

- a) One algorithm that might be described (variations are possible)
- multi-level priority queue structure, e.g. 8 queues
  - high priority queues have low quantum & vice versa  
e.g. 10ms  $\rightarrow$  100ms over range of queues.
  - pre-emptive between queues
  - process uses all quantum  $\rightarrow$  end of queue below
  - process blocks for I/O  $\rightarrow$  wait  $\rightarrow$  ready  $\rightarrow$  end of queue above
  - lower e.g. 2 queues ordered by wait-time.
  - if wait time  $>$  some value promote to end of queue above

b)(i) Metadata contents:

type: file, directory, symbolic link, device, pipe, ....

times: creation, last access, last write

access control: who can do what. who: individuals  
groups, programs (e.g. set uid)

what: typically read, write, execute, append  
for files, lookup, add-remove entry in directory

location of object on disk (if on disk)

directory maintenance & for existence control:  
backward pointers, reference counts.

(ii) directory service, typical operations: (variations possible)

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fileID  $\leftarrow$  create (pathname)
fileID  $\leftarrow$  open (pathname, mode)
bytes  $\leftarrow$  read (fileID, memory-pointer, byte-count)
done  $\leftarrow$  write ( " , " , " )
    assuming an implicit pointer for read & write
done  $\leftarrow$  close (fileID)
  
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<sup>+ create</sup> open/use metadata to retrieve directories & resolve pathname

create & delete require directory update - <sup>all</sup> check access

concurrency control MRSW or shared/exclusive locks may be offered: mandatory or advisory.

(access control details may be in b(i) or b(ii) & marks adjusted)

Question is on Part 2 of the course