

Chap. 3) Process Concept

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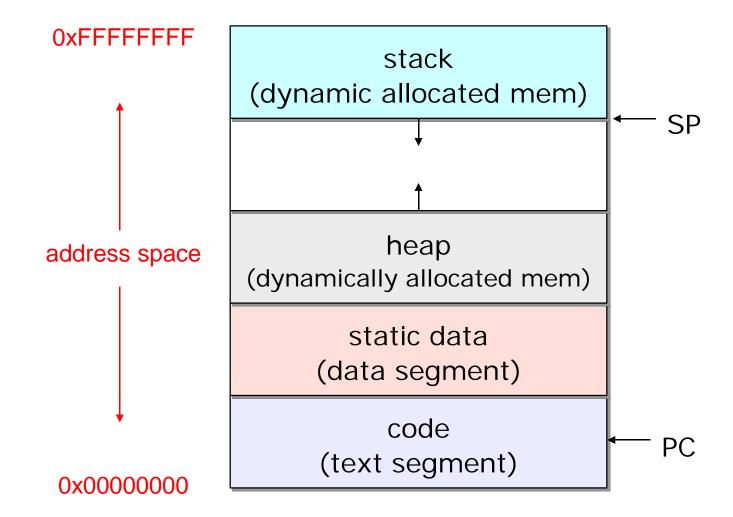
Process Concept

What is the process?

- ✓ An instance of a program in execution
- ✓ An encapsulation of the flow of control in a program
- ✓ A dynamic and active entity
- ✓ The basic unit of execution and scheduling
- ✓ A process is named using its process ID (PID)



Process Address Space





Process Address Space

```
#include <stdio.h>
void fct1(int);
void fct2(int);
                                                  0xFFFFFFF
            // 데이터 영역에 할당
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int a = 10:
                                                                                   stack
int b = 20:
                                                                      (dynamic allocated mem)
int main() {
                                                                                                                SP
      int i = 100:
                  // 지역변수 i가 스택 영역에 할당
      fct1(i);
      fct2(i);
      return 0:
                                                                                   heap
                                                 address space
                                                                     (dynamically allocated mem)
void fct1(int c) {
      int d = 30:
                  // 매개변수 c와 지역변수 d가 스택영역에 할당
                                                                                static data
void fct2(int e) {
                                                                            (data segment)
                  // 매개변수 e와 지역변수 f가 스택영역에 할당
      int f = 40:
                                                                                    code
                                                                                                               PC
int main() {
                                                                             (text segment)
                                                   0x0000000
       int i = 10;
      int arr[i];
       return 0;
```

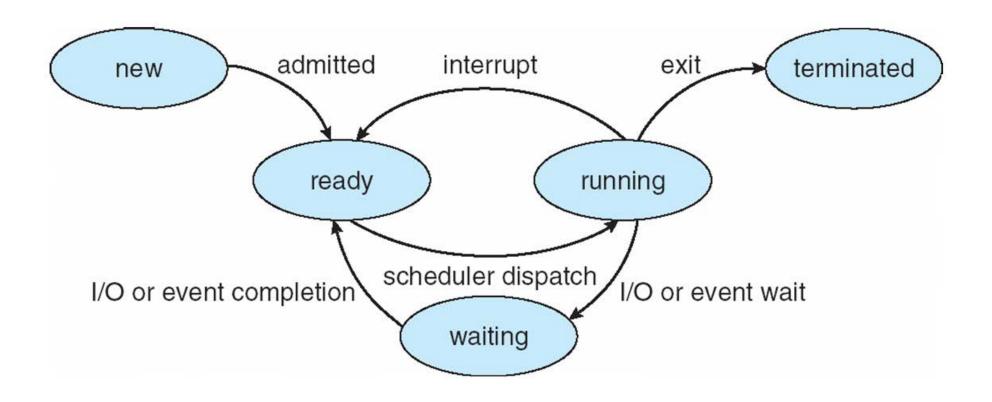


Process State

- As a process executes, it changes state
 - ✓ new: The process is being created
 - ✓ running: Instructions are being executed
 - ✓ waiting: The process is waiting for some event to occur
 - ✓ ready: The process is waiting to be assigned to a process.
 - ✓ terminated: The process has finished execution.



