OPERATING SYSTEMS

REPORT

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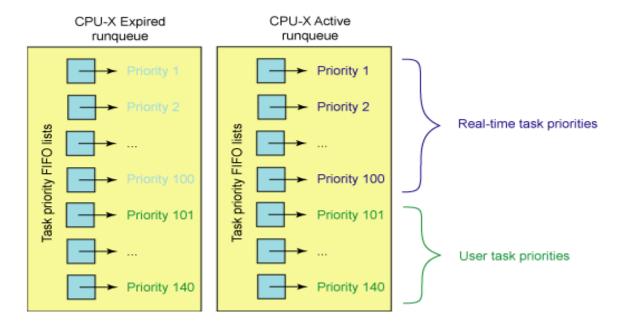
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PROBLEM STATEMENT: -

To modify the Linux scheduler to implement a new scheduling class, called background scheduling. We will evaluate how our new scheduling class performs.

KERNEL 2.6: -

- Each CPU in this kernel has a runqueue made up of 140 priority lists that are serviced in FIFO order. Tasks that are scheduled to execute are added to the end of their respective runqueue's priority list.
- Each task has a time slice that determines how much time it's permitted to execute.
- The first 100 priority lists of the runqueue are reserved for real-time tasks, and the last 40 are used for user tasks (MAX_RT_PRIO=100 and MAX_PRIO=140).
- In addition to the CPU's runqueue, which is called the active runqueue, there's also an expired runqueue.
- When a task on the active runqueue uses all of its time slice, it's moved to the expired runqueue. During the move, its time slice is recalculated (and so is its priority).
- If no tasks exist on the active runqueue for a given priority, the pointers for the active and expired runqueues are swapped, thus making the expired priority list the active one.



Kernel 2.6 Scheduler Policies:

- SCHED_NORMAL A conventional, time-shared process (used to be called SCHED_OTHER), for normal tasks.
- 1. Each task assigned a "Nice" value
- 2. PRIO = MAX RT PRIO + NICE + 20
- 3. Assigned a time slice
- 4. Tasks at the same PRIO(rity) are round-robined.
- 5. Ensures Priority + Fairness
- SCHED FIFO A First-In, First-Out real-time process
- 1. Run until they relinquish the CPU voluntarily
- 2. Priority levels maintained
- 3. Not pre-empted!!
- SCHED RR A Round Robin real-time process
- 1. Assigned a timeslice and run till the timeslice is exhausted.
- 2. Once all RR tasks of a given PRIO(rity) level exhaust their timeslices, their timeslices are refilled and they continue running
- 3. PRIO(rity) levels are maintained
- SCHED BATCH for "batch" style execution of processes
- 1. For computing-intensive tasks
- 2. Timeslices are long and processes are round robin scheduled
- 3. lowest priority tasks are batch-processed (nice +19)
- SCHED_IDLE for running very low priority background job
- 1. nice value has no influence for this policy
- 2. extremely low priority (lower than +19 nice)

HOW TO PROCEED:

- We need to add a new scheduling policy called SCHED_BACKGROUND. This policy is
 designed to support processes that only need to run when the system has no other
 process to do.
- When there are no processes which are managed by the SCHED_OTHER, SCHED_RR
 or SCHED_FIFO classes, our SCHED_BACKGROUND policy will run the background
 processes.
- When there is more than one SCHED_BACKGROUND process ready to run, they should compete for the CPU as do SCHED_OTHER processes using CFS i.e., 'Complete Fair Scheduling'.
- We found out that in the latest version of the linux Ubuntu 18.04 having kernel version 4.15, the sched.c file is not present, instead a sched directory which is consist of many different parts old scheduler. As it was somewhat difficult to modify those many parts due to higher level of encapsulation and also the sched.c file exists below kernel version 3.0, we switched to the Ubuntu version 8.04 with kernel version 2.6.24.
- We have to make the changes in the sched.c and the sched.h files which are
 responsible for handling scheduler function in kernel. We also need to modify an
 auxiliary file chrt.c in the kernel source which handles all the system calls to kernelscheduler.
- In linux-2.6.24 there is already a policy named SCHED_IDLE which already handles background task.
- We will implement a new policy SCHED_BACKGROUND to handle background tasks with lower priority than SCHED_IDLE. This will handle tasks only if queues of all other policies are empty.
- We define this new policy in sched.h and make required changes in sched.c. To support making system calls from terminal, we also add this policy in chrt.c, generate its object file and replace it with the default system file.
- We can also use the sched_setschduler method which assigns a particular policy to a process instead of updating the chrt.c file.

STEPS: - First we need to install Ubuntu kernel version 2.6.24

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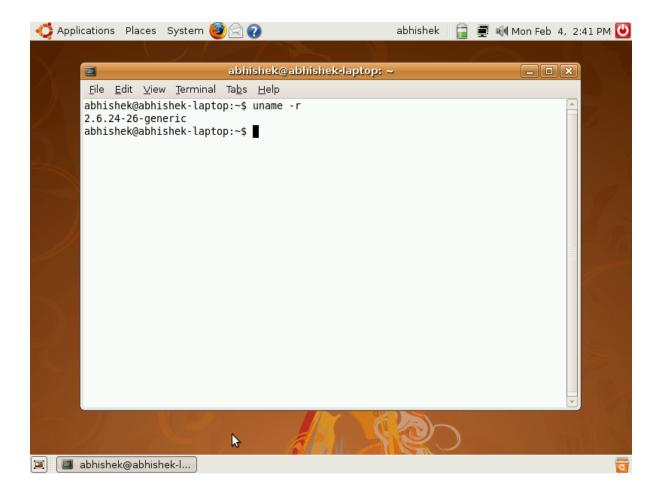
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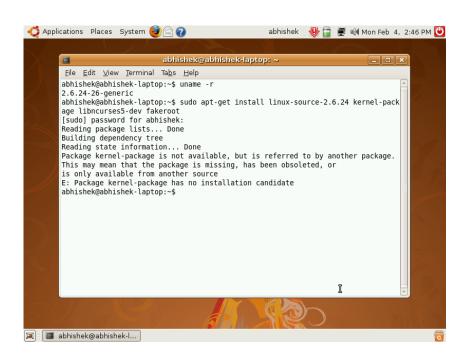
 First, we have to confirm that our kernel version is correct. So, we use the following command:

\$ uname -r2.6.24-26-generic



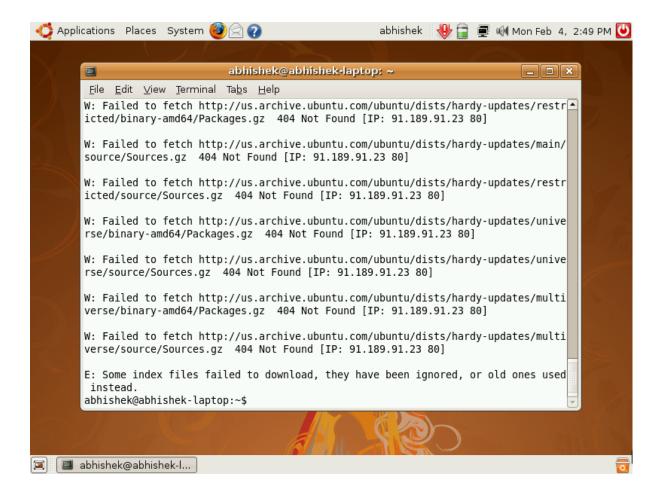
 Now we need to install the Linux source for our kernel, we also need to install the curses library and other tools to help us compile.

\$ sudo apt-get install linux-source-2.6.24 kernel-package libncurses5-dev fakeroot



We encountered an error due to the absence of packages, so we had to update the packages using the command:

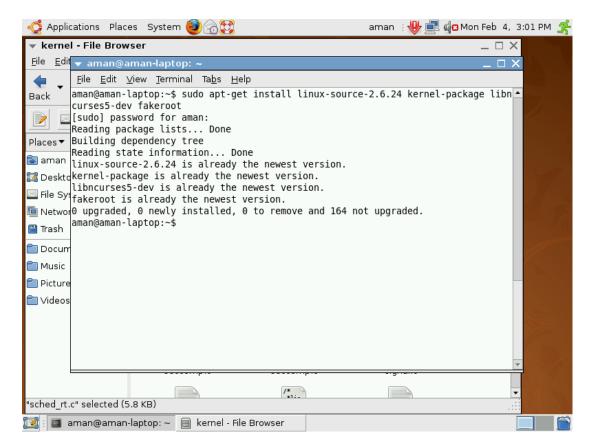
\$ sudo apt-get update



 Due to the ubuntu version being too old, we were not able to use these commands as these links died. Hence, we need to update all of our deprecated urls http://archive.ubuntu.com to the working urls http://old-releases.ubuntu.com using the command:

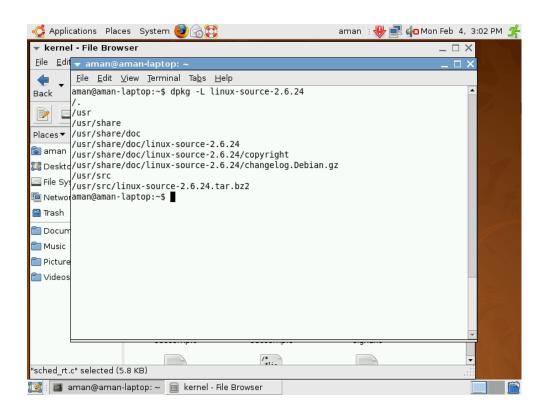
sudo sed -i -e 's/:\/\(archive.ubuntu.com\|security.ubuntu.com)/old-releases.ubuntu.com/g' /etc/apt/sources.list

 After this the packages will be updated and you can run the previous command to install the kernel source.

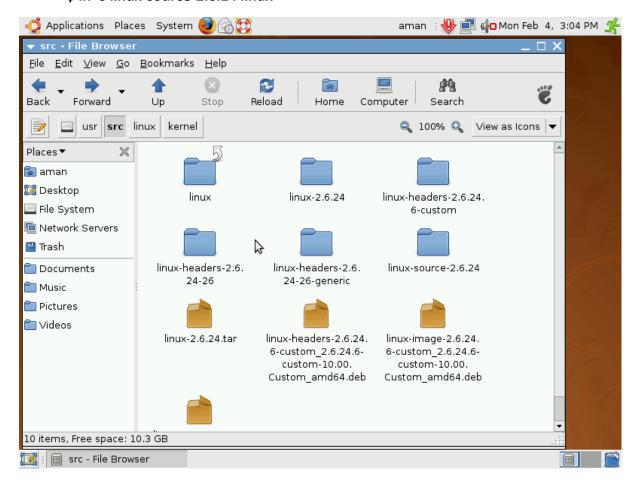


• To find out where the Linux source gets installed to, you can use the dpkg command to tell you the files within a package:

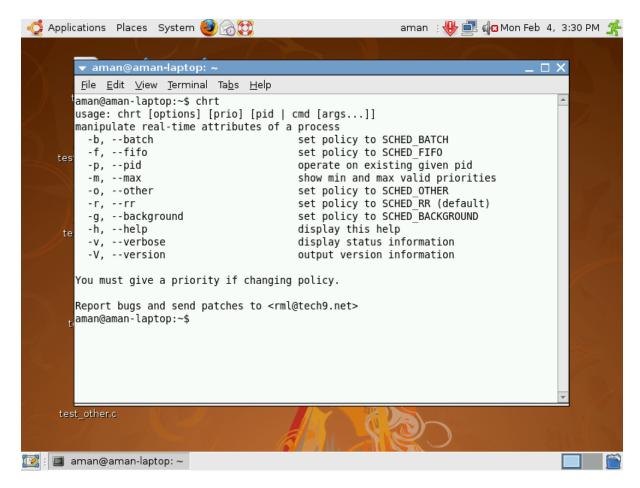
\$ dpkg -L linux-source-2.6.24



- Then we become the super-user to perform administrative tasks
 \$ sudo /bin/bash
- Now we change the directory into the source location so that we can install the linux source. We then unzip the source file and save it in a folder named 'linux':
 - \$ cd /usr/src
 - \$ bunzip2 linux-source-2.6.24.tar.bz2
 - \$ tar xvf linux-source-2.6.24.tar
 - \$ In -s linux-source-2.6.24 linux



- Then we modify the sched.c and the sched.h files to include our SCHED_BACKGROUND policy. We also modified the chrt.c file which manages our system calls for scheduling policies. We will also include our custom command to run the sched_background policy.
- To support making system calls from terminal, we also generate the object file of chrt.c and replace it with the default system file.
 - \$ gcc chrt.c -o chrt



- So, the primarily modified files are:
 - /include/linux/sched.h
 - o /kernel/sched.c
 - o /usr/bin/chrt
- There are mainly two scheduling classes in linux-2.6.24:
 - sched_rt.c (for real time processes)
 - sched_fair.c (for fair scheduling)
- The SCHED_BACKGROUND policy needs to handle processes in its queue similar to SCHED_OTHER which follows fair scheduling so it also follows fair scheduling. Thus its operating class is sched_fair.c.
- Next, we have to make a copy of our existing kernel configuration to use for the custom compile process. We can do this by using the command:

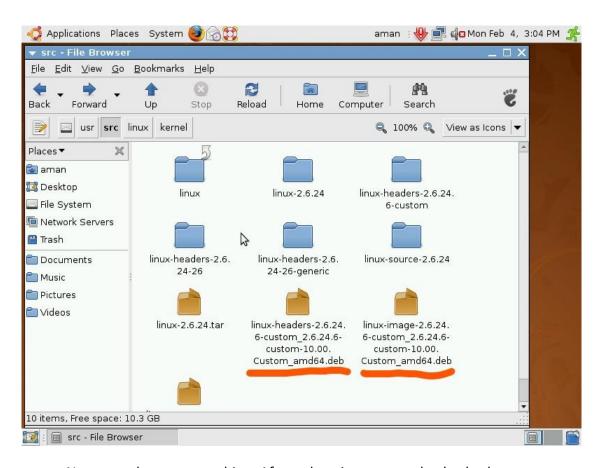
\$ cp /boot/config- 2.6.24-generic /usr/src/linux/.config

- First, we'll do a make clean, just to make sure everything is ready for the compile
 \$ make-kpkg clean
- We'll actually compile the kernel. This will take a "LONG TIME" maybe 40-50 mins.

\$ fakeroot make-kpkg --initrd --append-to-version=-custom kernel_image kernel_headers

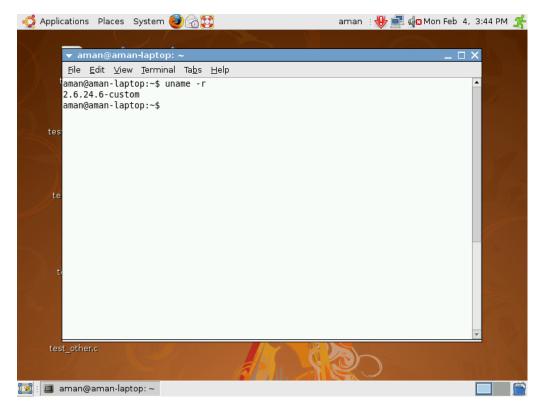
• This process will create two .deb files in /usr/src that contain the kernel Please note that when you run these next commands, this will set the new kernel as the new default kernel. This could break things! If your machine doesn't boot, you can hit Esc at the GRUB loading menu, and select your old kernel. You can then disable the kernel in /boot/grub/menu.lst or try and compile again.

\$ dpkg -i linux-image-2.6.24.6-custom_2.6.24.6-custom-10.00.Custom_amd64.deb \$ dpkg -i linux-headers-2.6.24.6-custom_2.6.24.6-custom-10.00.Custom_amd64.deb

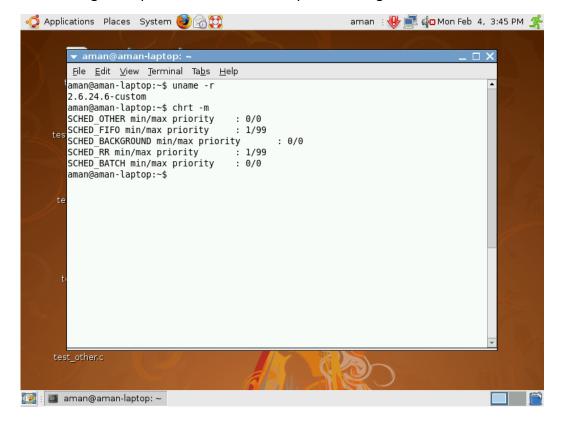


• Now we reboot our machine. After rebooting we can check whether our custom kernel version is correct or not:

\$ uname -r



We can also get the priorities of the current policies using chrt -m command.



