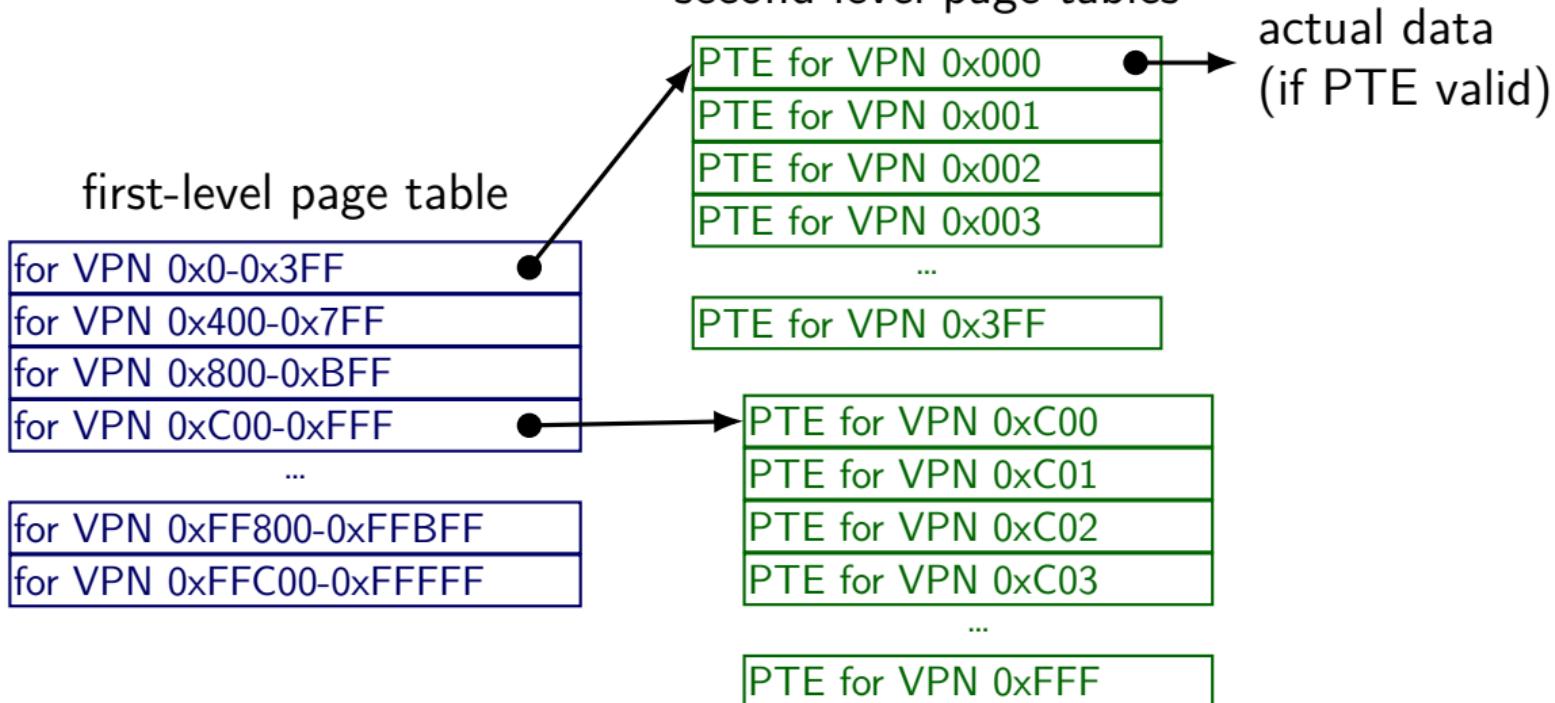
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two-level page table; 2^{20} pages total; 2^{10} entries per table

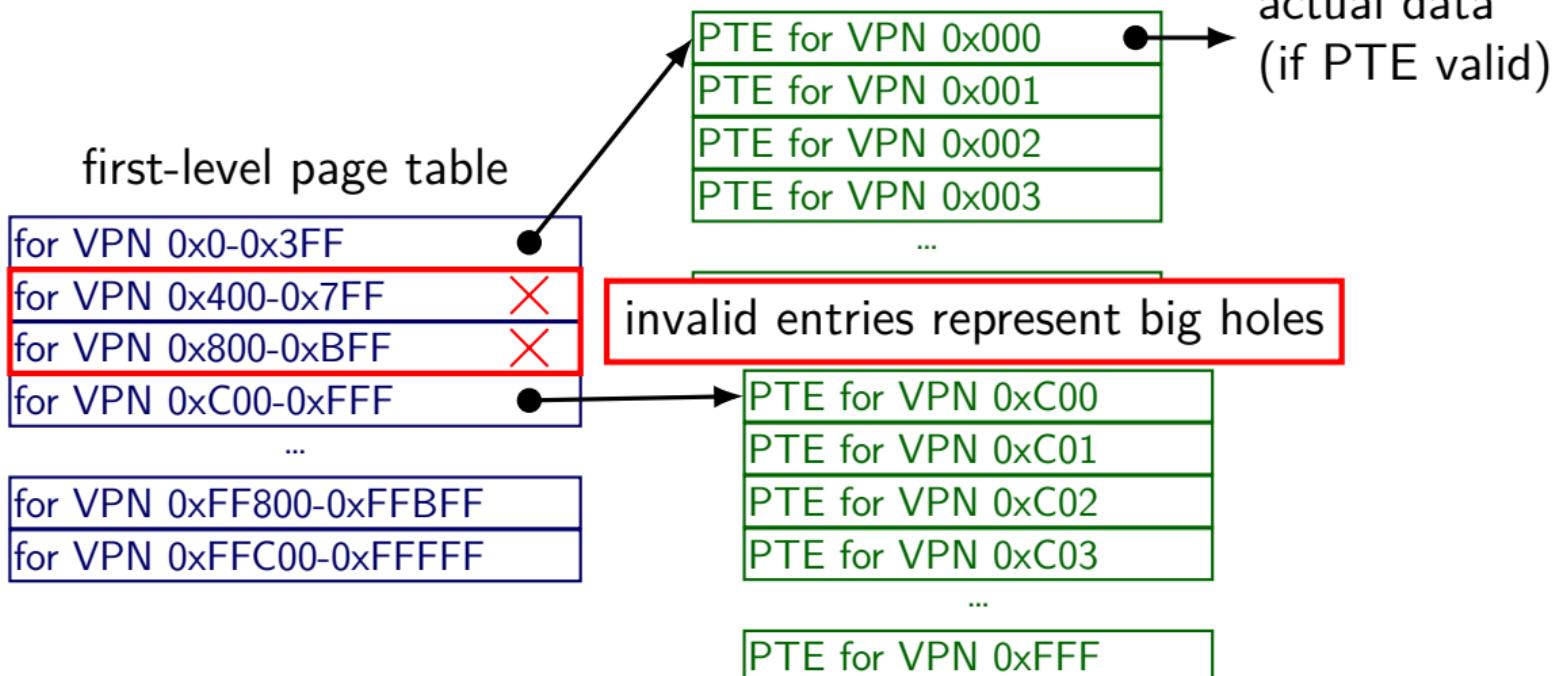
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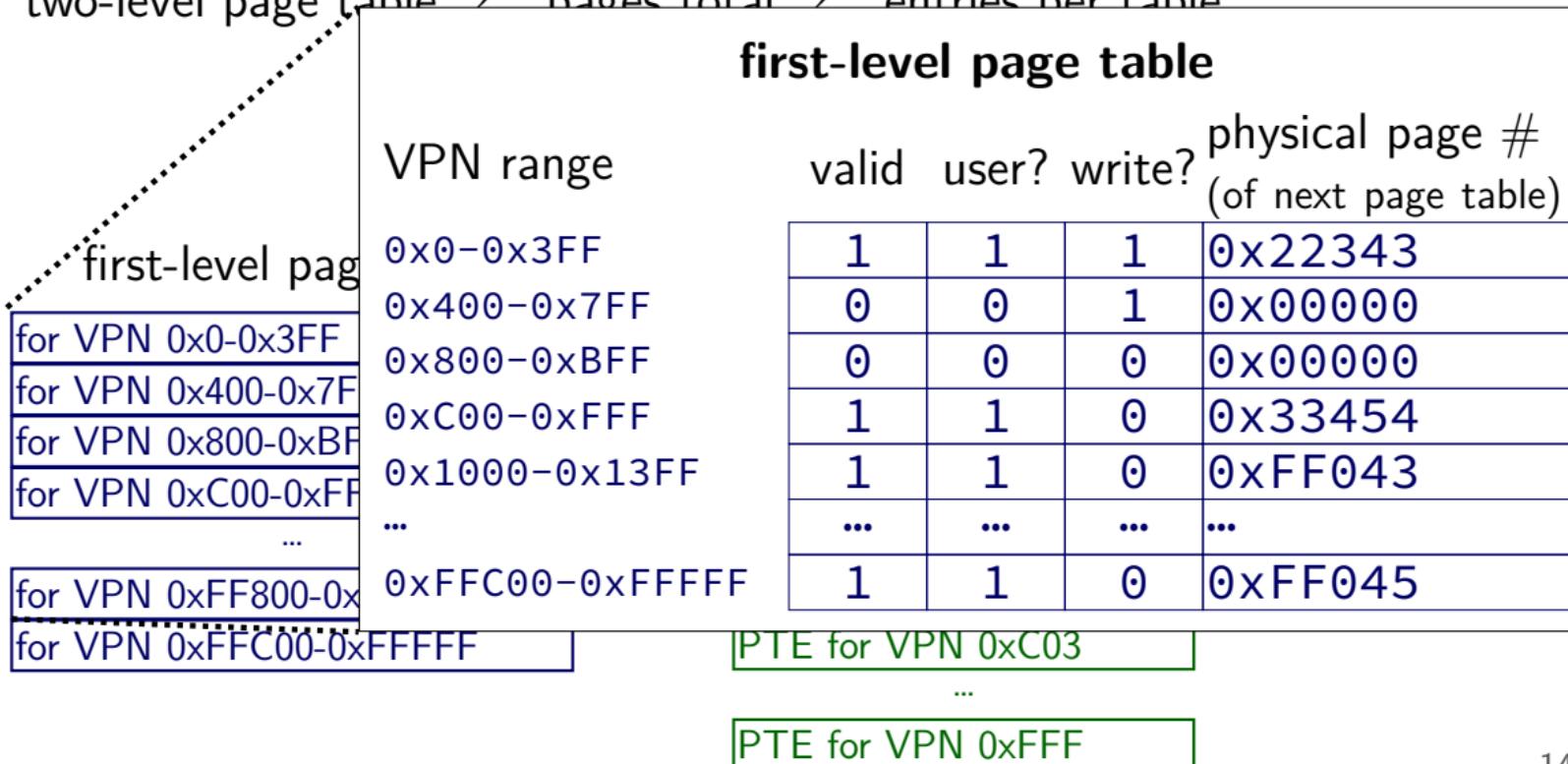
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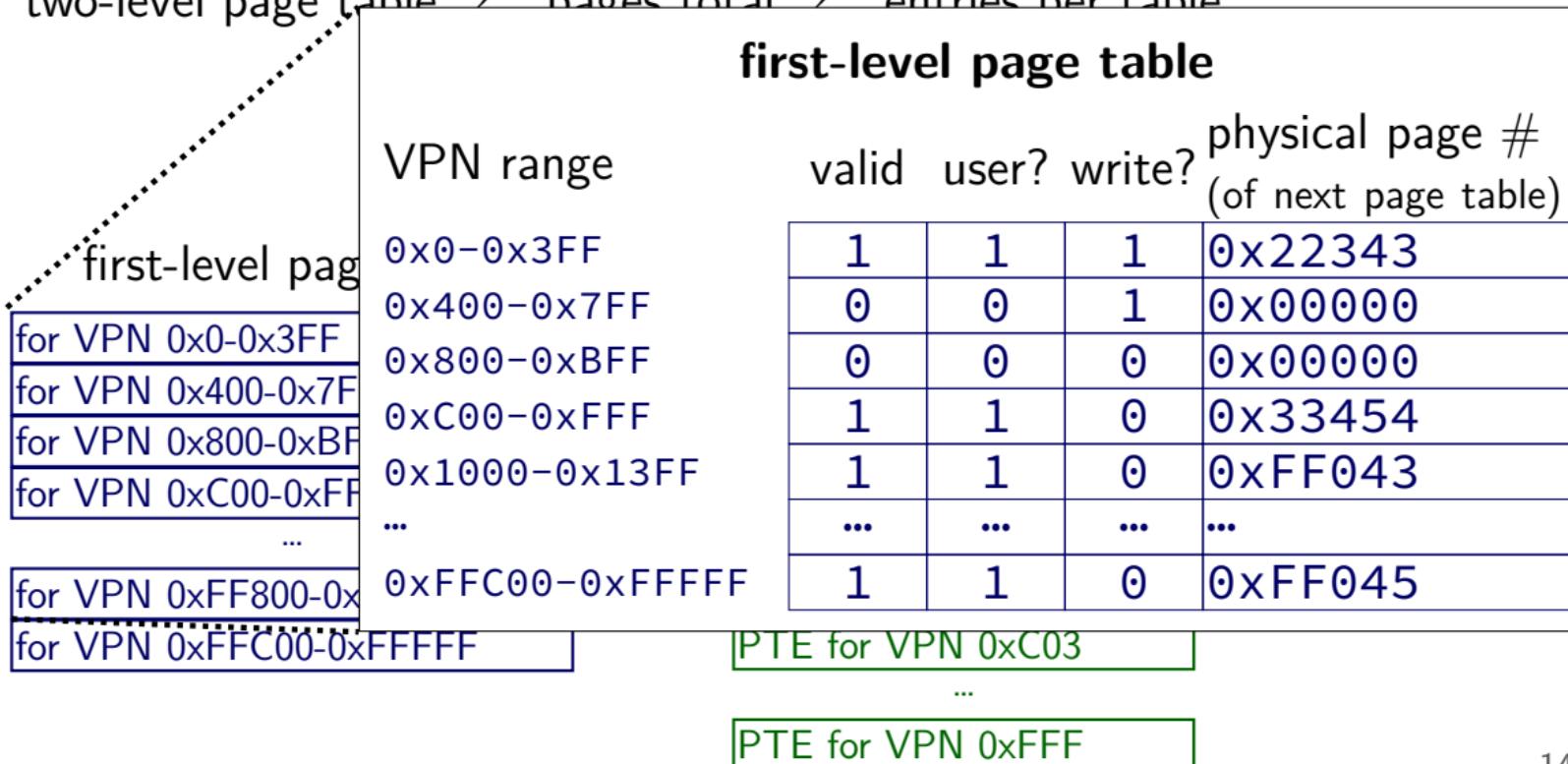
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first-level page	VPN range	valid	user?	write?	physical page # (of next page table)
for VPN 0x0-0x3FF	0x0-0x3FF	1	1	1	0x22343
for VPN 0x400-0x7FF	0x400-0x7FF	0	0	1	0x00000
for VPN 0x800-0xBFF	0x800-0xBFF	0	0	0	0x00000
for VPN 0xC00-0xFFFF	0xC00-0xFFFF	1	1	0	0x33454
for VPN 0x1000-0x13FF	0x1000-0x13FF	1	1	0	0xFF043
...
for VPN 0xFF800-0x	0xFFC00-0xFFFF	1	1	0	0xFF045
for VPN 0xFFC00-0xFFFF		PTE for VPN 0xC03			
		...			
		PTE for VPN 0xFFFF			