Diagram of Process State





Process State Transition

Linux example

```
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   xterm
  339 ?
                       0:21 clanmgr
                340
                       0:00 clanmgr
  345
                       0:00 clanagent
                       0:00 clanagent
  346
                       0:00 syslogd -m 0
  601
                       0:00 klogd -x
  621
                       0:00 portmap
  649
                       0:00 rpc.statd
                       0:00 /usr/sbin/apmd -p 10 -w 5 -W -P /etc/sysconfig/apm-sc
  761
                       0:00 /usr/sbin/automount —timeout 300 /user file /etc/aut
  821
  843
                       0:00 /usr/sbin/sshd
                       0:00 xinetd —stayalive —reuse —pidfile /var/run/xinetd.pid
0:00 sendmail: accepting connections
  863
                       0:01 qpm -t imps2 -m /dev/mouse
  924
  942
                       0:00 crond
 1016
                       0:00 xfs -droppriv -daemon
 1052
                       0:00 /usr/sbin/atd
 1059
                       0:00 login — jinsoo
1060 tty2
                       0:00 /sbin/mingetty tty2
 1061 tty3
                       0:00 /sbin/mingetty tty3
 1062 tty4
                       0:00 /sbin/mingetty tty4
 1063 tty5
                       0:00 /sbin/mingetty tty5
 1064 tty6
                       0:00 /sbin/mingetty tty6
27499
                       0:00 [rpciod]
                       0:00 [lockd]
27500 ?
27501 tty1
                       0:00 -tcsh
                       0:00 /usr/sbin/sshd
 5365
5367 pts/0
                       0:00 -tcsh
5394 pts/0
                       0:00 ps ax
 oz0:/-5]
```

R: Runnable

S: Sleeping

T: Traced or Stopped

D: Uninterruptible Sleep

Z: Zombie

W: No resident pages

<: High-priority task

N: Low-priority task

L: Has pages locked

into memory



Process Control Block (PCB)

- Information associated with each process
 - ✓ Process state
 - ✓ Program counter
 - ✓ CPU registers
 - ✓ CPU scheduling information
 - ✓ Memory-management information
 - ✓ Accounting information
 - √ I/O status information
- Cf) task_struct in Linux
 - √ 1456 bytes as of Linux 2.4.18



Process Control Block (PCB)

process pointer state process number program counter registers memory limits list of open files



Process Control Block (PCB)

Process management	Memory management	File management
Registers	Pointer to text segment	Root directory
Program counter	Pointer to data segment	Working directory
Program status word	Pointer to stack segment	File descriptors
Stack pointer		User ID
Process state		Group ID
Priority		
Scheduling parameters		
Process ID		
Parent process		
Process group		
Signals		
Time when process started		
CPU time used		
Children's CPU time		
Time of next alarm		

