

# RPC and Rendezvous

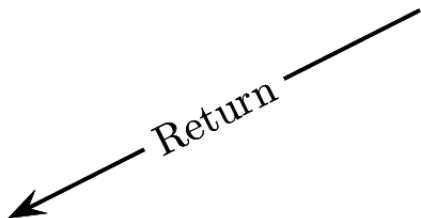
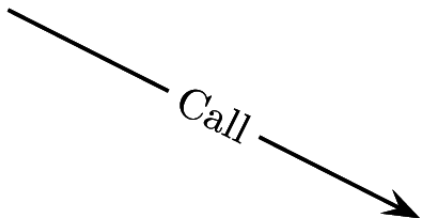
## Andrews, Chapter 08

- Message passing:
  - Best for filters and interacting peers.
  - Clients and servers require two messages.
  - Each client needs a different reply channel.
  - Can lead to large number of channels.
- RPC and rendezvous best for client/servers:
  - Combine aspects of monitors and synchronous message passing.
  - Call and return like message passing.
  - Caller delays until return like monitor calls.
- RPC:
  - Create a new process for each call.
- Rendezvous:
  - Call to an existing process.

## RPC

Calling Process

Server Process



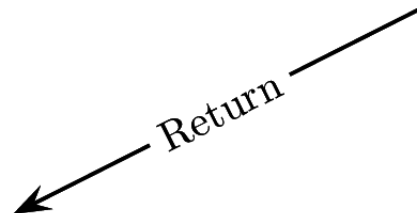
## Rendezvous

Calling Process

Server Process



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## RPC *vs.* Monitors

- Monitors:
  - Monitors have two kinds of components: processes and monitors.
  - Processes communicate and synchronize by calling monitor procedures.
  - Processes and monitors are all in the same address space.
- RPC:
  - One program component: the module.
  - Modules have both processes and procedures.
  - Modules reside in different address spaces (e.g. nodes in a network).

# Modules

```
module mname
  headers of exported operations;
body
  variable declarations;
  initialization code;
  procedures for exported operations;
  local procedures and processes;
```

- Local processes are called *background processes*
- The header of an operation opname is specified with op:

```
op opname( formals) [returns result]
```

- The operation itself is implemented by proc:

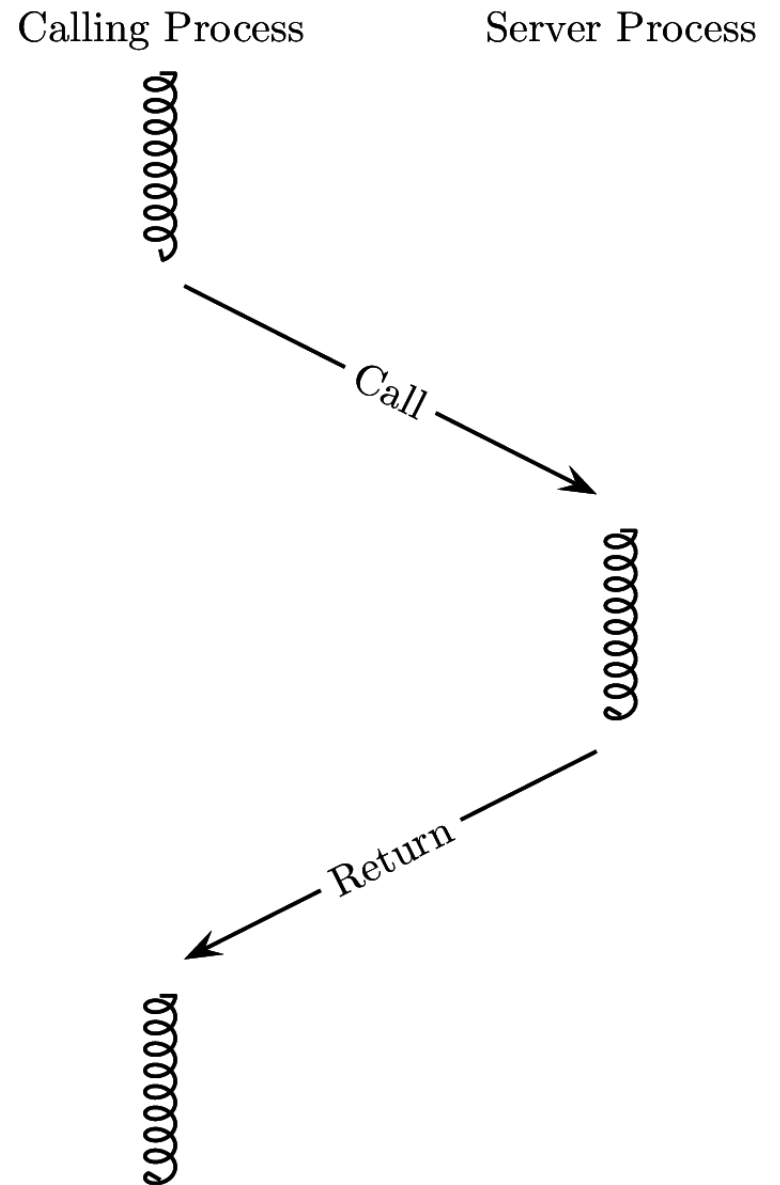
```
proc opname( formal identifiers) returns result identifier
  declarations of local variables;
  statements;
end
```

