Exercises 2
Process scheduling

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Exercise
statement (1/3)

The aim is to develop a priority-based scheduler. Processes can own two different priorities:

- High priority.
- Low priority.

Each priority has its own scheduling policy:

- **High priority** processes will be scheduled following a **FIFO** policy.
- **Low priority** processes will be scheduled following a **Round-Robin** policy. Time slice will be **100 milliseconds**.

Exercise
statement (2/3)

Processes of **high priority** will be executed following an strict order of arrival (FIFO). A high priority process executes until:

- It finishes.
- It sleeps (through *sleep()* syscall).
- It gets blocked (due to an I/O operation).

Processes of **low priority** abandon the CPU when:

- Its time slice ends.
- It finishes.
- It sleeps (through *sleep()* syscall).
- It gets blocked (due to an I/O operation).

Exercise
statement (3/3)

Requirements:

a) Design a solution indicating what functions and structures are necessary to implement the requested scheduler.

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solution

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    1. Operating system structure
    2. Analysis of modifications
2. Answer the questions
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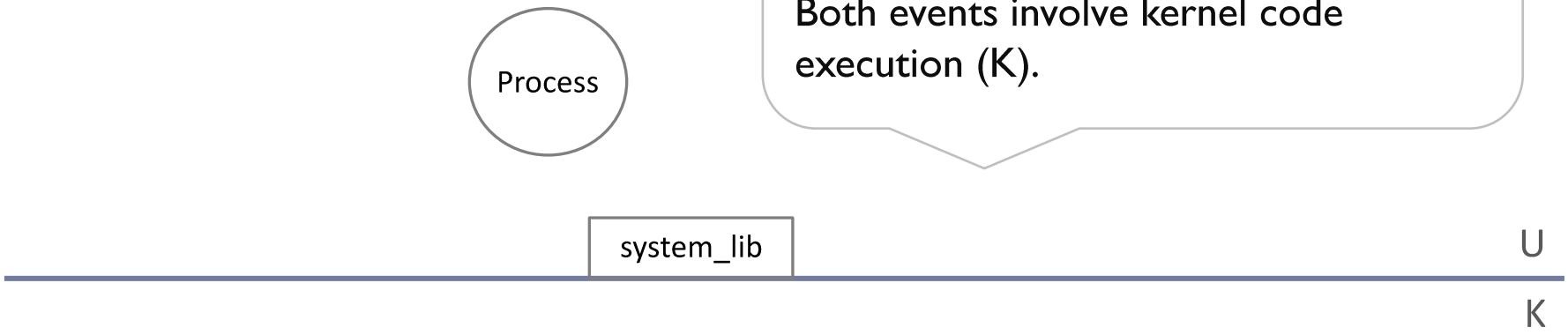
In user space (U) processes perform system calls through *system_lib* or provoke exceptions.
Both events involve kernel code execution (K).



