



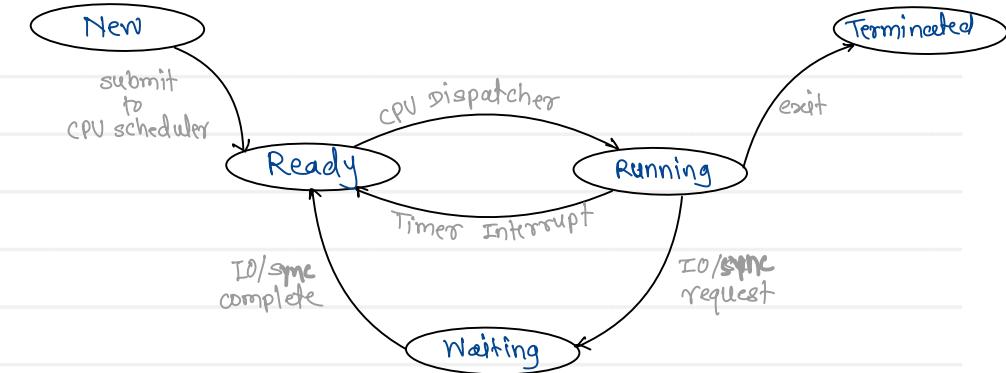
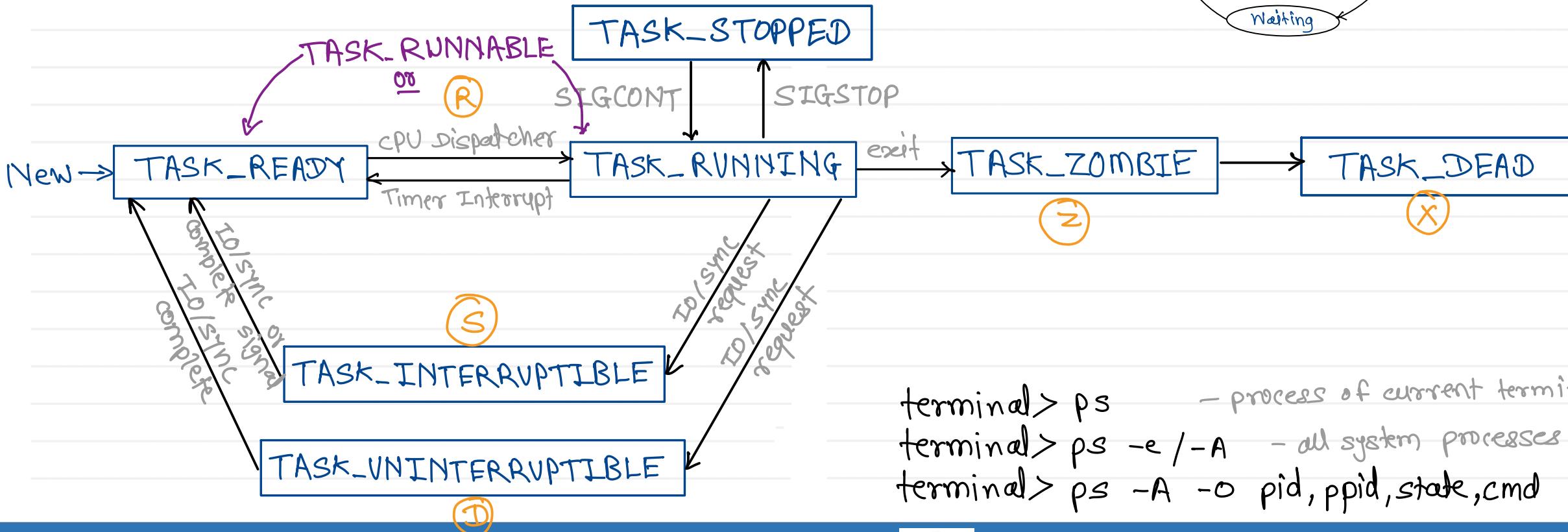
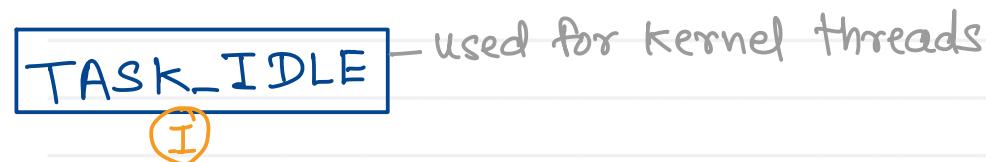
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Module - Embedded Operating System