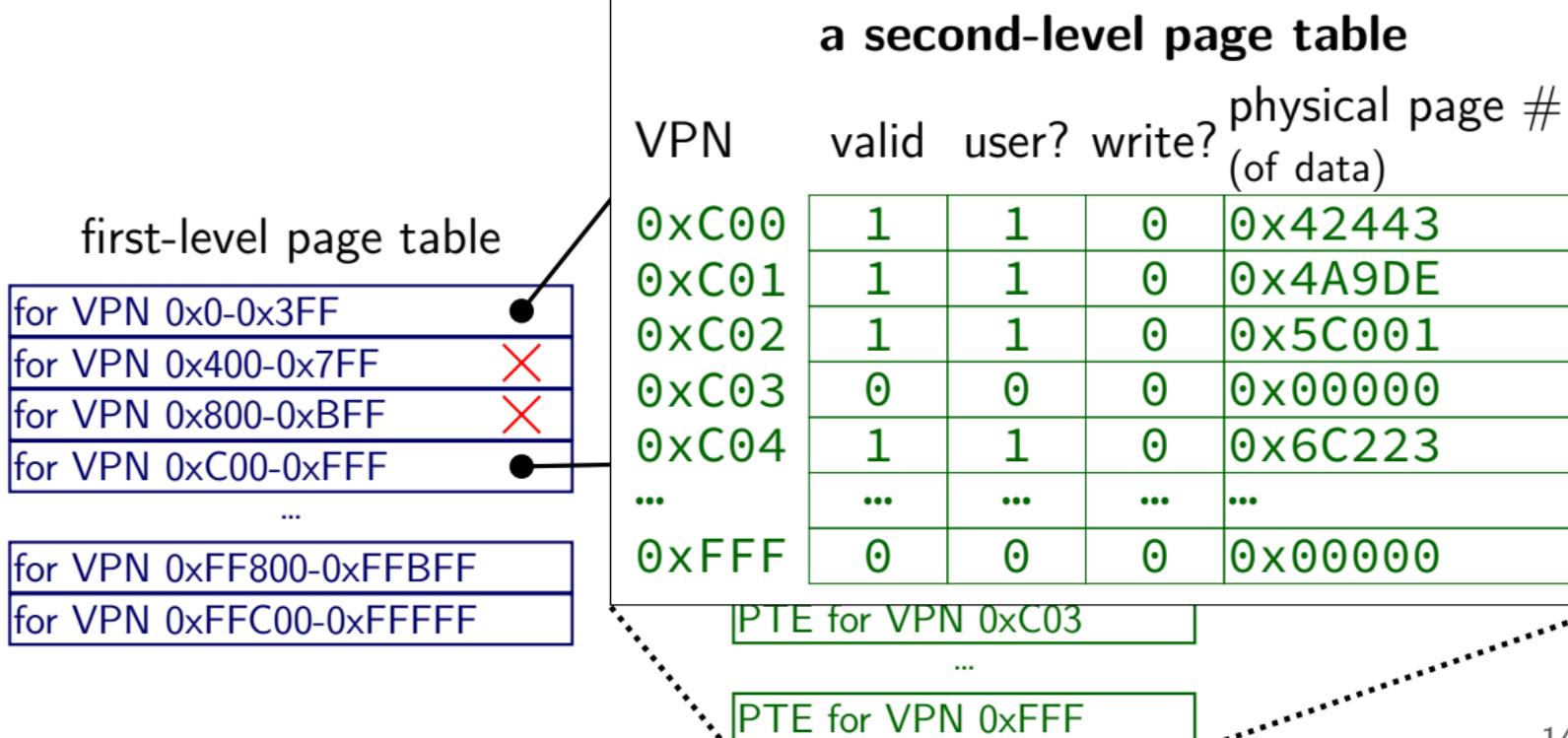
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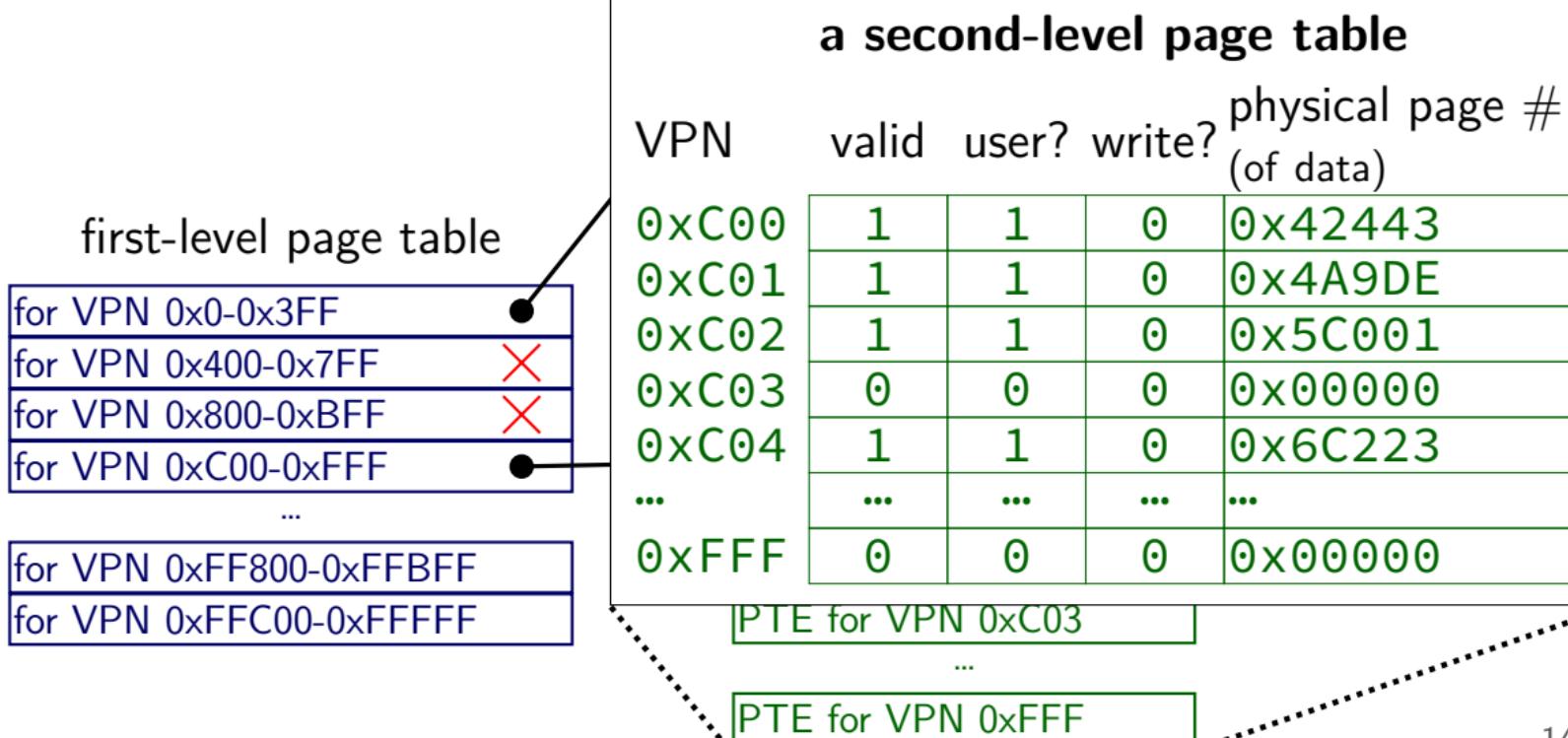
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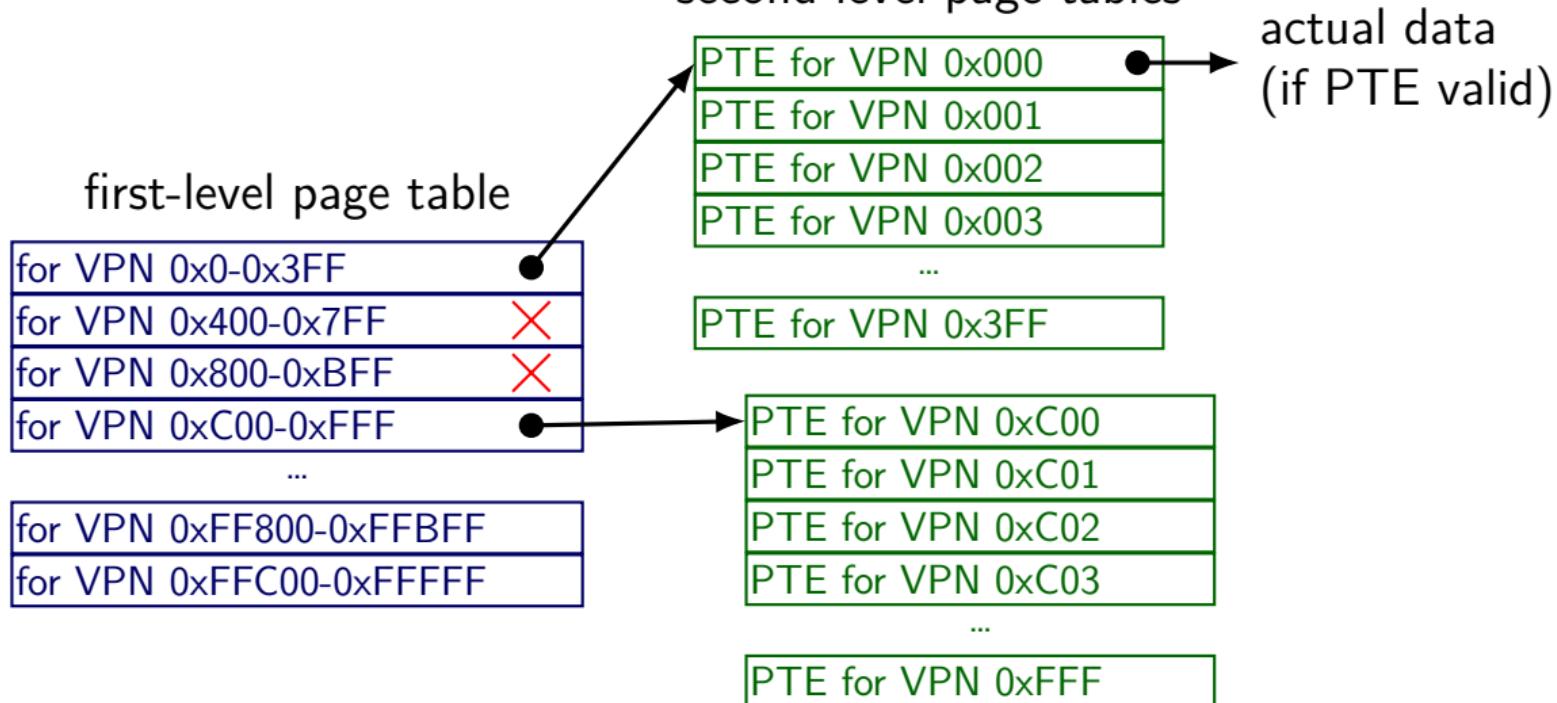
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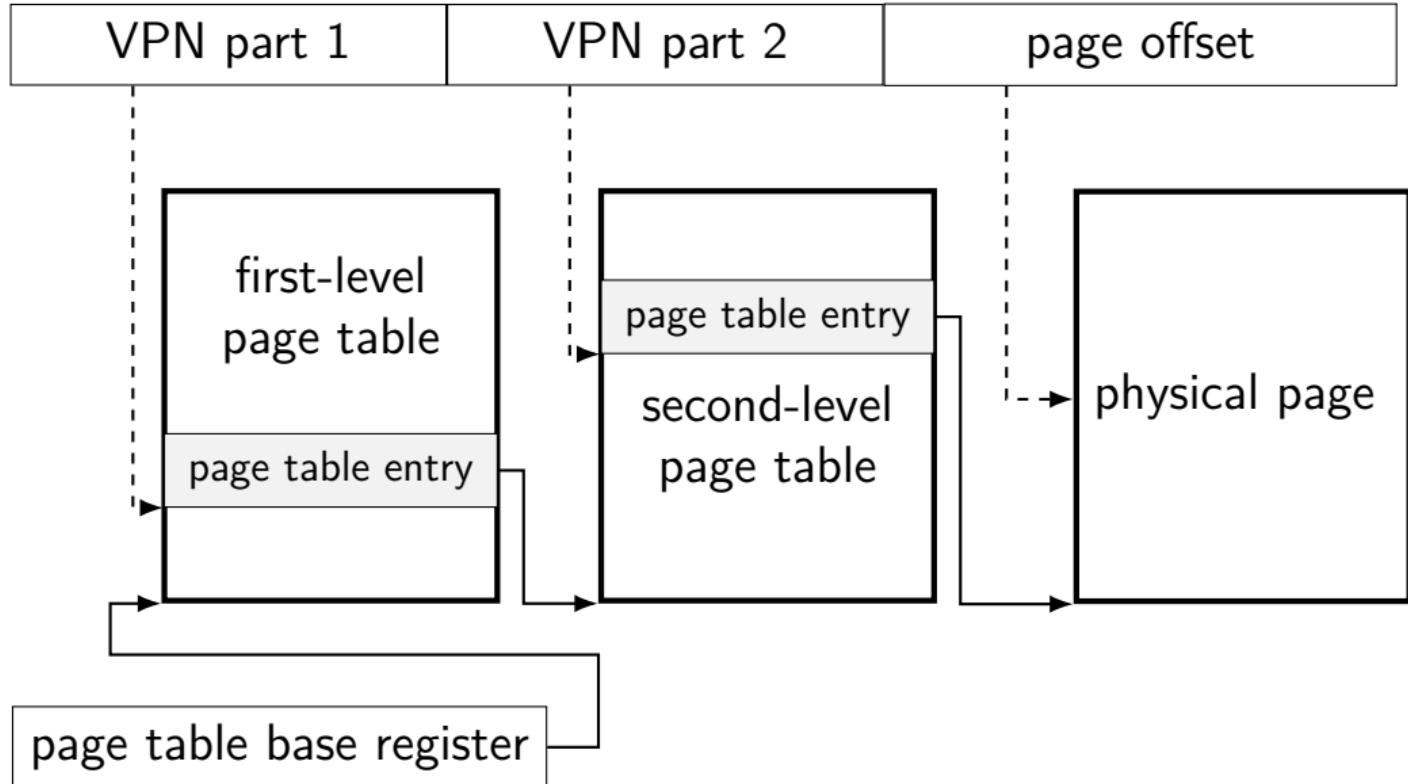


x86-32 pagetables: overall structure

xv6 header: mmu.h

```
// A virtual address 'la' has a three-part structure as follows:  
//  
// +-----10-----+-----10-----+-----12-----+  
// | Page Directory | Page Table | Offset within Page |  
// |     Index      |     Index    |           |  
// +-----+-----+-----+-----+  
// \--- PDX(va) --/ \--- PTX(va) --/  
  
// page directory index  
#define PDX(va) (((uint)(va) >> PDXSHIFT) & 0x3FF)  
  
// page table index  
#define PTX(va) (((uint)(va) >> PTXSHIFT) & 0x3FF)  
  
// construct virtual address from indexes and offset  
#define PGADDR(d, t, o) ((uint((d) << PDXSHIFT | (t) << PTXSHIFT |
```

another view



32-bit x86 paging

4096 ($= 2^{12}$) byte pages

4-byte page table entries — stored in memory

two-level table:

- first 10 bits lookup in first level (“page directory”)
- second 10 bits lookup in second level

remaining 12 bits: which byte of 4096 in page?

exercise

4096 ($= 2^{12}$) byte pages

4-byte page table entries — stored in memory

two-level table:

first 10 bits lookup in first level (“page directory”)
second 10 bits lookup in second level

exercise: how big is...

a process's x86-32 page tables with 1 valid 4K page?

a process's x86-32 page table with all 4K pages populated?

x86-32 page table entries

31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0			
Address of page directory ¹												Ignored				P C D	PW T	Ignored				CR3												
Bits 31:22 of address of 4MB page frame				Reserved (must be 0)			Bits 39:32 of address ²			P A T	Ignored	G	1	D	A	P C D	PW T	U / S	R / W	1	PDE: 4MB page													
Address of page table												Ignored				0	I g n	A	P C D	PW T	U / S	R / W	1	PDE: page table										
Ignored																				0	PDE: not present													
Address of 4KB page frame												Ignored	G	P A T	D	A	P C D	PW T	U / S	R / W	1	PTE: 4KB page												
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trick: page table entry with lower bits zeroed = physical *byte* address

page # is address of page (2^{12} byte units)

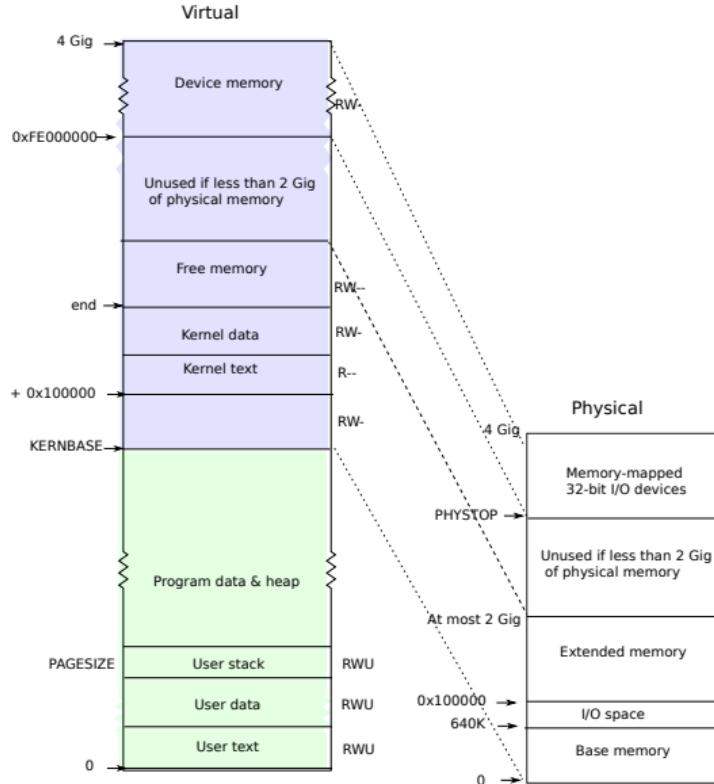
makes constructing page table entries simpler:
physicalAddress | flagsBits

x86-32 pagetables: page table entries

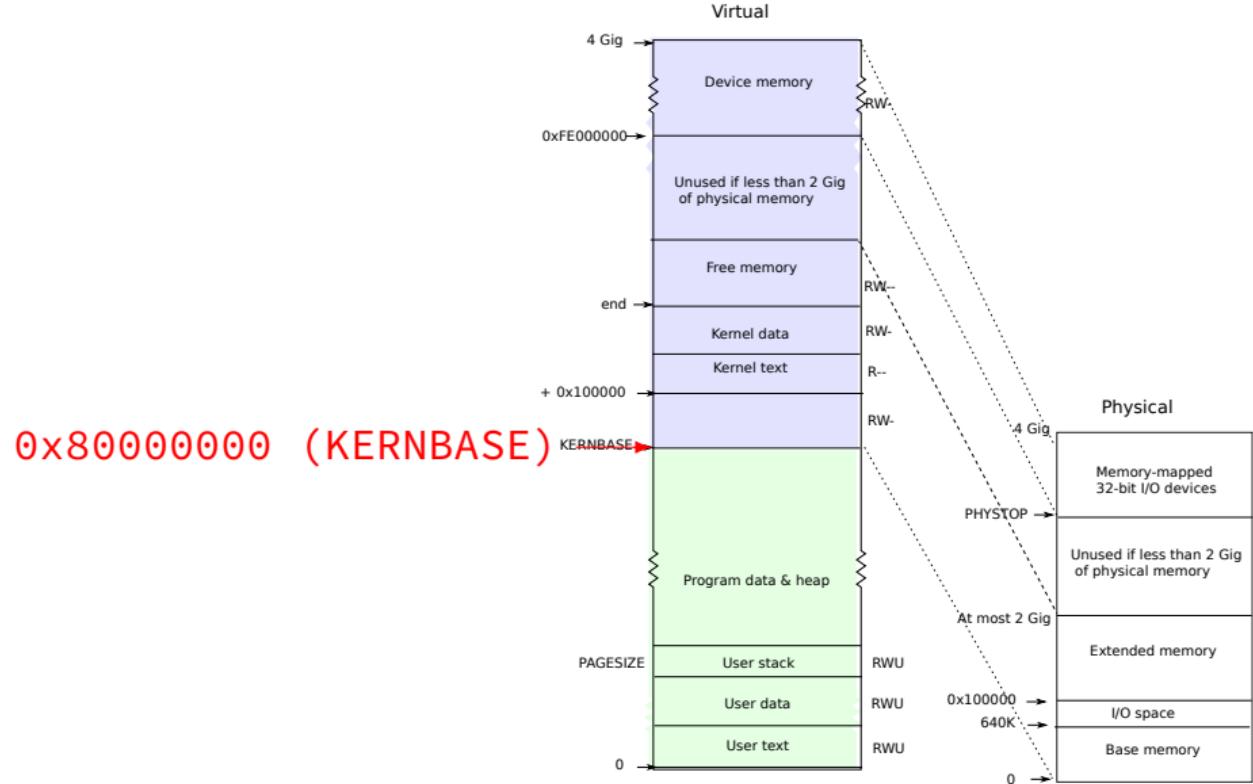
xv6 header: mmu.h

```
// Page table/directory entry flags.  
#define PTE_P          0x001    // Present  
#define PTE_W          0x002    // Writeable  
#define PTE_U          0x004    // User  
#define PTE_PWT        0x008    // Write-Through  
#define PTE_PCD        0x010    // Cache-Disable  
#define PTE_A          0x020    // Accessed  
#define PTE_D          0x040    // Dirty  
#define PTE_PS         0x080    // Page Size  
#define PTE_MBZ        0x180    // Bits must be zero  
  
// Address in page table or page directory entry  
#define PTE_ADDR(pte)   ((uint)(pte) & ~0xFFF)  
#define PTE_FLAGS(pte)  ((uint)(pte) & 0xFFF)
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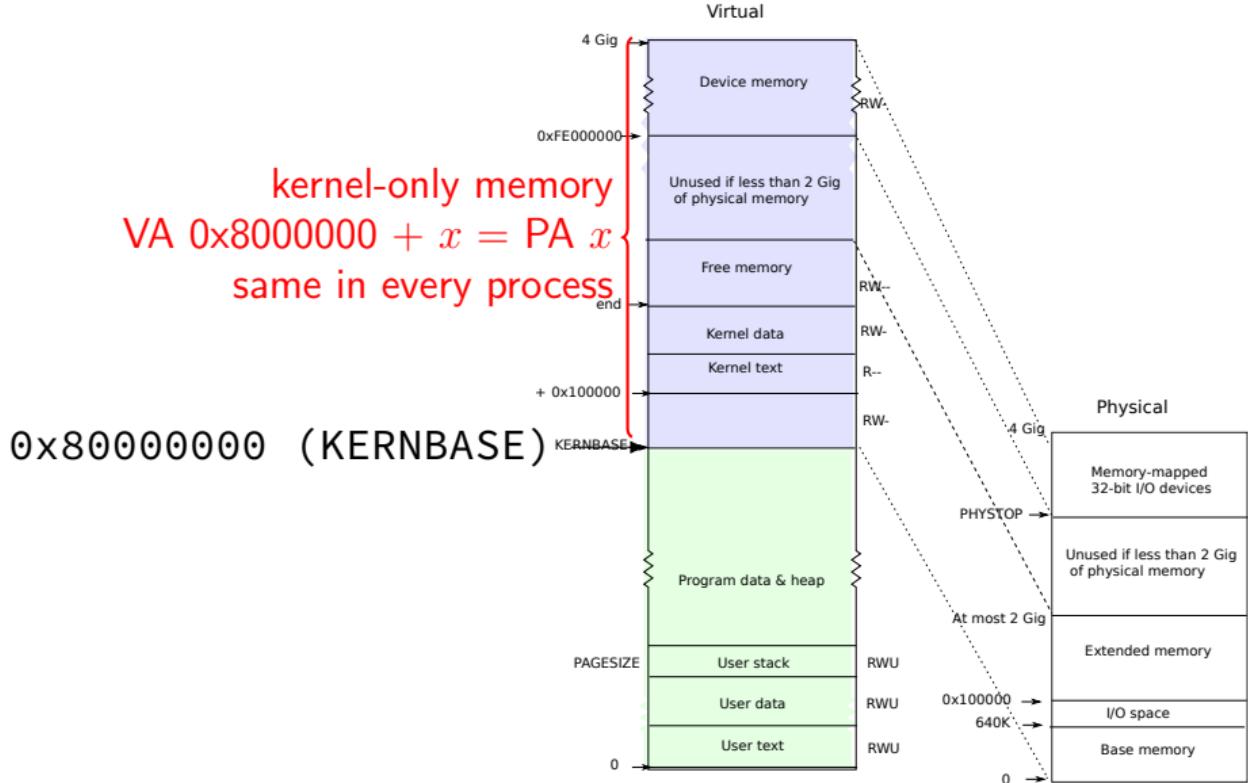
xv6 memory layout



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xv6 kernel memory

virtual memory > KERNBASE (0x8000 0000) is **for kernel**
always mapped as kernel-mode only
protection fault for user-mode programs to access

physical memory address 0 is mapped to KERNBASE+0
physical memory address N is mapped to KERNBASE+ N
not done by hardware — just page table entries OS sets up on boot
very convenient for manipulating page tables with physical addresses

kernel code loaded into contiguous physical addresses

P2V/V2P

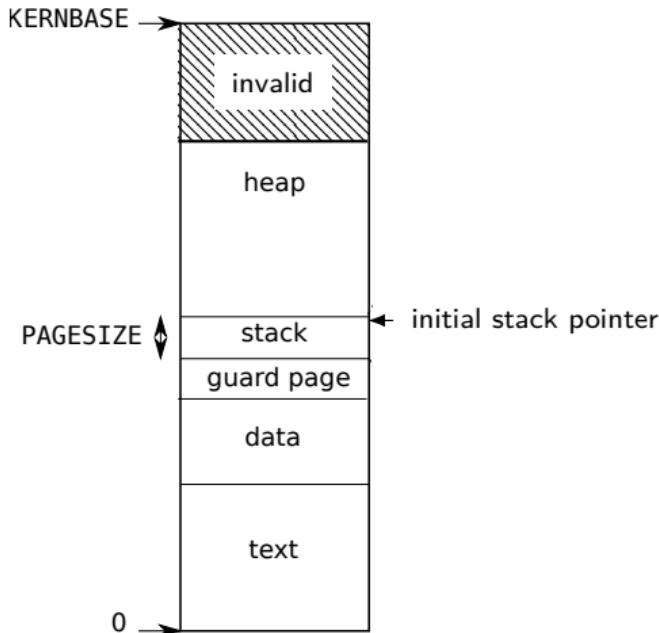
V2P(x) (virtual to physical)

convert *kernel* address x to physical address
subtract KERNBASE (0x8000 0000)

P2V(x) (physical to virtual)

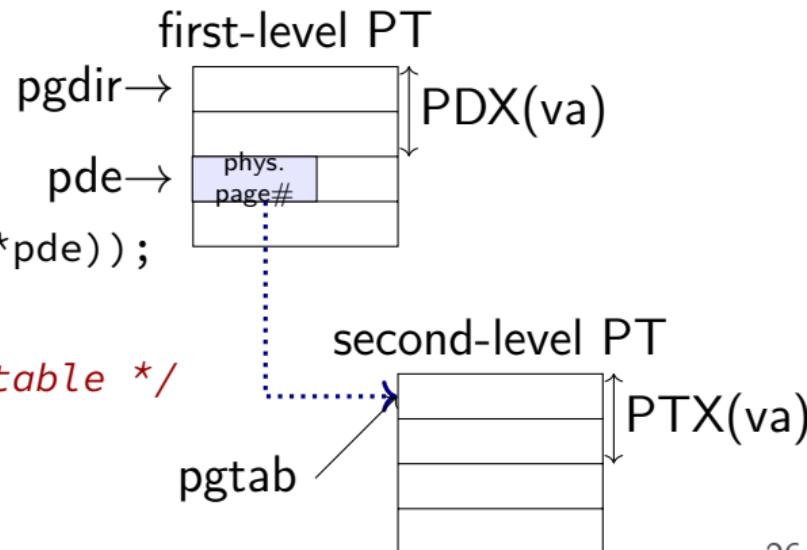
convert *physical* address x to kernel address
add KERNBASE (0x8000 0000)

xv6 program memory



xv6: finding page table entries