- A process in one module calls a procedure in another module with:

```
call mname.opname( arguments)
```

# RPC

- A *new process* services the call.
- Arguments are passed as messages.
- The calling process delays during the call.
- When the call returns it sends results as a message and terminates.
- After receiving results, the calling process continues.



## Synchronization in Modules

- Synchronization between caller and server is implicit.
- From client appears as normal procedure call.
- Need mutually exclusive access for more than one call to the server and background processes. Two approaches:
  - All server processes are mutually exclusive (similar to monitors). Can use semaphores or condition variables for other synchronization.
  - Server processes execute concurrently. Need to explicitly program both mutual exclusion and synchronization. Can use any of the methods discussed in the book.
- The first approach is simpler to implement and program with.
- The second approach is more general and fits better with modern architectures, which are multi-core.
- The text assumes the second approach. All RPC modules will have explicit synchronization programmed.

```

module TimeServer
  op get_time() returns int;  # retrieve time of day
  op delay(int interval);    # delay interval ticks
body
  int tod = 0;               # the time of day
  sem m = 1;                 # mutual exclusion semaphore
  sem d[n] = ([n] 0);        # private delay semaphores
  queue of (int waketime, int process_id) napQ;
  ## when m == 1, tod < waketime for delayed processes

  proc get_time() returns time {
    time = tod;
  }

  proc delay(interval) {      # assume interval > 0
    int waketime = tod + interval;
    P(m);
    insert (waketime, myid) at appropriate place on napQ;
    V(m);
    P(d[myid]);               # wait to be awakened
  }

  process Clock {
    start hardware timer;
    while (true) {
      wait for interrupt, then restart hardware timer;
      tod = tod+1;
      P(m);
      while (tod >= smallest waketime on napQ) {
        remove (waketime, id) from napQ;
        V(d[id]);             # awaken process id
      }
      V(m);
    }
  }
}
end TimeServer

```

**Figure 8.1** A time server module.

```

module FileCache    # located on each diskless workstation
  op read(int count; result char buffer[*]);
  op write(int count; char buffer[]);
body
  cache of file blocks;
  variables to record file descriptor information;
  semaphores for synchronization of cache access (if needed);

  proc read(count,buffer) {
    if (needed data is not in cache) {
      select cache block to use;
      if (need to write out the cache block)
        FileServer.writeblk(...);
      FileServer.readblk(...);
    }
    buffer = appropriate count bytes from cache block;
  }

  proc write(count,buffer) {
    if (appropriate block not in cache) {
      select cache block to use;
      if (need to write out the cache block)
        FileServer.writeblk(...);
    }
    cache block = count bytes from buffer;
  }
end FileCache