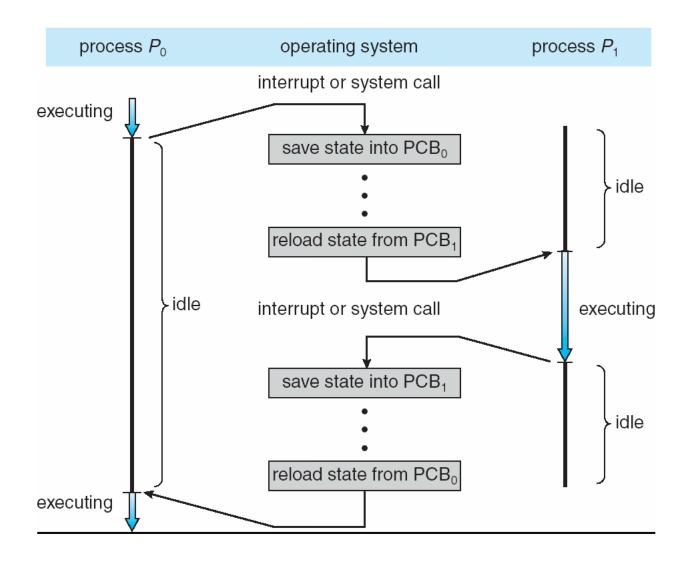


PCBs and Hardware State

- When a process is running:
 - ✓ its hardware state is inside the CPU: PC, SP, registers
- When the OS stops running a process:
 - ✓ it saves the registers' values in the PCB
- When the OS puts the process in the running state:
 - ✓ it loads the hardware registers from the values in that process' PCB



CPU Switch From Process to Process





Context Switch

- The act of switching the CPU from one process to another
- Administrative overhead
 - ✓ saving and loading registers and memory maps
 - ✓ flushing and reloading the memory cache
 - ✓ updating various tables and lists, etc.
- Context switch overhead is dependent on hardware support
 - ✓ Multiple register sets in UltraSPARC
 - ✓ Advanced memory management techniques may require extra data to be switched with each context
- 100s or 1000s of switches/s typically



Context Switch (Cont'd)

Linux example

- \checkmark Total 237,961,696 ticks = 661 hours = 27.5 days
- ✓ Total 142,817,428 context switches
- ✓ Roughly 60 context switches / sec



PCBs and Queues

- PCBs are data structures
 - ✓ dynamically allocated inside OS memory
- When a process is created:
 - ✓ OS allocates a PCB for it.
 - ✓ OS initializes PCB
 - ✓ OS puts PCB on the correct queue
- As a process computes:
 - ✓ OS moves its PCB from queue to queue
- When a process is terminated:
 - ✓ OS deallocates its PCB.

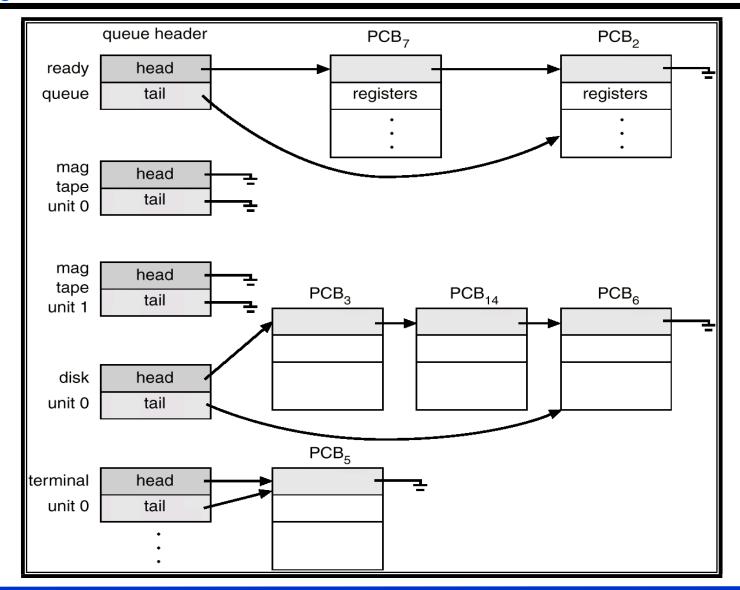


Process Scheduling Queues

- Job queue
 - ✓ set of all processes in the system
- Ready queue
 - ✓ set of all processes residing in main memory, ready and waiting to execute
- Device queues
 - ✓ set of processes waiting for an I/O device
- Process migration between the various queues