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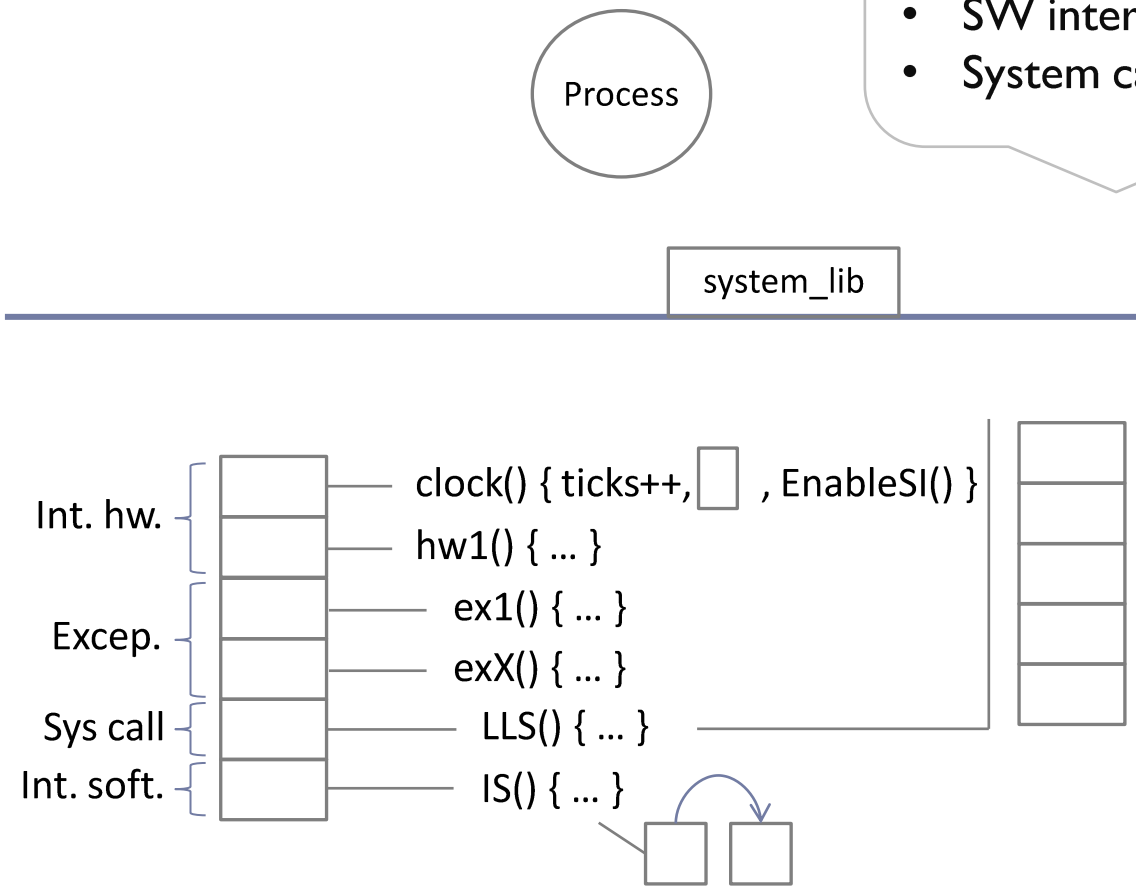
Topic 2: operating system working
- HW interruptions
- Exceptions
- SW interruptions
- System calls



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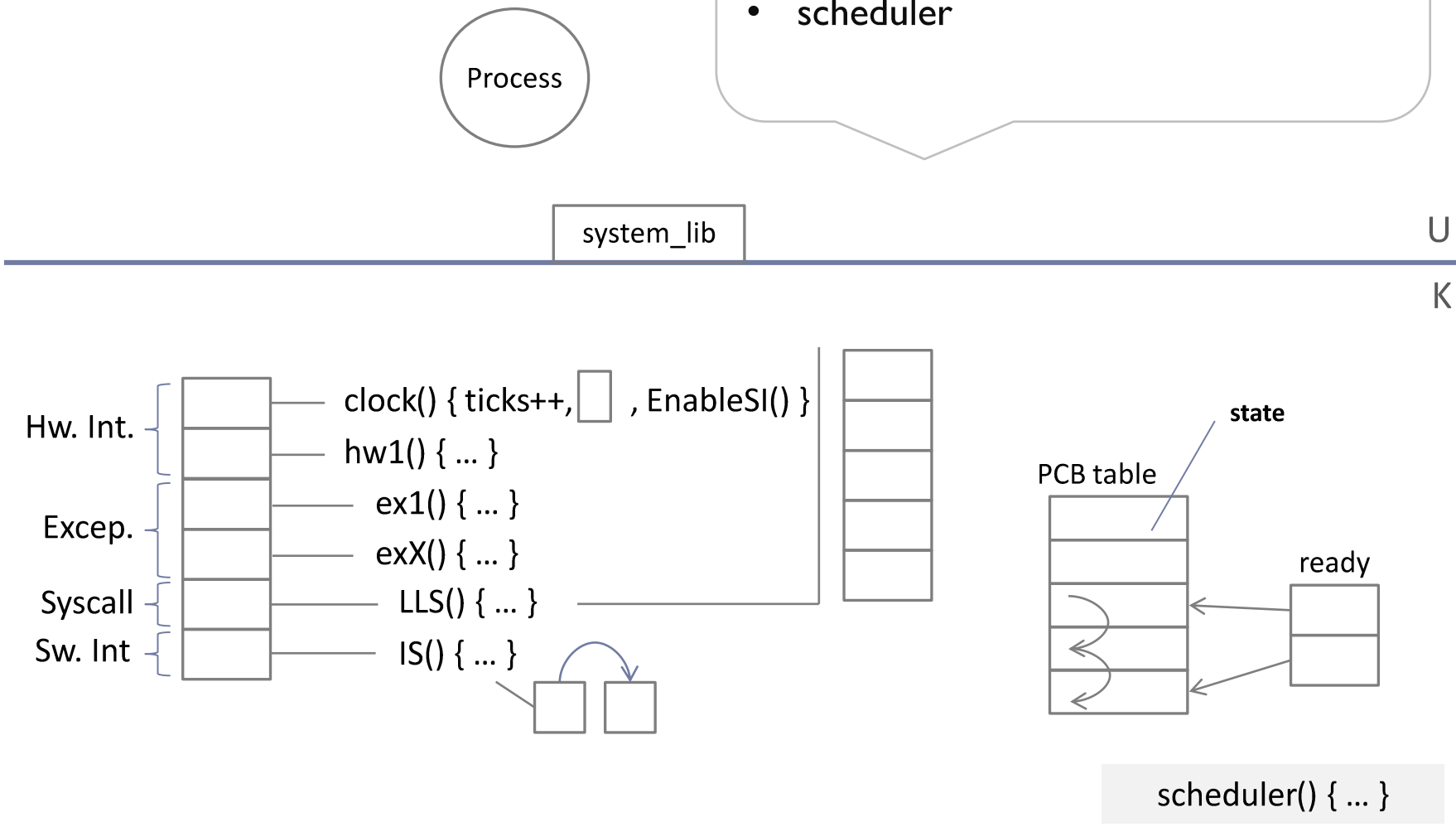
Topic 3: process management
- PCB table
- Ready-state queues
- scheduler