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Linux process life cycle



terminal> ps — process of current terminal
 terminal> ps -e / -A — all system processes
 terminal> ps -A -o pid,ppid,state,cmd

exit() vs _exit()

exit()

- C library function
- stdio.h
- internally calls _exit()
- & perform C runtime cleanup

_exit()

- system call
- unistd.h
- release process resources (memory, file....) and writes exit status in its PCB

wait() vs waitpid()

wait()

- 1> block execution of current process until one of its child is terminated.
- 2> after child is terminated, get its exit status from its PCB & put it into out parameter.
- 3> release PCB of child.

waitpid()

- similar to wait(), but wait for a given child (pid - arg1) & given flags (default=0)

$\text{waitpid}(-1, \&s, 0) \Leftrightarrow \text{wait}(\&s)$

↑
any child ↑
no flags

main.out

Exe headers
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sym tbl

exec()

exec0!.out

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fork()

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child process

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Loader

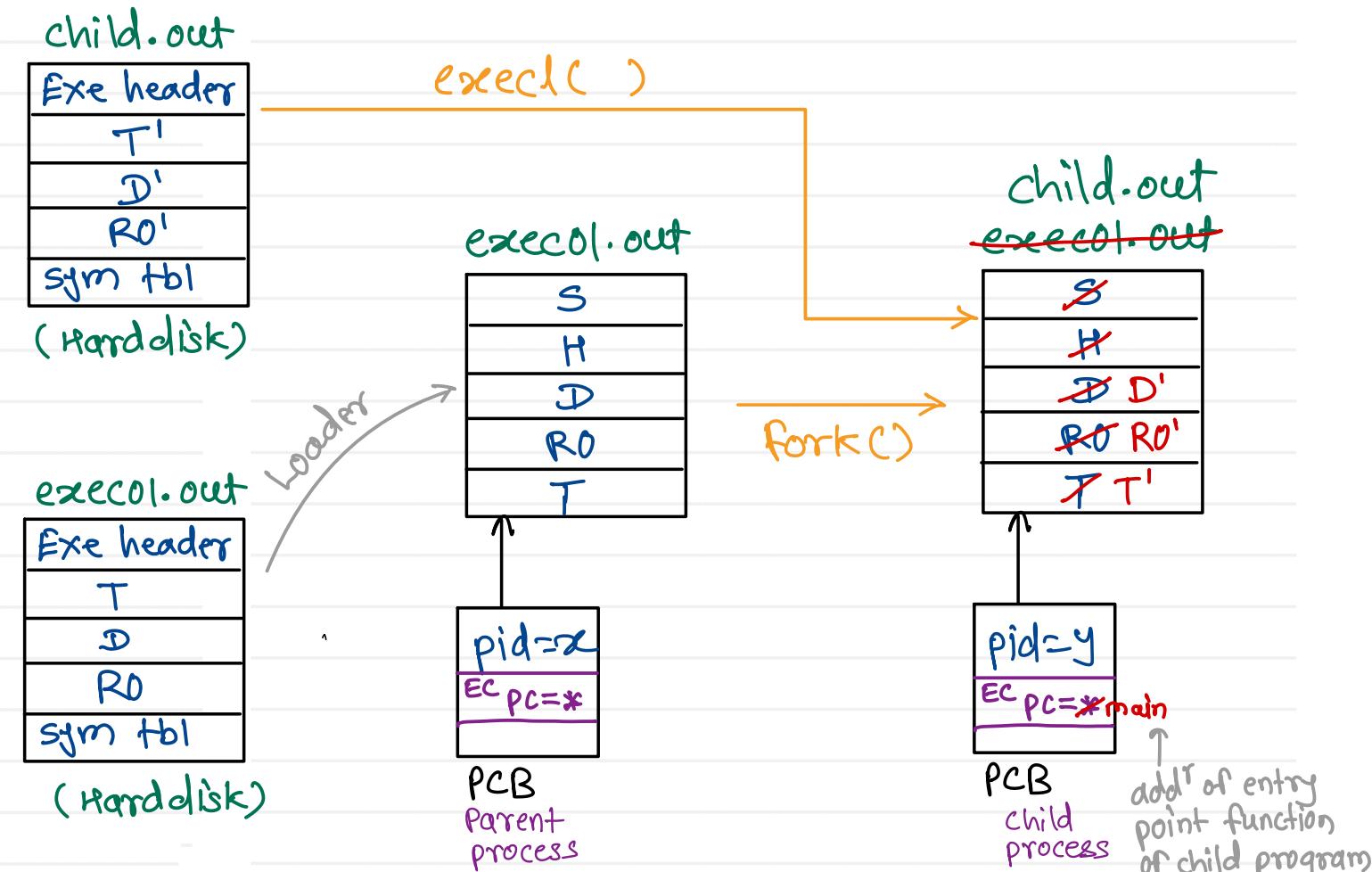
Parent process

exec() syscall

- exec() loads a new program in calling process memory by replacing old program image.

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#include<stdio.h>
#include<unistd.h>
#include<sys/wait.h>

