

# Process

Definition: Process is a program in execution where the execution must progress in sequential fashion. No parallel execution of instructions of a single process.

## Multiple parts of process:

① Text section → The program code

- ② Program counter → is a register in CPU, that holds the address of next instruction to be executed
- ③ Stack → contain temp. data (local variables, function parameters, return addresses)
- ④ Data section
- ⑤ Heap → contain global variables

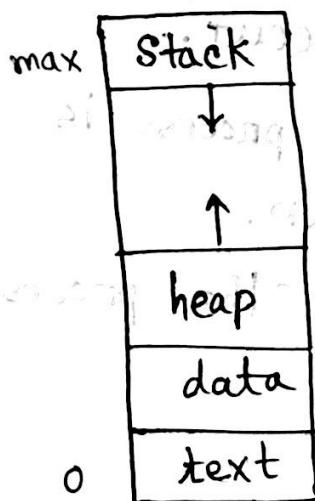
containing memory

dynamically allocated during run time

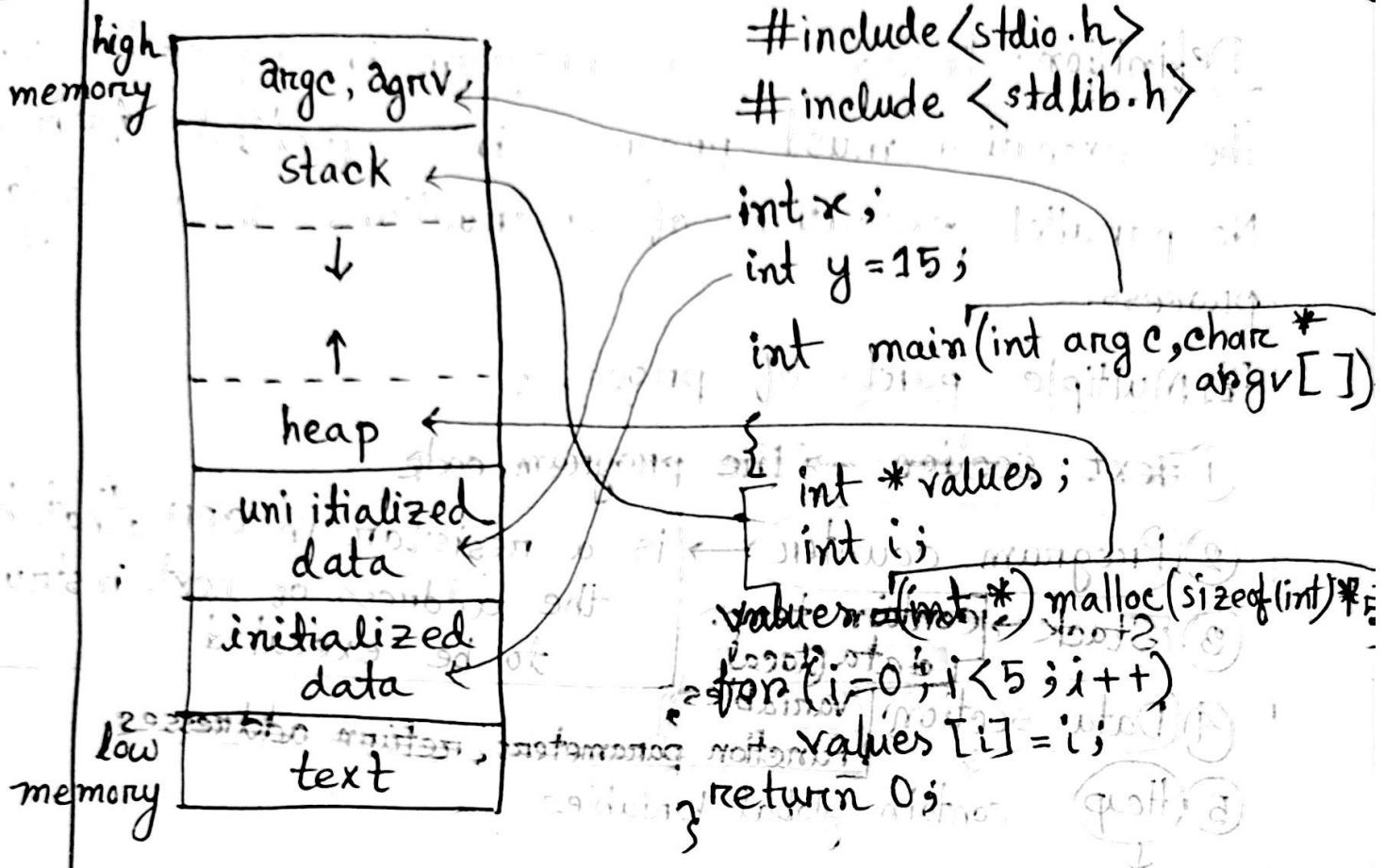
Program is passive entity stored in disk; process is active