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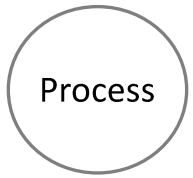
Initial structure completed



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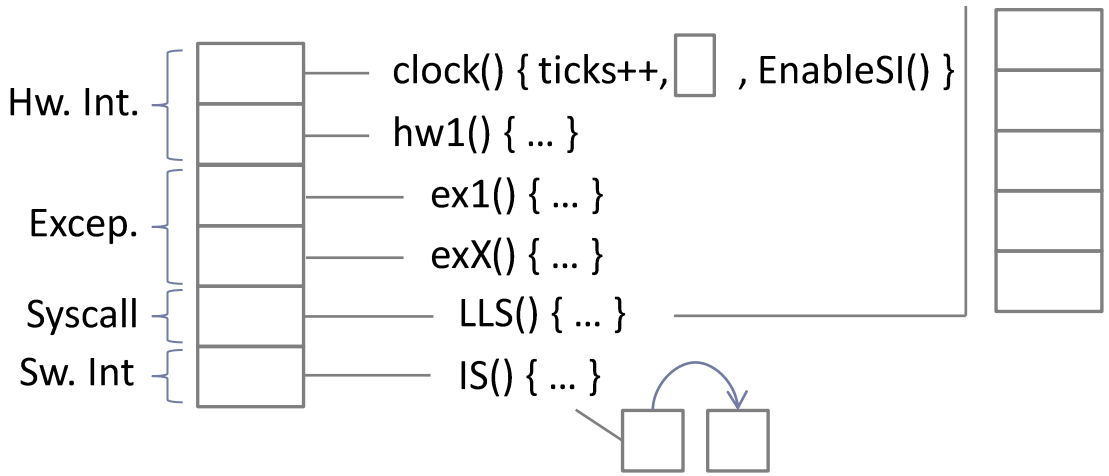

