

2IMN20 - Real-Time Systems Server-based scheduling

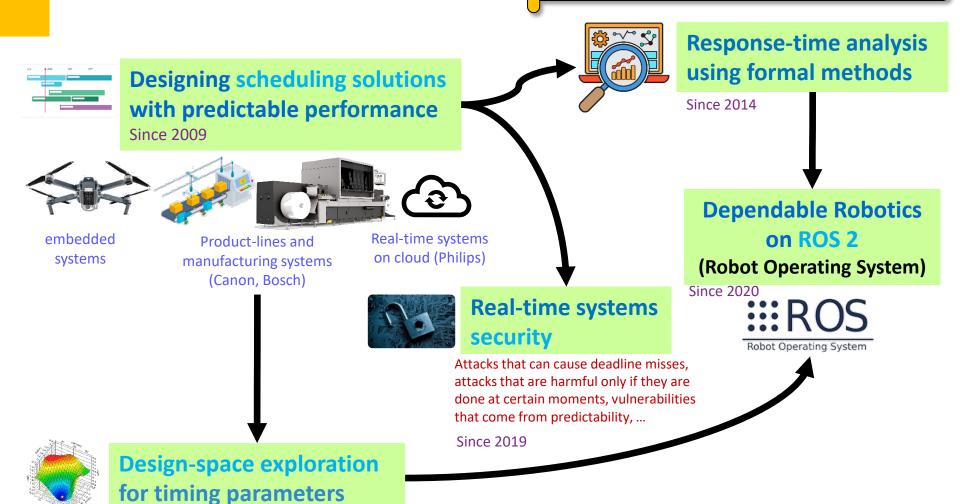


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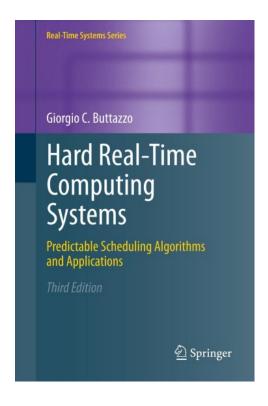


How to set parameters of the tasks, how to partition

the system, how to set priorities, ...

Sources

Giorgio Buttazzo's book, chapter 9



Some slides have been taken from Giorgio Buttazzo's website:

http://retis.sssup.it/~giorgio/rts-MECS.html

Thank you Giorgio:)



Why should we tame the beasts? And what to do with goblins?



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Agenda

• Server-based scheduling: a remedy for aperiodic events, background work, and misbehaving real-time tasks

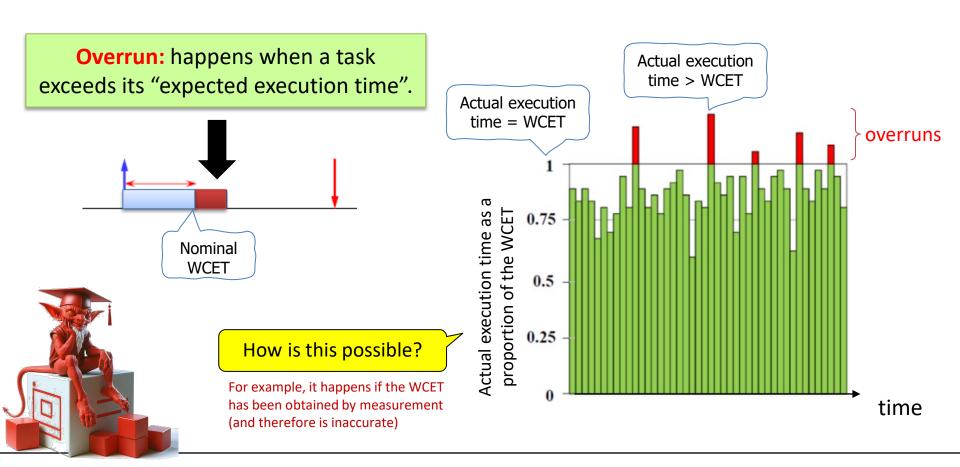
Types of servers

- Periodic servers
- Polling servers
- Deferrable servers
- Constant-bandwidth servers (CBS)



The beasts:

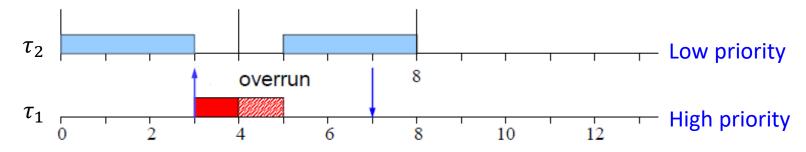
What to do with tasks that may overrun their expected execution-time (or nominal WCET)?



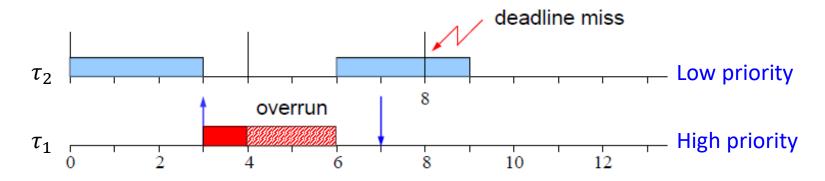


Consequences of overruns

A task's overrun may not cause a deadline miss:



But in general, it may delay the execution of other tasks, causing a deadline miss for them:





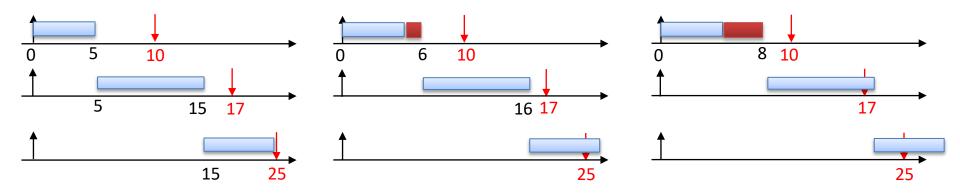
What can go wrong if overruns are not controlled?

EDF may have **domino effect**:

Namely, one (or more) overrun(s) may result in a series of deadline misses

Example: Consider the following task set scheduled by EDF.

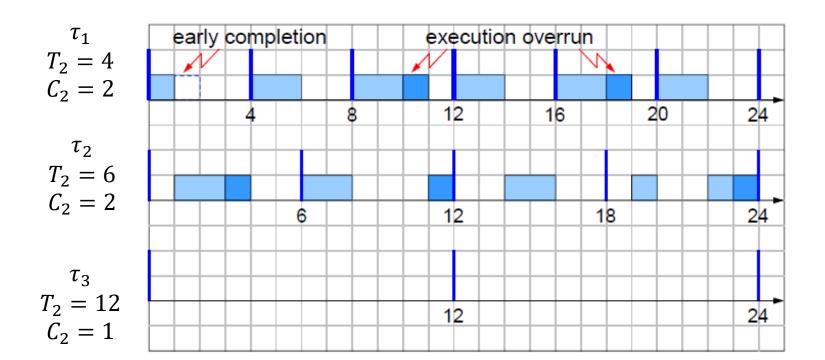
- 1. How much overrun in τ_1 will cause one deadline miss for any of these three tasks? 1 unit
- 2. How much overrun in τ_1 will cause two deadline misses for any of these three tasks? 3 units





What can go wrong if overruns are not controlled?

