

How to do Interprocess Communication

1) Message passing

- ↳ Communication takes place by exchanging message directly between cooperating process.
- ↳ Easy to implement
- ↳ Useful for small amounts of data
- ↳ Implemented using system calls so takes more time than shared memory

↳ In this method processes communicate with each other without using any kind of shared memory.

If two processes P_1 and P_2 want to communicate with each other they proceed as follow

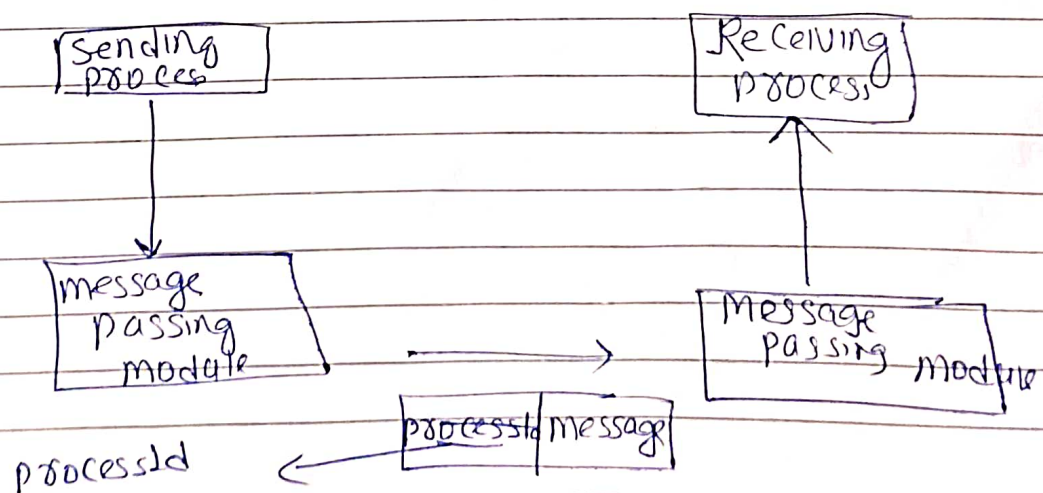
1) Establish a Communication link (if a link already exist, no need to establish it again)

2) Start exchanging message using basic primitive

We need at least two primitive

↳ Send (message, destination) or Send (message)

↳ Receive (message, host) or Receive (message)



- ↳ The message size can be of fixed size or of variable size. If it is of fixed size, it is easy for an OS designer but complicated for a programmer and if it is of variable size then it is easy for a programmer but complicated for OS designer.
- ↳ A standard message can have two parts header and body
- ↳ The header part is used for storing message type, destination id, source id, message length and control information
- ↳ Generally message is sent using FIFO style