Swapping
CSC 213 – September 16, 2022
Agenda for Today

1. Department Events
2. Q&A
3. Demo: mmap and friends
4. Swapping
5. Wrap Up
Department Events

CS Table  
12pm on Tuesday, September 20th in JRC 224A (inside dhall)
Max Fisher: The Chaos Machine
Readings available on my office door (3827)

CS Extra  
4pm on Thursday, September 22nd in Noyce 3821
Data Integration: The Forgotten Stepchild of Data Science
Roger D. Chamberlain from Washington University in St. Louis
Q&A
Assignment Questions

Can we assume that all files in an archive end with a newline?

No! Files may have no newlines, or they could have many. Use the file size in the header to know where the end of the file content is.
Lab Questions

What data structure should we use to keep track of lazily-copied chunks?

Any data structure you want is fine. Don't overcomplicate it. A linked list or dynamic array would work. Don't assume an upper limit on the number of chunks you have to track.
Demo: mmap and friends
Swapping
Memory Limits

What happens when a computer runs out of physical memory?
Calls to malloc or mmap won't work. Function calls won't work because stack space is fixed. We won't be able to launch new programs. Programs may exit, or the OS could force them to exit to free up memory.

What can we do to fix it?
Use swapping! The OS can move pages of data into swap space (on the disk), and then the physical page can be reused for something else.
If the program accesses a page in its virtual address space that has been swapped to disk, the OS sees a page fault. The OS retrieve the data from disk, put it back in memory somewhere, and re-establish the mapping for the program.
Whiteboard: Swapping to Disk
Wrap Up
Reminders

Reading
Read about a real virtual memory system for Monday's class

Assignment
The archive printer assignment is due Monday night

Lab
The virtual memory lab is due on Wednesday, September 21st.
You can still turn in the shell lab for up to 80% credit.