

4 Part 2

4.1 Lottery Scheduler

In the second part of the lab we had to implement the lottery scheduler. In the lottery scheduler, the user assigns to each process a number of tickets. We decided to assign one ticket by default to each process. For a process to win the lottery, it should have the ticket that the lottery generates. We generate the winning ticket using a random number generator function. To find the winner, we iterate through the tickets of all the processes until we find the winning ticket.

Now that we described the procedure of the lottery scheduler, we need to explain which parts of the code we changed to implement it. Firstly, we assigned the default numbers of tickets (to one) in the function `allocproc` of the `proc.c` file. All the other changes were implemented in the function `scheduler` of the `proc.c` file. At first, we iterated through all the processes, to find the total of all the tickets (`getTotalTickets` function in the `proc.c`). Then, we implemented a second iteration in which we look for the winner process. We find the number of tickets accumulated till the process that we currently are and we check if this number is greater or equal to the random number that the random number generator has produced (`randomGen` function in the `proc.c`). If this is true, then we found the winner process, otherwise we continue our search.

4.2 Ticket Inflation

In this part of the assignment we implemented the ticket inflation. In the ticket inflation, if the user notices that a process that she needs does not win as much as she wants, she could increase the number of its tickets. We do that by adding a system call which increases the number of tickets of the process that invokes it.

Our system call is called `sys_numtickets` and it is implemented in the `sysproc.c` file. We increase by one the number of tickets that the process already has and we return its current ticket numbers. We also had to make this system call visible to the `syscall.c` file. Then, we added it in the `syscall.h`, `user.h`, `defs.h` and `usys.S` files.

5 Tests

We design two tests to evaluate the validity of our implementation. The main idea is to run processes which perform long loops, allocate different amount of ticket to each of them and output their performance in fixed intervals of time. We implement a number of system calls in the `sysproc.c` file to achieve these goals.

5.1 System calls

A first system call (`top`) was implemented to run the `procdump` function every 5 seconds. We modify the default `procdump` function (at the end of `proc.c`) to output information about the running and runnable processes. Specifically, it shows the pid, name, tickets and number of lottery wins of each of the process. This system call receives as parameters the number of requested outputs and its number of tickets. We use the first parameter to set how many samples we want to collect during the test.

A second system call (`secs`) will return the instant in which this system call was invoked. It uses the `cmostime` function and structs provide by the `date.h` and `lapic.c` files. For convenience, it just returns the number of seconds during the current hour.

A third system call (`work`) will receive two parameters: a number of iterations for the loop and a number of tickets to be assigned for the current process. It just will perform a simple assignment during the number of specified iterations.

5.2 Test 1. Ticket allocation and fairness share

The first test evaluates the ratio of the ticket allocation. We implement a command line function (file `test.c`) that runs the system call `work`. Three processes were launched with different number of tickets running at the same time (using the `&` wildcard). The selected ratio was 8:3:1. Figure 3 shows the details of the setting for this test. Figure 4 shows the number of lotteries each process wins during a 200 seconds test.

In order to test the fairness share of the allocation, we plot the proportion of lottery wins for each process. For a ratio of 8:3:1 the expected proportions are 0.666, 0.250 and 0.083. Figure 5 illustrates the results. We can see that at the beginning of the test the proportions suffer some fluctuations but, as the number of lotteries increase, the proportions remains constant around the expected values.

