

# CS 7172

# Parallel and Distributed Computing

## Process

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# Outline

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- What is process?
  - Process vs Program
  - Linux Process Control Block
- Process related System calls
  - Fork
  - Exec
  - Wait
- Process on Distributed OSes



# Process

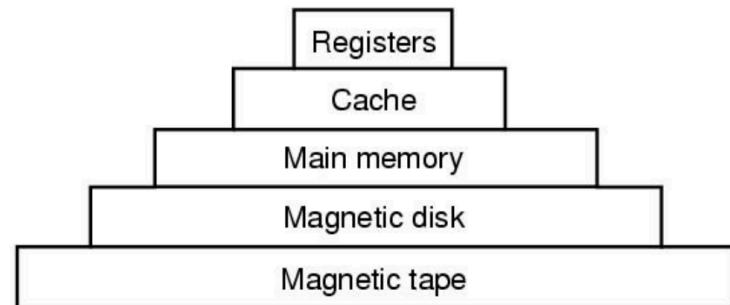
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- Definition
  - An instance of a *program* running on a computer
  - An *abstraction* that supports running programs - -> cpu virtualization
  - An *execution stream* in the context of a particular *process state* - -> dynamic unit
  - A *sequential* stream of execution in its *own address space* - -> execution code line by line



# Process

- Two parts of a process
  - Sequential execution of instructions
  - Process state
    - ▶ registers: PC (program counter), SP (stack pointer), ...
    - ▶ Memory: address space, code, data, stack, heap ...
    - ▶ I/O status: open files ...



# Program vs. Process

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- Program  $\neq$  Process
  - Program = static code + data
  - Process = dynamic instantiation of code + data + files ...
- No 1:1 mapping
  - Program : process = 1:N
    - ▶ A program can invoke many processes



# Program vs. Process

The diagram illustrates the relationship between a program and its processes. On the left, a screenshot of the Mac OS X Applications folder shows the application 'Google Chrome' selected. A blue callout bubble labeled 'Program: An executable file in long-term storage' points to it. On the right, a screenshot of the Activity Monitor shows multiple processes running under the name 'Google Chrome Helper'. A red dashed box highlights these processes. A blue callout bubble labeled 'One-to-many relationship between program and processes' points to them. Another blue callout bubble labeled 'Process: The running instantiation of a program, stored in RAM' points to the 'Google Chrome' process in the list.

Program:  
An executable file in  
long-term storage

Process:  
The running instantiation of  
a program, stored in RAM

One-to-many  
relationship between  
program and processes

Process Name	User	PID	Threads
identityservicesd	admin	304	273
iconservicesagent	admin	279	2
icdd	admin	813	2
Google Chrome Helper	admin	795	11
Google Chrome Helper	admin	506	12
Google Chrome Helper	admin	1839	9
Google Chrome Helper	admin	1527	9
Google Chrome Helper	admin	807	12
Google Chrome Helper	admin	1549	12
Google Chrome Helper	admin	1925	12
Google Chrome Helper	admin	2107	11
Google Chrome Helper	admin	507	10
Google Chrome Helper	admin	1560	13
Google Chrome Helper	admin	2102	6
Google Chrome Helper	admin	2141	14
Google Chrome	admin	496	40
fontd	admin	263	2
fontupd	admin	746	2
ClientXPCService	admin	494	2

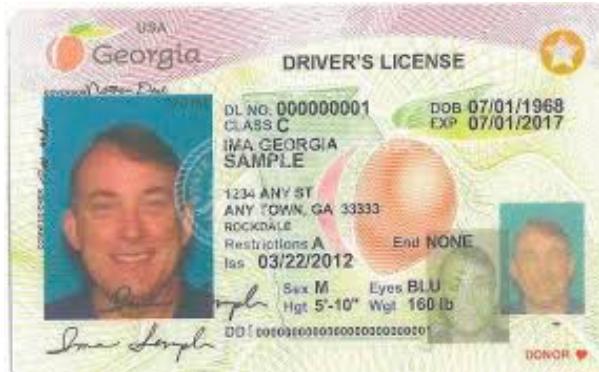


# Program vs. Process

<b>BASIS FOR COMPARISON</b>	<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>PROCESS</b>
Basic	Program is a set of instruction.	When a program is executed, it is known as process.
Nature	Passive	Active
Lifespan	Longer	Limited
Required resources	Program is stored on disk in some file and does not require any other resources.	Process holds resources such as CPU, memory address, disk, I/O etc.



# Process Descriptor

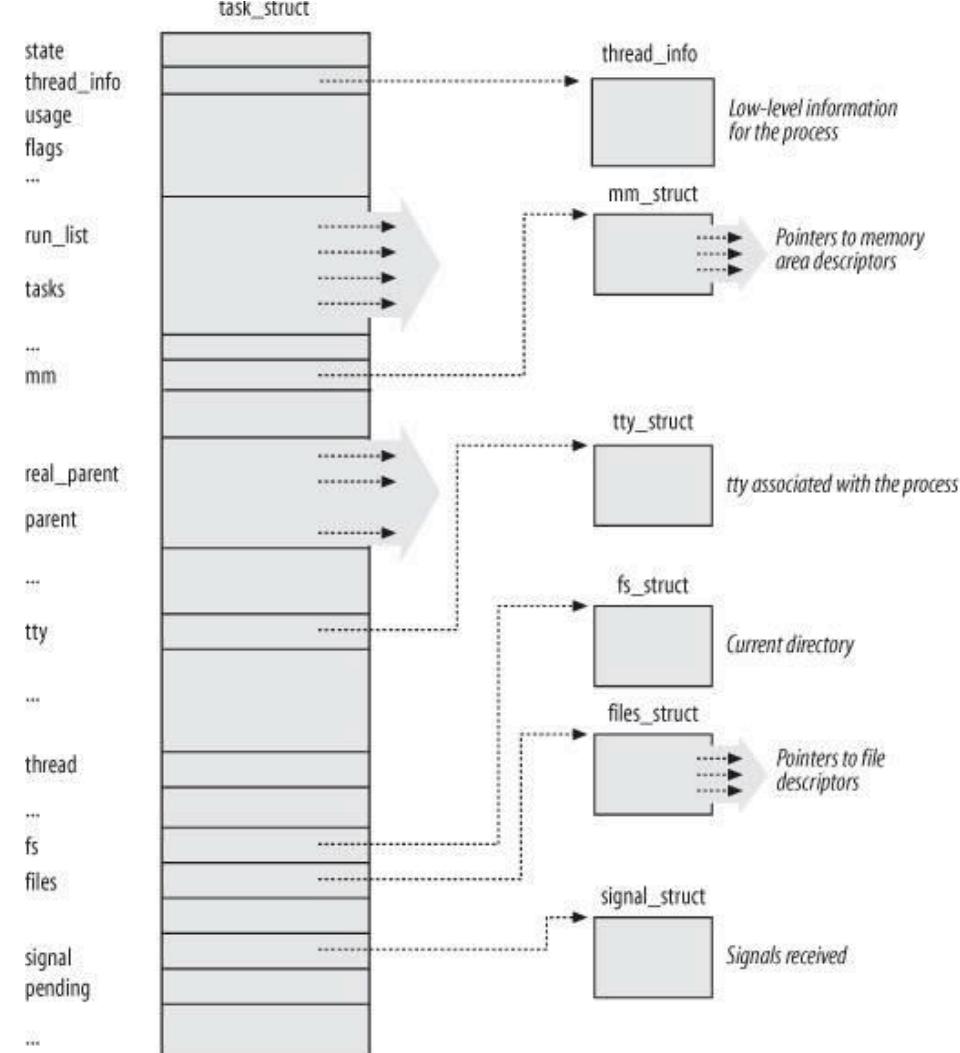


- Driving license
  - ID
  - Name
  - Address
  - Birth
  - Time
  - ...
- Process control block (PCB)
  - State
  - Identifiers
  - Scheduling info
  - File system
  - Virtual memory
  - Process specific context
  - ...