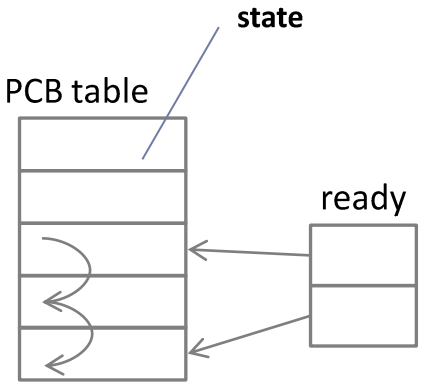

scheduler() { … }

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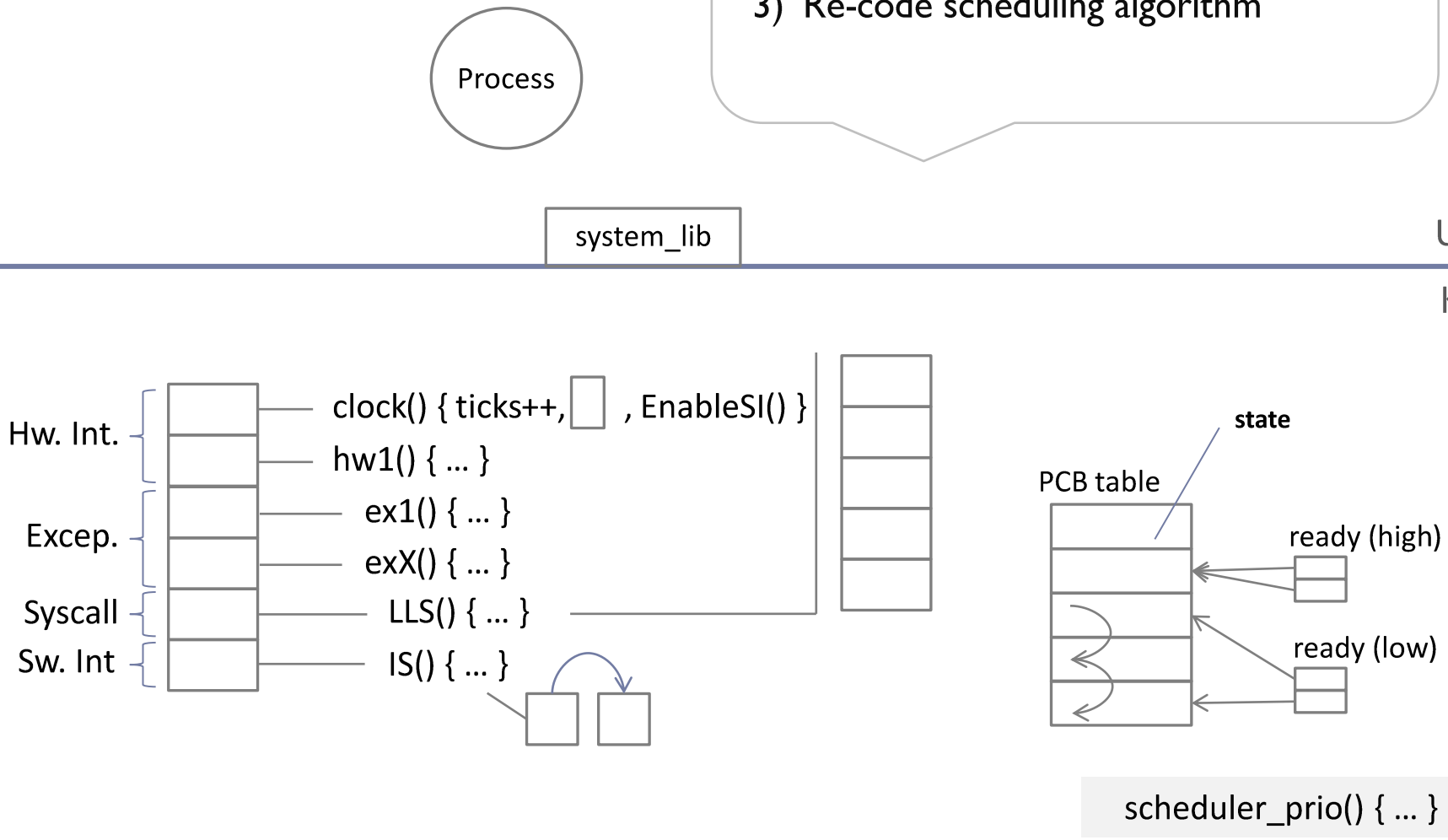
Adding priorities to the kernel:
1) Add 'priority' field to PCB
2) Two ready state queues instead of one
3) Re-code scheduling algorithm