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and@and-Aspire-4520: ~/Documents/PhD/AOS/v2/xv6-public
and@and-Aspire-4520: ~/Documents/PhD/AOS/v2/xv6-public 80x24
qemu-system-i386 -serial mon:stdio -hdb fs.img xv6.img -smp 1 -m 512
xv6...
cpu0: starting
sb: size 1000 nblocks 941 ninodes 200 nlog 30 logstart 2 inodestart 32 bmap star
init: starting sh
$ test 1000000000 1 &
$ test 1000000000 3 &
$ top 40 8
7-top_8,8,4-test_1,825,6-test_3,427,2923
7-top_8,321,4-test_1,853,6-test_3,534,2928
7-top_8,646,4-test_1,909,6-test_3,648,2933
7-top_8,975,4-test_1,936,6-test_3,785,2938
7-top_8,1300,4-test_1,981,6-test_3,909,2943
7-top_8,1603,4-test_1,1029,6-test_3,1042,2948
7-top_8,1916,4-test_1,1067,6-test_3,1174,2953
7-top_8,2223,4-test_1,1099,6-test_3,1310,2958
7-top_8,2544,4-test_1,1142,6-test_3,1437,2963
7-top_8,2867,4-test_1,1187,6-test_3,1545,2968
7-top_8,3205,4-test_1,1228,6-test_3,1657,2973
7-top_8,3537,4-test_1,1263,6-test_3,1782,2978
7-top_8,3877,4-test_1,1301,6-test_3,1894,2983
7-top_8,4212,4-test_1,1338,6-test_3,2006,2988
7-top_8,4535,4-test_1,1373,6-test_3,2127,2993

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Figure 3: Details of the settings for test 1.

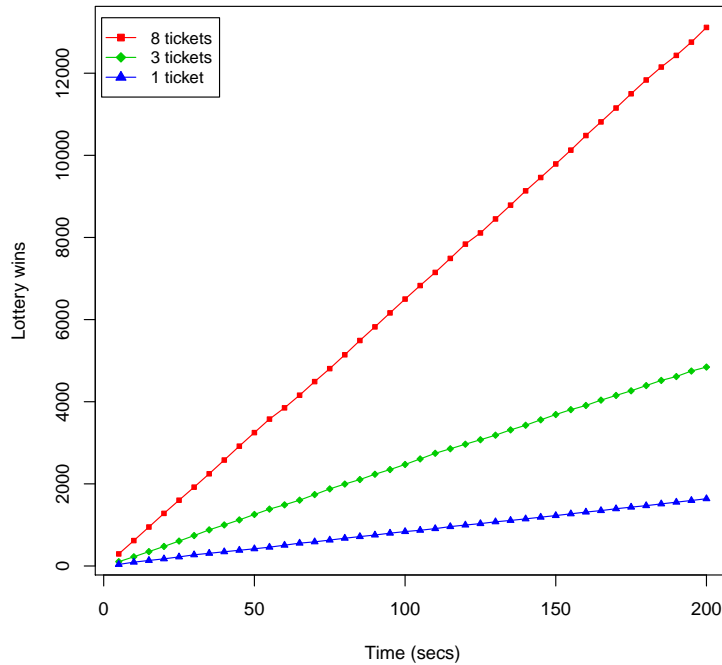


Figure 4: Lottery wins for three different processes. The proportional ration was 8:3:1.

