

- Os processes execute system code and user processes execute user code.
- The term job and process are used interchangeably.
- Two processes may be associated with the same program. But they are two separate execution sequence.

# PROCESS STATE

- New:

A process is being created.

- Running:

Instructions are being executed.

- Waiting:

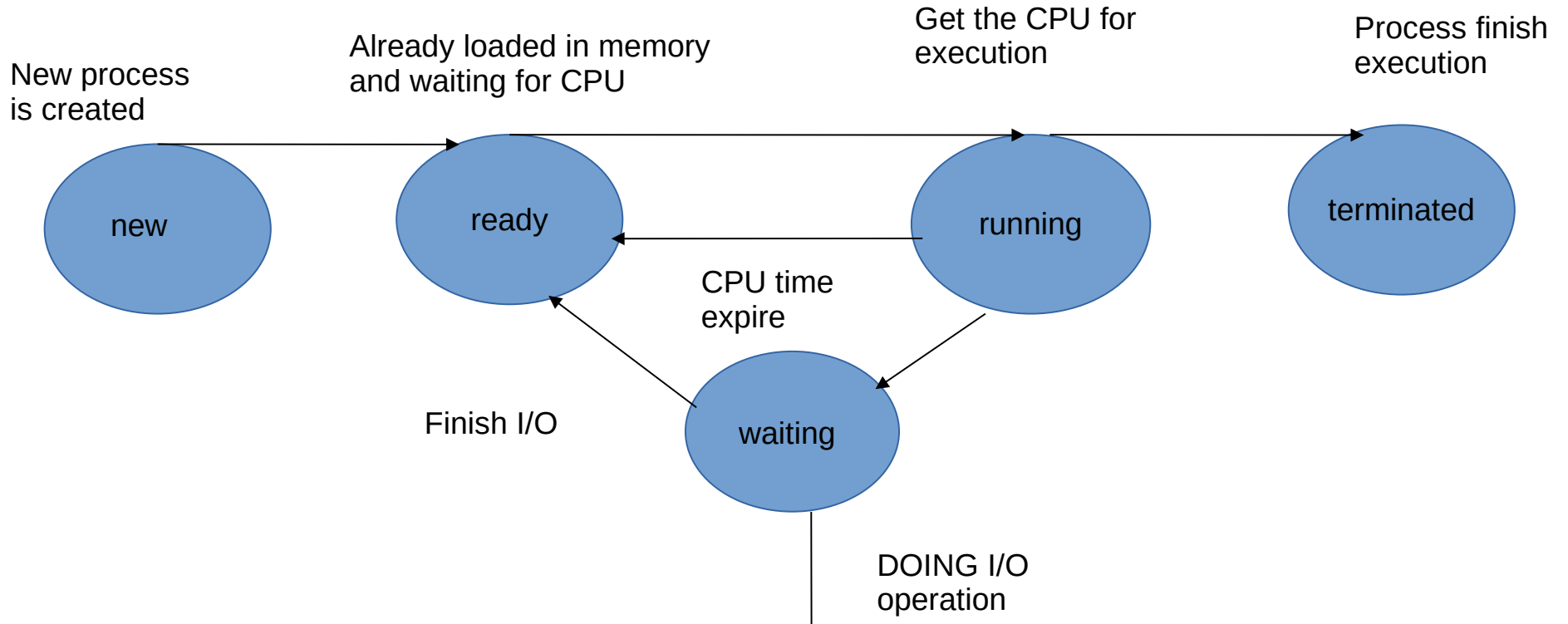
The process is waiting for some event to occur (such as an I/O completion ).

- Ready:

The process is waiting to be assigned to a processor .

- Terminated:

The process has finished execution.



# Process Control Block

Each process is represented in the OS by a process control block(PCB).

It contains many piece of information:

- Process state: new/ready/running/.....
- Program counter information: Address of the next instruction to be execute.
- CPU registers: Registers may be very in numbers.
- CPU scheduling information: Process priority.
- Memory management information: This may include the value of the base and limit address and other informations: page table, segment table etc.
- Account information: This includes the amount of CPU and real time used, process number etc..
- I/O status information: This includes the list of I/O devices allocated to this process.