```
// Return the address of the PTE in page table pgdir  
// that corresponds to virtual address va. If alloc!=0,  
// create any required page table pages.  
static pte_t *  
walkpgdir(pde_t *pgdir, const void *va, int alloc)  
{  
    pde_t *pde;  
    pte_t *pgtab;  
  
    pde = &pgdir[PDX(va)];  
    if(*pde & PTE_P){  
        pgtab = (pte_t*)P2V(PTE_ADDR(*pde));  
    } else {  
        ... /* create new  
              second-level page table */  
    }  
    return &pgtab[PTX(va)];  
}
```



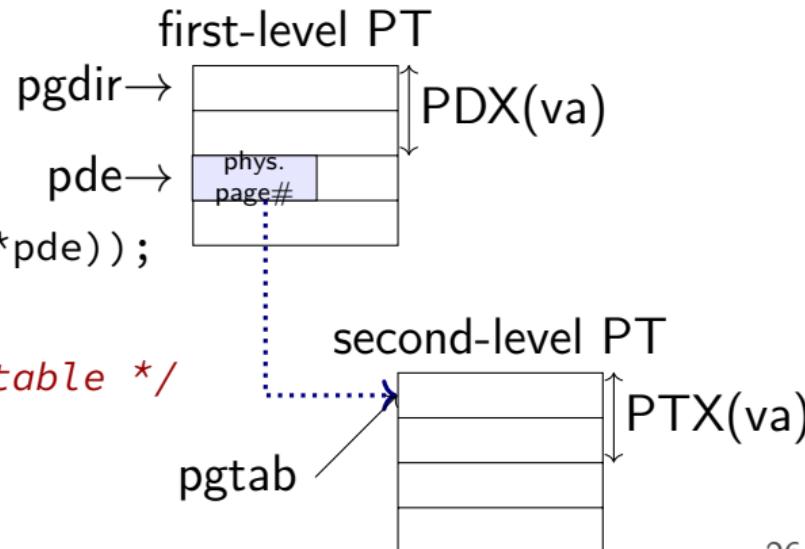
xv6: finding page table entries

```
// Return the address of  
// that corresponds to vi  
// create any required pa...  
static pte_t *  
walkpgdir(pde_t *pgdir, const void *va, int alloc)  
{  
    pde_t *pde;  
    pte_t *pgtab;  
  
    pde = &pgdir[PDX(va)];  
    if(*pde & PTE_P){  
        pgtab = (pte_t*)P2V(PTE_ADDR(*pde));  
    } else {  
        ... /* create new  
              second-level page table */  
    }  
    return &pgtab[PTX(va)];  
}
```

pde_t — page directory entry

pte_t — page table entry

both aliases for uint (32-bit unsigned int)



xv6: finding page table entries

PDX(va) — extract top 10 bits of va
used to index into first-level page table

// Return the address of the page table entry
// that corresponds to virtual address va. If alloc!=0,
// create any required page table pages.

```
static pte_t *  
walkpgdir(pde_t *pgdir, const void *va, int alloc)  
{
```

```
    pde_t *pde;  
    pte_t *pgtab;
```

```
    pde = &pgdir[PDX(va)];
```

```
    if(*pde & PTE_P){
```

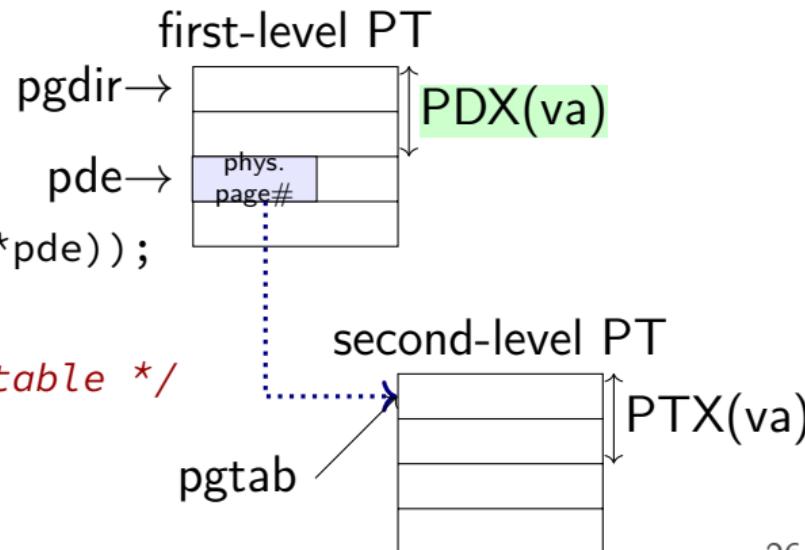
```
        pgtab = (pte_t*)P2V(PTE_ADDR(*pde));
```

```
    } else {
```

... /* create new
second-level page table */

```
}
```

```
    return &pgtab[PTX(va)];
```



xv6: finding page table entries

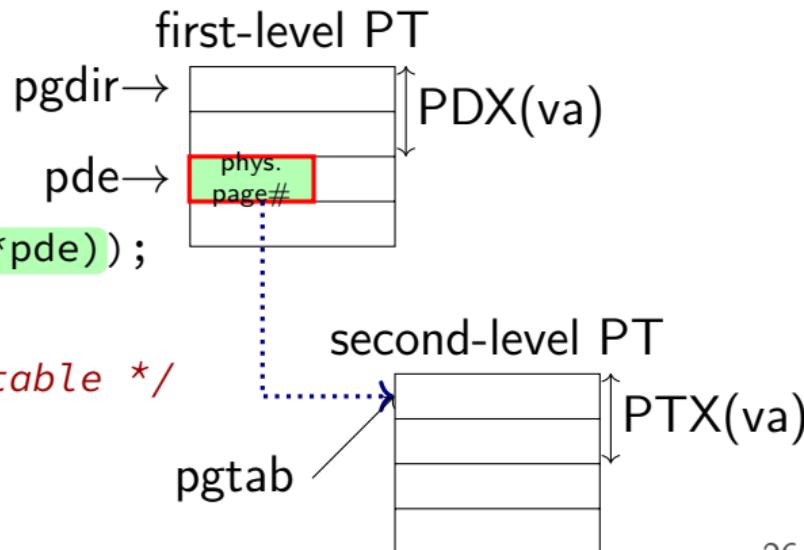
PTE_ADDR(*pde) — return second-level page table address from first-level page table entry *pde

// Return physical address
// that creates any required page table pages.

```
static pte_t *  
walkpgdir(pde_t *pgdir, const void *va, int alloc)  
{
```

```
    pde_t *pde;  
    pte_t *pgtab;
```

```
    pde = &pgdir[PDX(va)];  
    if(*pde & PTE_P){  
        pgtab = (pte_t*)P2V(PTE_ADDR(*pde));  
    } else {  
        ... /* create new  
              second-level page table */  
    }  
    return &pgtab[PTX(va)];
```

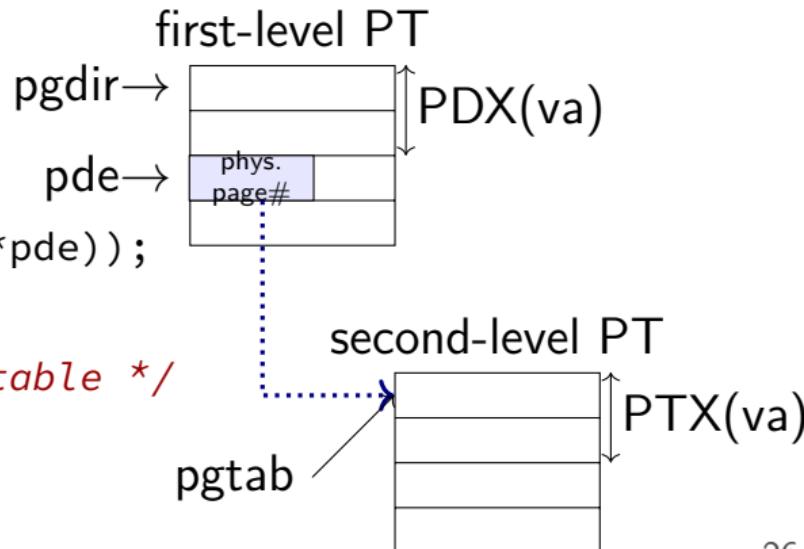


xv6: finding page table entries

P2V — physical address to virtual addresss

// Return the physical address
// that corresponds to the virtual address
// create an entry in the page directory
static pte_t
walkpgdir(pd) result is address that can access second-level page table

```
{  
    pde_t *pde;  
    pte_t *pgtab;  
  
    pde = &pgdir[PDX(va)];  
    if(*pde & PTE_P){  
        pgtab = (pte_t*)P2V(PTE_ADDR(*pde));  
    } else {  
        ... /* create new  
               second-level page table */  
    }  
    return &pgtab[PTX(va)];  
}
```

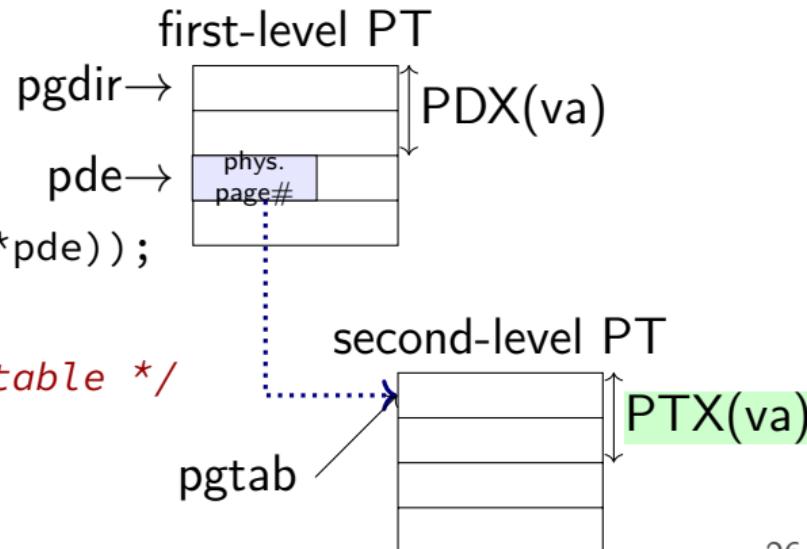


xv6: finding page table entries

```
// Return the address of  
// that corresponds to  
// create any required page tables.  
static pte_t *  
walkpgdir(pde_t *pgdir, const void *va, int alloc)  
{  
    pde_t *pde;  
    pte_t *pgtab;  
  
    pde = &pgdir[PDX(va)];  
    if(*pde & PTE_P){  
        pgtab = (pte_t*)P2V(PTE_ADDR(*pde));  
    } else {  
        ... /* create new  
              second-level page table */  
    }  
    return &pgtab[PTX(va)];  
}
```

lookup in second-level page table

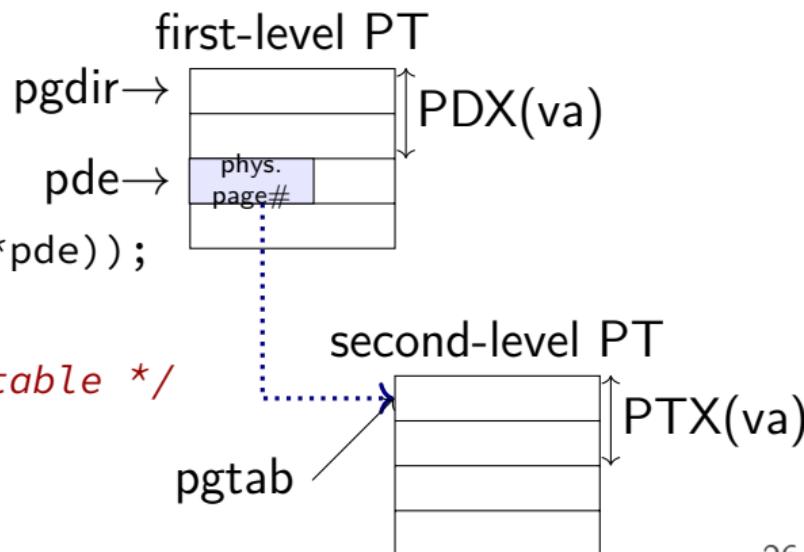
PTX retrieves second-level page table index
(= bits 10-20 of va)



xv6: finding page table entries

```
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// that corresponds to virtual address va.  
// Create any required page table pages.  
static pte_t *  
walkpgdir(pde_t *pgdir, const void *va, int alloc)  
{  
    pde_t *pde;  
    pte_t *pgtab;  
  
    pde = &pgdir[PDX(va)];  
    if(*pde & PTE_P){  
        pgtab = (pte_t*)P2V(PTE_ADDR(*pde));  
    } else {  
        ... /* Create new  
              second-level page table */  
    }  
    return &pgtab[PTX(va)];  
}
```

if no second-level page table
(present bit in first-level = 0)
create one (if alloc=1)
or return null (if alloc=0)



xv6: creating second-level page tables

```
...
if(*pde & PTE_P){
    pgtab = (pte_t*)P2V(PTE_ADDR(*pde));
} else {
    if(!alloc || (pgtab = (pte_t*)kalloc()) == 0)
        return 0;
    // Make sure all those PTE_P bits are zero.
    memset(pgtab, 0, PGSIZE);
    // The permissions here are overly generous, but they can
    // be further restricted by the permissions in the page table
    // entries, if necessary.
    *pde = V2P(pgtab) | PTE_P | PTE_W | PTE_U;
}
```

xv6: creating second-level page tables

return NULL if not trying to make new page table
otherwise use kalloc to allocate it

```
...
if(*pde & PTE_P){
    pgtab = (pte_t*)P2V(PTE_ADDR(*pde));
} else {
    if(!alloc || (pgtab = (pte_t*)kalloc()) == 0)
        return 0;
    // Make sure all those PTE_P bits are zero.
    memset(pgtab, 0, PGSIZE);
    // The permissions here are overly generous, but they can
    // be further restricted by the permissions in the page table
    // entries, if necessary.
    *pde = V2P(pgtab) | PTE_P | PTE_W | PTE_U;
}
```

xv6: creating second-level page tables

clear the page table

PTE = 0 → present = 0

```
...
if(*pde & PTE_P){
    pgtab = (pte_t*)P2V(PTE_ADDR(*pde));
} else {
    if(!alloc || (pgtab = (pte_t*)kalloc()) == 0)
        return 0;
    // Make sure all those PTE_P bits are zero.
    memset(pgtab, 0, PGSIZE);
    // The permissions here are overly generous, but they can
    // be further restricted by the permissions in the page table
    // entries, if necessary.
    *pde = V2P(pgtab) | PTE_P | PTE_W | PTE_U;
}
```

xv6: creating second-level page tables

```
...  
if(*pde & PTE_P)  
    pgtab = (ptab * PTE_W) | PTE_U;  
} else {  
    if(!alloc || !pgtab)  
        return 0;  
    // Make sure  
    memset(pgtab, 0, PTE_SIZE);  
    // The permissions here are overly generous, but they can  
    // be further restricted by the permissions in the page table  
    // entries, if necessary.  
    *pde = V2P(pgtab) | PTE_P | PTE_W | PTE_U;  
}
```

create a first-level page entry
with physical address of second-level page table
P for “present” (valid)
W for “writable” (pages access via may be writable)
U for “user-mode” (in addition to kernel)

second-level permission bits can restrict further

xv6: creating second-level page tables

```
...
if(*pde & PTE_P){
    pgtab = (pte_t*)P2V(PTE_ADDR(*pde));
} else {
    if(!alloc || (pgtab = (pte_t*)kalloc()) == 0)
        return 0;
    // Make sure all those PTE_P bits are zero.
    memset(pgtab, 0, PGSIZE);
    // The permissions here are overly generous, but they can
    // be further restricted by the permissions in the page table
    // entries, if necessary.
    *pde = V2P(pgtab) | PTE_P | PTE_W | PTE_U;
}
```

xv6: setting last-level page entries

```
static int
mappages(pde_t *pgdir, void *va, uint size, uint pa, int perm)
{
    char *a, *last; pte_t *pte;

    a = (char*)PGROUNDDOWN((uint)va);
    last = (char*)PGROUNDDOWN(((uint)va) + size - 1);
    for(;;){
        if((pte = walkpgdir(pgdир, a, 1)) == 0)
            return -1;
        if(*pte & PTE_P)
            panic("remap");
        *pte = pa | perm | PTE_P;
        if(a == last)
            break;
        a += PGSIZE;
        pa += PGSIZE;
    }
    return 0;
}
```

xv6: setting last-level page entries

for each virtual page in range (va to va + size)
get its page table entry
(or fail if out of memory)