In **FP**, low-priority tasks may **starve** due to an overrun in high-priority tasks



Assume a rate monotonic priority assignment.



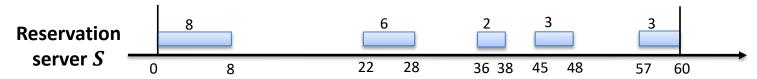
Server-based scheduling allows scheduling real-time and non-real-time tasks despite potential overruns

A reservation server determines when the processor could become available to the task(s) assigned to it

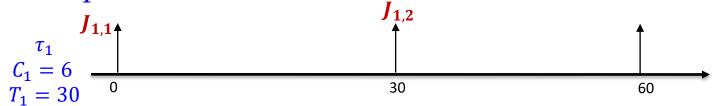
Therefore, it bound the resource consumption of tasks and limit their interference on each other



Assume this is the pattern of available budget from a reservation server:



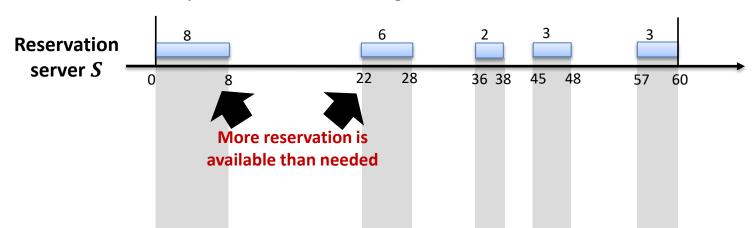
How is task τ_1 scheduled within server S?



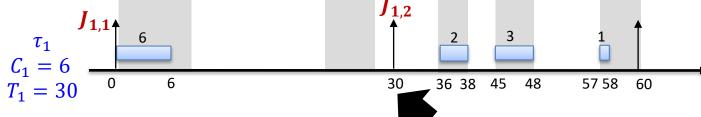
A reservation shows when the processor can be assigned to a task



Assume this is the pattern of available budget from a reservation server:



How is task τ_1 scheduled within server S (assume there is no overrun)?



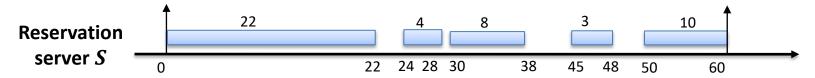
What is the response time of $J_{1,1}$? 6 What is the WCRT of τ_1 ? 28

A reservation shows when the processor can be assigned to a task

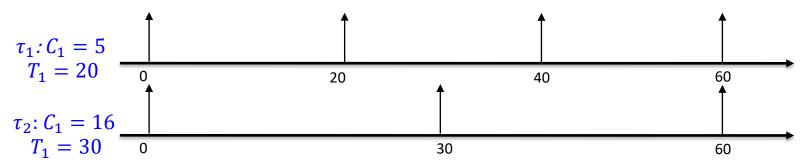
The task is released but there is no budget to start its execution



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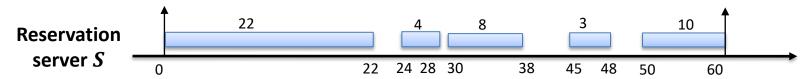
How are tasks τ_1 and τ_2 scheduled via server S? Assume that within the server, these tasks are scheduled by the Rate Monotonic policy.



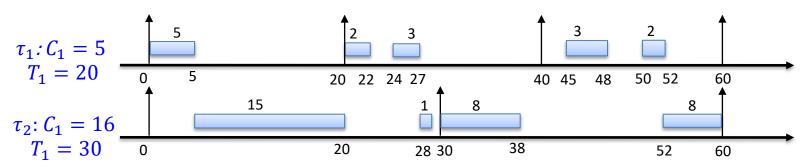
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A reservation shows when the processor can be assigned to a task



Agenda

- Handling overruns via server-based scheduling
- Handling aperiodic events and background tasks via server-based scheduling
- Types of servers



The goblins!

What to do with aperiodic events and background tasks?

Event-driven tasks with deadline

They handle I/O events, garbage collection, etc. and typically have soft deadlines.

Aperiodic tasks are important for the responsiveness of the system for non-critical events.



Background tasks

They perform non-critical functionalities like logging, etc.

Background tasks are important for the health of the system, but they do not have deadline.

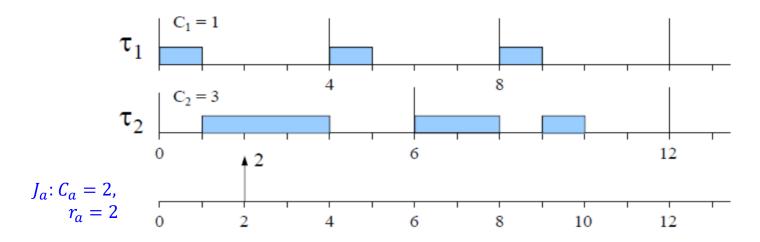
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Aperiodic task scheduling

Example: Two periodic tasks scheduled by RM and a single aperiodic job J_a (arrives at $r_a = 2$ and its

WCET is $C_a = 2$):



When should we schedule J_a ?

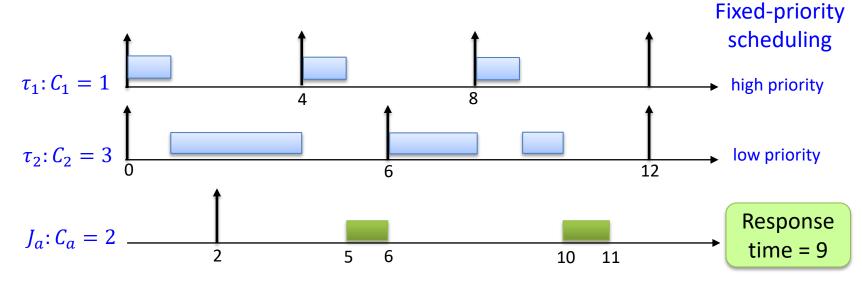
Solution 1:
whenever nothing else is
running (as a background
task with the lowest priority)

Solution 2: immediately

Solution 3: Inside a reservation server



Solution 1: schedule them as a background task



Advantages?

The aperiodic workload will never cause a deadline miss for the periodic tasks

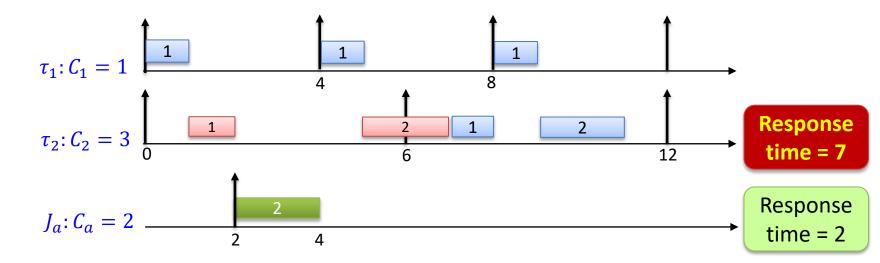
Disadvantages?

