last time

page table review
- virtual to physical translation
- two-level page tables

how xv6 manages page tables
- `walkpgdir`, `mappages`, etc.
- x86-32 page table format

xv6 memory layout
- high memory for the kernel, mapping everything
- virtual-to-physical/phyiscal-to-virtual utility functions
- sbrk to determine end of user memory

page fault handling

xv6 page faults (now)

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            tf->err, cpuid(), tf->eip, rcr2());
    myproc()->killed = 1;
```

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returning from page fault handler without killing process

…retries the failing instruction

can use to update the page table — "just in time"

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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;
  }
}
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check *process control block* to see if access okay

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

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extra data structures needed

OSs can do all sorts of tricks with page tables

...but more bookkeeping is required

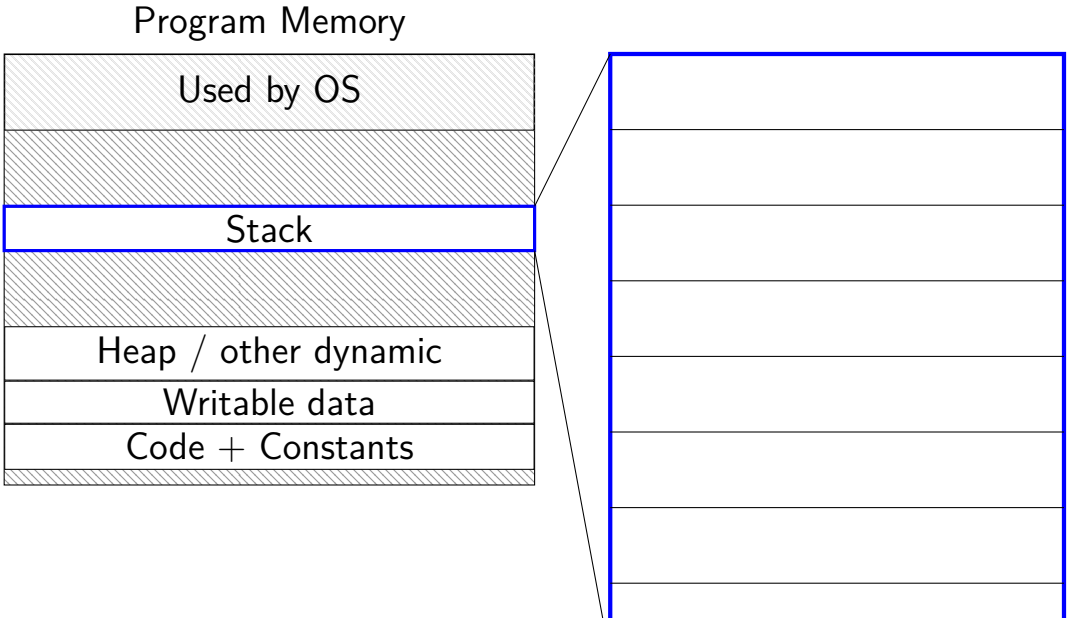
tracking what processes think they have in memory

- 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



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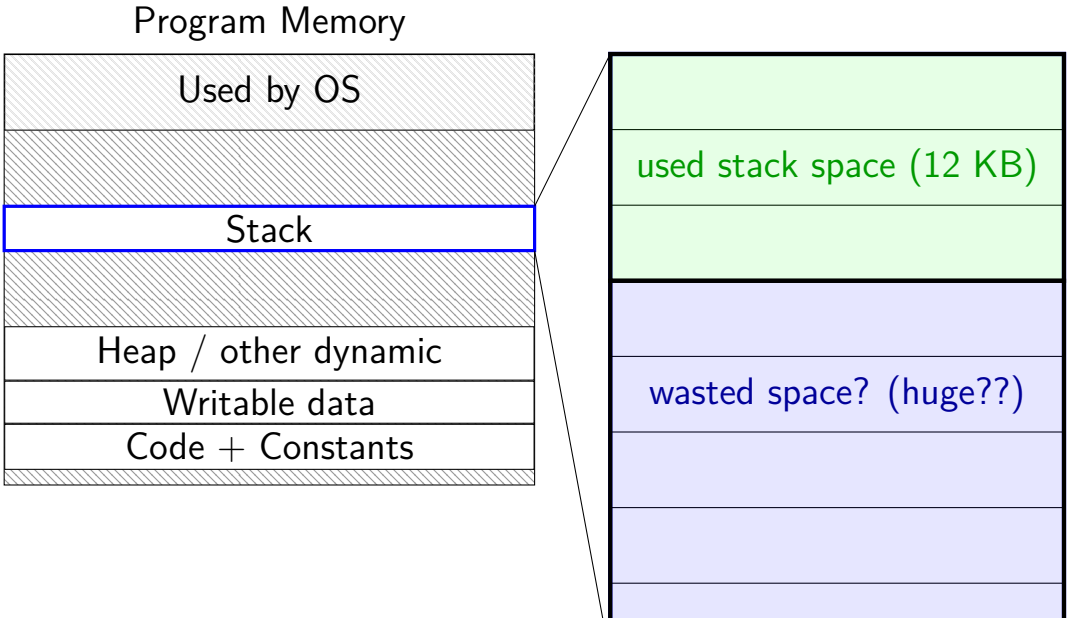

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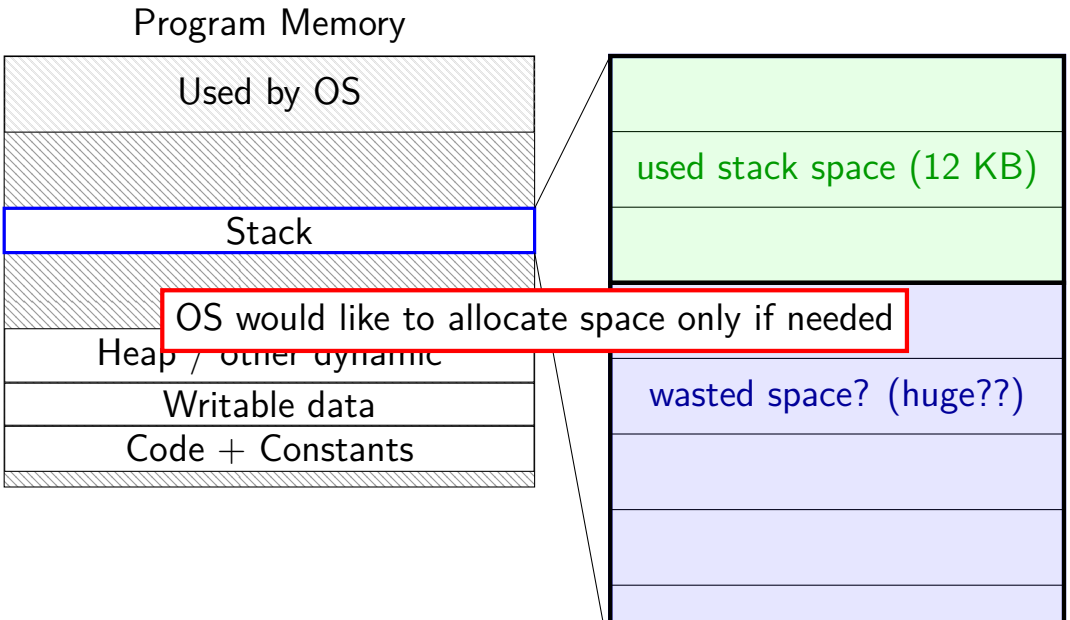

allocating space on demand

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```
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// requires more stack space
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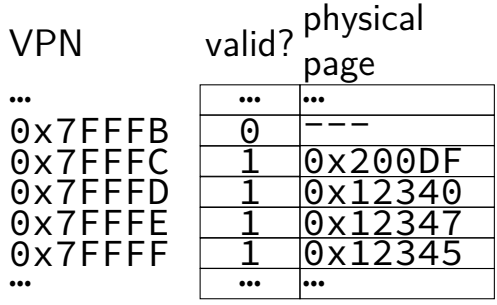
B: movq 8(%rcx), %rbx
C: addq %rbx, %rax
...
```



VPN	valid?	physical page
…	…	…
0x7FFFB	0	---
0x7FFFC	1	0x200DF
0x7FFFD	1	0x12340
0x7FFFE	1	0x12347
0x7FFFF	1	0x12345
…	…	…

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page fault!