# Process in Linux

<https://elixir.bootlin.com/linux/v5.4/source/include/linux/sched.h#L624>

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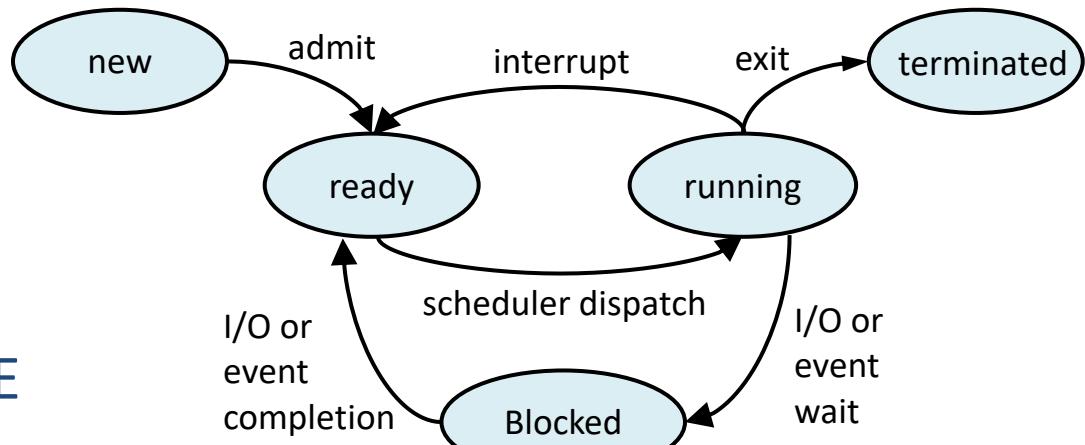
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# Linux PCB (5-state model to describe lifecycle of one process)

- State

- **TASK\_RUNNING**
  - ▶ Running, ready
- **TASK\_INTERRUPTABLE**
  - ▶ Blocked
- **EXIT\_ZOMBIE**
  - ▶ Terminated by not deallocated
- **EXIT\_DEAD**
  - ▶ Completely terminated



# \$ ps -lf : process information

```
pi@raspberrypi ~> ps
  PID TTY          TIME CMD
  947 pts/0        00:00:00 bash
  966 pts/0        00:00:03 fish
 1256 pts/0        00:00:00 ps
pi@raspberrypi ~> ps -lf 947
 F S UID          PID  PPID C PRI  NI ADDR SZ WCHAN  STIME TTY          TIME CMD
 0 S pi          947  944  0  80    0 - 1523 wait    07:03 pts/0        0:00 -bash
pi@raspberrypi ~>
```

Bash is a UNIX OS  
shell program

The state of the  
process

- R : The process is running
- S : The process is sleeping/idle
- T : The process is terminated
- Z : The process is in zombie state

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# Linux Process Control Block (cont')

- Identifiers
  - pid: ID of the process

```
pi@raspberrypi ~> ps -lf
F S UID      PID  PPID   C PRI  NI ADDR SZ WCHAN  STIME TTY          TIME CMD
0 S pi        4408  4405   2 80    0 - 1523 wait    19:48 pts/0    00:00:00 -bash
0 S pi        4428  4408   6 80    0 - 6635 wait    19:48 pts/0    00:00:00 fish
0 R pi        4459  4428   0 80    0 - 1935 -       19:48 pts/0    00:00:00 ps -lf
pi@raspberrypi ~>
```

ID for this process

Parent process ID

# Process in Linux

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# Linux Process Control Block (cont')

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- Scheduling information
  - prio, static\_prio, normal\_prio
  - rt\_priority
  - sched\_class



# Linux Process Control Block (cont')

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- (1) Static priority:  $P_1 > P_2 = P_3 = P_4$ ,  $P_1$  can execute whenever it needs;
- (2) Normal priority:  $P_1 = P_2 = P_3 = P_4$ ,  $P_1$  execute depending on the scheduling algorithm;
- (3) Prio: dynamic priority, will change over the time

# Linux Process Control Block (cont')

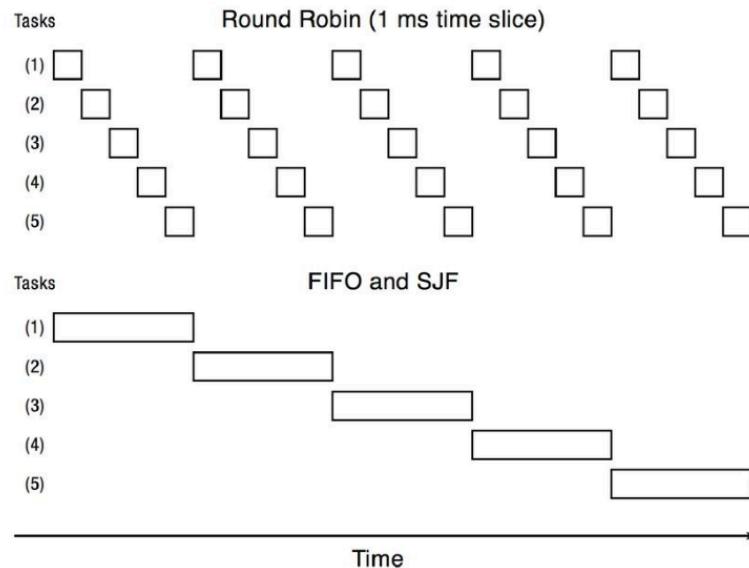
- Scheduling information
  - rt\_priority



Rt\_priority process is always higher than other priority of processes and will be scheduled immediately when it needs

# Linux Process Control Block (cont')

- Scheduling information
  - `sched_class`: different scheduling policy implementations, e.g., FIFO, SJF, RR...
    - ▶ `Task->sched_class->pick_next_task(runqueue)`



`pick_next_task` of RR:  
pick based on time cycle

`pick_next_task` of FIFO:  
pick based on order

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  966 pts/0        00:00:03 fish
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pi@raspberrypi ~>
```

Bash is a UNIX OS shell program

How many cpus it consumes

Nice value: default is 0, could be modified to adjust the priority

Process priority value

# \$ chrt: process scheduling info

