

# Paradigms for Process Interaction

- Three organizations
  - coordinator
    - an example of manager/workers style
  - symmetric
    - an example of heartbeat style
  - ring
    - an example of pipeline style

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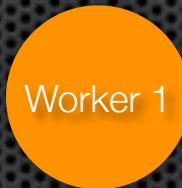


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- Advantages: scalability and load balancing

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  - every worker is waiting to get a new task and the bag is empty

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# Prime Number Generation (Cont.)

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real_main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    int primes[LIMIT] = {2,3}; /* my table of primes */
    int limit, numWorkers, i, isprime;
    int numPrimes = 2, value = 5;
    limit = atoi(argv[1]); /* read command line */
    numWorkers = atoi(argv[2]);

    /* create workers and put first candidate in bag */
    for (i = 1; i <= numWorkers; i++)
        EVAL("worker", worker());
    OUT("candidate", value);

    /* get results from workers in increasing order */
    while (numPrimes < limit) {
        IN("result", value, ?isprime);
        if (isprime) { /* put value in table and TS */
            primes[numPrimes] = value;
            OUT("prime", numPrimes, value);
            numPrimes++;
        }
        value = value + 2;
    }
    /* tell workers to quit, then print the primes */
    OUT("stop");
    for (i = 0; i < limit; i++)
        printf("%d\n", primes[i]);
```

# Example: Prime Generation (Cont.)

```
#include "linda.h"
#define LIMIT 1000      /* upper bound for limit */

void worker() {
    int primes[LIMIT] = {2,3}; /* table of primes */
    int numPrimes = 1, i, candidate, isprime;

    /* repeatedly get candidates and check them */
    while(true) {
        if (RDP("stop")) /* check for termination */
            return;
        IN("candidate", ?candidate); /* get candidate */
        OUT("candidate", candidate+2); /* output next one */
        i = 0; isprime = 1;
        while (primes[i]*primes[i] <= candidate) {
            if (candidate%primes[i] == 0) { /* not prime */
                isprime = 0; break;
            }
            i++;
            if (i > numPrimes) { /* need another prime */
                numPrimes++;
                RD("prime", numPrimes, ?primes[numPrimes]);
            }
        }
        /* tell manager the result */
        OUT("result", candidate, isprime);
    }
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