Operating System Project 1 Report

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1 Design

1.1 Main Structure

For each process, it's attribute (ready time, execution time, start time and process id) is stored in a structure processData. A structure processList is constructed to maintain a list of processData, while processes in it are sorted by ready time.

The scheduler process S itself is limited to run on CPU 0 with lowest nice value -20 at the beginning. Once a child process P is forked, P will limit itself to run on CPU 1, and it's nice value is determined by scheduling principle. After finishing setting these property, P then execute ./child, a process that will run million empty iterations for n times, while n is passed through argv[1]. To make P be able to print it's own name, it's name is passed through argv[2].

To schedule, S idles a process P1 and awake another process P2 by setting nice value of P1 to 19 and setting nice value of P2 to -20. Child processes won't compete with S for CPU resources because they are affined to different CPU.

1.2 FIFO

Maintain two pointer st and ed pointing to elements in processList. They are both pointing the first process at the beginning.

S checks if the process pointed by ed is ready every time unit. Once the child process is ready and forked, ed moves right.

 ${\tt S}$ waits non-blockingly for the process pointed by ${\tt st}$ every time unit. Once the child process terminates, ${\tt st}$ moves right.