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1 Process

Vocabularies

1. Process

• Is a program in execution

2. Running Program

• Is a collection of coded software instructions that can be executed by a computer to perform a specific task

3. Time Sharing

- Is a basic technique used by an OS to share a resource
- Allows an entity to use the resource for a little while, and then a little while by another, and so forth

Example

CPU

4. Space Sharing

• Is where a resource (space) is divided among those who wishes to use it

Example

Disk, and Memory

5. Mechanism

• Is a low-level method or protocol that implement a needed piece of functionality.

Example

Context Switching

6. Policy

• Is an algorithm for making some kinds of decision within the OS

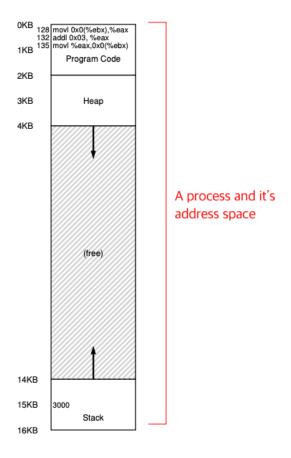
Example

Scheduling Policy. That is, what kind of program should the OS run?

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7. Address Space

• Is a range of discrete addresses where each corresponds to a memory cell



8. Program Counter

- Is also called **Instruction Pointer**
- Is a process register that tells which instruction of the program is currently being executed
- 9. Stack Pointer
- 10. Frane Pointer
- 11. Program Stack
- 12. Program Heap
- 13. File Descriptors
- 14. Persistence
- 15. Process States

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- 16. Process List
- 17. Context Switch
- 18. Process Control Block
- 19. Zombie State