



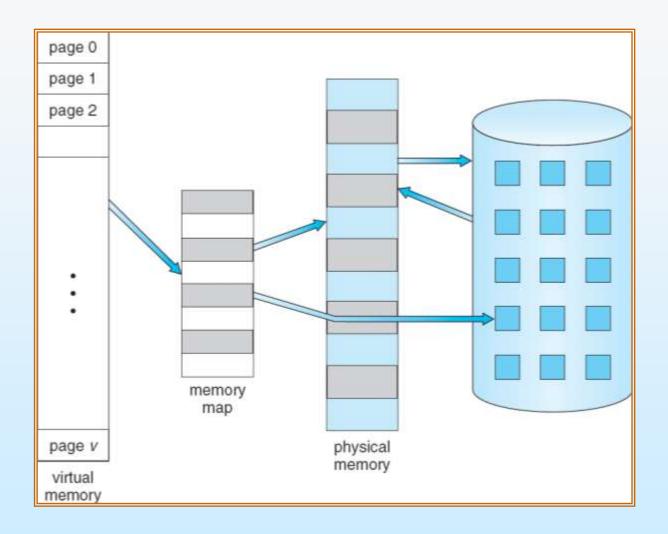


- Virtual memory separation of user logical memory from physical memory.
  - Only part of the program needs to be in memory for execution
  - Logical address space can therefore be much larger than physical address space
  - Allows address spaces to be shared by several processes
  - Allows for more efficient process creation
- Virtual memory can be implemented via:
  - Demand paging
  - Demand segmentation





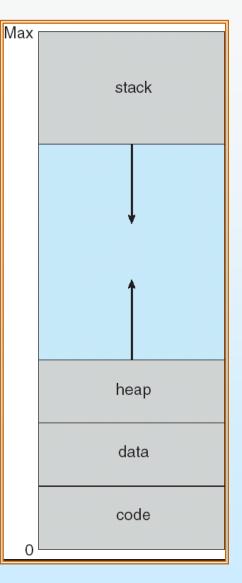
#### **Virtual Memory That is Larger Than Physical Memory**







#### **Virtual-address Space**

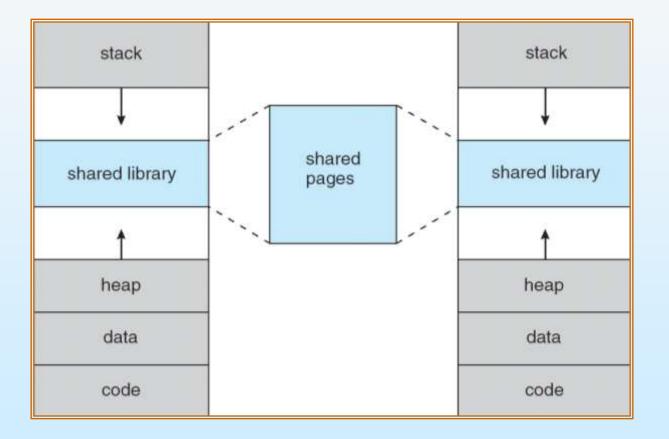




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#### **Shared Library Using Virtual Memory**







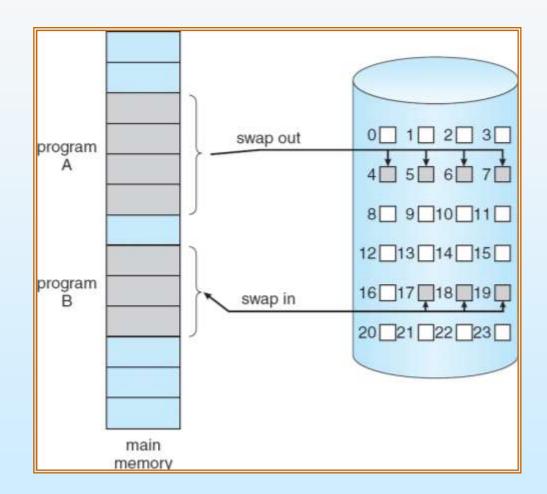
# **Demand Paging**

- Bring a page into memory only when it is needed
  - Less I/O needed
  - Less memory needed
  - Faster response
  - More users
- $\square \quad \text{Page is needed} \Rightarrow \text{reference to it}$ 
  - $\square$  invalid reference  $\Rightarrow$  abort
  - $\square not-in-memory \Rightarrow bring to memory$
- Lazy swapper never swaps a page into memory unless page will be needed
  - Swapper that deals with pages is a **pager**





