Operating System Principles

操作系统原理



Process&Thread Concepts

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Objectives

- Execution of Program
- Process Concept
- Thread Concept



Execution of Program

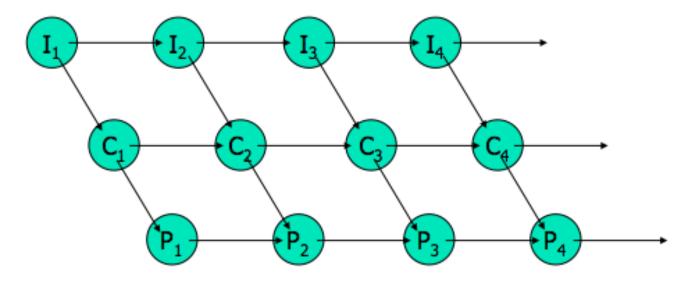
- Program
 - I(Input) , C(Compute) , P(Print)
- Type I
 - sequential processes





Execution of Program

- Program
 - I(Input) , C(Compute) , P(Print)
- Type II
 - concurrent processes





Multi-Programming

- Program
 - Program
 - Job
 - Task
 - ...
- Concurrent
 - Single CPU: Pseudo 伪 parallelism
 - Multiprocessor: Parallelism



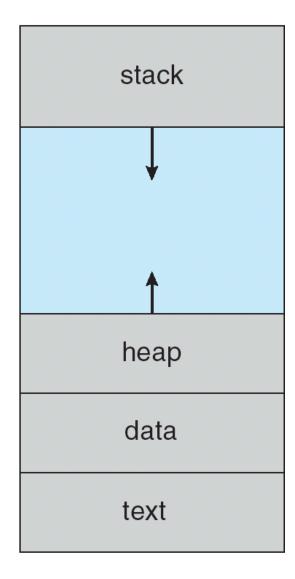
Process

- A process is just an instance of an executing program
- Including the current values of the program counter, registers, and variables
- Virtual CPU
- Main Memory
- Kernel Objects



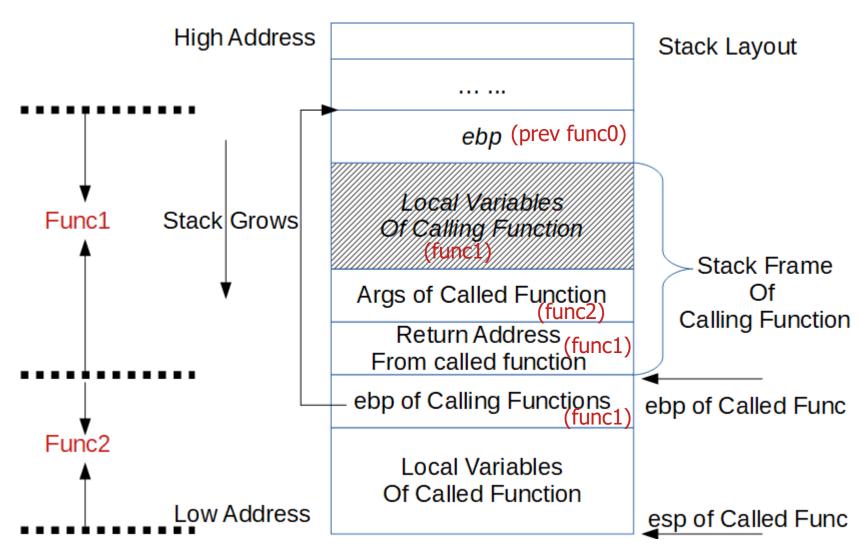
Process in Memory

max





Stack Frame of Function





Multi-Processes

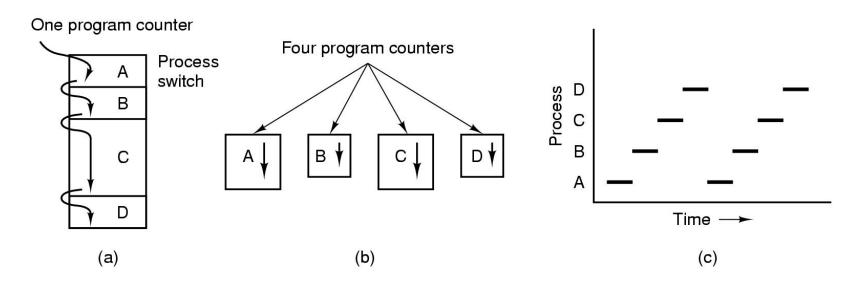


Figure 2-1. (a) Multiprogramming of four programs. (b) Conceptual model of four independent, sequential processes. (c) Only one program is active at once.

