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What is a file control block?

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File Control Block

A file control block is a memory data structure that contains most of the attributes of a file.

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Under what conditions can you use the Wait-for graph to detect deadlock?

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If all resources have only a single instance, then we can define a deadlock detection algorithm that uses a variant of the resource allocation graph, called a **wait-for graph**.

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Name any two schemes that allows efficient implementation of page table?

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In the CPU registers

In the main memory

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"Critical section means the section of code in two processes or more than two processes that is used to update a resource (e.g. a shared variable) which is shared between these processes."
Do you agree with the statement or not? If not, then give reason to support your answer.

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we write that line

Critical Section: A piece of code in a cooperating process in which the process may updates shared data (variable, file, database, etc.).

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How can you differentiate between external and internal fragmentation.

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Internal Fragmentation is the area in a region or a page that is not used by the job occupying that region or page. This space is unavailable for use by the system until that job is finished and the page or region is released.

External fragmentation

As processes come and go, *holes* of free space are created in the main memory

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Write down the type of bits associated with each entry of segment table for protection?

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The bits associated with each entry in the segment table, for the purpose of protection are:

- Validation bit : if the validation bit is 0, it indicates an illegal segment
- Read, write, execute bits

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Different type of threads work in operating system, one of them is process threads and other one is kernel threads. If the kernel of the operating system does not know about these threads and the operating systems is fully aware of them and operating system does not know that these threads use either M:1 or M:N mapping. These threads are scheduled by the thread library and are not associated with any process but every thread belongs to a process and these threads are very easily managed. You need identify the type of these threads.

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Let us consider an example of frame allocation:

Number of free frames = 64

Number of processes = 3

Process sizes: P1 = 10 pages; P2 = 40 pages; P3 = 127 pages

Discuss how many free frames will be put in the free frames list by using Proportional Allocation?

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Number of processes = 3

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Fixed allocation

64/3 = 21 frames per process and one put in the free frames list

Proportional Allocation

s_i = Size of process P_i

$S = \sum s_i$

m = Number of free frames

a_i = Allocation for $P_i = (s_i / S) * m$

$a_1 = (10 / 177) * 64 = 3$ frames

$a_2 = (40 / 177) * 64 = 14$ frames

$a_3 = (127 / 177) * 64 = 45$ frames

Two free frames are put in the list of free frames

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What is the command for mounting in UNIX, describe mounting in UNIX.

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Mounting in UNIX

All files accessible in a Unix system are arranged in one big tree, the file hierarchy, rooted at /. These files can be spread out over several devices. The mount command serves to attach the file system found on some device to the big file tree. Conversely, the umount command will detach it again. Here is the syntax of the mount command

```
mount -t type device dir
```

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What are the possible criteria to decide that which process should be terminated while deadlock detection and recovery?

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When a deadlock detection algorithm determines that a deadlock exists, several alternatives exist. One possibility is to inform the operator that a deadlock has occurred, and to let the operator deal with the deadlock manually. The other possibility is to let the system recover from the deadlock automatically. There are two options for breaking a deadlock. One solution is simply to abort one or more processes to break the circular wait. The second option is to preempt some resources from one or more of the deadlocked processes

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Three jobs (times: A=100, B=1, C=2) arrive in the order A, B, C.

Calculate the average waiting time and average turnaround time using First come, First serve algorithm. Also draw the gantt chart for the problem.

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Waiting times $P1 = 0$; $P2 = 24$; $P3 = 27$

☑ Average waiting time: $(0+24+27)/3 = 17$

Turnaround time: The interval from the time of submission to the time of completion is the **turnaround time**. Turnaround time is the sum of the periods spent waiting to get into memory, waiting in the ready queue, executing on the CPU and doing I/O. We want to minimize the turnaround time

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Do you feel that is there any main concern about time constraint in real time operating system that a programmer must keep that in mind while writing an Operating System for a real-time environment? If not then give reason to support your answer and if yes then mention that main concern?

