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- Process Concept
- Process Scheduling
- Operations on Processes
- Cooperating Processes
- Interprocess Communication
- Communication in Client-Server Systems

Process Concept

- An operating system executes a variety of programs:
  - Batch system – jobs
  - Time-shared systems – user programs or tasks
- Textbook uses the terms *job* and *process* almost interchangeably
- Process – a program in execution; process execution must progress in sequential fashion
- A process includes:
  - program counter
  - stack
  - data section
  - code section (text section)

program = file on disk (passive)

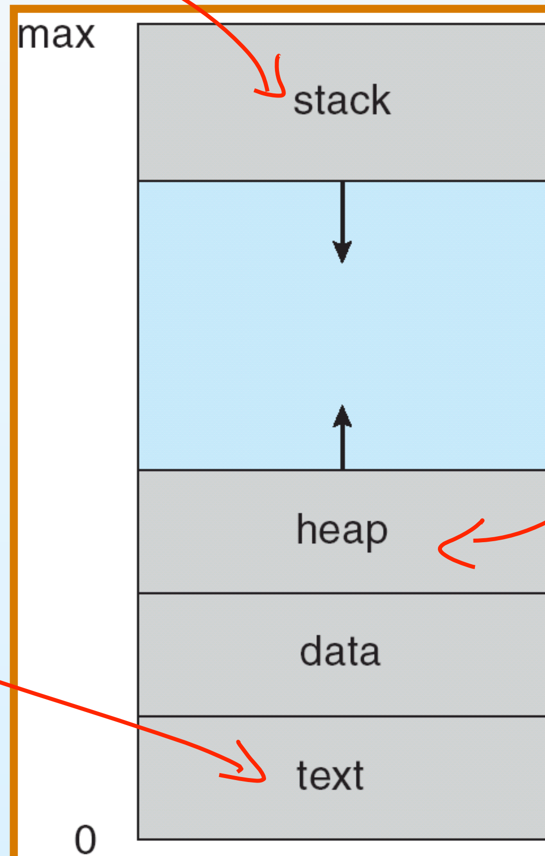
process = program in execution (active

Process in Memory

Temporary storage for values
local variables

Store global variables

Instructions or "code"



Process State

- As a process executes, it changes *state*
  - **new**: The process is being created
  - **running**: Instructions are being executed
  - **waiting**: The process is waiting for some event to occur
  - **ready**: The process is waiting to be assigned to a processor
  - **terminated**: The process has finished execution

Blocked state

Diagram of Process State

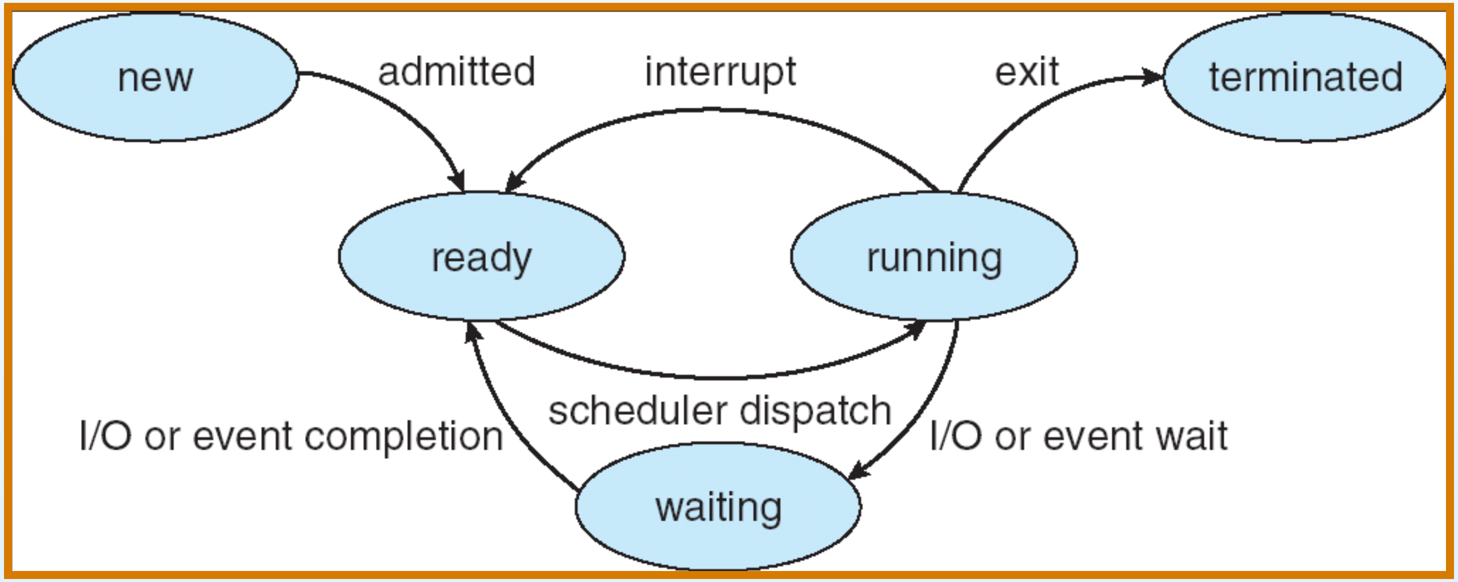
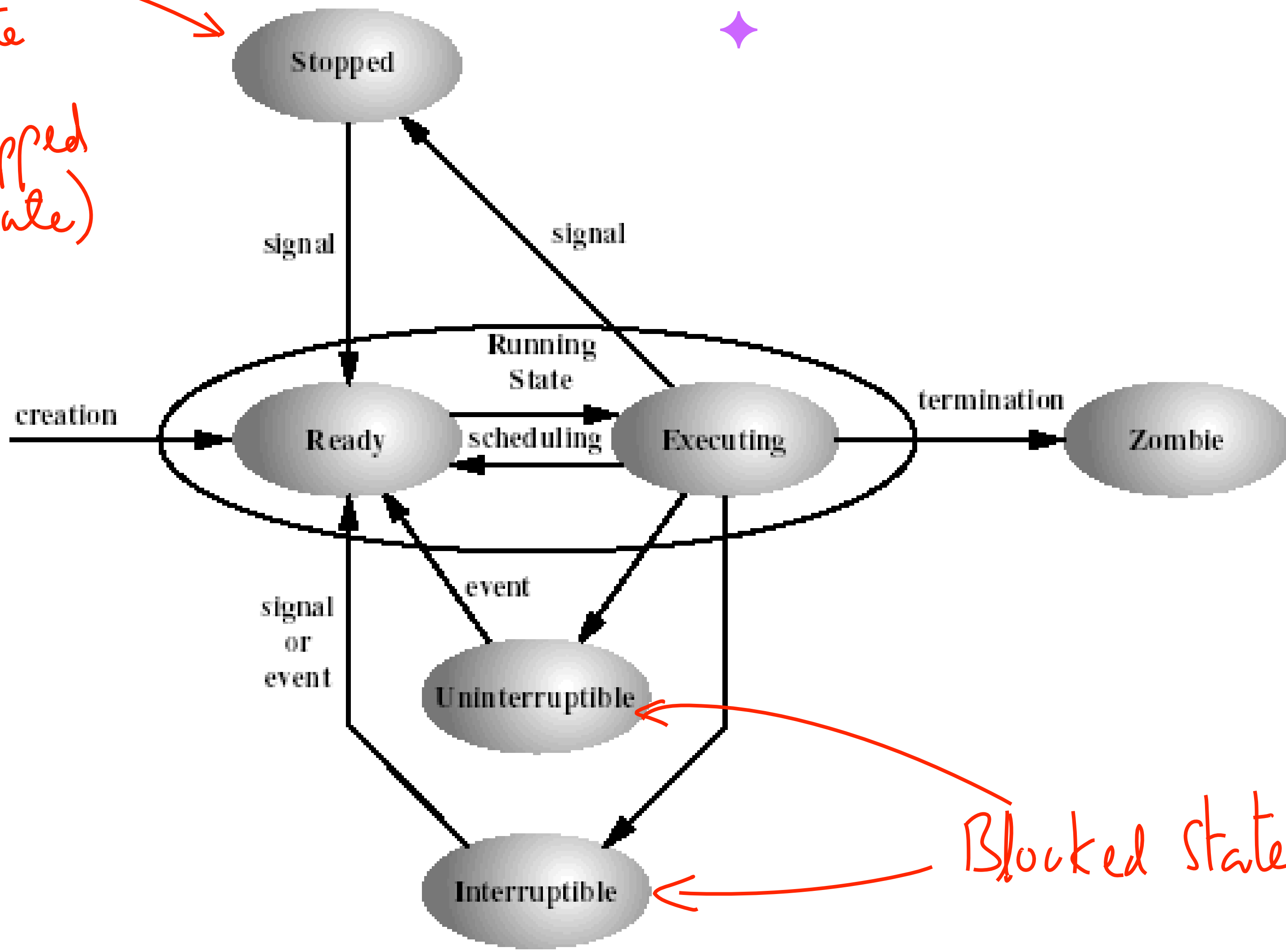


