

# OPERATING SYSTEM

First Come First Serve (FCFS) Scheduling  
Algorithm

# FCFS ALGORITHM

**First Come First Served (FCFS)** is an Operating System process scheduling algorithm. It is non-preemptive in scheduling algorithm. Jobs are executed on first come, first serve basis. It is easy to understand and implement but poor in performance, as average wait time is high.

# First- Come, First-Served (FCFS) Scheduling

Process	Burst Time
P1	24
P2	3
P3	3

- Suppose that the processes arrive in the order: P1 , P2 , P3  
The Gantt Chart for the schedule is:



<sup>0</sup>Waiting time for P1 = 0; P2 = 24; P3 = 27

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

# FCFS Scheduling (Cont.)

Suppose that the processes arrive in the order:

$$P_2, P_3, P_1$$

Waiting time : start time – arrival time

- The Gantt chart for the schedule is:



- Waiting time for  $P_1 = 6$ ;  $P_2 = 0$ ;  $P_3 = 3$
- Average waiting time:  $(6 + 0 + 3)/3 = 3$
- Much better than previous case
- Short process behind long process

## 1<sup>st</sup> Case : FCFS (First Come First Served)

Suppose that the processes arrive at time 0, in the order: P1 , P3 , P2 , P4

Draw Gantt Chart and calculate the average waiting time using the given table ??

Process	Burst Time
P1	3
P2	9
P3	5
P4	7

Waiting time :

P1 = 0

P2 = 8

P3 = 3

P4 = 17



$$\text{Average waiting time} = (0 + 8 + 3 + 17) / 4 = 7$$

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Case : FCFS (First Come First Served)

Draw Gantt Chart and calculate the average waiting time using the given table ??

Process	Burst Time	Arrival Time
P1	20	0
P2	12	3
P3	4	2
P4	9	5

Waiting time : start time – arrival time

$$P1 = 0 - 0 = 0$$

$$P2 = 24 - 3 = 21$$

$$P3 = 20 - 2 = 18$$

$$P4 = 36 - 5 = 31$$



$$\text{Average waiting time} = (0 + 21 + 18 + 31) / 4 = 70 / 4$$

# ALGORITHM

- 1- Input the number of processes (n).
- 2- Create three lists for bt, wt, tat.
- 3- Input the burst time (bt) for each process.
- 4- Find waiting time (wt) for all processes.
  - As first process that comes need not to wait so waiting time for process 1 will be 0.  
 $wt[0] = 0$
- 5- Find waiting time (wt) for all other processes.  
 $wt[i] = bt[i-1] + wt[i-1]$
- 6- Find turnaround time (tat) for all processes.  
 $tat[i] = bt[i] + wt[i]$
- 7- Find average waiting time =  $\text{total\_waiting\_time} / \text{no\_of\_processes}$ .
- 8- Find average turnaround time =  $\text{total\_turnaround\_time} / \text{no\_of\_processes}$ .