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Program v.s. Process

- Program v.s. Process
 - Recipe 菜谱 v.s. Cooking 烹调





Process Creation

- Four principal events
 - System initialization
 - Execution of a process creation system call by a running process
 - A user request to create a new process
 - Initiation of a batch job
- Functions
 - UNIX: fork, execve
 - Windows(Win32):CreateProcess



C Program Forking Separate Process

```
int main()
pid t pid;
   /* fork another process */
   pid = fork();
   if (pid < 0) { /* error occurred */</pre>
        fprintf(stderr, "Fork Failed");
        exit(-1);
   else if (pid == 0) { /* child process */
        execlp("/bin/ls", "ls", NULL);
   else { /* parent process */
        /* parent will wait for the child to
   complete */
        wait (NULL);
        printf ("Child Complete");
    printf("ok");
```



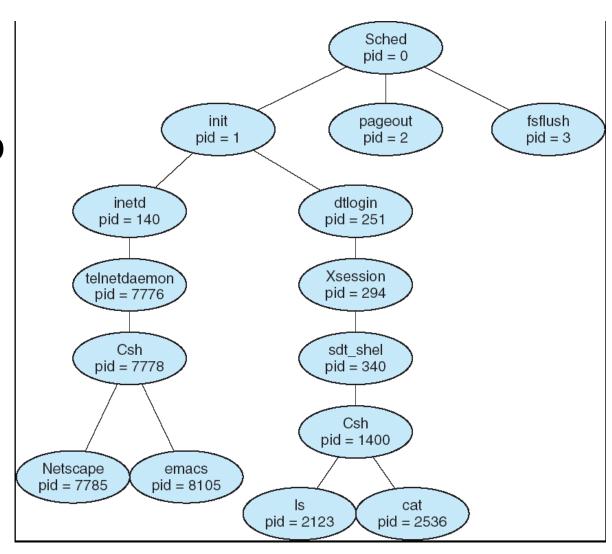
Process Termination

- Events which cause process termination
 - Normal exit (voluntary)
 - Error exit (voluntary)
 - Fatal error (involuntary)
 - Killed by another (involuntary)



Process Hierarchies

- UNIX
 - Tree
 - Process group





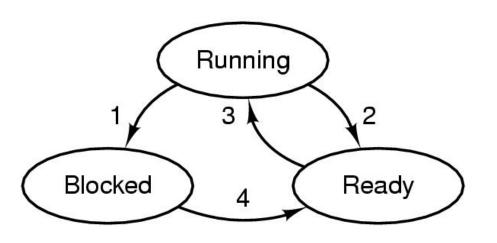
Process Hierarchies

- Windows
 - No hierarchy
 - All processes are equal
 - Handle
 - Parent process use it to control child process



Process States

- e.g.
 - cat file1 file2 file3 | grep osp | wc -l



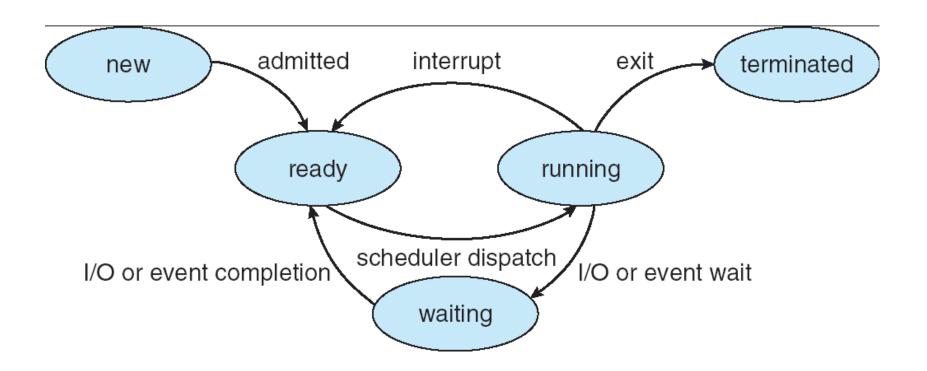
- 1. Process blocks for input
- 2. Scheduler picks another process
- 3. Scheduler picks this process
- 4. Input becomes available

Figure 2-2. A process can be in running, blocked, or ready state.

Transitions between these states are as shown.