Diagram of Linux Process States

SUSPEND state (or swapped state)



Blocked States

Linux: Process States

Six Process states recognised by the Linux OS:

- **Ready:** Ready to be executed as soon as the kernel schedules it.
- **Executing**: Being executed in the CPU
- **<u>Note</u>:** Both **Ready** and **Executing** states are considered to be **Running** states; i.e. a Running process is either executing or it is ready to execute
- **Interruptable:** This is a blocked state, in which the process is waiting for an event, such as the end of an I/O operation, the availability of a resource, or a signal from another process.
- **Uninterruptable:** This is another blocked state. The difference between this and the Interruptable state is that in an uninterruptable state, a process is waiting directly on hardware conditions and therefore will not accept any signals.
- **Stopped:** The process has been halted, and can only resume by positive action from another process. For example, a process that is being debugged can be put into the Stopped state.
- **Zombie:** The process has been terminated but, for some reason, still must have its task structure in the process table.

Process Control Block (PCB)

Process Descriptor in Linux

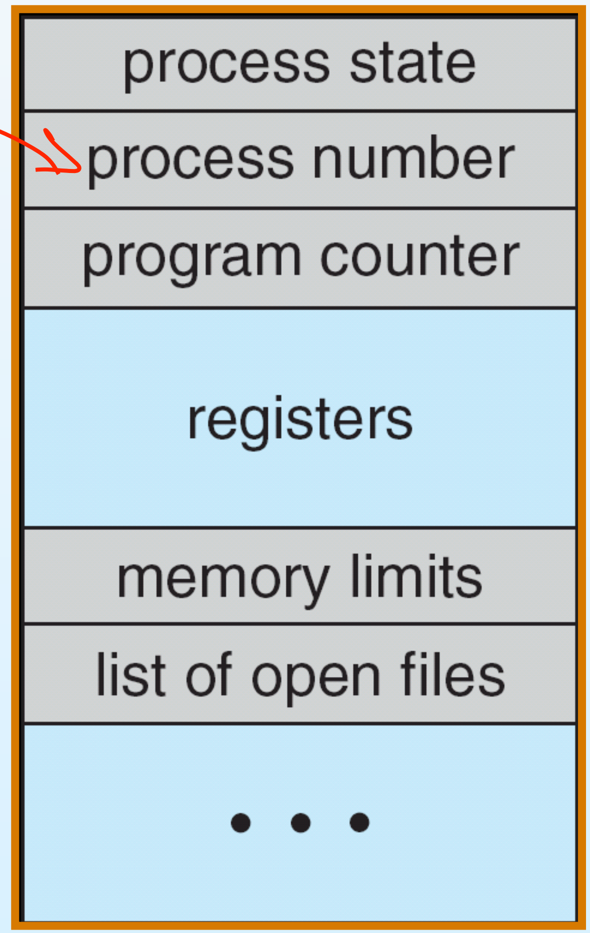
Information associated with each process

- Process state
- Program counter
- CPU registers
- CPU scheduling information
- Memory-management information
- Accounting information
- I/O status information

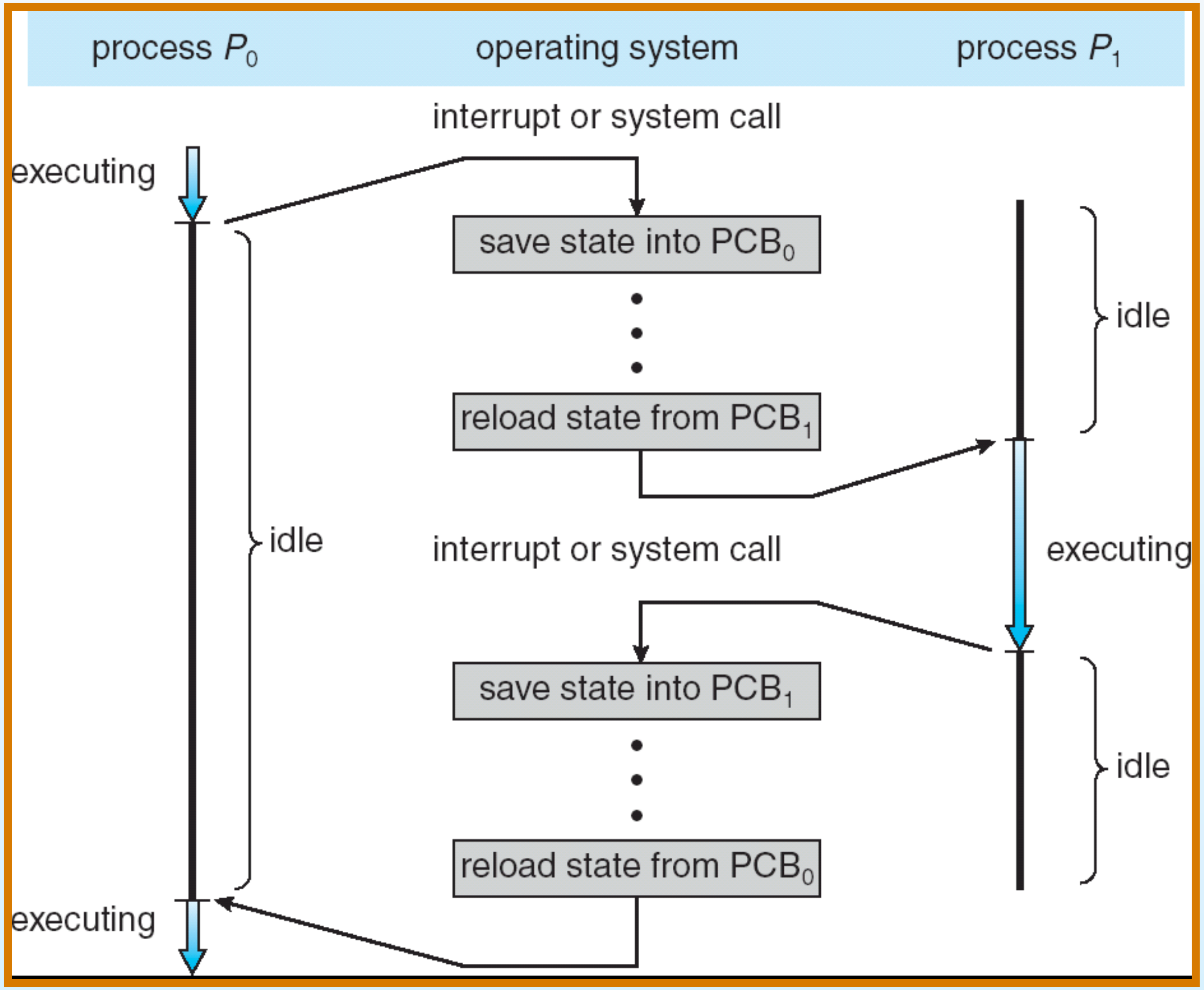
- PID = Process ID

Process Control Block (PCB)

