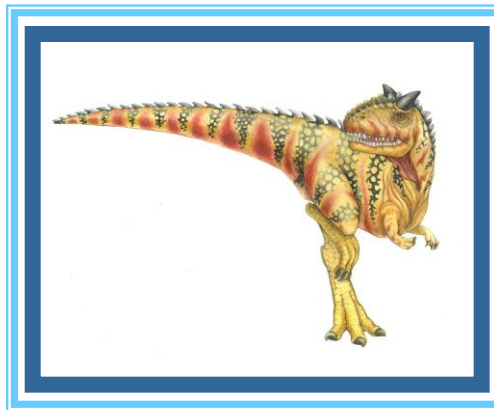


Chapter 3: Processes





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Objectives

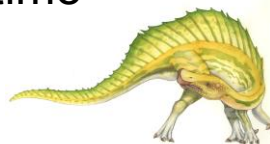
- To introduce the notion of a process -- a program in execution, which forms the basis of all computation
- To describe the various features of processes, including scheduling, creation and termination, and communication
- To explore interprocess communication using shared memory and message passing
- To describe communication in client-server systems





Process Concept

- An operating system executes a variety of programs:
 - Batch system – **jobs**
 - Time-shared systems – **user programs** or **tasks**
- Textbook uses the terms **job** and **process** almost interchangeably
- **Process** – a program in execution; process execution must progress in sequential fashion
- Multiple parts
 - The program code, also called **text section**
 - Current activity including **program counter**, processor registers
 - **Stack** containing temporary data
 - ▶ Function parameters, return addresses, local variables
 - **Data section** containing global variables
 - **Heap** containing memory dynamically allocated during run time

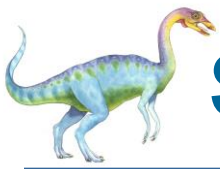




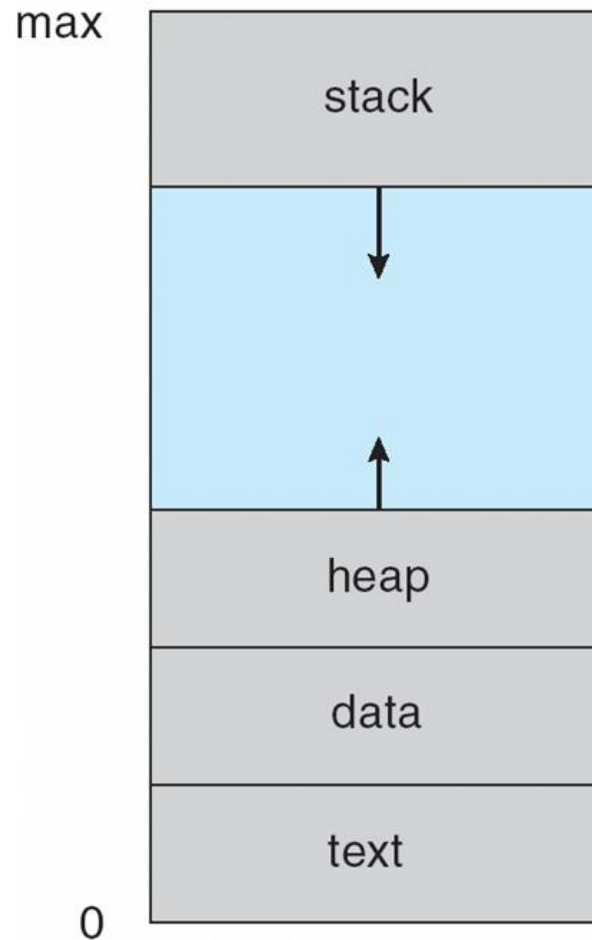
Process Concept (Cont.)

- Program is **passive** entity stored on disk (**executable file**), process is **active**
 - Program becomes process when executable file loaded into memory
- Execution of program started via GUI mouse clicks, command line entry of its name, etc
- One program can be several processes
 - Consider multiple users executing the same program





Structure of a Process in Memory





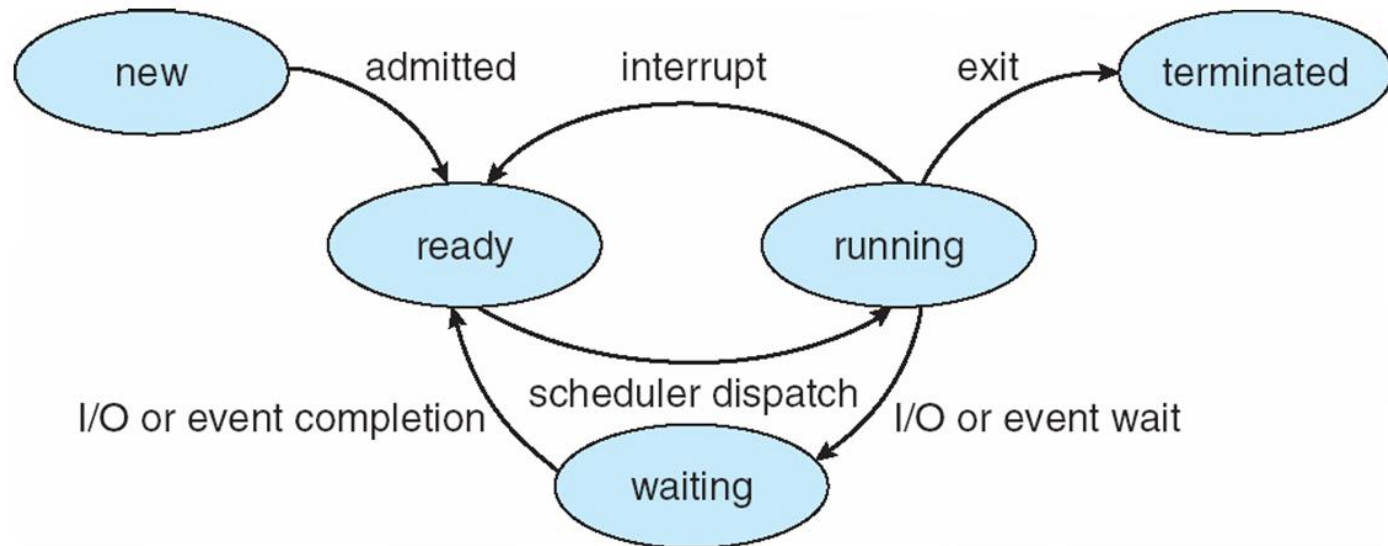
Process States

- As a process executes, it changes **state**
 - **new**: The process is being created
 - **running**: Instructions are being executed
 - **waiting**: The process is waiting for some event to occur
 - **ready**: The process is waiting to be assigned to a processor
 - **terminated**: The process has finished execution





Diagram of Process State

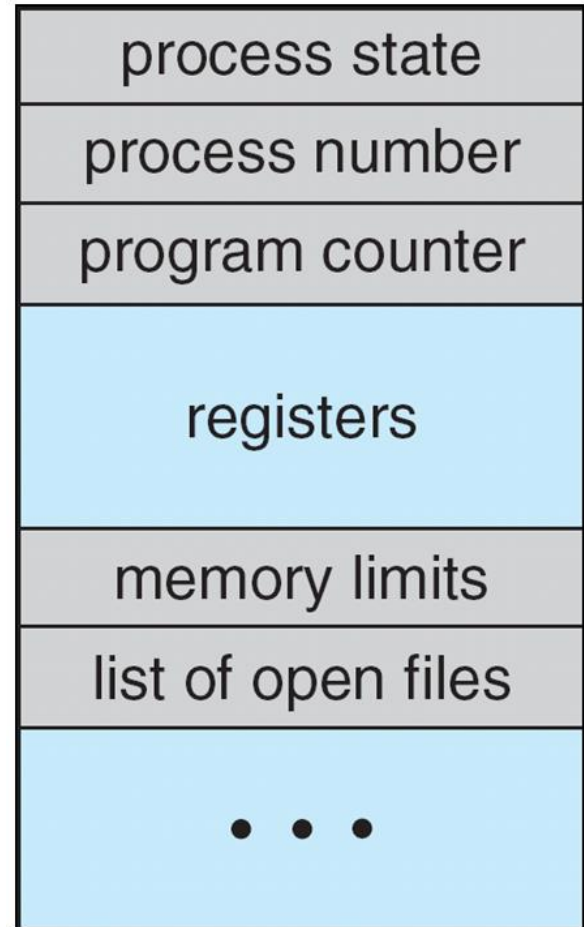




Process Control Block (PCB)

