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Lab 3 Report - Scheduling Algorithms

I was able to complete this lab almost entirely. The only problem I noticed was when I tested the test3.txt file, for the shortest time remaining gantt chart, it did not print process 6 from time 90 to 121 as it should have, but it only printed from 90 to 100. However, the rest of the tests for all the algorithms on each of the test files worked as expected. The FCFS and Priority scheduling were the easiest algorithms to complete since they were nonpreemptive so it was more straightforward. The Shortest remaining time and Round Robin algorithms were more difficult especially when it came to printing the gantt chart. For those two algorithms, I decided on making an array named gantt_chart, where each element was a structure called “entry” that held 3 pieces of information: the process id, the time it started, and the time it ended. When it came to printing, it would accumulate all the entries that were adjacent to each other and who had the same process id, and would print the start time of the first entry for the process id and the last entry for the process id. Overall, this assignment helped me strengthen my understanding of the different scheduling algorithms, and made me more comfortable with file i/o, using structures, using pointers, dynamically allocating memory, etc. **Below are the sources I used:**

- For file i/o: <https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/basics-file-handling-c/>
<https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/c-program-to-read-contents-of-whole-file/>
- Help from chat gpt for getting each integer from each line/string in the file:

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char *token = strtok(line, ",");  
while (token != NULL) {  
    int num = atoi(token);  
    printf("%d\n", num);  
    token = strtok(NULL, ",");  
}
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- For dynamically allocating memory for a 2D array (also referenced project from CS420):
<https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/dynamically-allocate-2d-array-c/>
- Referenced Lab 1 for idea of using a structure to hold information of a process and storing it in a table
- Referenced Lab 1 for creating a ready list that is a pointer to a linked list that has enqueue and dequeue functions that were helpful with the preemptive algorithms
- For round robin check_for_new_arrivals method, inspo from geeks for geeks:
https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/round-robin-scheduling-with-different-arrival-times/?ref=ml_lbp

Source Code:

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// gcc -g -Wall -o main  main.c
// ./main test1.txt

#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>

//structure for processes
typedef struct {

    int ID;
    int arrival;
    int burst;
    int priority;
    int time_quantum;
    int waiting;
    int turnaround;
    int remaining_burst_time;
} Process;

// structure for the queue/ready list
struct node {
    int process_id;
    struct node* next_process;
};

// initialize the ready list as null
struct node* ready_list = NULL;

// add a process to the end of the ready list
void enqueue(int id) {
    struct node* new_node = (struct node*) malloc(sizeof(struct node));
    new_node->process_id = id;
    new_node->next_process = NULL;

    // if nothing in ready list, have ready list point directly to the new process
    being enqueued
    if (ready_list == NULL) {
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        ready_list = new_node;
    }

    // otherwise, traverse the list to the end and add the new process
    else {
        struct node* last = ready_list;
        while (last->next_process != NULL) {
            last = last->next_process;
        }
        last->next_process = new_node;
    }
}

// remove a process from the beginning of the ready list
void dequeue() {
    if (ready_list != NULL) {
        struct node* temp = ready_list;
        ready_list = ready_list->next_process;
        free(temp);
    }
}

// structure for the gantt chart
typedef struct entry {
    int process_id;
    int start_time;
    int end_time;
} entry;

// make an array of entries, for printing gantt chart later
entry gantt_chart[100];

// function for adding an entry to the gantt chart
void add(int id, int start, int end){
    int i;
    for (i = 0; i < 100; i++){
        //find the first empty entry in the gantt chart array to update
        if (gantt_chart[i].process_id == -1){
            gantt_chart[i].process_id = id;
        }
    }
}

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        gantt_chart[i].start_time = start;
        gantt_chart[i].end_time = end;
        break;
    }
}

}

// printing the gantt chart
void print_gantt_chart() {
    int start_time = -1;
    int end_time = -1;
    int current_process_id = -1;

    // go through each entry
    int i;
    for (i = 0; i < 100; i++) {

        // break for loop once the end of the gantt chart is reached
        if (gantt_chart[i].process_id == -1) {
            break;
        }

        // for the first entry
        if (current_process_id == -1) {
            // initialize the current_process_id
            current_process_id = gantt_chart[i].process_id;
            // get the start time
            start_time = gantt_chart[i].start_time;
            // and what is assumed to be the end time at this point
            end_time = gantt_chart[i].end_time;
        }