PID



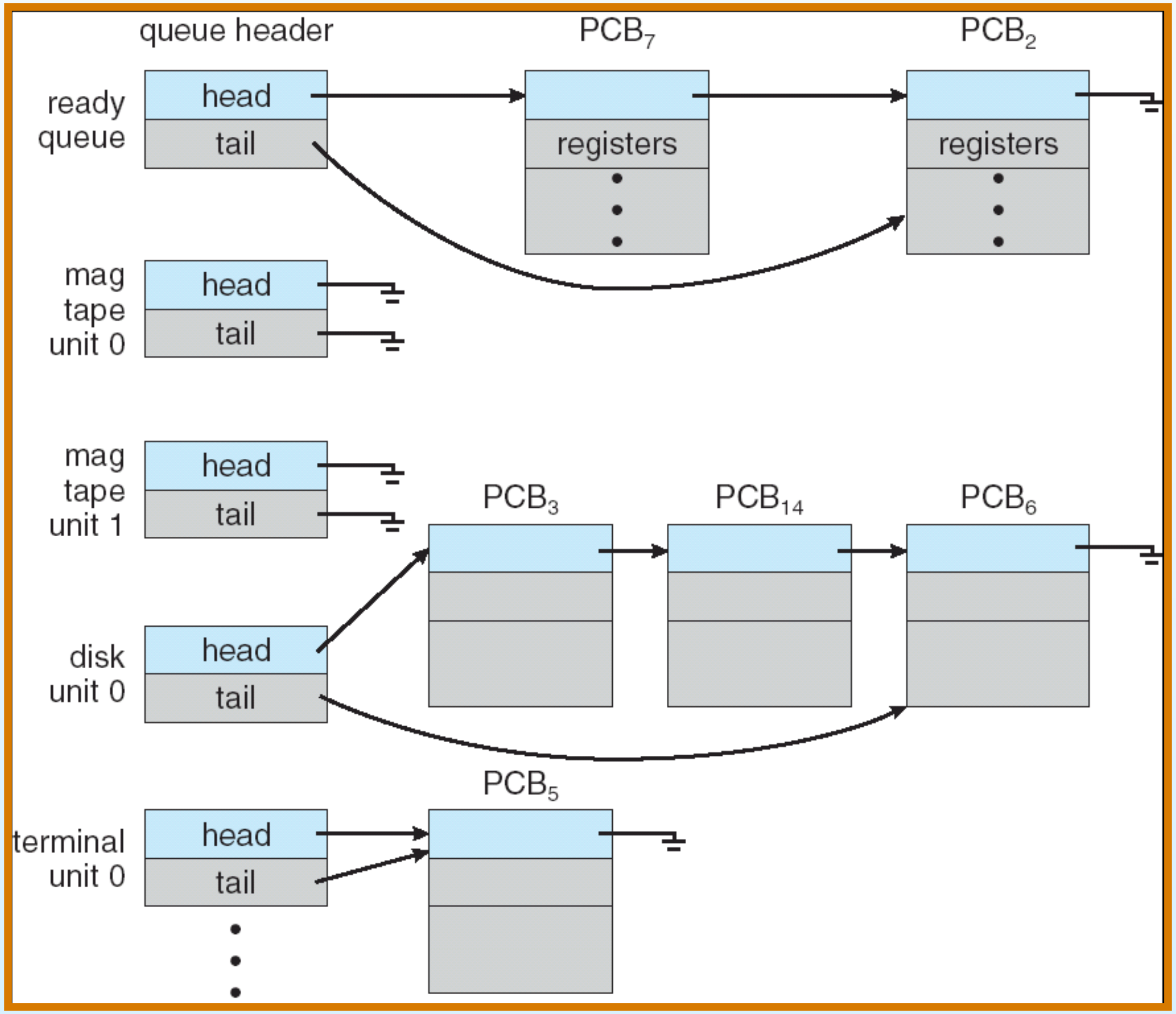
CPU Switch From Process to Process



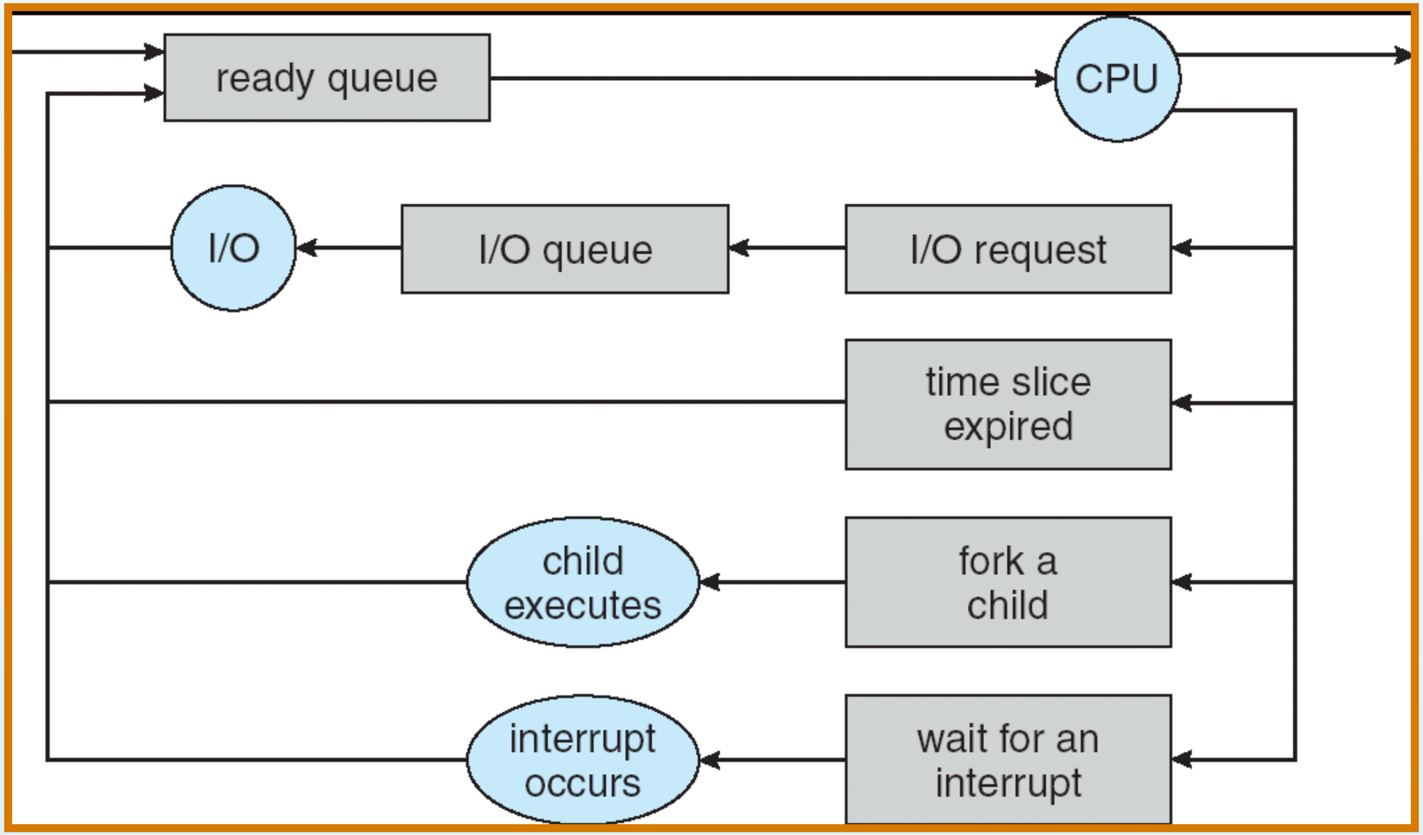
Process Scheduling Queues

- **Job queue** – set of all processes in the system
- **Ready queue** – set of all processes residing in main memory, ready and waiting to execute
- **Device queues** – set of processes waiting for an I/O device
- Processes migrate among the various queues

Ready Queue And Various I/O Device Queues



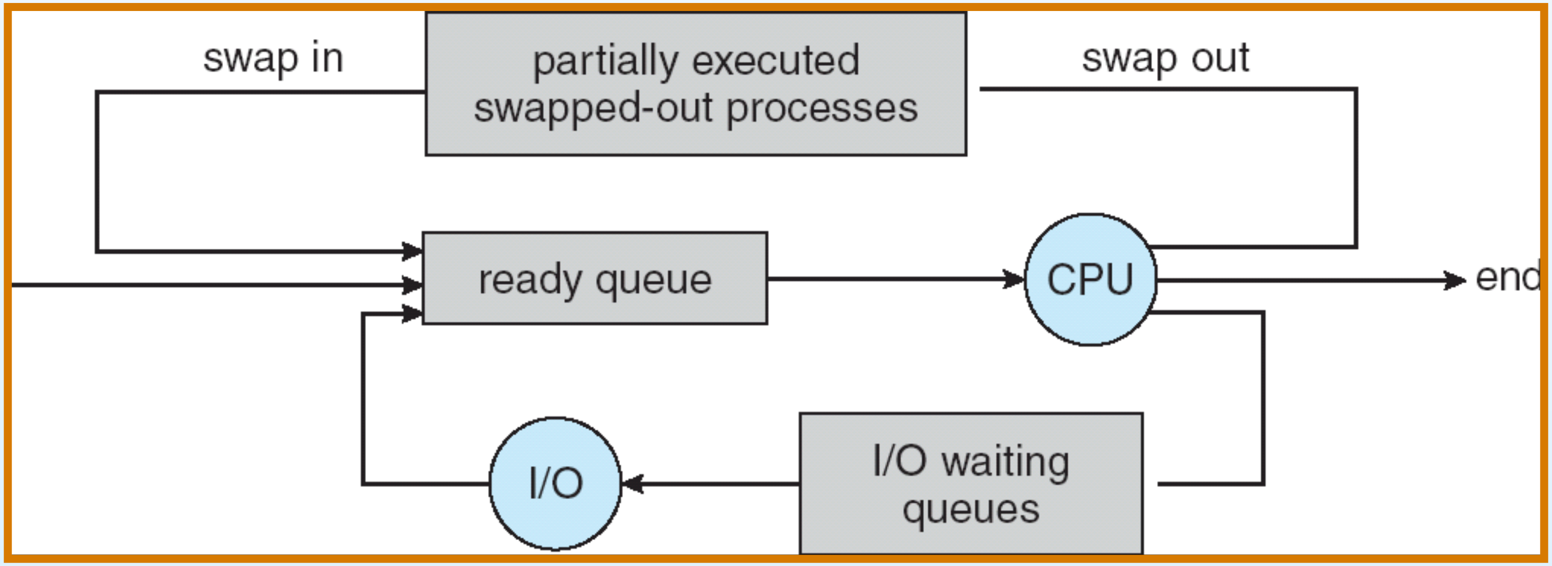
Representation of Process Scheduling



Schedulers

- **Long-term scheduler** (or job scheduler) – selects which processes should be brought into the ready queue
- **Short-term scheduler** (or CPU scheduler) – selects which process should be executed next and allocates CPU

Addition of Medium Term Scheduling



Schedulers (Cont.)

- Short-term scheduler is invoked very frequently (milliseconds) ⇒ (must be fast)
- Long-term scheduler is invoked very infrequently (seconds, minutes) ⇒ (may be slow)
- The long-term scheduler controls the *degree of multiprogramming*