#### **Transfer of a Paged Memory to Contiguous Disk Space**

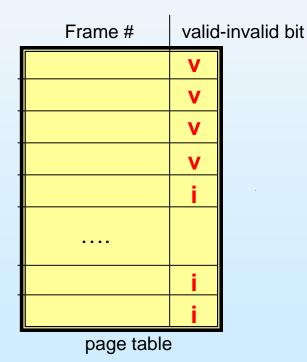






# Valid-Invalid Bit

- With each page table entry a valid–invalid bit is associated (v ⇒ in-memory, i ⇒ not-in-memory)
- Initially valid—invalid bit is set to i on all entries
- Example of a page table snapshot:



- During address translation, if valid—invalid bit in page table entry
  - is  $I \Rightarrow$  page fault

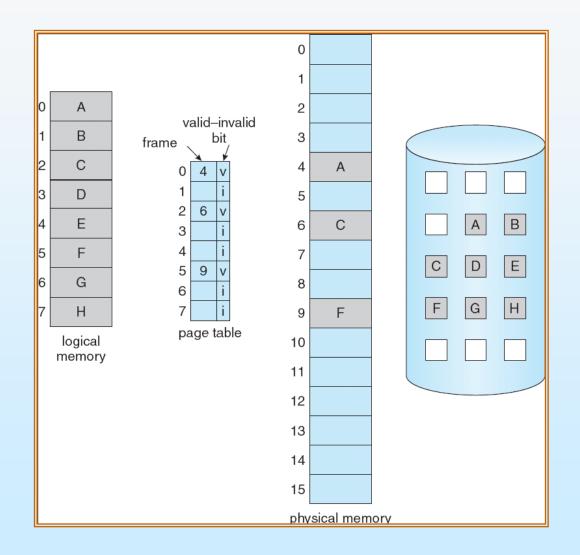
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#### Page Table When Some Pages Are Not in Main Memory





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### Page Fault

If there is a reference to a page, first reference to that page will trap to operating system:

#### page fault

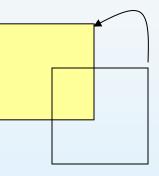
- 1. Operating system looks at another table to decide:
  - $\Box \quad \text{Invalid reference} \Rightarrow \text{abort}$
  - Just not in memory
- 2. Get empty frame
- 3. Swap page into frame
- 4. Reset tables
- 5. Set validation bit = **v**
- 6. Restart the instruction that caused the page fault







- Restart instruction
  - block move

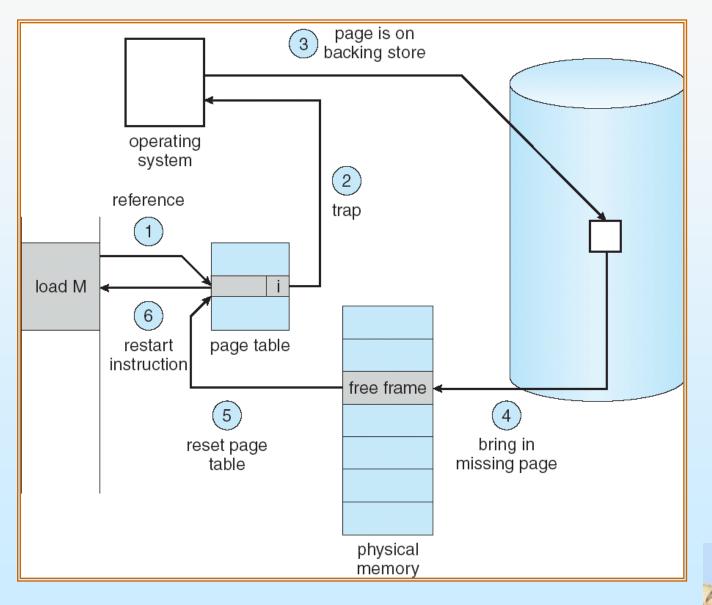


auto increment/decrement location





# **Steps in Handling a Page Fault**



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# **Performance of Demand Paging**