        // if adjacent entries have the same process id
        else if (gantt_chart[i].process_id == current_process_id) {
            // update the end time
            end_time = gantt_chart[i].end_time;
        }

        else {
            // if the current entry has a different process id than the previous entry,
            print the gantt chart of the previous entry
            if (current_process_id == 0) {
                // if it was 0, it was idle

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        printf("[%d]-- IDLE --[%d]\n", start_time, end_time);
    } else {
        // otherwise print the id
        printf("[%d]-- %d --[%d]\n", start_time, current_process_id, end_time);
    }
    // update the current_process_id as the new process id
    current_process_id = gantt_chart[i].process_id;
    start_time = gantt_chart[i].start_time;
    end_time = gantt_chart[i].end_time;
}
}

// once id = -1, loop breaks, print the previous entry
if (current_process_id != -1) {
    if (current_process_id == 0) {
        printf("[%d]-- IDLE --[%d]\n", start_time, end_time);
    } else {
        printf("[%d]-- %d --[%d]\n", start_time, current_process_id, end_time);
    }
}
}

// helper function for round robin
void check_for_new_arrivals(Process* table, int rows, int current_time, int* in_list,
int* finished) {
    int i, j;
    for (i = 0; i < rows; i++) {
        int earliest_index = -1;
        //for each process
        for (j = 0; j < rows; j++) {
            int process_num = table[j].ID;
            // if a new process has arrived, is not currently in the queue, and is not
finished yet
            if (table[j].arrival <= current_time && in_list[process_num] == 0 &&
finished[process_num] == 0) {
                // if it arrived first or if it arrived at the same time as another
process but has a smaller id, select
                if (earliest_index == -1 || table[j].arrival <
table[earliest_index].arrival || (table[j].arrival == table[earliest_index].arrival &&
table[j].ID < table[earliest_index].ID)) {
                    earliest_index = j;
                }
            }
        }
    }
}

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        }
    }

    // enqueue the process that was selected
    if (earliest_index != -1) {
        int process_num = table[earliest_index].ID;
        in_list[process_num] = 1;
        enqueue(process_num);
    }
}

}

void RR(Process *table, int rows, int time_quantum) {
    printf("\n\n\nfrom inside Round Robin\n\n\n");

    // initialize the gantt chart array
    int i;
    for (i = 0; i < 100; i++) {
        gantt_chart[i].process_id = -1;
        gantt_chart[i].start_time = -1;
        gantt_chart[i].end_time = -1;
    }

    // initialize number of completed, current time, in_list (keeps track of which
    process are in the queue), and finished (keeps track of which process are finished)
    int completed = 0;
    int current_time = 0;

    int in_list[rows + 1];
    int finished[rows + 1];

    for (i = 0; i <= rows; i++) {
        in_list[i] = 0;
        finished[i] = 0;
    }

    // initialize remaining burst time for each process
    for (i = 0; i < rows; i++) {
        table[i].remaining_burst_time = table[i].burst;
    }
}

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// initial check for new arrivals and enqueue them
check_for_new_arrivals(table, rows, current_time, in_list, finished);

// while all process are not finished
while (completed != rows) {

    // while there is no process in the queue
    while (ready_list == NULL) {
        // cpu is idle
        for (i = 0; i < 100; i++) {
            // add entry to gantt chart
            if (gantt_chart[i].process_id == -1) {
                add(0, current_time, current_time + 1);
                break;
            }
        }
        current_time++;
        //increment current time by one, check again for new arrivals with the new
time, when one is found, while loop breaks
        check_for_new_arrivals(table, rows, current_time, in_list, finished);
    }

    //once arrival is found
    struct node *current_process = ready_list;
    int current_process_id = current_process->process_id;

    //dequeue from the ready list
    dequeue();

    // find the index in which the process resides in the table
    int current_process_index = -1;
    for (i = 0; i < rows; i++) {
        if (table[i].ID == current_process_id) {
            current_process_index = i;
            break;
        }
    }

    //track start time for gantt chart
    int start_time = current_time;