- Processes can be described as either:
  - **I/O-bound process** – spends more time doing I/O than computations, many short CPU bursts
  - **CPU-bound process** – spends more time doing computations; few very long CPU bursts

Context Switch

- When CPU switches to another process, the system must save the state of the old process and load the saved state for the new process
- Context-switch time is overhead; the system does no useful work while switching
- Time dependent on hardware support

taken is

Process Creation

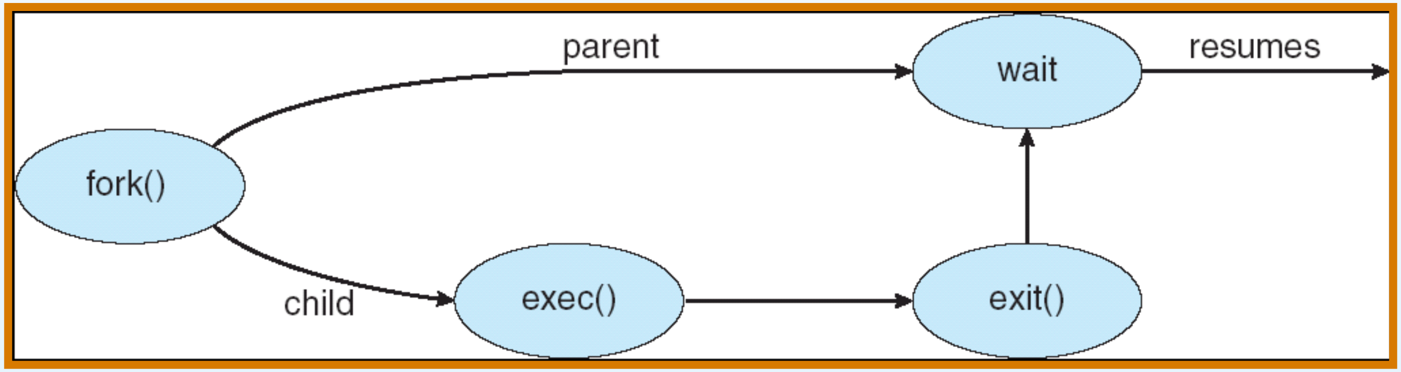
- Parent process create children processes, which, in turn create other processes, forming a tree of processes
- Resource sharing : Three possibilities:
  - Parent and children share all resources
  - Children share subset of parent's resources
  - Parent and child share no resources
- Execution : Two possiblities :
  - Parent and children execute concurrently
  - Parent waits until children terminate

When I run a program in foreground from the command line, the shell (parent) waits

Process Creation (Cont.)