Long response time for the aperiodic task!

Fixed-priority scheduling (rate monotonic)



Solution 2: schedule them immediately



Advantages?

- The aperiodic workload will have a smaller response time.
- The system becomes more responsive to the aperiodic events (e.g., interrupts).

Disadvantages?

Long response time and possibly deadline miss for the periodic tasks!

Fixed-priority scheduling (rate monotonic)



Solution 3: use server-based scheduling

Our goal:

Reduce the response time of aperiodic tasks (interrupt latency)



Keep the system **schedulable**



For this, we will need to learn about types of reservation servers and their properties

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Type of servers

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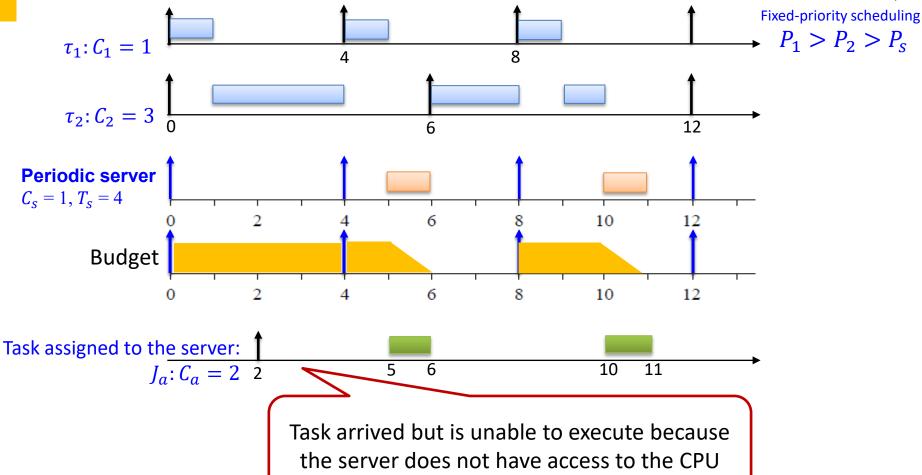
In this lecture, we assume that **Periodic servers** there is only one server that services the aperiodic tasks aperiodic Server SOFT tasks Service queue periodic/sporadic CPU HARD tasks READY queue maximum budget C_s , The server is scheduled as any period T_s and periodic task (it can have any priority). priority P_s The server releases a job with period T_s Aperiodic tasks assigned to the server can execute only when the server has access to the CPU. The server competes for the CPU with other tasks based on its **priority** P_s Aperiodic tasks can be selected using any queueing discipline (e.g., FIFO). **Priority ties** are broken in **favor** of the server.



The budget is **replenished** to C_s at each **arrival** of a **new job** of the server

Periodic servers: example





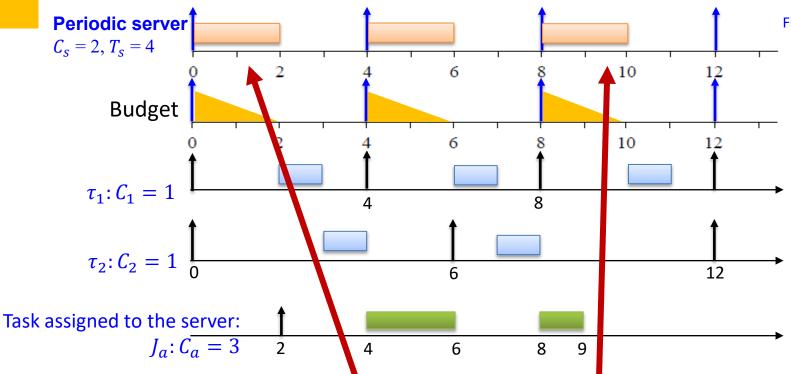
Note: the server in this example may miss its deadline (no schedulability test was done)



Periodic servers: another example



 $P_{\scriptscriptstyle S} > P_1 > P_2$



Drawback: The server reserves the processor even when there is no task to execute, thus wasting CPU cycles



What is bad about periodic servers?

It wastes the budget if there is nothing in the queue to execute

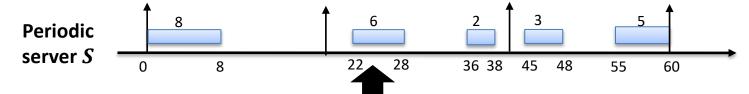
It increases the response time of the tasks running within the server

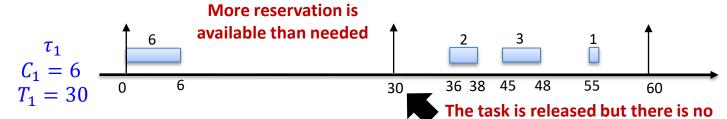
Solution: discharge the budget to zero if there is nothing in the queue!



This is called Polling Server (PS)!

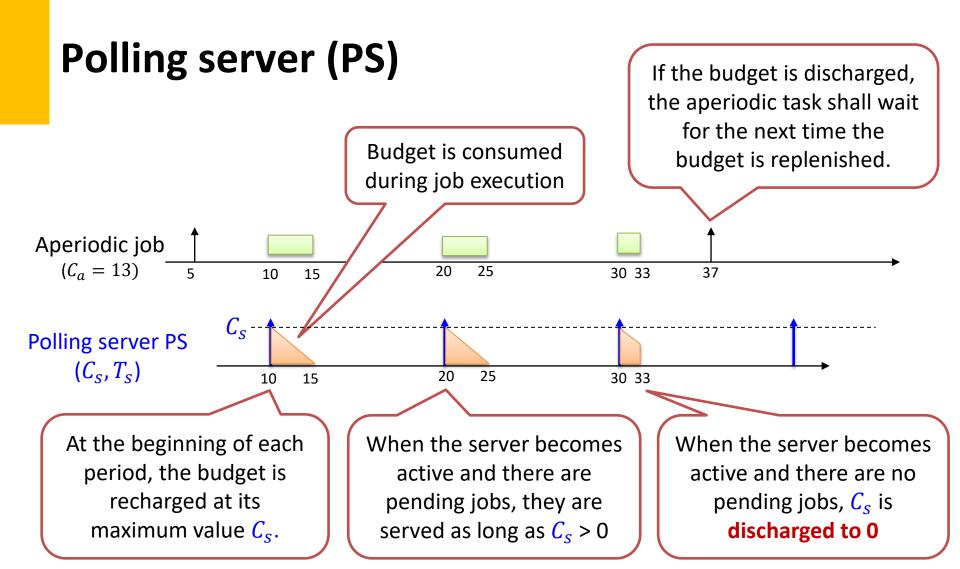
(Invented in 1987)





