

Project: Scheduler

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- Feature:
1. Implement 4-level feedback queue, mixed with lottery scheduler.
 2. Implement zombie-cleaner mechanism in queue and random-number-generator in lottery.
 3. Implement syscall statuler to check status of process in each queue
 4. Implement test program "lazytest"

Bug unfixed: 1. priority of a process surpasses 3 at a very little probability.

Description:

1. Four-level feedback queue

- Data structure
Queues respectively contain process with priority 0,1,2,3, using data structure array.
- Priority in different queue
Any process is allocated in Q0, it is always scheduled before process in Q1 and so on.
- Priority in same queue
Processes in same queue will be scheduled by lottery. Winner uses CPU and run.
- Time slice in each queue
When a process is scheduled, it "clicks" the CPU. Process can run in a queue with its "Clicks limit" times.
- Reset time
Each process contributes to the total clicks. If total clicks reach 250, all unfinished process reset to Q0. When queues reset, system automatically shows as follow:.

	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Clicks limit</u>	<u>Reset clicks</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>First process pointer's location</u>
Queue 0	0	2	250	64	Q0[0]
Queue 1	1	4		64	Q1[0]
Queue 2	2	8		64	Q2[0]
Queue 3	3	No need		64	Q3[0]

Table 1. Four level feedback queue

2. Lottery mechanism

- Initial lottery
Each process is allotted lotteries at initialization.
- Parameter
 - 1) Number of process within that queue.
 - 2) Totalclick (This is relative time parameter)
- Winner
Use "random number" to decide winner, and winner will use CPU with 1 "click".

3. Zombie cleaner

- Function
Turn ZOMBIE process into UNUSED, remove the process from Queues.
Free its stack and virtual memory for future use.

4. Syscall statuler
 - Function
Use statuler to check the status of each process at process table.
 - Note
 - Use this function before there are more than 64 process running.
5. Test program lazytest
 - Function
Fork several process and each will sleep for a while. This will help statuler to check the status of process.
 - Note
Please run this in background. Namely type "lazytest&"
This is not a perfect test program. If a priority surpasses 3 at a very little probability, use this again when last program finish. For most time, it runs without mistake.

PID	P_Name	P_State	P_Priority	P_Clicks	Reset	P_tickets
1	init	2	3	2	0	2000
2	sh	2	3	7	0	1500
5	lazytest	2	3	4	0	1200
4	lazytest	2	2	4	0	1250
6	lazytest	2	3	3	0	1166
7	lazytest	2	3	3	0	1142
8	lazytest	2	3	2	0	1125
9	lazytest	2	3	2	0	1111
10	lazytest	2	3	3	0	1100
11	lazytest	2	3	3	0	1090
12	statuler	4	2	1	0	1083

Plot 1. Scheduling process

This shows if there is any process in queue 3, no process in queue 4 can run.

Also, if there is any process in queue 1, no process in queue 2 or lower can run.

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Plot 2. Reset

This shows all process are re-arranged into Queue 0 when it reaches reset time. Note that it is an automatic print when the scheduler reset.

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1	init	2	1	0	7	2000
2	sh	2	2	0	7	1500
38	statuler	4	1	2	7	1026
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Plot 3. Finished status

This means all lazytest program have been finished.