## Division of Continuing Education

Module 1: Why Use Concurrency?

Topic 1.1: Parallel Execution

## **Parallel Execution**

- Two programs execute in parallel if they execute at exactly the same time
- At time t, an instruction is being performed for both P1 and P2



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## Why Use Parallel Execution

- Tasks may complete more quickly
- Example: Two piles of dishes to wash
  - Two dish washers can complete twice as fast as one
- Some tasks must be performed sequentially
- Example: Wash dish, dry dish
  - Must wash before you can dry
- Some tasks are parallelizable and some are not