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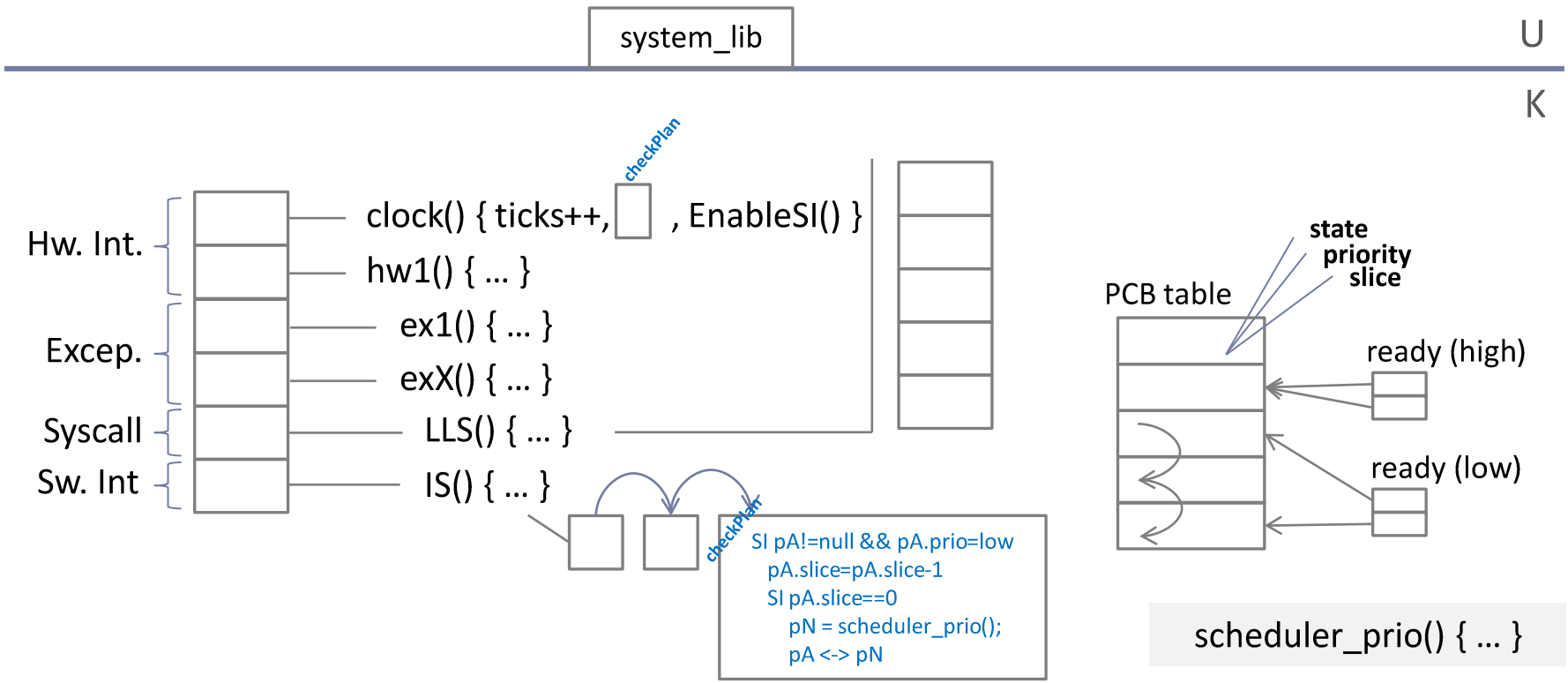
Adding Round-Robin:
1) Add 'slice' field to PCB
2) Modify clock interruption
3) Add the new task to the list of tasks which are going to be executed during SW interruption