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…	…	…

pushq triggers exception
hardware says "accessing address `0x7FFFBFF8`"
OS looks up what's should be there — "stack"

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restarted

VPN	valid?	physical page
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0x7FFFB	1	0x200D8
0x7FFFC	1	0x200DF
0x7FFFD	1	0x12340
0x7FFFE	1	0x12347
0x7FFFF	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

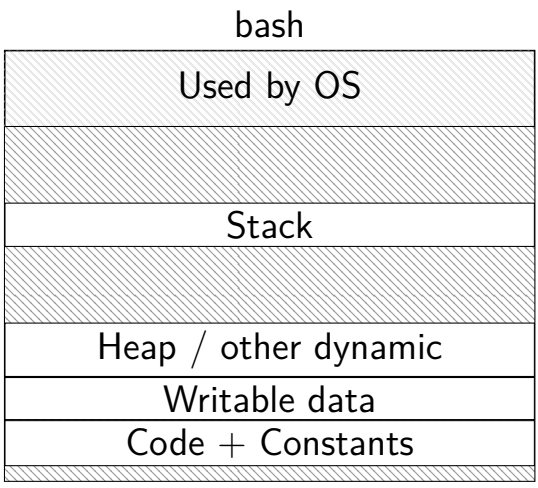
recall : `fork()`

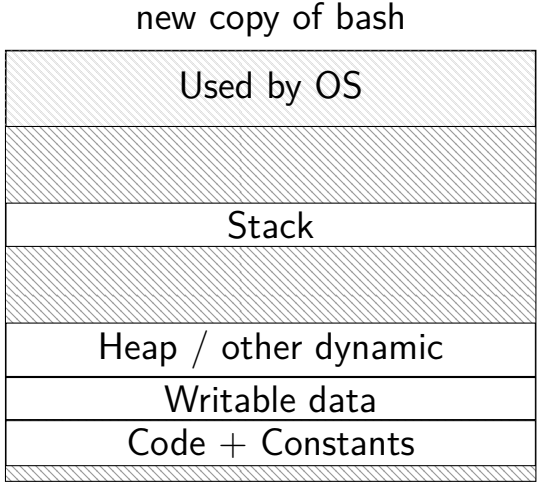
creates a copy of an entire program!

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

how isn't this really slow?

do we really need a complete copy?





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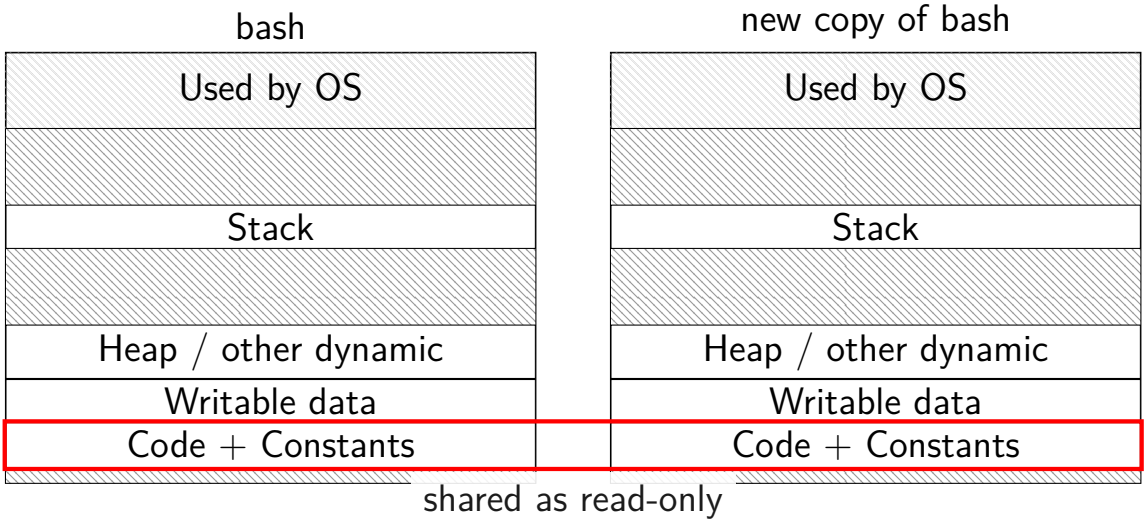

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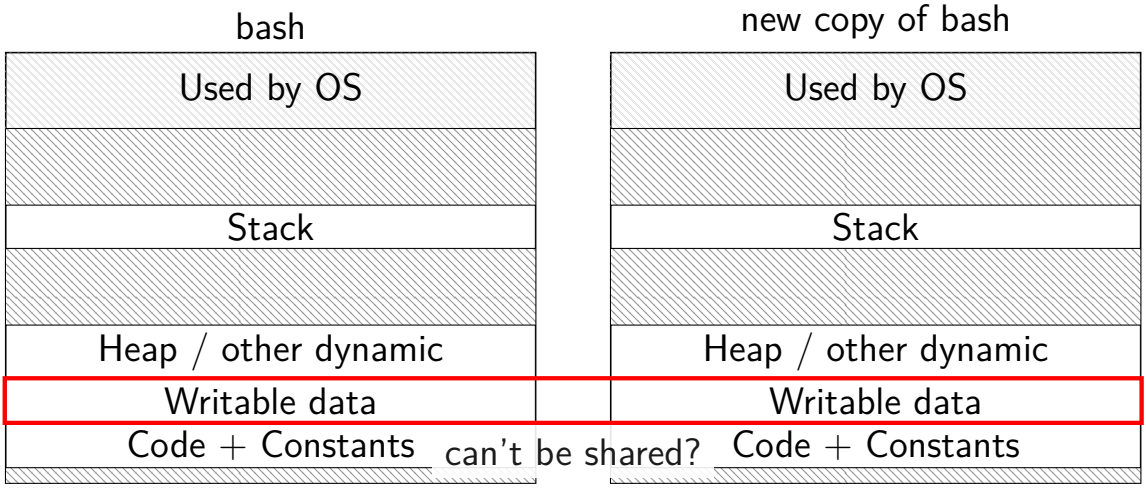

trick for extra sharing

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
…	…	…	…

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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

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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

mmap

Linux/Unix has a function to “map” a file to memory

```
int file = open("somefile.dat", O_RDWR);

    // data is region of memory that represents file
char *data = mmap(..., file, 0);

    // read byte 6 from somefile.dat
char seventh_char = data[6];

   // modifies byte 100 of somefile.dat
data[100] = 'x';
    // can continue to use 'data' like an array
```

mmap options (1)

```
#include <sys/mman.h>
void *mmap(void *addr, size_t length, int prot, int flags,
           int fd, off_t offset);
```

