**1 System Overview**

My operating system is designed and implemented in a highly modular fashion, as is shown in Figure 1. While the programming language is C, structures and function pointers are heavily used to achieve the goal of modularity and object-oriented programming. Here, process manager is a good example demonstrating this idea.

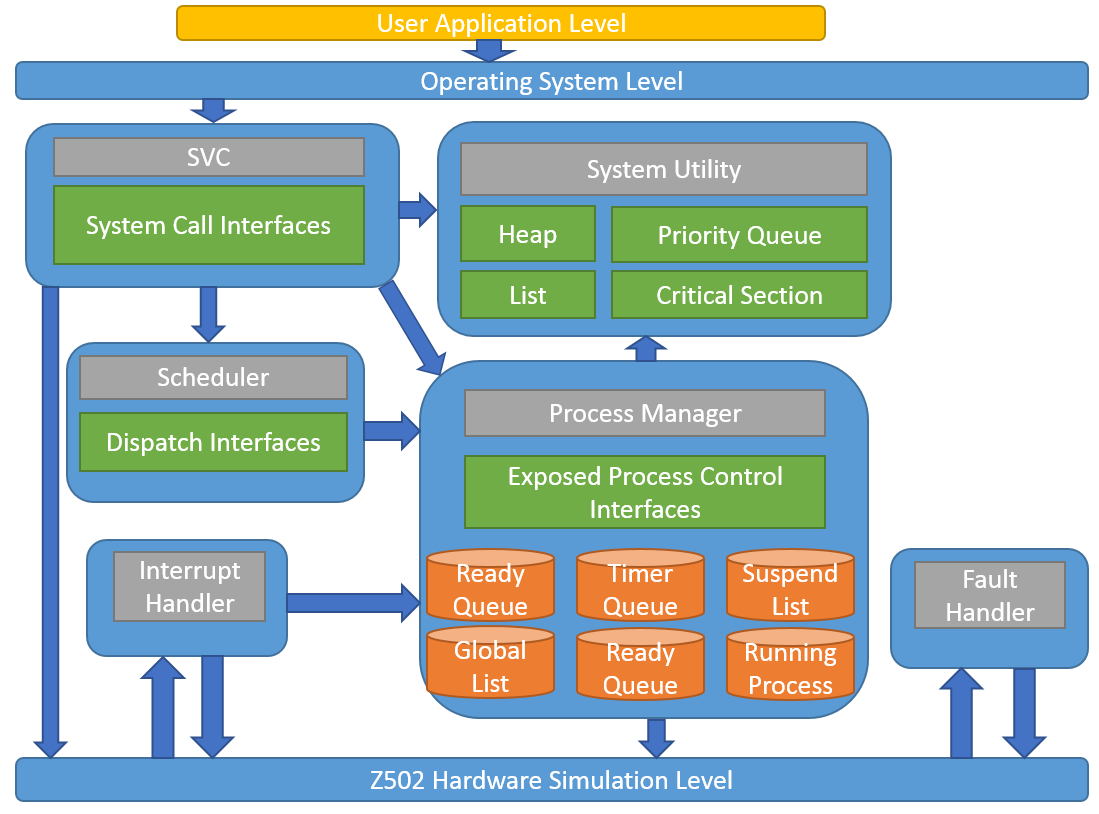


Figure 1. System Overview.

When the operating system starts, it initializes process manager and scheduler, which are singleton objects stored in global variables. Process Manager is in charge of all the process control operations such as create, terminate and suspend a specific process. Other parts of the system must use interfaces exposed by the process manager to do process management related work. In this way, process data management is hidden by the process manager. So other modules do not need to worry about messing up the underlying process queues and lists. In Figure 1, process data are illustrated as orange cylinders.

**2 Modules**

**2.1 SVC**

SVC module is implemented in svc.h and svc.c files. Interfaces defined here are:

void SVCGetProcessID(SYSTEM\_CALL\_DATA\* SystemCallData);

void SVCTerminateProcess(SYSTEM\_CALL\_DATA\* SystemCallData);

void SVCCreateProcess(SYSTEM\_CALL\_DATA\* SystemCallData);

void SVCStartTimer(SYSTEM\_CALL\_DATA\* SystemCallData);

void SVCSuspendProcess(SYSTEM\_CALL\_DATA\* SystemCallData);

void SVCResumeProcess(SYSTEM\_CALL\_DATA\* SystemCallData);

void SVCChangeProcessPriority(SYSTEM\_CALL\_DATA\* SystemCallData);

void SVCSendMessage(SYSTEM\_CALL\_DATA\* SystemCallData);

void SVCReceiveMessage(SYSTEM\_CALL\_DATA\* SystemCallData);

These functions are implementations of system calls used by user level applications. They do necessary error checks and return calling results to the user level application.

