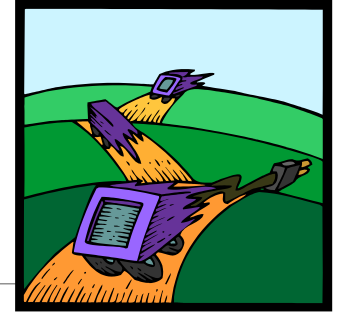


Process



Fundamental to the structure of operating systems

A *process* can be defined as:

a program in execution

an instance of a running program

the entity that can be assigned to, and executed on, a processor

a unit of activity characterized by a single sequential thread of execution, a current state, and an associated set of system resources