```
static int
mappages(pde_t *pgd)
{
    char *a, *last; pte_t *pte;

    a = (char*)PGROUNDDOWN((uint)va);
    last = (char*)PGROUNDDOWN(((uint)va) + size - 1);
    for(;;){
        if((pte = walkpgdir(pgd, a, 1)) == 0)
            return -1;
        if(*pte & PTE_P)
            panic("remap");
        *pte = pa | perm | PTE_P;
        if(a == last)
            break;
        a += PGSIZE;
        pa += PGSIZE;
    }
    return 0;
}
```

xv6: setting last-level page entries

make sure it's not already set

```
static int
mappages(pde_t *pgdir, void *va, uint size, uint pa, int perm)
{
    char *a, *last; pte_t *pte;

    a = (char*)PGROUNDDOWN((uint)va);
    last = (char*)PGROUNDDOWN(((uint)va) + size - 1);
    for(;;){
        if((pte = walkpgdir(pgdир, a, 1)) == 0)
            return -1;
        if(*pte & PTE_P)
            panic("remap");
        *pte = pa | perm | PTE_P;
        if(a == last)
            break;
        a += PGSIZE;
        pa += PGSIZE;
    }
    return 0;
}
```

xv6: setting last-level page entries

create page table entry
pointing to physical page at pa
with specified permission bits (write and/or user-mode)
and P for present

```
static int mappages(pde, pa, size, perm)
{
    char *a, *
```

```
a = (char*)PGROUNDDOWN((uint)va);
last = (char*)PGROUNDDOWN(((uint)va) + size - 1);
for(;;){
    if((pte = walkpgdir(pgd, a, 1)) == 0)
        return -1;
    if(*pte & PTE_P)
        panic("remap");
    *pte = pa | perm | PTE_P;
    if(a == last)
        break;
    a += PGSIZE;
    pa += PGSIZE;
}
return 0;
```

xv6: setting last-level page entries

advance to next physical page (pa)
and next virtual page (va)

```
static int  
mappages(pde_t *pgdir, void *va, uint size, uint pa, int perm)  
{  
    char *a, *last; pte_t *pte;  
  
    a = (char*)PGROUNDDOWN((uint)va);  
    last = (char*)PGROUNDDOWN(((uint)va) + size - 1);  
    for(;;){  
        if((pte = walkpgdir(pgdir, a, 1)) == 0)  
            return -1;  
        if(*pte & PTE_P)  
            panic("remap");  
        *pte = pa | perm | PTE_P;  
        if(a == last)  
            break;  
        a += PGSIZE;  
        pa += PGSIZE;  
    }  
    return 0;
```

xv6: setting process page tables

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kernel code runs unchanged in every process's address space
mappings unaccessible in user mode

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create new page table (kernel mappings)

```
pde_t*
setupkvm(void)
{
    pde_t *pgdir;
    struct kmap *k;

    if((pgdir = (pde_t*)kalloc()) == 0)
        return 0;
    memset(pgdir, 0, PGSIZE);
    if (P2V(PHYSTOP) > (void*)DEVSPACE)
        panic("PHYSTOP_too_high");
    for(k = kmap; k < &kmap[NELEM(kmap)]; k++)
        if(mappages(pgdir, k->virt, k->phys_end - k->phys_start,
                    (uint)k->phys_start, k->perm) < 0) {
            freevm(pgdir);
            return 0;
        }
    return pgdir;
}
```

create new page table (kernel mappings)

allocate first-level page table
("page directory")

```
pde_t*
setupkvm(void)
{
    pde_t *pgdir;
    struct kmap *k;

    if((pgdir = (pde_t*)kalloc()) == 0)
        return 0;
    memset(pgdir, 0, PGSIZE);
    if (P2V(PHYSTOP) > (void*)DEVSPACE)
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    for(k = kmap; k < &kmap[NELEM(kmap)]; k++)
        if(mappages(pgdir, k->virt, k->phys_end - k->phys_start,
                    (uint)k->phys_start, k->perm) < 0) {
            freevm(pgdir);
            return 0;
        }
    return pgdir;
}
```

create new page table (kernel mappings)

initialize to 0 — every page invalid

```
pde_t*
setupkvm(void)
{
    pde_t *pgdir;
    struct kmap *k;

    if((pgdir = (pde_t*)kalloc()) == 0)
        return 0;
    memset(pgdir, 0, PGSIZE);
    if (P2V(PHYSTOP) > (void*)DEVSPACE)
        panic("PHYSTOP_too_high");
    for(k = kmap; k < &kmap[NELEM(kmap)]; k++)
        if(mappages(pgdir, k->virt, k->phys_end - k->phys_start,
                    (uint)k->phys_start, k->perm) < 0) {
            freevm(pgdir);
            return 0;
        }
    return pgdir;
}
```

create new page table (kernel mappings)

iterate through list of kernel-space mappings
everything above address 0x8000 0000

```
pde_t*
setupkvm(void)
{
    pde_t *pgdir;
    struct kmap *k;

    if((pgdir = (pde_t*)kalloc()) == 0)
        return 0;
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    if (P2V(PHYSTOP) > (void*)DEVSPACE)
        panic("PHYSTOP too high");
    for(k = kmap; k < &kmap[NELEM(kmap)]; k++)
        if(mappages(pgdir, k->virt, k->phys_end - k->phys_start,
                    (uint)k->phys_start, k->perm) < 0) {
            freevm(pgdir);
            return 0;
        }
    return pgdir;
}
```

create new page table (kernel mappings)

on failure (no space for new second-level page tales)
free everything

```
pde_t*
setupkvm(void)
{
    pde_t *pgdir;
    struct kmap *k;

    if((pgdir = (pde_t*)kalloc()) == 0)
        return 0;
    memset(pgdir, 0, PGSIZE);
    if (P2V(PHYSTOP) > (void*)DEVSPACE)
        panic("PHYSTOP_too_high");
    for(k = kmap; k < &kmap[NELEM(kmap)]; k++)
        if(mappages(pgdir, k->virt, k->phys_end - k->phys_start,
                    (uint)k->phys_start, k->perm) < 0) {
            freevm(pgdir);
            return 0;
        }
    return pgdir;
}
```

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reading executables (headers)

xv6 executables contain list of sections to load, represented by:

```
struct proghdr {  
    uint type;          /* <-- debugging-only or not? */  
    uint off;           /* <-- location in file */  
    uint vaddr;         /* <-- location in memory */  
    uint paddr;         /* <-- confusing ignored field */  
    uint filesz;        /* <-- amount to load */  
    uint memsz;         /* <-- amount to allocate */  
    uint flags;          /* <-- readable/writeable (ignored) */  
    uint align;  
};
```

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    uint align;  
};  
  
...  
if((sz = allocuvm(pgdир, sz, ph.vaddr + ph.memsz)) == 0)  
    goto bad;  
...  
if(loaduvm(pgdир, (char*)ph.vaddr, ip, ph.off, ph.filesz) < 0)  
    goto bad;
```

allocating user pages

```
allocuvm(pde_t *pgdir, uint oldsz, uint newsz)
{
    ...
    a = PGROUNDUP(oldsz);
    for(; a < newsz; a += PGSIZE){
        mem = kalloc();
        if(mem == 0){
            cprintf("allocuvm_out_of_memory\n");
            deallocuvm(pgdir, newsz, oldsz);
            return 0;
        }
        memset(mem, 0, PGSIZE);
        if(mappages(pgdir, (char*)a, PGSIZE, V2P(mem), PTE_W|PTE_U) < 0)
            cprintf("allocuvm_out_of_memory_(2)\n");
        deallocuvm(pgdir, newsz, oldsz);
        kfree(mem);
        return 0;
    }
}
```

allocating user pages

allocate a new, zero page

```
allocuvm(pde_t *pgdir, uint oldsz, uint newsz)
{
    ...
    a = PGROUNDUP(oldsz);
    for(; a < newsz; a += PGSIZE){
        mem = kalloc();
        if(mem == 0){
            cprintf("allocuvm_out_of_memory\n");
            deallocuvm(pgdir, newsz, oldsz);
            return 0;
        }
        memset(mem, 0, PGSIZE);
        if(mappages(pgdir, (char*)a, PGSIZE, V2P(mem), PTE_W|PTE_U) < 0)
            cprintf("allocuvm_out_of_memory_(2)\n");
        deallocuvm(pgdir, newsz, oldsz);
        kfree(mem);
        return 0;
    }
}
```

allocating user pages

add page to second-level page table

```
allocuvm(pde_t *pgdir, uint oldsz, uint newsz)
{
    ...
    a = PGROUNDUP(oldsz);
    for(; a < newsz; a += PGSIZE){
        mem = kalloc();
        if(mem == 0){
            cprintf("allocuvm_out_of_memory\n");
            deallocuvm(pgdir, newsz, oldsz);
            return 0;
        }
        memset(mem, 0, PGSIZE);
        if(mappages(pgdir, (char*)a, PGSIZE, V2P(mem), PTE_W|PTE_U) < 0)
            cprintf("allocuvm_out_of_memory_(2)\n");
        deallocuvm(pgdir, newsz, oldsz);
        kfree(mem);
        return 0;
    }
}
```

allocating user pages

same function used to allocate memory for heap

```
allocuvvm(pde_t *pgdir, uint oldsz, uint newsz)
{
    ...
    a = PGROUNDUP(oldsz);
    for(; a < newsz; a += PGSIZE){
        mem = kalloc();
        if(mem == 0){
            cprintf("allocuvvm_out_of_memory\n");
            deallocuvvm(pgdir, newsz, oldsz);
            return 0;
        }
        memset(mem, 0, PGSIZE);
        if(mappages(pgdir, (char*)a, PGSIZE, V2P(mem), PTE_W|PTE_U) < 0)
            cprintf("allocuvvm_out_of_memory_(2)\n");
        deallocuvvm(pgdir, newsz, oldsz);
        kfree(mem);
        return 0;
    }
}
```

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    uint filesz;       /* <- amount to load */  
    uint memsz;         /* <- amount to allocate */  
    uint flags;         /* <- readable/writeable (ignored) */  
    uint align;  
};  
  
...  
if((sz = allocuvm(pgdир, sz, ph.vaddr + ph.memsz)) == 0)  
    goto bad;  
...  
if(loaduvm(pgdир, (char*)ph.vaddr, ip, ph.off, ph.filesz) < 0)  
    goto bad;
```

loading user pages from executable

```
loaduvm(pde_t *pgdir, char *addr, struct inode *ip, uint offset, uint sz)
{
    ...
    for(i = 0; i < sz; i += PGSIZE){
        if((pte = walkpgdir(pgd, addr+i, 0)) == 0)
            panic("loaduvm:_address_should_exist");
        pa = PTE_ADDR(*pte);
        if(sz - i < PGSIZE)
            n = sz - i;
        else
            n = PGSIZE;
        if(readi(ip, P2V(pa), offset+i, n) != n)
            return -1;
    }
    return 0;
}
```

loading user pages from executable

```
loaduvm(pde_t *pgdir, char *addr, uin
{
    ...
    for(i = 0; i < sz; i += PGSIZE){
        if((pte = walkpgdir(pgdir, addr+i, 0)) == 0)
            panic("loaduvm:_address_should_exist");
        pa = PTE_ADDR(*pte);
        if(sz - i < PGSIZE)
            n = sz - i;
        else
            n = PGSIZE;
        if(readi(ip, P2V(pa), offset+i, n) != n)
            return -1;
    }
    return 0;
}
```

get page table entry being loaded
already allocated earlier
look up address to load into

loading user pages from executable

```
loaduvm(pde_t *pgdir, char *addr, struct inode *ip, uint offset, uint sz)
{
    ...
    for(i = 0; i < sz; i += PGSIZE){
        if((pte = walkpgdir(pgd, addr+i, 0)) == 0)
            panic("loaduvm:_address_should_exist");
        pa = PTE_ADDR(*pte);
        if(sz - i < PGSIZE)
            n = sz - i;
        else
            n = PGSIZE;
        if(readi(ip, P2V(pa), offset+i, n) != n)
            return -1;
    }
    return 0;
}
```

exercise: why don't we just use `addr` directly?
(instead of turning it into a physical address,
then into a virtual address again)

loading user pages from executable

copy from file (represented by struct inode) into memory
loaduv P2V(pa) — mapping of physical addresss in kernel memory , uir
{

```
...
for(i = 0; i < sz; i += PGSIZE){
    if((pte = walkpgdir(pgd, addr+i, 0)) == 0)
        panic("loaduv:_address_should_exist");
    pa = PTE_ADDR(*pte);
    if(sz - i < PGSIZE)
        n = sz - i;
    else
        n = PGSIZE;
    if(readi(ip, P2V(pa), offset+i, n) != n)
        return -1;
}
return 0;
```

kalloc/kfree

kalloc/kfree — xv6's physical memory allocator

allocates/deallocates **whole pages only**

keep linked list of free pages

list nodes — stored in corresponding free page itself

kalloc — return first page in list

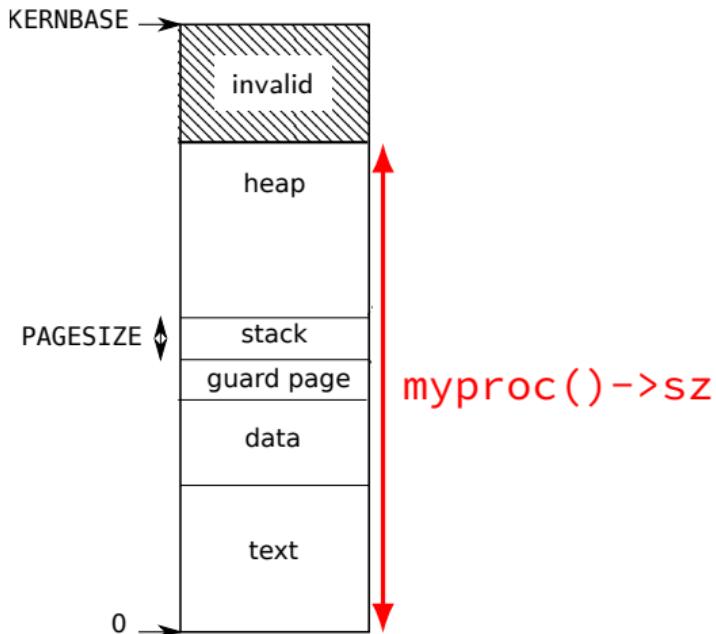
kfree — add page to list

linked list created at boot

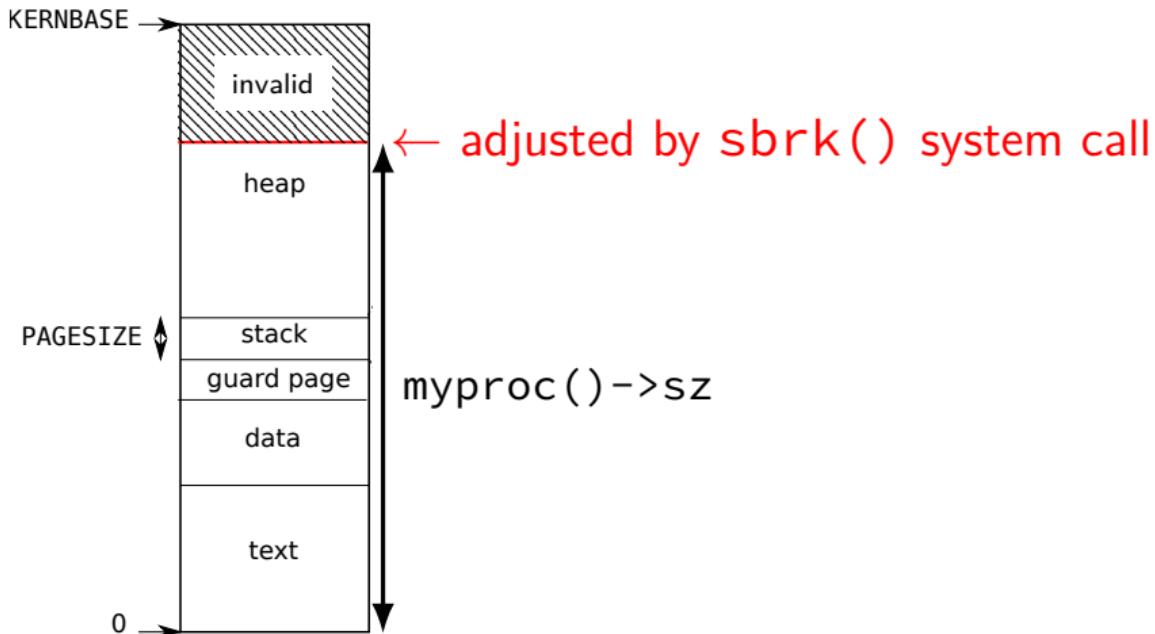
usable memory fixed size (224MB)

determined by PHYSTOP in memlayout.h

xv6 program memory



xv6 program memory



xv6 heap allocation

xv6: every process has a heap at the top of its address space
yes, this is unlike Linux where heap is below stack

tracked in `struct proc` with `sz`
= last valid address in process

position changed via `sbrk(amount)` system call
sets `sz += amount`
same call exists in Linux, etc. — but also others

sbrk

```
sys_sbrk()
{
    if(argint(0, &n) < 0)
        return -1;
    addr = myproc()→sz;
    if(growproc(n) < 0)
        return -1;
    return addr;
}
```

sbrk

sz: current top of heap

```
sys_sbrk()
{
    if(argint(0, &n) < 0)
        return -1;
    addr = myproc()->sz;
    if(growproc(n) < 0)
        return -1;
    return addr;
}
```

sbrk

sbrk(N): grow heap by N (shrink if negative)

```
sys_sbrk()
{
    if(argint(0, &n) < 0)
        return -1;
    addr = myproc()→sz;
    if(growproc(n) < 0)
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    return addr;
}
```

sbrk

returns old top of heap (or -1 on out-of-memory)

```
sys_sbrk()
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    if(argint(0, &n) < 0)
        return -1;
    addr = myproc()→sz;
    if(growproc(n) < 0)
        return -1;
    return addr;
}
```

growproc

```
growproc(int n)
{
    uint sz;
    struct proc *curproc = myproc();

    sz = curproc->sz;
    if(n > 0){
        if((sz = allocuvm(curproc->pgdir, sz, sz + n)) == 0)
            return -1;
    } else if(n < 0){
        if((sz = deallocuvm(curproc->pgdir, sz, sz + n)) == 0)
            return -1;
    }
    curproc->sz = sz;
    switchuvm(curproc);
    return 0;
}
```

growproc

```
allocuvm — same function used to allocate initial space  
growproc(int n, int sz)  
{  
    uint sz;  
    struct proc *curproc = myproc();  
  
    sz = curproc->sz;  
    if(n > 0){  
        if((sz = allocuvm(curproc->pgdir, sz, sz + n)) == 0)  
            return -1;  
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    }  
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xv6 page faults (now)

fault from accessing page table entry marked 'not-present'

xv6: prints an error and kills process:

```
*((int*) 0x800444) = 1;
```

```
...
```

/ in trap.c: */*

```
cprintf("pid %d %s: trap %d err %d on cpu %d "
        "eip 0x%x addr 0x%x -- kill proc\n",
        myproc()>pid, myproc()>name, tf->trapno,
        tf->err, cpuid(), tf->eip, rcr2());
myproc()>killed = 1;
```

```
pid 4 processname: trap 14 err 6 on cpu 0 eip 0x1a addr 0x800444--k-
```