```
pi@raspberrypi ~> sudo chrt -p 4408
pid 4408's current scheduling policy: SCHED_OTHER
pid 4408's current scheduling priority: 0
pi@raspberrypi ~>
```

scheduling policy

scheduling priority

SCHED\_OTHER  
SCHED\_FIFO  
SCHED\_RR  
SCHED\_BATCH

min/max priority : 0/0  
min/max priority : 1/99  
min/max priority : 1/99  
min/max priority : 0/0

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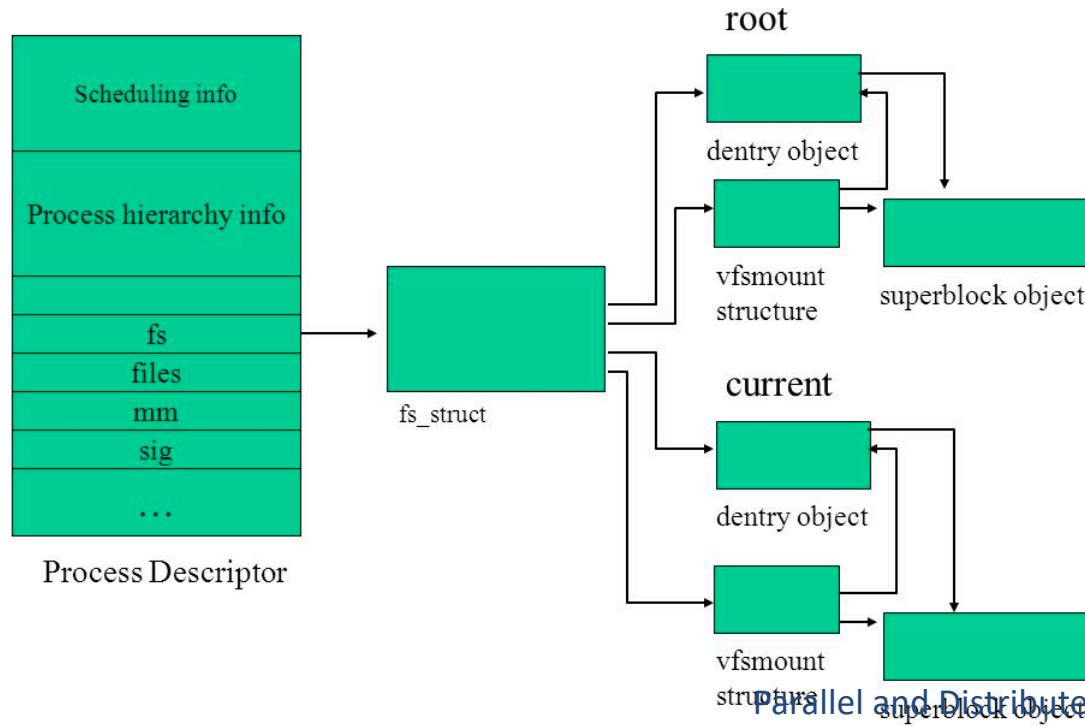
# Linux Process Control Block (cont')

- Files

- **fs\_struct**

<https://elixir.bootlin.com/linux/v4.2/source/include/linux/sched.h#L1525>

- ▶ file system information: root directory, current directory



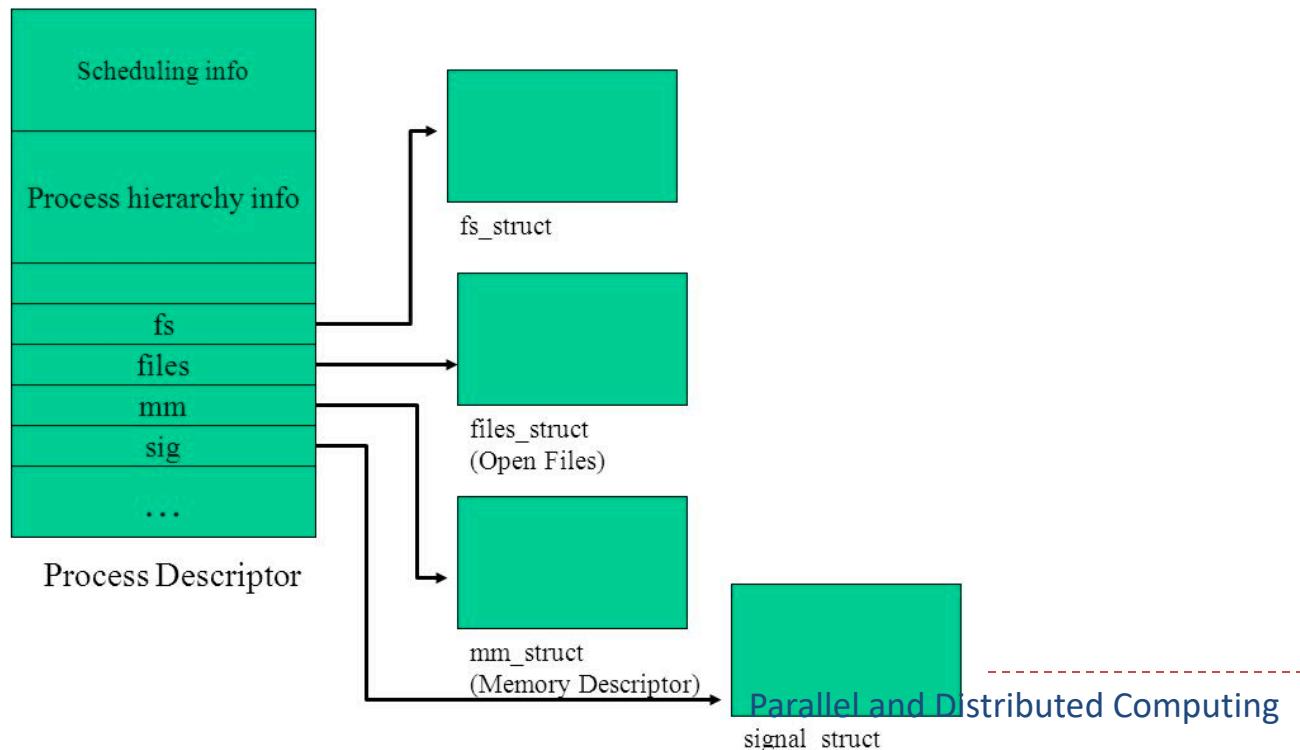
# Linux Process Control Block (cont')

- Files

- `files_struct`

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- ▶ Information on opened files



# \$lsof: list all open files