Program becomes process when executable file is loaded into memory

A diagram of process in Memory



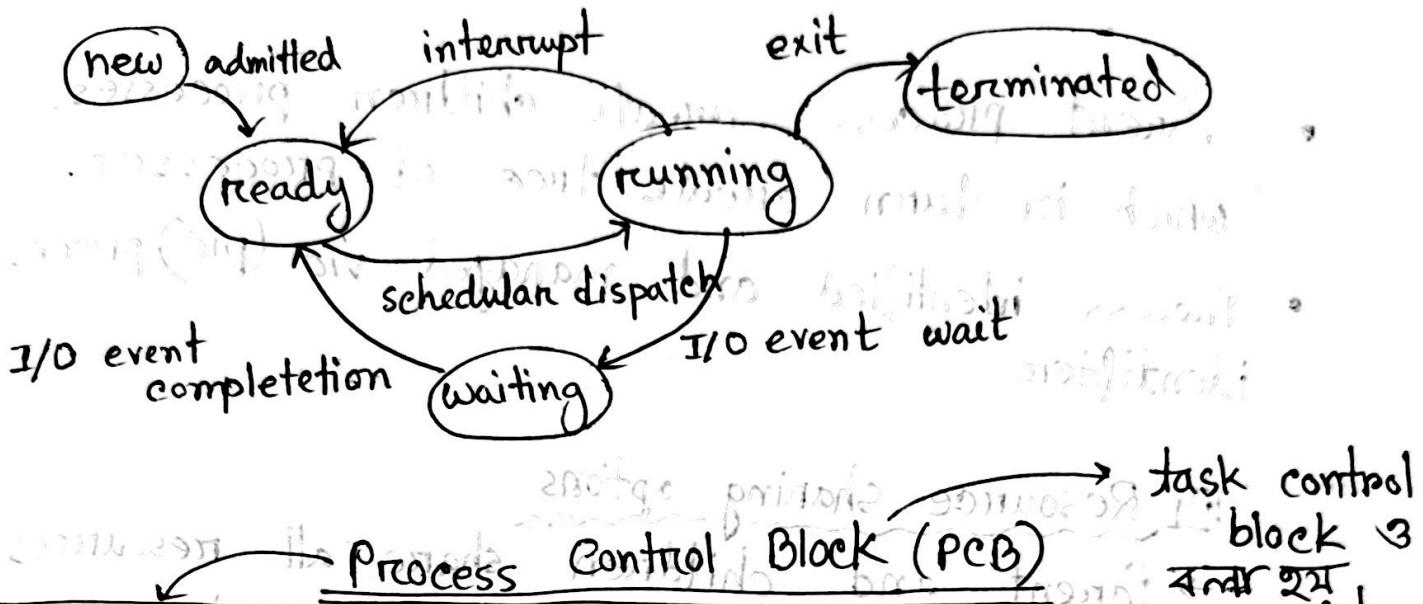
# Memory Layout in C-Program



## Process State:-

- I New: The process is being created.
- II Running: Instructions are being executed.
- III Waiting: The process is waiting for some event to occur.
- IV Ready: The process is waiting to be assigned to a processor.
- V Terminated: The process has finished execution.

## Diagram of process State



Information associated with each process

running, waiting etc  $\rightarrow$  process state

process number

location of instructions to next execute.

program counter

- CPU scheduling information - priorities, scheduling queue pointers.
  - Memory management information - memory allocated to the process.
  - Accounting information - CPU used, clock time elapsed since start, time limits
  - I/O status information - I/O devices allocated to process, list of open files.

