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sleep syscall

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- The `sleep` system call suspends execution of the process for the number of ticks supplied by the argument.
- There is an argument!!
- It must be checked carefully!!
- The `sys_sleep` implementation is very simple:
  - It is assumed each clock tick declares an event with id `&ticks`.
  - `sys_sleep` waits for the `&ticks` event.
  - When sys_sleep resumes execution, it checks if it was suspended for long enough.
  - If not it returns to the event waiting.

Variables in `sys_sleep`

- `n`: Number of ticks to wait.
- `ticks`: Global variable containing the number of ticks from boot.
- `tickslock`: A spinlock protecting `ticks`.

sys_sleep

```
3815  sys_sleep(void) {
        int n;
        uint ticks0;

        if (argint(0, &n) < 0)  return -1;
        acquire(&tickslock);
        ticks0 = ticks;
        while (ticks - ticks0 < n) {
          if (myproc()->killed) {
            release(&tickslock);
            return -1;
          }
          sleep(&ticks, &tickslock);
        }
        release(&tickslock);
        return 0;
      }
```

ticks?!

Somehwere in the code the following should happen:

- `ticks` increments.
- Event `&ticks` is declared.

In `trap()`:

```
3414    case T_IRQ0+IRQ_TIMER:
          if (cpuid() == 0) {
            acquire(&tickslock);
            ticks++;
            wakeup(&ticks);
            release(&tickslock);
          }
          lapiceoi();
          break;
```