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# MULTILEVEL QUEUE CONCEPT

### Multilevel Queue<sub>1/3</sub>

- Ready queue is partitioned into separate queues:
  - foreground (interactive)
  - background (batch)

- Each queue has its own scheduling algorithm
  - ➤ foreground RR
  - ➤ background FCFS

Scheduling must be done between the queues

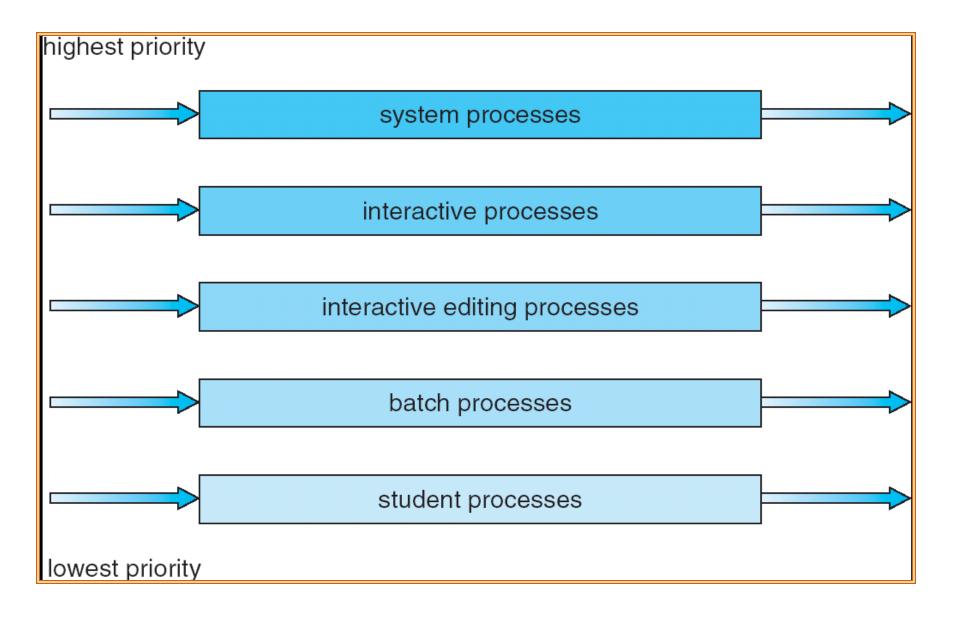
### Multilevel Queue<sub>2/3</sub>

- Fixed priority scheduling
  - Serve all from foreground, then from background
  - Possibility of starvation.

#### Time slice

- ➤ Each queue gets a certain amount of CPU time which it can schedule amongst its processes
  - √ 80% to foreground in RR
  - ✓ 20% to background in FCFS

### Multilevel Queue<sub>3/3</sub>

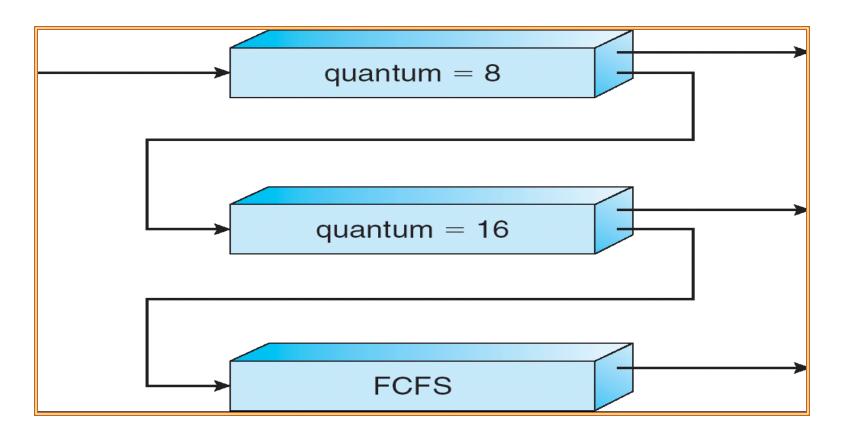


## MULTILEVEL FEEDBACK QUEUE CONCEPT

### Multilevel Feedback Queue

- A process can move between the various queues; aging can be implemented this way
- Multilevel-feedback-queue scheduler defined by the following parameters:
  - > number of queues
  - > scheduling algorithms for each queue
  - > method used to determine when to upgrade a process
  - > method used to determine when to demote a process
  - > method used to determine which queue a process will enter when that process needs service

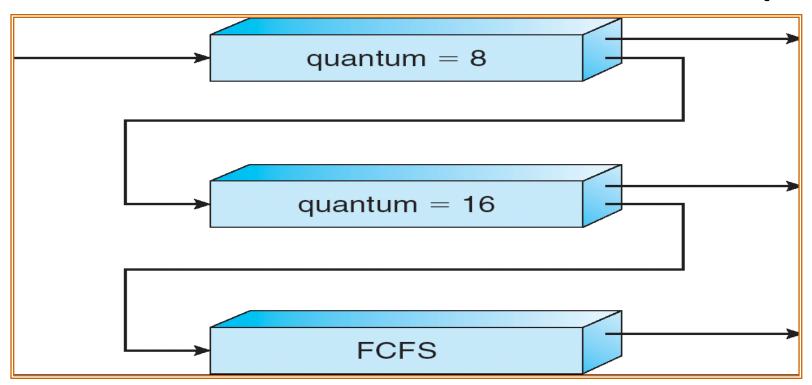
## Multilevel Feedback Queue: Example<sub>1/2</sub>



#### Three queues:

- ➤ Q0 RR with time quantum 8 milliseconds
- ➤ Q1 RR time quantum 16 milliseconds
- $\triangleright$  Q2 FCFS

## Multilevel Feedback Queue: Example<sub>2/2</sub>



#### Scheduling

- > The scheduler first executes all processes in queue 0.
- Processes in queue 1 will be executed only if queues 0 is empty.
- ➤ Similarly, processes in queue 2 will be executed only if queues 0 and 1 are empty.
  - ✓ A process that arrives for queue 1 will preempt a process in queue 2.
  - ✓ A process that arrives for queue 0 will preempt a process in queue 1.

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