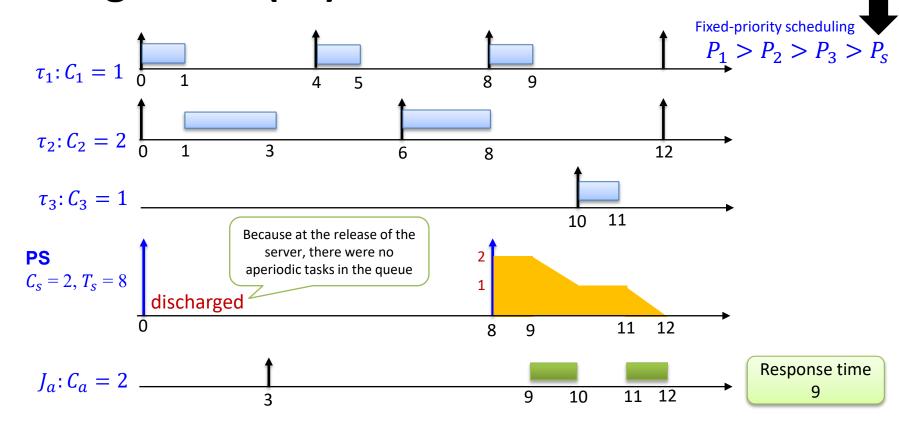
budget to start its execution







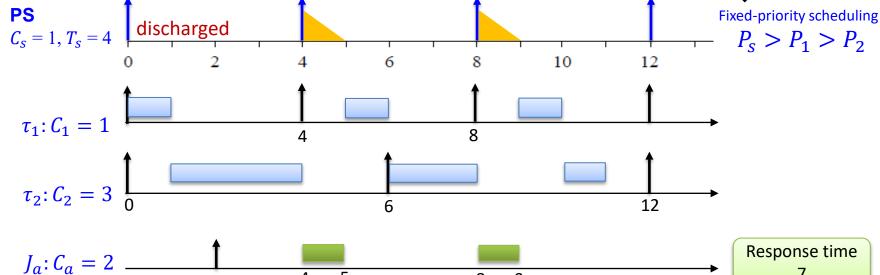
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Polling server (PS): another example

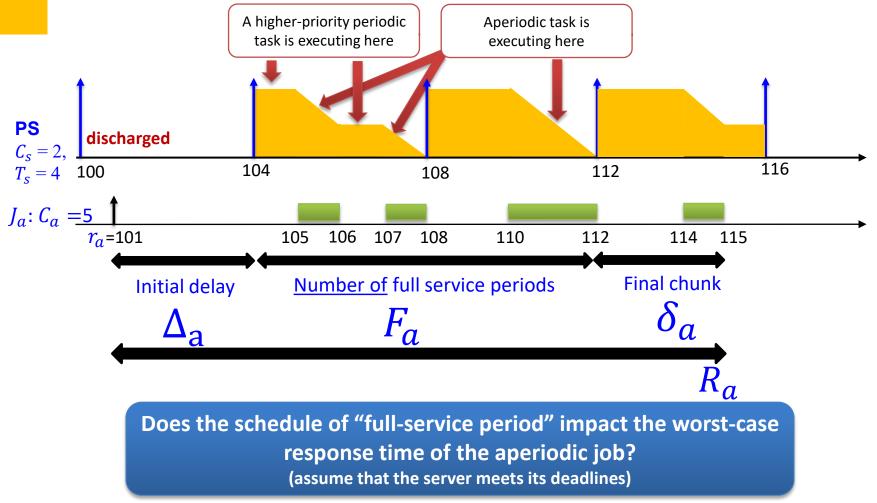




If the budget is discharged, the aperiodic task shall wait for the next time the budget is replenished.

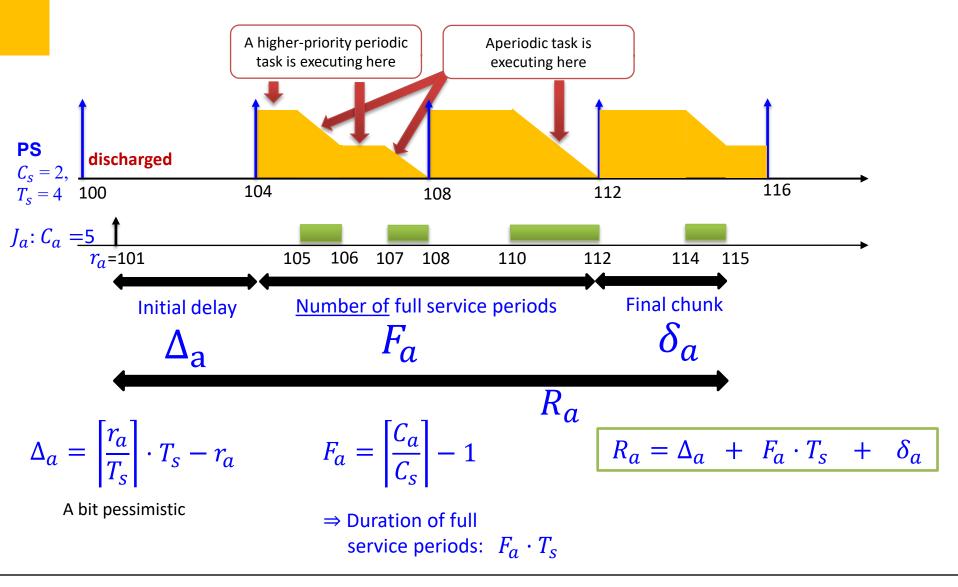
Next, we try to formulate the WCRT of an aperiodic task that is released at time r_a and has execution time of C_a as a function of parameters of the PS (i.e., C_s , T_s)





No, because in each release of the server, we can only execute up to C_s units of the execution time of J_a . The WCRT is affected by the "final chunk"!

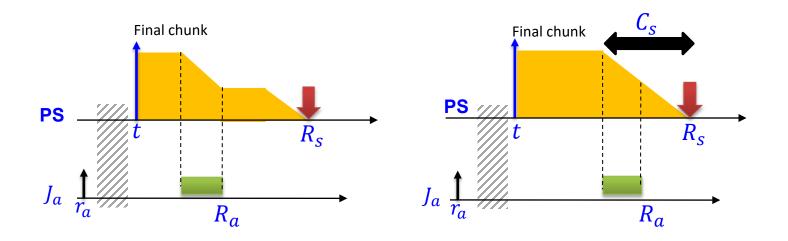






Finding δ_a

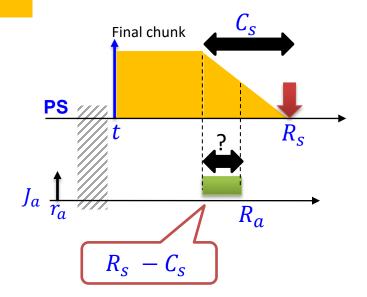
We can use the WCRT analysis (RTA) to obtain the **WCRT of the server**, denoted by R_s , (assuming that it consumes all its C_s units of budget) because a server is like a periodic task in the task set.



Now, given that we know the value of R_s , which scenario creates a larger R_a ?



