

Process

A **process** is an instance of a program in execution

Processes are like human beings:

- ➡ they are generated
- ➡ they have a life
- ➡ they optionally generate one or more child processes, and
- ➡ eventually they die

A small difference:

- ▶ sex is not really common among processes
- ▶ each process has just one parent

