

Examples of

Monolithic -- Traditional Unix

Micro -- RTOS like QNX

Hybrid Approach -- Modular Approach
Modules -- static vs dynamic modules

lsmod, /lib/modules

Simple system calls:-

```
fd=open("sample.txt",O_WRONLY|O_CREAT, 0666);
```

(or)

```
fd=open("sample.txt",O_WRONLY);
```

(or)

```
fd=open("simple.txt",O_RDONLY);
```

//system call wrapper in user space

```
char msg[] = "Hello Unix!";
```

```
nbytes= write(fd, msg, len);
```

system calls return -ve value on failures
0 or +ve means successful

TODO:-

wrsample.c

rdsample.c

alpha.txt/simple.txt ==> 36 bytes

```
int len=10;
nbytes=read(fd,buf,len); //A...J           , nbytes=10
nbytes=read(fd,buf,len); //K...T           , nbytes=10
nbytes=read(fd,buf,len); //U..0123 , nbytes=10
nbytes=read(fd,buf,len); //456789         , nbytes=6
nbytes=read(fd,buf,len); //nbytes will be zero, end of file
```

printf/fprintf vs write

POSIX std

lib APIs vs system calls:-

- * interoperability (across OS)
- * ease of use
- * efficient

strace <command>

strace cal

strace ./a.out

Process Management:-

Concept of a Process:-

what is a process?

program loaded in memory for execution -- user oriented (user space)

program on disk --> process in memory (loading)

flow of control -- function calls

prog on disk

process in memory

header

code

idata

code

idata

udata

stack

heap

.rodata

(.text)

(.data)

(.bss)

Address
Space

user space

kernel support for process

==> unique ID (pid - process id)

==> data structure with process attributes

- process control block (PCB) / process descriptor(PD)

==> list of all processes (process table/process list)

Some attributes of a process:-

* pid (process id)

* ppid (parent pid)

* name (cmd)

* Priority

* Policy

* Timing info

* open file info -- mode

* memory description

* i/o description

* ownership (user & group

- accounting)

* exit status

* context of process (reg values)

P1	P2	Blocking (on own)	- 1
1500	1800	High Prio	- 2
1504	1804	Timeout	- 3
1508	1808	Interrupt arrives	- 4
1512	1812		
1516			
1520			
Preemption - 2, 3, 4			

context area -- backup(snapshot) of registers
 ... typically in memory
 ... on top of process stack in X86

