Operating Systems Lab

Week 7 Assignment

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Question 2. XV6 Process Priority Scheduling: In the previous question, we have learned how to change the priority of a process. In this question, we will implement a very simple priority scheduling policy. We simply choose a runnable process with the highest priority to run. (In practice, multilevel queues are often used to put processes into groups with similar priorities.) As we have done in the previous question, we assume that a process has a value between 0 and 20, the smaller the value, the higher the priority. The default value is 10. The program nice that we implemented in the previous question is used to change the priority of a process.

i. Give high priority to a newly loaded process by adding a priority statement in exec.c

```
96 // Commit to the user image.
97 oldpgdir = curproc->pgdir;
98 curproc->pgdir = pgdir;
99 curproc->sz = sz;
100 curproc->tf->eip = elf.entry; // main
101 curproc->tf->esp = sp;
102 curproc->priority = 2; //A7
103 switchuvm(curproc);
104 freevm(oldpgdir);
105 return 0;
```

ii. Modify foo.c so that the parent waits for the children and adjust the loop for your convenience

```
17 for ( k = 0; k < n; k++ ) {
18 id = fork ();
19 if ( id < 0 ) {
20 printf(1, "%d failed in fork!\n", getpid() );
21 }
22 else if ( id > 0 ) {
23 //parent
24 printf(1, "Parent %d creating child %d\n", getpid(), id );
25 wait ();
26 }
27 else {
28 // child
29 printf(1, "Child %d created\n",getpid() );
30 for ( z = 0; z < 8000000.0; z += 0.01 )
31 x = x + 3.14 * 89.64; // useless calculations to consume CPU time
32 break;
33 }
34 }
```

iii. Observe the default round-robin (RR) scheduling

```
aman-rj@amanrj-VirtualBox: ~/xv6-public
                                                                                  Q =
xv6.img,index=0,media=disk,format=raw -smp 2 -m 512
cpu1: starting 1
cpu0: starting 0
sb: size 1000 nblocks 941 ninodes 200 nlog 30 logstart 2 inodestart 32 bmap start 58
init: starting sh
$ foo &; foo &; foo &
Parent 5 creating child 9
$ Child 9 created
Parent 7 creating child 10
Child 10 created
Parent 8 creating child 11
Child 11 created
ps
name
         pid
                  state
                          priority
init
                 SLEEPING
                                   2
                 SLEEPING
sh
                                   2
foo
                  SLEEPING
                 SLEEPING
foo
                                   2
                 SLEEPING
                                   2
foo
foo
         10
                 RUNNING
                                   10
                 RUNNING
         12
ps
.
Total Number Of SLEEPING Processes: 5
Total Number Of RUNNING Processes: 2
```

iv. Implement Priority Scheduling

```
323 void
324 scheduler(void) //A7
325 {
326
     struct proc *p;
327 struct proc *p1;
328 struct cpu *c = mycpu();
329
     c->proc = 0;
330
331
     for(;;){
332
       // Enable interrupts on this processor.
       sti();
333
334
       struct proc *highP;
        // Loop over process table looking for process to run.
335
       acquire(&ptable.lock);
336
337
       for(p = ptable.proc; p < &ptable.proc[NPROC]; p++){</pre>
338
         if(p->state != RUNNABLE)
339
           continue;
340
         highP=p;
341
          //choose one with highest priority
342
          for(p1 = ptable.proc; p1 < &ptable.proc[NPROC]; p1++){</pre>
           if(p1->state!= RUNNABLE)
343
344
             continue;
345
           if(highP->priority > p1->priority)
346
             highP=p1;
347
348
          p=highP;
349
          // Switch to chosen process. It is the process's job
350
          // to release ptable.lock and then reacquire it
351
          // before jumping back to us.
         c->proc = p;
352
353
          switchuvm(p);
```

v. Observe Priority Scheduling

```
Q =
                                           aman-rj@amanrj-VirtualBox: ~/xv6-public
init: starting sh
$ foo &; foo &; foo &
Parent 5 creating child 8
$ Child Parent 9 creating child 10
8 created
Parent 7 creating child 11
Child 11 created
Child 10 created
ps
name
           pid
                      state priority
init
                      SLEEPING
                      SLEEPING
sh
           10
                      RUNNABLE
                                           10
foo
 foo
                      SLEEPING
                      SLEEPING
foo
                      SLEEPING
foo
foo
                      RUNNING
                                         10
foo
                      RUNNABLE
                     RUNNING
           12
                                          2
 DS
Total Number Of SLEEPING Processes: 5
Total Number Of RUNNING Processes: 2
Total Number Of RUNNABLE Processes: 2
$ nice 11 8
$ ps
name pic
           pid
                      state priority
           1 2
                      SLEEPING
init
sh
                      SLEEPING
foo
                      RUNNABLE
                                           10
                      SLEEPING
 foo
foo
                      SLEEPING
                      SLEEPING
foo
                      RUNNABLE
           8
                                          10
foo
 foo
                      RUNNING
ps
            14
                      RUNNING
.
Total Number Of SLEEPING Processes: 5
Total Number Of RUNNING Processes: 2
Total Number Of RUNNABLE Processes: 2
$ ps
```