

# Operating Systems (CS3000)

## Lecture – 12 (Inter Process Communication)

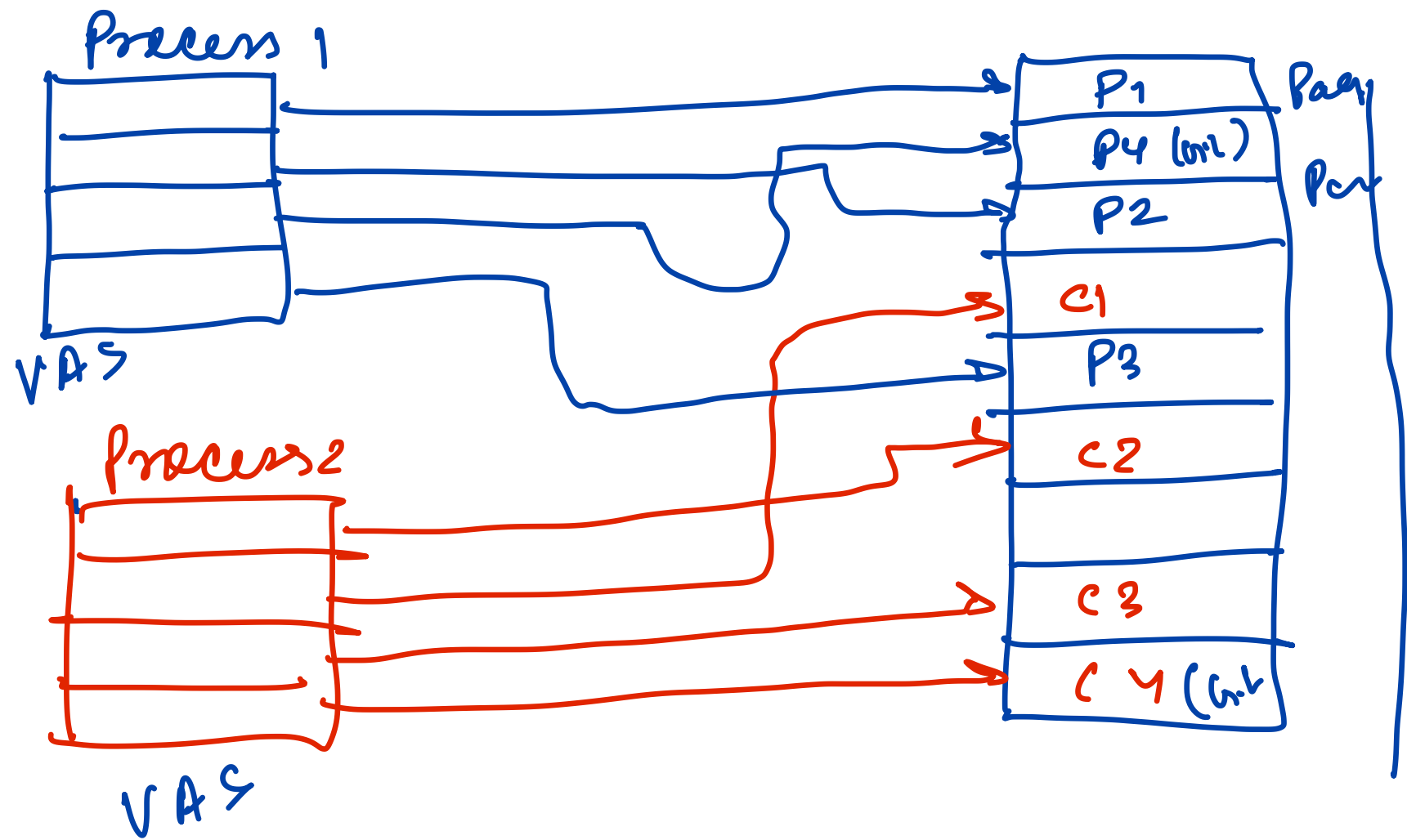


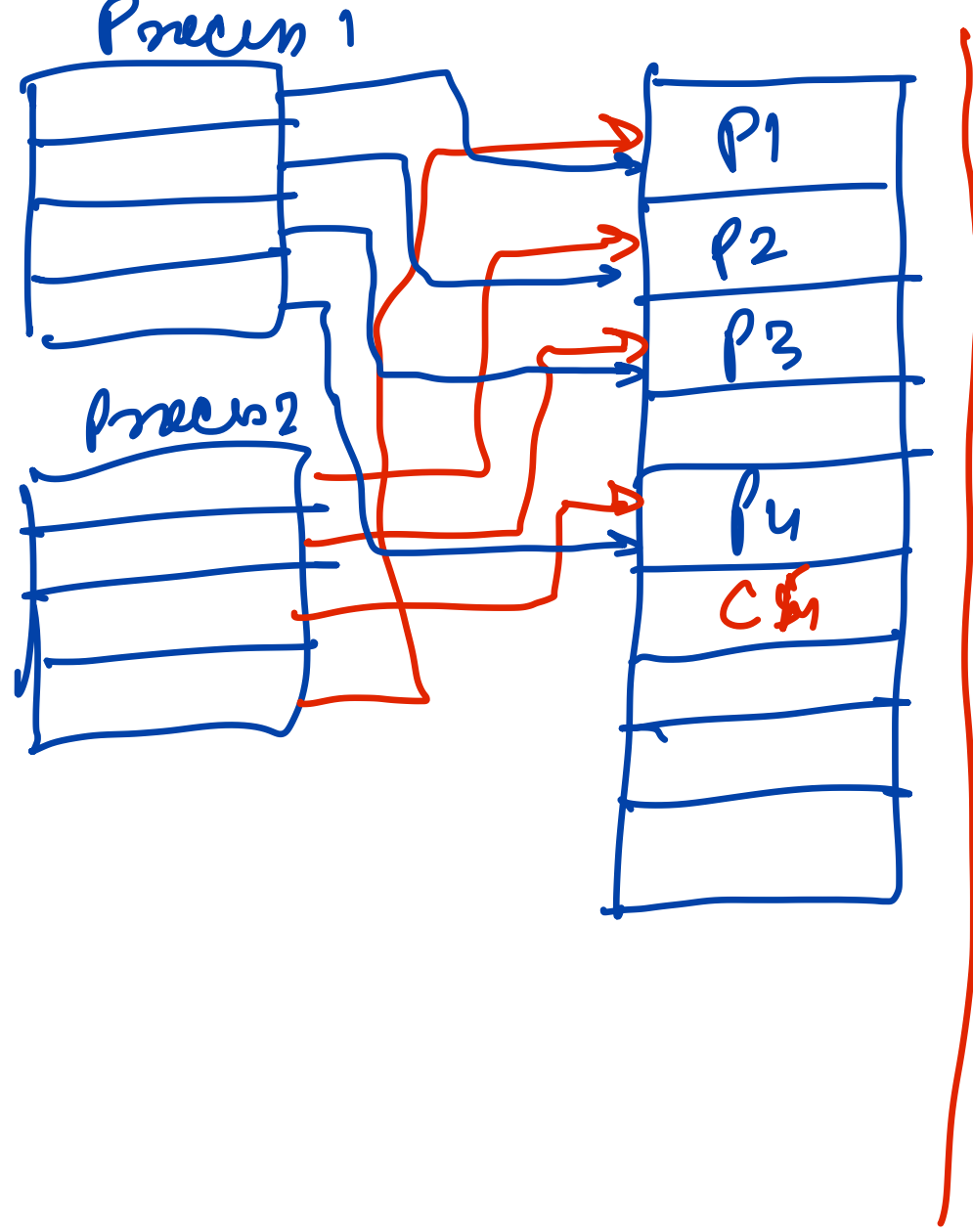
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# IPC

- Processes within a system may be **independent** or **cooperating**
- Cooperating process can affect or be affected by other processes
  - Same computer or networked computers

# IPC

- Reasons for cooperating processes:
  - Computation speedup
    - Multiple processing cores
    - Distributed computing
- Modularity
  - Subtasks into separate processes or threads
- Client-Server Computing
- Cooperating processes need **Inter-Process Communication (IPC)**
- Many IPC mechanisms