Finding δ_a



The latest start time of the aperiodic job in the final chunk

$$\delta_a \leq (R_s - C_s) + (C_a - F_a C_s)$$

Remained execution time of the aperiodic task in the last chunk

$$R_a = \left[\frac{r_a}{T_s}\right] \cdot T_s - r_a + \left(\left[\frac{C_a}{C_s}\right] - 1\right) \cdot T_s + (R_s - C_s) + C_a - F_a C_s$$



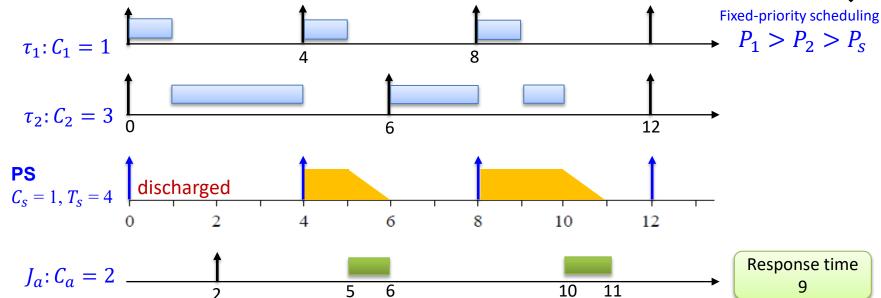


v.s. a background service



Polling server v.s. background service





If the polling server has the lowest priority, can we say it is like if the aperiodic tasks are executed as a background service?

No (because the budget might be "discharged" just before the arrival of the aperiodic task)



How to improve PS?

If aperiodic tasks come later than the release time of the server, they have to wait for the next release of the server!

How can we fix this?

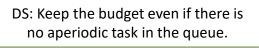
Keep the budget even if there is no aperiodic task in the queue.



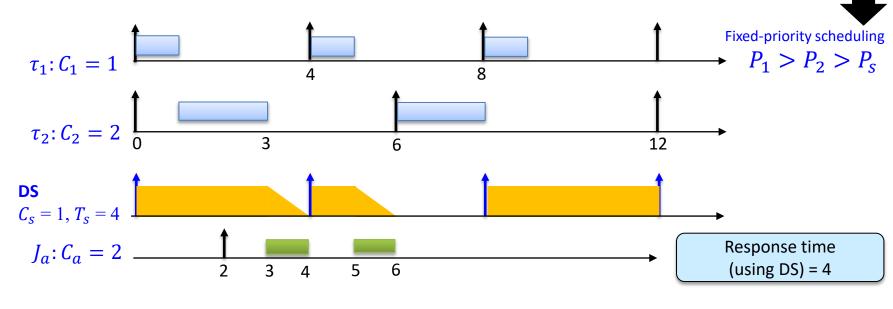
This is called Deferrable Server (DS)!

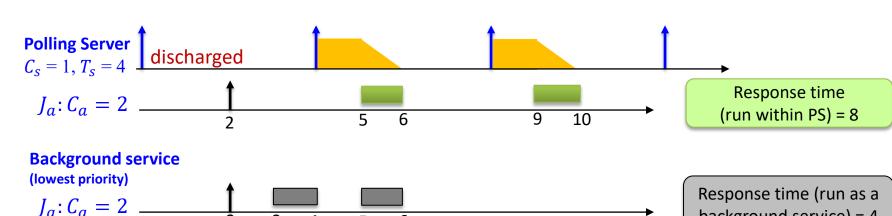
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Deferrable server (DS)



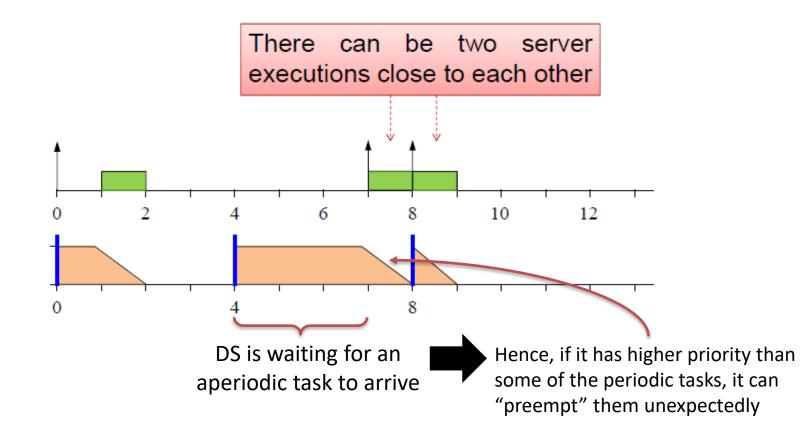




background service) = 4

Issue with DS

- DS does not behave like a periodic task. It is more invasive than PS.
- Keeping the budget decreases the schedulable utilization bound of fixed-priority scheduling.





WCRT of periodic tasks in the presence of a DS



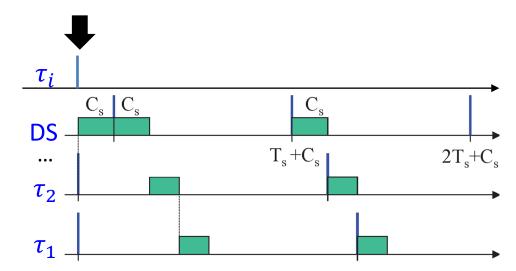
Assume we use FP with the following priorities: $P_1 > P_2 > \cdots P_{i-1} > P_s > P_i > \cdots > P_n$

Can DS impact the schedule of ANY higher-priority task?

No! DS never preempts a task with a higher priority

Can DS impact the schedule of any low-priority task?

Yes!



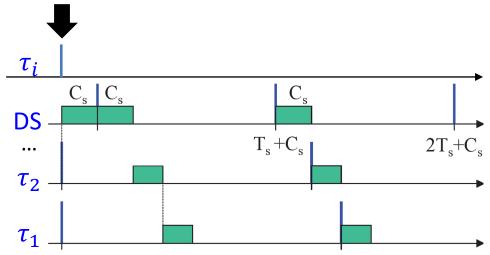
How is it different from a normal fixed-priority schedule?



WCRT of periodic tasks in the presence of a DS



Assume we use FP with the following priorities: $P_1 > P_2 > \cdots P_{i-1} > P_s > P_i > \cdots > P_n$



- The critical instance in FP is when all higher-priority tasks are released together.
- However, here we need to account for the previous job of DS that has not been scheduled until just before the release of au_i



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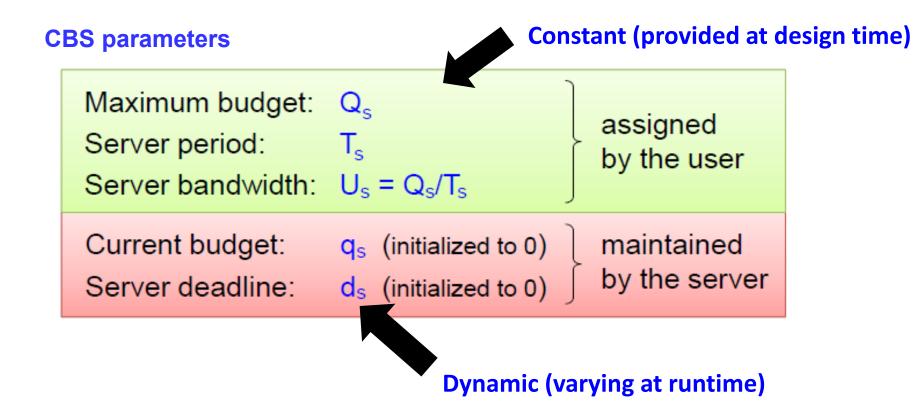


Implemented in Linux (this is the most interesting one)



Constant bandwidth server (CBS)

- It is a server designed to work with the EDF scheduling policy
- It keeps the "bandwidth = utilization" constant.