- **D** Page Fault Rate  $0 \le p \le 1.0$ 
  - if p = 0 no page faults
  - if p = 1, every reference is a fault
- Effective Access Time (EAT)

EAT = (1 - p) x memory access

- + p (page fault overhead
  - + swap page out
  - + swap page in
  - + restart overhead





# **Demand Paging Example**

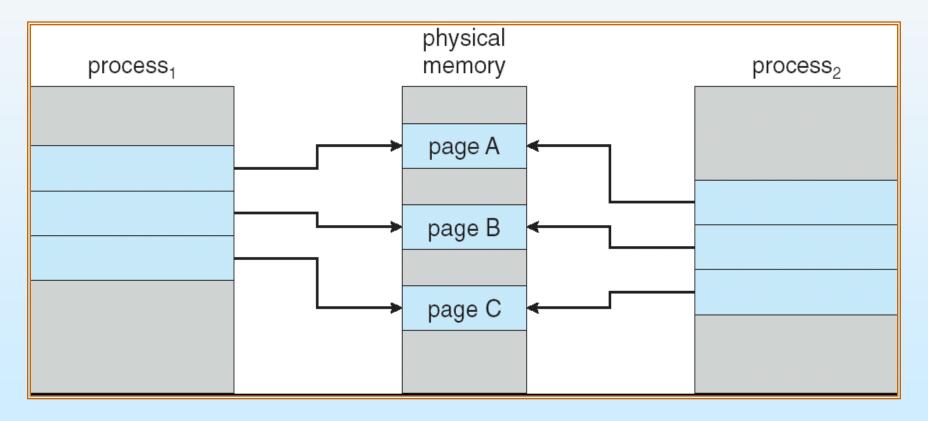
- Memory access time = 200 nanoseconds
- Average page-fault service time = 8 milliseconds
- $\Box \quad \text{EAT} = (1 p) \times 200 + p \text{ (8 milliseconds)}$  $= (1 p \times 200 + p \times 8,000,000$  $= 200 + p \times 7,999,800$
- If one access out of 1,000 causes a page fault, then
  EAT = 8.2 microseconds.

This is a slowdown by a factor of 40!!





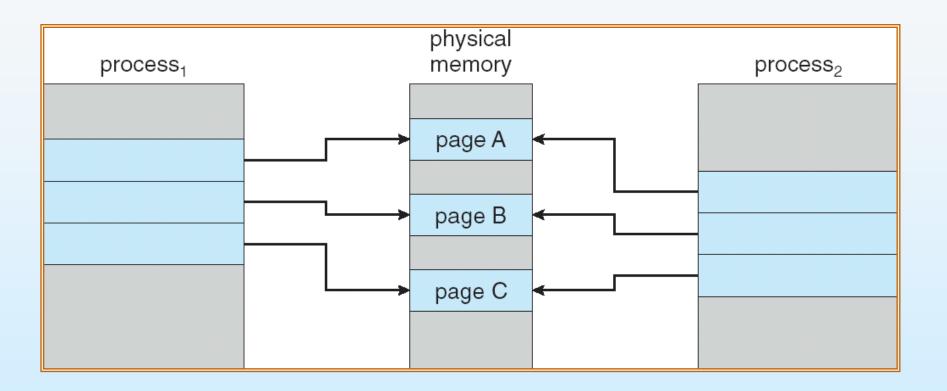
#### **Before Process 1 Modifies Page C**







### After Process 1 Modifies Page C







#### What happens if there is no free frame?

- Page replacement find some page in memory, but not really in use, swap it out
  - algorithm
  - performance want an algorithm which will result in minimum number of page faults
- Same page may be brought into memory several times