# IPC

## 3 Ways

- Shared Memory
- Message Passing
- Pipes
- Signals

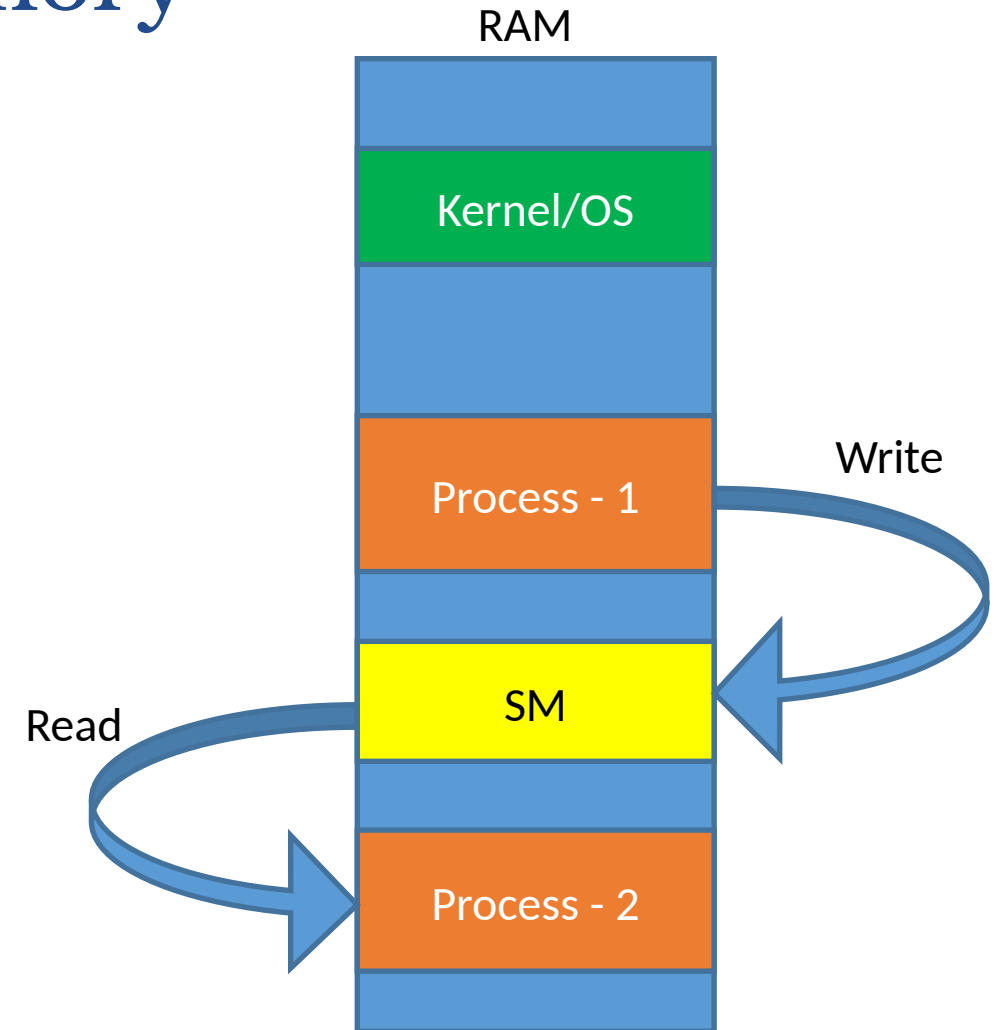
# Shared Memory

- **Process1**

- Create SM
- Attach SM to it's address Space
- Write Data into SM

- **Process 2**

- Attach SM to it's address Space
- Read Data from SM written by Writer





## Process 1

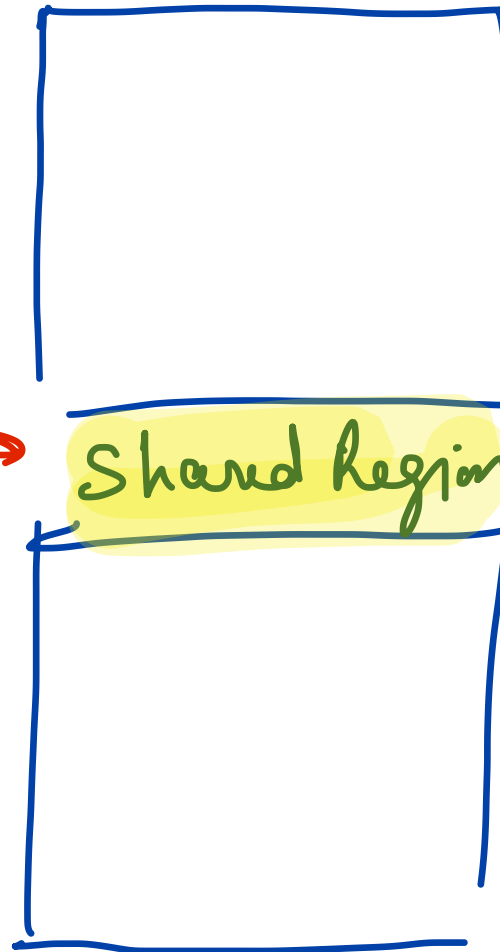
1. Create the shared region and get the id