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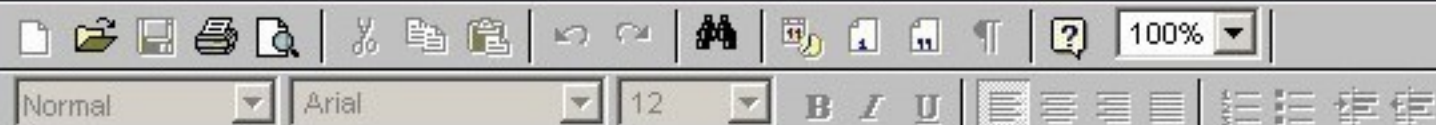
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Give one disadvantage of Dynamic Loading? Give your answer with respect to Main memory Management

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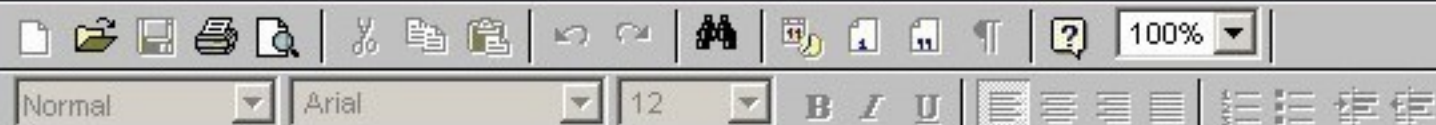


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There are two dependent processes in Linux \Unix operating system on same machine. How can these processes communicate among themselves?

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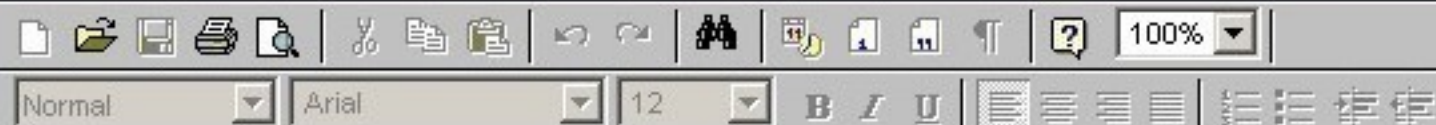


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Virtual Memory is the separation of user logical memory from physical memory. State **Virtual Memory** makes programming either easy or difficult?

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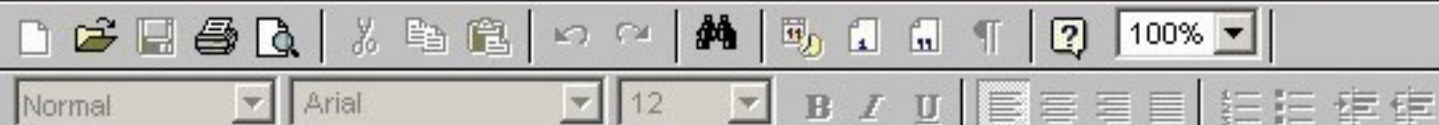


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List one advantage and one disadvantage of using a large block size to store file data.

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What is Mounting? Name two types of mounting. Give your answer with respect to File System?

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How does a "system call" help the operating system?

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If a process takes an average page fault service time of 20 milliseconds and a memory access time of 100 nanoseconds, then the effective access time in nanoseconds is?

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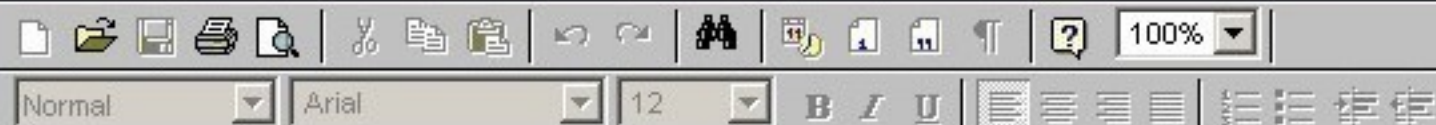


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Do you think that layered approach in operating system is better than monolithic approach? Give reasons to support your answer.

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Write a code or pseudo code by using monitor

- i) To deposit money in a bank account
- ii) To withdraw money from a bank account.

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Define Indexed Allocation as a Space Allocation Method.

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Consider a process with its segment 15 having 5096 bytes. The process generates a logical address (15,3921). What page does the logical address refer to?

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Preemptive Shortest Job First scheduling algorithm is best algorithm for minimizing the waiting time for the processes. How can you calculate the average waiting time in preemptive Shortest Job First scheduling algorithm?

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What does a Page Table entry contain?

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Write the names of three commonly used methods for file space allocation?

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List any three criterion when the fork() system call fails to complete its task?

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Do overlays increase a burden on a programmer as compare to virtual memory? Give reason to support your answer.

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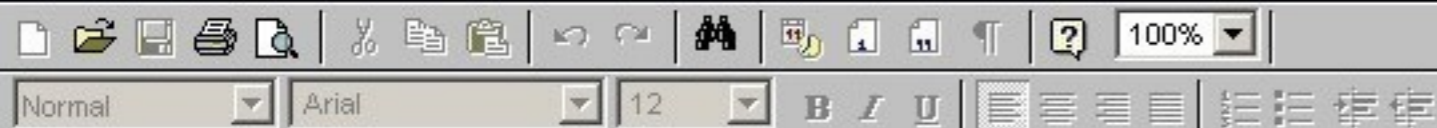


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What steps needed for page replacement?

