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THIRD QUIZ

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THIS EXAM IS CLOSED BOOK. YOU CAN HAVE ONE PAGE OF NOTES. UH EXPELS CHEATERS.

1. Complete the following sentences: (10×3 points)

- A. A virtual memory page is said to be dirty if it has been **modified** since it was brought in main memory.
- B. In the Unix/Linux file system, each *directory entry* contains _____
a file name and an i-node number (and nothing else)
- C. The ideal page replacement policy would be as inexpensive to run as Global FIFO
and as good at finding the best page to expel as Global LRU
- D. The page table organization that has one page table entry per page frame is called _____
inverted page tables OR hashed page tables (both answers are good)
- E. The cost of a TLB miss handled by the system's **kernel** is _____
two context switches
- F. The page replacement policy of Berkeley UNIX simulates a non-existent _____
page-referenced bit using the valid bit.
- G. When we create a file, we must always create the i-node of the new file
before creating the directory entry that points to the file.

2. A computer has 52 bit virtual addresses and a virtual memory with a page size of 4 kilobytes. (2×5 points)

- A. How many bits are used by the *byte offset*? $\log_2 4KB = 12$ bits
- B. How many bits are used by the *page number*? $52 - 12 = 40$ bits

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

- ❖ What is the major disadvantage of selecting a *large block size* for a file system?
- ❖ What is the purpose of the valid bit?
- ❖ What is the purpose of the **lseek(...)** system call?
- ❖ What is the *strongest point* of the *Mach* page replacement policy?
- ❖ What is the *major drawback* of the *Windows/VMS* page replacement policy?
- ❖ What makes Unix/Linux *special files* special?

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The possible answers are:

- A. It does not support real-time processes.
- B. It guarantees the durability of metadata updates.
- C. It increases internal fragmentation.
- D. It is often difficult to find the right resident size of a new process.
- E. It repositions the file offset of an opened file.
- F. It searches for a specific string in an opened file.
- G. It searches for a specific string in a list of files.
- H. It speeds up data transfers between the disk and the main memory.
- I. It stores small files and the trailing bytes of larger files into block fragments.
- J. It supports real-time processes.
- K. It tells whether the given page has been properly initialized.
- L. It tells whether the given page is clean.
- M. It tells whether the given page is in main memory.
- N. It works fairly well on a wide range of computer architectures.
- O. These files can only be accessed by users having root access.
- P. These files contain i-nodes instead of data blocks.
- Q. They are names given to hardware devices.

4. Consider a UNIX file called `mystery.txt`

```
-rw-r--r--  1 diana  ssrg      29 May  5 19:07 mystery.txt
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and assume that the group `ssrg` contains the users `anna`, `brenda`, `carol` and `diana`. (3×5 points)

A. Which access rights are granted to `anna`? read access _____

B. Which access rights are granted to `diana`? read and write access _____

C. Which access rights are granted to users that *not* part of the group? read access _____

5. Consider a 64-bit UNIX file system with a block size of 8 kilobytes and 15 block addresses in each i-node. Block addresses now occupy **8 bytes** and the maximum size of a file is 2^{64} . How many **blocks** of a given file can be accessed : (3×5 points)

A. Using the block addresses stored in the i-node? _____ 12 **blocks**

B. With one level of indirection? _____ $8\text{KB} / 8\text{B} = 1,024$ or 1K or 2^{10} **blocks**

C. With two levels of indirection? _____ $(8\text{KB} / 8\text{B})^2 = 1,048,576$ or 1M or 2^{20} **blocks**