2. Attach with the SK.

Perform operations

3. Detach

4. Remove the pointer



## Process 2

1. Get the id of the already exists shared region

2. Attach the shared region  
perform operations

3. Detach

only one process will perform who will complete at last

# Functions used in SM

- `shmget()` ⇨ to Create the SM
- `shmat()` ⇨ to attach the SM with the address space of the process
- `shmdt()` ⇨ to detach the SM
- `shmctl()` ⇨ to Destroy the SM

# shmget()

- **int shmget(key\_t key, size\_t size, int shmflg);**
- **key**-> Unique value that identifies the SM.
- **size**-> Size of the SM in bytes
- **shmflg** -> Permissions on the SM
- Returns valid identifier of SM
  - Used in shmat()
- In case of Unsuccessful -> Returns -1
- **#include<sys/ipc.h>**
- **#include<sys/shm.h>**

# shmat()

- **void\* shmat(int shmid, const void \* shmaddr, int shmflg);**
- **shmid** -> value returned by shmget().
- **shmaddr** -> where to attach the SM in the address space of the calling function
  - Address not known so write NULL. If shmaddr is a NULL pointer, the segment is attached at the first available address as selected by the system.
  - OS will assign it at a suitable location.
- **shmflg** -> if shmaddr is NULL, shmflg is 0.
- In case of Unsuccessful -> Returns -1
- **#include<sys/types.h>**
- **#include<sys/shm.h>**

# shmdt()

- **int shmdt(void \* shmaddr)**
  - shmdt **detaches** the shared memory segment located at the address specified by shmaddr from the address space of the calling process
  - On success, it returns 0, on error -1
  - Detaching the shared memory doesn't delete it
    - it just makes that memory unavailable to the current process

# shmctl()

- **int shmctl(int shmid, int command, struct shmid\_ds \*buf);**
  - returns information about a shared memory segment and can modify it
  - **shmid** -> value returned by shmget().
  - **IPC\_STAT**: Retrieve the status of the shared memory segment.
  - **IPC\_SET**: Set the status of the shared memory segment.
  - **IPC\_RMID**: Remove the shared memory segment.
  - This is a pointer to a **struct shmid\_ds** structure that is used to get or set information about the shared memory segment
  - On success, it returns 0, on failure, -1

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <sys/ipc.h>
#include <sys/shm.h>
#define SHMSIZE 10
int main()
```

Server.c

```
{
    char c;
    int shmid;
    key_t key;
    char *shm, *s;
    key=5685;
    if((shmid=shmget(key, SHMSIZE, IPC_CREAT | 0666))<0)
    {
        perror("shmget");
    }
    printf("shared memory id %d\n", shmid);
    if((shm=shmat(shmid, NULL, 0))== (char*)-1) /****Atta
    {
        perror("shmat");
    }
    printf("SHM address in server %p\n", shm);
```

```
s=shm;
int count=0;
for(c='a'; c<='z'; c++) {
    *s++=c;
    sleep(1);
}
*s='\0';
while(*shm != '*')
    sleep(1);
int k =shmdt(shm);
printf("shared memory id %d\n", k);
int v=shmctl(shmid,IPC_RMID,NULL);
printf("shared memory id %d\n", v);
return 0;
```

```
}
```

## client.c

```
#include <sys/ipc.h>
#include <sys/shm.h>
#define SHMSIZE 10
int main()
{
    //char c;
    int shmid;
    key_t key;
    char *shm, *s;
    key=5685;
    if((shmid=shmget(key, SHMSIZE, 0666))<0)
    {
        perror("shmget");
    }

    if((shm=shmat(shmid, NULL, 0))== (char*) -1)
    {
        perror("shmat");
    }
}
```

```
printf("SHM address in client %p\n", shm);
printf("SHM memory id in client %d\n", shmid);
int count=0;
for(s=shm; *s!=0; s++) {
    putchar(*s);
    putchar('\n');
    sleep(1);
}
printf("Completed reading\n");
*shm='*';
/*Detach Shared Memory*/
int k =shmdt(shm);

return 0;
}
```



Thank You

Any Questions?