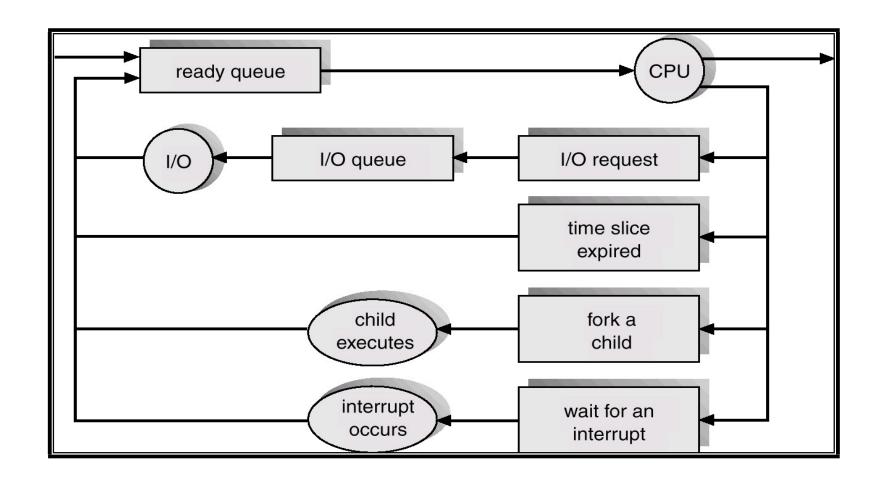


Ready Queue And Various I/O Device Queues





Representation of Process Scheduling





Schedulers

- Long-term scheduler (or job scheduler)
 - ✓ selects which processes should be brought into the ready queue
- Short-term scheduler (or CPU scheduler)
 - ✓ selects which process should be executed next and allocates CPU



Long-term Scheduler

Job scheduler

- ✓ Selects which processes should be brought into the ready queue
- ✓ Controls the degree of multiprogramming
- ✓ Should select a good mix of I/O-bound and CPU-bound processes
- ✓ Time-sharing systems such as UNIX often has no long-term scheduler
 - Simply put every new process in memory
 - Depends either on a physical limitation or on the self-adjusting nature of human users



Short-term Scheduler

CPU scheduler

- ✓ Selects which process should be executed next and allocates CPU
- ✓ Should be fast!
- ✓ Scheduling criteria:
 - CPU utilization
 - Throughput
 - Turnaround time
 - Waiting time
 - Response time



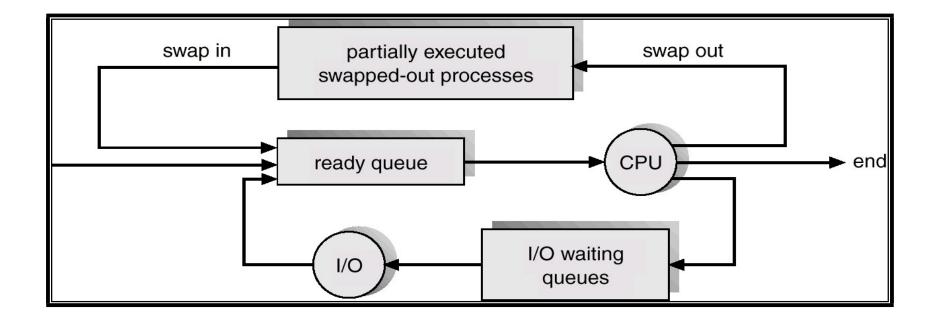
Medium-term Scheduler

Swapper

- ✓ Removes processes from memory temporarily
- ✓ Reduces the degree of multiprogramming
- ✓ Can improve the process mix dynamically
- ✓ Swapping is originally proposed to reduce the memory pressure



Addition of Medium Term Scheduling





Schedulers (Cont'd)

- Short-term scheduler is invoked very frequently (milliseconds)
 - \Rightarrow (must be fast)
- Long-term scheduler is invoked very infrequently (seconds, minutes)
 - \Rightarrow (may be slow)
- The long-term scheduler controls the degree of multiprogramming
- Processes can be described as either:
 - ✓ I/O-bound process
 - spends more time doing I/O than computations, many short CPU bursts
 - ✓ CPU-bound process
 - spends more time doing computations; few very long CPU bursts



Process Creation

Parent process create children processes, which, in turn create other processes, forming a tree of processes

Resource sharing

- ✓ Parent and children share all resources
- ✓ Children share subset of parent's resources
- ✓ Parent and child share no resources