Process States





Implementation of Process

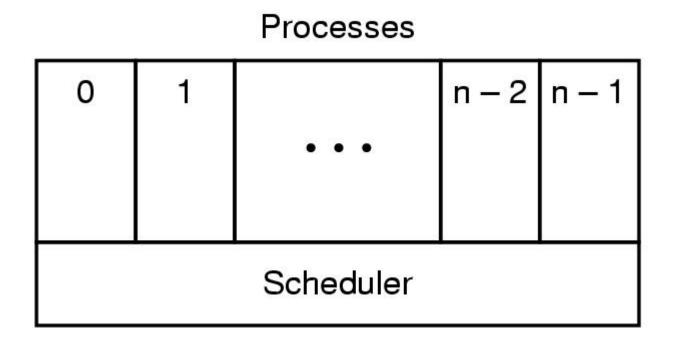
- Process control block (PCB)
- Process table: array of PCBs

Process management	Memory management	File management
Registers	Pointer to text segment info	Root directory
Program counter	Pointer to data segment info	Working directory
Program status word	Pointer to stack segment info	File descriptors
Stack pointer		User ID
Process state		Group ID
Priority		**
Scheduling parameters		
Process ID		
Parent process		
Process group		
Signals		
Time when process started		
CPU time used		
Children's CPU time		
Time of next alarm		



Implementation of Process

scheduler





Implementation of Process

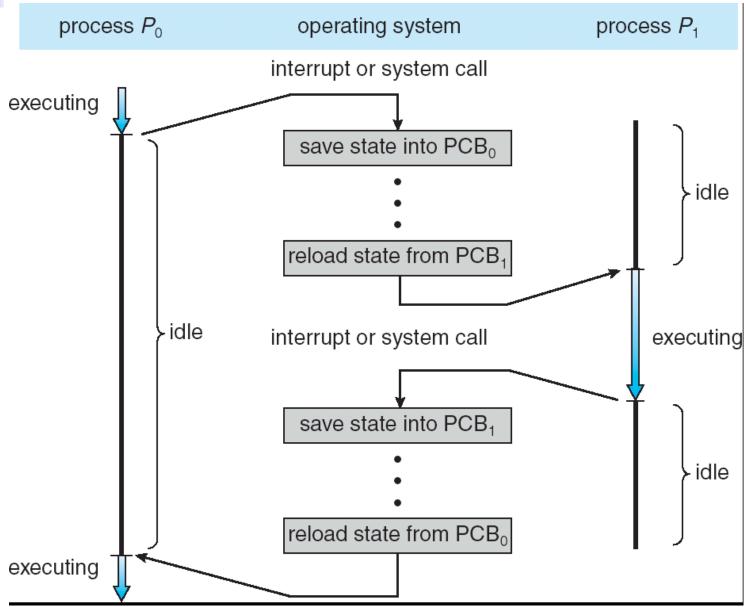
Process switch by interrupt

- 1. Hardware stacks program counter, etc.
- 2. Hardware loads new program counter from interrupt vector.
- 3. Assembly language procedure saves registers.
- 4. Assembly language procedure sets up new stack.
- 5. C interrupt service runs (typically reads and buffers input).
- 6. Scheduler decides which process is to run next.
- 7. C procedure returns to the assembly code.
- 8. Assembly language procedure starts up new current process.

Figure 2-5. Skeleton of what the lowest level of the operating system does when an interrupt occurs.



