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Threads examples
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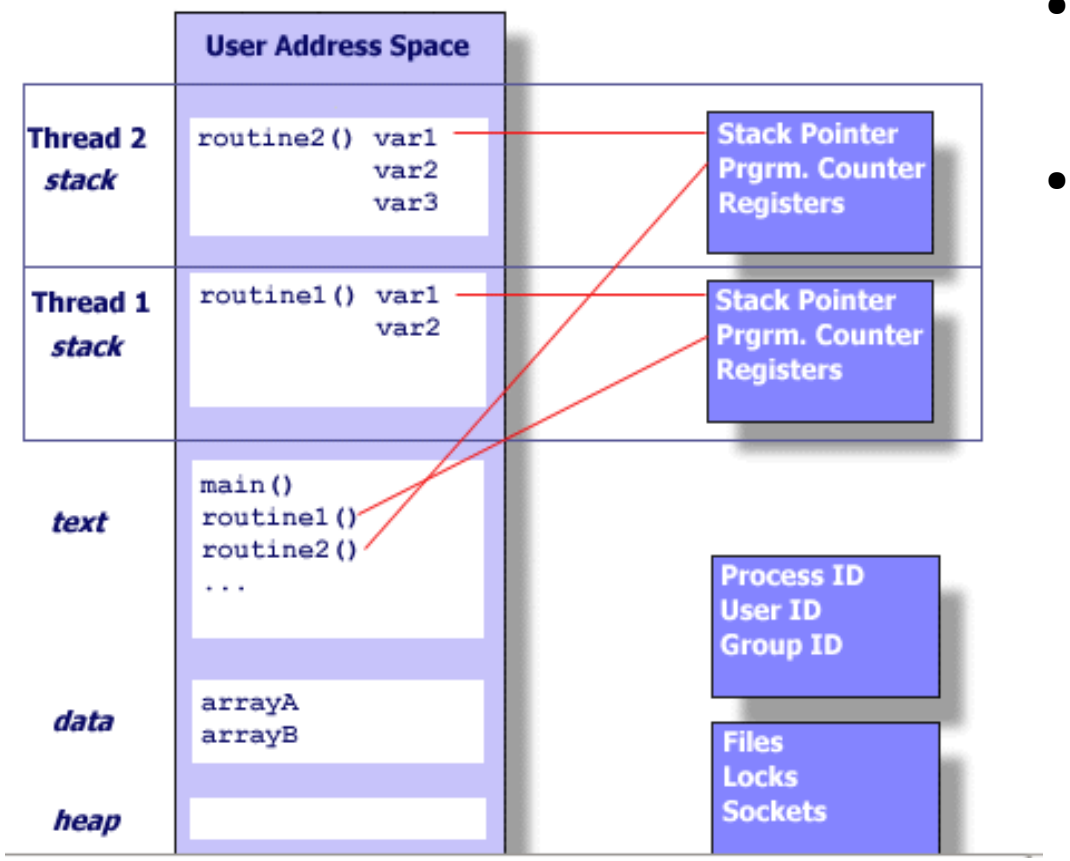
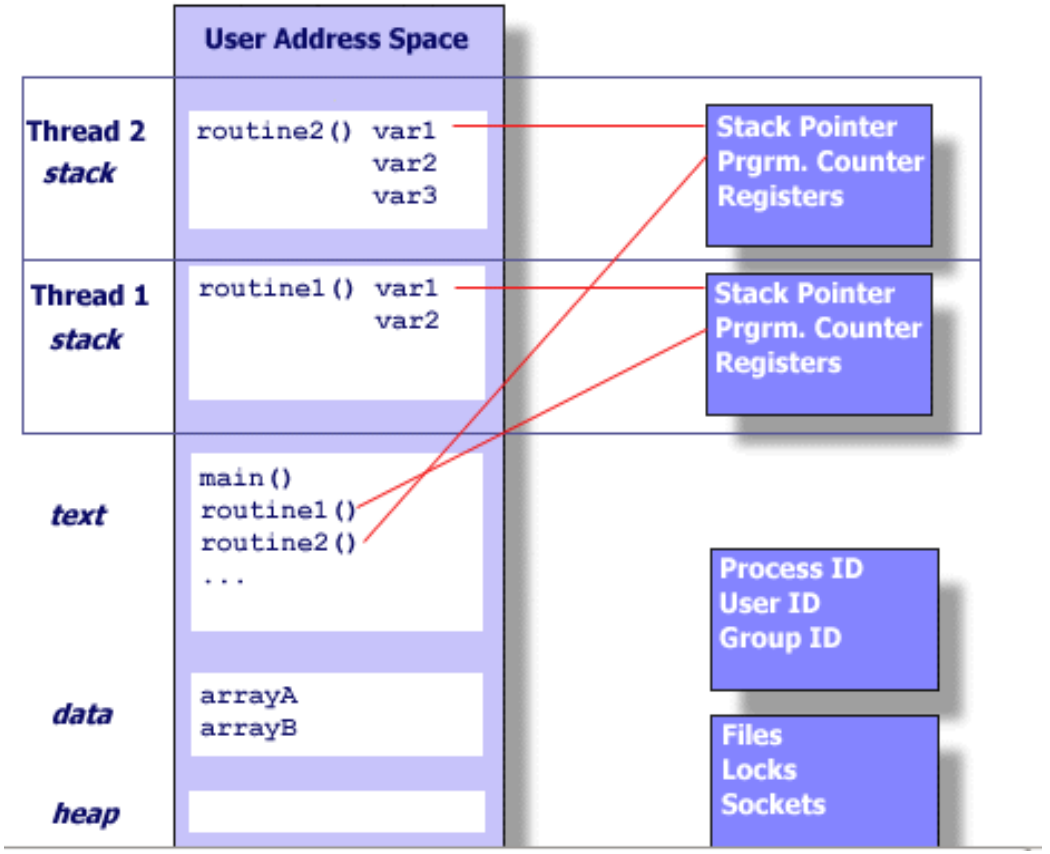
What is a thread(1/3)

