

① Difference between user-level vs kernel-level threads

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| (i) user-level threads are managed without kernel support by the run-time system | (i) kernel-level threads are supported and managed by operating system. |
| (ii) The scheduler cannot schedule the process properly as the kernel is unaware of user level threads | (ii) The scheduler handles the process better as the kernel is fully aware of kernel-level threads. |
| (iii) user-level threads are faster to create | (iii) Kernel-level threads are slower to create. |
| (iv) user level threads are more efficient | (iv) kernel level threads are not so efficient |
| (v) The context switching time is less | (v) The context switching time is more |
| (vi) user level thread cannot take full advantage of multiprocessors. | (vi) kernel-level threads take full advantage of multiprocessors. |

② Difference between process and thread:

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| (i) Process means any program in execution | (i) Thread means a segment of a process. |
| (2) The process takes more time to terminate. | (ii) The thread takes less time to terminate |
| (3) It takes more time for creation. | (iii) It takes less time for creation. |

(4) It also takes more time for context switching

(4) It takes less time for context switching

(5) The process is isolated

(5) ~~The~~ Threads share memory

(6) The process does not share any data with each other.

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Amdahl's law

→ Amdahl's law is a formula that shows the theoretical maximum speed up for a program when multiple processors or cores are added to a system. It was named after computer architect Gene Amdahl.

$$\text{Speed up} = 1 / [(1 - P) + (P/n)]$$

where

P is the percentage of the program that can be parallelized

n is the number of processors or cores