Replenish the budget as soon as it is finished!



Allows using the resource more efficiently

However, each time you do so, increase the current deadline by the value of T_s

Always make sure that the server does not have a utilization larger than U_s



Why do we do this?

It smoothly reduces the priority of the current job of the server among other jobs in the system while keeping the utilization of the server constant!

> Note: in EDF, the priority comes from the absolute deadline.



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What is the benefit?

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$$J_a$$
: C_a =7

 Q_s
 Q_s



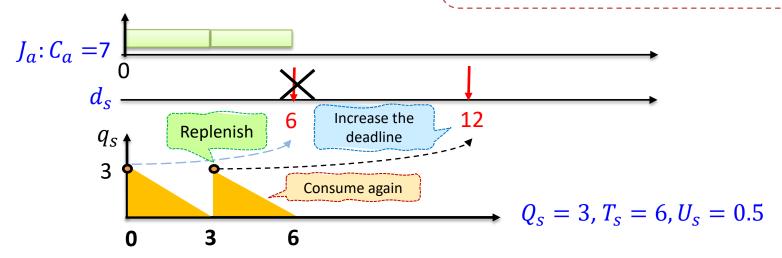
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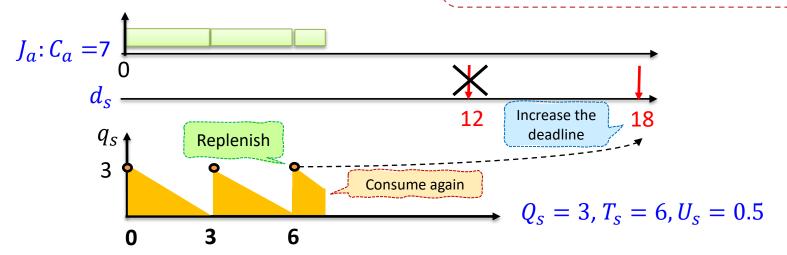
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Basic CBS rules

Arrival of job J_k **at time** $r_k \Rightarrow$ assign a new d_s

If (\exists a pending aperiodic job) then <enqueue J_k > else if ($U_S < \frac{q_S}{d_S - r_k}$) then {

$$q_s \leftarrow Q_s$$
$$d_s \leftarrow r_k + T_s$$

} else {use the current q_s and d_s }

Case 1: Some jobs already waiting? Just put the new job in the queue (do nothing else)

Case 2: Nothing in the queue but with the current budget, we won't respect the constant-bandwidth rule in the interval $[r_k, d_s]$ (namely, the remaining budget divided by the length of the interval results in a larger utilization than U_s)?

Then set a new budget (replenish) and set a new deadline (reset the server)

Budget exhausted ⇒

replenish and set a new deadline

$$q_s \leftarrow Q_s \\ d_s \leftarrow d_s + T_s$$

Case 3: Nothing is in the queue, and we respect the constant-bandwidth rule?

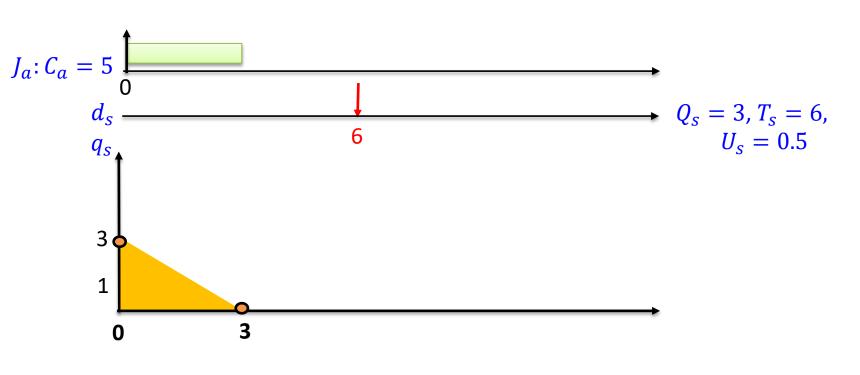
Then continue with the current budget and deadline.



CBS budget exhaustion

$$q_s \leftarrow Q_s$$

$$d_s \leftarrow d_s + T_s$$



At time 0:

What is d_s ? 6

What is q_s ? 3

At time 3 after the budget exhausts:

What is d_s ? 12

What is q_s ?

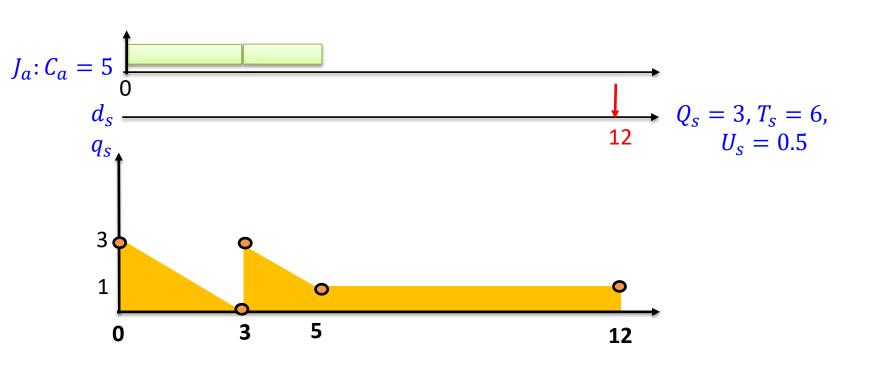
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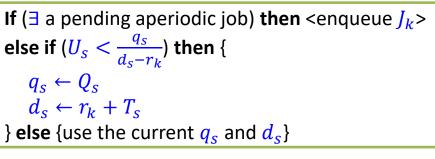