- A "procedure" that runs independently from its main program



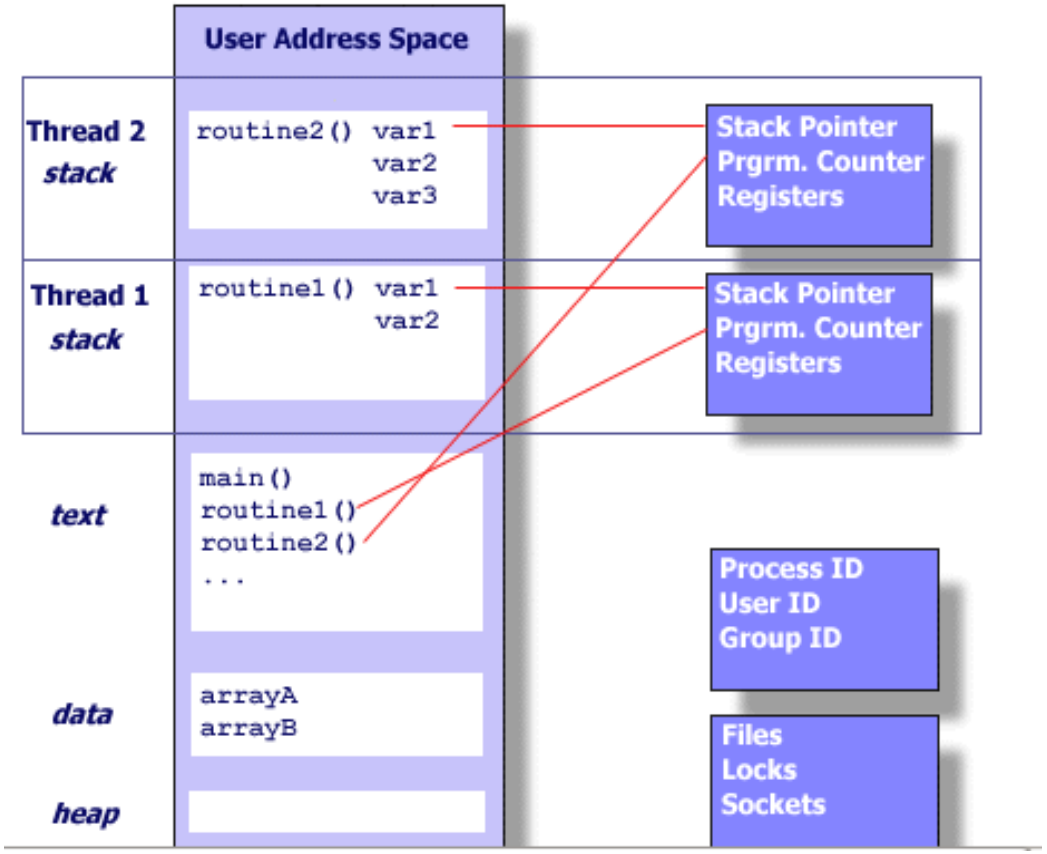
- Can be considered as lightweight processes
- Threads use and exist within these process resources, yet are able to be scheduled by the operating system and run as independent entities because they duplicate only the bare essential resources that enable them to exist as executable code.