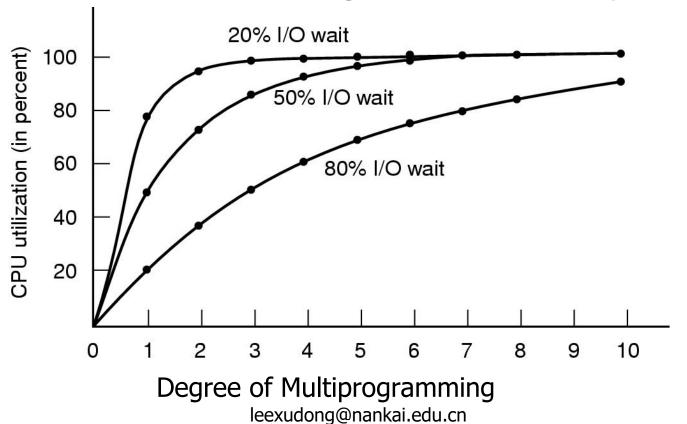
CPU Switch From Process to Process





Modeling Multiprogramming

- CPU utilization
 - $= 1 p^n$
 - P: the time waiting for I/O to complete





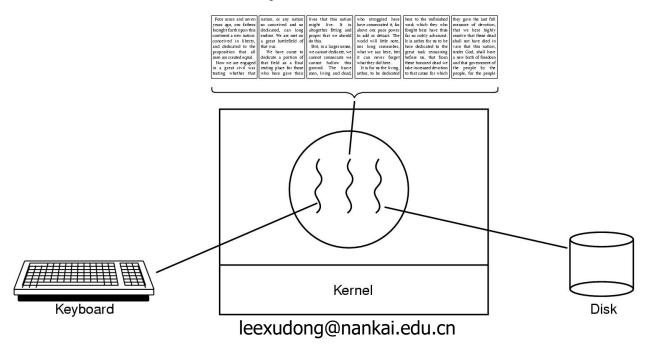
Modeling Multiprogramming

- e.g.
- A computer
 - 512MB memory
 - 128MB for OS, 128MB/Process
 - 80% time to wait I/O
 - CPU utilization=1-0.8³=49%
- Add second memory: 512MB
 - CPU utilization=1-0.8⁷=79%
- Add third memory: 512MB
 - CPU utilization=?



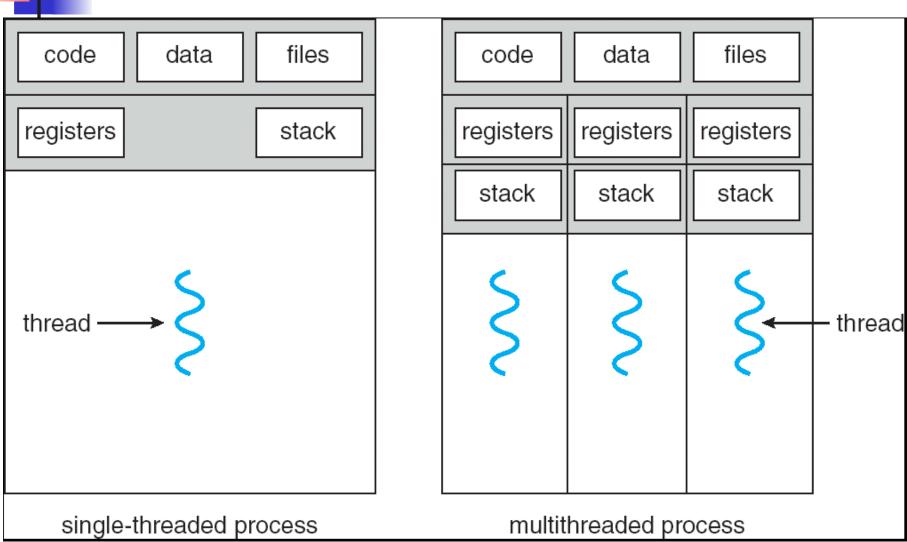
Thread

- Motivation
 - In traditional os, each process has an address space and a single execution unit of control
 - But ...: A word processor





Single and Multithreaded Processes





Bebefits of MultiThreads

- Multi-threaded programming
 - Responsiveness
 - Resource sharing
 - Economy
 - Utilization of multiprocessor architecture



Cases of MultiThreads

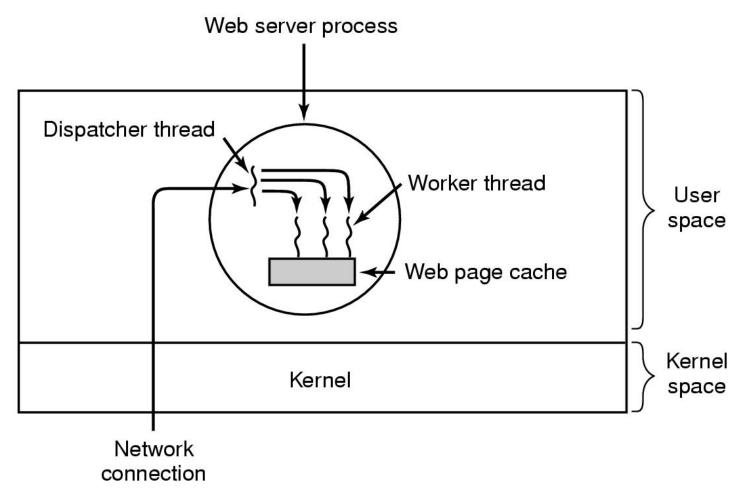


Figure 2-8. A multithreaded Web server.