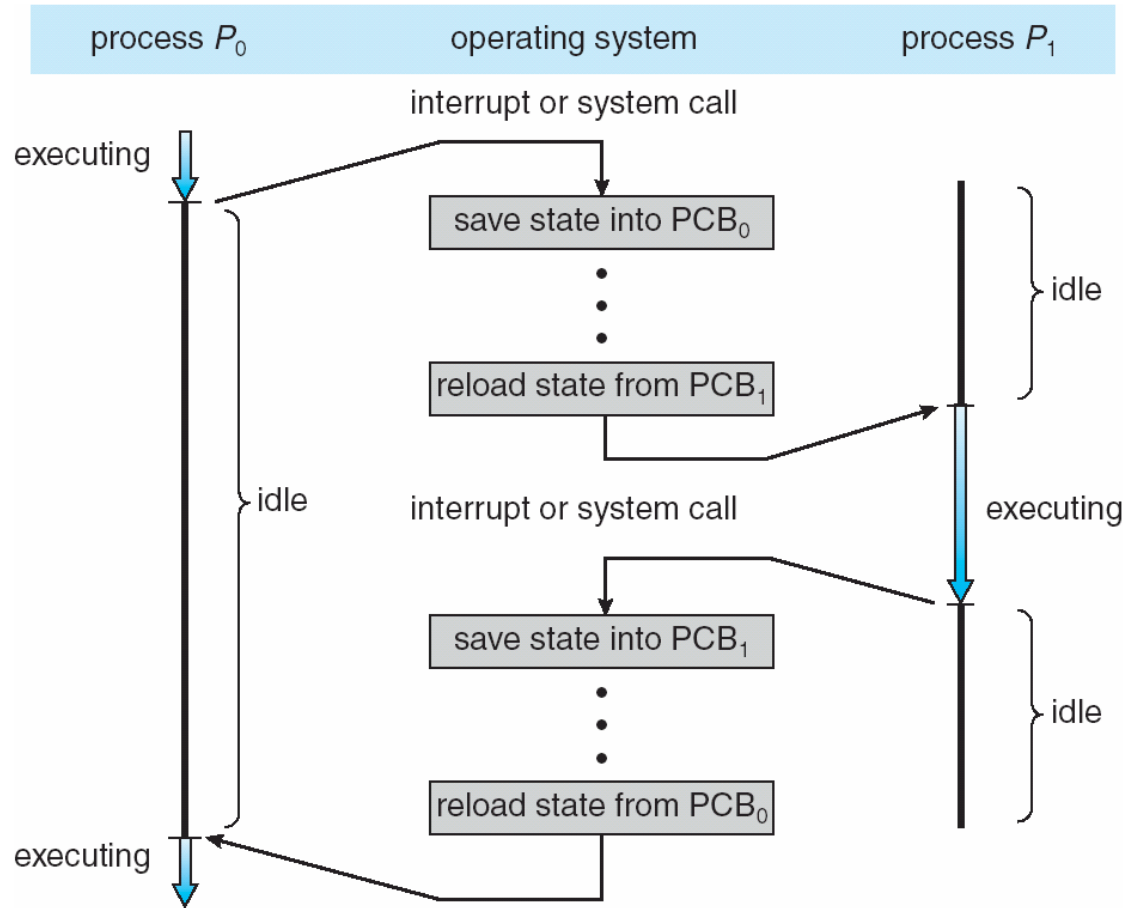
Information associated with each process
(also called **task control block**)

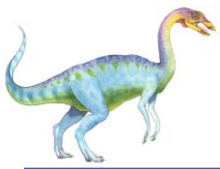
- ❑ Process state – running, waiting, etc
- ❑ Program counter – location of instruction to next execute
- ❑ CPU registers – contents of all process-centric registers
- ❑ CPU scheduling information- priorities, scheduling queue pointers
- ❑ Memory-management information – memory allocated to the process
- ❑ Accounting information – CPU used, clock time elapsed since start, time limits
- ❑ I/O status information – I/O devices allocated to process, list of open files





CPU Switch From Process to Process

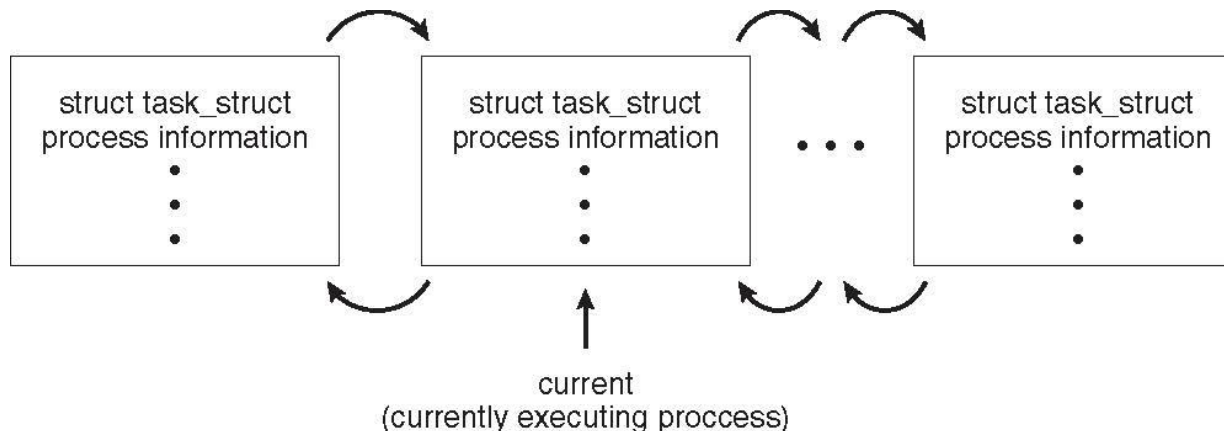




Process Representation in Linux

Represented by the C structure `task_struct`

```
pid t_pid; /* process identifier */
long state; /* state of the process */
unsigned int time_slice /* scheduling information */
struct task_struct *parent; /* this process's parent */
struct list_head children; /* this process's children */
struct files_struct *files; /* list of open files */
struct mm_struct *mm; /* address space of this process */
```





