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COSC 3360/6310

THIRD QUIZ

MAY 11, 2016

CLOSED BOOK. YOU ARE ALLOWED TO ONE PAGE OF NOTES. UH EXPELS CHEATERS.

1. A computer has 8 Gigabytes of main memory, 48-bit addresses and a page size of 4 kilobytes. (4×5 points)

a) How many *page frames* are there in main memory? $8G/4K = 2^{33}/2^{12} = 2^{21}$ or 2M frames

b) How many bits of the virtual address are taken by the *page number*? $\log_2 4K = 12$ bits

c) How many bits of the virtual address are taken by the *byte offset*? $48 - 12 = 36$ bits

d) On the average, how much memory is lost to *internal fragmentation*?

One half page frame(s) per process

2. What is the difference between the *dirty bit* and the *page referenced bit*? (5 points) _____

The dirty bit indicates whether the page was modified since it was brought into main memory.

The valid bit indicates whether the page is in main memory.

3. A 32-bit FFS file system has a block size of 4 kilobytes. How many *blocks* of a 256 kilobyte file can be accessed:

a) Directly from the i-node? (5 points) _____ 12 blocks

b) With one level of indirection? (5 points) _____ $64 - 12 = 52$ blocks

c) With two levels of indirection? (5 points) _____ Zero blocks

(Hint: The total of your three answers should equal to the size of the file.)

Note: the file comprises $256/4 = 64$ data blocks.

4. Questions with short answers: (6×5 points)

a) What is the major advantage of *inverted page tables*? _____

They are small enough to fit in main memory.

b) How can prevent deadlocks by eliminating *circular waits*? _____

By requiring all processes to acquire all their resources in the same linear order.

c) What is the main disadvantage of the *Global LRU* page replacement policy? _____

Its very huge overhead.

d) What does the UNIX Fast File System do to fight *internal fragmentation*? _____

It allocates block fragments to files that re smaller than the block size (and to the tail end of other files).

e) What is the purpose of *cylinder groups* in the Unix Fast File System? _____

Cylinder groups contain both i-nodes and the data blocks of files accessed through these i-nodes, which reduces seek distances during file accesses.

f) What is the main advantage of letting the *computer firmware* handle *TLB misses*? _____

Fewer context switches.

5. List the contents of a Linux directory entry. (5 points) _____

A Linux directory entry contains the name of a file or directory and the number of the associated i-

node. (MORE SUCCINCTLY: a file name and an i-node number.)

6. Given the following result for the `ls -lg Universal.pdf` Linux command,

```
rw-r----- 1 paris faculty 341993 May 7 18:23 Universal.pdf
```

a) Which users can modify the file `Universal.pdf`? (5 points)

The owner of the file: paris

b) Which users can read it? (5 points)

The owner of the file and the members of the faculty group.

7. Consider the *two-handed BSD clock replacement policy* with a *single hand*. (3×5 points)

a) What happens when the *first hand* of the clock reaches a *valid page*? _____

The page is marked invalid.

b) What happens when the *second hand* of the clock reaches a *valid page*? _____

Nothing.

c) What happens when the *second hand* of the clock reaches a page that was *marked invalid*? _____

The page is expelled from main memory.

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1. A computer has 16 Gigabytes of main memory, 48-bit addresses and a page size of 8 kilobytes. (4×5 points)

e) How many *page frames* are there in main memory? $16G/8K = 2^{34}/2^{13} = 2^{21}$ or **2M frames**

f) How many bits of the virtual address are taken by the *page number*? $\log_2 8K = 13$ **bits**

g) How many bits of the virtual address are taken by the *byte offset*? $48 - 13 = 35$ **bits**

h) On the average, how much memory is lost to *internal fragmentation*?

One half **page frame(s) per process**

2. What is the difference between the *dirty bit* and the *page referenced bit*? (5 points) _____

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The valid bit indicates whether the page is in main memory.

3. A 32-bit FFS file system has a block size of 4 kilobytes. How many *blocks* of a 512 kilobyte file can be accessed:

a) Directly from the i-node? (5 points) _____ 12 **blocks**

b) With one level of indirection? (5 points) _____ $128 - 12 = 116$ **blocks**

c) With two levels of indirection? (5 points) _____ Zero **blocks**

(Hint: The total of your three answers should equal to the size of the file.)

Note: the file comprises $512/4 = 128$ data blocks.

4. Questions with short answers: (6×5 points)

a) How can prevent deadlocks by eliminating the *hold and wait* condition? _____

By requiring all processes to acquire all their resources at the same time.

b) What is the main advantage of letting the *computer firmware* handle *TLB misses*? _____

Fewer context switches.

c) What is the main disadvantage of the *Global FIFO* page replacement policy? _____

Its very poor performance. (It often expels pages that should have remained in main memory.)

d) What does the UNIX Fast File System do to guarantee the *consistency* of its metadata? _____

It uses blocking writes for all its metadata updates.

- e) What is the major advantage of *inverted page tables*? _____

They are small enough to fit in main memory.

- f) What is the main disadvantage of journaling file systems using *asynchronous journal updates*? _____

Metadata updates may be lost after a system crash.

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node. (MORE SUCCINCTLY: a file name and an i-node number.)

6. Given the following result for the `ls -lg Universal.pdf` Linux command,

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The owner of the file (paris) and the members of the faculty group.

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Nothing. _____

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The page is expelled from main memory. _____