`length` bytes from open file `fd` starting at byte `offset`

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mmap options (2)

```
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           int fd, off_t offset);
```

`flags`, choose at least

- MAP_SHARED — changing memory changes file and vice-versa
- MAP_PRIVATE — make a copy of data in file (using copy-on-write)

…along with additional flags:

- MAP_ANONYMOUS (not POSIX) — ignore `fd`, just allocate space
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at virtual addresses 0x400000–0x40b000

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read, not write, execute, private

private = copy-on-write (if writeable)

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starting at offset 0 of the file `/bin/cat`

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inode 48328831

more on what this means when we talk about filesystems

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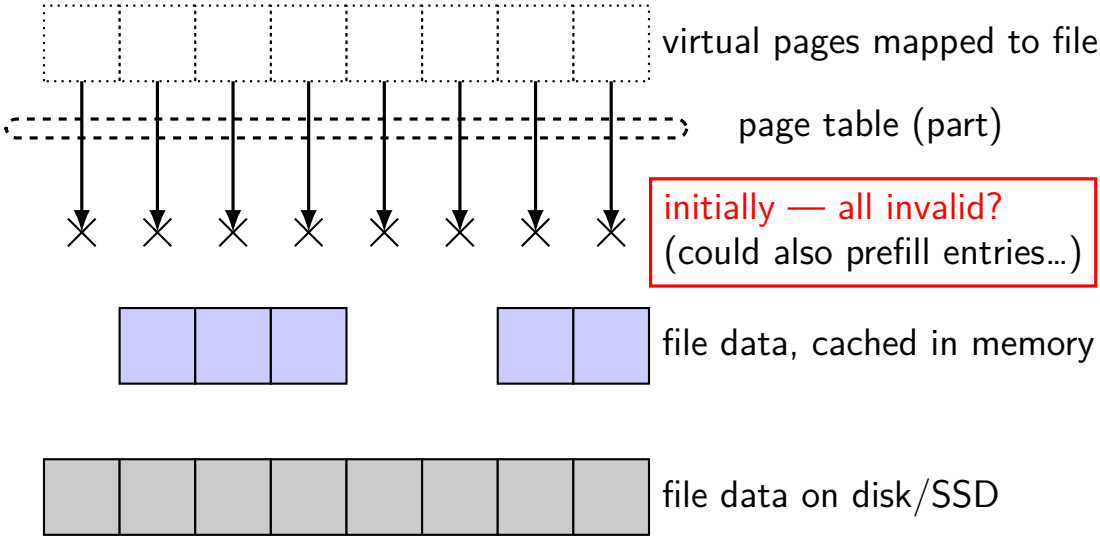
as if:

```
int fd = open("/bin/cat", O_RDONLY);
mmap(0x400000, 0x1000, PROT_READ | PROT_EXEC,
     MAP_PRIVATE, fd, 0xb000);
```

mapped pages (read-only)



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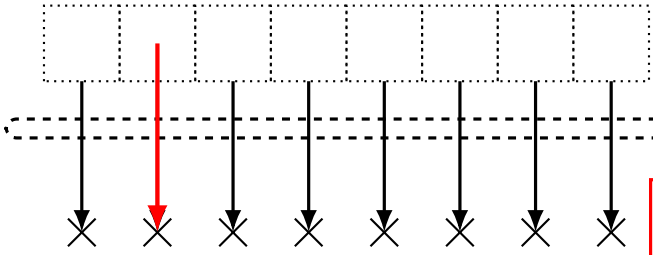

virtual pages mapped to file

page table (part)

read from second page?
page fault

file data, cached in memory

file data on disk/SSD

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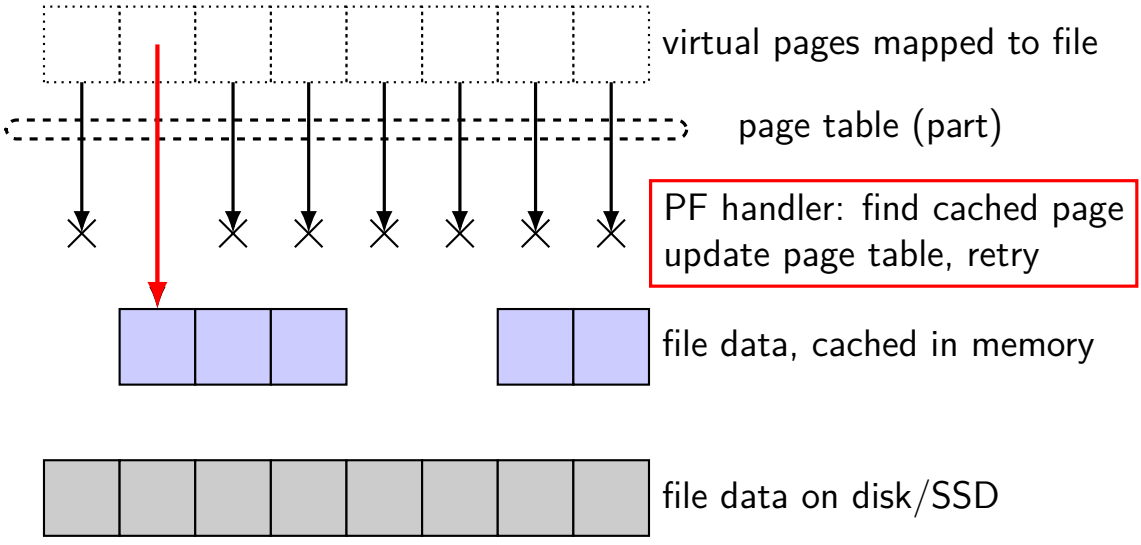

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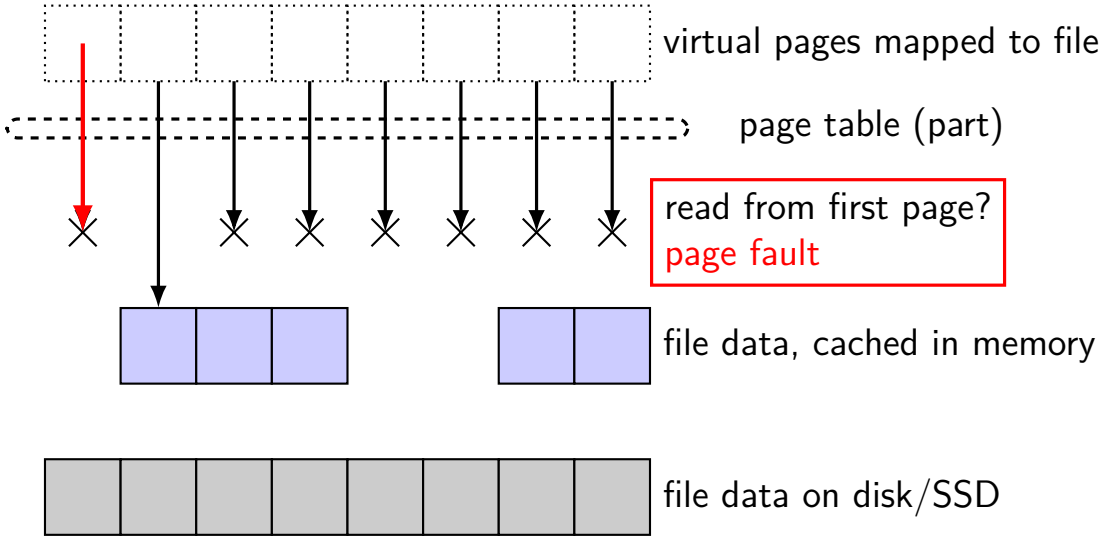