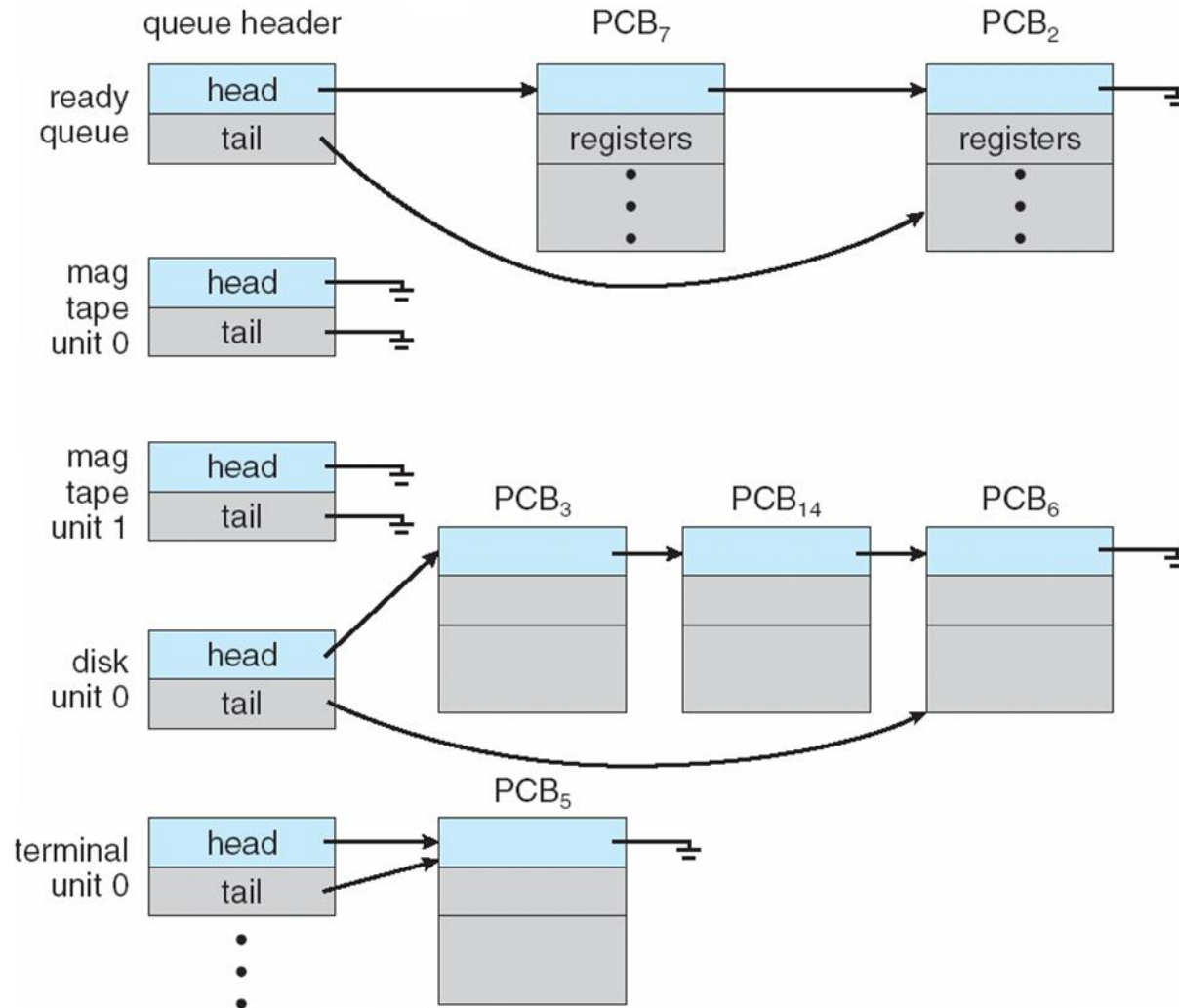
Process Scheduling

- Maximize CPU use, quickly switch processes onto CPU for time sharing
- **Process scheduler** selects among available processes for next execution on CPU
- Maintains **scheduling queues** of processes
 - **Job queue** – set of all processes in the system
 - **Ready queue** – set of all processes residing in main memory, ready and waiting to execute
 - **Device queues** – set of processes waiting for an I/O device
 - Processes migrate among the various queues





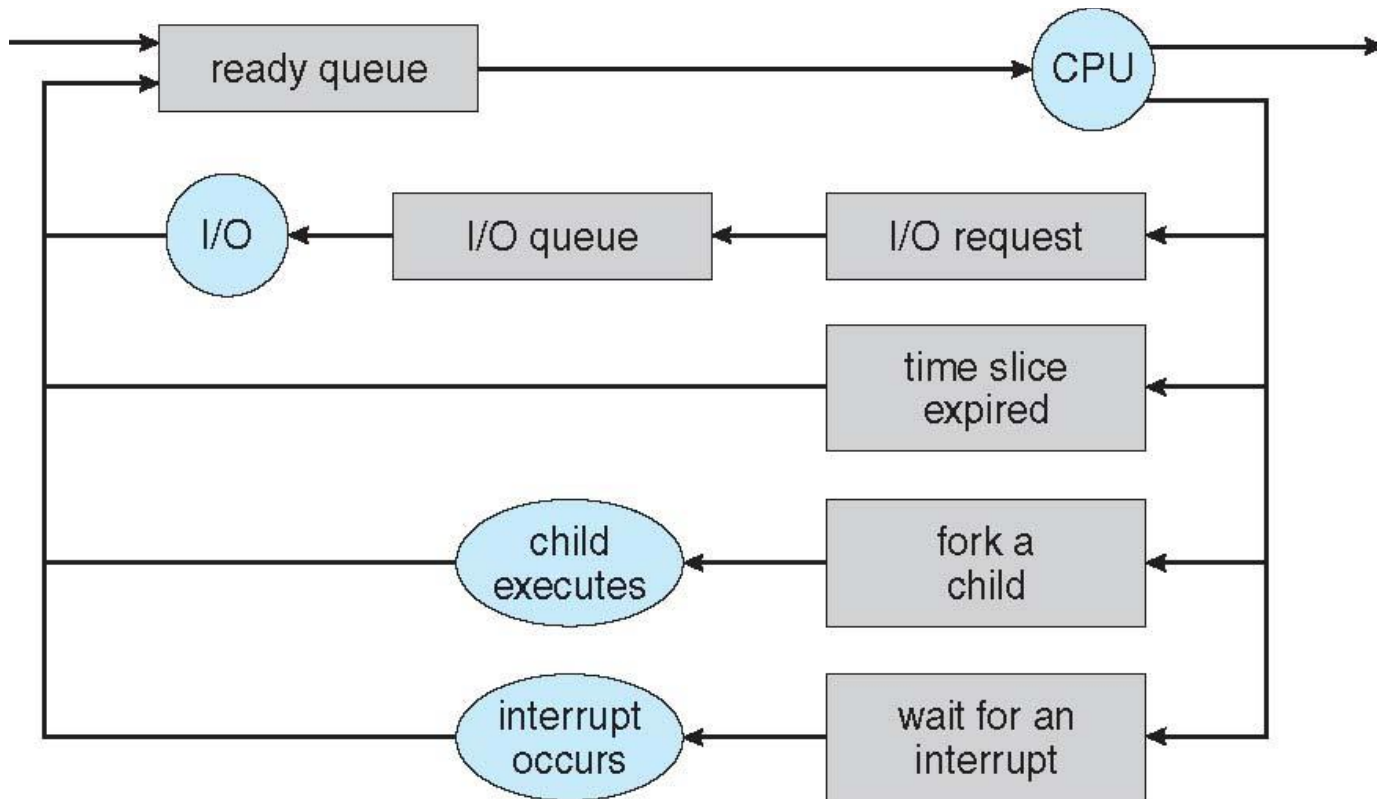
Ready Queue And Various I/O Device Queues