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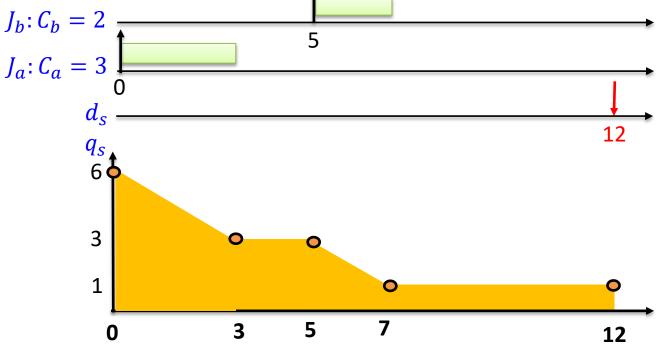
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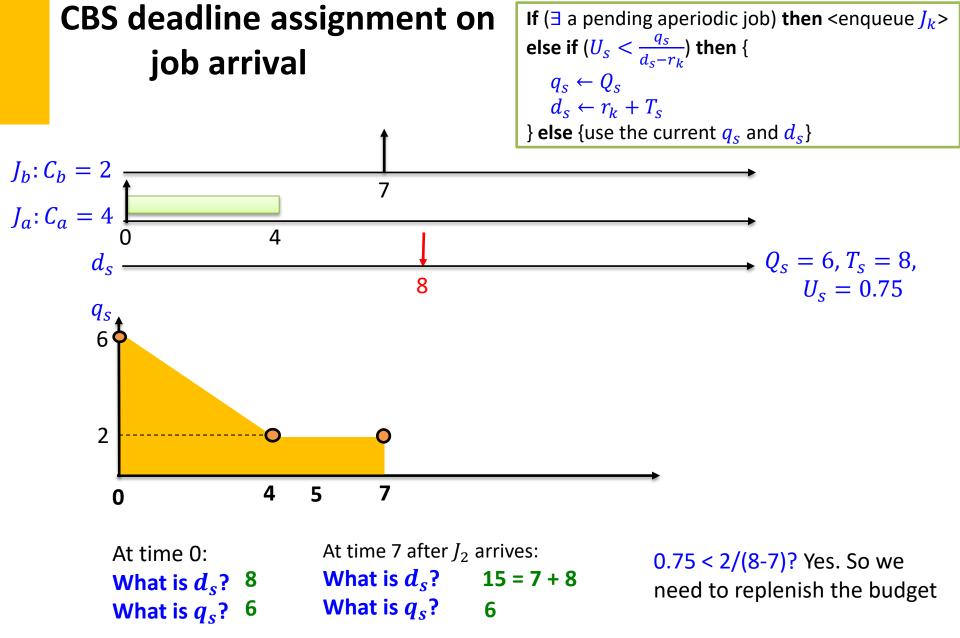


 $Q_s = 6, T_s = 12,$ $U_s = 0.5$

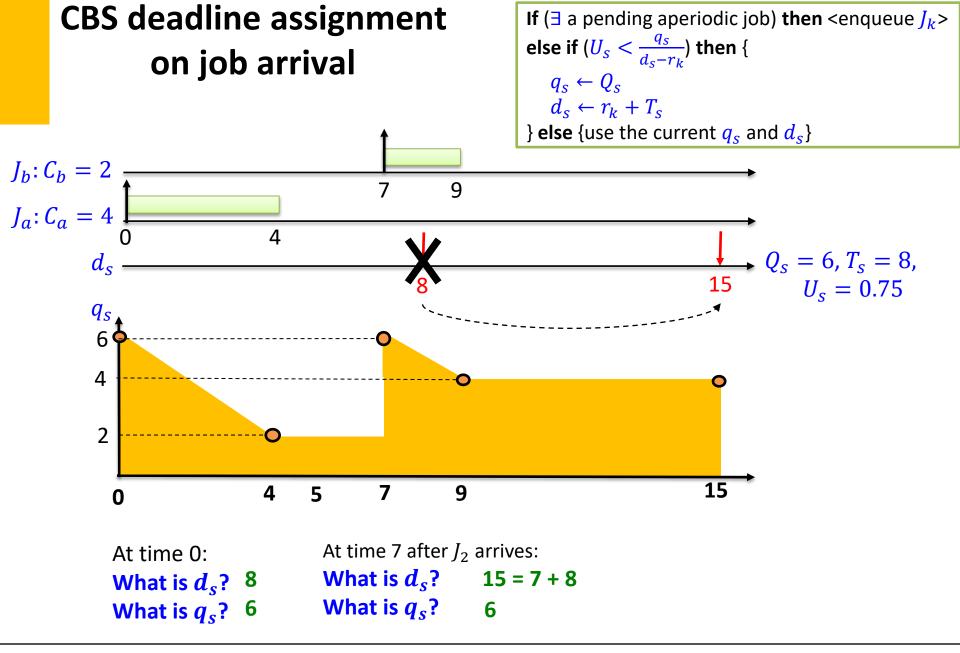


At time 0: At time 5 after
$$J_2$$
 arrives: What is d_s ? 12 What is d_s ? 12 What is q_s ? 6 What is q_s ? 3











Aperiodic jobs:

$$J_a$$
: $(r_a = 2, C_a = 3), J_b$: $(r_b = 12, C_b = 3)$

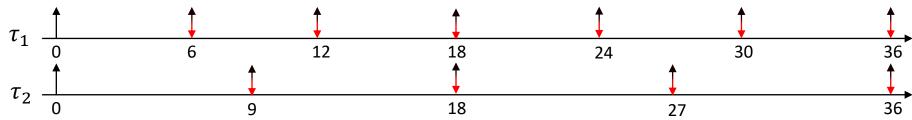
Server:

$$Q_s = 2$$
 and $T_s = 6$

Periodic tasks:

$$\tau_1$$
: $(C_1 = 2, T_1 = 6)$ and τ_2 : $(C_2 = 3, T_2 = 9)$

If (\exists a pending aperiodic job) then <enqueue J_k > else if ($U_S < \frac{q_S}{d_S - r_k}$) then { Exhaustion: $q_S \leftarrow Q_S$ $d_S \leftarrow r_k + T_S$ } else {use the current q_S and d_S }







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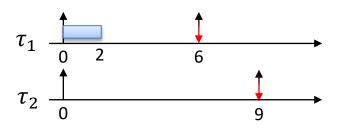
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What are d_s and q_s at time 2 right after the arrival of J_a ? $d_s = 2 + 6 = 8$ $q_s = 2$

Aperiodic tasks $2, C_a = 3$

Which task will be scheduled at time 2? J_a because its deadline is smaller than τ_2 's deadline.



What happens at time 4?
The budget has exhausted. Server must be updated.



Aperiodic jobs:

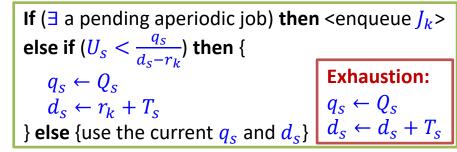
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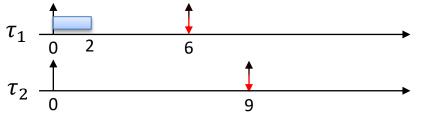
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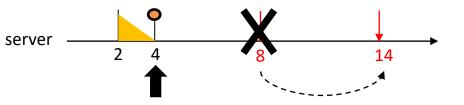
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 au_2 because it has an earlier deadline than the server (i.e., $d_{\rm S}>d_{2.1}$).



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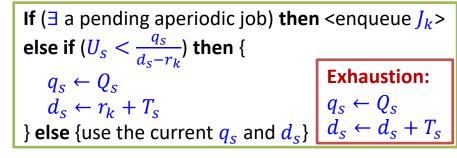
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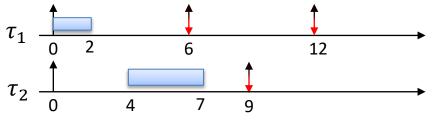
Server:

$$Q_s = 2$$
 and $T_s = 6$

Periodic tasks:

$$\tau_1$$
: $(C_1 = 2, T_1 = 6)$ and τ_2 : $(C_2 = 3, T_2 = 9)$





Which task will be scheduled at time 7?

 au_1 because it has an earlier deadline than the server (i.e., $d_s > d_{1,2}$).