Cases of MultiThreads

```
while (TRUE) {
    get_next_request(&buf);
    handoff_work(&buf);
}

mait_for_work(&buf)
look_for_page_in_cache(&buf, &page);
if (page_not_in_cache(&page))
    read_page_from_disk(&buf, &page);
return_page(&page);
}

(a)

(b)
```

Figure 2-9. A rough outline of the code for Fig. 2-8. (a) Dispatcher thread. (b) Worker thread.



Three ways to construct a server

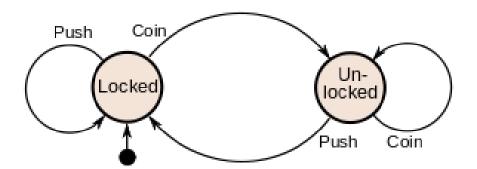
Model	Characteristics	
Threads	Parallelism, blocking system calls	
Single-threaded process	No parallelism, blocking system calls	
Finite-state machine	Parallelism, nonblocking system calls, interrupts	



Finite-State Machine (FSM)

e.g. a turnstile







The Classical Thread Model

Private Data of Thread

Per process items

Address space

Global variables

Open files

Child processes

Pending alarms

Signals and signal handlers

Accounting information

Per thread items

Program counter

Registers

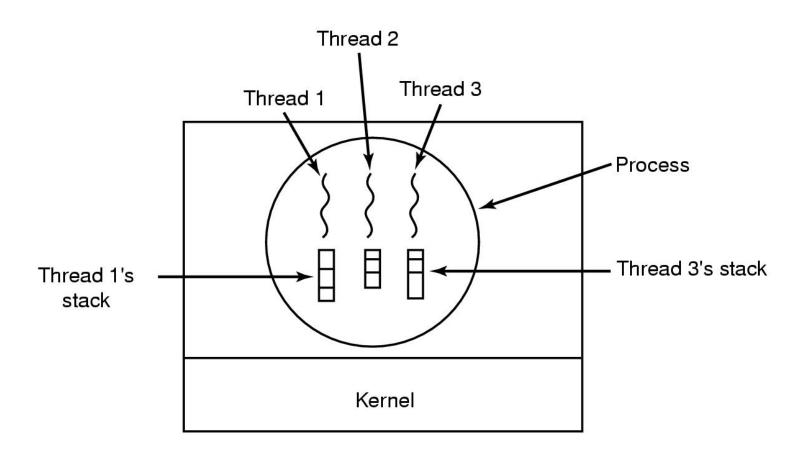
Stack

State

Figure 2-12. The first column lists some items shared by all threads in a process. The second one lists some items private to each thread.



Each thread has its own stack





POSIX Threads

Thread call	Description
Pthread_create	Create a new thread
Pthread_exit	Terminate the calling thread
Pthread_join	Wait for a specific thread to exit
Pthread_yield	Release the CPU to let another thread run
Pthread_attr_init	Create and initialize a thread's attribute structure
Pthread_attr_destroy	Remove a thread's attribute structure



Example 1: POSIX Threads

```
#include <pthread.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#define NUMBER_OF_THREADS
                                     10
void *print_hello_world(void *tid)
     /* This function prints the thread's identifier and then exits. */
     printf("Hello World. Greetings from thread %d0, tid);
     pthread_exit(NULL);
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
     /* The main program creates 10 threads and then exits. */
     pthread_t threads[NUMBER_OF_THREADS];
     int status, i;
     for(i=0; i < NUMBER_OF_THREADS; i++) {
           printf("Main here. Creating thread %d0, i);
          status = pthread_create(&threads[i], NULL, print_hello_world, (void *)i);
          if (status != 0) {
                printf("Oops. pthread_create returned error code %d0, status);
                exit(-1);
     exit(NULL);
```

Example 2a: POSIX Threads

```
#include <pthread.h>
typedef struct ST_ThreadArgs{
 int m_index;
 char *m_path;
 pthread_t m_id;
} THREADARGS, *PTHREADARGS;
void * my_thread (void *aArgs){
 PTHREADARGS mArgs = (PTHREADARGS) aArgs;
 if (mArgs!=NULL){
mArgs->m_id=pthread_self();
printf ("In thread: hello the %dth thread(%ld), The value of m_path is %s\n",
 mArgs->m index, mArgs->m id, mArgs->m path);
 }else{
 fprintf(stderr,"In thread(%ld): args is null\n",pthread_self());
 pthread_exit (NULL);
```