14 = T_PGFLT

special register CR2 contains faulting address

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```

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```

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special register CR2 contains faulting address

xv6: if one handled page faults

returning from page fault handler without killing process

...**retries the failing instruction**

can use to update the page table — “just in time”

```
if (tf->trapno == T_PGFLT) {  
    void *address = (void *) rcr2();  
    if (is_address_okay(myproc(), address)) {  
        setup_page_table_entry_for(myproc(), address);  
        // return from fault, retry access  
    } else {  
        // actual segfault, kill process  
        cprintf("...");  
        myproc()->killed = 1;  
    }  
}
```

xv6: if one handled page faults

check *process control block* to see if access okay

returning from page fault handler without killing process

...**retries the failing instruction**

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        // return from fault, retry access  
    } else {  
        // actual segfault, kill process  
        cprintf("...");  
        myproc()->killed = 1;  
    }  
}
```

xv6: if one handled page faults

if so, setup the page table so it works next time
i.e. immediately after returning from fault
returning from page

...
...retries the failing instruction

can use to update the page table — “just in time”

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    }  
}
```

extra data structures needed

OSs can do all sorts of tricks with page tables

...but more bookkeeping is required

tracking what processes think they have in memory

since page table won't tell the whole story

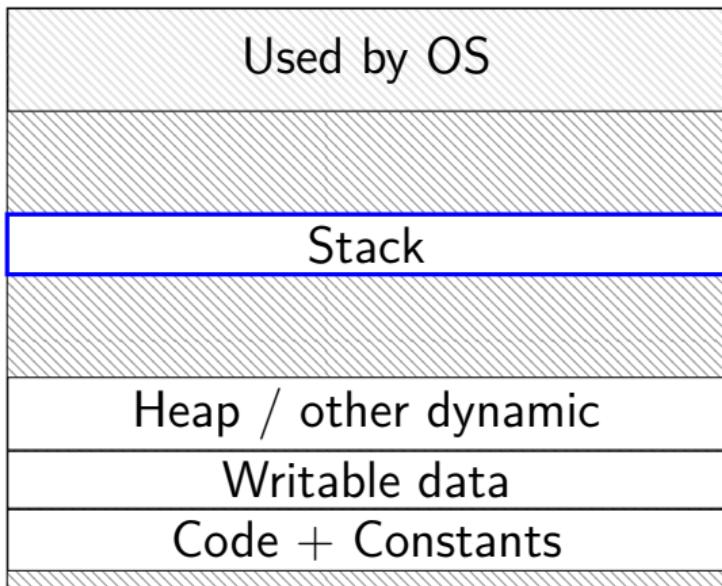
OS will change page table

tracking how physical pages are used in page tables

multiple processes might want same data = same page

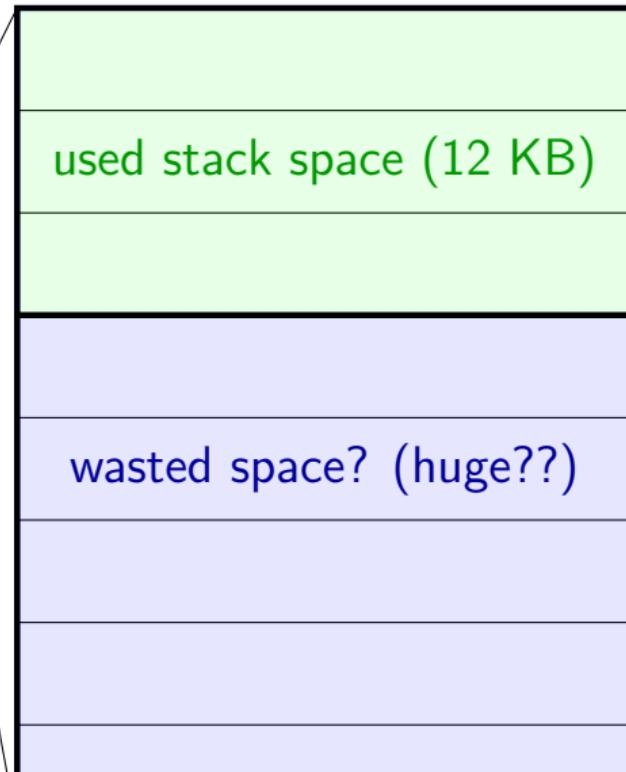
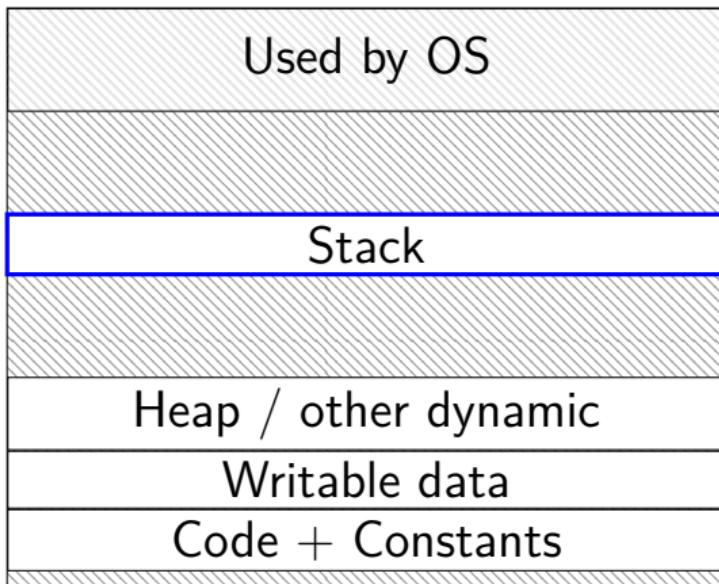
space on demand

Program Memory



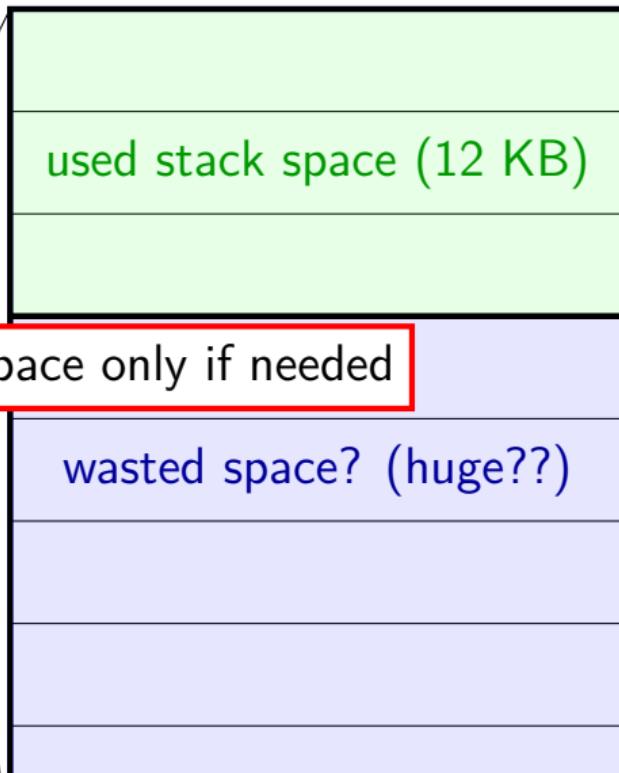
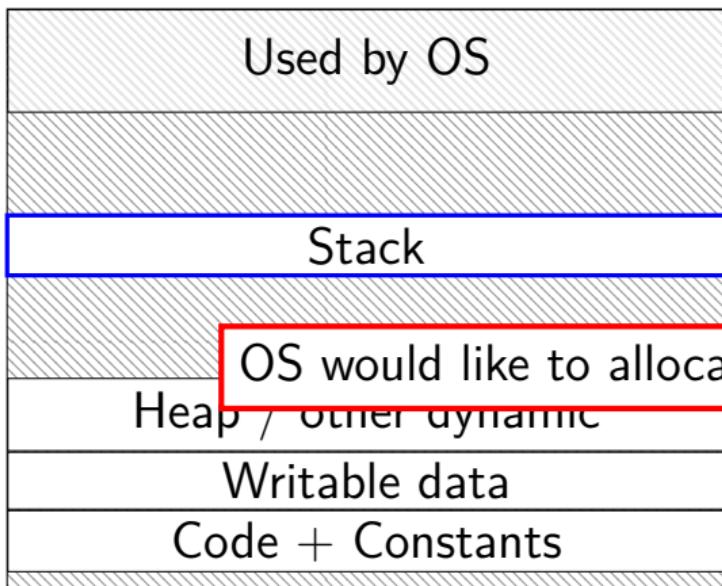
space on demand

Program Memory



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Program Memory



allocating space on demand

```
%rsp = 0x7FFFC000
```

```
...  
// requires more stack space
```

```
A: pushq %rbx
```

```
B: movq 8(%rcx), %rbx
```

```
C: addq %rbx, %rax
```

```
...
```

VPN

...

0x7FFFB

0x7FFFC

0x7FFFD

0x7FFE

0x7FFF

...

valid? physical
page

...	...
0	---
1	0x200DF
1	0x12340
1	0x12347
1	0x12345
...	...

allocating space on demand

%rsp = 0x7FFFC000

...
// requires more stack space

A: pushq %rbx → page fault!

B: movq 8(%rcx), %rbx
C: addq %rbx, %rax
...

VPN

...

0x7FFFB
0x7FFFC
0x7FFFD
0x7FFE
0x7FFF
...

valid?	physical page
0	---
1	0x200DF
1	0x12340
1	0x12347
1	0x12345
...	...

pushq triggers exception

hardware says “accessing address 0x7FFF8”

OS looks up what's there — “stack”

allocating space on demand

%rsp = 0x7FFFC000

...
// requires more stack space

A: pushq %rbx restarted

B: movq 8(%rcx), %rbx
C: addq %rbx, %rax
...

VPN	valid?	physical page
...
0x7FFFB	1	0x200D8
0x7FFFC	1	0x200DF
0x7FFFD	1	0x12340
0x7FFE	1	0x12347
0x7FFF	1	0x12345
...

in exception handler, OS allocates more stack space
OS updates the page table
then returns to retry the instruction

xv6: adding space on demand

```
struct proc {  
    uint sz;      // Size of process memory (bytes)  
    ...  
};
```

adding allocate on demand logic:

on page fault: if address \geq sz
 kill process — out of bounds

on page fault: if address $<$ sz
 find virtual page number of address
 allocate page of memory, add to page table
 return from interrupt

versus more complicated OSes

range of valid addresses is not just 0 to maximum

need some more complicated data structure to represent

will get to that later

fast copies

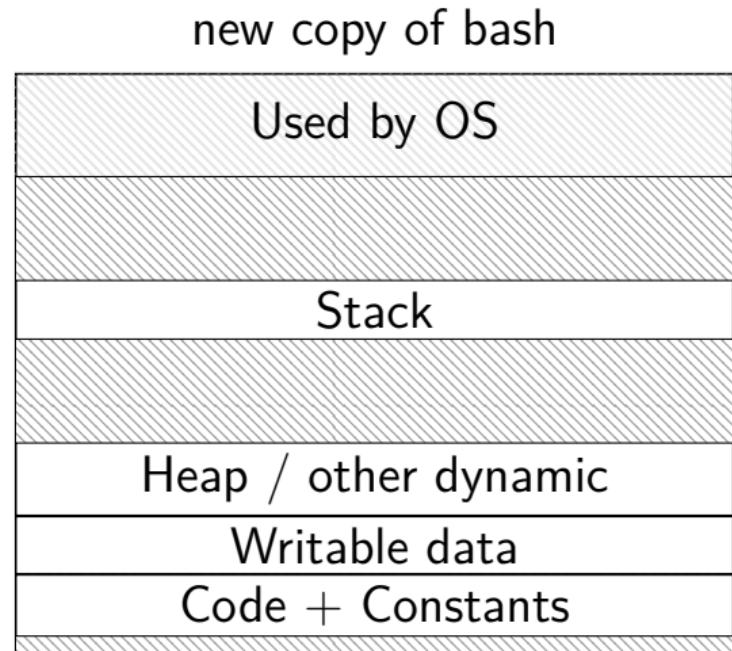
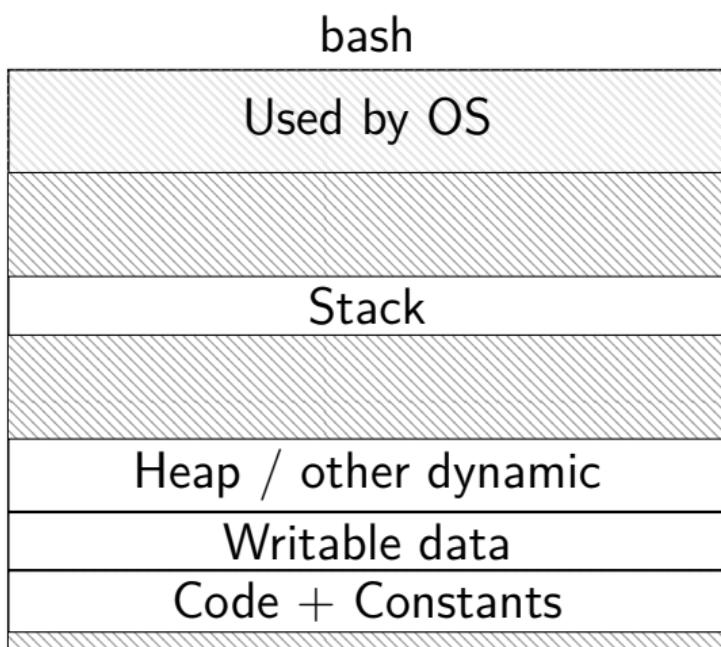
recall : `fork()`

creates a **copy** of an entire program!

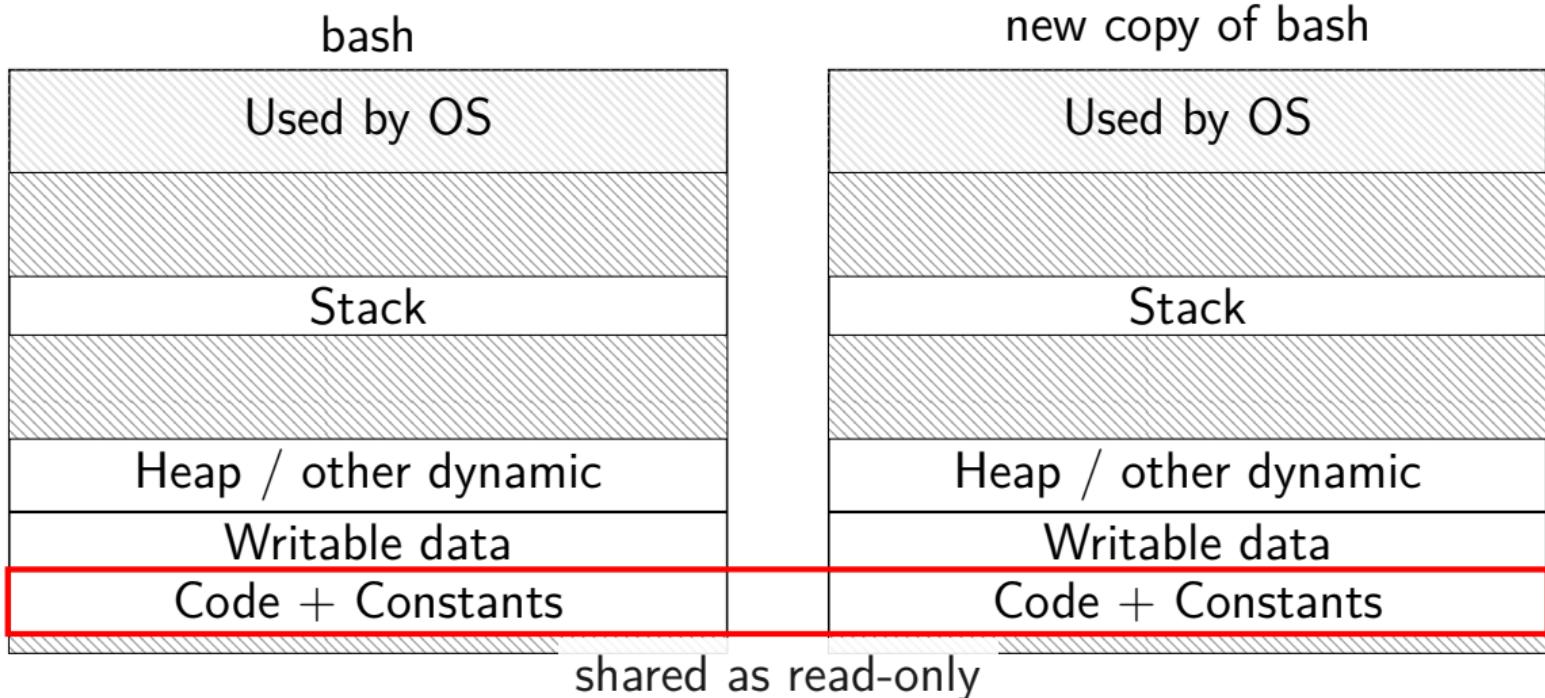
(usually, the copy then calls `execve` — replaces itself with another program)

how isn't this really slow?

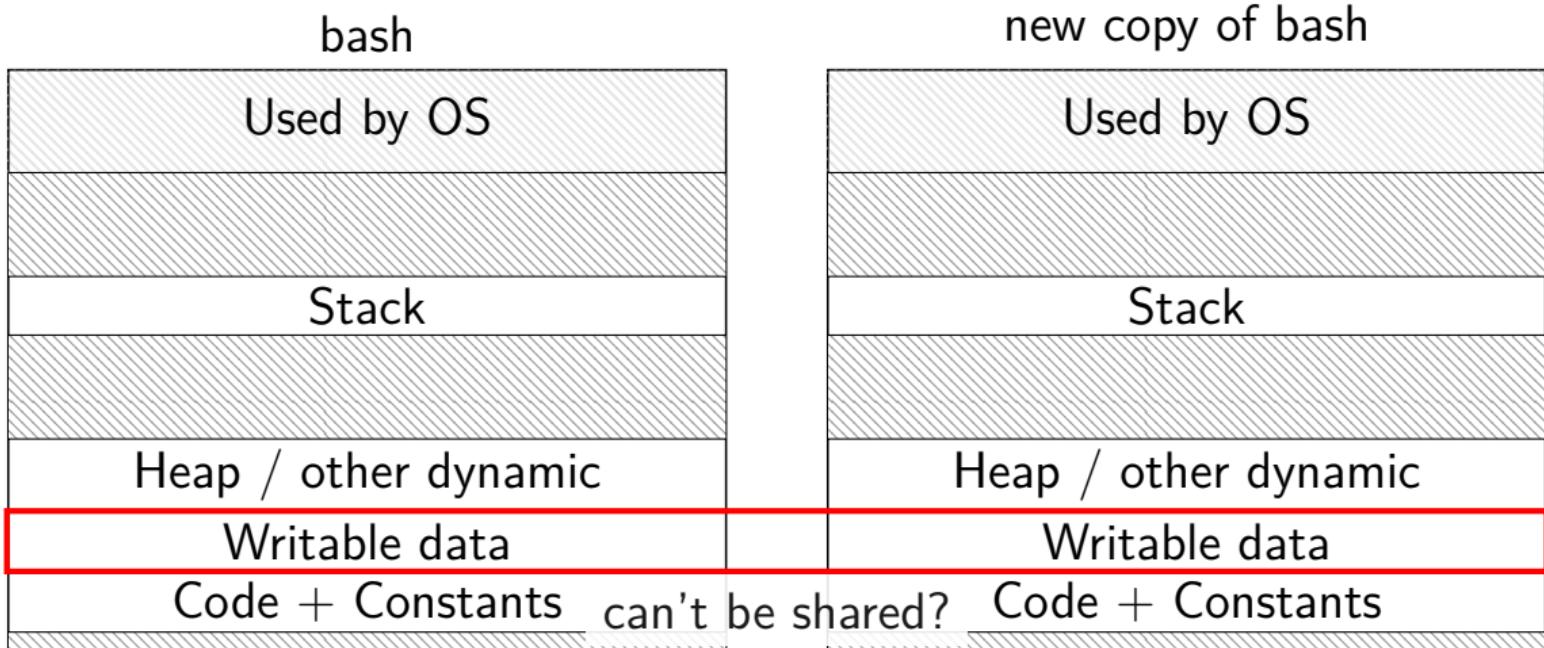
do we really need a complete copy?



do we really need a complete copy?



do we really need a complete copy?



trick for extra sharing

sharing writeable data is fine — until either process modifies the copy

can we detect modifications?

trick: tell CPU (via page table) shared part is read-only

processor will trigger a fault when it's written

copy-on-write and page tables

VPN	valid?	write?	physical page
...
0x00601	1	1	0x12345
0x00602	1	1	0x12347
0x00603	1	1	0x12340
0x00604	1	1	0x200DF
0x00605	1	1	0x200AF
...

copy-on-write and page tables

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...	

