

Homework 1

A: A process can be blocked by Busy Waiting (in this case the process will remain in the **Running** state) or by moving the process into the **Blocked** state.

Compare these two possibilities considering two different environments:

- A **multiprogramming** environment
- A **multiprocessing** environment

Discuss what will be your first choice of blocking the process in each of these environments.

B: Give examples of operating Systems that support a Symmetric Multiprocessing environment and operating systems that support an Asymmetric Multiprocessing environment.

C: **Distributed vs. Centralized (Parallel)**

Advantages: Computation speedup
Resource sharing
Reliability
Communication

Disadvantages:
Software: little software exists
Networking: the network can saturate
Security: easy access to secret data

In few lines give your best understanding of each of the above mentioned advantages and disadvantages.

PART D:

Carefully read the posted **Grading Policy** and the definitions for Plagiarism and Cheating posted on the course webpage under **Academic Integrity**

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