

Deadlock

→ Deadlock is a situation that occurs in OS when any process enters a waiting state because another waiting process is holding the demanded resource.

Methods for Handling Deadlock

1. Deadlock Ignorance

→ Deadlock Ignorance is the most widely used approach among all the mechanisms.
→ This is being used by many OS's mainly for end user use.

→ In this approach, the OS assumes that deadlock never occurs, it simply ignores deadlock.

→ This approach is best suitable for a single end user system where user uses the system only for browsing and all other normal stuff.

→ If the deadlock occurs in Linux and windows simply restart the computer.

2. Deadlock prevention

Deadlock happens only when mutual exclusion, hold and wait, no preemption and circular wait holds simultaneously.

if it is possible to violate one of the four conditions at any time then the deadlock can never occur in the system.

The idea behind the approach is very simple that we have to fail one of the four conditions but there can be a big argument on its physical implementation in the system.

3. Deadlock avoidance

In deadlock avoidance, the OS checks whether the system is in a safe state or in unsafe state.

The process continues until the system is in safe state.

Once the system moves to unsafe state, OS has to backtrack one step.

The OS reviews each allocation so that the allocation doesn't cause the deadlock in the system.

4. Deadlock detection and recovery

- Let the processes fall in deadlock and then periodically check whether deadlock occur in the system or not.
- If it occurs then it applies some of the recovery methods to the system to get rid of deadlock.