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...	

copy operation actually duplicates page table
both processes **share all physical pages**
but marks pages in **both copies as read-only**

copy-on-write and page tables

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...	
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when either process tries to write read-only page triggers a fault — OS actually copies the page

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...	

after allocating a copy, OS reruns the write instruction

copy-on write cases

trying to write forbidden page (e.g. kernel memory)

- kill program instead of making it writable

trying to write read-only page and...

only one page table entry refers to it

- make it writeable
- return from fault

multiple process's page table entries refer to it

- copy the page
- replace read-only page table entry to point to copy
- return from fault

page tables in memory

page table entry layout

valid (bit 15)	kernel (bit 14)	physical page # (bits 4–13)	unused (bit 0-3)
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addresses	bytes
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...	
0x00010000-1	00000000 00000000
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0x00010004-5	10000010 11000000
0x00010006-7	10110000 00110000
...	
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page table base register

0x00010000

page table (logically)

virtual page #	valid?	kernel?	physical page #
----------------	--------	---------	-----------------

0000 0000	0	0	00 0000 0000
0000 0001	1	0	10 0010 0110
0000 0010	1	0	00 0000 1100
0000 0011	1	0	11 0000 0011
...			
1111 1111	1	0	00 1110 1000

physical memory

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page table base register

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page table (logically)

virtual page # valid? kernel? physical page #

0000	0000	0	0	00 0000 0000
0000	0001	1	0	10 0010 0110
0000	0010	1	0	00 0000 1100
0000	0011	1	0	11 0000 0011
...				
1111	1111	1	0	00 1110 1000

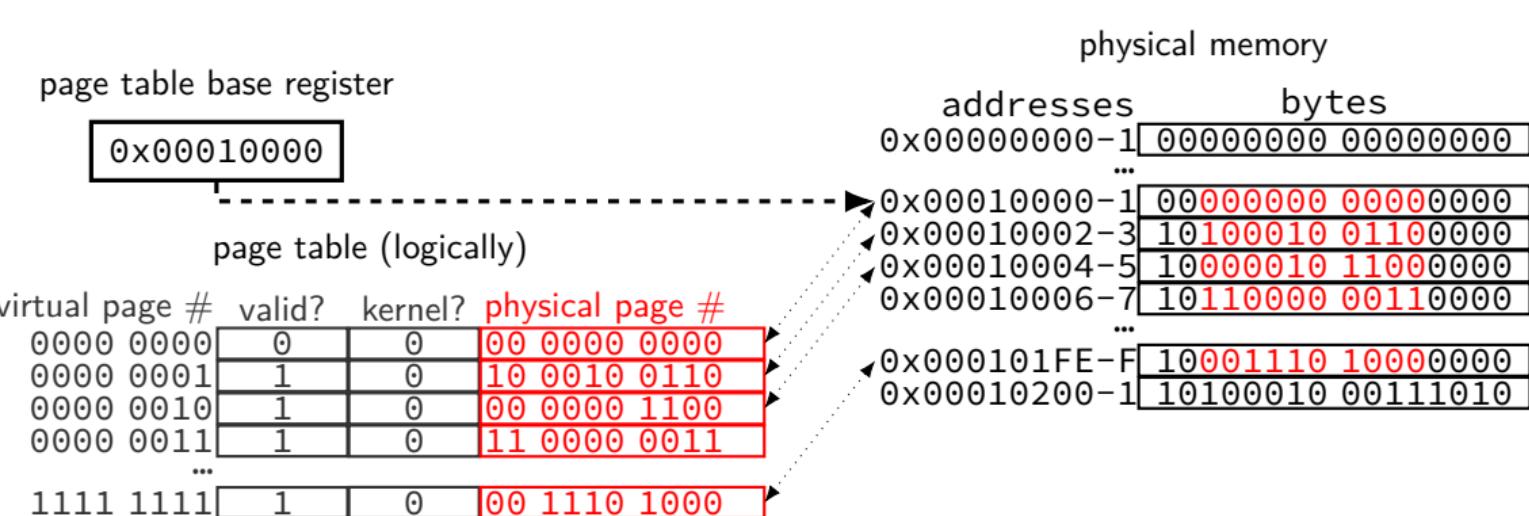
physical memory

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...			
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physical memory

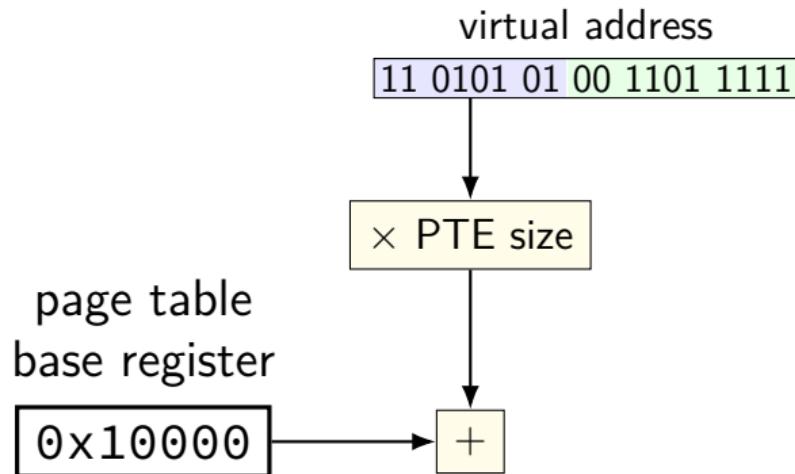
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memory access with page table

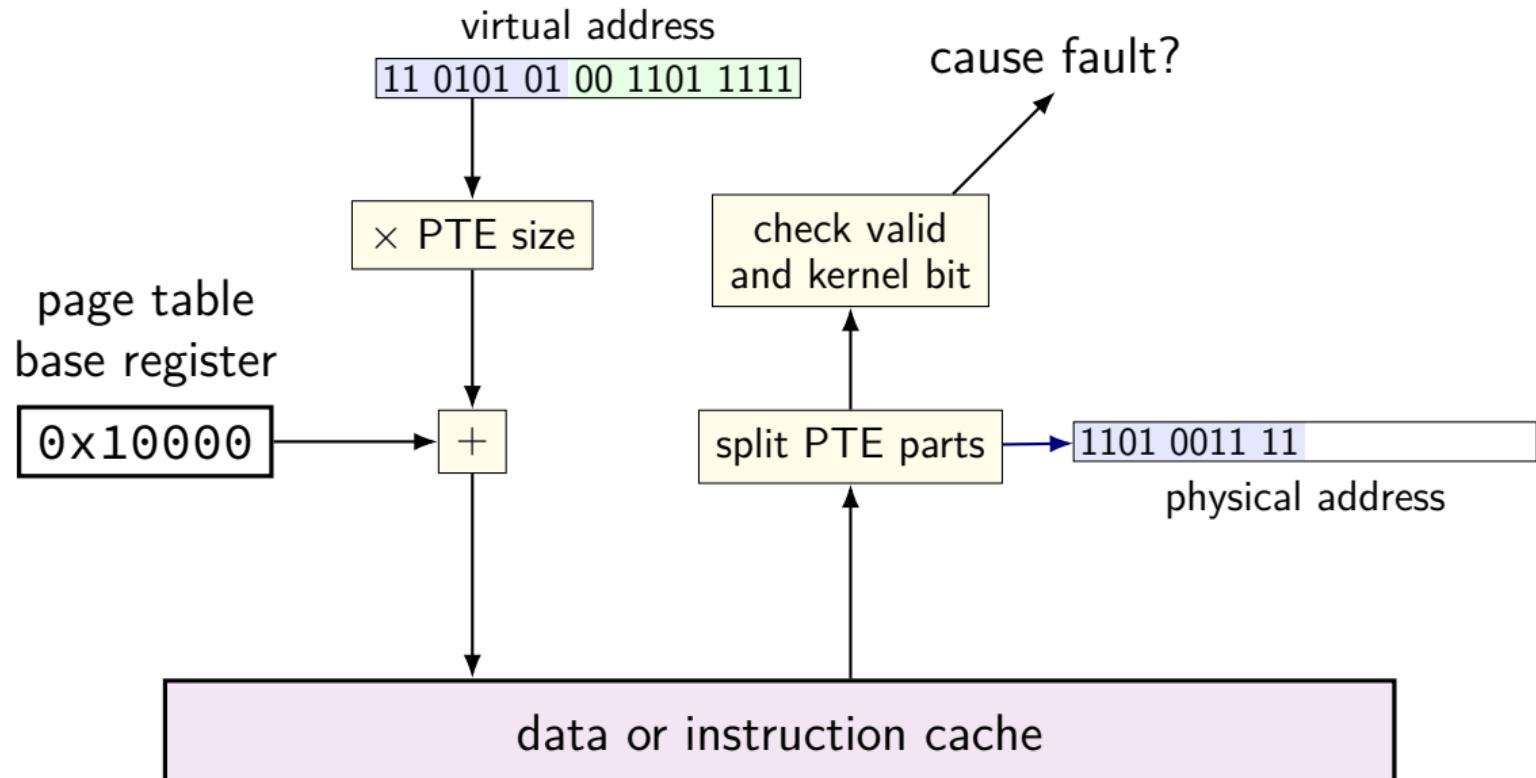
virtual address

11	0101	01	00	1101	1111
----	------	----	----	------	------

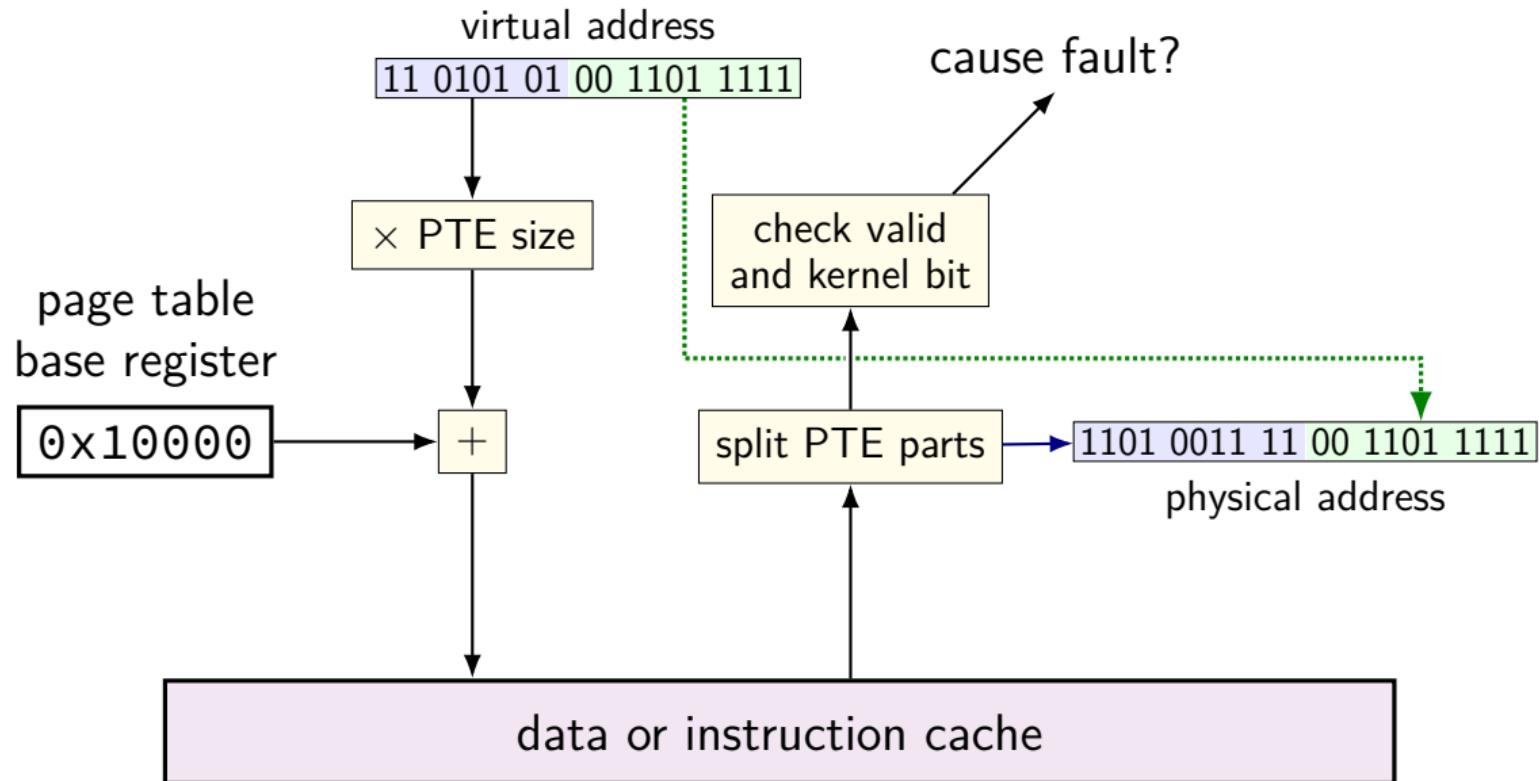
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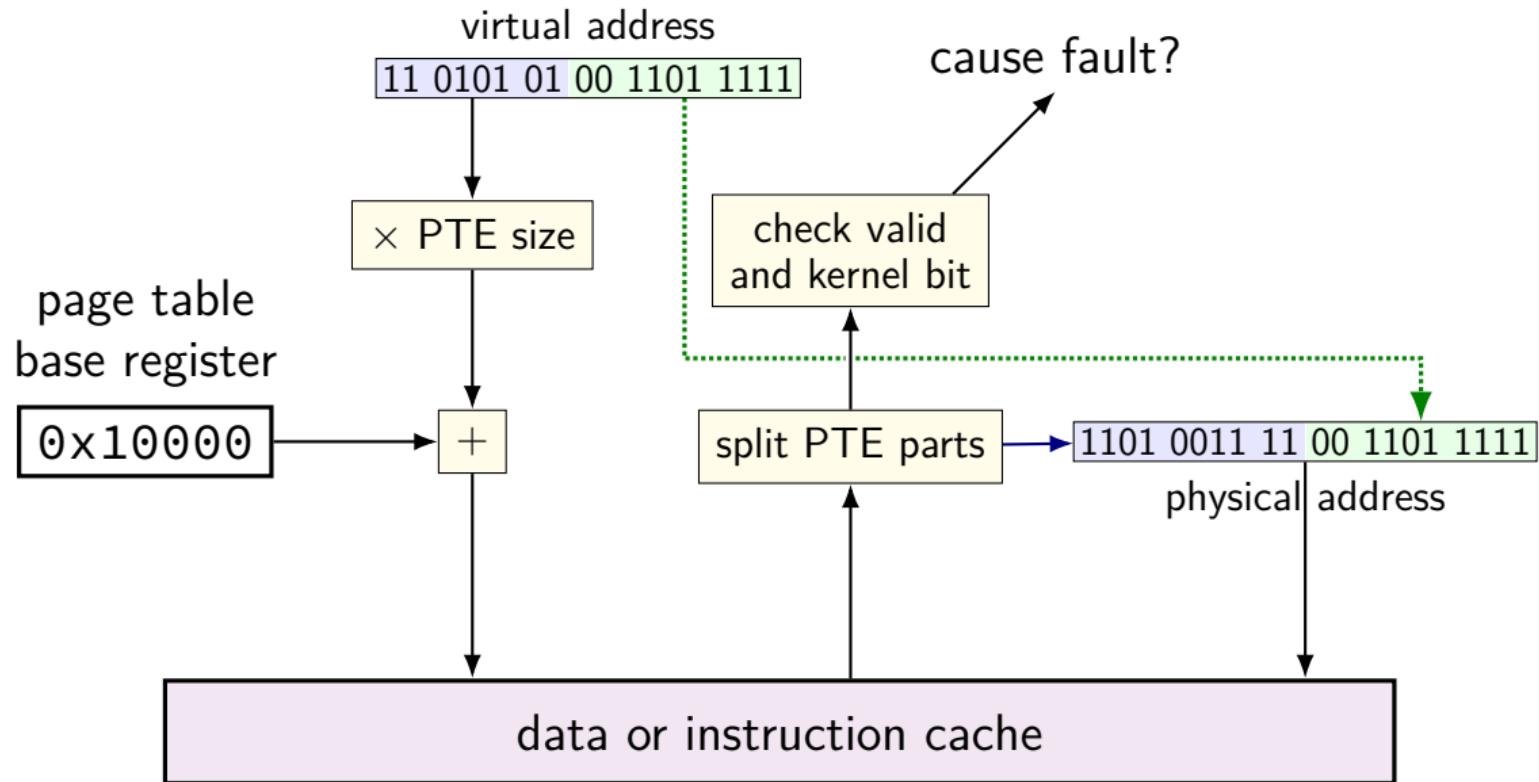
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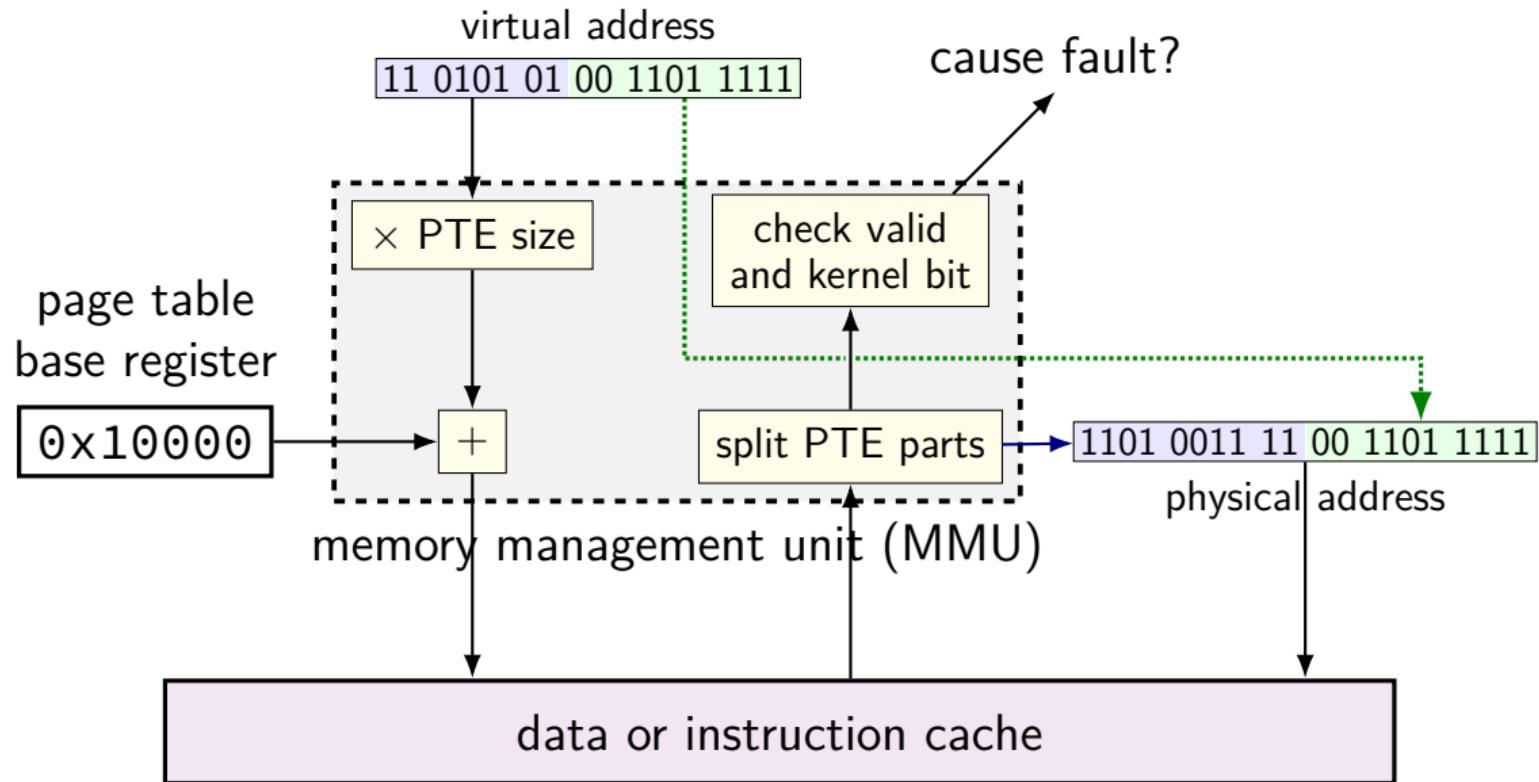
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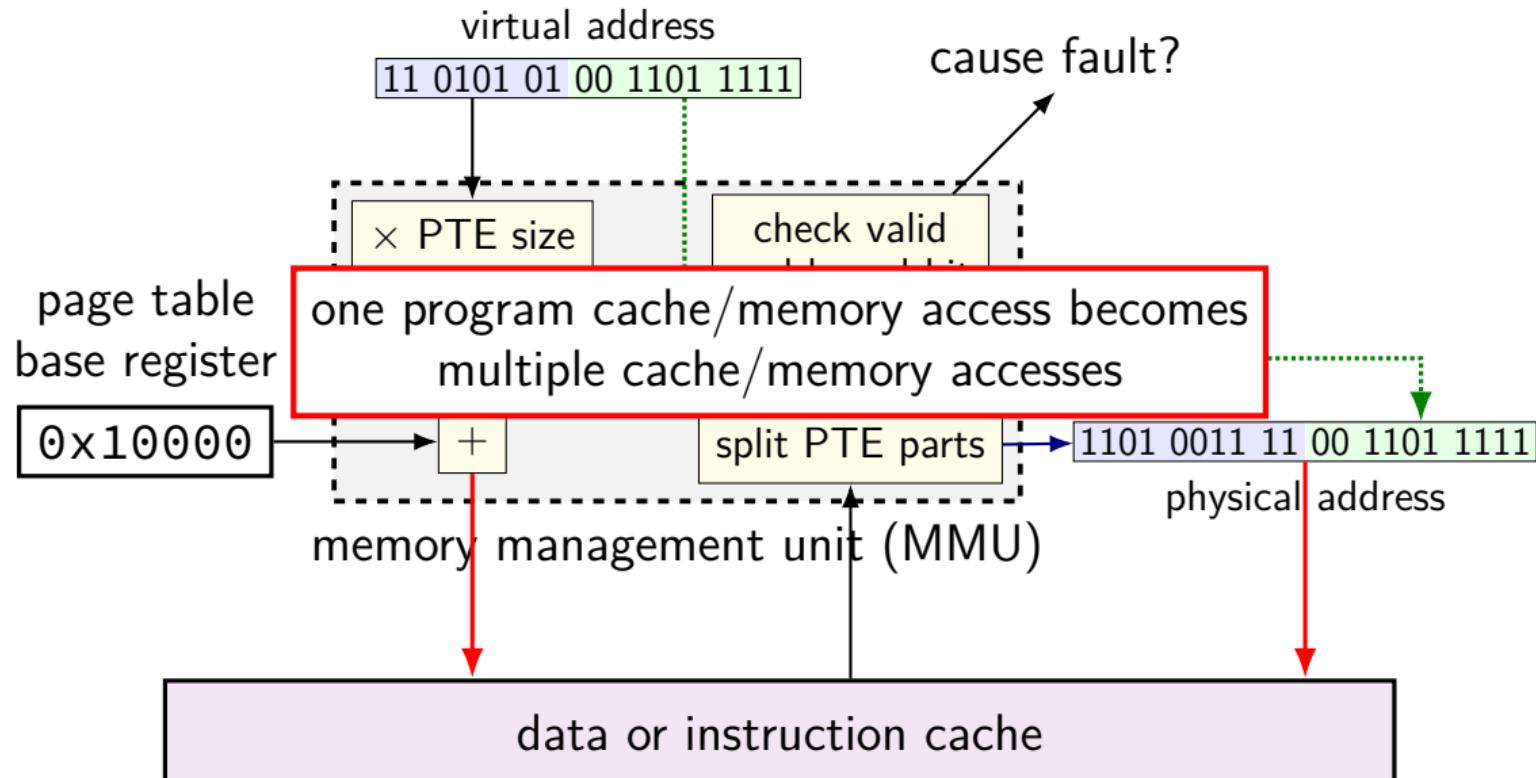
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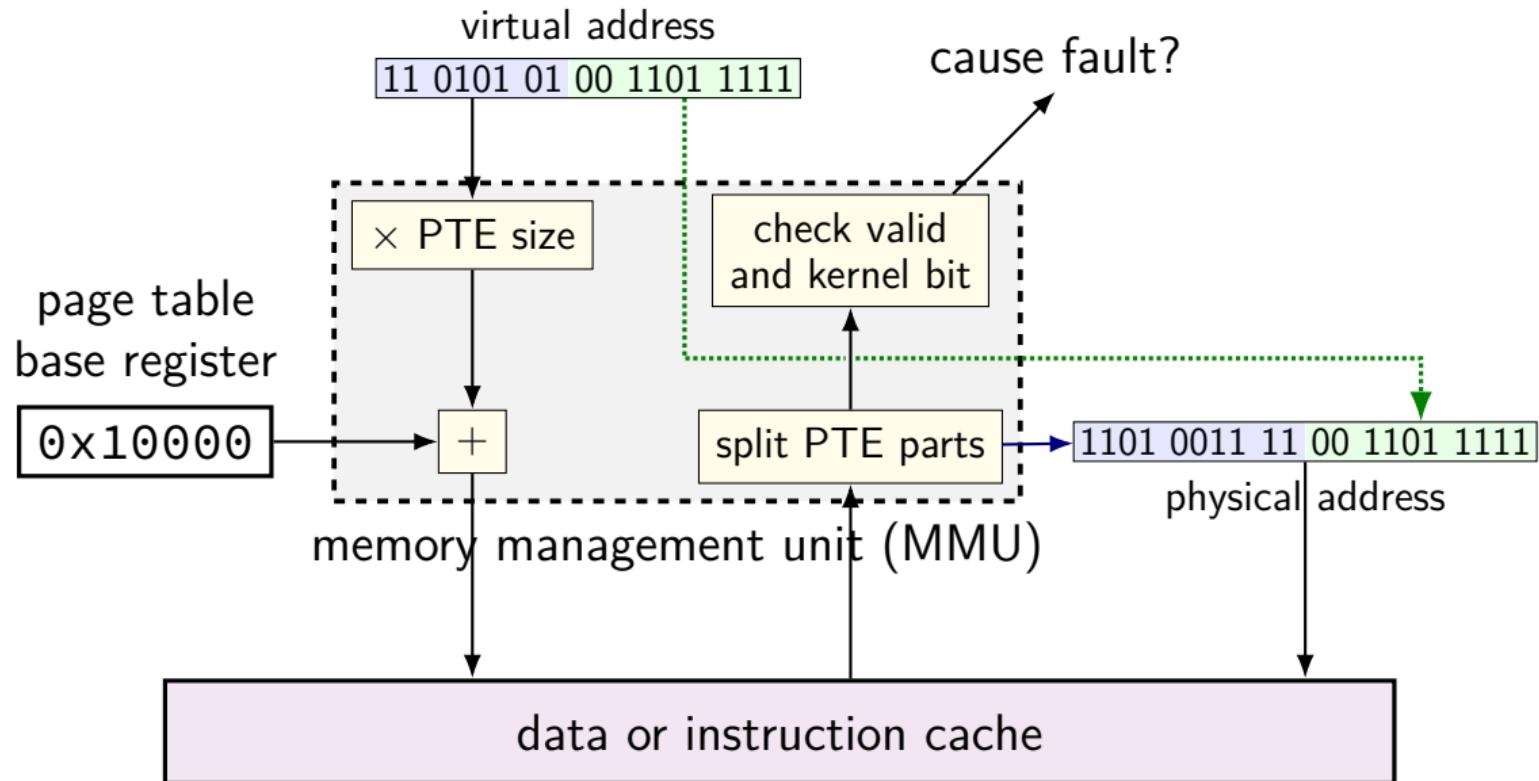
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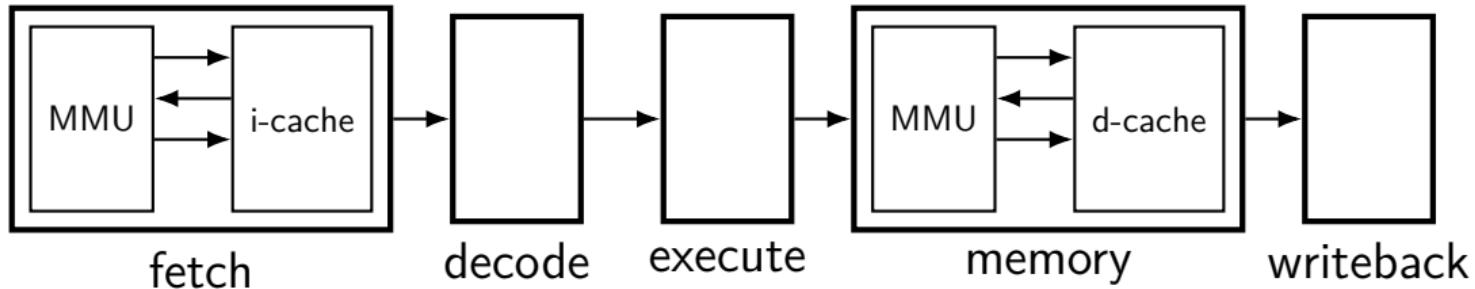
memory access with page table