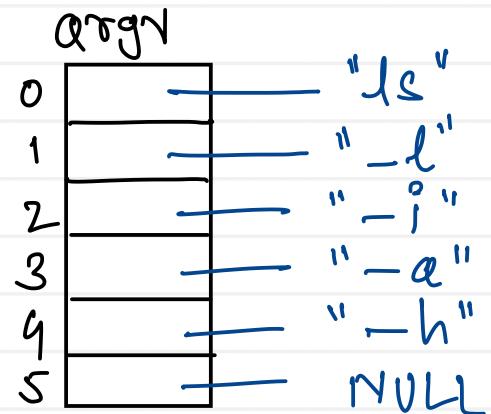
int main() {
    int pid, ret, s;
    pid = fork();
    if (pid == 0) {
        ret = exec("/path/of/child", args);
        if (ret < 0)
            printf("exec() failed");
        _exit(-1);
    } else
        waitpid(ret, &s, 0);
    return 0;
}
```



shell \$ ls -l -i -a -h

program : ls

cmd line args : ls, -l, -i, -a, -h, NULL



int execve(pathname, argv[], envp[])

pathname : path of program
argv : array of cmd line args
envp : array of env vars.



exec() family functions

exec() lib functions (3)

1> exec()

2> execv()

3> execvp()

4> execvpc()

5> execle()

6> execvpe()

exec() sys call (2)

7> execve()

l - variable arg list

v - variable arg vector/array

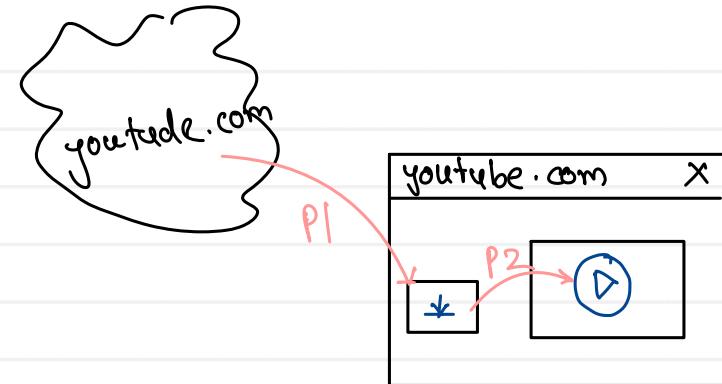
p - find exe in PATH var automatically.

e - env parameters

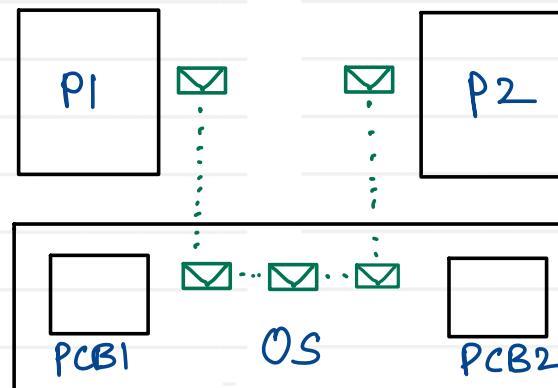
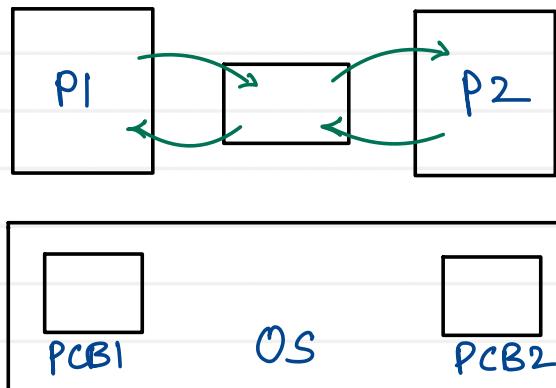
1. ret = execl("exePath", "exeName", "arg1", ... - NULL);
2. char *args[] = {"exeName", "arg1", ... - NULL};
ret = execv("exePath", args);