- Address space : Two possibilities :
  - Child duplicate of parent ← done by fork()
  - Child has a program loaded into it ← done by exec( )
- UNIX examples
  - **fork** system call creates new process
  - **exec** system call used after a **fork** to replace the process' memory space with a new program

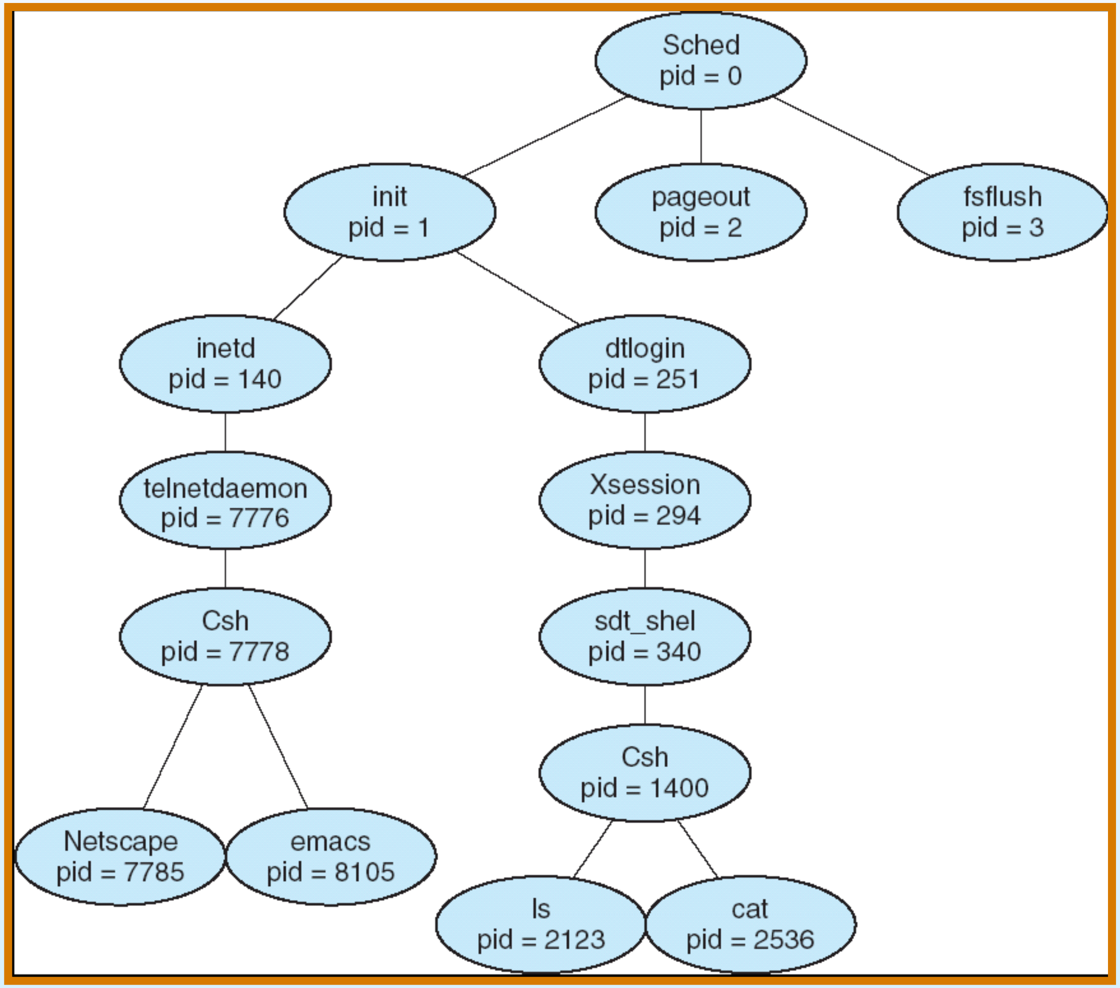
Process Creation



C Program Forking Separate Process

```
int main()
{
pid_t  pid;
    /* fork another process */
    pid = fork();
    if (pid < 0) { /* error occurred */
     fprintf(stderr, "Fork Failed");
     exit(-1);
    }
    else if (pid == 0) { /* child process */
     execlp("/bin/ls", "ls", NULL);
    }
    else { /* parent process */
     /* parent will wait for the child to 
    complete */
     wait (NULL);
     printf ("Child Complete");
     exit(0);
    }
}
```

A tree of processes on a typical Solaris



Process Termination

- Process executes last statement and asks the operating system to delete it (**exit**)
  - Output data from child to parent (via **wait**)
  - Process' resources are deallocated by operating system
- Parent may terminate execution of children processes (**abort**): Three possible reasons:
  - Child has exceeded allocated resources
  - Task assigned to child is no longer required
  - If parent is exiting
    - Some operating system do not allow child to continue if its parent terminates
      - All children terminated - *cascading termination*

Cooperating Processes

- **Independent** process cannot affect or be affected by the execution of another process
- **Cooperating** process can affect or be affected by the execution of another process
- Advantages of process cooperation
  - Information sharing
  - Computation speed-up
  - Modularity
  - Convenience

Producer-Consumer Problem

- Paradigm for cooperating processes, *producer* process produces information that is consumed by a *consumer* process
  - *unbounded-buffer* places no practical limit on the size of the buffer
  - *bounded-buffer* assumes that there is a fixed buffer size

Bounded-Buffer – Shared-Memory Solution

- Shared data

```
#define BUFFER_SIZE 10
Typedef struct {
    . . .
} item;

item buffer[BUFFER_SIZE];
int in = 0;
int out = 0;
```

- Solution is correct, but can only use BUFFER_SIZE-1 elements

Producer & Consumer Code means that the Producer & Consumer can execute without interfering with each other

Bounded-Buffer – Insert() Method

Producer Program Code

```
while (true) {
     item nextproduceditem; // Produce an item
    while (((in + 1) % BUFFER SIZE) == out)
       ;  // do nothing -- no free buffers
     buffer[in] = nextproduceditem;
     in = (in + 1) % BUFFER SIZE;
}
```

"NULL statement"

Bounded Buffer – Remove() Method

Consumer Program Code

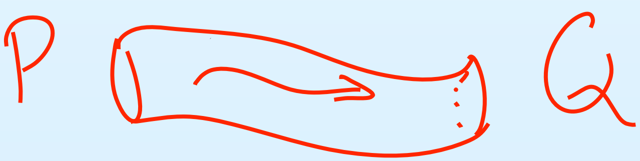
```
while (true) {
  while (in == out)
      ; // do nothing -- nothing to consume

   // remove an item from the buffer
   nextconsumeditem = buffer[out];
   out = (out + 1) % BUFFER SIZE;
   return nextconsumeditem;
  }
```

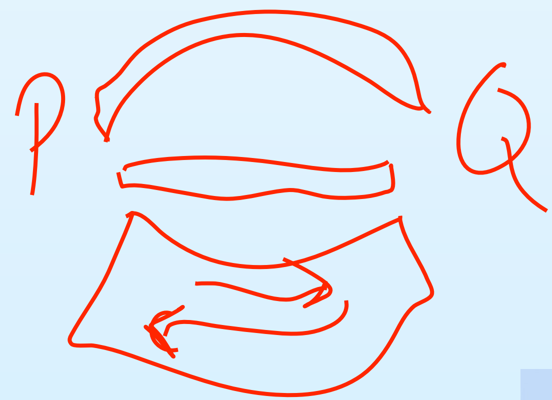
Interprocess Communication (IPC)