Representation of Process Scheduling

- **Queueing diagram** represents queues, resources, flows





Schedulers

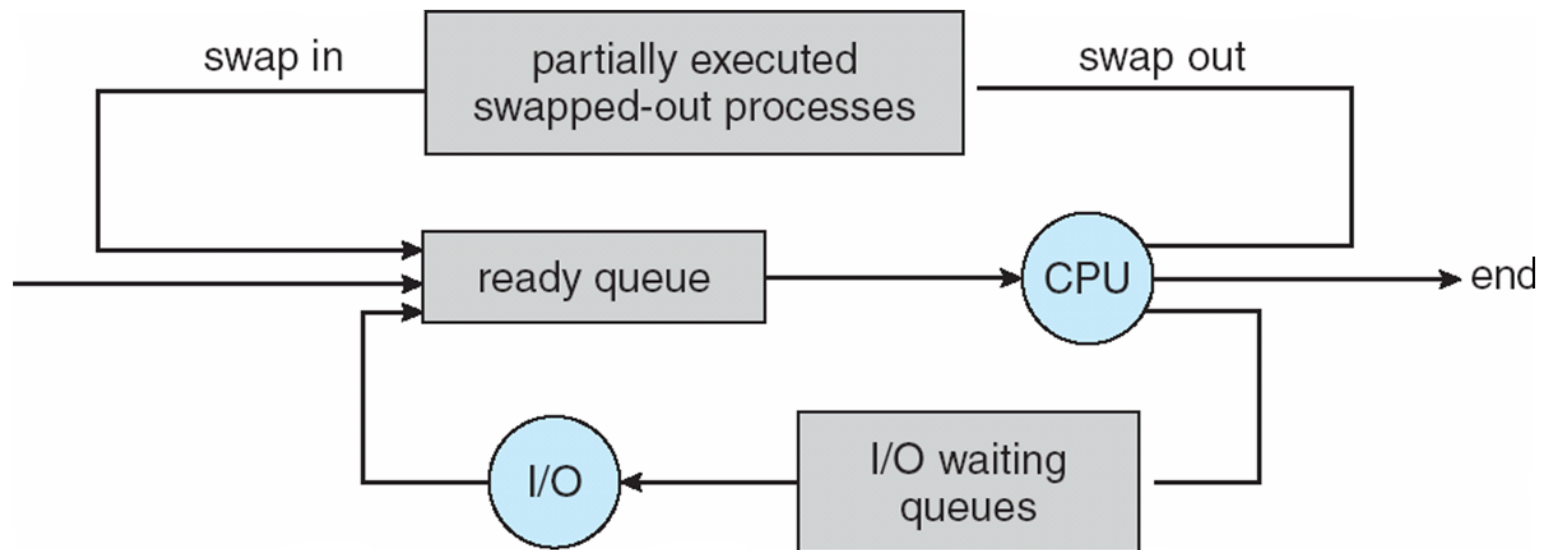
- **Short-term scheduler** (or **CPU scheduler**) – selects which process should be executed next and allocates CPU
 - Sometimes the only scheduler in a system
 - Short-term scheduler is invoked frequently (milliseconds) \Rightarrow (must be fast), TDM
 - UNIX and Windows (self-adjusting nature of human users)
- **Long-term scheduler** (or **job scheduler**) – selects which processes should be brought into the ready queue
 - Long-term scheduler is invoked infrequently (seconds, minutes) \Rightarrow (may be slow)
 - The long-term scheduler controls the **degree of multiprogramming**
 - ▶ **degree of multiprogramming** : the number of processes in memory.
- Processes can be described as either:
 - **I/O-bound process** – spends more time doing I/O than computations, many short CPU bursts
 - **CPU-bound process** – spends more time doing computations; few very long CPU bursts





Addition of Medium Term Scheduling

- **Medium-term scheduler** can be added if degree of multiple programming needs to decrease
 - Remove process from memory, store on disk, bring back in from disk to continue execution: **swapping**





Context Switch

- When CPU switches to another process, the system must **save the state** of the old process and load the **saved state** for the new process via a **context switch (state save, state restore)**
- **Context** of a process represented in the PCB
- Context-switch time is overhead; the system does no useful work while switching
 - The more complex the OS and the PCB → the longer the context switch
- Time dependent on hardware support
 - Some hardware provides multiple sets of registers per CPU → multiple contexts loaded at once

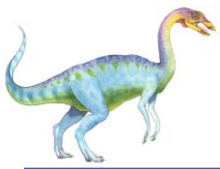




Multitasking in Mobile Systems

- ❑ Some mobile systems (e.g., early version of iOS < 4) allow only one process to run, others suspended
- ❑ Due to screen real estate, user interface limits iOS provides for a
 - ❑ Single **foreground** process- controlled via user interface
 - ❑ Multiple **background** processes– in memory, running, but not on the display, **and with limits**
 - ❑ Limits include single, short task, receiving notification of events, specific long-running tasks like audio playback
- ❑ Android runs foreground and background, with fewer **limits**
 - ❑ Background process uses a **service** to perform tasks
 - ❑ Service can keep running even if background process is suspended
 - ❑ Service has no user interface, small memory use





Operations on Processes

- System must provide mechanisms for:
 - process creation,
 - process termination,
 - and so on as detailed next





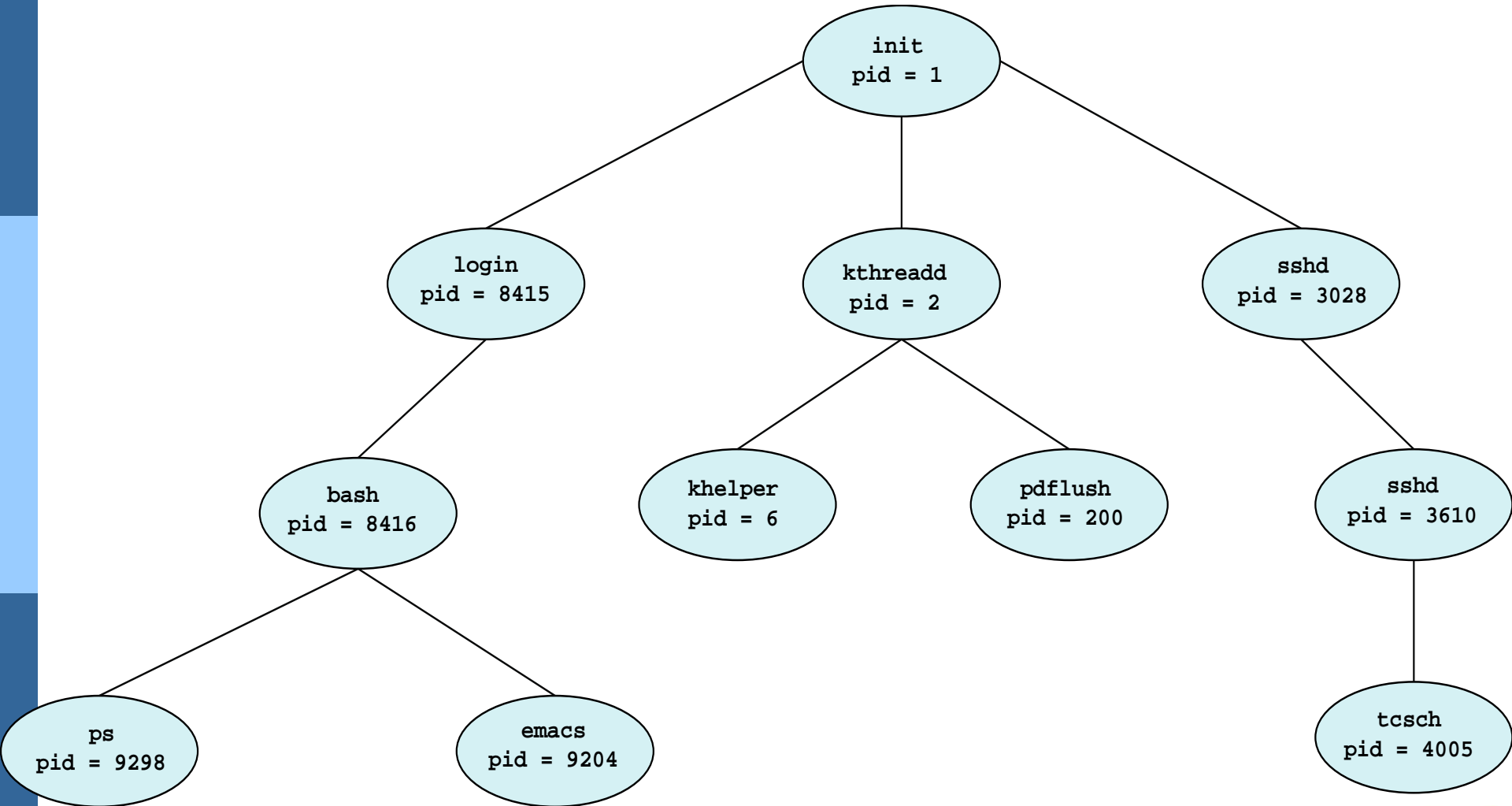
Process Creation

- ❑ **Parent** process create **children** processes, which, in turn create other processes, forming a **tree** of processes
- ❑ Generally, process identified and managed via a **process identifier (pid)**
- ❑ Resource sharing options
 - ❑ Parent and children share all resources
 - ❑ Children share subset of parent's resources
 - ❑ Parent and child share no resources
- ❑ Execution options
 - ❑ Parent and children execute concurrently
 - ❑ Parent waits until children terminate