3. ret = execlp("exeName", "exeName", "arg1", ... - NULL);
4. char *args[] = {"exeName", "arg1", ... - NULL};
ret = execvpc("exeName", args);
5. char *envp[] = {"K1=V1", "K2=V2", ... , NULL};
ret = execle("exePath", "exeName", "arg1", ... - NULL, envp);
6. ret = execve("exePath", args, envp);
7. ret = execvpe("exeName", args, envp);



- single system can have multiple processes running together (multitasking)
- those processes can communicate / share / exchange information through IPC mechanisms .
- OS provides few ways to do commⁿ .



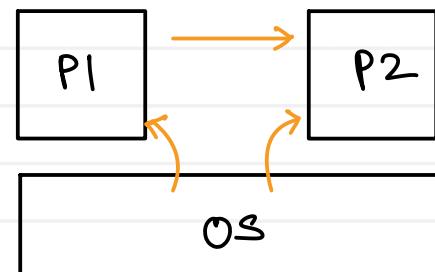
i) Shared Memory model ii) Message Passing Model



- Linux IPC**
- i. Shared Memory
 - 2. Signal
 - 3. Message queue
 - 4. pipe
 - 5. socket

Signal

- set of predefined signals which processes need to follow.
- approximate 64 signals are available
terminal > kill -l → list of all signal



kill/pkill - used to send signals to the processes

terminal> kill -signo PID → process ID

terminal> kill -signame PID → process ID

terminal> pkill -signo cmd → process name