```
pi@raspberrypi ~> ps
  PID TTY      TIME CMD
 947 pts/0    00:00:00 bash
 966 pts/0    00:00:02 fish
1209 pts/0    00:00:00 ps
pi@raspberrypi ~> lsof -p 947
COMMAND PID USER   FD   TYPE DEVICE SIZE/OFF NODE NAME
bash    947  pi cwd   DIR  179,7     4096 1572867 /home/pi
bash    947  pi rtd   DIR  179,7     4096      2 /
bash    947  pi txt   REG  179,7  912712  524329 /bin/bash
bash    947  pi mem   REG  179,7  38560 1445488 /lib/arm-linux-gnueabihf/libnss_files-2.24.so
bash    947  pi mem   REG  179,7  38588 1445507 /lib/arm-linux-gnueabihf/libnss_nis-2.24.so
bash    947  pi mem   REG  179,7  71604 1445594 /lib/arm-linux-gnueabihf/libnsl-2.24.so
bash    947  pi mem   REG  179,7  26456 1445612 /lib/arm-linux-gnueabihf/libnss_compat-2.24.so
bash    947  pi mem   REG  179,7 1679776 670175 /usr/lib/locale/locale-archive
bash    947  pi mem   REG  179,7 1234700 1445500 /lib/arm-linux-gnueabihf/libc-2.24.so
bash    947  pi mem   REG  179,7   9800 1445460 /lib/arm-linux-gnueabihf/libdl-2.24.so
bash    947  pi mem   REG  179,7 124808 1445519 /lib/arm-linux-gnueabihf/libtinfo.so.5.9
bash    947  pi mem   REG  179,7   21868 144001 /usr/lib/arm-linux-gnueabihf/libarmmem.so
bash    947  pi mem   REG  179,7 138576 1445547 /lib/arm-linux-gnueabihf/ld-2.24.so
bash    947  pi mem   REG  179,7  26262 145746 /usr/lib/arm-linux-gnueabihf/gconv/gconv-modules.cache
bash    947  pi  0u  CHR  136,0     0t0      3 /dev/pts/0
bash    947  pi  1u  CHR  136,0     0t0      3 /dev/pts/0
bash    947  pi  2u  CHR  136,0     0t0      3 /dev/pts/0
bash    947  pi 255u  CHR  136,0     0t0      3 /dev/pts/0
pi@raspberrypi ~>
```

fish /home/pi

All files opened by bash

File descriptor, size, name, location, ...

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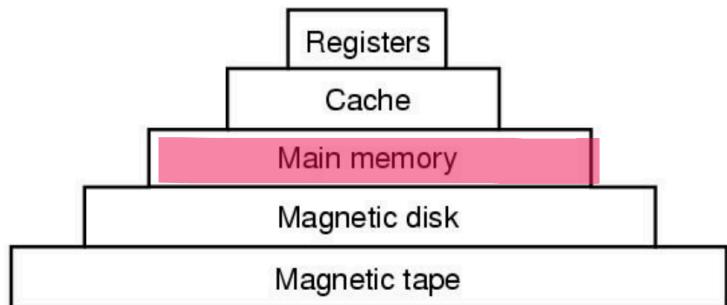
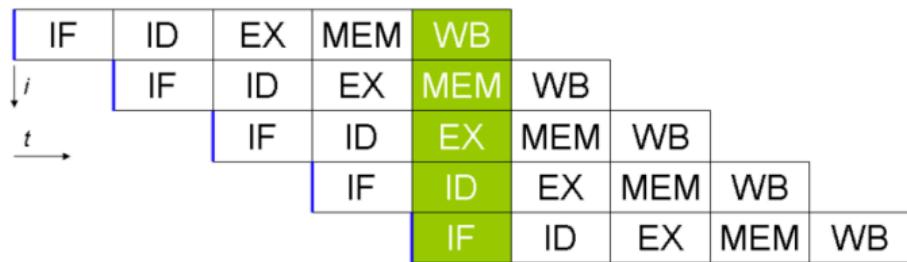
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# Linux Process Control Block (cont')

- Virtual memory
  - `mm_struct`: describes the content of a process's virtual memory
    - ▶ The pointer to the page table and the virtual memory areas



# \$pmap: memory mapping

Memory address

size

Read/write/  
execution  
permission

Lib/execut  
ion file

All memory accessed by bash

memory used by  
process bash

PID	TTY	TIME	CMD
947	pts/0	00:00:00	bash
966	pts/0	00:00:01	fish
1026	pts/0	00:00:00	ps
pi@raspberrypi ~> pmap 947			
947: -bash			
00010000	872K	r-x--	bash
000f9000	4K	r----	bash
000fa000	20K	rw---	bash
000ff000	36K	rw---	[ anon ]
00533000	1088K	rw---	[ anon ]
76bac000	36K	r-x--	libnss_files-2.24.so
76bb5000	60K	----	libnss_files-2.24.so
76bc4000	4K	r----	libnss_files-2.24.so
76bc5000	4K	rw---	libnss_files-2.24.so
76bc6000	24K	rw---	[ anon ]
76bcc000	36K	r-x--	libnss_nis-2.24.so
76bd5000	60K	----	libnss_nis-2.24.so
76be4000	4K	r----	libnss_nis-2.24.so
76be5000	4K	rw---	libnss_nis-2.24.so
76bf6000	68K	r-x--	libnsl-2.24.so
76bt7000	60K	----	libnsl-2.24.so
76c06000	4K	r----	libnsl-2.24.so
76c07000	4K	rw---	libnsl-2.24.so
76c08000	8K	rw---	[ anon ]
76c0a000	24K	r-x--	libnss_compat-2.24.so
76c0b000	60K	----	libnss_compat-2.24.so
76c1f000	4K	r----	libnss_compat-2.24.so

# \$pmap: memory mapping

Memory address

size

Read/write/  
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Lib/execut  
ion file

Code loaded by bash

Constant/static variable  
loaded by bash

Data loaded by bash

```
pi@raspberrypi ~> ps
  PID TTY      TIME CMD
 947 pts/0    00:00:00 bash
 966 pts/0    00:00:01 fish
1026 pts/0    00:00:00 ps
pi@raspberrypi ~> pmap 947
947: -bash
00010000  872K r-x-- bash
000f9000     4K r---- bash
000fa000   20K rw--- bash
000ff000    36K rw--- [ anon ]
00533000 1088K rw--- [ anon ]
76bac000   36K r-x-- libnss_files-2.24.so
76bb5000   60K ----- libnss_files-2.24.so
76bc4000    4K r---- libnss_files-2.24.so
76bc5000    4K rw--- libnss_files-2.24.so
76bc6000    24K rw--- [ anon ]
76bcc000   36K r-x-- libnss_nis-2.24.so
76bd5000   60K ----- libnss_nis-2.24.so
76be4000    4K r---- libnss_nis-2.24.so
76be5000    4K rw--- libnss_nis-2.24.so
76bf6000   68K r-x-- libnsl-2.24.so
76b77000   60K ----- libnsl-2.24.so
76c06000    4K r---- libnsl-2.24.so
76c07000    4K rw--- libnsl-2.24.so
76c08000    8K rw--- [ anon ]
76c0a000  24K r-x-- libnss_compat-2.24.so
76c1b000   60K ----- libnss_compat-2.24.so
76c1f000    4K r---- libnss_compat-2.24.so
```

# Bash in memory

## \$pmap: memory mapping

Memory address

size

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Lib/execut  
ion file

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76bc5000    4K rw--- libnss_files-2.24.so
76bc6000   24K rw--- [ anon ]
76bcc000   36K r-x-- libnss_nis-2.24.so
76bd5000   60K ----- libnss_nis-2.24.so
76be4000    4K r---- libnss_nis-2.24.so
76be5000    4K rw--- libnss_nis-2.24.so
76c0000   68K r-x-- libnsl-2.24.so
76b17000   60K ----- libnsl-2.24.so
76c06000    4K r---- libnsl-2.24.so
76c07000    4K rw--- libnsl-2.24.so
76c08000    8K rw--- [ anon ]
76c0a000 24K r-x-- libnss_compat-2.24.so
76c0b000   60K ----- libnss_compat-2.24.so
76c1f000    4K r---- libnss_compat-2.24.so
```

The diagram illustrates the memory layout for the /bin/bash process. It shows the following regions:

- /bin/bash code**: A green rectangular block at the top.
- /bin/bash data**: A green rectangular block below the code.
- heap**: A green rectangular block in the middle.
- stack**: A green rectangular block at the bottom.

The vertical axis on the right is labeled "Address Space". Red arrows from the terminal output point to specific memory regions: one arrow points to the first row of the /bin/bash code, another to the /bin/bash data, and a third to the heap.

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# Where do processes come from?

- Process creation always uses fork() system call

```
pi@raspberrypi ~> pstree -p
fish /home/pi
pi@raspberrypi ~> pstree -p
systemd(1)─avahi-daemon(304)─avahi-daemon(307)
                     └─bluealsa(674)─{bactl}(683)
                           ├─{gdbus}(685)
                           └─{gmain}(684)
                     └─bluetoothd(659)
                     └─cron(328)
                     └─dbus-daemon(305)
                     └─dhcpcd(351)
                     └─docker(1853)─{docker}(1854)
                           ├─{docker}(1855)
                           ├─{docker}(1856)
                           ├─{docker}(1860)
                           └─{docker}(1869)
                     └─hciattach(649)
                     └─lightdm(458)─Xorg(476)─{InputThread}(488)
                           ├─{llvmpipe-0}(482)
                           ├─{llvmpipe-1}(483)
                           ├─{llvmpipe-2}(484)
                           └─{llvmpipe-3}(485)
                     └─lightdm(491)─lxsession(510)─lxpanel(595)─sh(727)
                           ├─{gdbus}(633)
                           ├─{gmain}(632)
                           └─{menu-cache-io}(762)
                     └─lxpolkit(593)─{gdbus}(610)
                           └─{gmain}(609)
```

# Where do processes come from? First process in the kernel

```
asmlinkage __visible void __init start_kernel(void)
{
    char *command_line;
    char *after_dashes;

    set_task_stack_end_magic(&init_task);
    smp_setup_processor_id();
    debug_objects_early_init();

    cgroup_init_early();

    local_irq_disable();
    early_boot_irqs_disabled = true;

    /*
     * Interrupts are still disabled. Do necessary setups, then
     * enable them.
     */
    boot_cpu_init();
    page_address_init();
    pr_notice("%s", linux_banner);
    setup_arch(&command_line);
}
```