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// if remaining burst <= time quantum, the process is completed
if (table[current_process_index].remaining_burst_time <= time_quantum) {
    completed++;
    // update current time to however much time was left
    current_time += table[current_process_index].remaining_burst_time;

    // add to gantt chart for printing
    add(current_process_id, start_time, current_time);

    // store waiting time and turnaround time
    table[current_process_index].waiting = current_time -
table[current_process_index].arrival - table[current_process_index].burst;
    table[current_process_index].turnaround =
table[current_process_index].waiting + table[current_process_index].burst;

    // make sure waiting time is not negative
    if (table[current_process_index].waiting < 0) {
        table[current_process_index].waiting = 0;
    }

    // update remaining time, and mark as finished
    table[current_process_index].remaining_burst_time = 0;
    finished[current_process_id] = 1;

    // check for new arrivals to enqueue to readylist
    for (i = 1; i <= rows; i++) {
        if (in_list[i] == 0) {
            check_for_new_arrivals(table, rows, current_time, in_list,
finished);
            break;
        }
    }
}

// if remaining burst > time quantum, the process is not completed
else {
    // update the remaining burst time to reflect the time gone by
    table[current_process_index].remaining_burst_time -= time_quantum;
    // update the current time
    current_time += time_quantum;
}

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        // add entry to gantt chart
        add(current_process_id, start_time, current_time);

        // check for new arrivals to enqueue to readylist
        for (i = 1; i <= rows; i++) {
            if (in_list[i] == 0) {
                check_for_new_arrivals(table, rows, current_time, in_list,
finished);
                break;
            }
        }

        // enqueue the current process after enqueueing the new arrivals
        enqueue(current_process_id);
    }
}

// print Gantt chart after all processes have completed
print_gantt_chart();

printf("\n\n----- RR -----\\n");
printf("Process ID | Waiting Time | Turnaround Time\\n");

double avg_waiting = 0;
double avg_turnaround = 0;
double throughput = 0;

for (i = 0; i < rows; i++) {
    printf("%d\t%d\t%d\\n", table[i].ID, table[i].waiting, table[i].turnaround);
    avg_waiting += table[i].waiting;
    avg_turnaround += table[i].turnaround;
}
printf("-----\\n");

avg_waiting /= rows;
avg_turnaround /= rows;
throughput = (double)rows / current_time;

printf("\n\nAverage Waiting Time: %.1f\\n", avg_waiting);
printf("Average Turnaround Time: %.1f\\n", avg_turnaround);
printf("Throughput: %.10f\\n", throughput);

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}

//helper for priority scheduling
int find_next_arrival(Process* table, int rows, int* checked){

    //finds the process with the next minimum arrival time, and returns the actual
minimum time
    int min_arrival = __INT_MAX__;
    int i;
    for (i = 0; i < rows; i++){
        if (checked[table[i].ID] == 0 && table[i].arrival < min_arrival){
            min_arrival = table[i].arrival;
        }
    }
    return min_arrival;
}

//helper for priority scheduling
int select_process(Process* table, int rows, int* checked, int current_time){

    int min_priority = __INT_MAX__;
    int min_priority_process = -1;
    int selected_index = -1;
    int i;
    for (i = 0; i < rows; i++){
        // if process has not been selected yet, and the process has already arrived by
the current time
        if (checked[table[i].ID] == 0 && table[i].arrival <= current_time){
            // if the process has a lower priority than the current minimum priority, or
            if it is the same as the minimum priority but has a lower ID, then update the minimum
            priority and minimum priority process
            if (table[i].priority < min_priority || (table[i].priority == min_priority &&
table[i].ID < min_priority_process)){
                min_priority = table[i].priority;
                min_priority_process = table[i].ID;
                // return the index of the table corresponding to the selected processs
                selected_index = i;
            }
        }
    }
}

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}

// if a process has been selected, then update the checked array and return the
index of the selected process
if (min_priority_process != -1) {
    checked[min_priority_process] = 1;
}
return selected_index;
}

void PS(Process* table, int rows){
    printf("\n\nfrom inside Priority Scheduling\n");

    // checked array to keep track of which processes have already been selected (index
corresponds to the process id)
    int checked[rows+1];
    int i;
    for (i = 0; i < rows+1; i++){
        checked[i] = 0;
    }

    int current_time = 0;

    printf("\nGantt Chart is:\n");