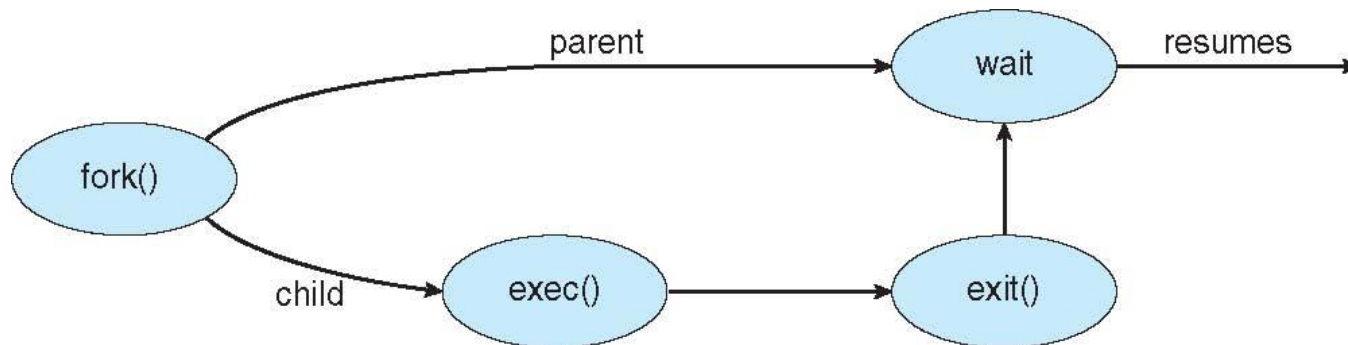
A Tree of Processes in Linux





Process Creation (Cont.)

- Address space
 - Child duplicate of parent
 - Child has a program loaded into it
- UNIX examples
 - **fork()** system call creates new process
 - **exec()** system call used after a **fork()** to replace the process' memory space with a new program





C Program Forking Separate Process

```
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <unistd.h>

int main()
{
    pid_t pid;

    /* fork a child process */
    pid = fork();

    if (pid < 0) { /* error occurred */
        fprintf(stderr, "Fork Failed");
        return 1;
    }
    else if (pid == 0) { /* child process */
        execlp("/bin/ls", "ls", NULL);
    }
    else { /* parent process */
        /* parent will wait for the child to complete */
        wait(NULL);
        printf("Child Complete");
    }

    return 0;
}
```





Creating a Separate Process via Windows API

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <windows.h>

int main(VOID)
{
    STARTUPINFO si;
    PROCESS_INFORMATION pi;

    /* allocate memory */
    ZeroMemory(&si, sizeof(si));
    si.cb = sizeof(si);
    ZeroMemory(&pi, sizeof(pi));

    /* create child process */
    if (!CreateProcess(NULL, /* use command line */
        "C:\\WINDOWS\\system32\\mspaint.exe", /* command */
        NULL, /* don't inherit process handle */
        NULL, /* don't inherit thread handle */
        FALSE, /* disable handle inheritance */
        0, /* no creation flags */
        NULL, /* use parent's environment block */
        NULL, /* use parent's existing directory */
        &si,
        &pi))
    {
        fprintf(stderr, "Create Process Failed");
        return -1;
    }
    /* parent will wait for the child to complete */
    WaitForSingleObject(pi.hProcess, INFINITE);
    printf("Child Complete");

    /* close handles */
    CloseHandle(pi.hProcess);
    CloseHandle(pi.hThread);
}
```





Process Termination

- Process executes last statement and then asks the operating system to delete it using the **exit()** system call.
 - Returns status data from child to parent (via **wait()**)
 - Process' resources are deallocated by operating system
- Parent may terminate the execution of children processes using the **abort()** system call. Some reasons for doing so:
 - Child has exceeded allocated resources
 - Task assigned to child is no longer required
 - The parent is exiting and the operating systems does not allow a child to continue if its parent terminates



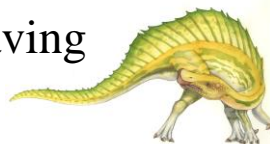


Process Termination

- ❑ Some operating systems do not allow child to exist if its parent has terminated. If a process terminates, then all its children must also be terminated.
 - ❑ **cascading termination.** All children, grandchildren, etc. are terminated.
 - ❑ The termination is initiated by the operating system.
- ❑ The parent process may wait for termination of a child process by using the `wait()` system call. The call returns status information and the pid of the terminated process

```
pid = wait(&status);
```

- ❑ If no parent waiting (did not invoke `wait()`) process is a **zombie**
 - ❑ A process that has terminated, but whose parent has not yet called `wait()`, is known as a **zombie** process
- ❑ If parent terminated without invoking `wait`, process is an **orphan**
 - ❑ a parent did not invoke `wait()` and instead terminated, thereby leaving its child processes as **orphans**





Multiprocess Architecture – Chrome Browser

- Many web browsers ran as single process (some still do)
 - If one web site causes trouble, entire browser can hang or crash
- Google Chrome Browser is multiprocess with 3 different types of processes:
 - **Browser** process manages user interface, disk and network I/O
 - **Renderer** process renders web pages, deals with HTML, Javascript. A new renderer created for each website opened
 - ▶ Runs in **sandbox** restricting disk and network I/O, minimizing effect of security exploits
 - **Plug-in** process for each type of plug-in





Interprocess Communication

- ❑ Processes within a system may be *independent* or *cooperating*
- ❑ Cooperating process can affect or be affected by other processes, including sharing data
- ❑ Reasons for cooperating processes:
 - ❑ Information sharing
 - ❑ Computation speedup
 - ❑ Modularity
 - ❑ Convenience
- ❑ Cooperating processes need **interprocess communication (IPC)**
- ❑ Two models of IPC
 - ❑ **Shared memory**
 - ❑ **Message passing**

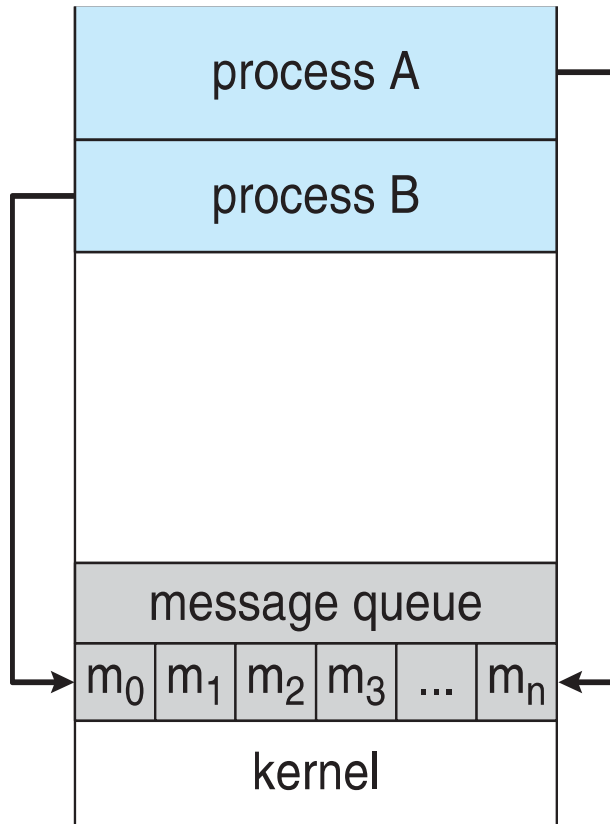




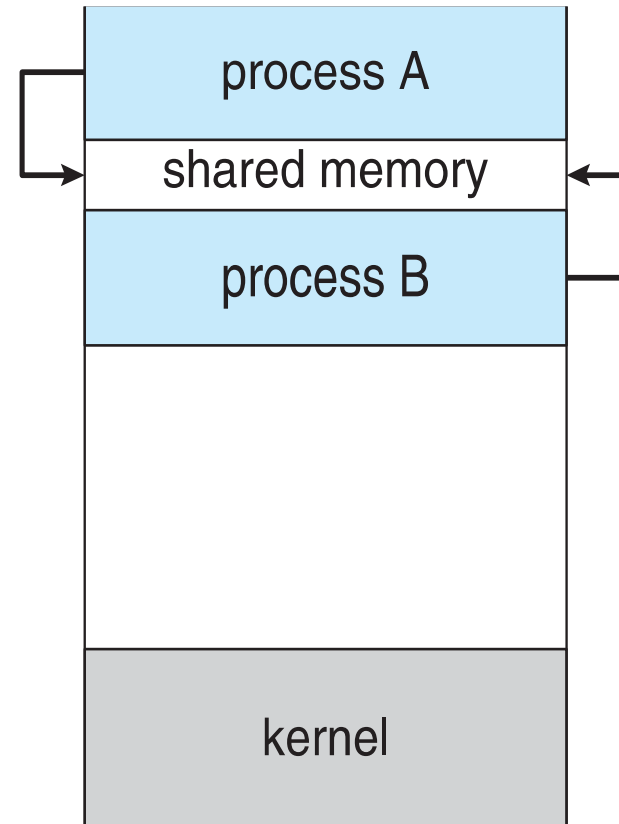
Communications Models

(a) Message passing. (b) shared memory.

message-passing systems are slow since they typically implemented using system calls and thus require the more **time-consuming task of kernel intervention**.



(a)



(b)

Shared memory can be faster than message passing. Shared memory suffers from **cache coherency** issues, which arise because shared data migrate among the several caches





Cooperating Processes

- **Independent** process cannot affect or be affected by the execution of another process
- **Cooperating** process can affect or be affected by the execution of another process
- Advantages of process cooperation
 - Information sharing
 - Computation speed-up
 - Modularity
 - Convenience





Producer-Consumer Problem

- Paradigm for cooperating processes, *producer* process produces information that is consumed by a *consumer* process
 - **unbounded-buffer** places no practical limit on the size of the buffer
 - **bounded-buffer** assumes that there is a fixed buffer size





Bounded-Buffer – Shared-Memory Solution

□ Shared data

