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TOPIC -----

What is virtual memory?

DISCUSSION -----

Virtual memory (VM) extends the user's available, physical random access memory by treating the hard disk - transparently to the user, with the exception of a slight loss of speed - as if it were additional RAM. With virtual memory you can run more applications at once and work with larger amounts of data than you can without virtual memory.

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