Virtual Memory Wrap-Up

CSC 213 – September 19, 2022
Agenda for Today

1. Department Events
2. Q&A
3. Address Translation on x86
4. Wrap Up
Department Events

CS Table  12pm on Tuesday, September 20th in JRC 224A (inside hall)
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
Assignment Questions
Lab Questions

If I use a linked list to keep track of lazily-copied chunks, when should I free the nodes?

You can remove the nodes once you make true copies that are writable. When you remove the node, free it. If a lazy copy is never written, its node will be leaked. That's okay.

What happens when the segfault handler returns?

The program resumes executing where it left off. You should have resolved the condition that caused the segfault before, so it shouldn't happen again.
Lab Questions

How do we get at our linked list or array from inside the segfault handler?

The data structure that tracks lazy copies describes global state, so it can be a global.

What could cause our copies to be incorrect?

If you have two read-only mappings to the same memory, then you use mremap to make one of them a true copy, you have to make sure you copied the data from the old shared mapping into the new copy. You may need to copy the data from the read-only mapping to a temporary location, then copy it back after changing the virtual memory mappings.
Lab Questions

If we have an array of pointers, how do we expand it?

You can use realloc as long as the array was initially allocated with malloc or realloc. The size of an element in your array is sizeof(void*)
Address Translation on x86
Real Parameters for 32-bit x86

**Pointer Size:** 32 bits (four bytes)

**Address Space Size:** about 4 billion bytes (or exactly 4GB)

**Page Size:** 4096 bytes (4KB)

**Total Pages (per address space):** about a million (or exactly $2^{20}$)

If each entry in the page table takes up 32 bits (4 bytes), how large is the whole page table?

The whole page table takes 4MB of storage.
Whiteboard: Multi-Level Page Tables
Address: 1100 1010 0111 1001 1011 1111 1111 1010

- Page directory
- Page table
- Page offset

Page Directory

Page Table

Physical address
Page Table Entry

Physical Address (bits 0-11 truncated)

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0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
12
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31

12

0
Wrap Up
Reminders

Reading
Read the *Free Space Management* chapter and the lab for Wednesday

Assignment
The archive printer assignment is due tonight
There is no assignment 4, so you have the week to focus on labs

Lab
The virtual memory lab is due this Wednesday for full credit (September 21)
You can still turn in the shell lab for up to 80% credit this week