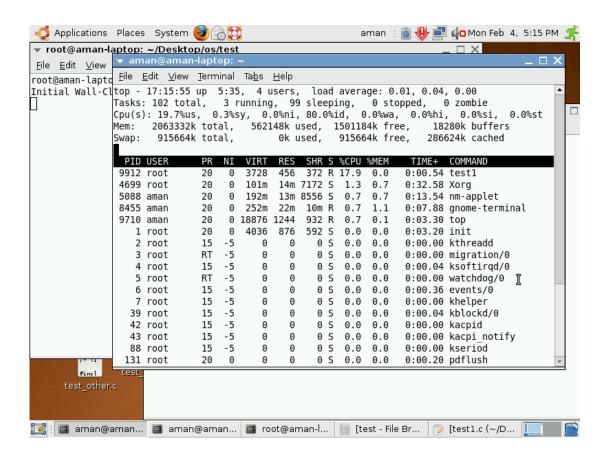
EVALUATION:

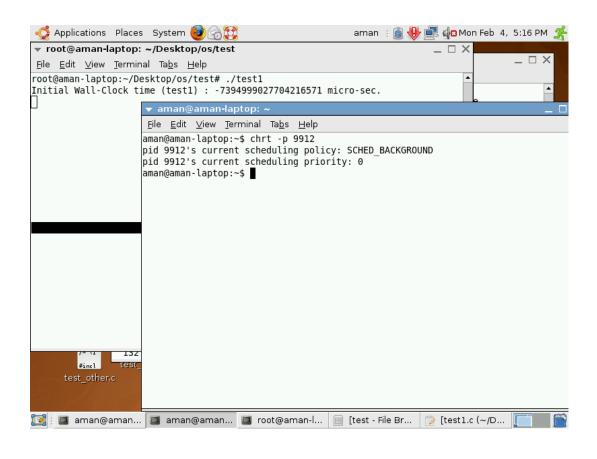
- For the evaluation purpose we have written C programs that execute z process for a counter of order of 1000000000, and finishes its execution in about 15 seconds. We used the method sched_setscheduler() to set the required policy for a process. This can also be done in shell script using chrt –[policy] -p [prio] [PID]
- We used getrusage() to get the user time and the system time for a particular process. We also use gettimeoftheday() to get the wall-clock time for our process. To run multiple process files simultaneously, we used shell-script.
- For evaluating a file compile the corresponding C code using command :

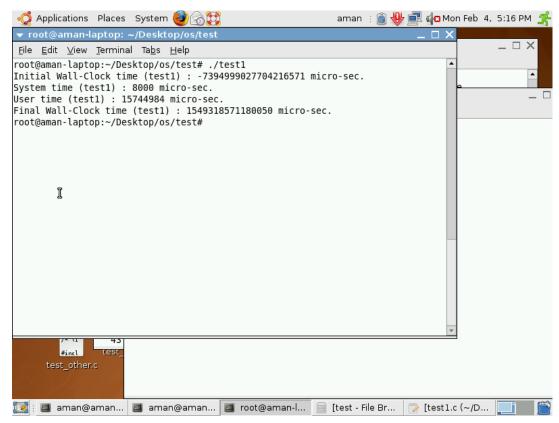
gcc test1.c -o test1

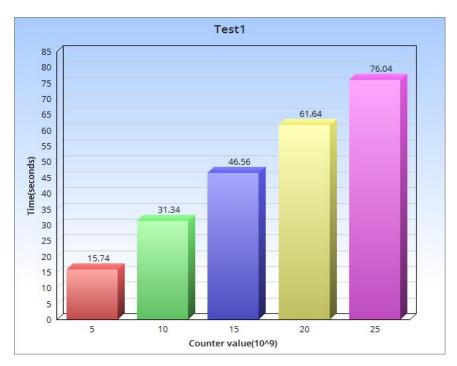
To run the C file use: ./test1

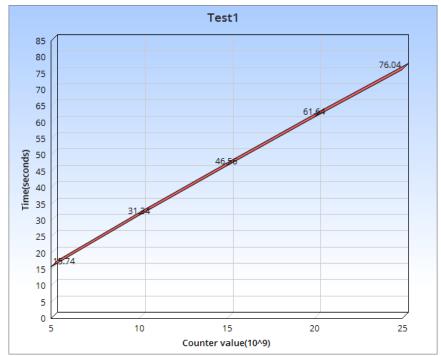
1.) Run your counter as a SCHED_BACKGROUND. Record how long it takes to count.



