

Assignment 4, Operating Systems

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Ch 4 problems: 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.7, 4.8, 4.11 (4.7 is a trick question, really just a setup for 4.8)

- 4.1** Yes. Any processor state information that needs to be saved and is shared among the threads only needs to be saved once for all the threads.
- 4.2** If a ULT does a system call that manipulates the user address space, all threads in that process will rely on that thread's system call.
- 4.3**
 - a.** Threads might lose some kernel level functionality that processes within sessions had.
 - b.** Process level. If processes are replacing sessions, then processes are directly assigned the keyboard, mouse, and screen.
- 4.4** Without the mapping, the ULT that does a system call would block all other threads within that process.
- 4.5** No.
- 4.7**
 - a.** Nothing.
 - b.** No because the list is all negatives.
- 4.8** If r is set in A but assigned to global positives in B , then if A and B are not exactly synchronized, global positives will be incorrect.
- 4.11**
 - a.** Possibly ULTs don't have to block the other ULTs in the same process if it does a system call. Also we would not need to do a kernel level mode switch, I guess.
 - b.** LWP will go immediately to the running state upon wakeup.
 - c.** A ULT is created and runs, which maps it to an LP that starts in the running state. LWPs can be preempted and blocked and runs independently of the ULT.