    // loop until all processes have been selected
    for (i = 0; i < rows; i++){
        // select process based on who has arrived already, who has the lowest (aka
most) priority, and if there is a tie, who has the smaller process id
        int selected_process = select_process(table, rows, checked, current_time);

        // if no process has arrived yet (begin idle from this point)
        if (selected_process == -1) {

            // call another function to find the actual time that the next process
arrives (earliest arrival time)
            int next_arrival_time = find_next_arrival(table, rows, checked);

            // if there exists a next arrival time (idle from the current time until
the next arrival time)
            if (next_arrival_time != __INT_MAX__) {
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        printf("[ %d ]-- IDLE --[ %d ]\n", current_time, next_arrival_time);
        current_time = next_arrival_time;

        // decrement i, and go back to the top of the loop, to retry with the
new current time
        i--;
        continue;
    }

}

// otherwise, if there is a process that has arrived under the desired
conditions
// hold its info in current process which points to its location in the table
Process *current_process = &table[selected_process];

// like FCFS... redundant?
// if the current time is less than the process who has arrived, then CPU is
idle until the point that process has arrived
if (current_time < current_process->arrival) {
    printf("[ %d ]-- IDLE --[ %d ]\n", current_time, current_process->arrival);
    current_time = current_process->arrival;
}

// otherwise the process uses the CPU without being interrupted
printf("[ %d ]-- %d --[ %d ]\n", current_time, current_process->ID,
current_time + current_process->burst);
current_time += current_process->burst;

//get waiting and turnaround for that particular process
current_process->turnaround = current_time - current_process->arrival;
current_process->waiting = current_process->turnaround -
current_process->burst;

}

//printf("current time is %d\n", current_time);

printf("\n\n----- PS -----");
printf("Process ID | Waiting Time | Turnaround Time\n");

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//accumulate waiting and turnaround time of all the processes and then divide by
number of processes

double avg_waiting = 0;
double avg_turnaround = 0;
double throughput = 0;

for (i = 0; i < rows; i++) {
    printf("%d\t%d\t%d\n", table[i].ID, table[i].waiting, table[i].turnaround);
    avg_waiting += table[i].waiting;
    avg_turnaround += table[i].turnaround;
}
printf("-----\n");

double num_rows = rows;

avg_waiting = avg_waiting / rows;
avg_turnaround = avg_turnaround / rows;

//throughput is the number of jobs completed in what amount of time
throughput = num_rows / current_time;

printf("\n\nAverage Waiting Time: %.2f\n", avg_waiting);
printf("Average Turnaround Time: %.2f\n", avg_turnaround);
printf("Throughput: %.12f\n", throughput);
}

void SRT(Process* table, int rows) {
    printf("\n\nfrom inside Shortest Time Remaining\n");

    // initialize gantt chart array
    int i;
    for (i = 0; i < 100; i++) {
        gantt_chart[i].process_id = -1;
        gantt_chart[i].start_time = -1;
        gantt_chart[i].end_time = -1;
    }

    // initialize current time, completed, and finished array
}

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int current_time = 0;
int completed = 0;

int finished[rows];
for (i = 0; i < rows; i++) {
    finished[i] = 0;
    table[i].remaining_burst_time = table[i].burst;
}

// while there are still processes to be completed
while (completed != rows) {

    //assume no process is found yet
    int min_burst_index = -1;
    int min_remaining_burst_time = __INT_MAX__;

    //for each process in table
    for (i = 0; i < rows; i++) {
        //if process has already arrived into the system and still has more
        remaining burst time
        if (table[i].arrival <= current_time && finished[i] == 0) {
            // if the remaining time is less than what was previously thought to be
            the minimum
            if (table[i].remaining_burst_time < min_remaining_burst_time) {
                //update the minimum burst time and index it corresponds to
                min_remaining_burst_time = table[i].remaining_burst_time;
                min_burst_index = i;
            }
            // if there are multiple processes that have the same minimum remaining
            time, select the one with the lowest ID
            if (table[i].remaining_burst_time == min_remaining_burst_time &&
table[i].ID < table[min_burst_index].ID) {
                min_burst_index = i;
            }
        }
    }
}

// if a process exists in the system and is selected as the one with the
shortest remaining time...
if (min_burst_index != -1) {