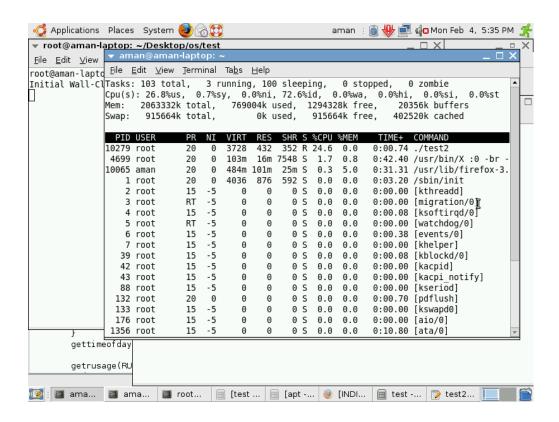


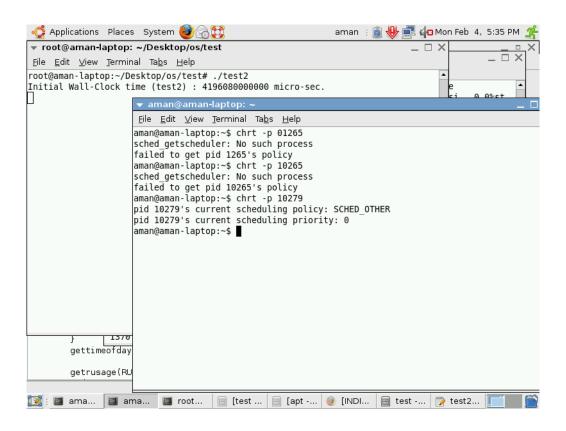


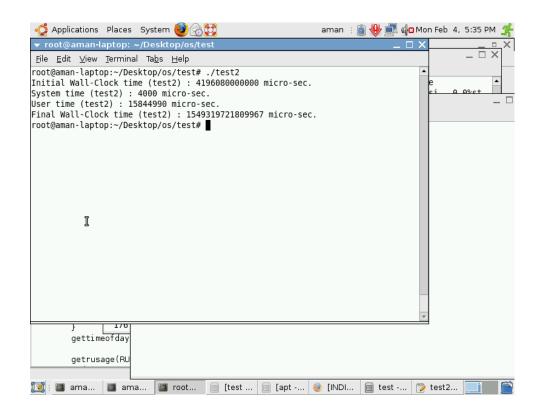


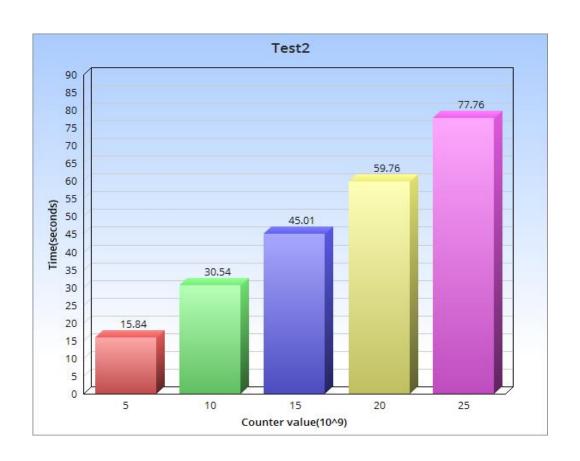


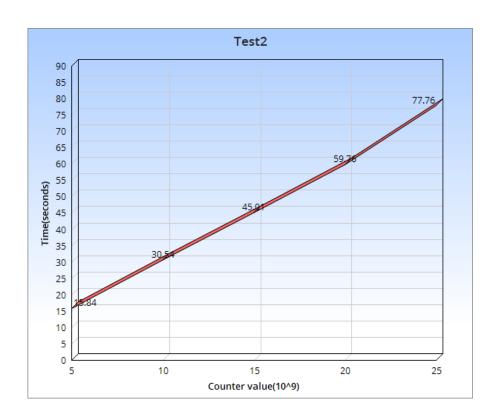
2.) Run your counter as a normal process. Record how long it takes to count.