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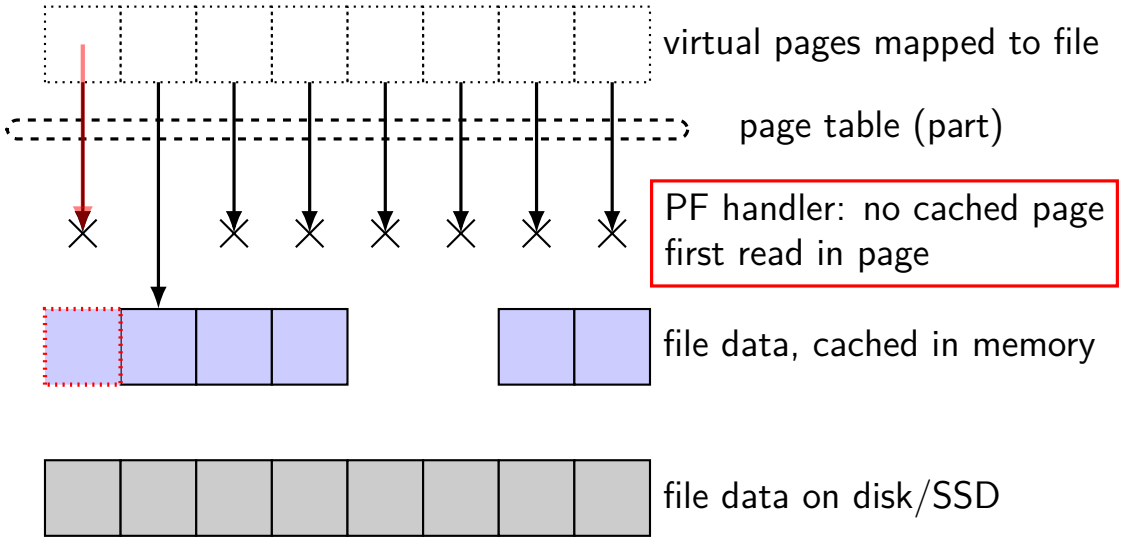

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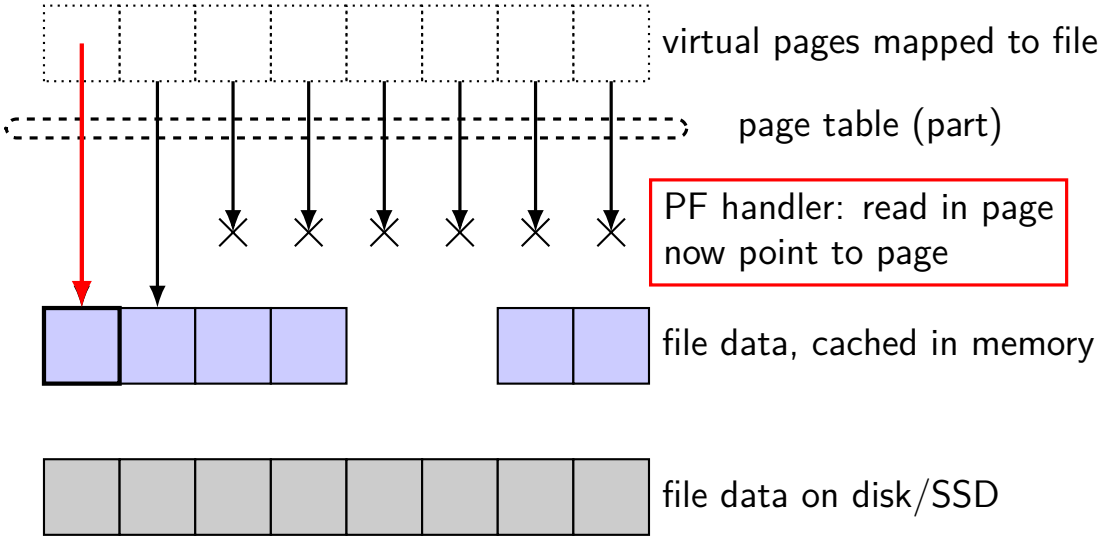

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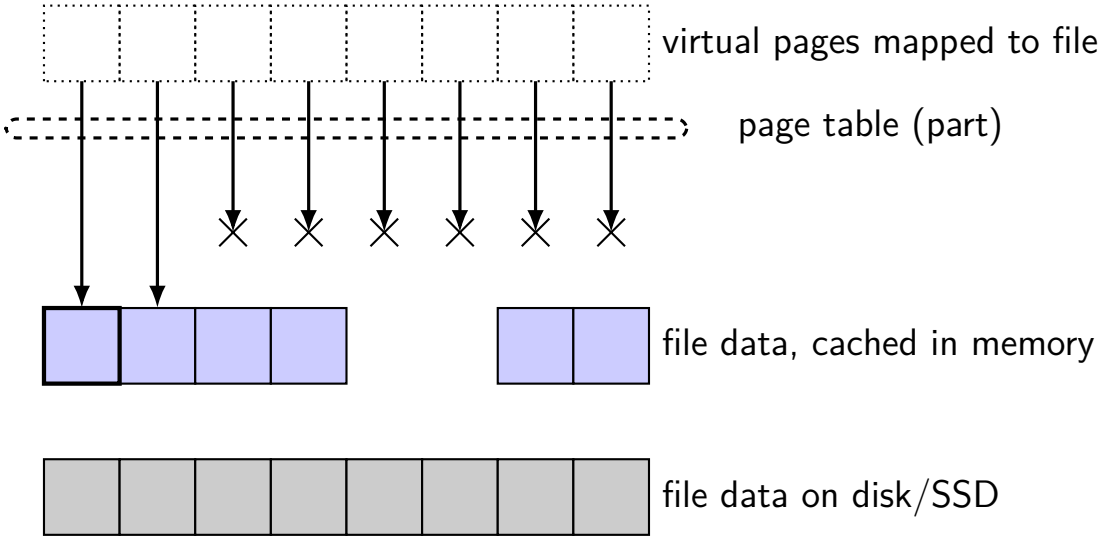

shared mmap

```
int fd  = open("/tmp/somefile.dat", O_RDWR);
mmap(0, 64 * 1024, PROT_READ | PROT_WRITE,
     MAP_SHARED, fd, 0);
```

