

Lecture #10

CS695

⊛ Resource management

with VMs

- resource virtualization technique
↳ vix, shadow PT, direct mapping, PV...

- resource mgmt. primitives. VM

- management policies

⊛ A2 is active
due 10th Feb.

⊛ Quiz 1 paper-pen
↳ 12th Feb. Wed.

[mem mgmt] Memory Resource Mgmt w/ VMware ESX
OSDI 2002

- Keywords: overcommitment
(server consolidation) — IaaS goal!

maximize

performance vs.
utilization
tradeoff

- exploit/employ statistical
multiplexing (sharing resources temporally or spatially)

~ overprovisioning situation

$\sum PPA_{ranges}$

$> mpa range$

} memory pressure

Over provisioning ratio

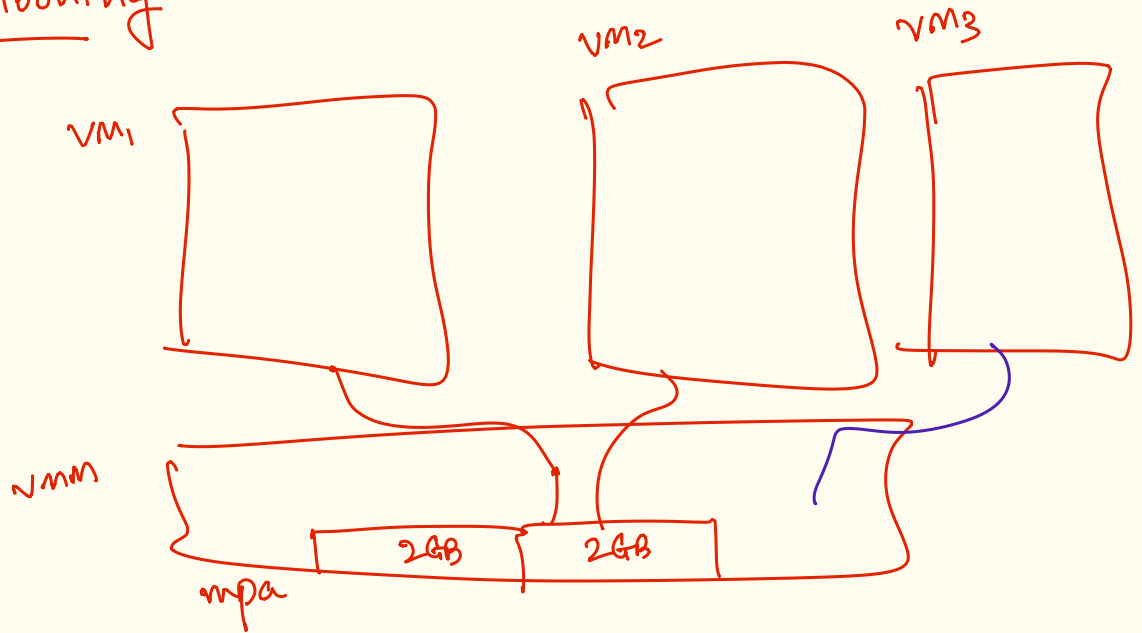
VMs / PM

$\frac{\sum resources / promised}{\sum real / m/c resources}$

~ merging / sharing memory

~ swapping / demand paging ~ eviction / page replacement

~ ballooning



employ page-replacement / eviction by the VMM.

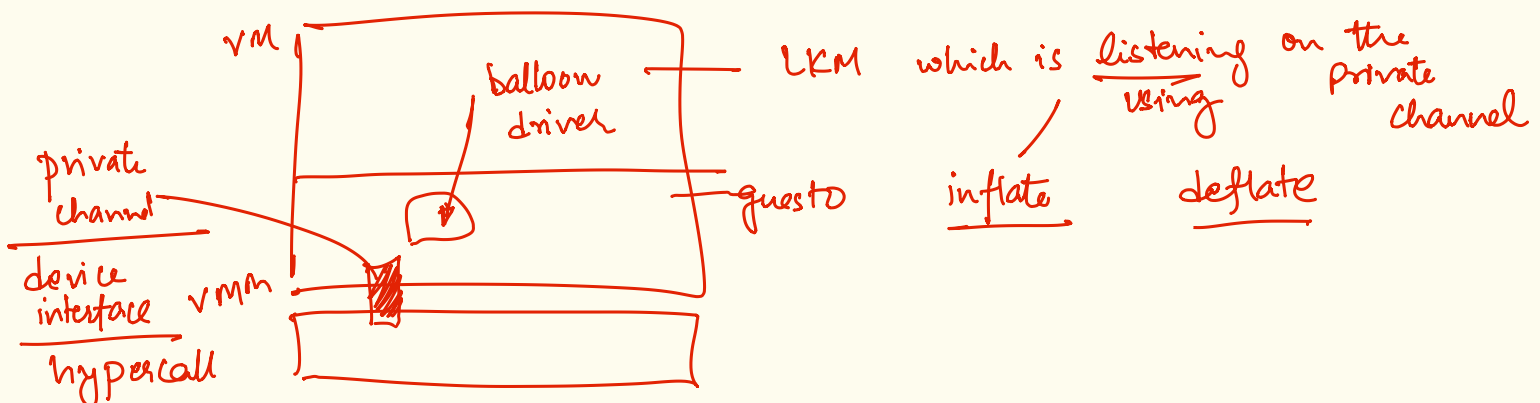
① p2m mappings are VMM controlled.

removing p2m updates page tables of VMs
& get free machine pages.
swap to disk.