Example 2b: POSIX Threads

```
int main (int argc, char *argv[]){
 int i;
 pthread_t *threadsArray;
 THREADARGS *argsArray;
 int status;
 void* res=NULL;
 printf ("Parent %d: begin\n", getpid ());
 printf ("arguments list of %s:\n", argv[0]);
 for (i = 0; i < argc; i++)
    printf ("%3d %s\n", i, argv[i]);
 if (argc <= 1) return 0;
 threadsArray = (pthread_t *) malloc (sizeof (pthread_t) * (argc - 1));
 argsArray = (THREADARGS *) malloc (sizeof (THREADARGS) * (argc - 1));
```

Example 2c: POSIX Threads

```
for (i = 1; i < argc; i++){}
argsArray[i-1].m_index=i-1;
argsArray[i-1].m_path=argv[i];
*(threadsArray+i-1)=-1;
status = pthread_create(threadsArray+i-1, NULL,
my_thread, (void*)(argsArray+i-1));
if (status!=0){
fprintf(stderr,"Failed to Create the %dth thread with
code %d\n",i-1, status);
break;
```

Example 2d: POSIX Threads

```
i=1;
while(i<argc){</pre>
status=pthread_join(threadsArray[i-1],&res);
if (status!=0){
fprintf(stderr,"The %dth thread join failed\n", i-1);
}else{
printf("The %dth thread(%ld) returned %ld\n",
i-1, argsArray[i-1].m_id, (long)status);
i++;
```

Example 2e: POSIX Threads

```
free (threadsArray);
free (argsArray);
printf ("Parent %d: exited\n", getpid ());
return EXIT_SUCCESS;
```

Compiling:
 gcc -o multithread multithread.c -lpthread



Example 2f: POSIX Threads

\$./multithread /home /usr abc

Parent 26643: begin

arguments list of ./multithread:

- 0 ./multithread
- 1 /home
- 2 /usr
- 3 abc

In thread: hello the 2th thread(140133858793024), The value of m_path is abc

In thread: hello the 0th thread(140133875578432), The value of m_path is

/home

In thread: hello the 1th thread(140133867185728), The value of m_path is /usr

The 0th thread(140133875578432) returned 0

The 1th thread(140133867185728) returned 0

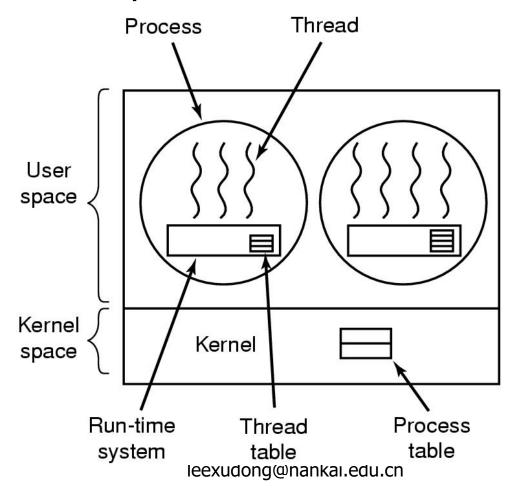
The 2th thread(140133858793024) returned 0