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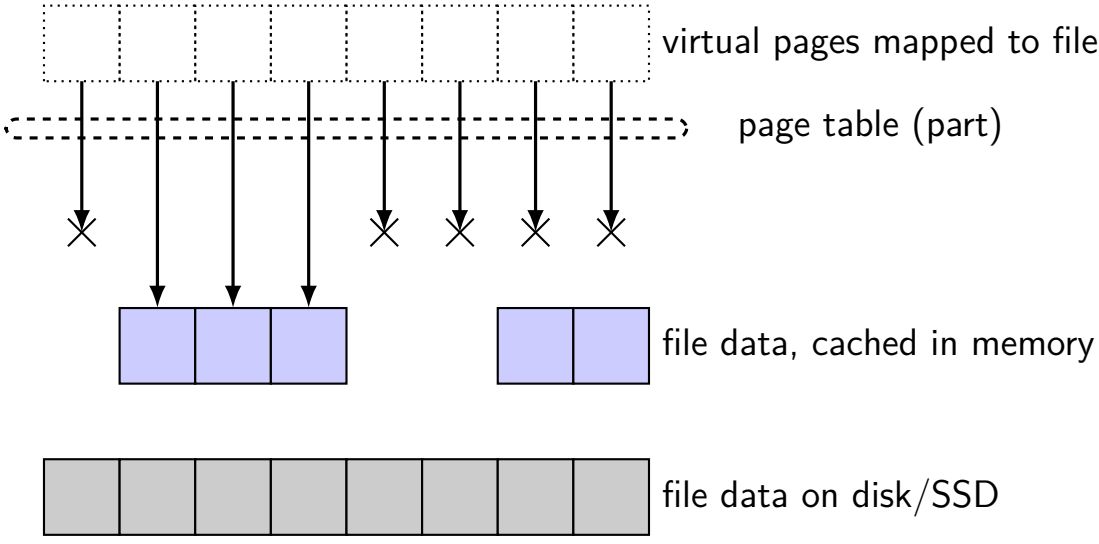
from /proc/PID/maps for this program:

```
7f93ad877000-7f93ad887000 rw-s 00000000 08:01 1839758 /tmp/somefile.dat
```

mapped pages (read/write, shared)



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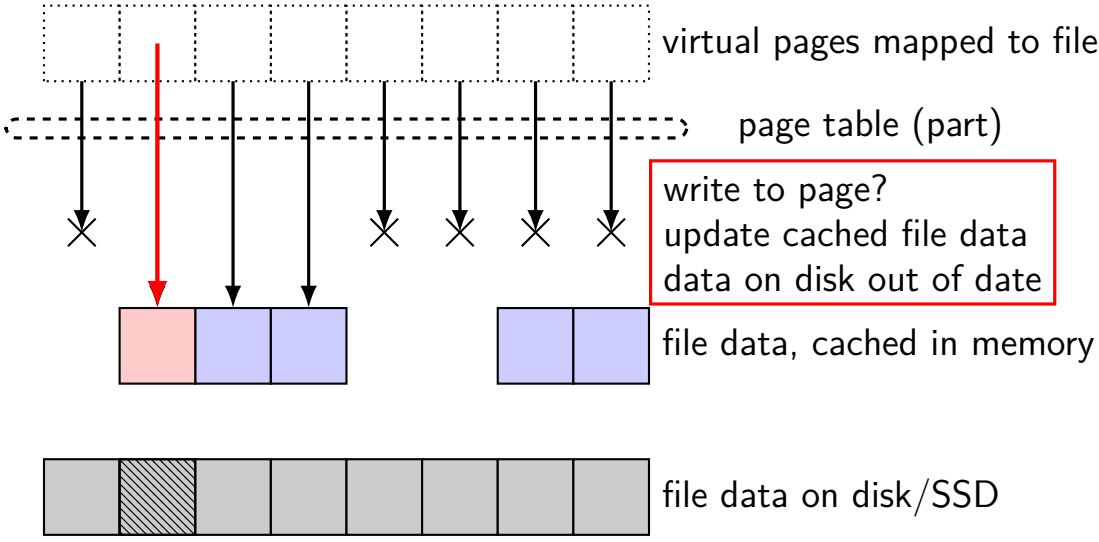

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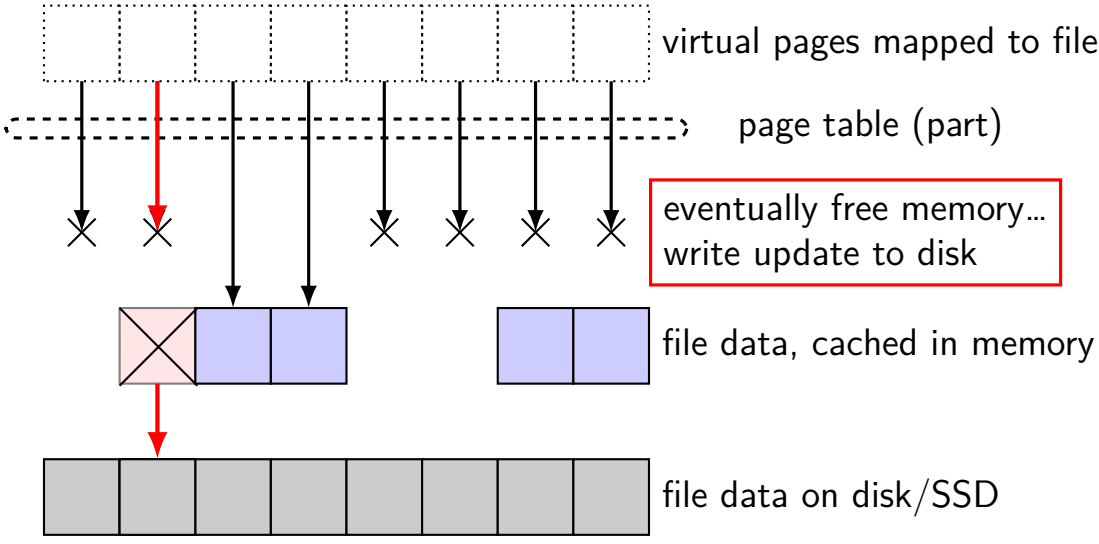

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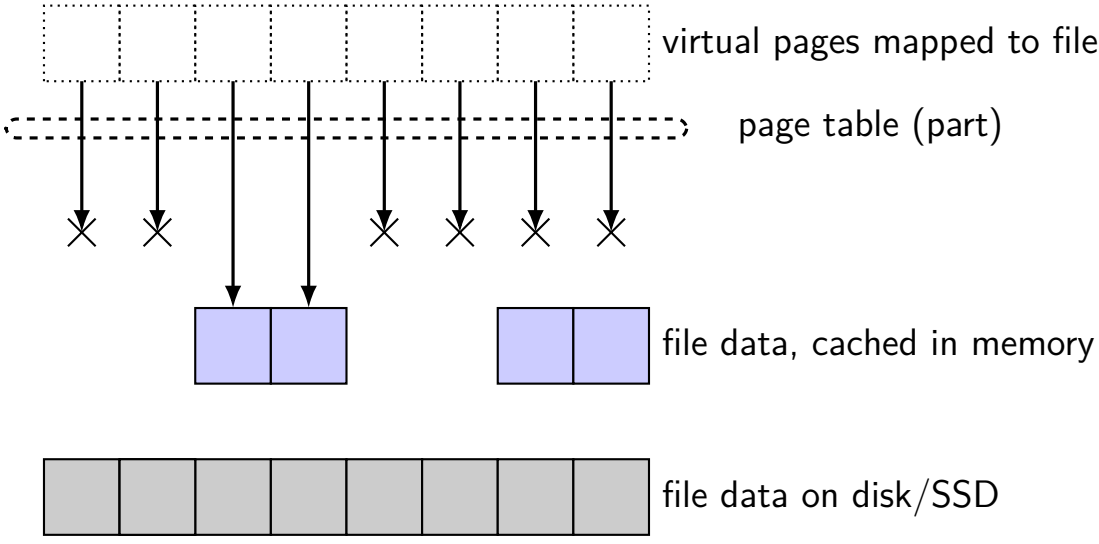

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read/write, copy-on-write (private) mapping

```
int fd = open("/bin/cat", O_RDONLY);
mmap(0x60b000, 0x1000, PROT_READ | PROT_WRITE,
     MAP_PRIVATE, fd, 0xb000);
```