```

**Figure 8.2 (a)** Distributed file system: File cache.



```

module FileServer    # located on a file server
  op readblk(int fileid, offset; result char blk[1024]);
  op writeblk(int fileid, offset; char blk[1024]);
body
  cache of disk blocks;
  queue of pending disk access requests;
  semaphores to synchronize access to the cache and queue;
  # N.B. synchronization code not shown below

  proc readblk(fileid, offset, blk) {
    if (needed block not in the cache) {
      store read request in disk queue;
      wait for read operation to be processed;
    }
    blk = appropriate disk block;
  }

  proc writeblk(fileid, offset, blk) {
    select block from cache;
    if (need to write out the selected block) {
      store write request in disk queue;
      wait for block to be written to disk;
    }
    cache block = blk;
  }

  process DiskDriver {
    while (true) {
      wait for a disk access request;
      start a disk operation; wait for interrupt;
      awaken process waiting for this request to complete;
    }
  }
end FileServer

```

**Figure 8.2 (b)** Distributed file system: File server.

```

optype stream = (int); # type of data stream operations

module Merge[i = 1 to n]
  op in1 stream, in2 stream; # input streams
  op initialize(cap stream); # link to output stream
body
  int v1, v2;      # input values from streams 1 and 2
  cap stream out;  # capability for output stream
  sem empty1 = 1, full1 = 0, empty2 = 1, full2 = 0;

  proc initialize(output) { # provide output stream
    out = output;
  }

  proc in1(value1) { # produce next value for stream 1
    P(empty1); v1 = value1; V(full1);
  }

  proc in2(value2) { # produce next value for stream 2
    P(empty2); v2 = value2; V(full2);
  }

  process M {
    P(full1); P(full2); # wait for two input values
    while (v1 != EOS and v2 != EOS)
      if (v1 <= v2)
        { call out(v1); V(empty1); P(full1); }
      else # v2 < v1
        { call out(v2); V(empty2); P(full2); }
    # consume the rest of the non-empty input stream
    if (v1 == EOS)
      while (v2 != EOS)
        { call out(v2); V(empty2); P(full2); }
    else # v2 == EOS
      while (v1 != EOS)
        { call out(v1); V(empty1); P(full1); }
    call out(EOS); # append sentinel
  }
end Merge

```

**Figure 8.3** Merge-sort filters using RPC.

```

module Exchange[i = 1 to 2]
  op deposit(int);
body
  int othervalue;
  sem ready = 0;    # used for signaling

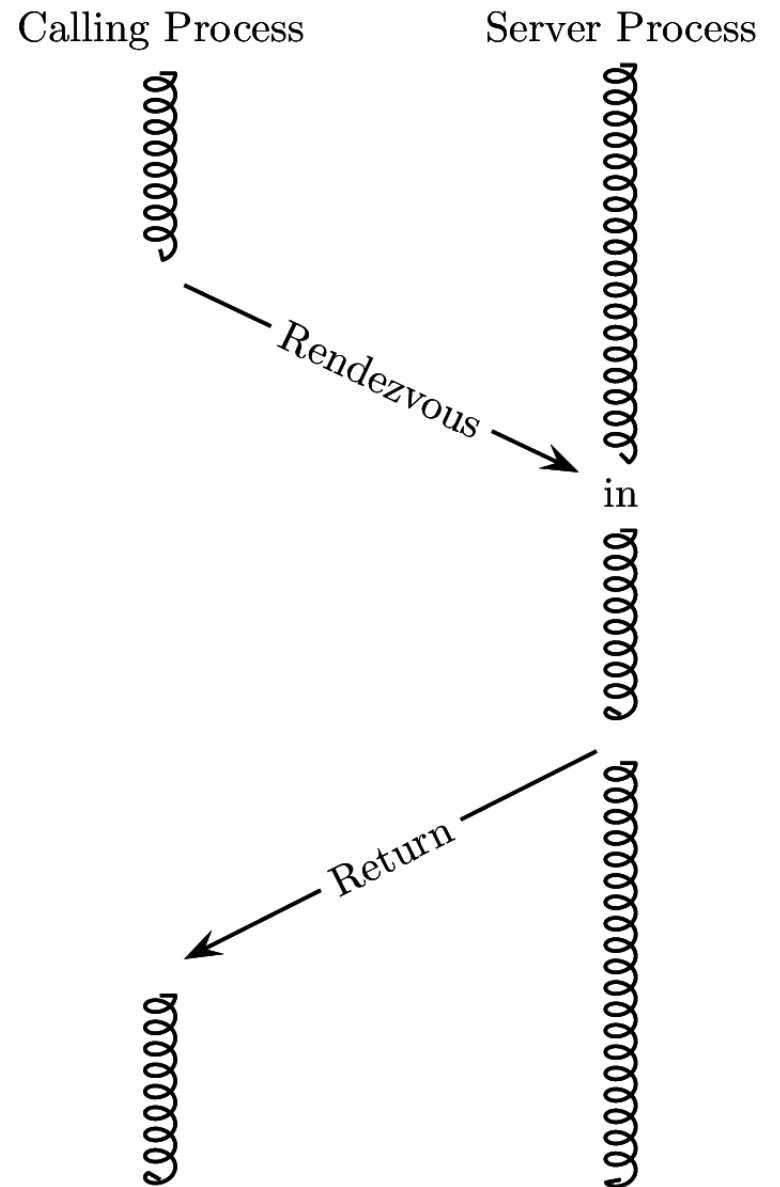
  proc deposit(other) {      # called by other module
    othervalue = other;      # save other's value
    V(ready);                # let Worker pick it up
  }
  process Worker {
    int myvalue;
    call Exchange[3-i].deposit(myvalue); # send to other
    P(ready);                          # wait to receive other's value
    ...
  }
end Exchange

