Operating System Principles





Process&Thread Concepts

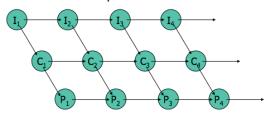
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Execution of Program

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



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Objectives

- Execution of Program
- Process Concept
- Thread Concept



Multi-Programming

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

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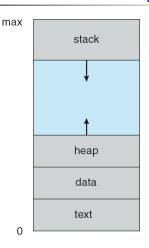


Process

- 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





Program v.s. Process

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

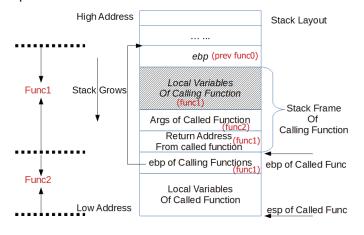


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Stack Frame of Function





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

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Multi-Processes

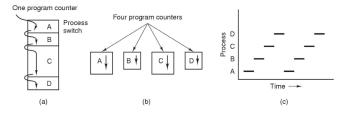


Figure 2-1. (a) Multiprogramming of four programs. (b) Conceptual model of four independent, sequential processes. (c) Only one program is active at once.



C Program Forking Separate Process

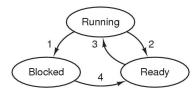


Process Termination

Process States

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

cat file1 file2 file3 | grep osp | wc -l



e.g.

- 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.

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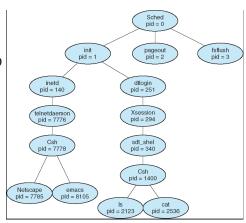
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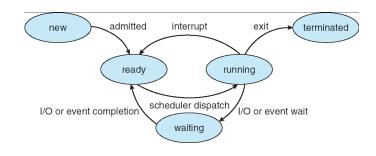
Process Hierarchies

- UNIX
 - Tree
 - Process group



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Process States





Process Hierarchies

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



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Implementation of Process

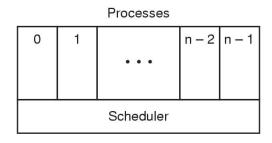
- Process control block (PCB)
- Process table: array of PCBs

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



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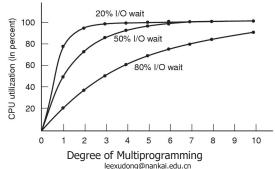


Modeling Multiprogramming

CPU utilization

 $= 1 - p^n$

P: the time waiting for I/O to complete



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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.

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Modeling Multiprogramming

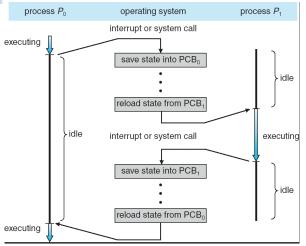
- e.g.
- A computer
 - 512MB memory
 - 128MB for OS, 128MB/Process
 - 80% time to wait I/O
 - CPU utilization=1-0.8³=49%
- Add second memory: 512MB
 - CPU utilization=1-0.8⁷=79%
- Add third memory: 512MB
 - CPU utilization=?

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CPU Switch From Process to Process