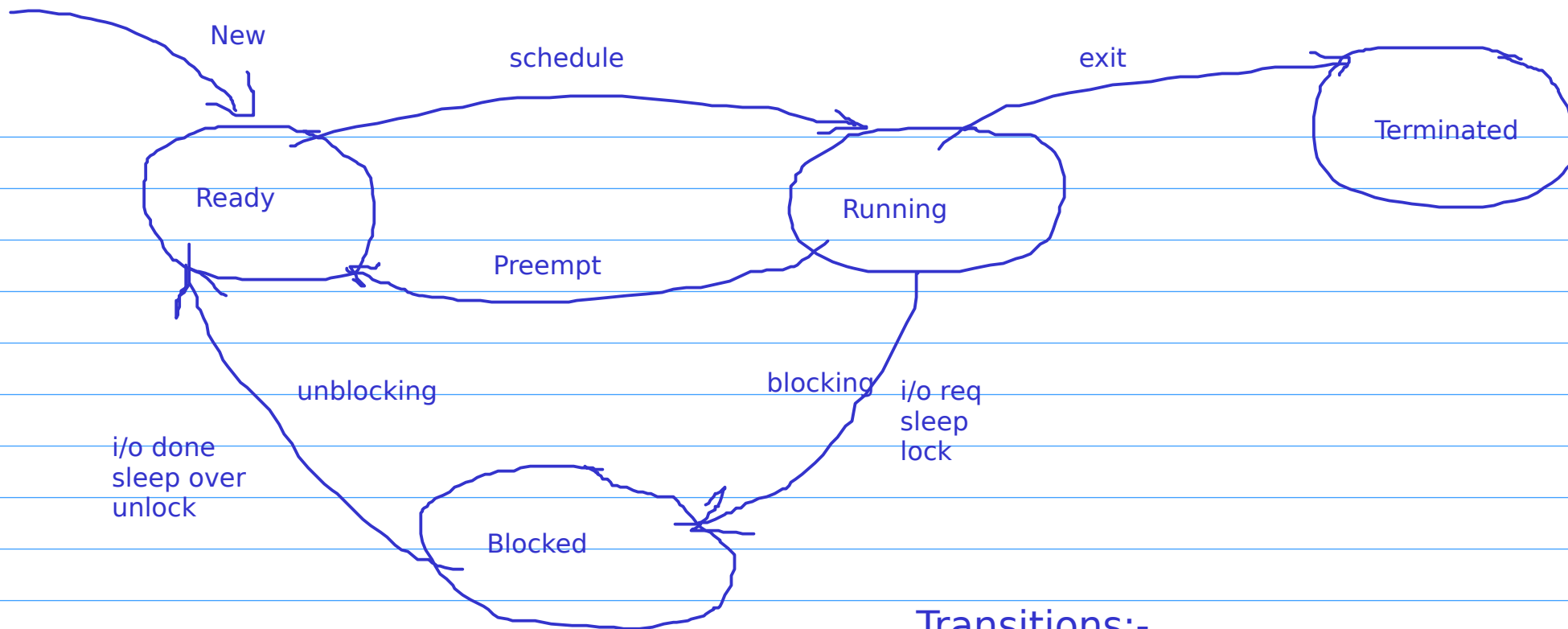
context saving -- copying CPU reg values in context area

context loading -- filling CPU regs as per context area (saved reg values)

context switching -- context saving + context loading

every process will have independent stack (stack frames)

stack frames -- local vars, parameters of functions



States:-

- * Ready
- * Running
- * Blocked
- * Terminated

Transitions:-

- * new
- * scheduled
- * blocking
- * unblocking
- * terminating
- * preemption

Process Hierarchy:-

- * parent - child relationship
- * origin process
init/systemd in unix/linux
PID is 1

terminal

--> shell

--> commands

webminal.org

repl.it

katacoda.com [Ubuntu Playground]

CoCalc Linux

Commands:-

ps

ps aux

ps -el

ps -e -o pid, ppid, stat, cmd

pstree

pstree -np

top

q - quit

System Calls & APIs

getpid	sleep
getppid	exit
fork	
waitpid	
execl, execvp	
exit	

fork - create a new process, known as child

```
int ret;
ret=fork();
if(ret<0)
    perror("fork");
if(ret==0) {
    //some code for child
    exit(0);
}
else { //ret > 0
    //some code for parent
}
```


Example1 - simple fork

Example2a - concurrency, lengthy loop, no delay

Example2b - concurrency, small loop, with delay(sleep)

If parent terminates before child, init/systemd becomes parent
of running child (reparenting/adopting)

waitpid:-

At end of parent:-

```
waitpid(-1, &status, 0);  
//print WEXITSTATUS(status);
```

waitpid 1st param:

-1 means , waiting for any one child

+ve val means, specific child

execl:-

/

usr

```
if(ret==0) {           //child
    execl("/usr/bin/cal","cal",NULL);
    printf("Thank you"); //not reachable if execl succeeds
}
else {
    //waitpid
    //print status
}
```

which cal
which gcc
which ls

```
//execl("/usr/bin/cal","cal","10", "2015", NULL);
//execvp("cal","cal", "10", "2015", NULL);
```

//refer PATH variable

execl, execvp
execv, execvp
execle, execvpe

TODO:- kernel, system calls & process management (concepts ,hands-on)

Further:-

- * Signal Handling
- * Threads
- * Scheduling

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