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    //update its remaining burst time to account for passing time
    table[min_burst_index].remaining_burst_time--;
    add(table[min_burst_index].ID, current_time, current_time + 1);
    current_time++;

    // if the current process utilizing the CPU has completed by this time
    if (table[min_burst_index].remaining_burst_time == 0) {

        // save the turnaround time and waiting time of the process
        table[min_burst_index].turnaround = current_time -
table[min_burst_index].arrival;
        table[min_burst_index].waiting = table[min_burst_index].turnaround -
table[min_burst_index].burst;

        // mark the process as finished
        finished[min_burst_index] = 1;

        // increment the number of completed processes
        completed++;
    }
}

// otherwise, if no process is available to run...
else {
    add(0, current_time, current_time + 1);
    current_time++;
}
}

double avg_waiting = 0;
double avg_turnaround = 0;

printf("\n\nGantt Chart is:\n\n");
print_gantt_chart();

printf("\n\n----- SRT -----");
printf("Process ID | Waiting Time | Turnaround Time\n");
for (i = 0; i < rows; i++) {
    avg_waiting += table[i].waiting;
    avg_turnaround += table[i].turnaround;
    printf("%d\t%d\t%d\n", table[i].ID, table[i].waiting, table[i].turnaround);
}

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printf("-----\n");

avg_waiting /= rows;
avg_turnaround /= rows;
double throughput = (double) rows / current_time;

printf("\n\nAverage Waiting Time: %.2f\n", avg_waiting);
printf("Average Turnaround Time: %.2f\n", avg_turnaround);
printf("Throughput: %.12f\n", throughput);

}

// helper for first come first serve
//returns process with earliest arrival and smallest process id
int get_min_process(Process* table, int rows, int* checked){

    int min_arrival = __INT_MAX__;
    int min_arrival_process = -1;
    // a to keep track of index of the minimum process in the table
    int a = -1;

    int i;
    for (i = 0; i < rows; i++){
        //if process has not been previously selected as the minimum
        //and the arrival time of the process is less than the current minimum arrival
        time saved
        //or if it is equal to the minimum, but has a lower process id than the current
        minimum process id
        //then update the minimum arrival time and corresponding process id
        if (checked[table[i].ID] == 0 && (table[i].arrival < min_arrival ||
        (table[i].arrival == min_arrival && table[i].ID < min_arrival_process))){
            min_arrival = table[i].arrival;
            min_arrival_process = table[i].ID;
            a = i;
        }
    }
}

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}

// if minimum process was found, update its corresponding position in checked array
if (min_arrival_process != -1) {
    checked[min_arrival_process] = 1;
}

return a;
}

void FCFS(Process* table, int rows){
    printf("\n\nfrom inside First Come First Serve\n");

    // checked array to keep track of which processes have already been selected (index
    corresponds to the process id)
    int checked[rows+1];
    int i;
    for (i = 0; i < rows+1; i++){
        checked[i] = 0;
        //printf("checked[%d], is %d\n", i, checked[i]);
    }

    int current_time = 0;

    printf("\nGantt Chart is:\n");

    // for all processes
    for (i = 0; i < rows; i++){

        // get the process that arrives first (if tie, get the process with smallest
        process id)
        // get its index in the table (different from the ID itself)
        int min_process_index = get_min_process(table, rows, checked);

        // have current process point to that process and its information in the table
        Process *current_process = &table[min_process_index];
}

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    // if the current time is less than the process who has arrived, then CPU is
idle until the point that process has arrived
    if (current_time < current_process->arrival) {
        printf("[ %d ]-- IDLE --[ %d ]\n", current_time,
current_process->arrival);
        current_time = current_process->arrival;
    }

    //other wise, the process takes up the CPU for its burst time (not interrupted)
    printf("[ %d ]-- %d --[ %d ]\n", current_time, current_process->ID,
current_time + current_process->burst);
    // current time updates to account for the burst time of the process
    current_time += current_process->burst;

    // calculate turnaround time and waiting time for that process and store the
info
    current_process->turnaround = current_time - current_process->arrival;
    current_process->waiting = current_process->turnaround -
current_process->burst;
}

//printf("current time is %d\n", current_time);

printf("\n\n----- FCFS -----");
printf("Process ID | Waiting Time | Turnaround Time\n");

double avg_waiting = 0;
double avg_turnaround = 0;
double throughput = 0;