<https://elixir.bootlin.com/linux/v5.4/source/init/main.c#L580>

- The start of linux kernel begins from `start_kernel()` function, it is equal to the main function of kernel
- `set_task_stack_end_magic()` creates the first process in the OS
- The first process is the only one which is not created by `fork` function



# Fork() system call

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- Process creation always uses fork() system call
- When?
  - User runs a program at command line
    - ▶ `./test.o`
  - OS creates a process to provide a service
    - ▶ Timer, networking, load-balance, daemon, etc.
  - One process starts another process
    - ▶ Parents and child process



# Fork() system call

<https://github.com/kevinsuo/CS7172/blob/master/fork.c>



```
1. vim /home/pi/Downloads (ssh)
vim /home/pi/Dow... %1

#include <stdio.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <unistd.h>

int main(void) {
    int pid;
    pid = fork();

    if (pid < 0) {
        printf("Fork error!");
    } else if (pid == 0) {
        printf("The child pid is %d, pid:%d\n", getpid(), pid);
    } else {
        printf("The parent pid is %d, pid:%d\n", getpid(), pid);
    }

    return 0;
}
```



# Fork() system call

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- fork() is called once. But it returns twice!!
  - Once in the parent (return child id > 0)
  - Once in the child (return 0)



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    }

    return 0;
}
```

```
pi@raspberrypi ~/Downloads> ./test.o
The parent pid is 2510, pid:2511
The child pid is 2511, pid:0
```

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# Fork() system call

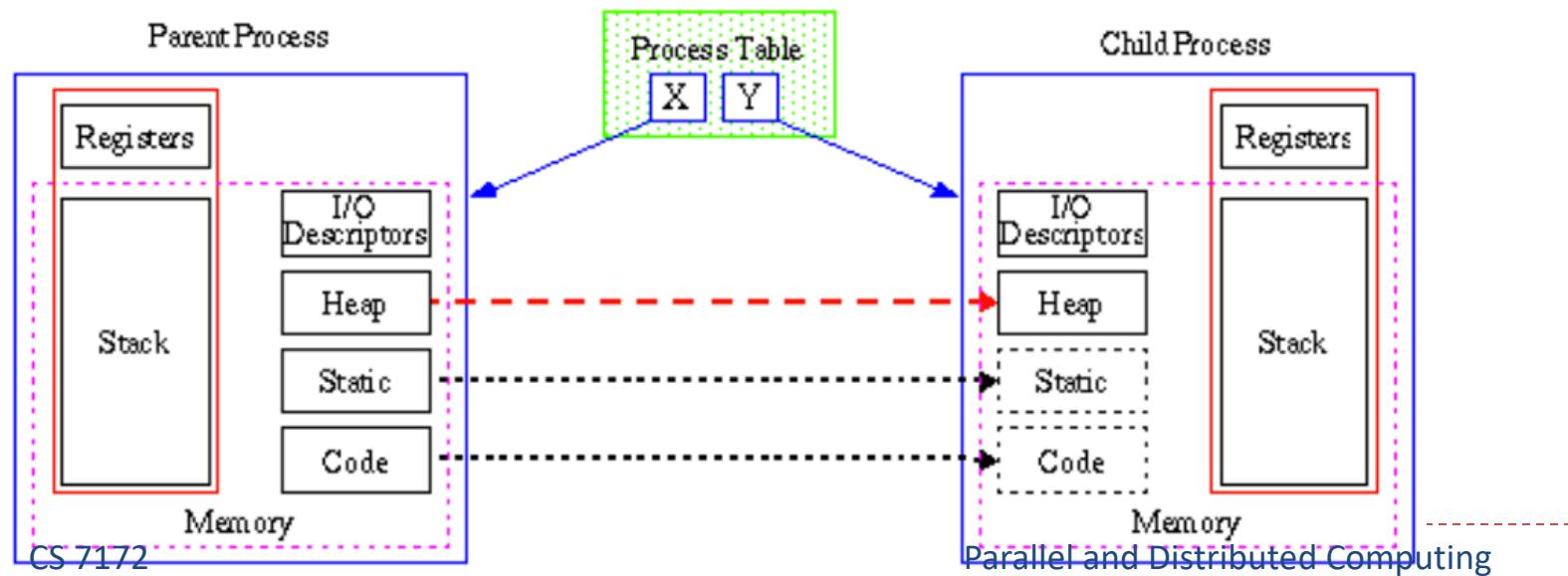
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- fork() is the UNIX system call that creates a new process.
- fork() creates a new process that is a **copy** of the calling process.
- After fork () we refer to the caller as the **parent** and the newly-created process as the **child**. They have a special relationship and special responsibilities.



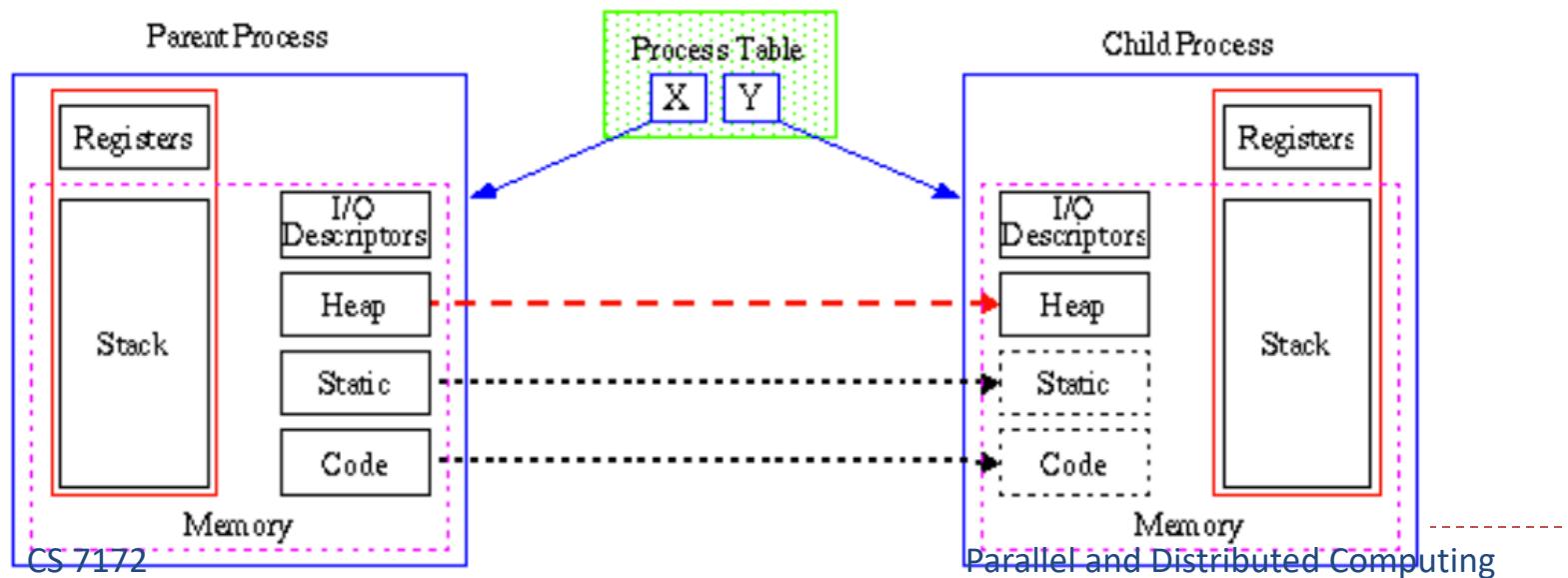
# Parent process and child process

- When a parent process uses `fork()` to create a child process, the two processes have
  - the **same** program text.
  - but **separate** copies of the data, stack, and heap segments.

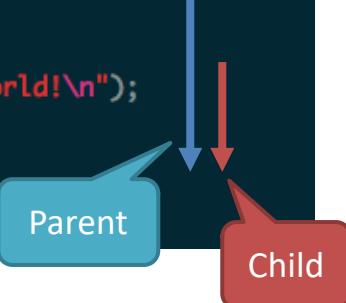


# Parent process and child process

- The child's stack, data, and heap segments are **initially exact duplicates** of the corresponding parts the parent's memory.
- After the fork(), each process can modify the variables in its **own** data, stack, and heap segments without affecting the other process.

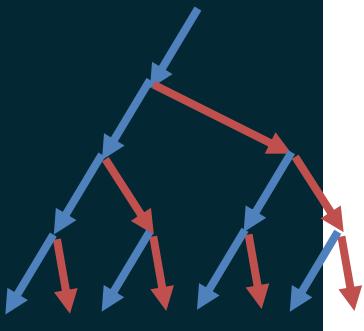


# Fork() example