Parent 26643: exited



Different types of threads

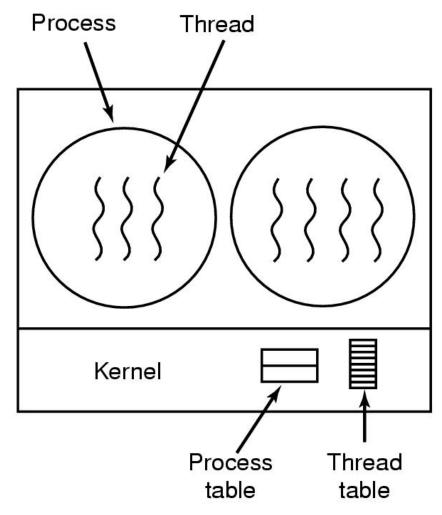
- User-Level Thread
 - In user space





Different types of threads

- Kernel-Level Thread
 - In os kernel

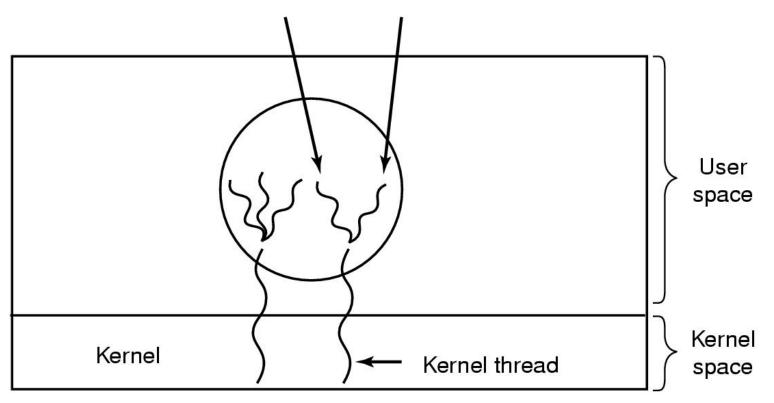




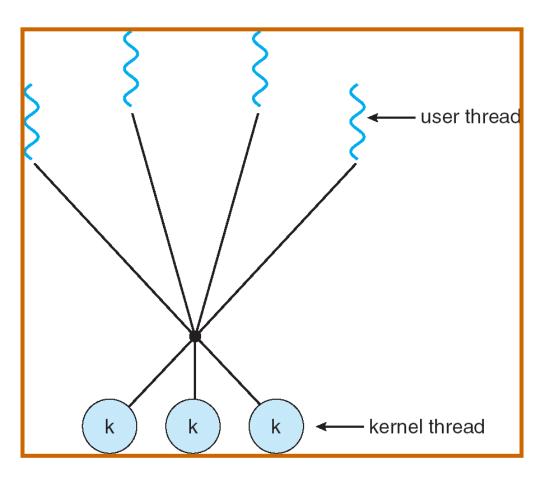
Different types of threads

- Hybrid Implementation Thread
 - Both kernel and User Thread

Multiple user threads on a kernel thread



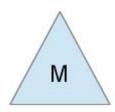
Hybrid Implementation Thread I

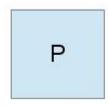


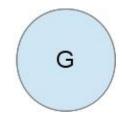
M:N (M:1, 1:1, M:N)

Hybrid Implementation Thread II

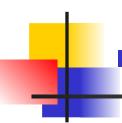
- coroutine 协程 (M:N)
 - Golang







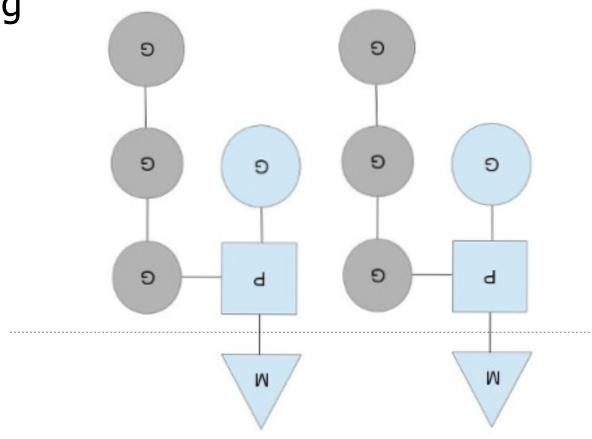
- GoLang 的调度器内部有三个重要的结构:M, P, S
- M: 代表内核级 OS 线程;
- G: 代表一个 goroutine, 即用户级线程, 它有自己的栈、 instruction pointer 和其他信息 (channel等);
- P: 进程在用户级别的调度器, 使 go 代码在一个 线程上跑,它是实现从 M:1 到 M:N 映射.



Hybrid Implementation Thread II

coroutine 协程 (M:N)

Golang





Example: goroutine

```
package main
import "fmt"
func main() {
done := make(chan bool, 2)
fmt.Println("Hello, 世界")
go loop("A", done)
loop("B", done)
<- done
<- done
close(done)
fmt.Println("\nEnd.")
```

```
func loop(s_pre string, ch chan bool) {
for i := 0; i < 20; i++ \{
fmt.Printf("%s_%d ", s_pre, i+1)
ch <- true
```



Threading Issues

- Semantics of fork() and exec() system calls
- Thread cancellation
- Signal handling
- Thread pools
- Thread specific data
- Scheduler activations



Semantics of fork() and exec()

Does fork() duplicate only the calling thread or all threads?