# Operation on Processes

## ① Process Creation

- Parent process creates children processes, which in turn create tree of processes.
- Process identified and managed via (pid) process identifier

### ☒ Resource sharing options

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

### ☒ Execution options

- Parent and children execute concurrently
- Parent waits until children terminate

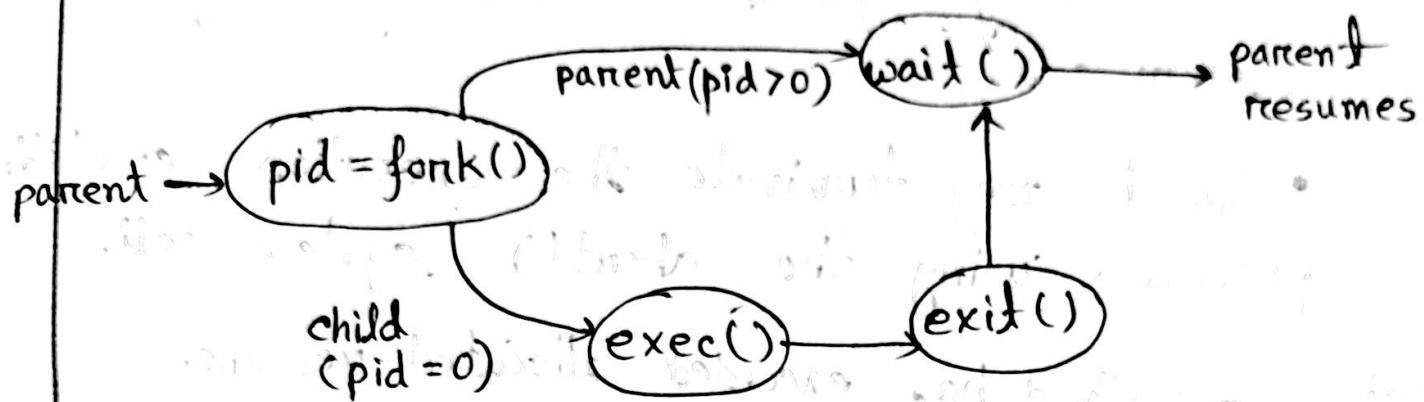
### ☒ Address Space:

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

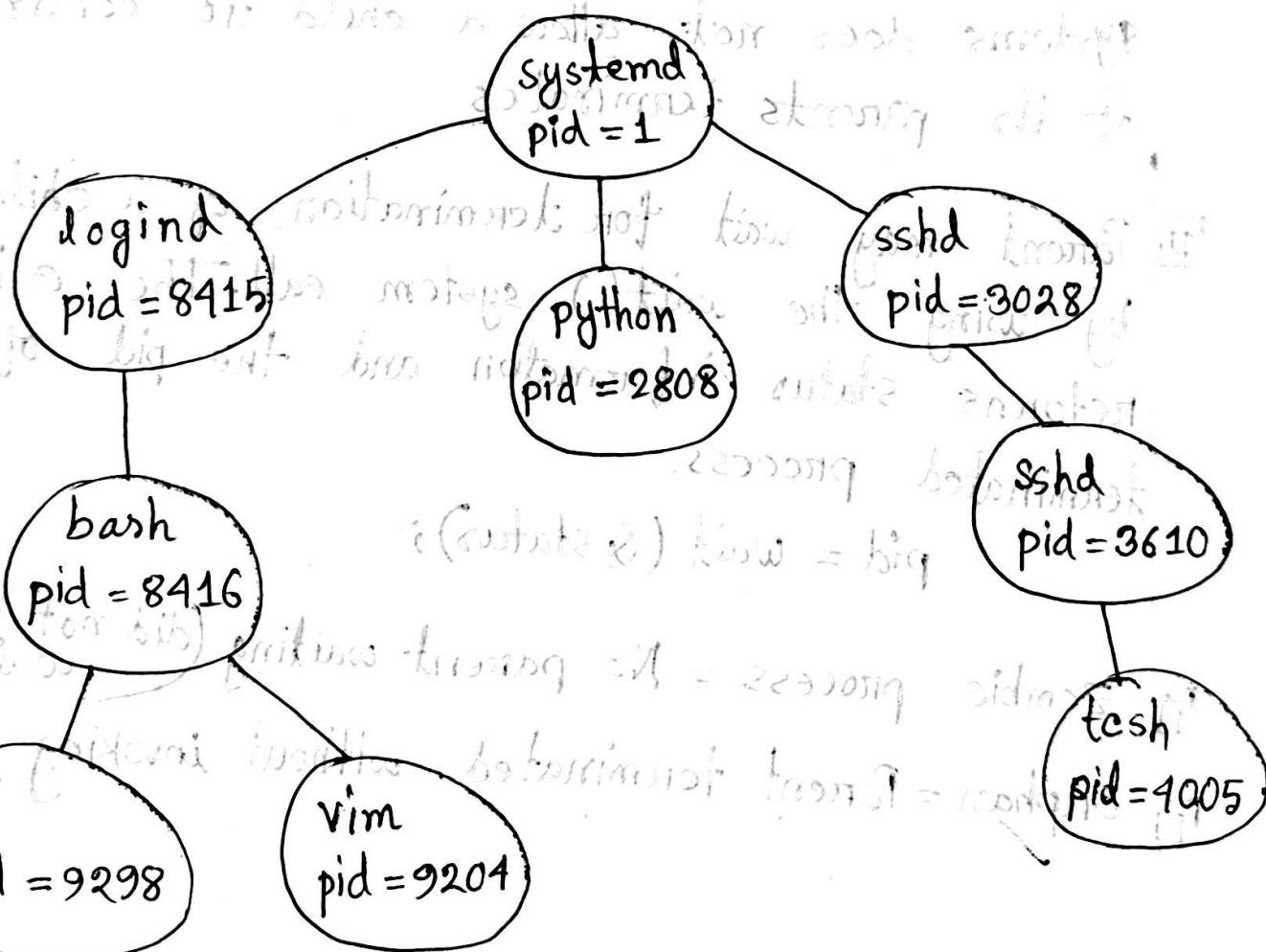
### ☒ UNIX examples

- fork() system call creates new process
- exec() system call used after a fork() to replace the process memory space with a new program.

→ Parent process calls wait() waiting for the child to terminate



### A tree of processes in Linux



## Process Termination

- Process executes last statement and then asks the operating system to delete it using exit() system call.
- Parent may terminate the execution of child processes using the abort() system call.
  - Child has exceeded allocated resources
  - Task assigned to child is no longer required
  - The parent is exiting, and the operating system does not allow a child to continue if its parent terminates

Parent may wait for termination of a child process by using the wait() system call. The call returns status information and the pid of the terminated process.

pid = wait (&status);

Zombie process = No parent waiting (did not invoke wait())

Orphan = Parent terminated without invoking wait()

# Interprocess Communication (IPC)

Processes within a system maybe

- ① Independent → cannot affect or be affected by other processes executing in system
- ② Co-operating → They can affect or be affected by the other processes executing in system

Any process that shares data with other processes is a co-operating process. It needs IPC.

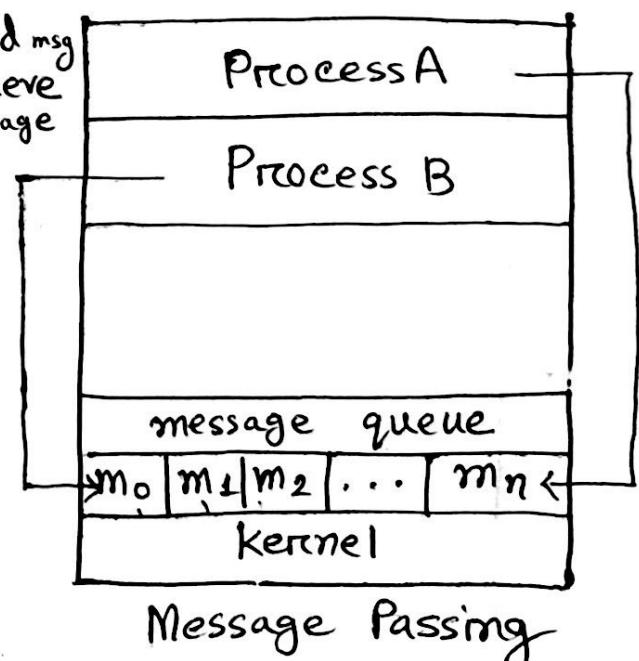
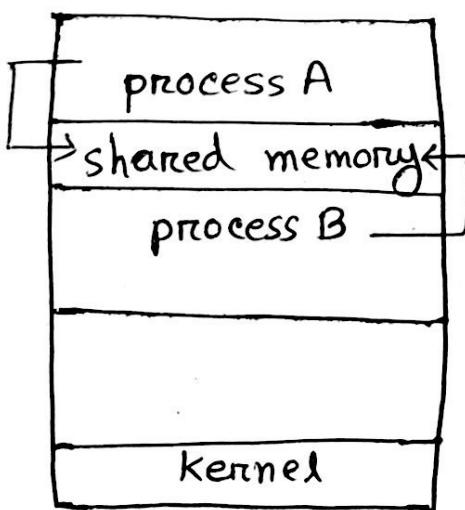
Reasons of co-operating process