```

**Figure 8.4** Exchanging values using RPC.

# Rendezvous

- Rendezvous combines communication and synchronization.
- Clients invoke operations with `call`
- A server process uses an *input statement* to wait for and handle the call.
- Operations are not handled concurrently.



## Input Statements

```
in op1(formals1) and B1 by e1 -> S1;  
[] op2(formals2) and B2 by e2 -> S1;  
...  
[] opN(formalsN) and BN by eN -> SN;  
ni
```

- Provided by **Ada** in slightly modified form.
- Part before the  $\rightarrow$  is the **guard**
- $opi$  is the name of the operation
- $Bi$  is the **synchronization expression**
  - boolean determines if this branch is open
- $ei$  is the **scheduling expression**
  - number determines priority

## Input Statements

```
in op1(formals1) and B1 by e1 -> S1;  
[] op2(formals2) and B2 by e2 -> S1;  
...  
[] opN(formalsN) and BN by eN -> SN;  
ni
```

- A guard succeeds when
  1. the operation has been called
  2. the synchronization expression is true (or omitted)
- The boolean can depend on the parameters (not true in Ada).
- Execution of `in` delays until some guard succeeds.
- If more than one guard succeeds the `in` statement services the oldest.
- If scheduling expressions are present, oldest of minimum.
- Synchronization and scheduling expressions also present in some message-passing systems, e.g. MPI.

```

module BoundedBuffer
  op deposit(typeT), fetch(result typeT);
body
  process Buffer {
    typeT buf[n];
    int front = 0, rear = 0, count = 0;
    while (true)
      in deposit(item) and count < n ->
        buf[rear] = item;
        rear = (rear+1) mod n; count = count+1;
      [] fetch(item) and count > 0 ->
        item = buf[front];
        front = (front+1) mod n; count = count-1;
    ni
  }
end BoundedBuffer

```

**Figure 8.5** Rendezvous implementation of a bounded buffer.

```

module Table
  op getforks(int), relforks(int);
body
  process Waiter {
    bool eating[5] = ([5] false);
    while (true)
      in getforks(i) and not (eating[left(i)] and
        not eating[right(i)] -> eating[i] = true;
      [] relforks(i) ->
        eating[i] = false;
      ni
    }
  end Table

  process Philosopher[i = 0 to 4] {
    while (true) {
      call getforks(i);
      eat;
      call relforks(i);
      think;
    }
  }
}

```

**Figure 8.6** Centralized dining philosophers using rendezvous.



```

module TimeServer
  op get_time() returns int;
  op delay(int);
  op tick();          # called by clock interrupt handler
body TimeServer
  process Timer {
    int tod = 0;      # time of day
    while (true)
      in get_time() returns time -> time = tod;
      [] delay(waketime) and waketime <= tod -> skip;
      [] tick() -> { tod = tod+1; restart timer; }
    ni
  }
end TimeServer