Execution

- ✓ Parent and children execute concurrently
- ✓ Parent waits until children terminate
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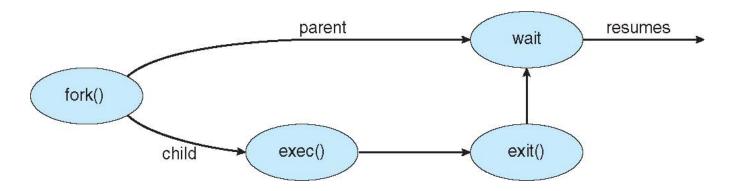
Process Creation (Cont'd)

Address space

- ✓ Child duplicate of parent
- ✓ Child has a program loaded into it.

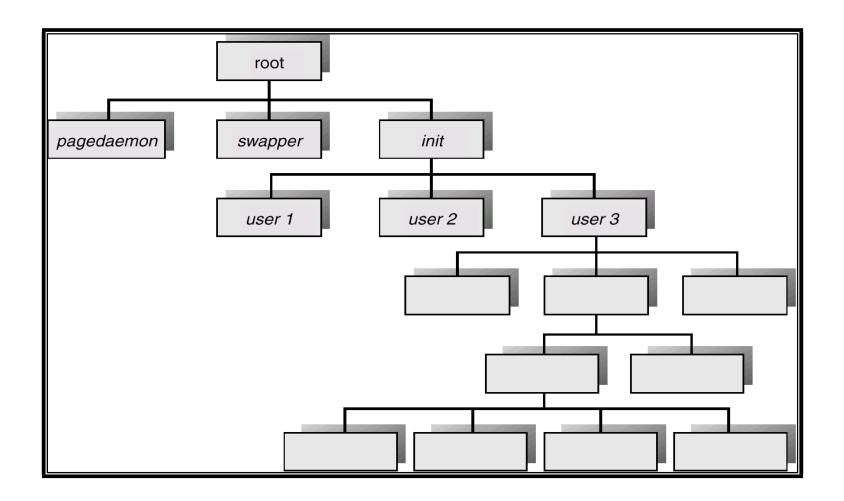
UNIX examples

- ✓ fork system call creates new process
- ✓ exec system call used after a fork to replace the process' memory space with a
 new program





Processes Tree on a UNIX System







```
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <unistd.h>
int main()
   int pid;
   if ((pid = fork()) == 0)
       /* child */
       printf ("Child of %d is %d\n", getppid(), getpid());
   else
       /* parent */
       printf ("I am %d. My child is %d\n", getpid(), pid);
```



fork(): Example Output

% ./a.out

I am 31098. My child is 31099.

Child of 31098 is 31099.

% ./a.out

Child of 31100 is 31101.

I am 31100. My child is 31101.



Very useful when the child...

- ✓ is cooperating with the parent
- ✓ relies upon the parent's data to accomplish its task
- ✓ Example: Web server

```
While (1) {
  int sock = accept();
  if ((pid = fork()) == 0) {
     /* Handle client request */
  } else {
     /* Close socket */
  }
}
```



Simplified UNIX Shell

```
int main()
   while (1) {
       char *cmd = read_command();
       int pid;
       if ((pid = fork()) == 0) {
          /* Manipulate stdin/stdout/stderr for
              pipes and redirections, etc. */
          exec(cmd);
           panic("exec failed!");
       } else {
          wait (pid);
```



Process Creation: UNIX

int fork()

fork()

- ✓ Creates and initializes a new PCB.
- ✓ Creates and initializes a new address space
- ✓ Initializes the address space with a copy of the entire contents of the address space of the parent
- ✓ Initializes the kernel resources to point to the resources used by parent (e.g., open files)
- ✓ Places the PCB on the ready queue
- ✓ Returns the child's PID to the parent, and zero to the child



Process Creation: UNIX (Cont'd)

int exec (char *prog, char *argv[])

exec()

- ✓ Stops the current process
- ✓ Loads the program "prog" into the process' address space
- ✓ Initializes hardware context and args for the new program
- ✓ Places the PCB on the ready queue
 - Note: exec() does not create a new process
- ✓ What does it mean for exec() to return?