```
vim /home/pi/Downloads/a.o  
  
#include <stdio.h>  
#include <sys/types.h>  
#include <unistd.h>  
int main()  
{  
    fork();  
  
    printf("Hello world!\n");  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

```
pi@raspberrypi ~/Downloads> ./a.o  
Hello world!  
Hello world!
```



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int main(){
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vim /home/ubuntu

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fish /Users/ksuo/OneDrive - Kennesaw State University

vim /home/ubuntu (ssh)

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i=0	Main:	a
		Create a process named 111
i=1	Main:	a
		Create a process named 222
	111:	a
		Create a process named 333



# Fork() example

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}
```

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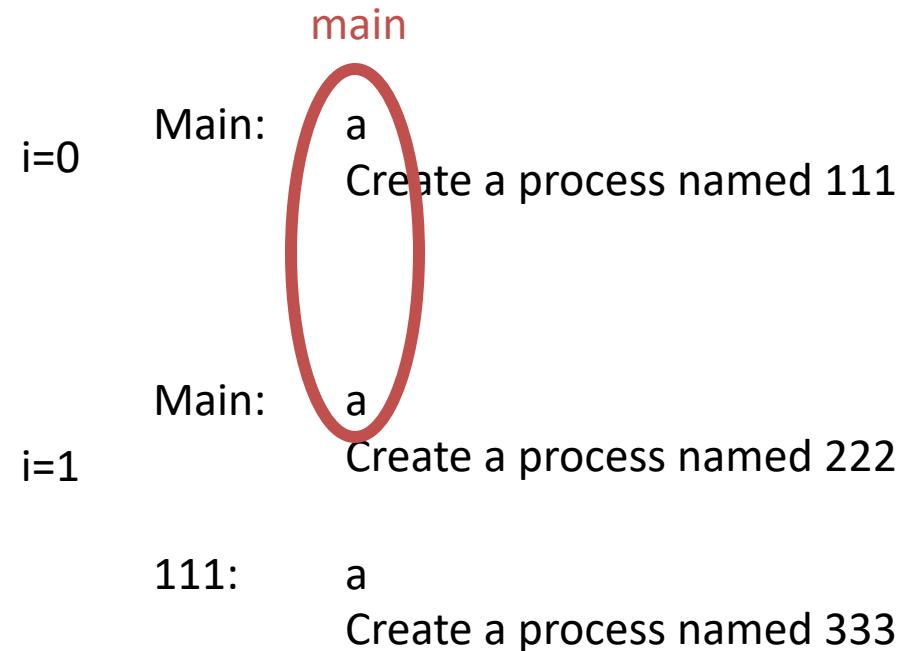
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- Printf (without /n) will not flush the buffer until the program finished

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```

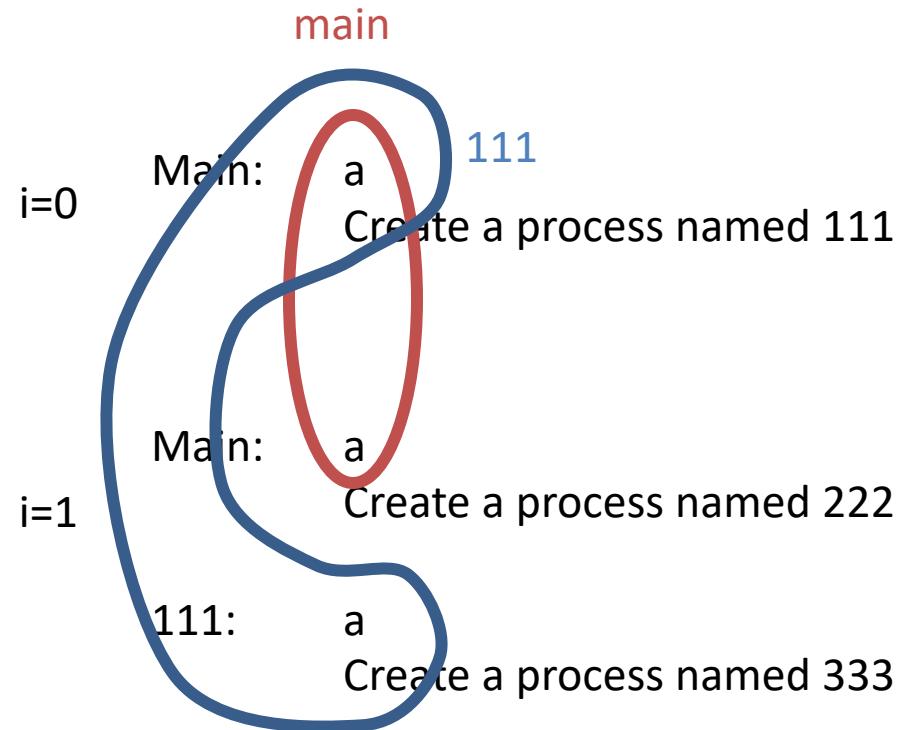


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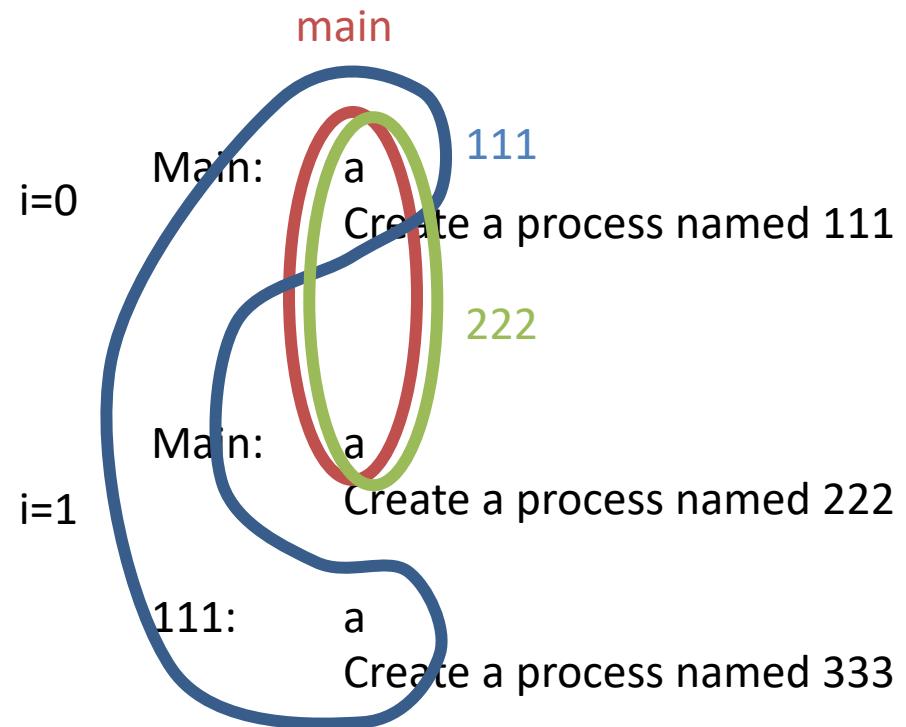


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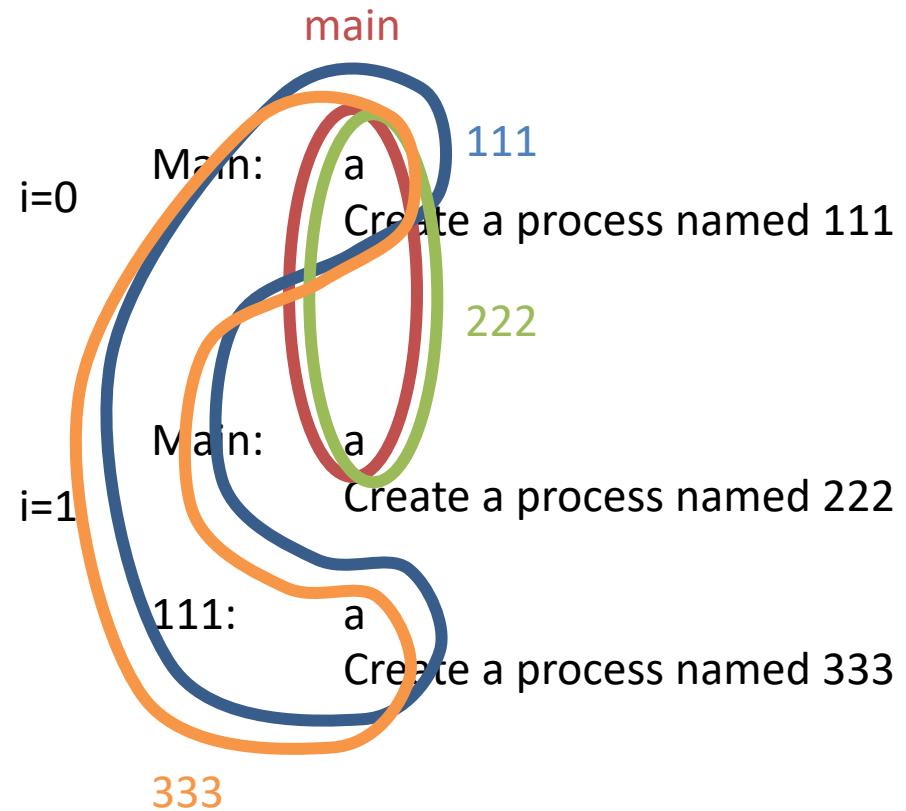


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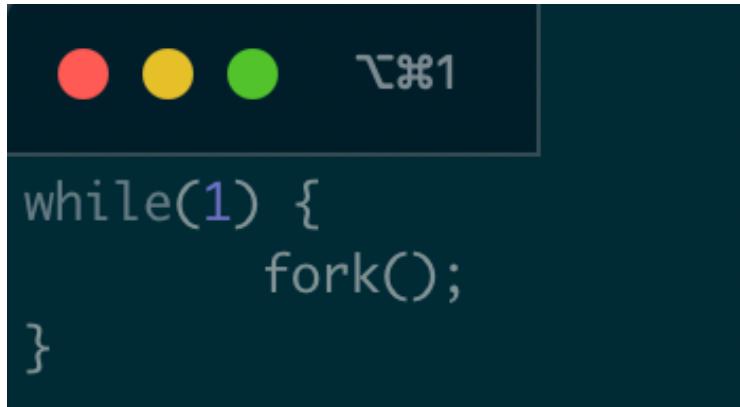
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```



# A fork() bomb

- What does this code do?



A screenshot of a terminal window with a dark background. At the top left are three colored circles (red, yellow, green) and a small icon. To their right is the text '✉⌘1'. Below this, the code for a fork() bomb is displayed:

```
while(1) {  
    fork();  
}
```



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# Exec() system call

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- Replaces current process image with new program image.
- Exec system call is a collection of functions and in C programming language, the standard names for these functions are as follows:
  - `int execl(const char* path, const char* arg, ...)`
  - `int execlp(const char* file, const char* arg, ...)`
  - `int execle(const char* path, const char* arg, ..., char* const envp[])`
  - `int execv(const char* path, const char* argv[])`
  - `int execvp(const char* file, const char* argv[])`
  - `int execvpe(const char* file, const char* argv[], char *const envp[])`

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```

pi@raspberrypi ~/Downloads> ./a.o  
Hello world!  
Hello world!

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <unistd.h>
int main()
{
    execl("/bin/echo", "echo", "Hello", NULL);
    printf("Hello world!\n");
    return 0;
}
```

pi@raspberrypi ~/Downloads> ./b.o  
Hello  
pi@raspberrypi ~/Downloads>

# Wait() system call

<https://github.com/kevinsuo/CS7172/blob/master/wait.c>

- Helps the parent process
  - to know when a child completes
  - to check the return status of child

```
#include<stdio.h>
#include<stdlib.h>
#include<sys/wait.h>
#include<unistd.h>

int main()
{
    pid_t cpid;
    if (fork()== 0) {
        printf("Child pid = %d\n", getpid());
    } else {
        cpid = wait(NULL); /* returns a process ID of dead children */
        printf("Parent pid = %d\n", getpid());
    }
    return 0;
}
```

```
pi@raspberrypi ~/Downloads> ./wait.o
Parent pid = 3425
Child pid = 3426
```

```
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#include<stdlib.h>
#include<sys/wait.h>
#include<unistd.h>

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    }
    return 0;
}
```

```
pi@raspberrypi ~/Downloads> ./wait.o
Child pid = 3395
Parent pid = 3394
```



# Few other useful syscalls

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- `sleep(seconds)`
  - suspend execution for certain time
- `exit(status)`
  - Exit the program.
  - Status is retrieved by the parent using `wait()`.
  - 0 for normal status, non-zero for error
- `kill(pid_t pid, int sig)`
  - Kill certain process

# Outline

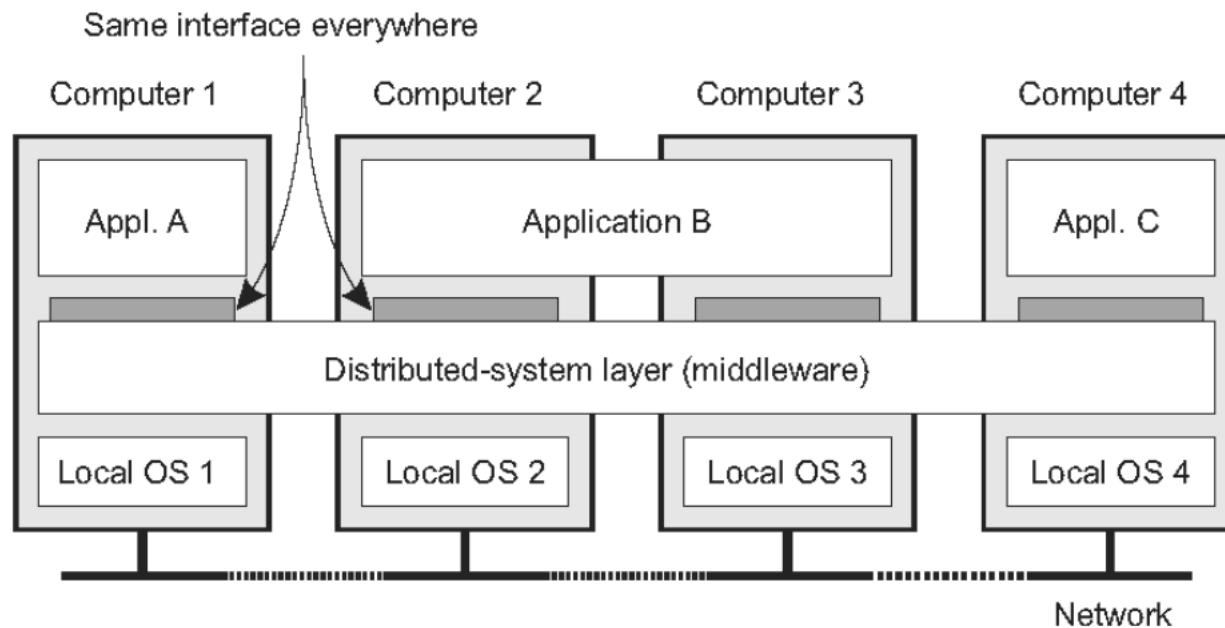
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- What is process?
  - Process vs Program
  - Linux Process Control Block
- Process related System calls
  - Fork
  - Exec
  - Wait
- Process on Distributed OSes