```

**Figure 8.7** A time server using rendezvous.

```

module SJN_Allocator
  op request(int time), release();
body
  process SJN {
    bool free = true;
    while (true)
      in request(time) and free by time -> free = false;
      [] release() -> free = true;
      ni
    }
  end SJN_Allocator

```

**Figure 8.8** Shortest-job-next allocator using rendezvous.

```

otype stream = (int); # type of data streams

module Merge[i = 1 to n]
  op in1 stream, in2 stream; # input streams
  op initialize(cap stream); # link to output stream
body
  process Filter {
    int v1, v2;          # values from input streams
    cap stream out;      # capability for output stream
    in initialize(c) -> out = c ni
    # get first values from input streams
    in in1(v) -> v1 = v; ni
    in in2(v) -> v2 = v; ni
    while (v1 != EOS and v2 != EOS)
      if (v1 <= v2)
        { call out(v1); in in1(v) -> v1 = v; ni }
      else # v2 < v1
        { call out(v2); in in2(v) -> v2 = v; ni }
    # consume the rest of the non-empty input stream
    if (v1 == EOS)
      while (v2 != EOS)
        { call out(v2); in in2(v) -> v2 = v; ni }
    else # v2 == EOS
      while (v1 != EOS)
        { call out(v1); in in1(v) -> v1 = v; ni }
    call out(EOS);
  }
end Merge

```

**Figure 8.9** Merge sort filters using rendezvous.

```

module Exchange[i = 1 to 2]
  op deposit(int);
body
  process Worker {
    int myvalue, othervalue;
    if (i == 1) {      # one process calls
      call Exchange[2].deposit(myvalue);
      in deposit(othervalue) -> skip; ni
    } else {          # the other process receives
      in deposit(othervalue) -> skip; ni
      call Exchange[1].deposit(myvalue);
    }
    ...
  }
end Exchange

```

**Figure 8.10** Exchanging values using rendezvous.

Skipping §8.3 and §8.4

```

import java.rmi.*;
import java.rmi.server.*;

public interface RemoteDatabase extends Remote {
    public int read() throws RemoteException;
    public void write(int value) throws RemoteException;
}

class Client {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        try {
            // set the standard RMI security manager
            System.setSecurityManager(new RMISecurityManager());

            // get remote database object
            String name =
                "rmi://paloverde:9999/database";
            RemoteDatabase db =
                (RemoteDatabase) Naming.lookup(name);

            // read command-line argument and access database
            int value, rounds = Integer.parseInt(args[0]);
            for (int i = 0; i < rounds; i++) {
                value = db.read();
                System.out.println("read: " + value);
                db.write(value+1);
            }
        }
        catch (Exception e) {
            System.err.println(e);
        }
    }
}

class RemoteDatabaseServer extends UnicastRemoteObject
    implements RemoteDatabase {
    protected int data = 0; // the "database"

    public int read() throws RemoteException {
        return data;
    }

    public void write(int value) throws RemoteException {
        data = value;
        System.out.println("new value is: " + data);
    }

    // constructor required because of throws clause
    public RemoteDatabaseServer() throws RemoteException {
        super();
    }
}

```

- Java rmi library

```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    try {  
        // create a remote database server object  
        RemoteDatabaseServer server =  
            new RemoteDatabaseServer();  
        // register name and start serving!  
        String name =  
            "rmi://paloverde:9999/database";  
        Naming.bind(name, server);  
        System.out.println(name + " is running");  
    }  
    catch (Exception e) {  
        System.err.println(e);  
    }  
}
```

**Figure 8.16** Remote database interface, client, and server.

## Tasks, Rendezvous, and Protected Types in Ada

- [http://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Ada\\_Programming/Tasking](http://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Ada_Programming/Tasking)



```
task Name is  
  entry declarations;  
end;
```

```
entry Identifier(formals);
```

```
task body Name is  
  local declarations;  
begin  
  statements;  
end Name;
```

```
call T.E(actuals);
```

Ada tasks, entries, and call statements.

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```
accept E(formals) do  
    statement list;  
end;
```

```
select when B1 => accept statement; additional statements;  
or ...  
or      when Bn => accept statement; additional statements;  
end select;
```

```
select entry call; additional statements;  
else    statements;  
end select;
```

```
select entry call; additional statements;  
or      delay statement; additional statements;  
end select;
```

Ada accept and select statements.

