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COURSE NAME : 19CST201 – OPERATING SYSTEMS

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UNIT – III STORAGE MANAGEMENT

Topic: Memory Management

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Background -Base and Limit Registers







Hardware Address Protection







Address Binding



- Compile time: If memory location known a priori, absolute code can be generated; must recompile code if starting location changes
- Load time: Must generate relocatable code if memory location is not known at compile time
- Execution time: Binding delayed until run time if the process can be moved during its execution from one memory segment to another
 - Need hardware support for address maps (e.g., base and limit registers)









Logical vs. Physical Address Space



- Logical address generated by the CPU; also referred to as virtual address
- Physical address address seen by the memory unit
- Logical and physical addresses are the same in compile-time and load-time address-binding schemes; logical (virtual) and physical addresses differ in execution-time address-binding scheme
- Logical address space is the set of all logical addresses generated by a program
- Physical address space is the set of all physical addresses generated by a program



Memory-Management Unit (MMU)



- To start, consider simple scheme where the value in the relocation register is added to every address generated by a user process at the time it is sent to memory
 - Base register now called relocation register



Dynamic relocation using a relocation register



- Routine is not loaded until it is called
- Better memory-space utilization; unused routine is never loaded
- All routines kept on disk in relocatable load format
- Useful when large amounts of code are needed to handle infrequently occurring cases
- No special support from the operating system is required
- Implemented through program design
- OS can help by providing libraries to implement dynamic loading





Dynamic Linking & Loading



- Dynamic linking –linking postponed until execution time
- Dynamic linking is particularly useful for libraries