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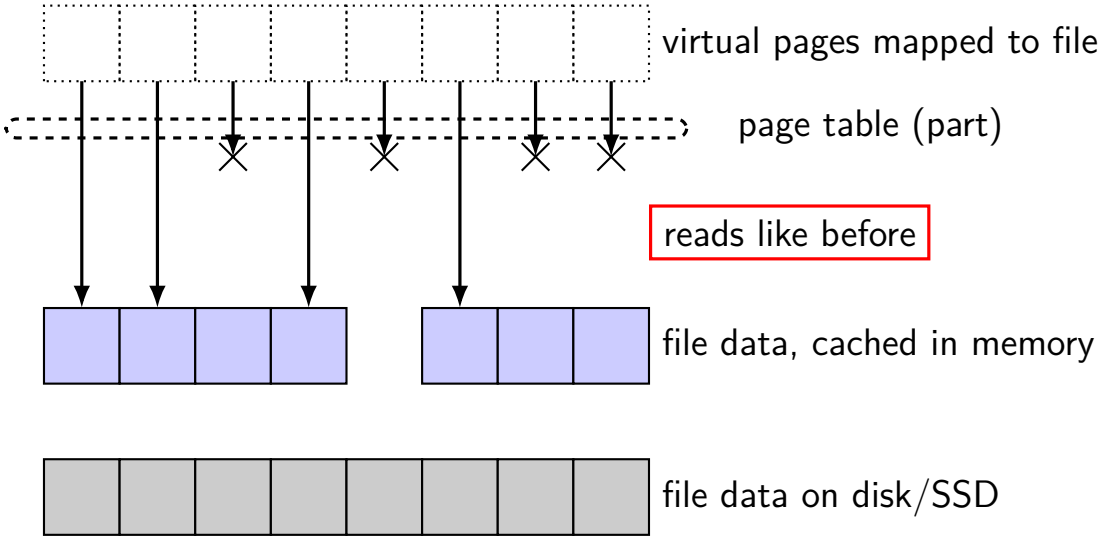

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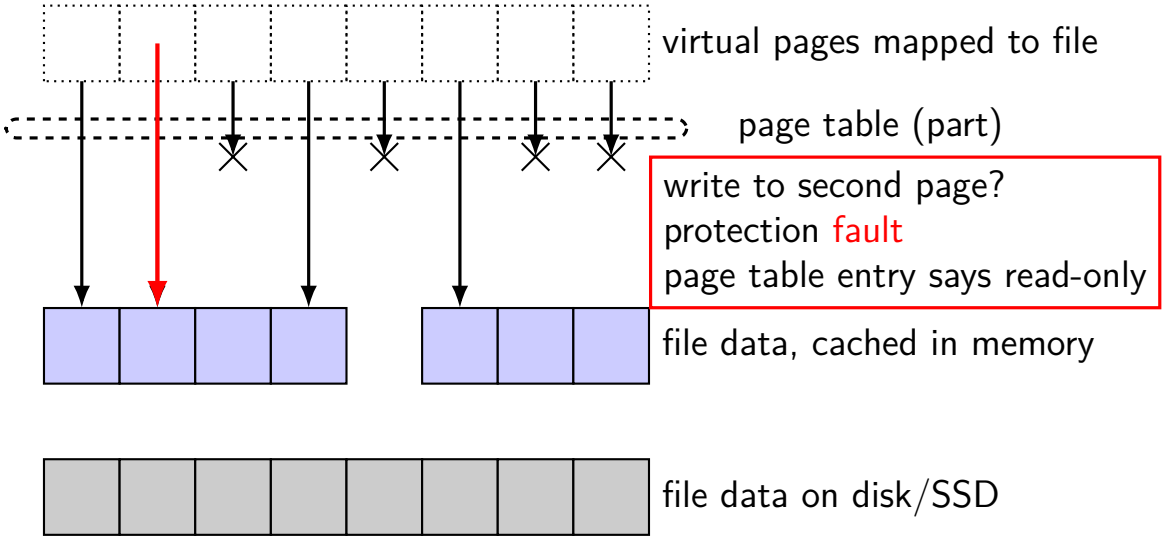

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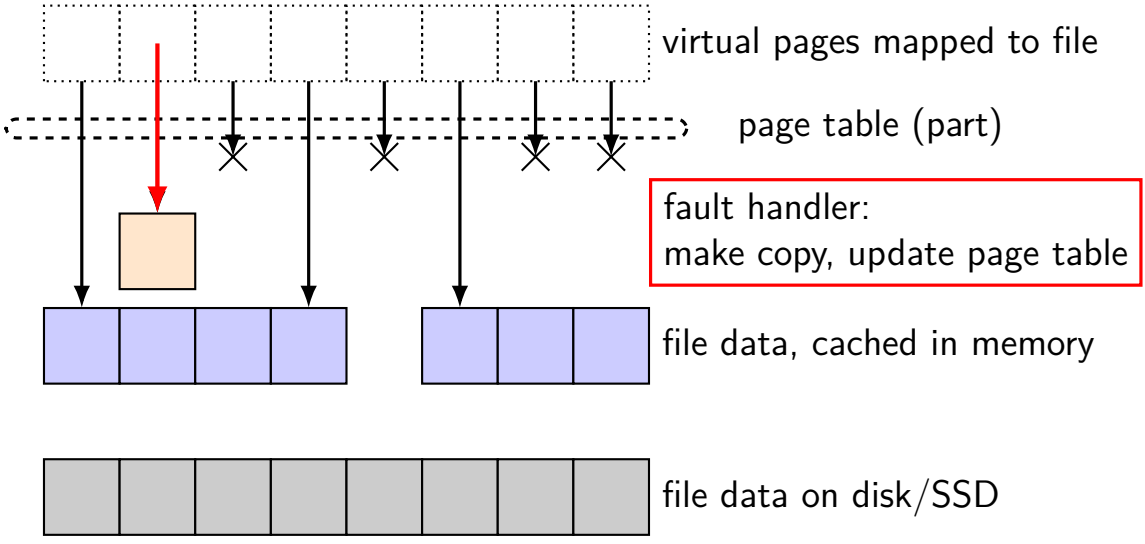

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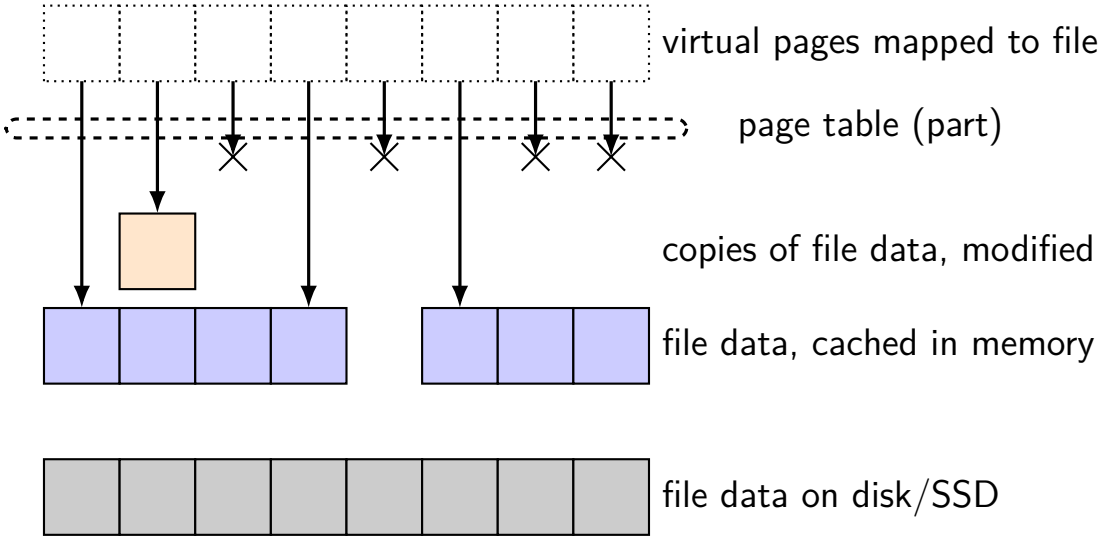

