Round Robin

- ▶ Decision Mode: Pre-emptive; Selection Function: Constant
- Uses preemption based on a clock
 - ▶ also known as time slicing, because each process is given a slice of time before being preempted.

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- ► Clock interrupt is generated at periodic intervals
- ▶ When an interrupt occurs, the currently running process is placed in the ready queue
 - ▶ Next ready job is selected

Pros and Cons

Advantages

- ▶ Fair (Each process gets a fair chance to run on the CPU)
- ► Faster response time

Disadvantages

- ▶ Increased process and mode switching
- ▶ Turnaround time typically larger than SRTF

Major Design Issue

- ▶ Selecting the value of time quantum (q)
- ▶ Performance depends on quantum q
 - ▶ Small q: Overhead due to Process switches (& scheduling) q should be large wrt process-switching time
 - ► Large q: Behaves like FCFS rule of thumb: 80% of bursts should be shorter than q (also improves turnaround time)

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