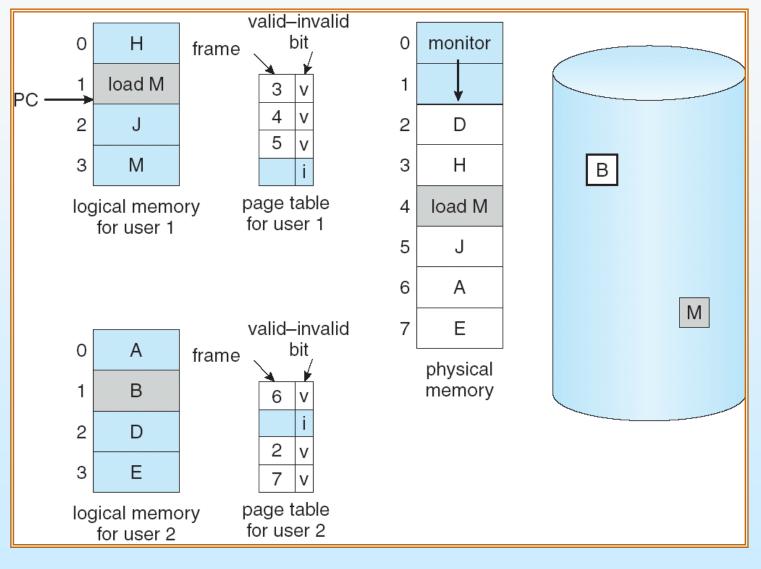
### **Page Replacement**

- Prevent over-allocation of memory by modifying page-fault service routine to include page replacement
- Use modify (dirty) bit to reduce overhead of page transfers only modified pages are written to disk
- Page replacement completes separation between logical memory and physical memory – large virtual memory can be provided on a smaller physical memory





### **Need For Page Replacement**





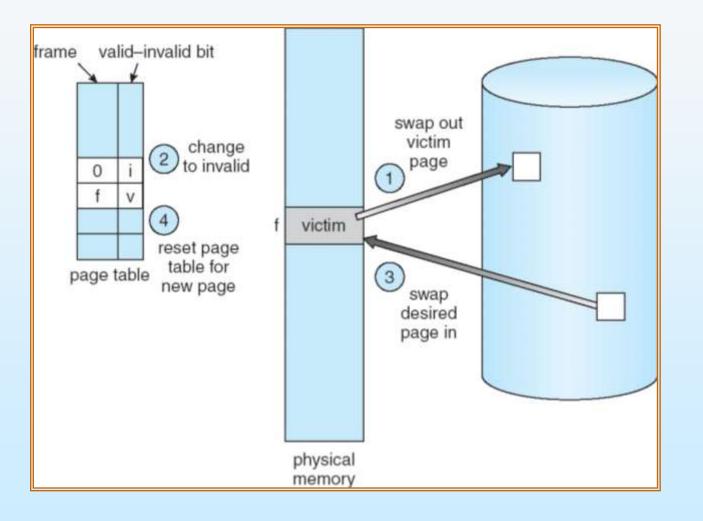
### **Basic Page Replacement**

- 1. Find the location of the desired page on disk
- 2. Find a free frame:
  - If there is a free frame, use it
  - If there is no free frame, use a page replacement algorithm to select a **victim** frame
- 3. Bring the desired page into the (newly) free frame; update the page and frame tables
- 4. Restart the process





#### **Page Replacement**







# **Page Replacement Algorithms**

- □ Want lowest page-fault rate
- Evaluate algorithm by running it on a particular string of memory references (reference string) and computing the number of page faults on that string
- □ In all our examples, the reference string is

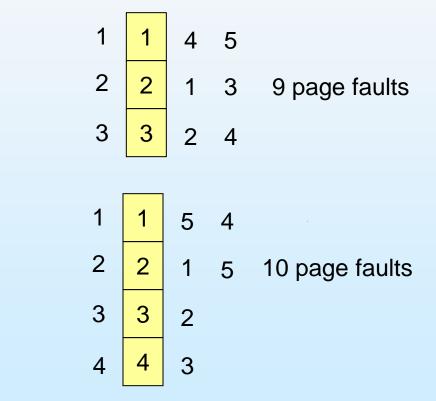
1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 5, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5