**2.2 Process Manager**

Process Manager module is implemented in process\_manager.h and process\_manager.c files. It is a singleton class object created when operating system starts. Here is a bunch of interfaces of it:

// Process manager is a global singleton object used to manage processes.

typedef struct ProcessManager

{

ProcessManagerGetProcessCount GetProcessCount;

ProcessManagerGetTimerQueueProcessCount GetTimerQueueProcessCount;

ProcessManagerGetTimerQueueProcess GetTimerQueueProcess;

ProcessManagerGetReadyQueueProcessCount GetReadyQueueProcessCount;

ProcessManagerGetReadyQueueProcess GetReadyQueueProcess;

.

.

.

ProcessManagerPrintState PrintState;

ProcessManagerResetReadyQueueKeys ResetReadyQueueKeys;

} ProcessManager;

void ProcessManagerInitialize();

void ProcessManagerTerminate();

extern ProcessManager\* gProcessManager;

As you can see, all interfaces are implemented by using function pointers. This is the only way I know in which object-oriented programming is done using C language. The advantage of doing this is that underlying data such as queues and lists are hidden in the c file. Thus they are invisible to other parts of the system. So it is unlikely that other code mess up data by directly accessing them. Below are process queues and lists defined in process\_manager.c.

// Global data managed by process manager.

List\* gGlobalProcessList;

MinPriQueue\* gTimerQueue;

MinPriQueue\* gReadyQueue;

List\* gSuspendedList;

PCB\* gRunningProcess;

In my implementation of process ready queue and timer queue, I use heap as underlying data structure. While linked list is easy to manipulate, insertion cost is O(n), whereas heap-based priority queue has a better performance of O(lgn) on average. Every time we pop a PCB object from the heap, it needs O(lgn) to adjust itself. So the overall performance is cO(lgn), which is still O(lgn).

My PCB structure is defined in pcb.h, as follow:

#define PROCESS\_STATE\_UNKNOWN 0

#define PROCESS\_STATE\_READY 1

#define PROCESS\_STATE\_SLEEPING 2

#define PROCESS\_STATE\_RUNNING 3

#define PROCESS\_STATE\_SUSPENDED 4

#define PROCESS\_STATE\_SUSPENDING 5

#define PROCESS\_STATE\_DEAD 6

#define PROCESS\_TYPE\_SCHEDULER 0

#define PROCESS\_TYPE\_USER 1

typedef void(\*ProcessEntry)(void);

typedef struct \_PCB

{

char\* name;

int type; // 0 : scheduler process 1 : user process

long processID;

ProcessEntry entry;

int priority;

int timerQueueKey;

int readyQueueKey;

int state; // 1 : ready 2 : sleep 3 : running

void\* context;

List\* messages;

} PCB;

Note that there is a readyQueueKey member variable in PCB structure. Initially, it is assigned as priority value of the process. Then it changes after a process is dispatched for running. By changing the value, a process will have lower and lower dynamic priority in the queue. So the scheduler could give other process who have low priorities a chance running themselves.

**2.3 Scheduler**

Scheduler is implemented in scheduler.h and scheduler.c files. Currently, I am creating a system process for it. My motivation is that the scheduler should have the ability of interrupting a user process who does not sleep (i.e. taking too much CPU time running itself). I think the scheduler should be able to trigger a timer interrupt regularly to put the running process into ready queue and dispatch another process in ready queue. This functionality is not required in any tests. Unfortunately, I have not got time to implement this functionality. You can observe my scheduler process switching with the user process back and forth in test1a. That is, when the user process sleeps, the scheduler process takes over and checks if there is another available user process to run.

**2.4 System Utilities**

A bunch of helper functions are implemented here, such as list, heap, priority queue etc.

**2.5 Interrupt Handler**

Timer interrupt is handled in here. All processes who want to wake up at the same time must be woken together. See my code for details. It also checks if it is necessary to re-start the timer to wake up a later process.

3 Tests