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If a process does not have “enough” pages, the page-fault rate is very high. This leads to low CPU utilization. The operating system needs to increase the degree of multiprogramming because it monitors the CPU utilization. When another process added, will it increase the throughput of the system?

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Do you feel that is there any preemptive version of Shortest-Job-First (SJF) available? If yes then elaborate the working and performance (in terms of average waiting time) of that preemptive version as compare to non preemptive version, if not, then give reason to support your answer?

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Out of MVT (Multiprogramming with Variable Tasks) and MFT (Multiprogramming with Fixed Tasks), which one do you think is best suited to cause internal fragmentation and which one is best suited to cause external fragmentation?

Also differentiate briefly between MVT and MFT.

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What do we name to an address that is generated by the CPU?

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Which anomaly is involved in FIFO page replacement?

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The main purpose of the computer system is to run different programs, why we run these programs?

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What is the difference between a physical address and a virtual address?

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How vfork system call differs from fork system call?

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Consider this algorithm for mutual exclusion.

```
Process 1 {  
while true {  
    while (turn == 1)  
        ; /* do nothing */
```

```
Process 2 {  
while true {  
    while (turn == 2)  
        ; /* do nothing */
```

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Briefly explain that how a Page Fault occurs and who is responsible to handle Page Fault?

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In case of file protection, what should the file owner/creator be able to control? And what operations need to be controlled?

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Analyze that how an operating system protects the CPU.

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Let us consider a page size of 16 bytes and process address space of 32 pages and physical address space of 64 frames. Calculate the following.

- Size of logical address i.e. Number of bits needed to uniquely identify a page in this address space of 16 pages.
- Logical address in bits for (18, 10). Where 'p' and 'd' are 18 and 10 respectively.

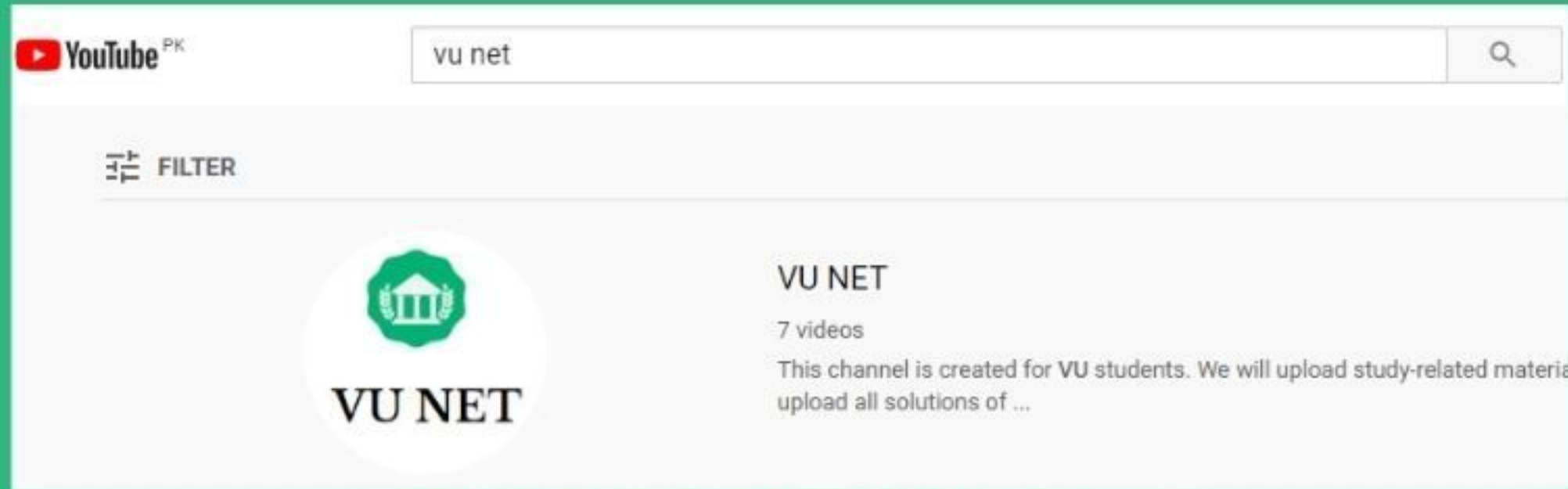
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