## First-In-First-Out (FIFO) Algorithm

- **Reference string:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 5, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
- □ 3 frames (3 pages can be in memory at a time per process)



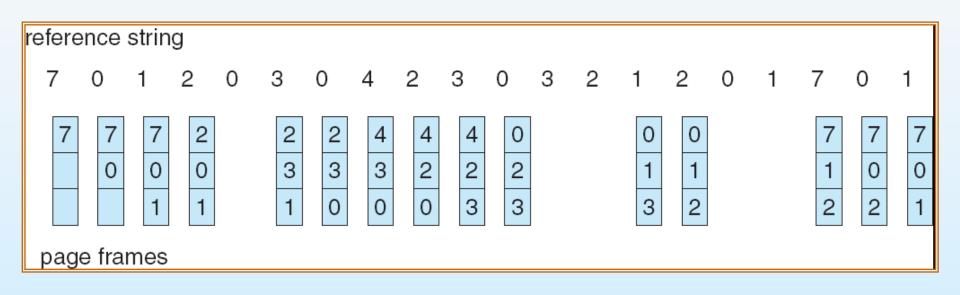
□ Belady's Anomaly: more frames ⇒ more page faults



4 frames



#### **FIFO Page Replacement**

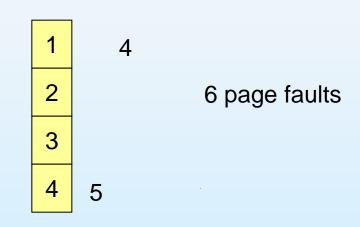






# **Optimal Algorithm**

- Replace page that will not be used for longest period of time
- □ 4 frames example
  - 1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 5, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

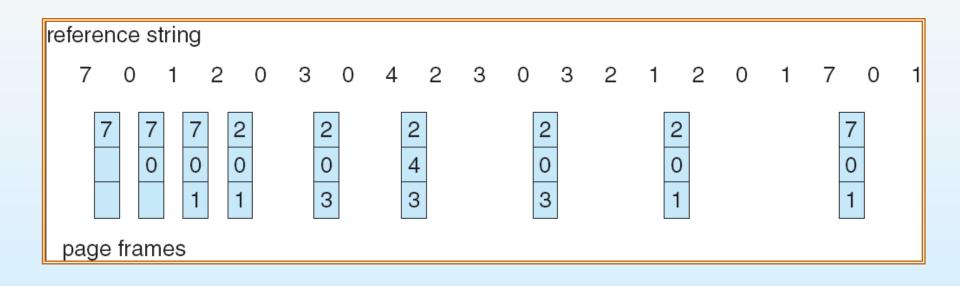


- How do you know this?
- Used for measuring how well your algorithm performs





### **Optimal Page Replacement**

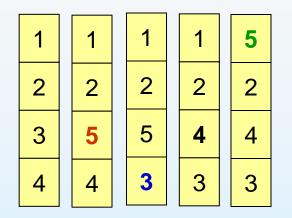






# Least Recently Used (LRU) Algorithm

□ Reference string: 1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, **5**, 1, 2, **3**, **4**, **5** 

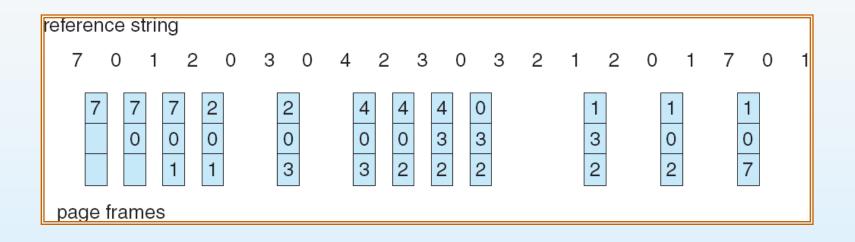


- Counter implementation
  - Every page entry has a counter; every time page is referenced through this entry, copy the clock into the counter
  - When a page needs to be changed, look at the counters to determine which are to change