```
#define BUFFER_SIZE 10
typedef struct {
    . . .
} item;

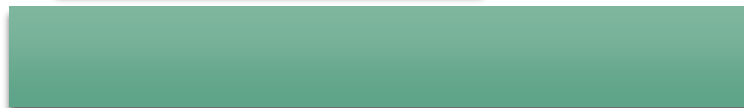
item buffer[BUFFER_SIZE];
int in = 0; // points the next free position
int out = 0; // points the first full position
```

□ Solution is correct, but can only use BUFFER_SIZE-1 elements

The buffer is empty when



The buffer is full when





Bounded-Buffer – Producer

```
item next_produced;
while (true) {
    /* produce an item in next produced */
    while (((in + 1) % BUFFER_SIZE) == out)
        ; /* do nothing */
    buffer[in] = next_produced;
    in = (in + 1) % BUFFER_SIZE;
}
```





Bounded Buffer – Consumer

```
item next_consumed;
while (true) {
    while (in == out)
        ; /* do nothing */
    next_consumed = buffer[out];
    out = (out + 1) % BUFFER_SIZE;

    /* consume the item in next consumed */
}
```





Interprocess Communication – Shared Memory

- An area of memory shared among the processes that wish to communicate
- **The communication is under the control of the users processes not the operating system.**
- **Major issues** is to provide mechanism that will allow the user processes to **synchronize their actions** when they access shared memory.
- Synchronization is discussed in great details in Chapter 5.





Interprocess Communication – Message Passing

- Mechanism for processes to communicate and to synchronize their actions
- Message system – processes communicate with each other without resorting to shared variables
- IPC facility provides two operations:
 - **send**(*message*)
 - **receive**(*message*)
- The *message* size is either fixed or variable





Message Passing (Cont.)

- If processes P and Q wish to communicate, they need to:
 - Establish a **communication link** between them
 - Exchange messages via send/receive
- Implementation issues:
 - How are links established?
 - Can a link be associated with more than two processes?
 - How many links can there be between every pair of communicating processes?
 - What is the capacity of a link?
 - Is the size of a message that the link can accommodate fixed or variable?
 - Is a link unidirectional or bi-directional?





Message Passing (Cont.)

- Implementation of communication link
 - Physical:
 - ▶ Shared memory
 - ▶ Hardware bus
 - ▶ Network
 - Logical:
 - ▶ **Direct** or **Indirect**
 - ▶ Synchronous or asynchronous
 - ▶ Automatic or explicit buffering





Direct Communication

- Processes must name each other explicitly (**Symmetry in addressing**):
 - `send(P, message)` – send a message to process P
 - `receive(Q, message)` – receive a message from process Q
- Properties of communication link
 - Links are established automatically
 - A link is associated with exactly one pair of communicating processes
 - Between each pair there exists exactly one link
 - The link may be unidirectional, but is usually bi-directional
- Processes must name each other explicitly (**Asymmetry in addressing**):
 - `send(P, message)` – send a message to process P
 - `receive(id, message)` – receive a message from any process
- Limited modularity is the problem in symmetry and asymmetry in addressing. Such **hard-coding** techniques are not desired.





Indirect Communication

- ❑ Messages are directed and received from mailboxes (also referred to as ports)
 - ❑ Each mailbox has a unique id
 - ❑ Processes can communicate **only if they share a mailbox**
- ❑ Properties of communication link
 - ❑ Link established only if processes share a common mailbox
 - ❑ A link may be associated with many processes
 - ❑ Each pair of processes may share several communication links
 - ❑ Link may be unidirectional or bi-directional

POSIX messages queues uses an integer number to identify a mailbox





Indirect Communication

- Operations
 - create a new mailbox (port)
 - send and receive messages through mailbox
 - destroy a mailbox
- Primitives are defined as:
 - send**(*A, message*) – send a message to mailbox A
 - receive**(*A, message*) – receive a message from mailbox A





Indirect Communication

- Mailbox sharing
 - P_1 , P_2 , and P_3 share mailbox A
 - P_1 , sends; P_2 and P_3 receive
 - Who gets the message?
 - ▶ Solutions
 - Allow a link to be associated with at most two processes
 - Allow only one process at a time to execute a receive operation
 - Allow the system to select arbitrarily the receiver. Sender is notified who the receiver was.





Synchronization

- Message passing may be either blocking or non-blocking
- **Blocking** is considered **synchronous**
 - **Blocking send** -- the sender is blocked until the message is received
 - **Blocking receive** -- the receiver is blocked until a message is available
- **Non-blocking** is considered **asynchronous**
 - **Non-blocking send** -- the sender sends the message and continue
 - **Non-blocking receive** -- the receiver receives:
 - A valid message, or
 - Null message





Synchronization (Cont.)

□ Producer-consumer becomes trivial

```
message next_produced;  
while (true) {  
    /* produce an item in next produced */  
    send(next_produced);  
}
```

```
message next_consumed;  
while (true) {  
    receive(next_consumed);  
  
    /* consume the item in next consumed */  
}
```





Buffering

- Queue of messages attached to the link.
- implemented in one of three ways
 1. Zero capacity – no messages are queued on a link.
Sender must wait for receiver (rendezvous)
 2. Bounded capacity – finite length of n messages
Sender must wait if link full
 3. Unbounded capacity – infinite length
Sender never waits





Examples of IPC Systems - POSIX

? POSIX Shared Memory

- ? Process first creates shared memory segment

```
shm_fd = shm_open(name, O_CREAT | O_RDWR, 0666);
```

- ? Also used to open an existing segment to share it

- ? Set the size of the object

```
ftruncate(shm_fd, 4096);
```

- ? Now the process could write to the shared memory

```
sprintf(shared_memory, "Writing to shared memory");
```





IPC POSIX Producer

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <fcntl.h>
#include <sys/shm.h>
#include <sys/stat.h>

int main()
{
    /* the size (in bytes) of shared memory object */
    const int SIZE = 4096;
    /* name of the shared memory object */
    const char *name = "OS";
    /* strings written to shared memory */
    const char *message_0 = "Hello";
    const char *message_1 = "World!";

    /* shared memory file descriptor */
    int shm_fd;
    /* pointer to shared memory object */
    void *ptr;

    /* create the shared memory object */
    shm_fd = shm_open(name, O_CREAT | O_RDWR, 0666);

    /* configure the size of the shared memory object */
    ftruncate(shm_fd, SIZE);

    /* memory map the shared memory object */
    ptr = mmap(0, SIZE, PROT_WRITE, MAP_SHARED, shm_fd, 0);

    /* write to the shared memory object */
    sprintf(ptr,"%s",message_0);
    ptr += strlen(message_0);
    sprintf(ptr,"%s",message_1);
    ptr += strlen(message_1);

    return 0;
}
```