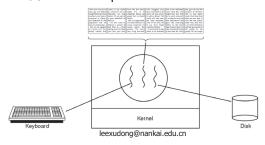




Thread

Motivation

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

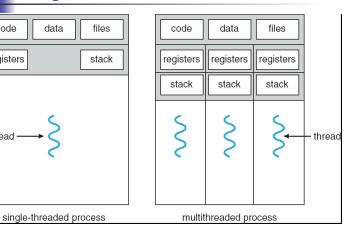




code

registers

Single and Multithreaded Processes





Cases of MultiThreads

```
while (TRUE) {
                                           while (TRUE) {
    get_next_request(&buf);
                                               wait_for_work(&buf)
    handoff_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.

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Bebefits of MultiThreads

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



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	

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Cases of MultiThreads

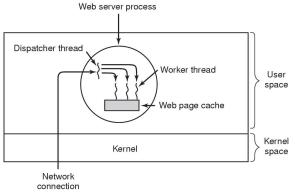
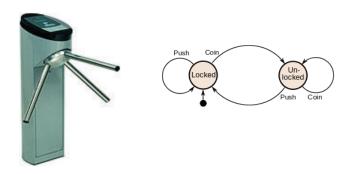


Figure 2-8. A multithreaded Web server.

Finite-State Machine (FSM)

• e.g. a turnstile



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The Classical Thread Model

Private Data of Thread

Per process items	Per thread items
Address space	Program counter
Global variables	Registers
Open files	Stack
Child processes	State
Pending alarms	
Signals and signal handlers	
Accounting information	

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.

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Example 1: POSIX Threads

```
#include <pthread.h>
#include <stdic.h>
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#define NUMBER_OF_THREADS 10

void *print_hello_world(void *tid) {

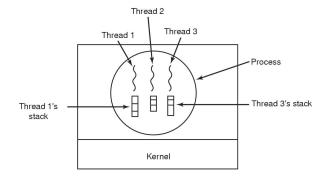
/* This function prints the thread's identifier and then exits. */
printf('Hello World. Greetings from thread %d0, tid);
pthread_exit(NULL);
}

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);
```

Each thread has its own stack



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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);
}
```



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



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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));</pre>
```



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;
}
  }
}</pre>
```



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

\$



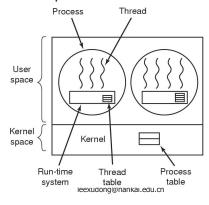
Example 2d: POSIX Threads

```
i=1;
while(i<argc){
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++;
}</pre>
```



Different types of threads

- User-Level Thread
 - In user space



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Example 2e: POSIX Threads

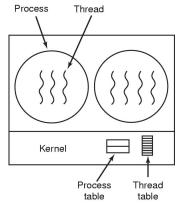
```
free (threadsArray);
free (argsArray);
printf ("Parent %d: exited\n", getpid ());
return EXIT_SUCCESS;
```

Compiling:
 qcc -o multithread multithread.c -lpthread



Different types of threads

- Kernel-Level Thread
 - In os kernel



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Different types of threads

- Hybrid Implementation Thread
 - Both kernel and User Thread

on a kernel thread

User space

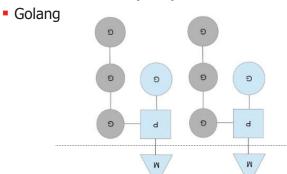
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Kernel thread

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Multiple user threads

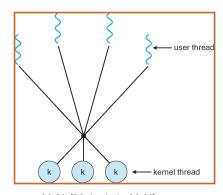


■ coroutine 协程 (M:N)





Hybrid Implementation Thread I



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



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Example: goroutine

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

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Hybrid Implementation Thread II

■ coroutine 协程 (M:N)









- 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.



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 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

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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



Pop-Up Threads

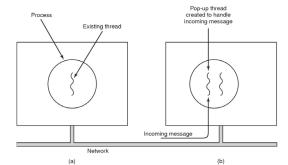


Figure 2-18. Creation of a new thread when a message arrives.

(a) Before the message arrives. (b) After the message arrives.

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Signal 信号 Handling

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- 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



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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)

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Making Single-Threaded Code Multithreaded

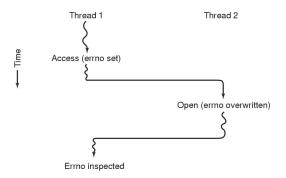


Figure 2-19. Conflicts between threads over the use of a global variable.



Summary

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

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Making Single-Threaded Code Multithreaded

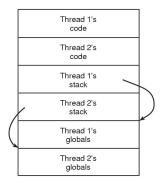


Figure 2-20. Threads can have private global variables.



Q&A?



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



Quiz

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