#### **LRU Page Replacement**







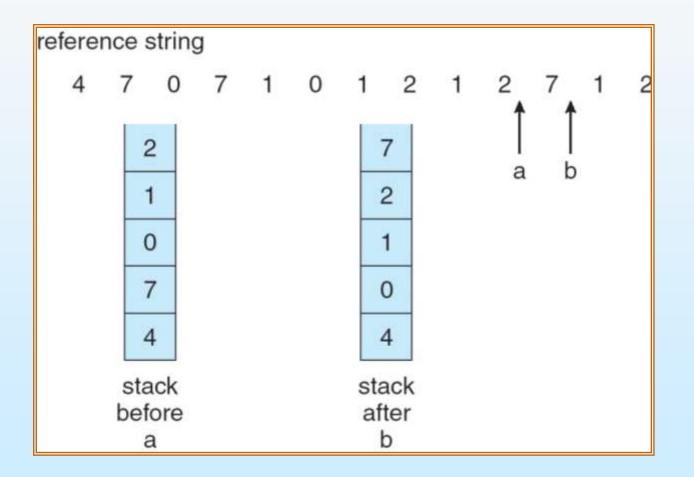
# LRU Algorithm (Cont.)

- Stack implementation keep a stack of page numbers in a double link form:
  - Page referenced:
    - move it to the top
    - requires 6 pointers to be changed
  - No search for replacement





#### **Use Of A Stack to Record The Most Recent Page References**





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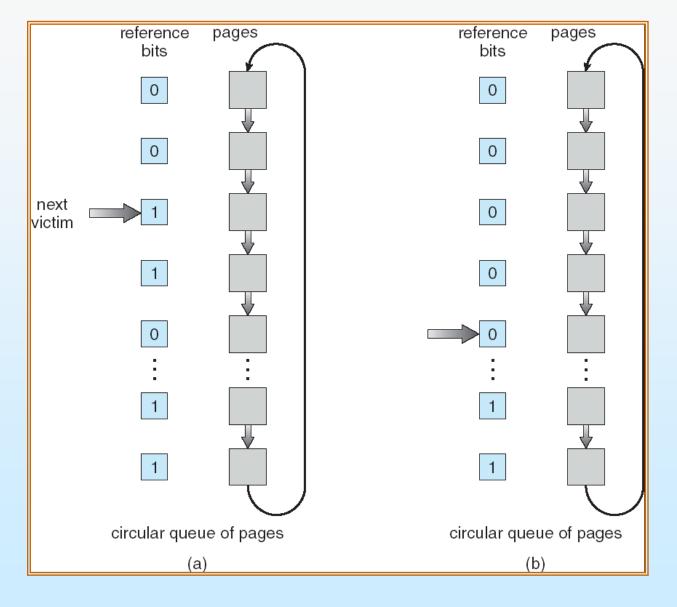


# **LRU Approximation Algorithms**

- Reference bit
  - With each page associate a bit, initially = 0
  - When page is referenced bit set to 1
  - Replace the one which is 0 (if one exists)
    - We do not know the order, however
- Second chance
  - Need reference bit
  - Clock replacement
  - If page to be replaced (in clock order) has reference bit = 1 then:
    - set reference bit 0
    - leave page in memory
    - replace next page (in clock order), subject to same rules



#### Second-Chance (clock) Page-Replacement Algorithm



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# **Counting Algorithms**

- Keep a counter of the number of references that have been made to each page
- □ **LFU Algorithm**: replaces page with smallest count
- MFU Algorithm: based on the argument that the page with the smallest count was probably just brought in and has yet to be used





# **Keeping Track of the Working Set**

- Approximate with interval timer + a reference bit
- **Example:**  $\Delta = 10,000$ 
  - Timer interrupts after every 5000 time units
  - Keep in memory 2 bits for each page
  - Whenever a timer interrupts copy and sets the values of all reference bits to 0
  - If one of the bits in memory =  $1 \Rightarrow$  page in working set
- Why is this not completely accurate?
- Improvement = 10 bits and interrupt every 1000 time units