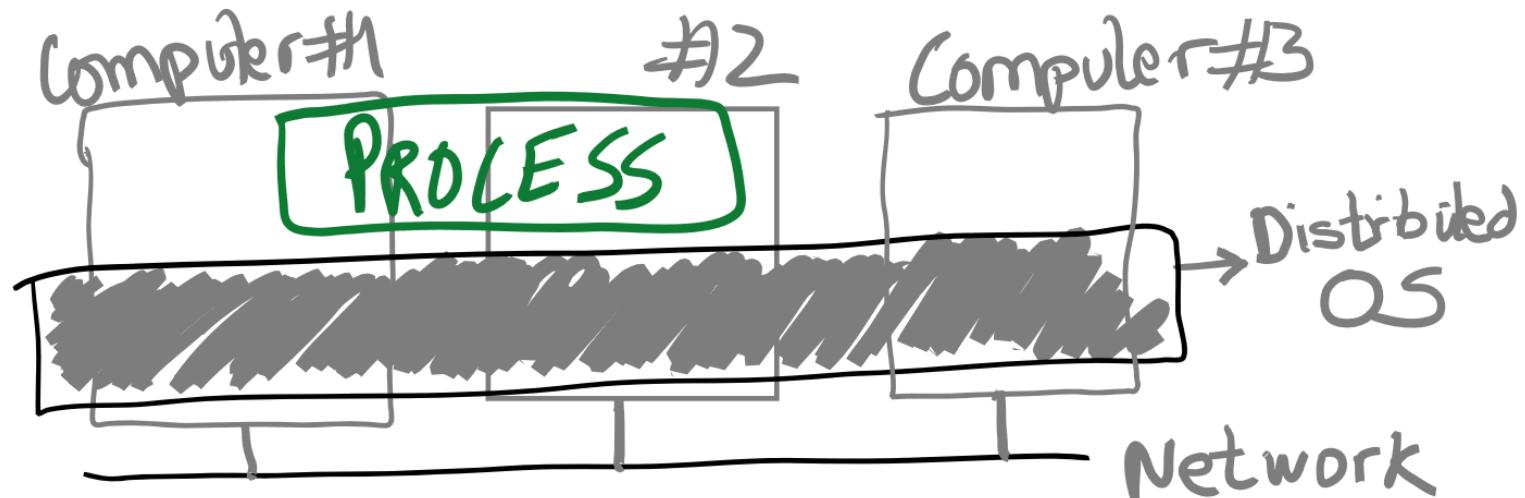
# The OS of Distributed Systems

- Commonly used components and functions for distributed applications



# The OS of Distributed Systems

- An OS that spans multiple computers
- Same OS services, functionality, and abstractions as single-machine OS



# Distributed OS Challenges

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- Providing the process **abstraction** and resource **virtualization** is hard
- Resource virtualization must be **transparent**
  - But in distributed settings, there's always a distinction between local and remote resources
- In a single-machine OS, processes don't care where their resources are coming from:
  - Which CPU cores, when they are scheduled, which physical memory pages they use, etc.
- In fact, providing abstract, virtual resources is one of the main OS services



# Processes In Distributed OS

## PROCESS

Process state:

- Code segment
- Memory pages
- Files
- Sockets
- Security permissions

Distributed OS

2-Computer

6-Computer



# Transparency Issues In Distributed OS

## PROCESS

Process state:

- Code segment
- Memory pages
- Files
- Sockets
- Security permissions

- Where does code run?
- Which memory is used?  
Local vs. remote
- How are files accessed?

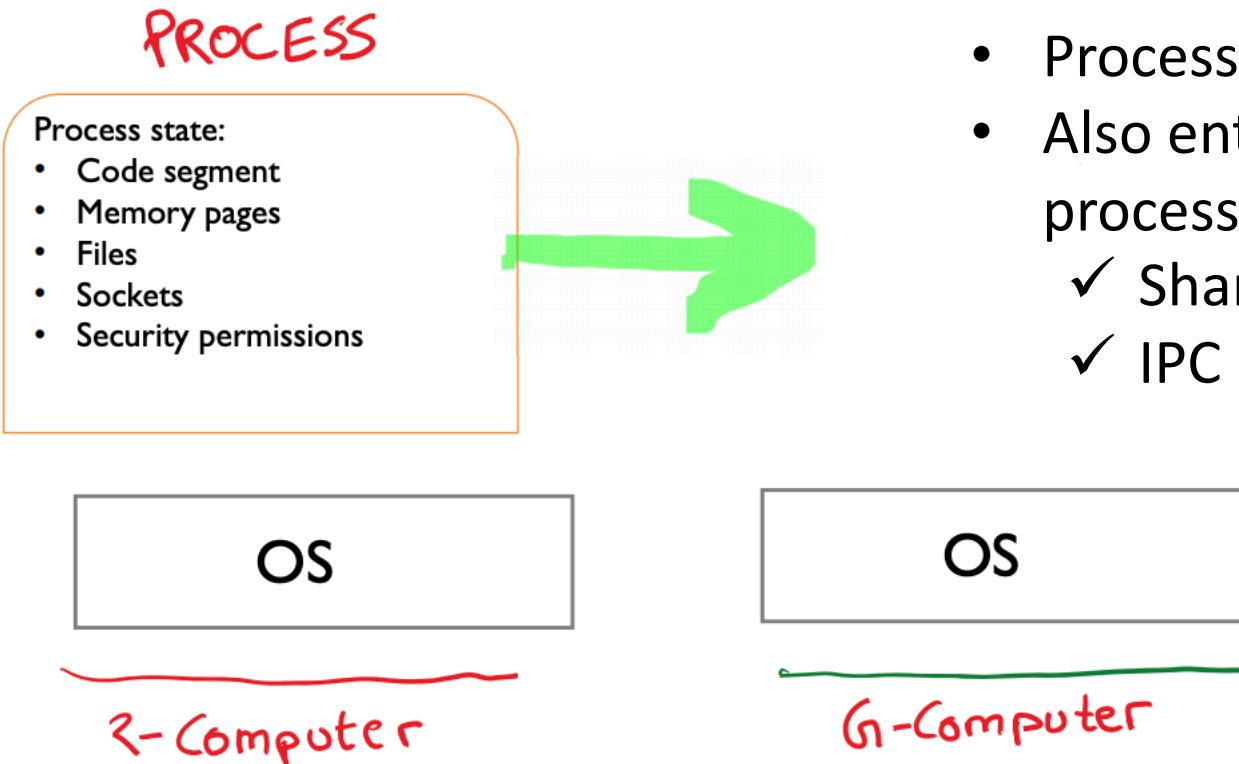
## Distributed OS

R-Computer

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# Process Migration



# Process Migration

- Migrate some state? Other state, if required, is accessed over the network?
- Example: migrate only fraction of pages. Other pages are copied over the network on access?
- Access remote hardware devices (GPUs)?



# Conclusion

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- What is process?
  - Process vs Program
  - Linux Process Control Block
- Process related System calls
  - Fork, etc.
- Process on Distributed OSes

