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Process management

- A process can be thought as a program in execution.
 Process are the unit of work on modern time-sharing system.
- As a part of the execution the process could need resources. These resources are allocated for it.
- Usually a process has a thread of execution but it can hold more
- The OS is responsible of:
 - Process management
 Process scheduling
 - Process communication

Concepts

- A program containing a collection of instructions is not a process.
- A process is an alive entity that is running.
- A program is a passive entity
- A process is an active entity
- A program becomes a process when it's loaded into memory



Process in memory

 Text, collection of instructions. Responsible for the program counter

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- Data, collection of global variables
- Stack, temporary data like parameters
- Heap, dynamic memory during process run time

Process state

- A process can be in the next states:
 - New: The process is being created
 - Running: instructions are executing
 - Waiting: process is waiting signaling
 - Ready: process is waiting for processor
 - Terminated: process finished execution





Concepts

- Multiprogramming objective is to have some process running at all times, to maximize CPU use.
- Time sharing objective is to switch CPU among process.
- Process scheduler achieve the task of select the available process

Scheduling queues

- All process in the system are put into a job queue.
- All process ready or waiting belongs to the ready queue. This queue point to the PCB of the process.
- A new process is queued, once it is dispatched several event occurs:
 - Process can issue I/O request
 - Can create a subprocess and wait for its finishing
 - Process can be removed



Scheduler typos

- Short term scheduler
 - Schedule process to the CPU
 Fast decision
- Long term scheduler
- Schedule jobs
 - Take from pool to load into memory
- Executed less frequency
- Medium term scheduler
- Removes process from memory for later reentering to cpu
 Swapping process

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Process creation (1)

- When a process create a new process:
 - 1. The parent continues to execute with its children
 - 2. The parent wait until all children finish
- Respect to the address space:
- 1. Child is a duplicate from parent (same data a text areas)
- 2. Child is a new program loaded into it.

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Message passing

- MP provides a mechanism to communicate a to synchronize without use the same address space
- To do this some considerations are necessary:
 - Direct or indirect communication
 - Synchronous or asynchronous communication
 - Automatic or explicit buffering
- On each case a link must be establish first

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A=common mailbox

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Direct communication (1)

- The process that want to communicate must have a way to refer each other.
- Direct communication
 - The name of receiver or sender must be explicitly named
 - For example:
 - Send (p, message) P=receiver
 - Receive (q, message) Q=sender

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Direct communication (2)

- The link established under this scheme has the next properties:
 - A link between each process is established, need to know each process
 - A link is associated with exactly two process
 - Between each process exist one link
- This process is symmetric because each process must name the other to communicate

Direct communication (3)

- In an asymmetric communication the sender knows the receiver, the receiver is not required to know the sender
- Here the primitives would be like: - Send (p, message)
 - Receive (id, message) id=variable process
- The disadvantage in any scheme is the dependency and limited modularity
- This technique is hard-coding

Indirect communication (1)

- With this scheme messages are passed and received from mailbox or ports.
- A mailbox can be viewed as a object where message can be left.
- Each mailbox has a unique id.
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Receive (A, message)

With this scheme messages are passed

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 Send (A, message)
 - Receive (A, message) A=common mailbox



- The link established under this scheme has the next properties:
 - Communication possible if the two process share a mailbox
 - A link can be associated with more than two process
 - Between each process exist more than one link

Synchronous or asynchronous communication (1)

- MP can be blocking (sync) or nonblocking (async)
- As the communication takes place using the primitives send and receive, does exist different options to implement this:

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- Blocking send
- nonBlocking send
- Blocking receive
- nonBlocking receive

Synchronous or asynchronous communication (2)

- Blocking send:
 - The sending process is blocked until the message is received
- nonBlocking send:

 The sending process sends the message and finish
- Blocking receive:
- The receiver block upto a message is received
 nonBlocking receive:
 - The receiver retrives either a message or null

Automatic or explicit buffering (1)

- Whether communication is direct or indirect a temporary queue is necessary
- This queue can be implemented as: – Zero capacity

 - Bounded capacity
 - Unbounded capacity

Automatic or explicit buffering (2)

- Zero capacity
 - The queue does not have capacity, in this case the sender must block until the message is delivery
- Bounded capacity
 - The queue has finite N capacity. The sender can continue working, but if queue is full blocking is necessary
- Unbounded capacity
- Potentially the queue is infinite, any quantity of message can be wait in it.

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 Besides of a process can share communication using shared memory or message passing other three scheme can be used in the model client server

 Sockets

- RPC

– RMI

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RPC

- The Remote Procedure Call is a mechanism to abstract the procedure call mechanism.
- It's similar to IPC, but it's in clientserver environment
- All the message are addressed to RPC daemon

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RMI

- The Remote Method Invocation allows to invoke a method on a remote object.
- Object are considered as remote if they are running on different JVM
- The different between RMI and RPC are: - RPC support procedural programming, only procedure and functions can be called - RMI is based in object, so method can be invoked
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- In RPC the parameters are based in structure
 In RMI can be passed objects as parameters
- Through RMI is possible to develop distributed application across a network

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