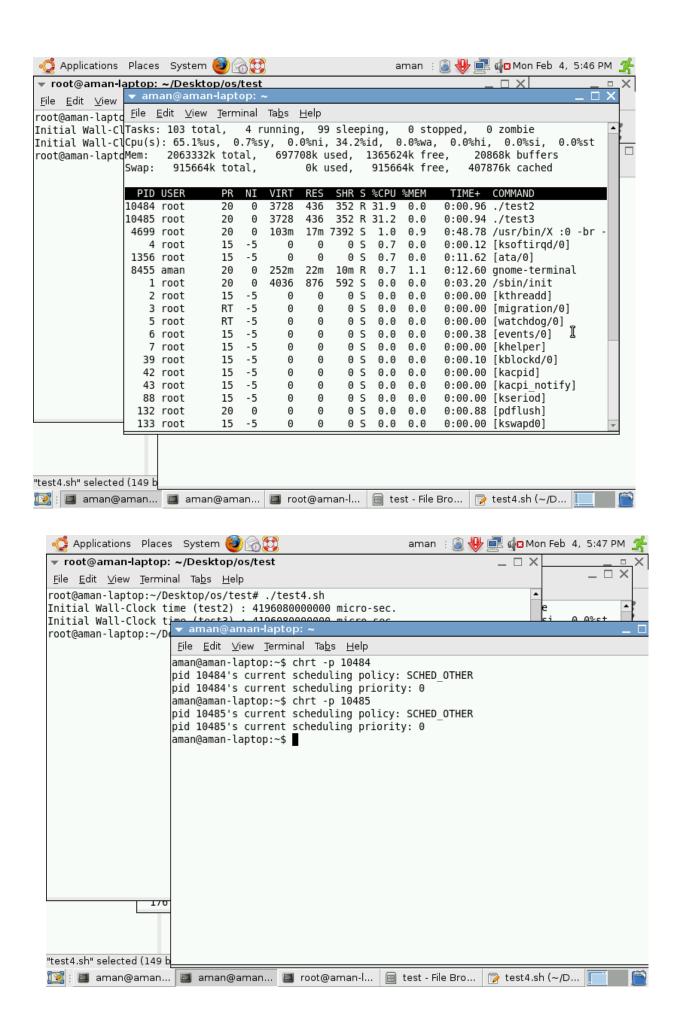


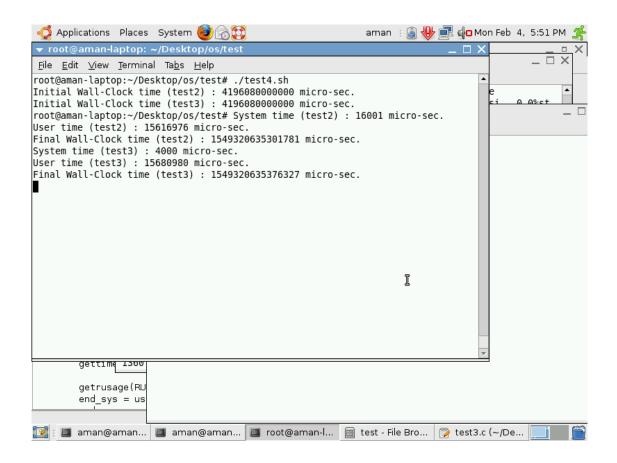


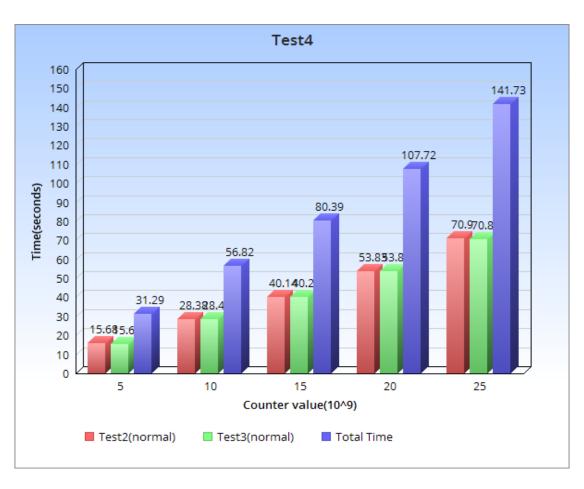




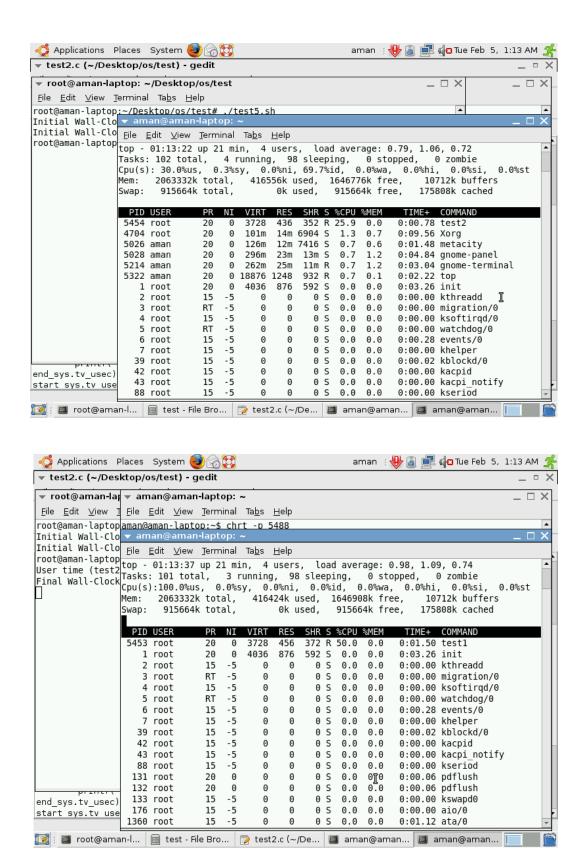
3.) Run your counter simultaneously with another counter, both as normal processes. How long does it take to count?