memory access with page table



MMUs in the pipeline



up to four memory accesses per instruction

cache for page-table entries to make fast

two-level page table lookup

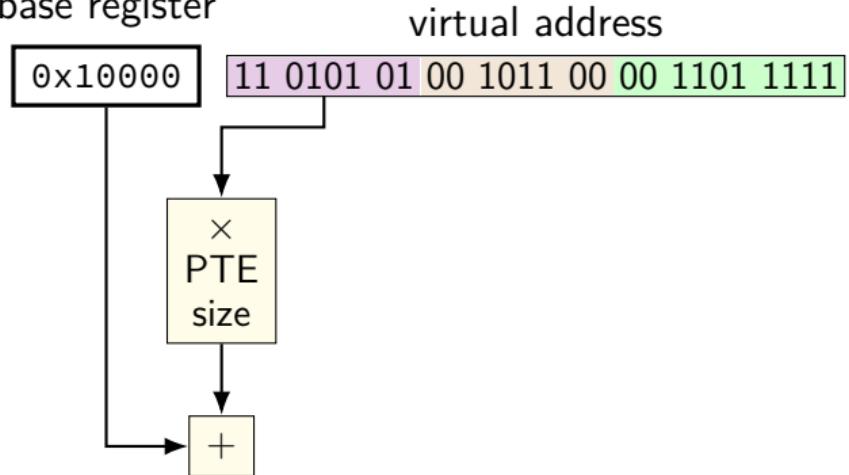
virtual address

11 0101 01 00 1011 00	00 1101 1111
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VPN — split into two parts (one per level)