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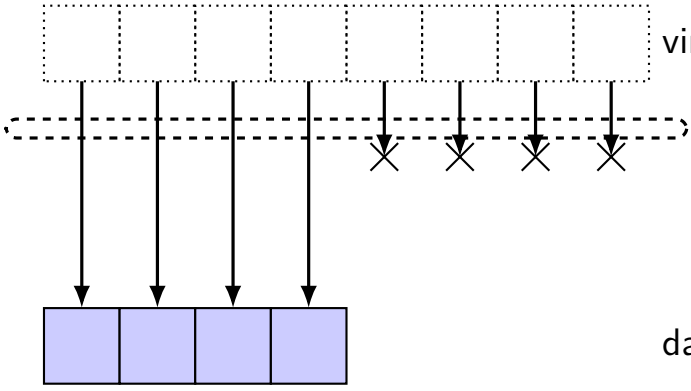
heap — no corresponding file
just read/write memory

mapped pages (no backing file)



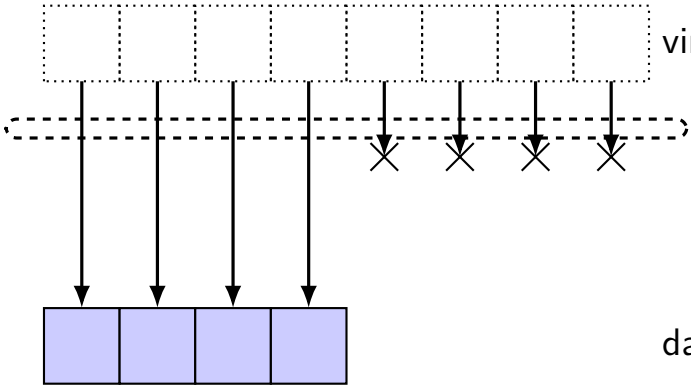
virtual pages w/o backing file

page table (part)

data in memory

swapped out data (if any)

mapped pages (no backing file)



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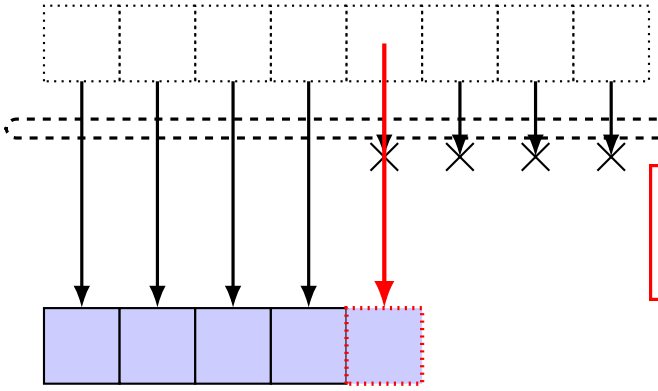

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access new page
page fault handler
allocates on demand

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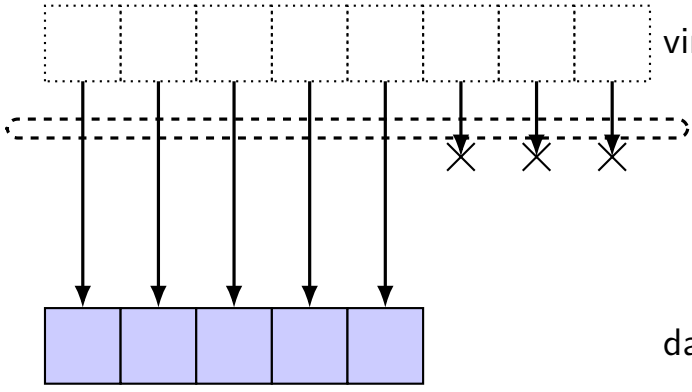

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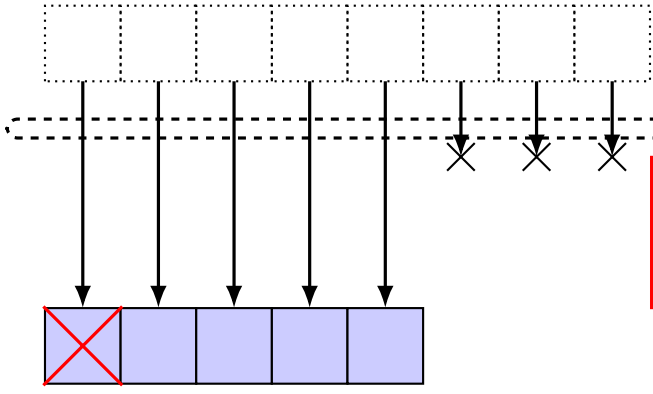

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page table (part)

need more memory
save page to disk
temporarily

data in memory

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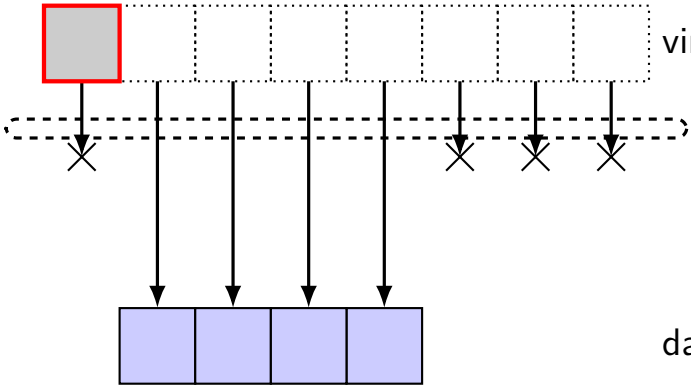

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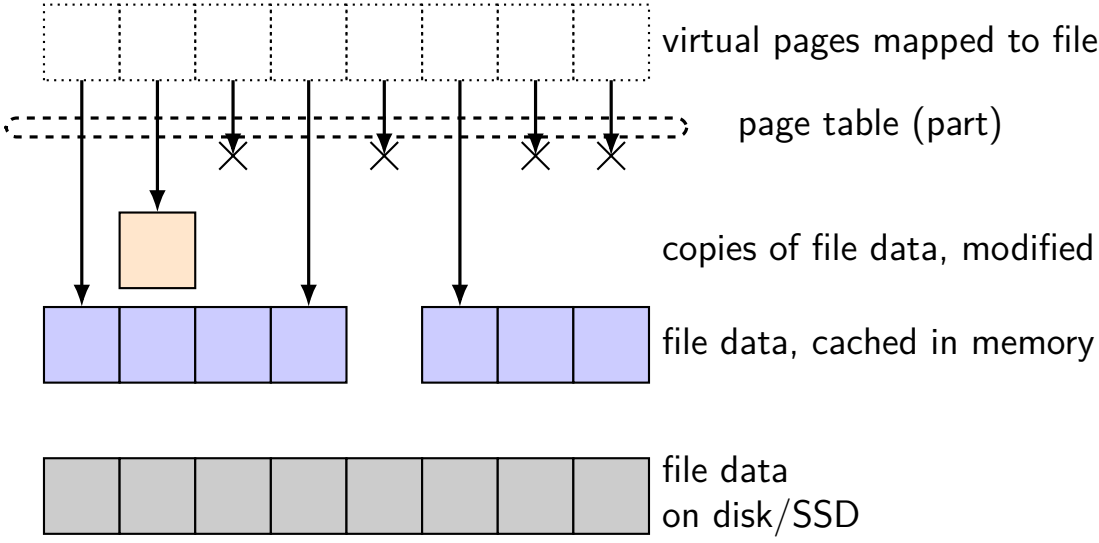