Process Creation: NT

BOOL CreateProcess (char *prog, char *args, ...)

CreateProcess()

- ✓ Creates and initializes a new PCB
- ✓ Creates and initializes a new address space
- ✓ Loads the program specified by "prog" into the address space
- ✓ Copies "args" into memory allocated in address space
- ✓ Initializes the hardware context to start execution at main
- ✓ Places the PCB on the ready queue



Process Termination

- Process executes last statement and asks the operating system to decide it (exit)
 - ✓ Output data from child to parent (via wait)
 - ✓ Process' resources are deallocated by operating system
- Parent may terminate execution of children processes (abort)
 - ✓ Child has exceeded allocated resources
 - ✓ Task assigned to child is no longer required.
 - ✓ Parent is exiting
 - Operating system does not allow child to continue if its parent terminates
 - Cascading termination



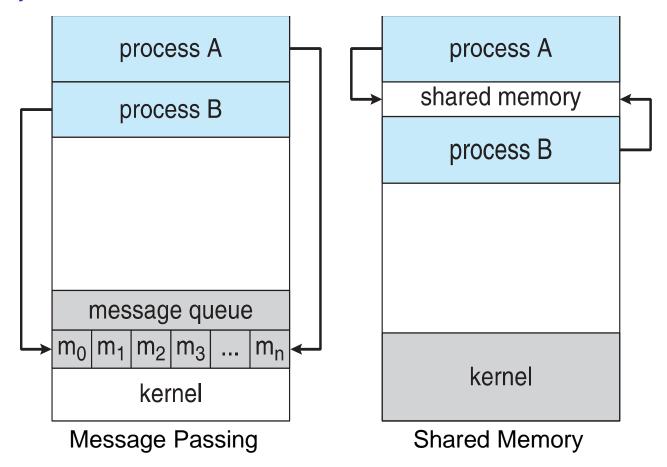
Cooperating Processes

- Independent process cannot affect or be affected by the execution of another process
- Cooperating process can affect or be affected by the execution of another process
- Advantages of process cooperation
 - ✓ Information sharing
 - ✓ Computation speed-up
 - ✓ Modularity
 - ✓ Convenience
- Inter-Process Communication (IPC)
 - ✓ Message passing vs. Shared memory



Communication Models

Communication may take place using either message passing or shared memory





Producer-Consumer Problem

- Paradigm for cooperating processes, producer process produces information that is consumed by a consumer process
 - ✓ unbounded-buffer places no practical limit on the size of the buffer
 - ✓ bounded-buffer assumes that there is a fixed buffer size



Bounded-Buffer: Shared-Memory Solution

Shared data

```
#define BUFFER_SIZE 10
Typedef struct {
    ...
} item;

item buffer[BUFFER_SIZE];
int in = 0;
int out = 0;
```

Solution is correct, but can only use BUFFER_SIZE-1 elements



Bounded-Buffer - Producer Process

```
while (1) {
    while (((in + 1) % BUFFER_SIZE) == out)
        ; /* do nothing */
    buffer[in] = nextProduced;
    in = (in + 1) % BUFFER_SIZE;
}
```



Bounded-Buffer - Consumer Process



Interprocess Communication (IPC)

- Mechanism for processes to communicate and to synchronize their actions
- Message system
 - ✓ processes communicate with each other without resorting to shared variables
- IPC facility provides two operations:
 - ✓ send(message) message size fixed or variable
 - √ receive(message)
- If P and Q wish to communicate, they need to:
 - ✓ establish a communication link between them
 - ✓ exchange messages via send/receive
- Implementation of communication link
 - ✓ physical (e.g., shared memory, hardware bus)
 - √ logical (e.g., logical properties)



Direct Communication

- Processes must name each other explicitly:
 - ✓ send (P, message) send a message to process P
 - ✓ receive(Q, message) receive a message from process Q
- Properties of communication link
 - ✓ Links are established automatically
 - ✓ A link is associated with exactly one pair of communicating processes
 - ✓ Between each pair there exists exactly one link
 - ✓ The link may be unidirectional, but is usually bi-directional



