# CIS\*3110 Operating Systems (Winter 2022)

**Assignment #2: CPU Simulation** 

## **Requirements and Specifications**

## Objective

The goal of this assignment is to develop a CPU scheduling algorithm that will complete the execution of a group of multi-threaded processes in an OS that understands threads (kernel threads). Since a real implementation of your scheduling algorithm is not feasible, you will implement a simulation of your CPU scheduling algorithm.

Each process will have 1-50 threads; each of the threads has its own CPU and I/O requirements. The simulated scheduling policy is on the **thread** level. While your simulation will have access to all the details of the processes that need to execute, your CPU scheduling algorithm CANNOT take advantage of future knowledge.

#### Specification

Given a set of processes to execute with CPU and I/O requirements, your CPU simulator will simulate the execution of the threads based on your developed CPU scheduling policies (FCFS and RR). Your simulation will collect the following statistics:

- the total time required to execute all the threads in all the processes
- the CPU utilization (NOT the CPU efficiency)
- the average turnaround time for all the processes
- the service time (or CPU time), I/O time and turnaround time for each individual thread

Your simulation structure should be a next event simulation. The next event approach to simulation is the most common simulation model. At any given time, the simulation is in a single state. The simulation state can only change at event times, where an event is defined as an occurrence that may change the state of the system.

Events in this CPU simulation are the following:

- thread arrival
- the transition of a thread state (e.g., when an interrupt occurs due to a time slice, the thread moves from running state to ready state)

Each event occurs at a specified time. Since the simulation state only changes at an event, the clock can be advanced to the next most recently scheduled event (the meaning of next event simulation model).

Events are scheduled via an event queue. The event queue is a sorted queue which contains "future" events; the queue is sorted by the time of these "future" events. The event queue is initialized to contain the arrival of all threads. The main loop of the simulation consists of processing the next event, perhaps adding more future events in the queue as a result, advancing the clock, and so on until all threads have terminated.

#### Simulation Execution

Your simulation program will be invoked as:

# simcpu [-d] [-v] [-r quantum] < input\_file

#### where

- -d stands for detailed information
- -v stands for verbose mode
- –r indicates Round Robin scheduling with the given quantum (an integer).

You can assume only these flags will be used with your program, and that they will appear in the order listed. The output for the default mode (*i.e.*, no flags) or with flags is defined in the output format section. Note, the flags may be used separately or together.

#### **Input Format**

The simulator input includes:

- number of processes that require execution
- the thread switch overhead time (*i.e.*, the number of time units required to switch to a new thread in the SAME process)
- the process switch overhead time (*i.e.*, the number of time units required to switch to a new thread in a DIFFERENT process)
- for each process
  - the number of threads
  - o the arrival time for each thread
  - o the number of CPU execution bursts each thread requires (the CPU execution bursts are separated by the time it takes for the thread to do I/O)
  - o the CPU time and the I/O time

You should assume an infinite number of I/O devices. In other words, threads do not need to wait to do I/O. You should also assume that no overhead is associated with placing a thread on, or removing a thread from, an I/O device (e.g., no overhead is associated with an "interrupt" to indicate I/O completion). Since a thread must exit from the system while in the executing state, the last task of a thread is a CPU burst. All these simulation parameters are integers. Your simulator obtains these parameters from the input file, which is in the following format:

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number_of_processes thread_switch process_switch
process_number(1) number_of_threads(1)
    thread number(1) arrival time(1) number of CPU(1)
        1 cpu time io time
        2 cpu time io time
        number of CPU(1) cpu time
    thread number(2) arrival time(2) number of CPU(2)
        1 cpu time io time
        2 cpu time io time
        number_of_CPU(2) cpu_time ...
    thread number(n) arrival time(n) number of CPU(n)
        1 cpu time io time
        2 cpu_time io_time
        number of CPU(n) cpu time
process_number(2) number_of_threads(2)
    thread_number(1) arrival_time(1) number_of_CPU(1)
        1 cpu time io time
        2 cpu time io time
        number_of_CPU(1) cpu_time
    thread number(2) arrival time(2) number of CPU(2)
        1 cpu_time io_time
        2 cpu_time io_time
        number of CPU(2) cpu time ...
    thread_number(n) arrival_time(n) number_of_CPU(n)
        1 cpu time io time
        2 cpu time io time
        number of CPU(n) cpu time
```

#### where

- 2 3 7 : 2 is the number of processes, 3 is the number of time units required to switch to a new thread in the same process, 7 is the number of time units required to switch to a new thread in a different process
- 14:1 is the process number and 4 is the number of threads
- 106:1 is the thread number, 0 is the arrival time, 6 is the number of CPU execution bursts that each thread requires

• 1 15 400,: where 1 is the thread number and 15 is the CPU time and 400 is the I/O time and the last thread only has CPU time (burst) [similar for 2 18 200, 3 15 100, 4 15 400, 5 25 100, 6 240]

This example has 2 processes. Process 1 has 4 threads and Process 2 has 2 threads.

#### **Output Format**

In default mode (i.e., no flags are given), the simulator adopts a FCFS scheduling policy and the output of the simulator consists of

- the total time required to execute the threads in all processes to completion
- the average turnaround time of the processes
- the CPU utilization

## As an example:

\$ simcpu < input\_file FCFS Scheduling Total Time required is 344 time units Average Turnaround Time is 27.9 time units CPU Utilization is 94%

In detailed information mode (i.e., -d flag is given), the output of the simulation consists of

- the total time required to execute the threads in all the processes
- the average turnaround time for all the processes
- the CPU utilization
- the arrival time, service time, I/O time, turnaround time and finish time for each thread

# For example,

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$ simcpu -d -r 10 < input_file
Round Robin Scheduling (quantum = 10 time units)

Total Time required is 140 units

Average Turnaround Time is 9.2 time units

CPU Utilization is 100%

Thread 1 of Process 1:
    arrival time: 0
    service time: 32 units, I/O time: 3 units, turnaround time: 45 units, finish time: 45 units

Thread 2 of Process 1:
    arrival time: 5
    service time: 102 units, I/O time: 15 units, turnaround time: 135 units, finish time: 140 units

Thread 1 of Process 2:
    arrival time: 10
    service time: 22 units, I/O time: 3 units, turnaround time: 45 units, finish time: 55 units
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In verbose mode, the output of the simulation includes the scheduling decisions and the switching of the threads. Specifically, the output includes every event that occurs, the time of the event, and the state transition:

At time X: Thread {id} of Process {id} moves from {state} to {state}

#### For example:

At time 0: Thread 1 of Process 1 moves from new to ready At time 7: Thread 1 of Process 1 moves from ready to running

Each state transition should be given as above on a separate line. (Be sure to include events that occur at the same time.) Since we do not include swapping in our simulation, the state of a thread can only be in one of five states: new, ready, running, blocked, or terminated. Summary information about each thread (as in detailed information mode) should be given after a thread has terminated.