

# Operating System Process Management

Q1. Define process & draw the diagram of process in memory

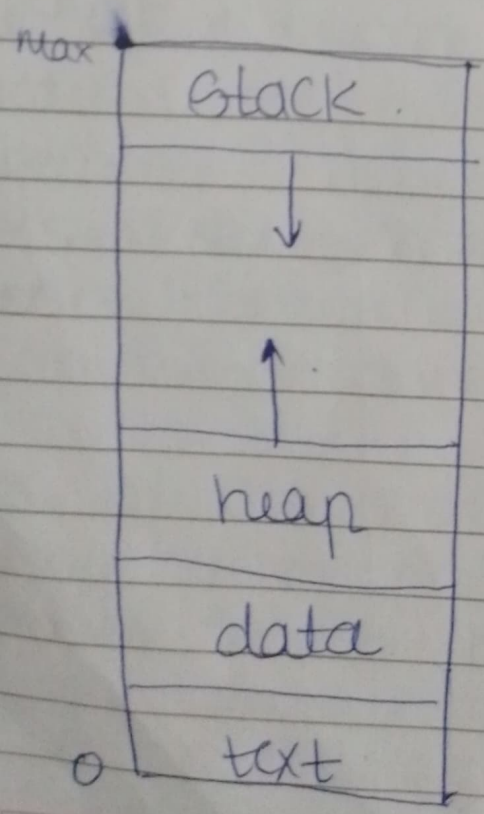
Ans: ① Process - a program in execution, process execution must progress in sequential fashion.

② A process is a program in execution. Process is also called as Job, task & unit of work.

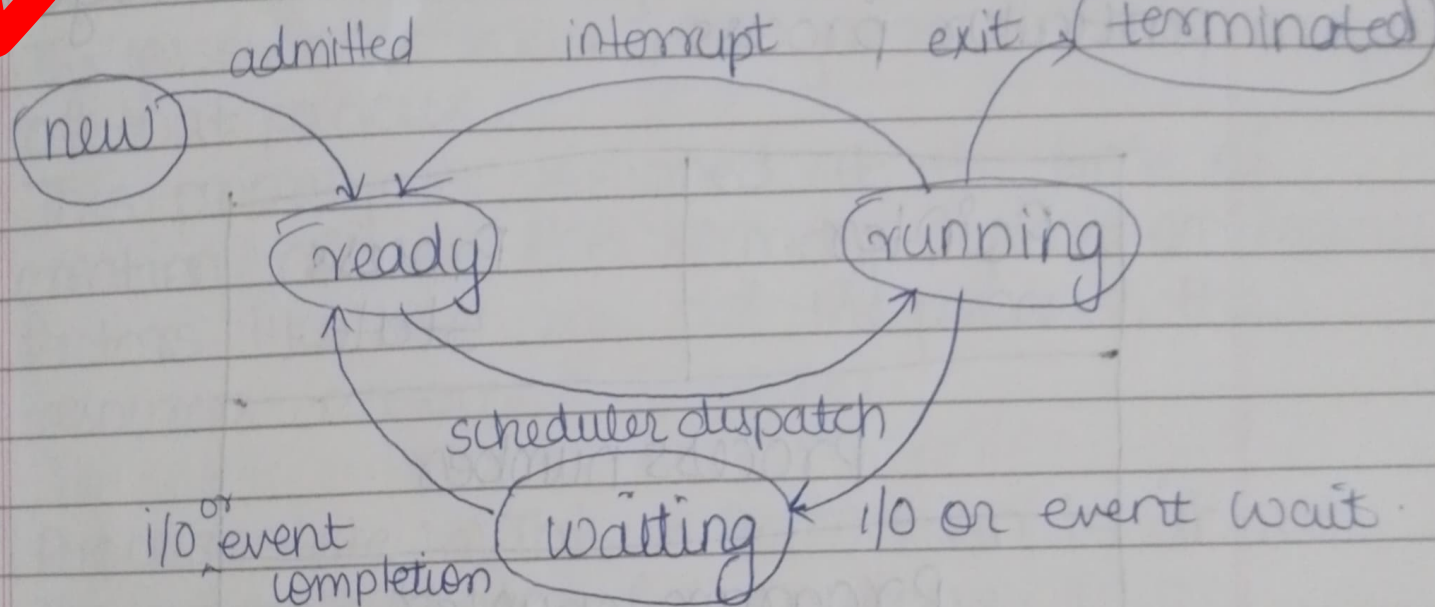
③ A process is defined as "an entity which represents the basic unit of work to be implemented in the system".

④ A process includes:

- program counter
- stack
- data section



→ Process state

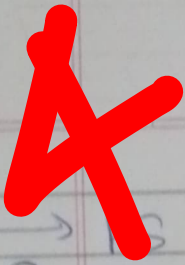


① As a process executes, it changes state.

- new: The process is being created.
- ready: The process is waiting to be assigned to a process.
- running: Instructions are being executed.
- waiting: The process is waiting for some event to occur.
- terminated: The process has finished execution.

- Syntax for sleep, kill, wait, ps.
- ① sleep:  
sleep NUMBER[SUFFIX]...  
sleep option OPTION.
- ② kill  
kill pid.
- ③ wait  
wait.
- ④ ps  
\$ ps [option]





→ ps command

① It is used to display the characteristics of a process. This command when executed without options, it lists the processes associated with a user at a particular terminal.