```
protected type Name is  
    function, procedure, or entry declarations;  
private  
    variable declarations;  
end Name;
```

```
protected body Name is  
    function, procedure, or entry bodies;  
end Name;
```

```
requeue Opname;
```

Ada protected types and requeue statement.

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- Similar to Monitors
- At most one task executes a protected procedure at a time.
- Caller waits until it can have access *and* the guard is true.
- requeue puts the task back on the calling queue.

```

protected type Barrier is
  procedure Arrive;
private
  entry Go;                -- used to delay early arrivals
  count : Integer := 0; -- number who have arrived
  time_to_leave : Boolean := False;
end Barrier;

protected body Barrier is
  procedure Arrive is begin
    count := count+1;
    if count < N then
      requeue Go;    -- wait for others to arrive
    else
      count := count-1; time_to_leave := True;
    end if;
  end;

  entry Go when time_to_leave is begin
    count := count-1;
    if count = 0 then time_to_leave := False; end if;
  end;
end Barrier;

```

**Figure 8.17** Barrier synchronization in Ada.

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- requeue statement defers completion of the call.
- Is it reusable?

```

with Ada.Text_IO; use Ada.Text_IO;
procedure Dining_Philosophers is
  subtype ID is Integer range 1..5;

  task Waiter is          -- Waiter spec
    entry Pickup(I : in ID);
    entry Putdown(I : in ID);
  end
  task body Waiter is separate;

  task type Philosopher is  -- Philosopher spec
    entry init(who : ID);
  end;

  DP : array(ID) of Philosopher; -- the philosophers
  rounds : Integer;              -- number of rounds

  task body Philosopher is  -- Philosopher body
    myid : ID;
  begin
    accept init(who); myid := who; end;
    for j in 1..rounds loop
      -- "think"
      Waiter.Pickup(myid); -- pick forks up
      -- "eat"
      Waiter.Putdown(myid); -- put forks down
    end loop;
  end Philosopher;

begin -- read in rounds, then start the philosophers
  Get(rounds);
  for j in ID loop
    DP(j).init(j);
  end loop;
end Dining_Philosophers;

```

**Figure 8.18** Dining philosophers in Ada: Main program.

```

separate (Dining_Philosophers)
task body Waiter is
  entry Wait(ID);      -- used to requeue philosophers
  eating : array (ID) of Boolean; -- who is eating
  want : array (ID) of Boolean;   -- who wants to eat
  go : array(ID) of Boolean;      -- who can go now
begin
  for j in ID loop      -- initialize the arrays
    eating(j) := False; want(j) := False;
  end loop;
  loop                  -- basic server loop
    select
      accept Pickup(i : in ID) do -- DP(i) needs forks
        if not(eating(left(i)) or eating(right(i))) then
          eating(i) := True;
        else
          want(i) := True; requeue Wait(i);
        end if;
      end;
    or
      accept Putdown(i : in ID) do -- DP(i) is done
        eating(i) := False;
      end;
      -- check neighbors to see if they can eat now
      if want(left(i)) and not eating(left(left(i))) then
        accept Wait(left(i));
        eating(left(i)) := True; want(left(i)) := False;
      end if;
      if want(right(i)) and not eating(right(right(i)))
      then accept Wait(right(i));
        eating(right(i)) := True; want(right(i)) := False;
      end if;
    or
      terminate; -- quit when philosophers have quit
    end select;
  end loop;
end Waiter;

```

**Figure 8.19** Dining philosophers in Ada: Waiter task.

```

module Table
  op getforks(int), relforks(int);
body
  process Waiter {
    bool eating[5] = ([5] false);
    while (true)
      in getforks(i) and not (eating[left(i)] and
        not eating[right(i)] -> eating[i] = true;
      [] relforks(i) ->
        eating[i] = false;
      ni
    }
  end Table

  process Philosopher[i = 0 to 4] {
    while (true) {
      call getforks(i);
      eat;
      call relforks(i);
      think;
    }
  }
}

```

**Figure 8.6** Centralized dining philosophers using rendezvous.

Skipping §8.7