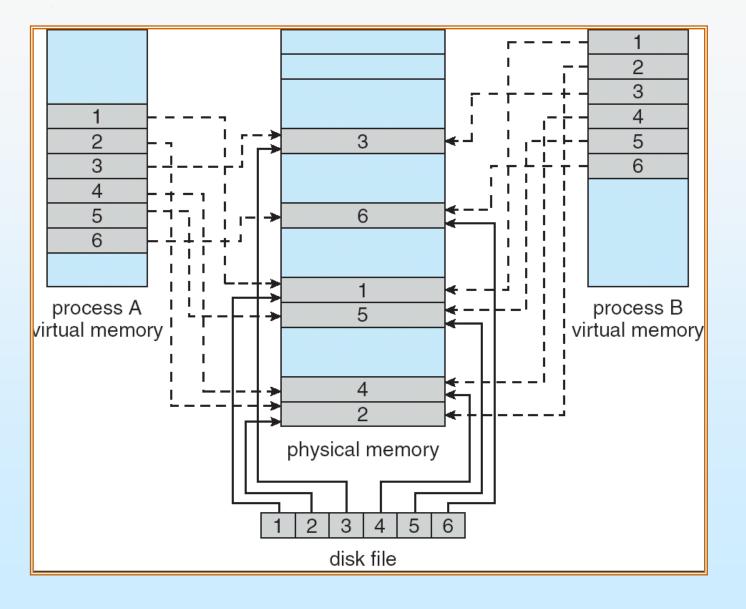
# **Memory-Mapped Files**

- Memory-mapped file I/O allows file I/O to be treated as routine memory access by **mapping** a disk block to a page in memory
- A file is initially read using demand paging. A page-sized portion of the file is read from the file system into a physical page. Subsequent reads/writes to/from the file are treated as ordinary memory accesses.
- Simplifies file access by treating file I/O through memory rather than read() write() system calls
- Also allows several processes to map the same file allowing the pages in memory to be shared





#### **Memory Mapped Files**

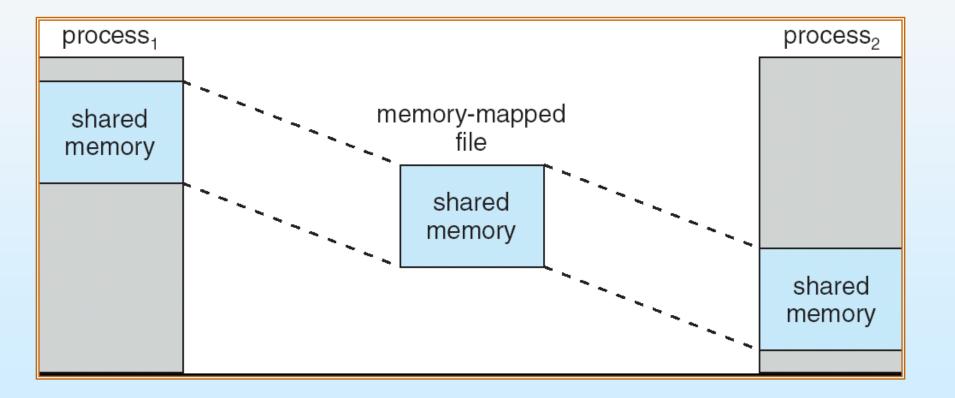


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#### **Memory-Mapped Shared Memory in Windows**









Windows

Solaris





#### Windows

- Uses demand paging with clustering. Clustering brings in pages surrounding the faulting page.
- Processes are assigned working set minimum and working set maximum
- Working set minimum is the minimum number of pages the process is guaranteed to have in memory
- A process may be assigned as many pages up to its working set maximum
- When the amount of free memory in the system falls below a threshold, automatic working set trimming is performed to restore the amount of free memory
- Working set trimming removes pages from processes that have pages in excess of their working set minimum







- Maintains a list of free pages to assign faulting processes
- Lotsfree threshold parameter (amount of free memory) to begin paging
- Desfree threshold parameter to increasing paging
- Minfree threshold parameter to being swapping
- Paging is performed by *pageout* process
- Pageout scans pages using modified clock algorithm
- Scanrate is the rate at which pages are scanned. This ranges from slowscan to fastscan
- Pageout is called more frequently depending upon the amount of free memory available