② Syntax: `$ ps [options]`

③ Example: `$ ps`

④ Each line in the output shows PID, the terminal with which the process is associated, the cumulative processor time that has been consumed since the process has been started & the process name.

⑤ Options:

a) `-f` : It is used to display full listing of attributes of a process. It includes UID (user ID), PID (Parent ID), C (amount of CPU time consumed by the process) & STIME (chronological time that has elapsed since the process started).

Example: `$ ps -f`

b) `-u` : shows the activities of any specified user at any time.

Example: `$ ps -u abc.`

c) `-a` : It shows the processes of all the users.

Example: `$ ps -a.`

d) `-e` : It displays processes including user &

system processes.

example: `$ ps -e`.

→ PCB (Process control Block)

① Each process is represented in the operating system by a Process control Block (PCB) is also called as Task control Block.

② When a process is created, operating system creates a corresponding PCB & released whenever the process terminates.

③ A PCB stores descriptive information pertaining to a process, such as its state, program counter, memory management information,



Information about its scheduling, allocated resources, accounting information, etc. that is required to control & manage a particular process.

Pointer	Process state
Process number	
Program counter	
CPU registers	
Memory allocations	
Event information	
List of open files	

## → Process Creation.

- ① When a new process is to be added to those currently being managed, the OS builds the data structures that are used to manage the process & allocates the address space in main memory to the process.



- ② This is creation of a new process.
- ③ Parent process create children processes, which inturon create other processes, forming a tree <sup>of</sup> processes.

### → Process Termination:

- ① According to the condition, process maybe terminated normally or forcibly by some other process.
- ② When a process completes its task & invokes a system call `Exitprocess()` in windows & `exit()` in UNIX which tells the O/S that ~~this~~ it is finished is called normal termination.
- ③ A process causing abnormal termination of some another process. For this the process invokes system call `TerminateProcess()` in windows & `kill()` in UNIX telling the s/w to kill another process.

Q7 (i) add delay in the sleep.  
→ sleep 10

(ii) To terminate a process.  
→ kill 0

in windows. E.g. kill() in UNIX telling the s/w to kill another process.

→ Schedulers.

① A scheduler in an operating system is responsible for managing the execution of processes. It determines which process gets the CPU next based on priority or other scheduling algorithms.

② Schedulers are of 3 types.

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3 types  
of schedulers

long term scheduler

Medium term  
scheduler

Short term  
scheduler

→ context switch

- ① When CPU switches to another process, the system must save the state of the old process & load the saved state for the new process. This task is called context switch.
- ② CPU switching from one process to another process is called a context switch.



→ IPC (Inter-Process Communication)

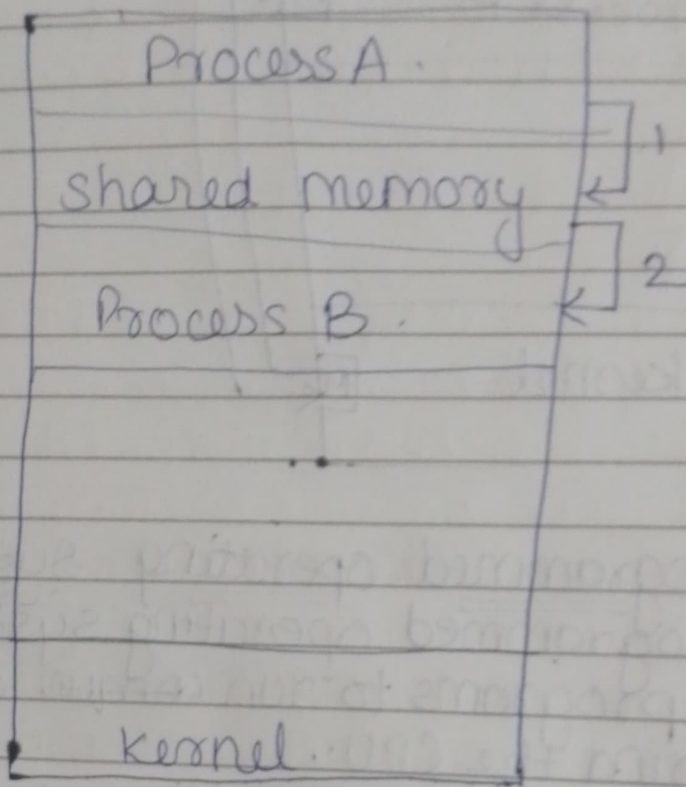
- ① IPC is a mechanism that allows different process to communicate with each other in an operating system.
- ② It helps in sharing data, synchronizing activities, & coordinating resources between processes.
- ③ It's like a language that processes use to talk to each other.
- ④ Models of inter-process communication are:
  - (i) Shared memory model.
  - (ii) Message passing model.



## → Shared memory model

- ① Two processes exchange data or information through sharing region. They can read & write data from & to this region.
- ② A region of the memory residing in an address space creating a memory segment can be accessed by all processes who want to communicate.
- ③ All process using shared memory segment should attach to the address space of shared memory.
- ④ These processes are not under the control of OS.
- ⑤ These processes are also responsible for ensuring that they are not writing to the same location simultaneously.
- ⑥ After establishing shared memory

segment, all access to shared memory system segment are treated as routine memory access & without assistance of kernel.



→ Message passing model

- ① In message passing model the data is exchanged in the form of messages.
- ② It allows the processes to communicate & synchronize their action without sharing the same address space.
- ③ Communication requires sending & receiving message through kernel.
- ④ The processes that want to communicate with each other must have a link between them.