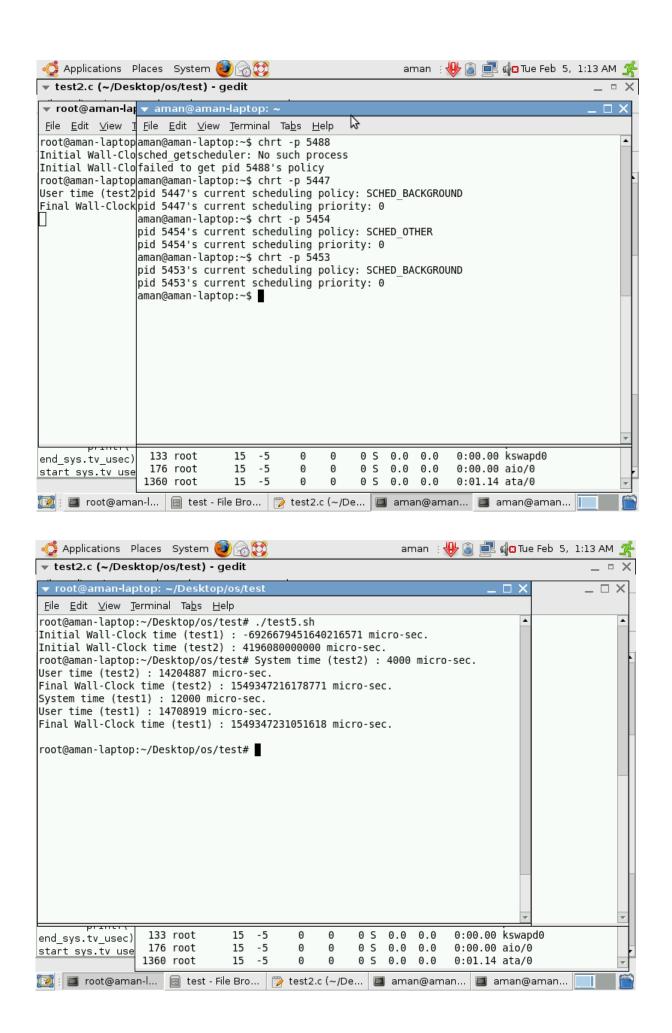


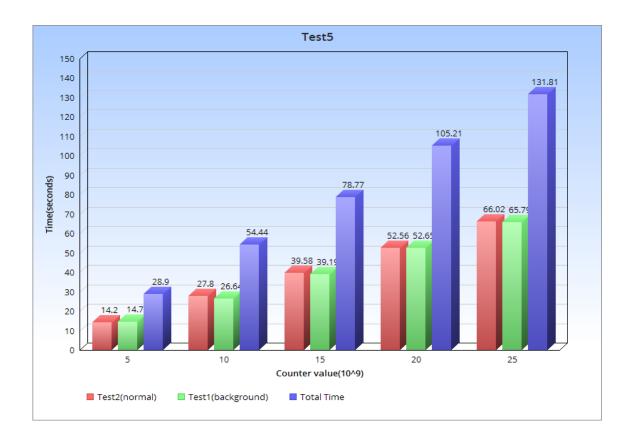




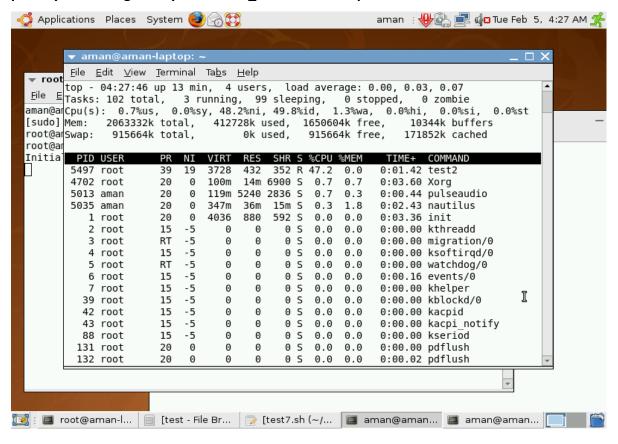
4.) Run your counter as a SCHED_BACKGROUND process, simultaneously with another counter that is running as a normal process. How long does your SCHED_BACKGROUND process take to count?

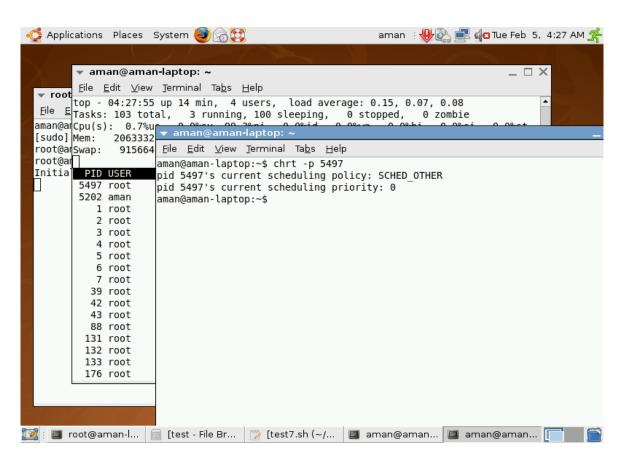


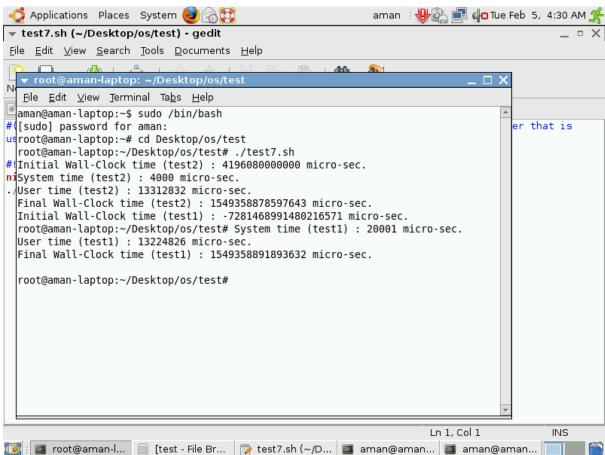


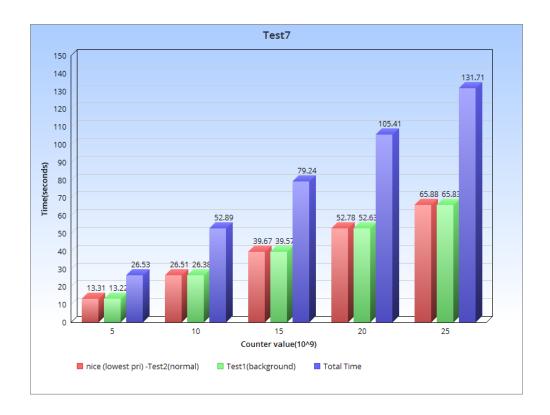


6.) Run your counter as a SCHED_BACKGROUND process, simultaneously with another counter that is running using nice (do a man nice for more information) at the lowest priority. How long does your SCHED_BACKGROUND process take to count?