- Mechanism for processes to communicate and to synchronize their actions
- Message system – processes communicate with each other without resorting to shared variables
- IPC facility provides two operations: – also called "primitives"
  - **send**(*message*) – message size fixed or variable
  - **receive**(*message*)
- If *P* and *Q* wish to communicate, they need to:
  - establish a *communication link* between them
  - exchange messages via send/receive
- Implementation of communication link : Two aspects :
  - physical (e.g., shared memory, hardware bus)
  - logical (e.g., logical properties)

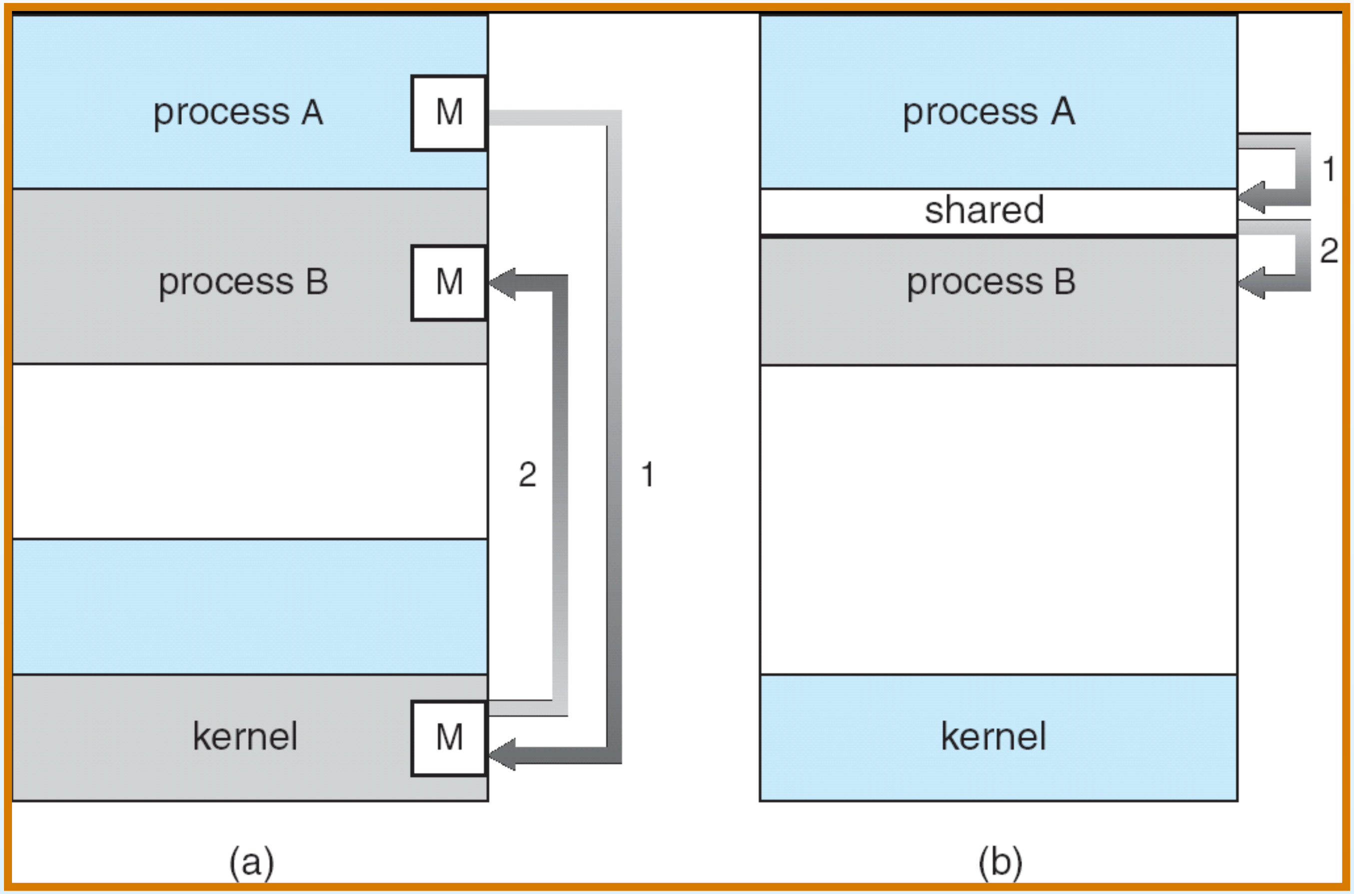
Implementation Questions

- How are links established?
- Can a link be associated with more than two processes?
- How many links can there be between every pair of communicating processes?
- What is the capacity of a link?
- Is the size of a message that the link can accommodate fixed or variable?
- Is a link unidirectional or bi-directional?





Communications Models

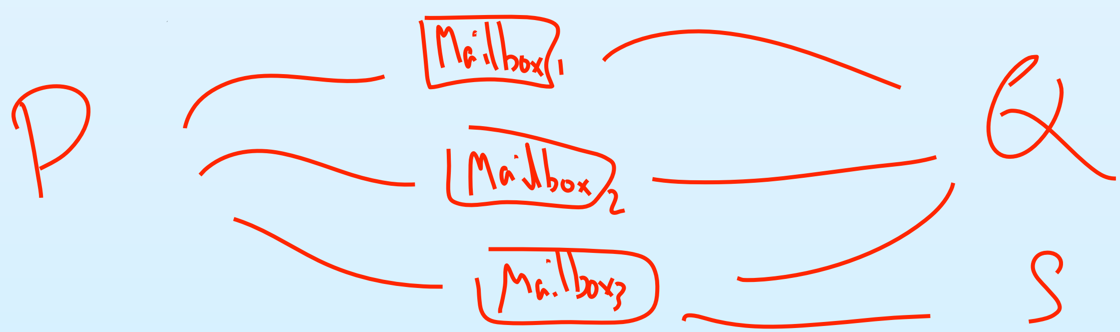


Direct Communication

- Processes must name each other explicitly:
  - **send** (*P, message*) – send a message to process P
  - **receive**(*Q, message*) – receive a message from process Q
- Properties of communication link
  - Links are established automatically
  - A link is associated with exactly one pair of communicating processes
  - Between each pair there exists exactly one link
  - The link may be unidirectional, but is usually bi-directional

Indirect Communication

- Messages are directed and received from mailboxes (also referred to as ports)
  - Each mailbox has a unique id
  - Processes can communicate only if they share a mailbox
- Properties of communication link
  - Link established only if processes share a common mailbox
  - A link may be associated with many processes
  - Each pair of processes may share several communication links
  - Link may be unidirectional or bi-directional



Indirect Communication

- Operations
  - create a new mailbox
  - send and receive messages through mailbox
  - destroy a mailbox
- Primitives are defined as:

  send(*A, message*) – send a message to mailbox A

  receive(*A, message*) – receive a message from mailbox A

Indirect Communication

- Mailbox sharing
  - P_1, P_2, and P_3 share mailbox A
  - P_1, sends; P_2 and P_3 receive
  - Who gets the message?
- Solutions
  - Allow a link to be associated with at most two processes
  - Allow only one process at a time to execute a receive operation
  - Allow the system to select arbitrarily the receiver. Sender is notified who the receiver was.