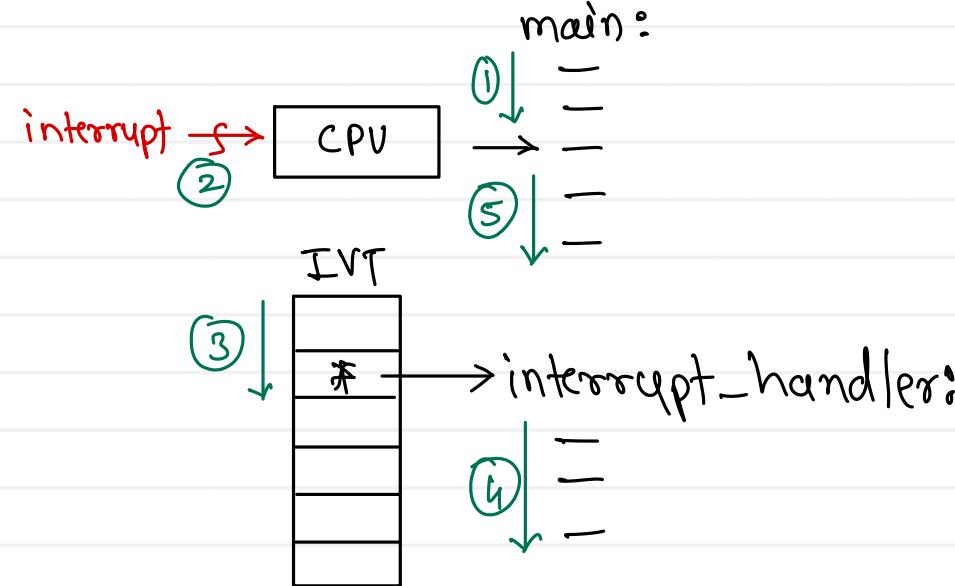
terminal> pkill -signame cmd → process name

- both commands internally calls kill() system call
kill(pid, sig)

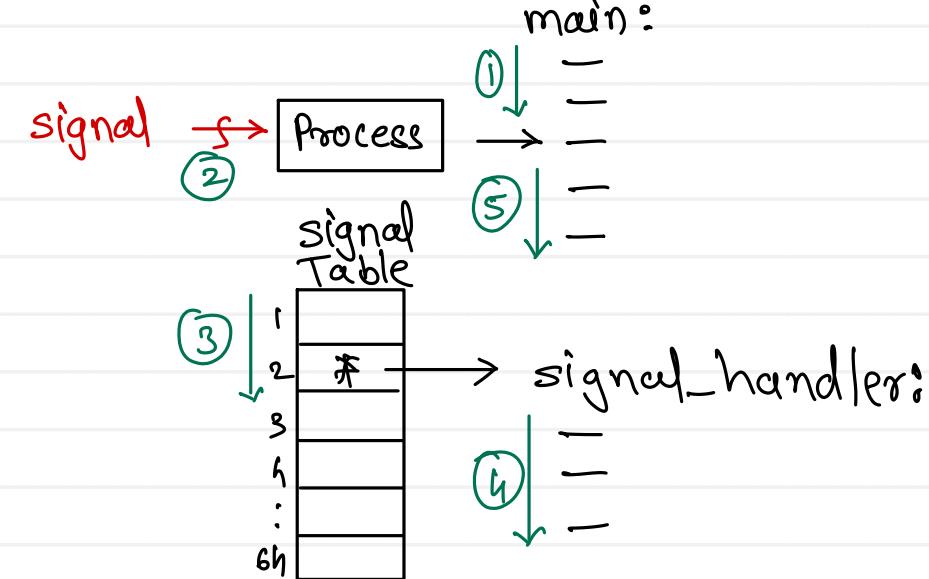
- 1) SIGHUP - send to processes of terminal when we close it
- 2) SIGINT - used to interrupt process
ctrl + C : terminate
- 3) SIGKILL - used to terminate forcefully.
- 11) SIGSEGV - on invalid memory access
core dump
- 15) SIGTERM - used to terminate process
(process gets chance to release resources)
- 17) SIGCHLD - when child terminates, it is given to parent (ignore)
- 19) SIGSTOP - pause/suspend the process
ctrl + S : stopped
- 18) SIGCONT - resume the process
ctrl + Q : continued.

Signal

- signals are software counter part of hardware interrupts



step 1: implement interrupt handler
step 2: register your interrupt handler



step 1: implement signal handler
void my_sighandler(int);

step 2: register your signal handler
signal(signum, my_sighandler)



Thank you!!!

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