Indirect Communication

- Messages are directed and received from mailboxes (also referred to as ports)
 - ✓ Each mailbox has a unique id
 - ✓ Processes can communicate only if they share a mailbox
- Properties of communication link
 - ✓ Link established only if processes share a common mailbox
 - ✓ A link may be associated with many processes
 - ✓ Each pair of processes may share several communication links
 - ✓ Link may be unidirectional or bi-directional



Indirect Communication

Operations

- ✓ create a new mailbox
- ✓ send and receive messages through mailbox
- ✓ destroy a mailbox

Primitives are defined as:

- ✓ send(A, message) send a message to mailbox A
- ✓ receive(A, message) receive a message from mailbox A



Synchronization

- Message passing may be either blocking or non-blocking
- **Blocking** is considered **synchronous**
- Non-blocking is considered asynchronous
- send and receive primitives may be either blocking or non-blocking



Buffering

- Queue of messages attached to the link; implemented in one of three ways
 - Zero capacity 0 messages
 Sender must wait for receiver (rendezvous)
 - 2. Bounded capacity finite length of *n* messages Sender must wait if link full
 - 3. Unbounded capacity infinite length Sender never waits



Client-Server Communication

- Sockets
- Remote Procedure Calls
- Remote Method Invocation (Java)

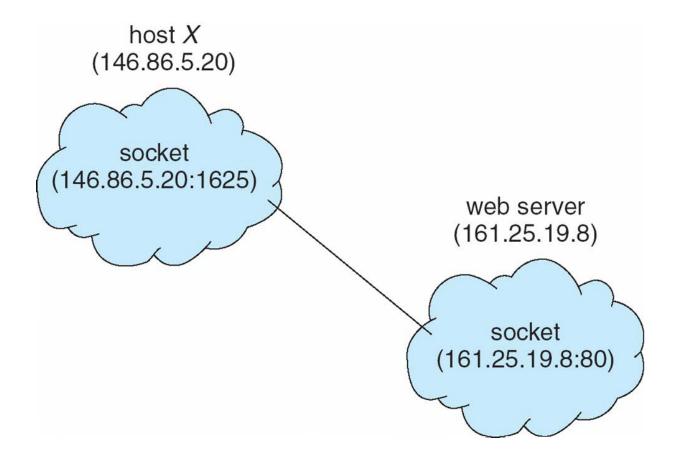


Sockets

- A socket is defined as an endpoint for communication
- Concatenation of IP address and port
- The socket 161.25.19.8:1625 refers to port 1625 on host 161.25.19.8
- Communication consists between a pair of sockets



Socket Communication





Remote Procedure Calls

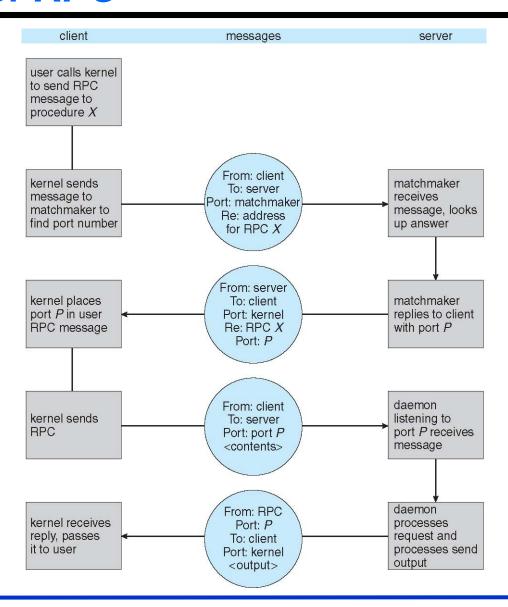
 Remote procedure call (RPC) abstracts procedure calls between processes on networked systems

Stubs

- ✓ client-side proxy for the actual procedure on the server
- The client-side stub locates the server and *marshalls* the parameters
- The server-side stub receives this message, unpacks the marshalled parameters, and performs the procedure on the server