// for each process, accumulate the waiting time and turnaround time
for (i = 0; i < rows; i++){
    printf("%d\t%d\t%d\n", table[i].ID, table[i].waiting, table[i].turnaround);
    avg_waiting += table[i].waiting;
    avg_turnaround += table[i].turnaround;
}
printf("-----\n");

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    // divide waiting and turnarounnd time by the number of processes to get the
average

    double num_rows = rows;
    avg_waiting = avg_waiting / rows;
    avg_turnaround = avg_turnaround / rows;
    throughput = num_rows / current_time;

    printf("\n\nAverage Waiting Time: %.2f\n", avg_waiting);
    printf("Average Turnaround Time: %.2f\n", avg_turnaround);
    printf("Throughput: %.12f\n", throughput);

}

int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
    printf("Hello World\n");

    if (argc < 2) {
        printf("Too few arguments. Provide name of file.\n");
        return 1;
    }

    if (argc > 2) {
        printf("Too many arguments. Only provide name of file as a single
argument.\n");
        return 1;
    }

    //pointer to filename of data type character
    char* filename = argv[1];

    //fopen returns file pointer if opened successfully
    FILE *file = fopen(filename, "r");

    if (file == NULL) {
        printf("Unable to open file\n");
        return 1;
    }

    //line length

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char line[100];

//number of columns always constant
int columns = 5;
int rows = 0;

// obtain number of rows which will vary among text file inputs
while (fgets(line, 100, file)){
    rows++;
}

printf("Number of rows: %d\n", rows);

//rewind file pointer to the beginning of the file
rewind(file);

// creating 2D array to resemble text file
int **info_2Darray = (int**)malloc(rows * sizeof(int**));

// allocate memory for each row (dynamic because rows/# of process depend on the
input file)
if (info_2Darray == NULL){
    printf("Unable to allocate memory for rows");
    return 1;
}

//allocate memory for the columns in each row
int i;
for (i = 0; i < rows; i++){
    info_2Darray[i] = (int*)malloc(columns * sizeof(int));
    if (info_2Darray[i] == NULL){
        printf("Unable to allocate memory for the columns in row %d\n", i);
        return 1;
    }
}

int row, column;

// for each row
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for (row = 0; row < rows; row++) {
    // reset column to leftmost column when moving to next row
    column = 0;

    // read line from file
    // fgets(data type string that will store the line of data, maximum
    characters that will be stored, file pointer)
    fgets(line, 100, file);

    // strtok is a function that takes a string and a delimiter and returns a
    pointer to the first token in the string
    // in this case, token is each individual number in the line
    char *token = strtok(line, ",");

    while (token != NULL && column < columns) {

        // converts number in the string to an integer
        int num = atoi(token);

        // stores the integer in its corresponding position in 2D array
        info_2Darray[row][column] = num;

        printf("%d ", info_2Darray[row][column]);

        // moves to the next token in the string
        token = strtok(NULL, ",");

        // increments column to keep track within 2D array
        column++;
    }

    printf("\n");
}

// finished reading from the file, everything now contained in 2D array, close file
fclose(file);

// each row in the 2D array corresponds to: process id, arrival time, burst time,
priority, and time quantum

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// create a table of process structures, each element in 1D array will hold the
information for that process

Process TABLE[rows];

// initialize values in table of processes
for (i = 0; i < rows; i++){
    TABLE[i].ID = info_2Darray[i][0];
    TABLE[i].arrival = info_2Darray[i][1];
    TABLE[i].burst = info_2Darray[i][2];
    TABLE[i].priority = info_2Darray[i][3];
    TABLE[i].time_quantum = info_2Darray[i][4];
    TABLE[i].waiting = 0;
    TABLE[i].turnaround = 0;
    TABLE[i].remaining_burst_time = 0;
}

// call the scheduling algorithms
FCFS(TABLE, rows);
SRT(TABLE, rows);
PS(TABLE, rows);
RR(TABLE, rows, TABLE[0].time_quantum);

// free the memory allocated for the 2D array
for (i = 0; i < rows; i++) {
    free(info_2Darray[i]);
}

free(info_2Darray);

return 0;
}
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