Thread cancellation

- Terminating a thread before it has finished
- Two general approaches:
 - ?synchronous cancellation terminates the target thread immediately
 - ?Deferred cancellation allows the target thread to periodically check if it should be canceled

Signal 信号 Handling

- Signals are used in UNIX systems to notify a process that a particular event has occurred
- A signal handler is used to process signals
 - Signal is generated by particular event
 - Signal is delivered to a process
 - Signal is handled

Options:

- Deliver the signal to the thread to which the signal applies
- Deliver the signal to every thread in the process
- Deliver the signal to certain threads in the process
- Assign a specific thread to receive all signals for the process



Thread Pools

- Create a number of threads in a pool where they await work
- Advantages:
 - Usually slightly faster to service a request with an existing thread than create a new thread
 - Allows the number of threads in the application(s) to be bound to the size of the pool



Pop-Up Threads

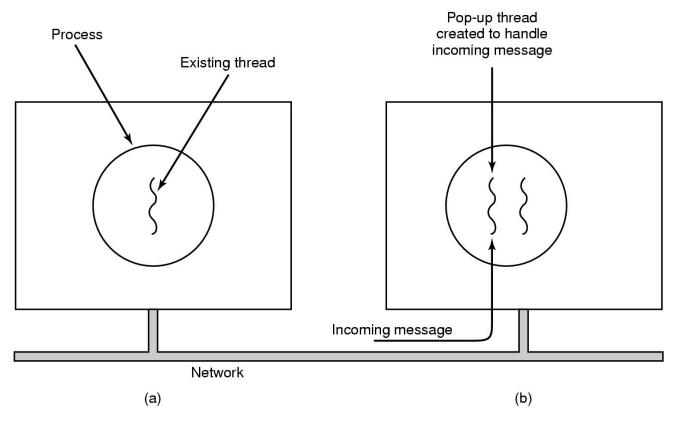


Figure 2-18. Creation of a new thread when a message arrives. (a) Before the message arrives. (b) After the message arrives.



TSD: Thread specific data

- Allows each thread to have its own copy of data
 - Useful when you do not have control over the thread creation process (i.e., when using a thread pool)



Making Single-Threaded Code Multithreaded

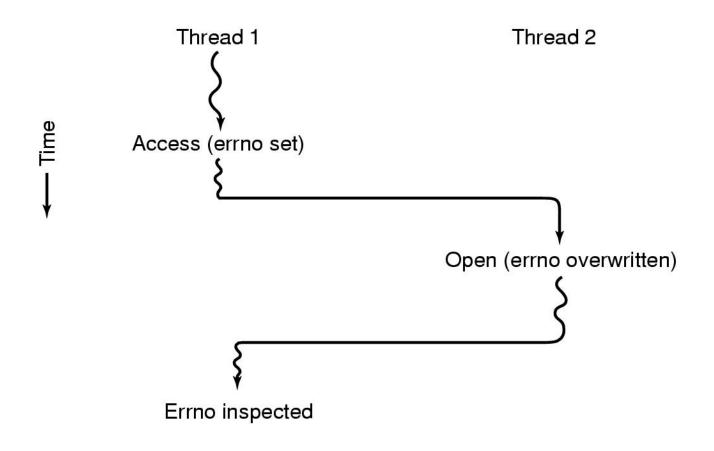


Figure 2-19. Conflicts between threads over the use of a global variable.



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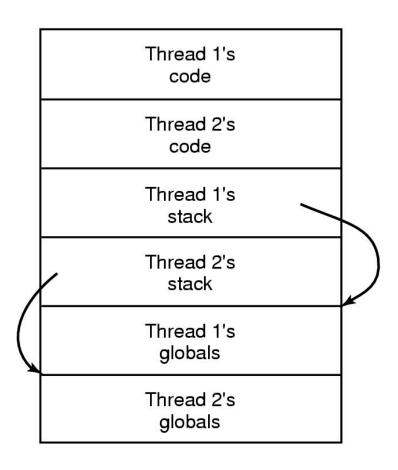


Figure 2-20. Threads can have private global variables.

Thread Scheduler Activations

调度激活

- Goal
 - mimic 模仿 the functionality of kernel threads,
 - but with the better performance and greater flexibility usually associated with threads packages implemented in user space
 - Avoiding unnecessary transitions between user and kernel space
- Upcall 上行
 - Virtual processors
 - Run-time system
 - ? layer n may not call procedures in layer n + 1



Summary

- Process
- Thread
- Process v.s. Thread
- Kernel Threads v.s. User Threads
- Heavyweight Process v.s. Lightweight Process v.s. Fiber



Q&A?



Quiz

- Which of the following OSes do not support threads?
 - Macintosh
 - Windows NT
 - Windows95~Windows2000
 - Solaris
 - IRIX
 - AIX
 - OS/2
 - Digital UNIX
 - Linux