IPC POSIX Consumer

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{
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    const int SIZE = 4096;
    /* name of the shared memory object */
    const char *name = "OS";
    /* shared memory file descriptor */
    int shm_fd;
    /* pointer to shared memory object */
    void *ptr;

    /* open the shared memory object */
    shm_fd = shm_open(name, O_RDONLY, 0666);

    /* memory map the shared memory object */
    ptr = mmap(0, SIZE, PROT_READ, MAP_SHARED, shm_fd, 0);

    /* read from the shared memory object */
    printf("%s", (char *)ptr);

    /* remove the shared memory object */
    shm_unlink(name);

    return 0;
}
```





Examples of IPC Systems - Mach

- Mach communication is message based
 - Even system calls are messages
 - Each task gets two mailboxes at creation- Kernel and Notify
 - Only three system calls needed for message transfer
`msg_send()` , `msg_receive()` , `msg_rpc()`
 - Mailboxes needed for communication, created via
`port_allocate()`
 - Send and receive are flexible, for example four options if mailbox full:
 - ▶ Wait indefinitely
 - ▶ Wait at most n milliseconds
 - ▶ Return immediately
 - ▶ Temporarily cache a message





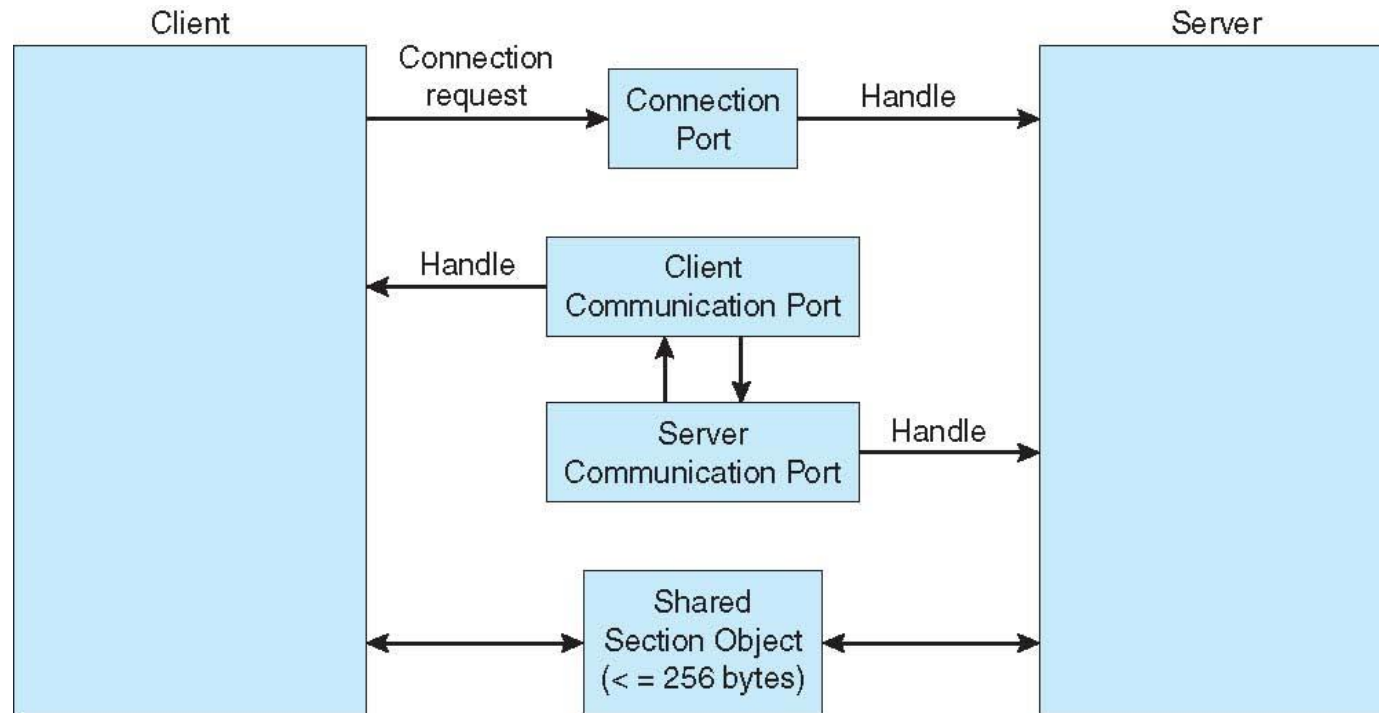
Examples of IPC Systems – Windows

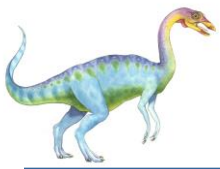
- Message-passing centric via **advanced local procedure call (LPC)** facility
 - Only works between processes on the same system
 - Uses ports (like mailboxes) to establish and maintain communication channels
 - Communication works as follows:
 - ▶ The client opens a handle to the subsystem's **connection port** object.
 - ▶ The client sends a connection request.
 - ▶ The server creates two private **communication ports** and returns the handle to one of them to the client.
 - ▶ The client and server use the corresponding port handle to send messages or callbacks and to listen for replies.





Local Procedure Calls in Windows





Communications in Client-Server Systems

- Sockets
- Remote Procedure Calls
- Pipes
- Remote Method Invocation (Java)





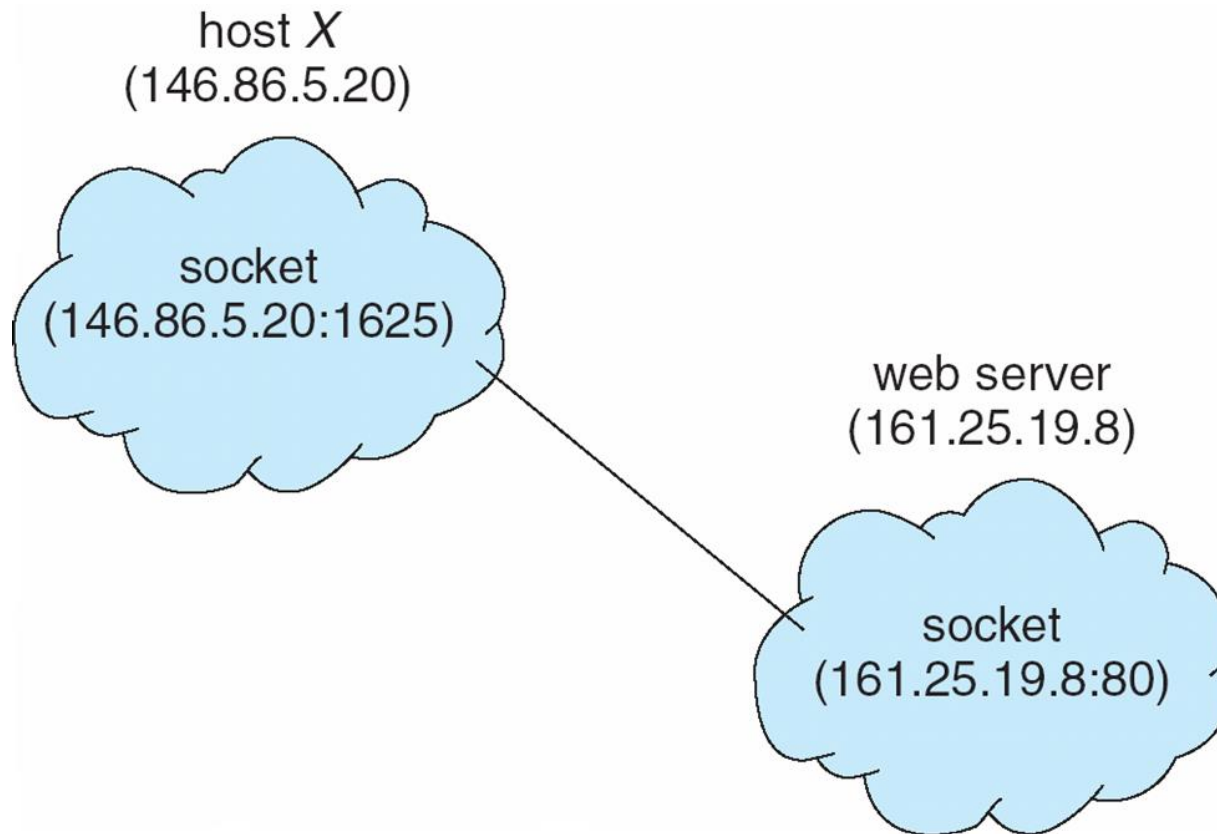
Sockets

- A **socket** is defined as an endpoint for communication
- Concatenation of IP address and **port** – a number included at start of message packet to differentiate network services on a host
- The socket **161.25.19.8:1625** refers to port **1625** on host **161.25.19.8**
- Communication consists between a pair of sockets
- All ports below 1024 are **well known**, used for standard services
- Special IP address 127.0.0.1 (**loopback**) to refer to system on which process is running





Socket Communication





Sockets in Java

- Three types of sockets
 - **Connection-oriented (TCP)**
 - **Connectionless (UDP)**
 - **MulticastSocket** class— data can be sent to multiple recipients
- Consider this “Date” server:

```
import java.net.*;
import java.io.*;

public class DateServer
{
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        try {
            ServerSocket sock = new ServerSocket(6013);

            /* now listen for connections */
            while (true) {
                Socket client = sock.accept();

                PrintWriter pout = new
                    PrintWriter(client.getOutputStream(), true);

                /* write the Date to the socket */
                pout.println(new java.util.Date().toString());

                /* close the socket and resume */
                /* listening for connections */
                client.close();
            }
        }
        catch (IOException ioe) {
            System.err.println(ioe);
        }
    }
}
```





Remote Procedure Calls

- Remote procedure call (RPC) abstracts procedure calls between processes on networked systems
 - Again uses ports for service differentiation
- **Stubs** – client-side proxy for the actual procedure on the server
- The client-side stub locates the server and **marshalls** the parameters
- The server-side stub receives this message, unpacks the marshalled parameters, and performs the procedure on the server
- On Windows, stub code compile from specification written in **Microsoft Interface Definition Language (MIDL)**





Remote Procedure Calls (Cont.)

- Data representation handled via **External Data Representation (XDL)** format to account for different architectures
 - **Big-endian** and **little-endian**
- Remote communication has more failure scenarios than local
- OS typically provides a rendezvous (or **matchmaker**) service to connect client and server





RPC Example

```
function get_url($request_url) {  
    $ch = curl_init();  
    curl_setopt($ch, CURLOPT_URL, $request_url);  
    curl_setopt($ch, CURLOPT_CONNECTTIMEOUT, 10);  
    curl_setopt($ch, CURLOPT_RETURNTRANSFER, 1);  
    $response = curl_exec($ch);  
    curl_close($ch);  
  
    return $response;  
}
```

This sends a GET request. You can then use:

```
$request_url = 'http://myserver /listening_page.php?function=myfunction&sechash=HASH';  
$response = get_url($request_url);
```





Pipes

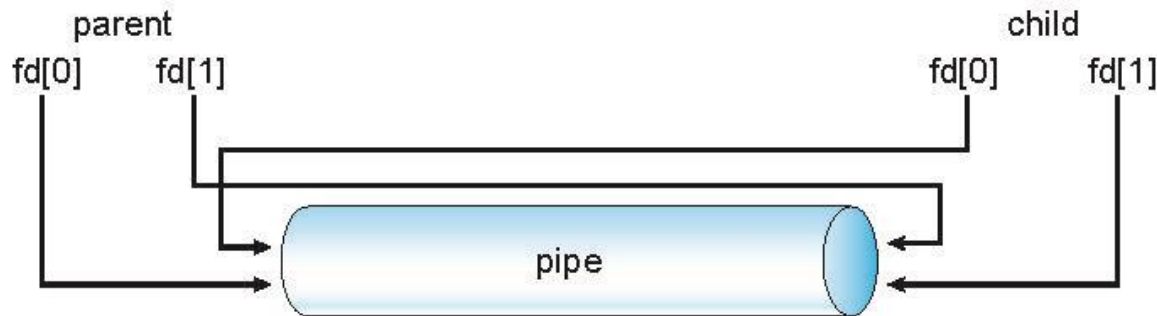
- Acts as a conduit allowing two processes to communicate
- Issues:
 - Is communication unidirectional or bidirectional?
 - In the case of two-way communication, is it half or full-duplex?
 - Must there exist a relationship (i.e., **parent-child**) between the communicating processes?
 - Can the pipes be used over a network?
- Ordinary pipes – cannot be accessed from outside the process that created it. Typically, a parent process creates a pipe and uses it to communicate with a child process that it created.
- Named pipes – can be accessed without a parent-child relationship.





Ordinary Pipes

- ❑ Ordinary Pipes allow communication in standard producer-consumer style
- ❑ Producer writes to one end (the **write-end** of the pipe)
- ❑ Consumer reads from the other end (the **read-end** of the pipe)
- ❑ Ordinary pipes are therefore unidirectional
- ❑ Require parent-child relationship between communicating processes



- ❑ Windows calls these **anonymous pipes**
- ❑ See Unix and Windows code samples in textbook





```
// C program to demonstrate use of fork() and pipe()
#include<stdio.h>
#include<stdlib.h>
#include<unistd.h>
#include<sys/types.h>
#include<string.h>
#include<sys/wait.h>

int main()
{
    // We use two pipes
    // First pipe to send input string from parent
    // Second pipe to send concatenated string from child

    int fd1[2]; // Used to store two ends of first pipe
    int fd2[2]; // Used to store two ends of second pipe

    char fixed_str[] = "forgeeks.org";
    char input_str[100];
    pid_t p;

    if (pipe(fd1)==-1)
    {
        fprintf(stderr, "Pipe Failed" );
        return 1;
    }
    if (pipe(fd2)==-1)
    {
        fprintf(stderr, "Pipe Failed" );
        return 1;
    }

    scanf("%s", input_str);
    p = fork();

    if (p < 0)
    {
        fprintf(stderr, "fork Failed" );
        return 1;
    }
}
```

```
// Parent process
else if (p > 0)
{
    char concat_str[100];

    close(fd1[0]); // Close reading end of first pipe

    // Write input string and close writing end of first
    // pipe.
    write(fd1[1], input_str, strlen(input_str)+1);
    close(fd1[1]);

    // Wait for child to send a string
    wait(NULL);

    close(fd2[1]); // Close writing end of second pipe

    // Read string from child, print it and close
    // reading end.
    read(fd2[0], concat_str, 100);
    printf("Concatenated string %s\n", concat_str);
    close(fd2[0]);
}

// child process
else
{
    close(fd1[1]); // Close writing end of first pipe

    // Read a string using first pipe
    char concat_str[100];
    read(fd1[0], concat_str, 100);

    // Concatenate a fixed string with it
    int k = strlen(concat_str);
    int i;
    for (i=0; i<strlen(fixed_str); i++)
        concat_str[k++] = fixed_str[i];

    concat_str[k] = '\0'; // string ends with '\0'

    // Close both reading ends
    close(fd1[0]);
    close(fd2[0]);

    // Write concatenated string and close writing end
    write(fd2[1], concat_str, strlen(concat_str)+1);
    close(fd2[1]);

    exit(0);
}
}
```



Named Pipes

- ❑ Named Pipes are more powerful than ordinary pipes
- ❑ Communication is bidirectional
- ❑ No parent-child relationship is necessary between the communicating processes
- ❑ Several processes can use the named pipe for communication
- ❑ Provided on both UNIX and Windows systems



End of Chapter 3