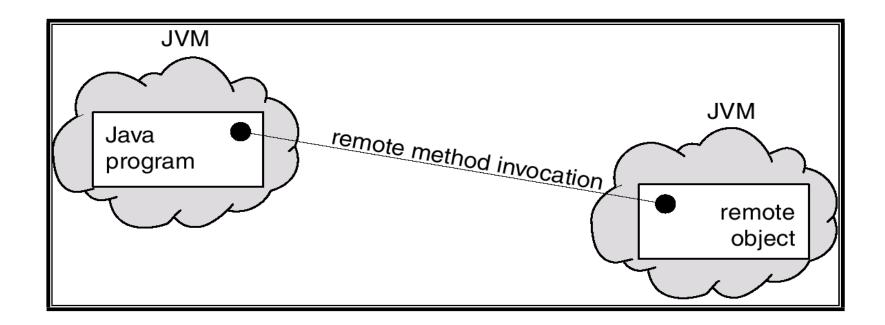
Execution of RPC





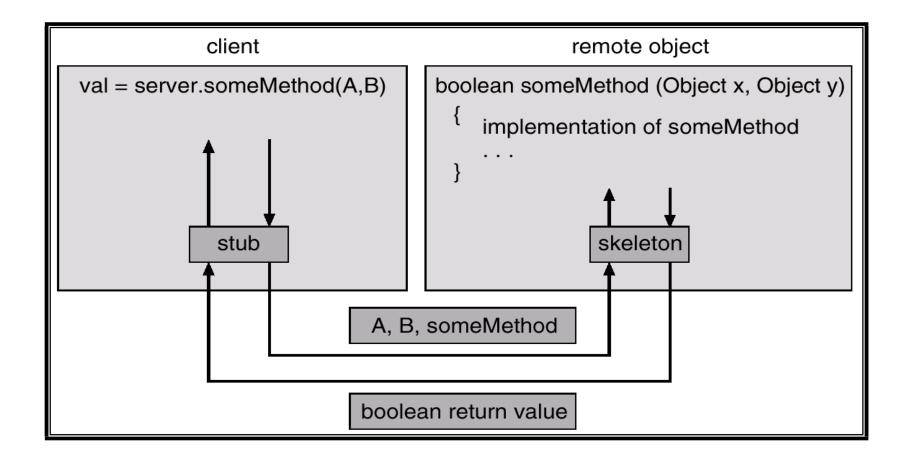
Remote Method Invocation

- Remote Method Invocation (RMI) is a Java mechanism similar to RPCs
- RMI allows a Java program on one machine to invoke a method on a remote object





Marshalling Parameters





Process concept

- ✓ An instance of a program in execution
- ✓ The basic unit of execution and scheduling
- ✓ Process states: new, running, waiting, ready, terminated
- ✓ PCB (Process Control Block)
 - Information associated with each process
- ✓ Context switch
 - OS saves the state of the old process and load the saved state of the new process

Process scheduling

- ✓ Long-term scheduling (Job scheduling)
 - Selects which processes should be brought into the ready queue
- ✓ Short-term scheduling (CPU scheduling)
 - Selects which process should be executed next and allocates CPU
- ✓ Medium-term scheduling (Swapping)
 - Removes processes from memory temporarily to reduce the degree of multiprogramming



Summary (Cont'd)

Operations on/between processes

- ✓ Process creation
 - fork & exec in UNIX
 - CreateProcess in MS-Windows
- ✓ Process termination: exit
- ✓ Inter-Process Communication (IPC)
 - Mechanism for processes to communicate and to synchronize their actions
 - Cooperating processes or Multi-processes applications: ex) Producer & Consumer on Bounded-Buffer
 - Message passing vs. Shared memory
 - Direct vs. Indirect communication
- ✓ Communication between remote processes
 - Sockets
 - RPC (Remote Procedure Calls) for C/C++
 - RMI (Remote Method Invocation) for Java