two-level page table lookup

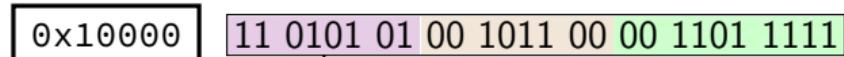
page table
base register



two-level page table lookup

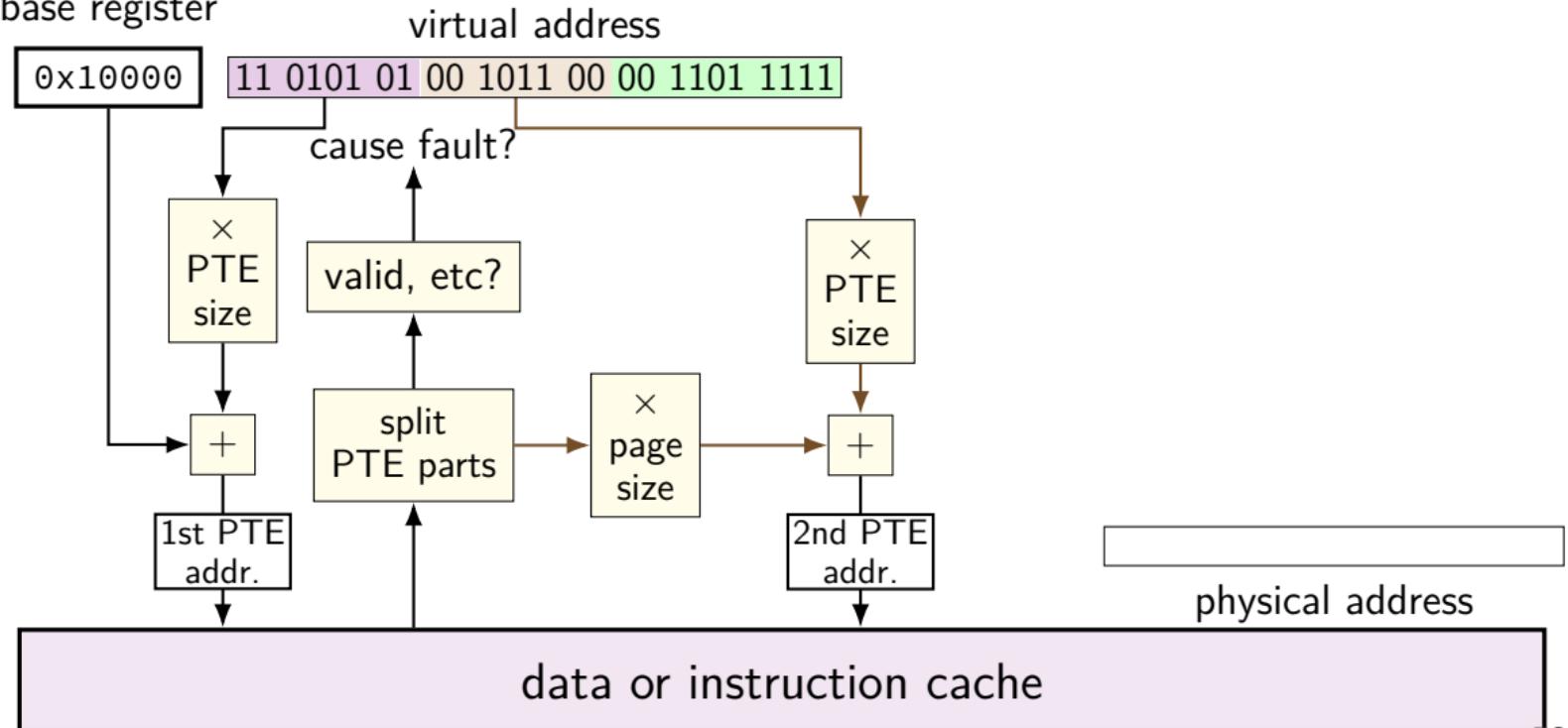
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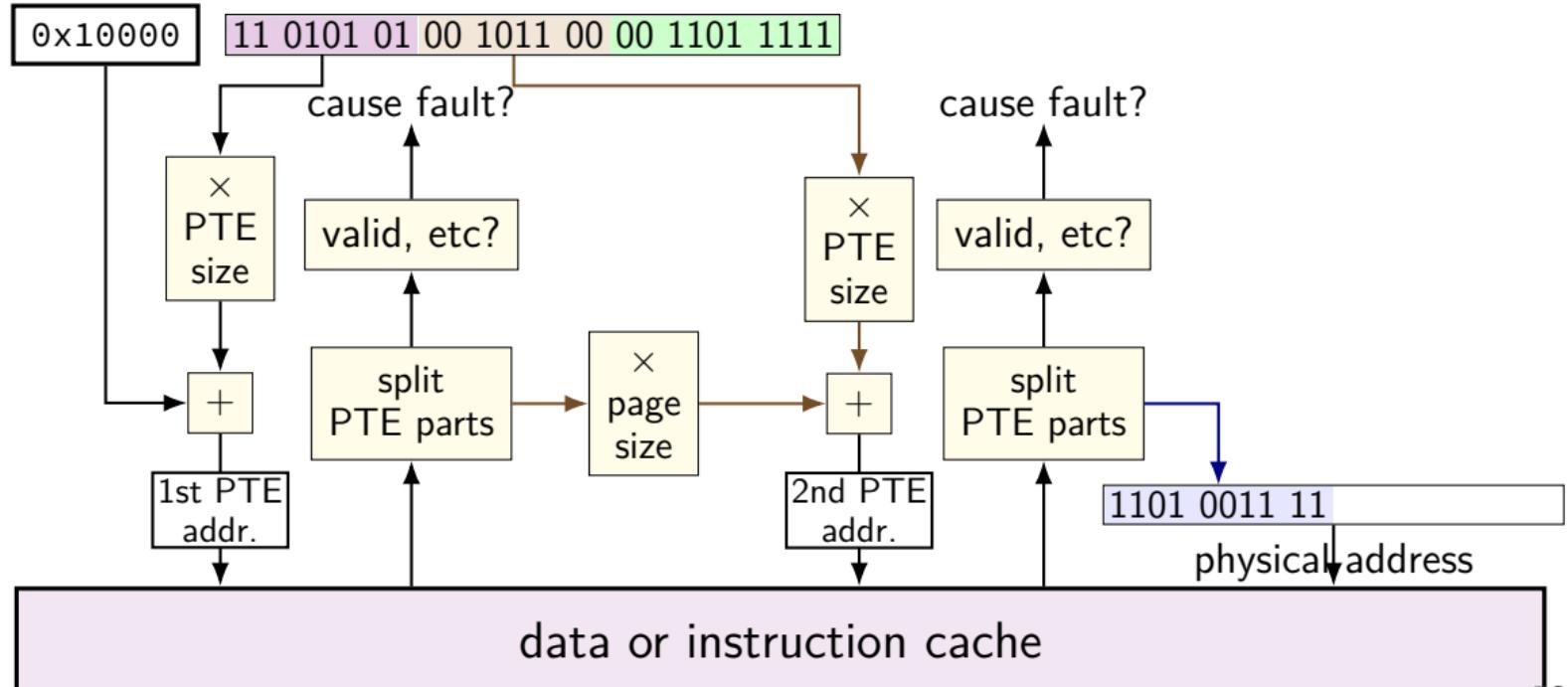
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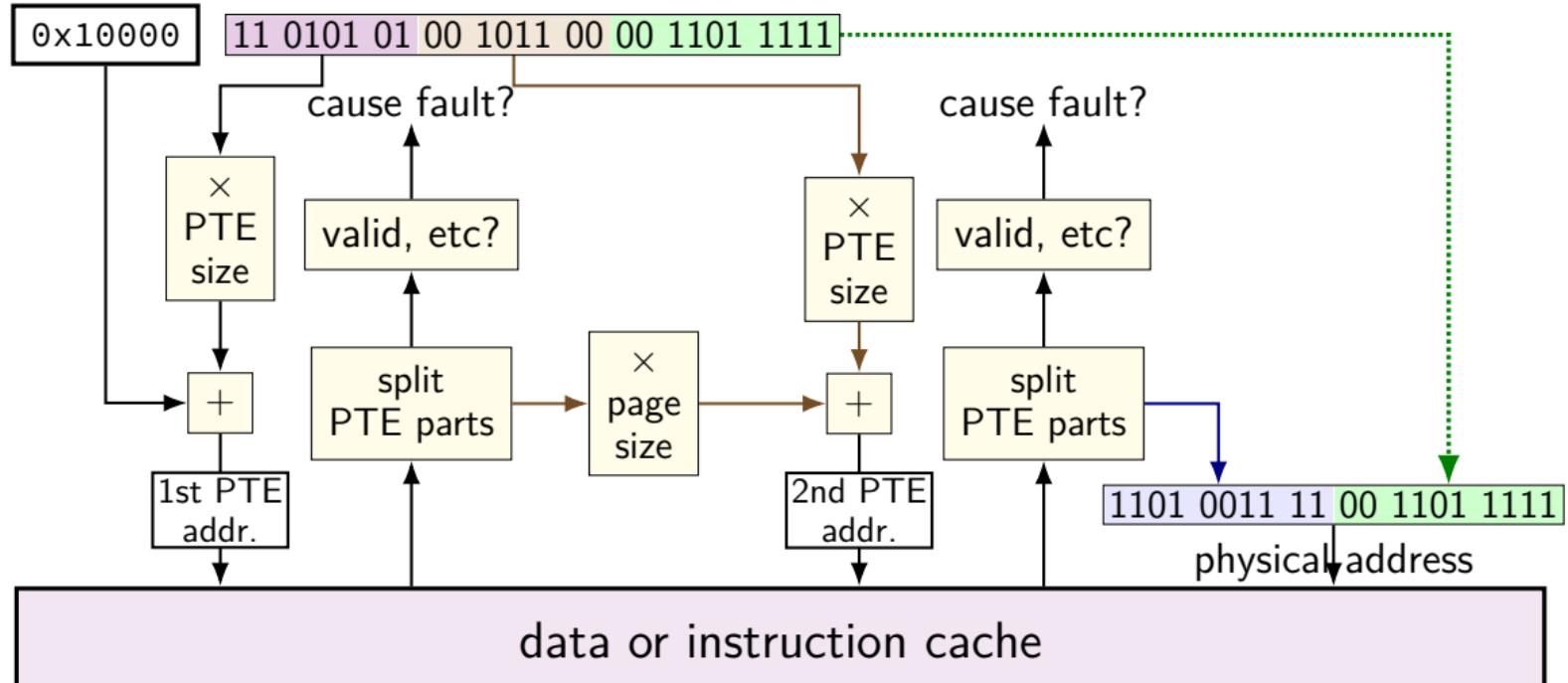
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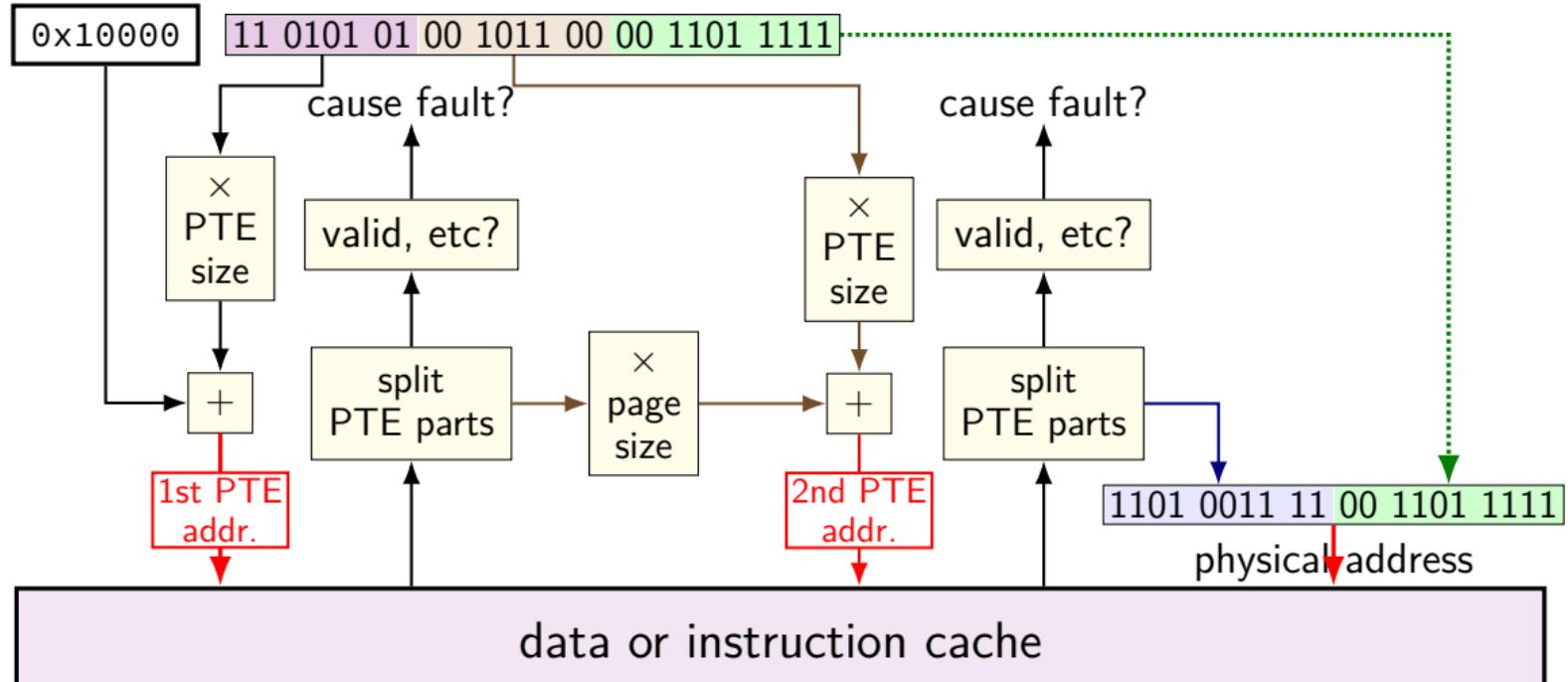
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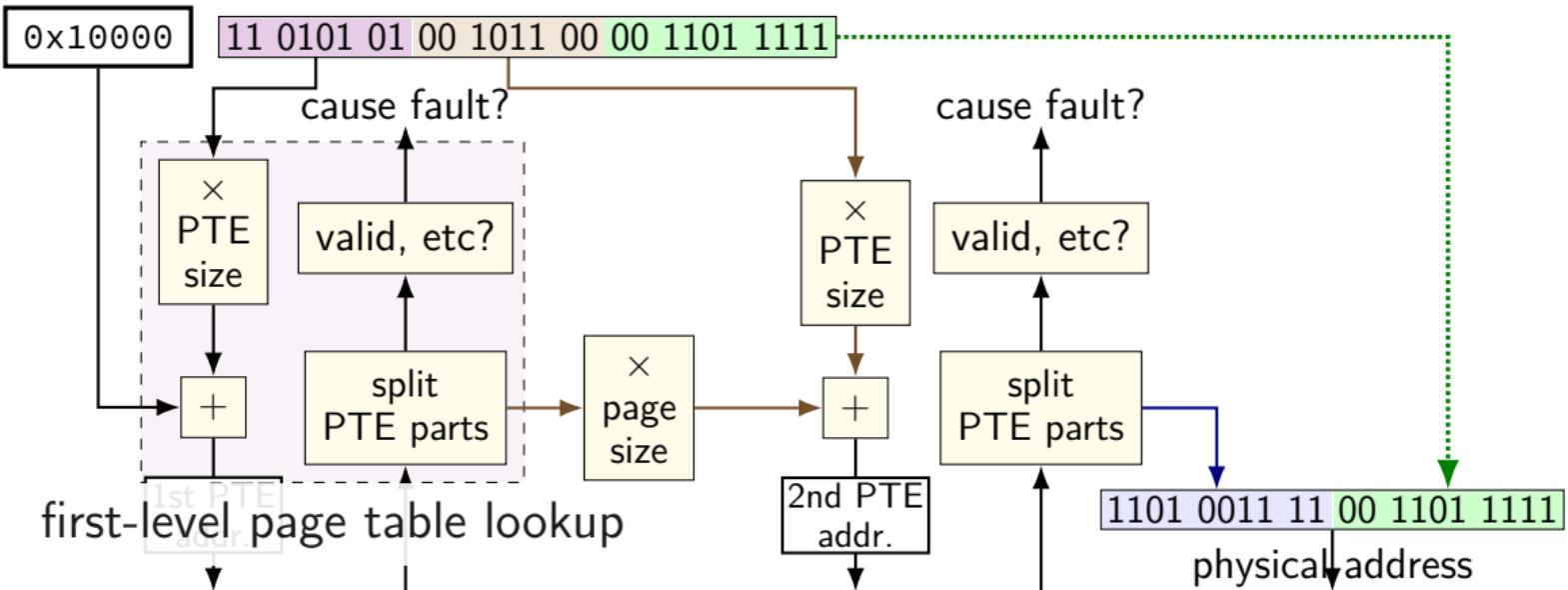
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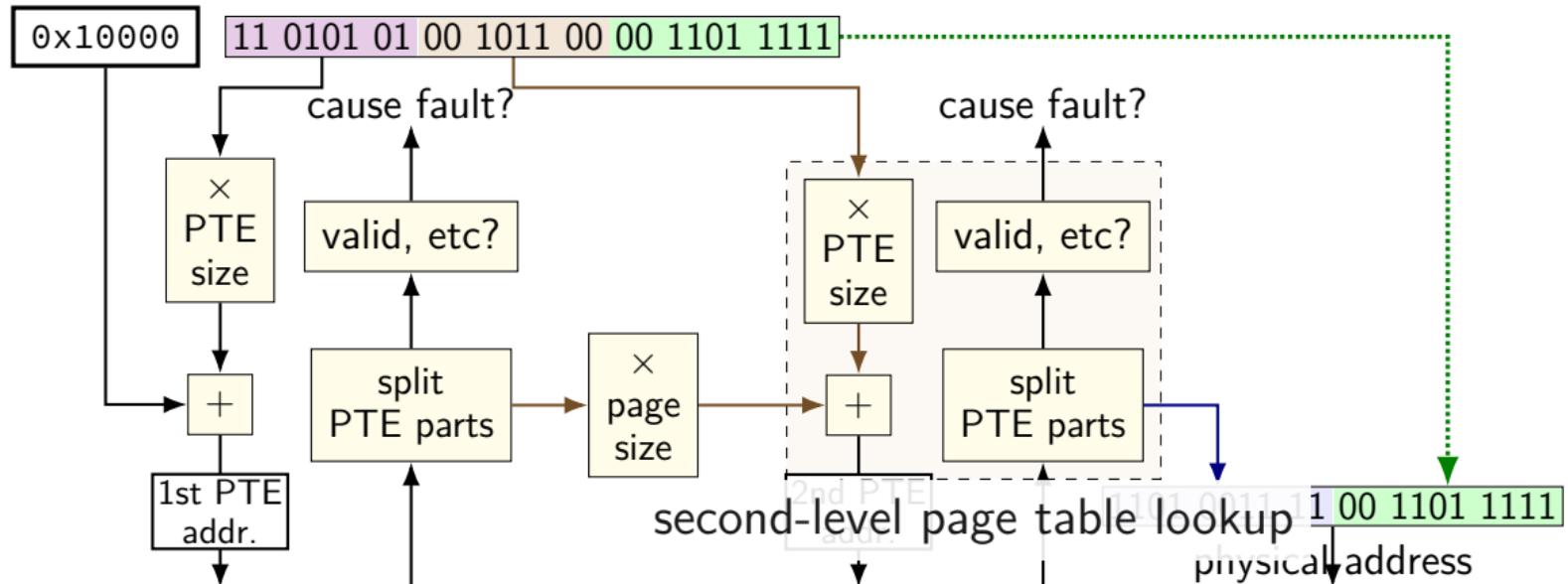


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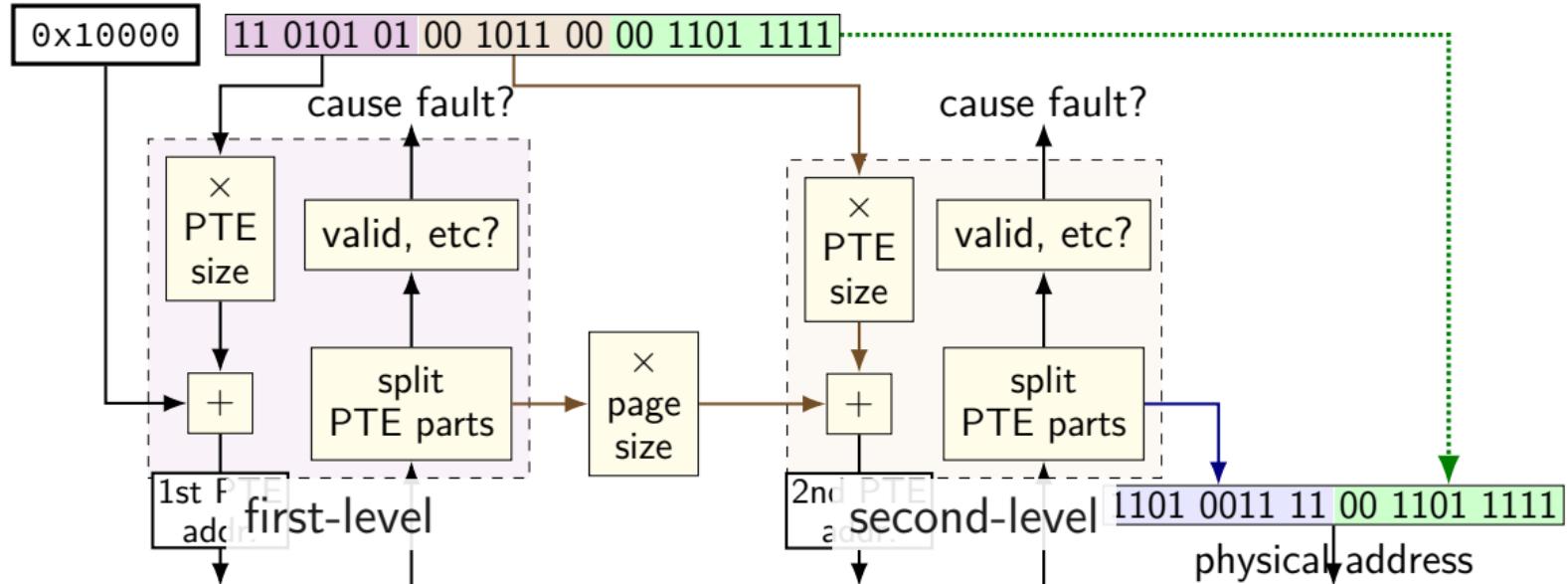


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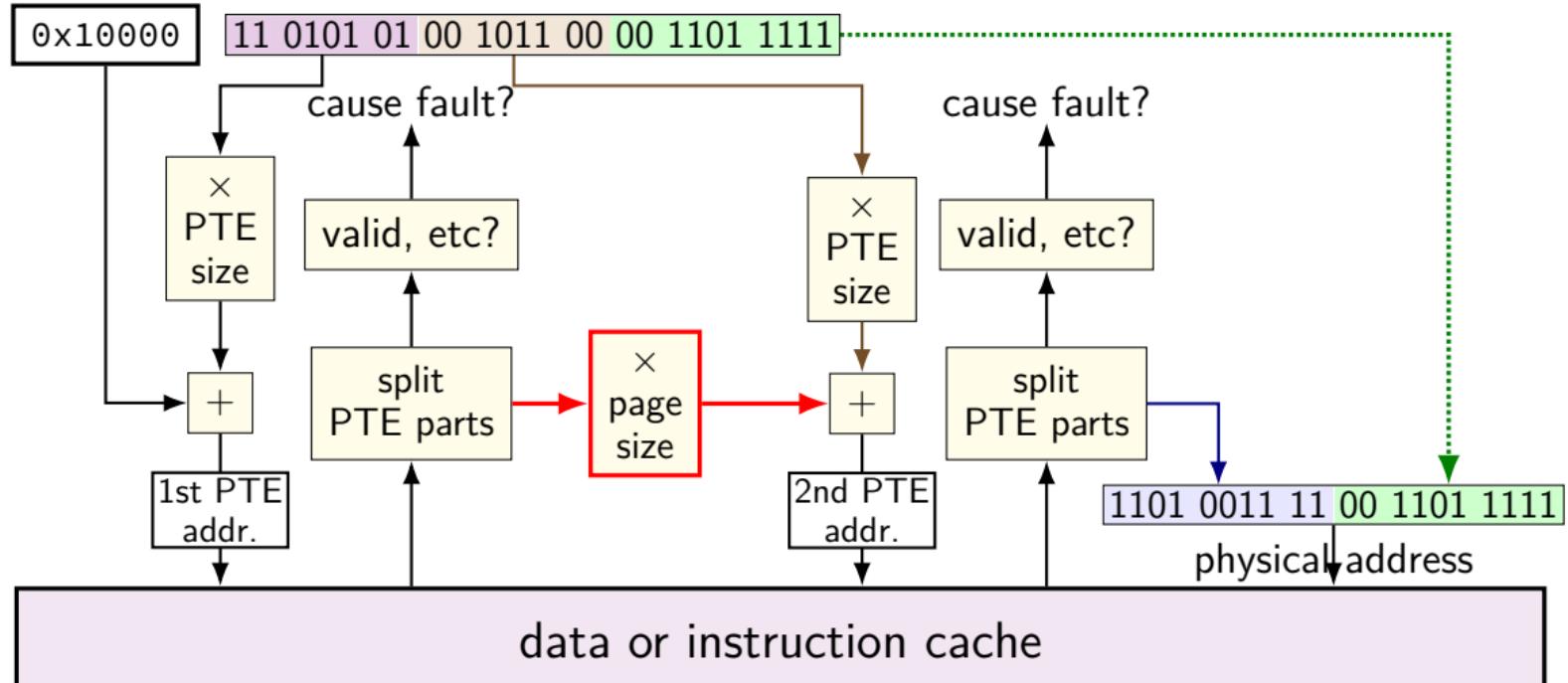


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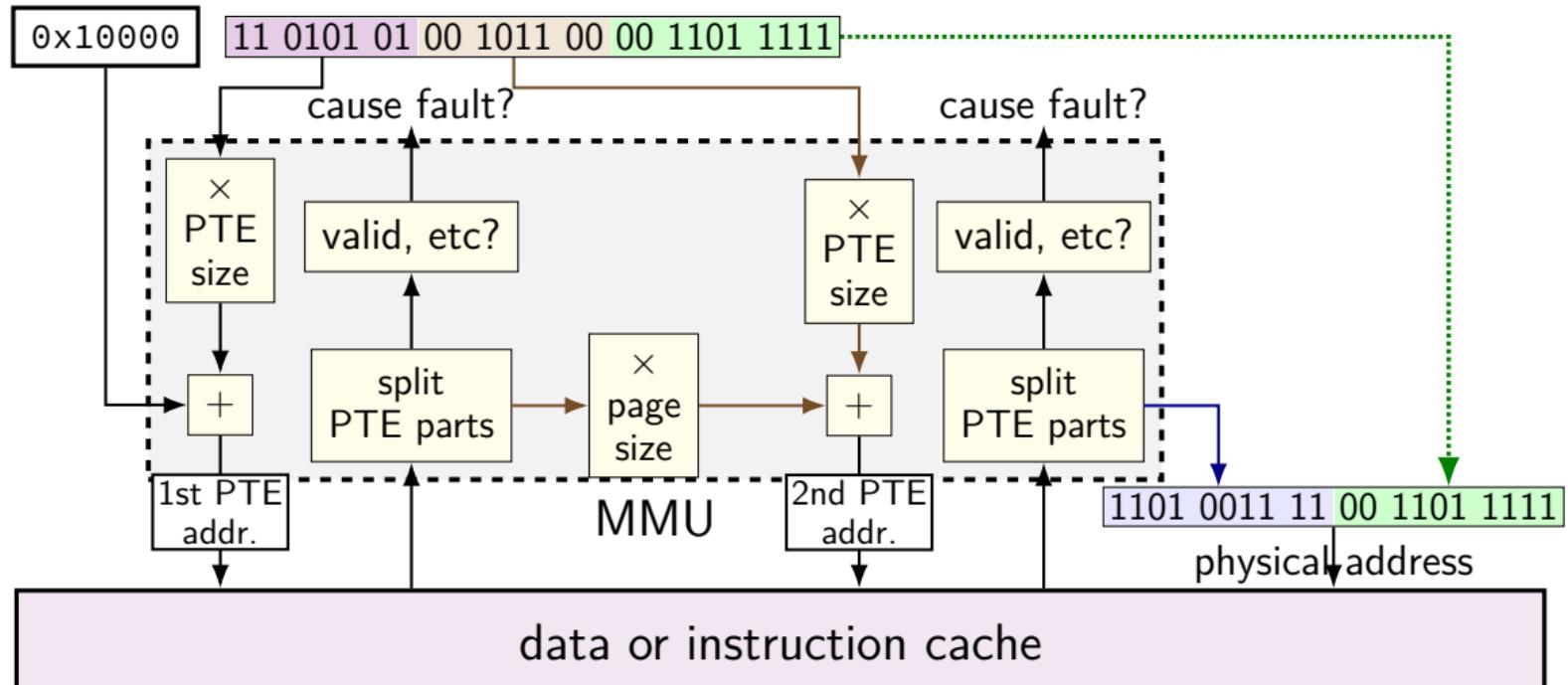
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xv6 kernel space mapings

// This table defines the kernel's mappings, which are present in
// every process's page table.

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static struct kmap {
    void *virt;
    uint phys_start;
    uint phys_end;
    int perm;
} kmap[] = {
    // I/O space
    { (void*)KERNBASE, 0,                 EXTMEM,      PTE_W},
    // kern text+rodata
    { (void*)KERNLINK, V2P(KERNLINK), V2P(data), 0},
    // kern data+memory
    { (void*)data,      V2P(data),       PHYSTOP,     PTE_W},
    // more devices
    { (void*)DEVSPACE, DEVSPACE,        0,           PTE_W},
```