- ① Information sharing
- ② Computation speed up
- ③ Modularity
- ④ Convenience

Two models of IPC :

- ① Shared memory

- ② Message passing



Message Passing

## ~~Context Switch~~

- Process P and Q will communicate through—
    - Establishing a communication link between them
    - Exchange messages via send/receive

## Physical :

- Shared memory
  - Hardware bus
  - Network

## Logical:

- Direct or indirect
  - Synchronous or asynchronous
  - Automatic/explicit buffering

## Sockets

- A socket is defined as an endpoint for communication.
- concatenation of IP address and port.

161.25.19.8 : 1625, port → port below 1024

IP address and port are used for standard services.

It is a number included

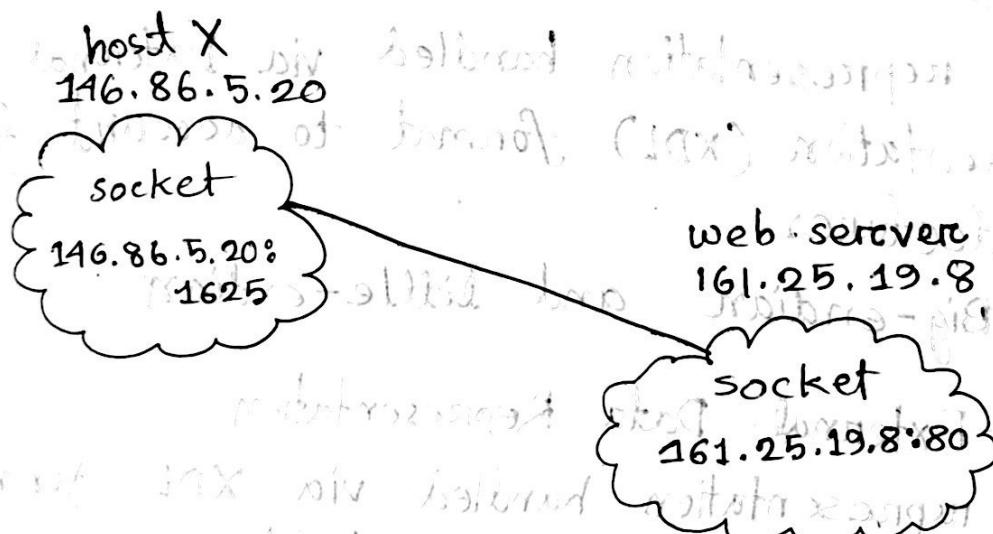
at start of message packet to differentiate network

services on a host

usage and defines who data reaches and what host it originates from.

## Socket Communication

(10M)



3 types of socket:

- ① Connection-Oriented (TCP)
- ② Connectionless (UDP)
- ③ Multicast Socket — class-data can be sent to multiple recipients.

# Remote procedure Calls

RPC abstracts procedure calls between processes on network 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.
- On windows, stub code compiled from specification written in Microsoft Interface Definition Language (MIDL)
- Data representation handled via External Data Representation (XDL) format to account for different architectures.  
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- OS typically provides rendezvous service to connect client & server  
matchmakers

## Execution of RPC