What is a thread(2/3)



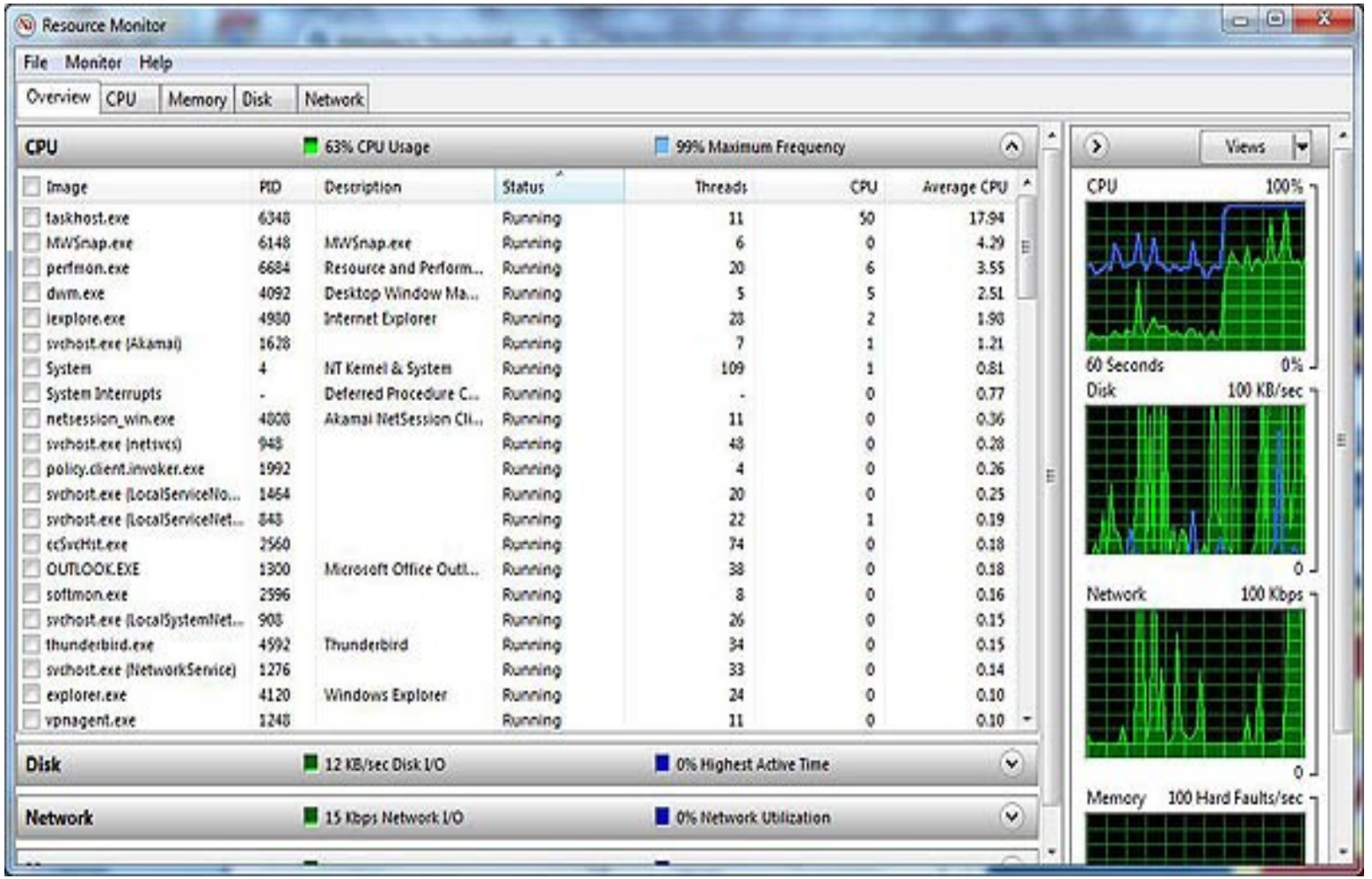
- a thread maintains its own:
  - Stack pointer
  - Registers
  - Scheduling properties (such as policy or priority)
  - Set of pending and blocked signals
  - Thread specific data.

What is a thread(3/3)



- in summary, in the UNIX environment a thread:
  - Exists within a process and uses the process resources
  - Has its own independent flow of control as long as its parent process exists and the OS supports it
  - Duplicates only the essential resources it needs to be independently schedulable
  - May share the process resources with other threads that act equally independently (and dependently)
  - Dies if the parent process dies - or something similar
  - Is "lightweight" because most of the overhead has already been accomplished through the creation of its process.

MS windows using threads



Server Thread example.c

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// When accepting a new connection create a thread to handle it
While (1){
    client_sock=accept(socket_desc,(struct sockaddr*)&client(socklen_t*)&c))
    if( pthread_create( &thread , NULL , conn_handler,(void*) new_sock) <0){
            perror("could not create thread");
            return 1;
    }
    .
    .
    .
}

void *connection_handler(void *socket_desc){
      char  sendBuff[100], client_message[2000];

      while((n=recv(sock,client_message,2000,0))>0){
         send(sock,client_message,n,0);
      }
}
```

- Due to Recv been a blocking function in order to keep the server functioning and accepting new connections an independent thread is created to serve the client which just connected.
- More thread examples and various problems on the .c and python files. Look both

Server thread python example

```
while 1:
    #accept connections from outside
    (clientsocket,address)=serversocket.accept()
    #now do something with the clientsocket
    ct = thread(connection_handler)
    ct.run()


def connection_handler:
        .
        .
        .
```