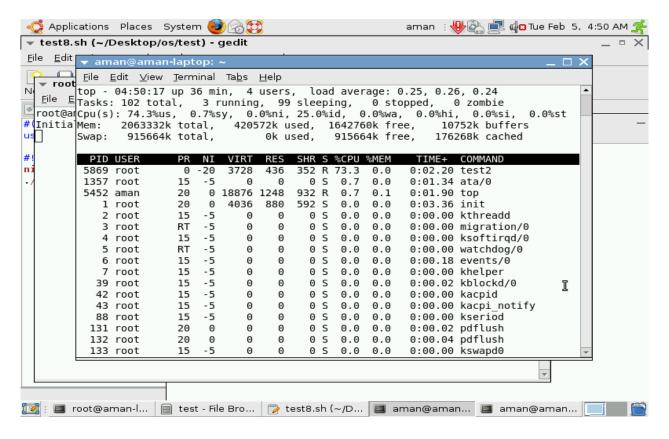


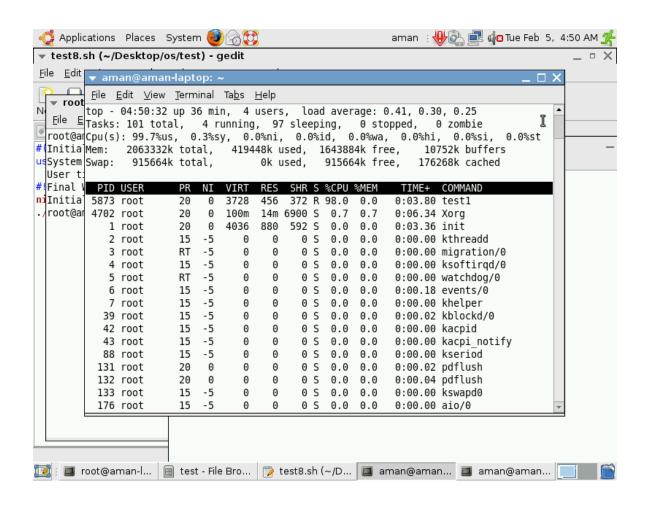


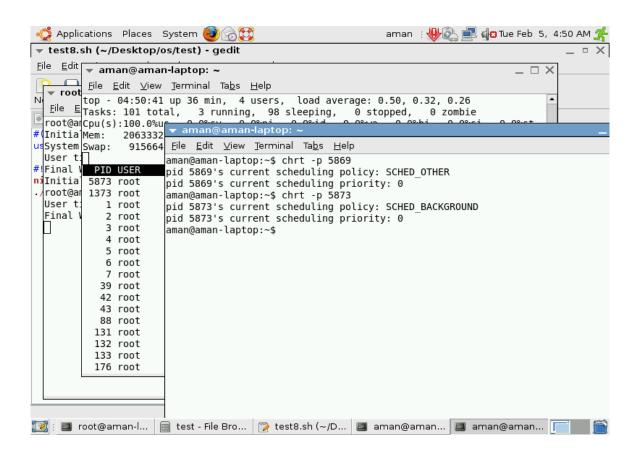


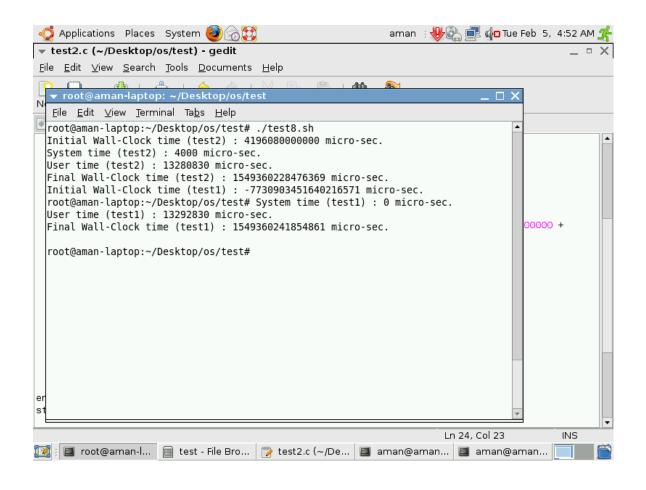


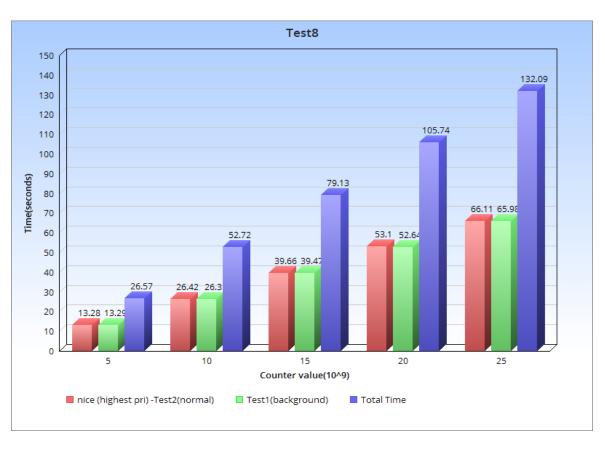
7.) Run your counter as a SCHED_BACKGROUND process, simultaneously with another counter that is running using nice at the highest priority (you will need to use sudo to do this). How long does your SCHED_BACKGROUND process take to count?











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