Think of "Blocked" state

Synchronization

- Message passing may be either blocking or non-blocking
- **Blocking** is considered **synchronous**
  - **Blocking send** has the sender block until the message is received
  - **Blocking receive** has the receiver block until a message is available
- **Non-blocking** is considered **asynchronous**
  - **Non-blocking** send has the sender send the message and continue
  - **Non-blocking** receive has the receiver receive a valid message or null

When we have a blocking send and blocking Receive we have a "Rendezvous"

Buffering

- Queue of messages attached to the link; implemented in one of three ways

1. Zero capacity – 0 messages
   Sender must wait for receiver (rendezvous)
2. Bounded capacity – finite length of *n* messages
   Sender must wait if link full
3. Unbounded capacity – infinite length
   Sender never waits

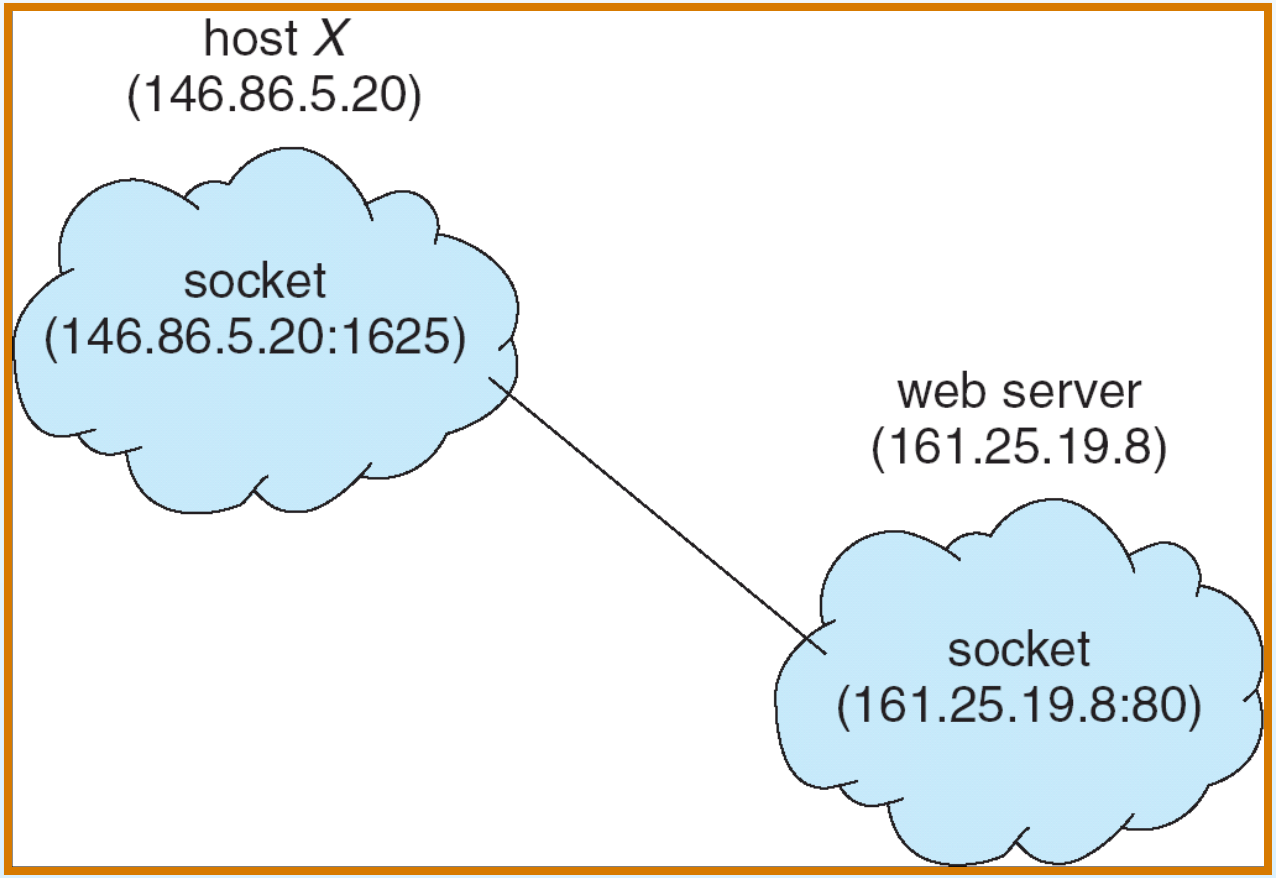
Client-Server Communication

- Sockets
- Remote Procedure Calls
- Remote Method Invocation (Java)

Sockets

- A socket is defined as an *endpoint for communication*
- Concatenation of IP address and port
- The socket **161.25.19.8:1625** refers to port **1625** on host **161.25.19.8**
- Communication consists between a pair of sockets