Aperiodic tasks
$$2, C_a = 3$$





Aperiodic jobs:

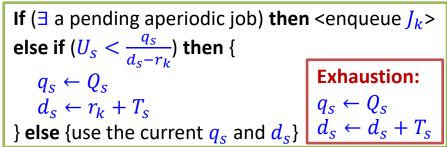
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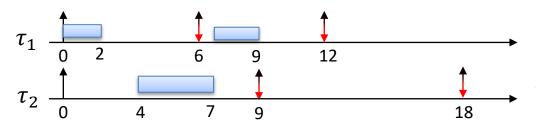
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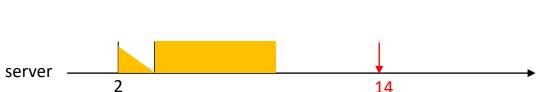




Which task will be scheduled at time 9? J_a because it has an earlier deadline than τ_2 (i.e., $d_s < d_{2.2}$).

Until when J_a will be scheduled using the current server parameters?

Until time 10 because it has only 1 units of remained execution time.





Aperiodic

tasks

Aperiodic jobs:

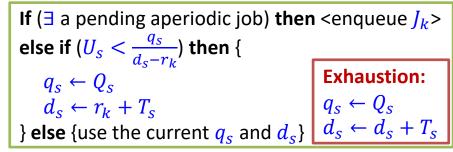
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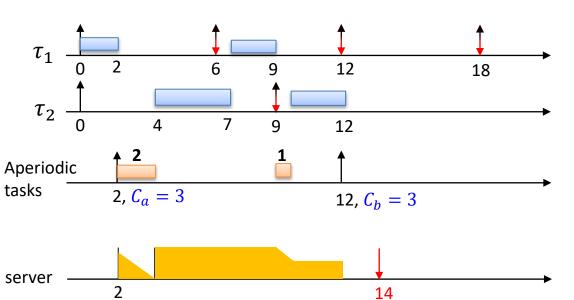
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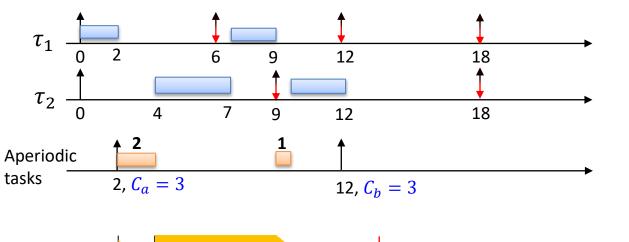
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14

What are the parameters of the server after the arrival of I_h ?

$$d_s = 12 + 6 = 18$$

 $q_s = 2$

Because at time 12, we have 1/(14-12) = 0.5 > 0.33Hence, we need to replenish the server.



server

Aperiodic jobs:

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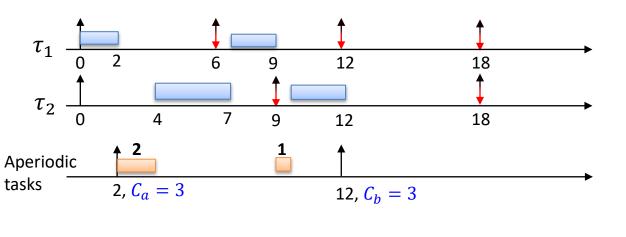
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Which job will be scheduled at time 12?

 J_b because the server wins all ties on deadlines



server

Aperiodic jobs:

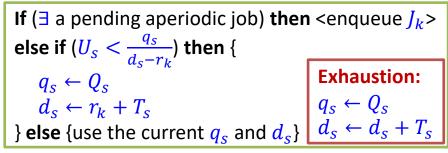
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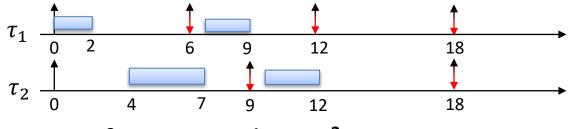
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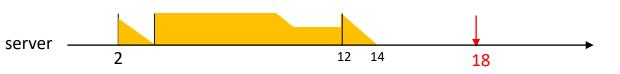
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time 14? Aperiodic

12, $C_h = 3$



What are the parameters of the server after being exhausted at

$$d_s = 18 + 6 = 24$$

 $q_s = 2$



tasks

Aperiodic jobs:

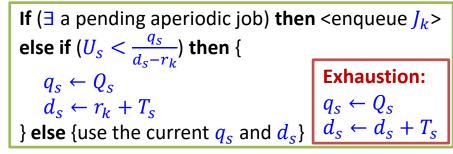
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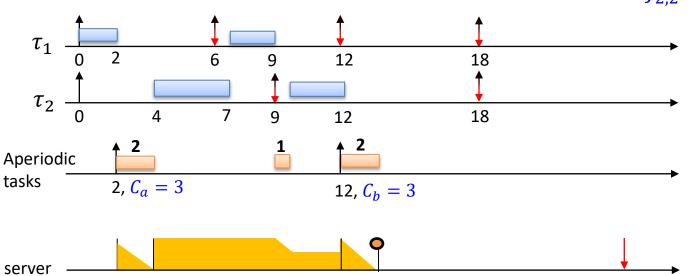
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Which job will be scheduled at time 14?

 $J_{1,3}$ because it has an earlier deadline and then $J_{2,2}$

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Aperiodic jobs:

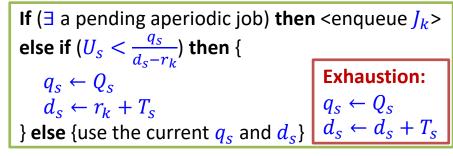
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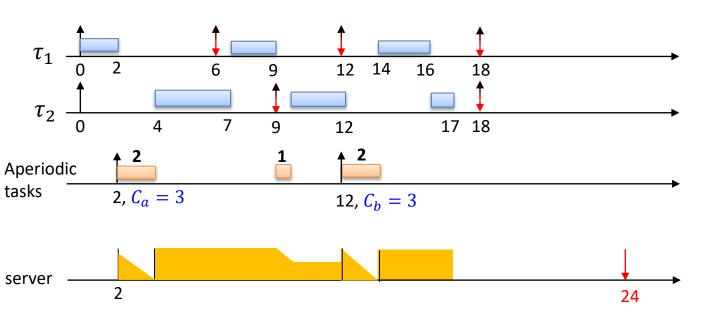
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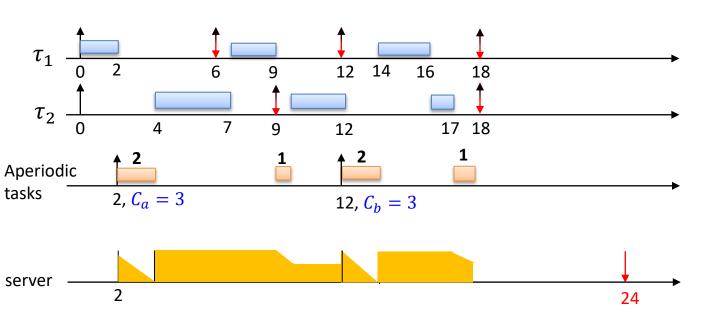
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Summary

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- Polling servers
- Deferrable servers
- Constant-bandwidth servers (CBS)