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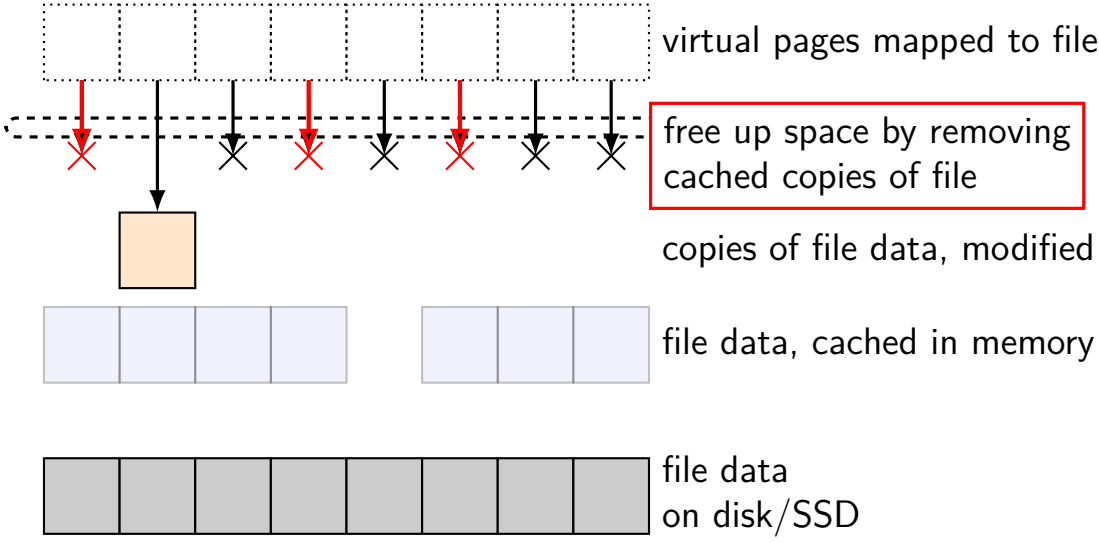

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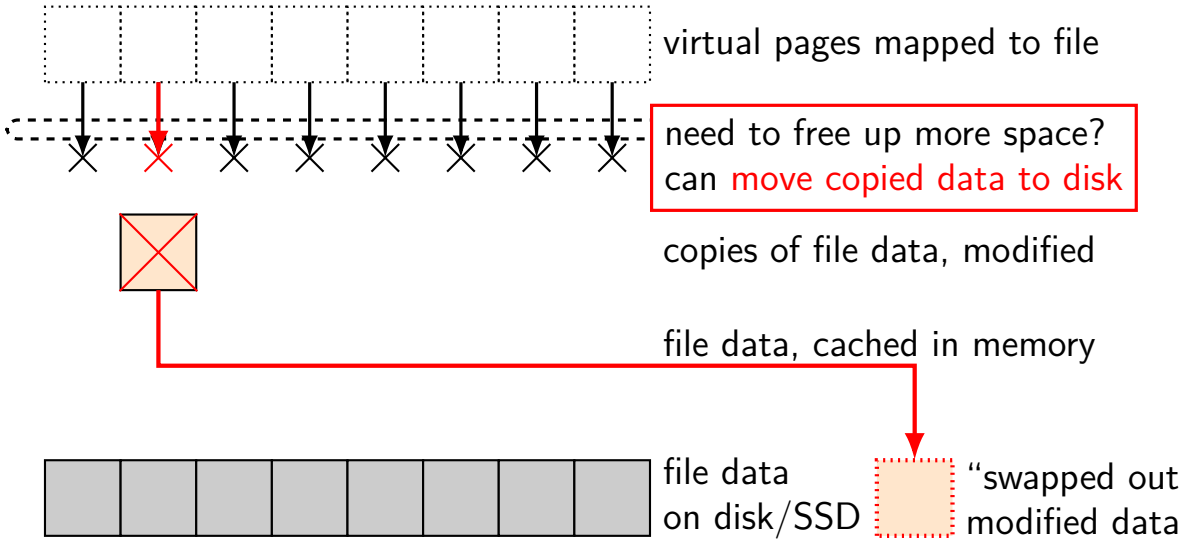

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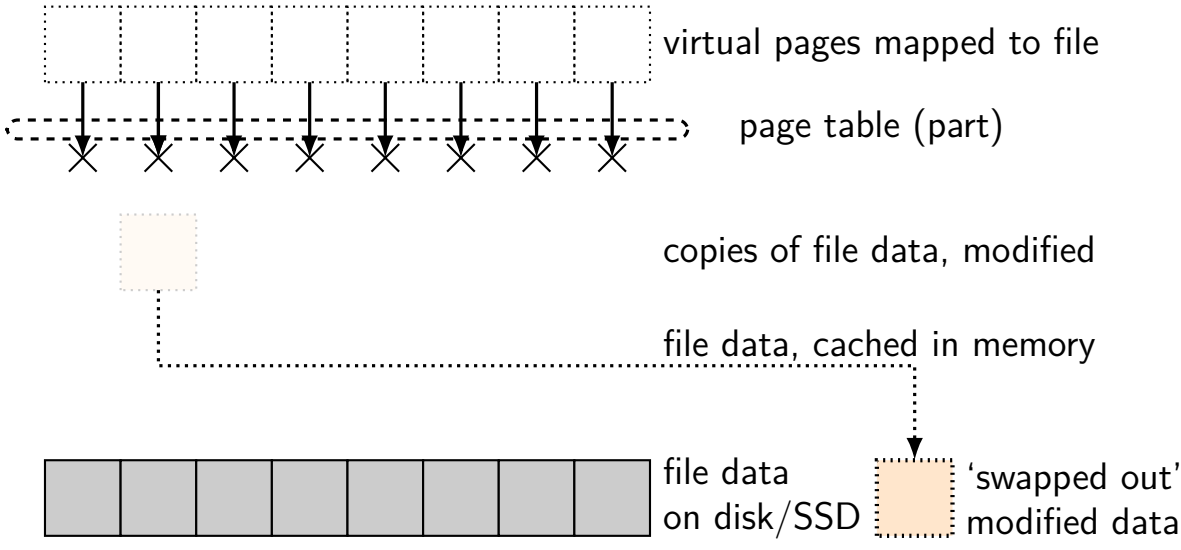

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swapping $\approx$ mmap with "default" files to use

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"cache block" $\approx$ physical page

fully associative

- any virtual address/file part can be stored in any physical page

replacement is managed by the OS

normal cache hits happen without OS

- common case that needs to be fast

page cache components [text]

mapping: virtual address or file+offset → physical page

- handle cache hits

find backing location based on virtual address/file+offset

- handle cache misses

track information about each physical page

- handle page allocation
- handle cache eviction

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