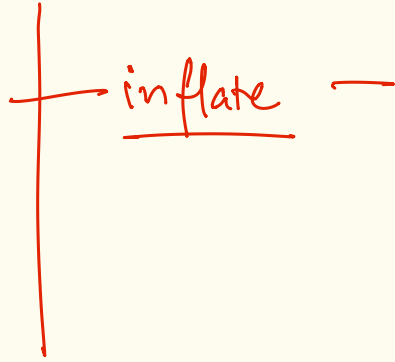
— possible but costly & needs to breach

Semantic gap — VMM needs to know
per-VM utility of pages.

② memory ballooning: ~ 2 p 2 m



*) ballooning

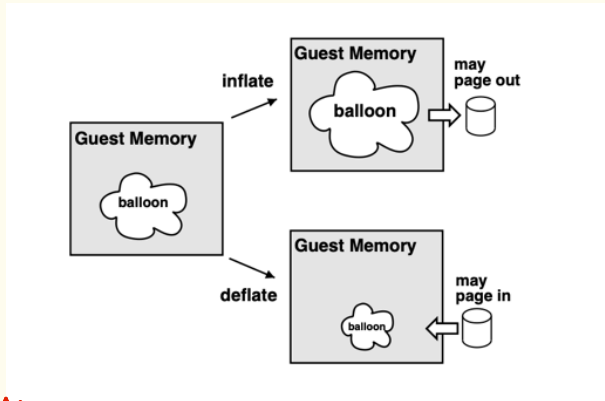
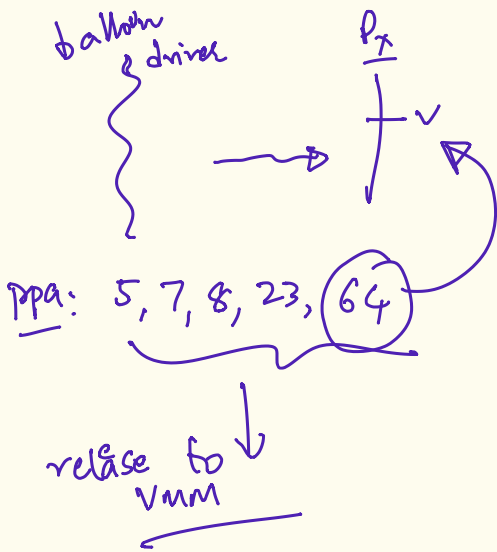
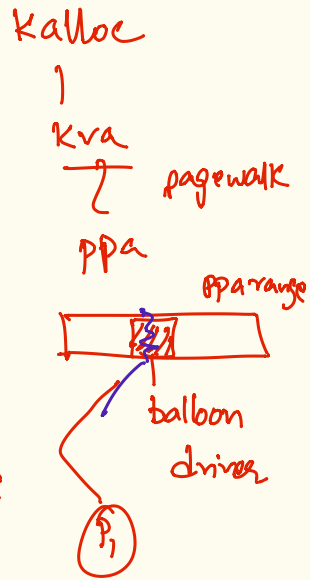


balloon driver allocates memory
occupies ppa range

pin pages in memory

conveys ppa address to VMM

VMM removes p2m mappings
& reassigns to other demands.



ballooning is the primitive
to change memory allocation
to VMS.

mgmt:
Qs — which VM?
— how much to balloon?
— when to balloon?

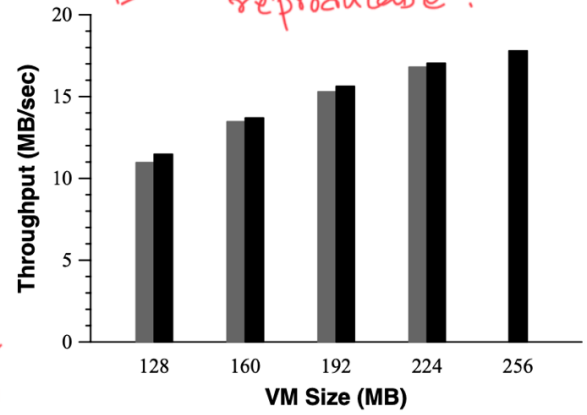
swapping

double paging problem

guest OS wants to swap P₂ to disk
on access $\Rightarrow$ page fault
VMM fixes v2p2m for P₂
guest reads/access P₂
& swaps page/removes mapping to disk

v_b 2 P_b 2 m
v_u 2 P_b
ballooning
- guest OS

Q. is this experiment reproducible?



* What was workload pattern? of each of the 40 clients.

Figure 2: **Balloon Performance.** Throughput of single Linux VM running dbench with 40 clients. The black bars plot the performance when the VM is configured with main memory sizes ranging from 128 MB to 256 MB. The gray bars plot the performance of the same VM configured with 256 MB, ballooned down to the specified size.

or removed from a VM in order to rapidly adjust its