

Interprocess Communication

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> logical: direct or indirect, synchronous or asynchronous, automatic or explicit

buffering

1. Buffering	Queue of messages attached to the link Three ways: > zero capacity: no messages are queued on a link sender must wait for the receiver > bounded capacity: finite length of n messages >unbounded: infinite length	5. Naming: Direct communication (properties)	Must name each other exylicitly: > send(P, Message); send message to p Properties > links are established automatically > a link is associated to one pair of communicating processes > between each pair there exists exactly one link > the link may be unidirectional, but
2. Communications in client-server systems	Sockets > endpoint for communcation (161.25.19.8:1625) Remote Procedure calls > used between systems with network connections pipes > allows two processes to communicate Unix signals >used to notify the process of an event	6. Producer	usually bi-directional Unbounded: no practical limit on the size
		Consumer buffers	of the buffer Bounded: assumes that there is a fixed buffer size
		7. Shared Memory	 Area of memory shored among the processes that wish to communicate Communication is under the control of the users processes not the OS
3. Indirect Communication (properties of communication link)	Messages are directed to and received from mailboxes > each mailbox has a unique id Properties > link is 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 > may be unidirectional or bi-directional	8. Synchronizaton	Message passing may be either blocking or non blocking > blocking is synchronous >>> sending or receiving blocks > non-blocking is considered asynchronous
		9. Two models of IPC	Shared Memory Message Passing
		10. Types of Pipes	Ordinary Allows communication in standard
4. Message passing (2 steps, implementation)	Processes communicate with each other without restoring to shared variables. > if Processes p and q wish to communicate they need to: >>> establish a Communication link between them >>> exchange messages via send/receive		producer consumer style > producer writes to one end, consumer reads from the other end > requires parent-child relationship Named > no parent-child relationship needed > several processes can use the same named pipe
	Implementation > physical: memory hardware bus, network		