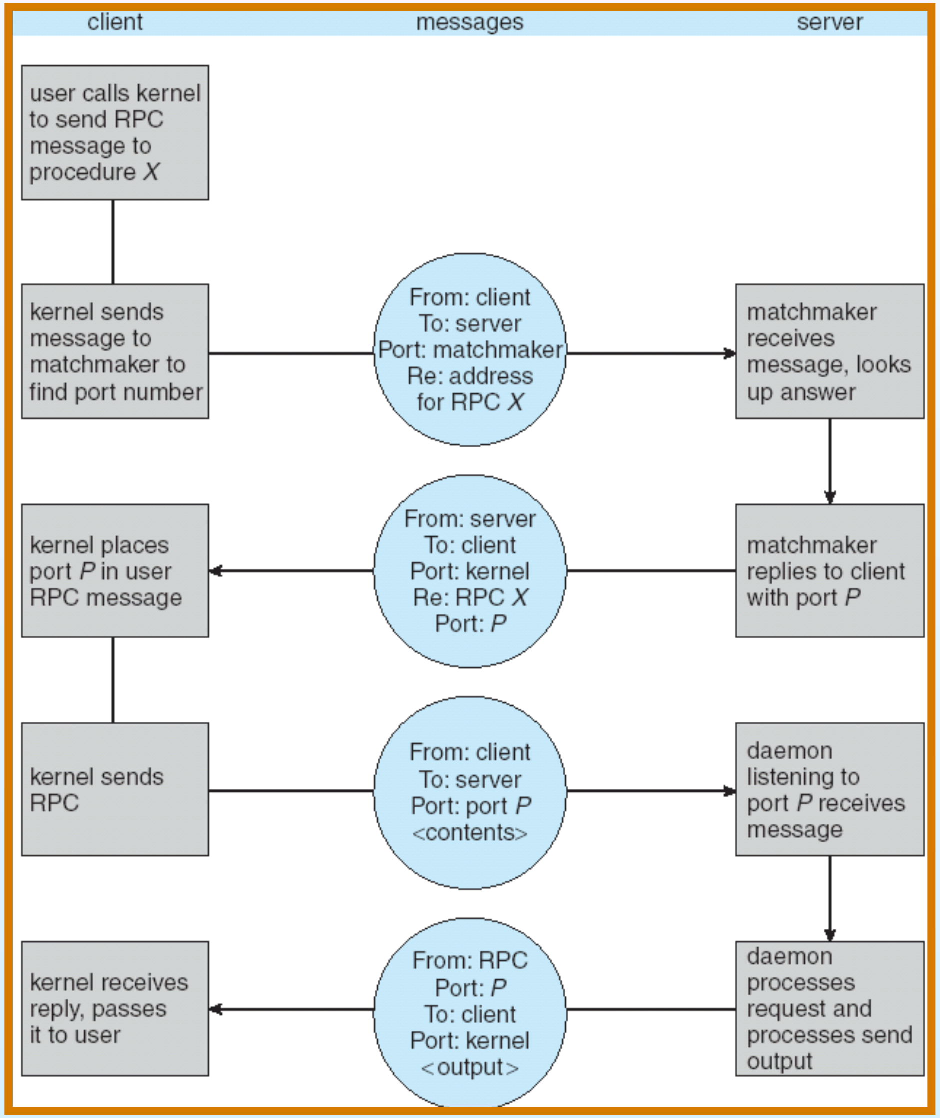
Socket Communication



Remote Procedure Calls

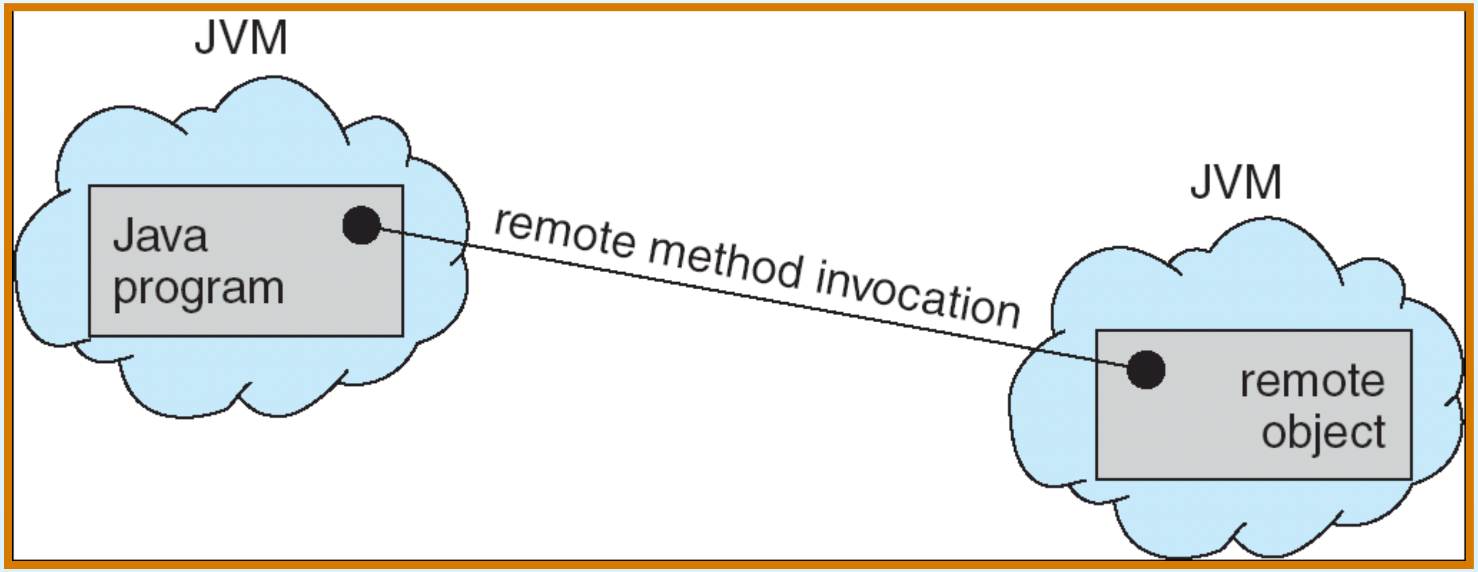
- Remote procedure call (RPC) abstracts procedure calls between processes on networked systems.
- **Stubs** – client-side proxy for the actual procedure on the server.
- The client-side stub locates the server and *marshalls* the parameters.
- The server-side stub receives this message, unpacks the marshalled parameters, and peforms the procedure on the server.

Execution of RPC

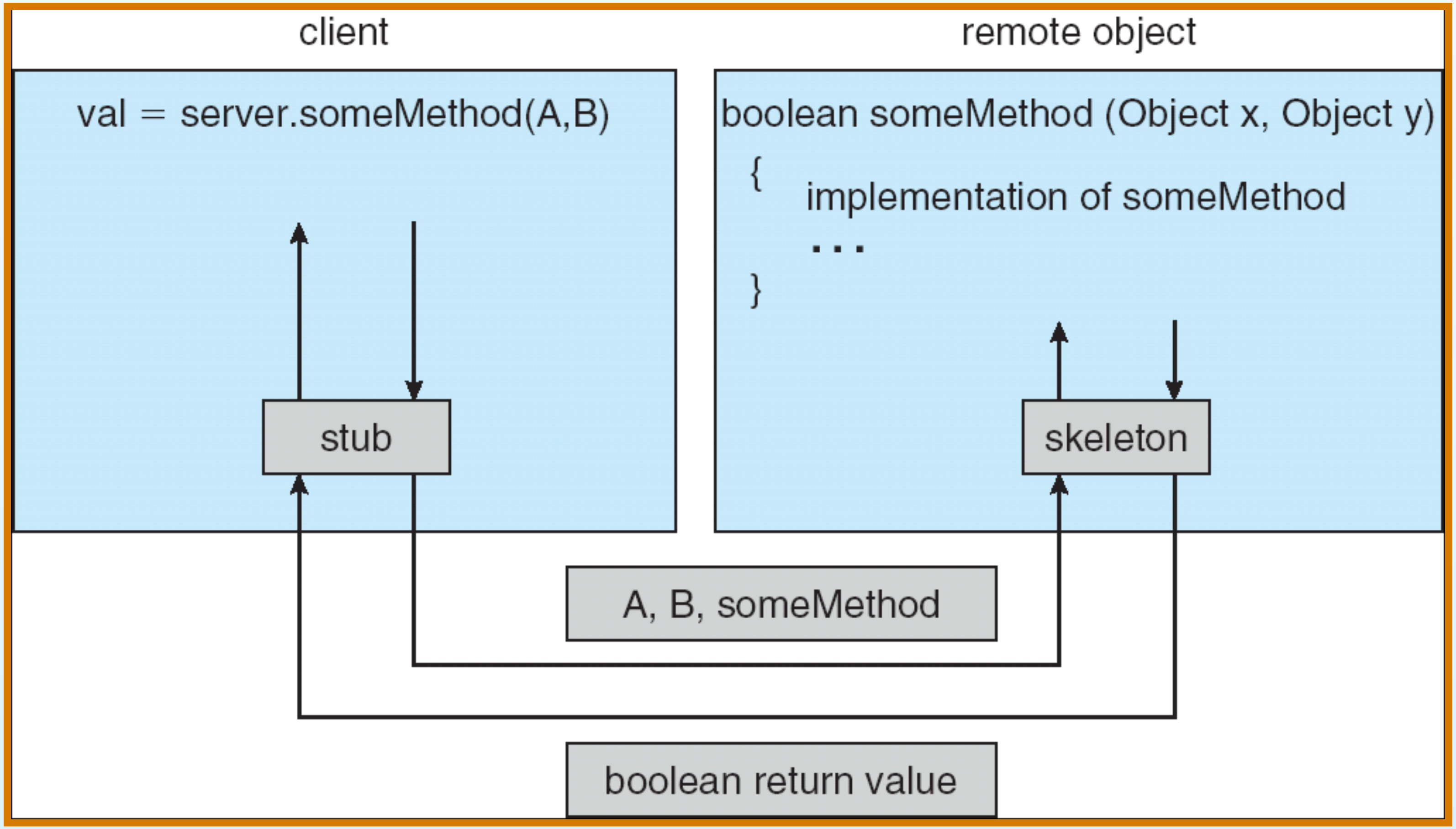


Remote Method Invocation

- Remote Method Invocation (RMI) is a Java mechanism similar to RPCs.
- RMI allows a Java program on one machine to invoke a method on a remote object.



Marshalling Parameters



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