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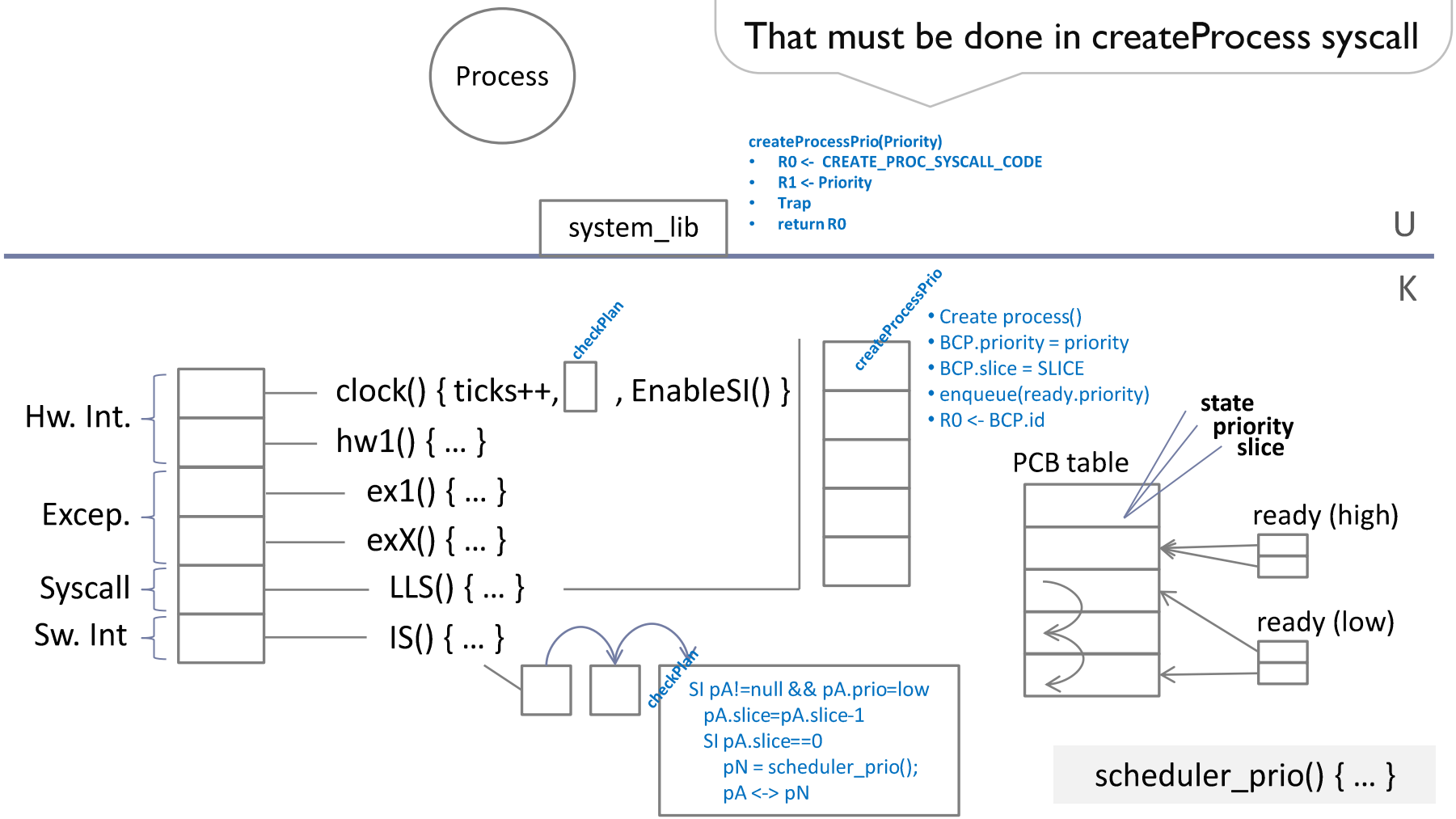
Process creation:
- Setting initial values of priority, and slice
- Queuing in the corresponding queue.

That must be done in createProcess syscall



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Basing on the proposed approach, answer the questions

Data structures:

- PCB:
  - Priority
  - Slice
- Implement two ready state queues instead of one:
  - Low priority processes
  - High priority processes

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Functions:

scheduler_prio()

- If non_empty(read_state_queue_high_priority)
  - Proc=GetFirstProcess(read_state_queue_high_priority)
  - Remove(read_state_queue_high_priority,Proc)
- Else // empty queue
  - Proc=GetFirstProcess(read_state_queue_low_priority)
  - Remove(read_state_queue_low_priority,Proc)
- Return Proc

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clock_interruption_handler()

- Ticks = Ticks + 1;
- Insert_Software_Interruption(checkPlan)
- Software_Interruption();

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checkPlan()

- Si ((current == null) || (current.**priority** == high))
  - return
- current.**slice** = current. **slice** - 1
- Si (current.slice == 0)
  - current.**slice** = TICKS_PER_SLICE // == 100 milliseconds
  - current.**state** = ready
  - enqueue(ready_state_queue_low_priority, current)
  - Proc=scheduler_prio()
  - Proc.**state** = execution
  - current=Proc
  - swapContext(current.**context_t**, Proc.**context_t**)

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Functions on user space:

int createProcessPrio(priority):

- R0 = CREATE_PROC_PRIO_SYSCALL_CODE
- R1 = priority
- Trap
- Return R0

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System call create_process(priority)

- Create process ()
- PCB.priority = *priority*
- PCB.slice = SLICE // makes sense only if priority==low
- PCB.state = READY
- If (*priority* == high)
  - Enqueue process in ready state queue (high priority)
- Else
  - Enqueue process in ready state queue (low priority)
- R0 = PCB.id

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