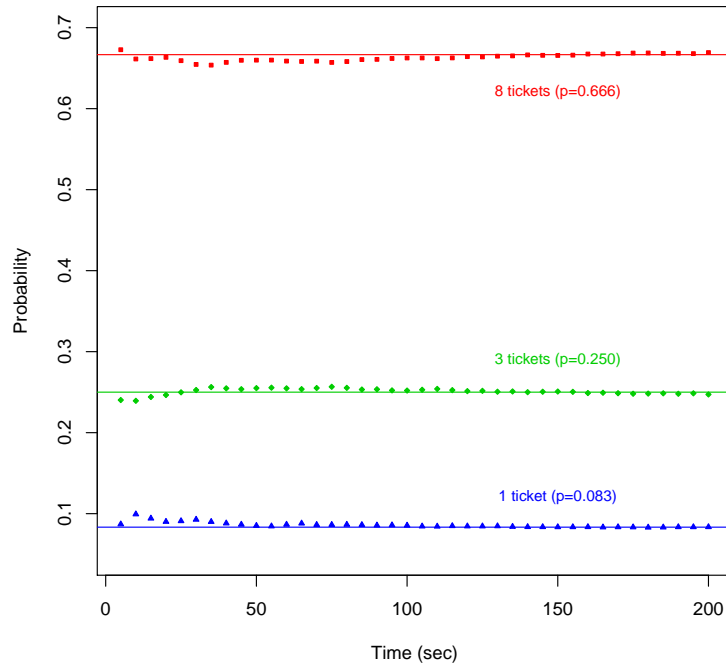


Figure 5: Lottery wins for three different processes. The proportional ratio was 8:3:1.

5.3 Test 2. Ticket inflation

To test ticket inflation we implement a command line function (file test2.c) which runs a long loop. We track the number of iterations inside the loop and call the numtickets system call (section XX) every 1000000 iterations to increase its number of tickets. Then, we launch two process: test2 (starting with 2 tickets) and top, which remains with a fixed number of tickets. Figure 6 shows the settings for this test.

Figure 7 illustrate the number of lottery wins for the two processes. We can see that the process with ticket inflation increases faster its number of wins according to the increase in its number of tickets. The probability of the fixed-ticket process of winning lotteries start to decrease compared with the increase number of tickets of the inflation process.

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qemu-system-i386 -serial mon:stdio -hdb fs.img xv6.img -smp 1 -m 512
xv6...
cpu0: starting
sb: size 1000 nblocks 941 ninodes 200 nlog 30 logstart 2 inodestart 32 bmap star
init: starting sh
$ test2 2000000000 2 &
$ top 41 5
5-top_5,8,4-test2_2,348,2885
5-top_5,345,4-test2_2,507,2890
5-top_5,676,4-test2_3,676,2895
5-top_5,994,4-test2_3,856,2900
5-top_5,1310,4-test2_3,1040,2905
5-top_5,1586,4-test2_4,1262,2910
5-top_5,1857,4-test2_4,1492,2915
5-top_5,2138,4-test2_4,1710,2920
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5-top_5,2893,4-test2_6,2451,2935
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5-top_5,3361,4-test2_6,2980,2945
5-top_5,3555,4-test2_7,3286,2950
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Figure 6: Details of the settings for test 2.

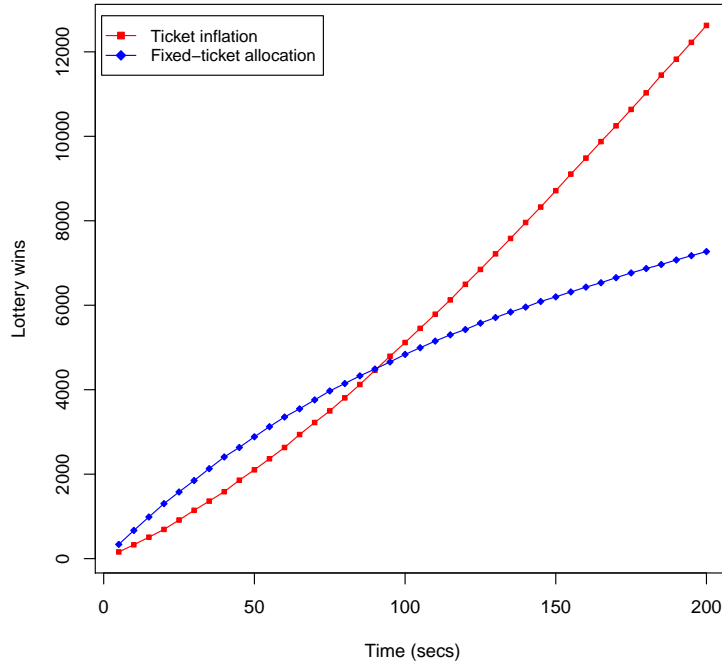


Figure 7: Response from two processes with different ticket allocation (Fixed vs Inflation).