

# Deadlock Prevention

## Break The Four Conditions

### Attacking the Mutual Exclusion Condition

- ▶ For example, using a *printing daemon* to avoid exclusive access to a printer.
- ▶ Not always possible
  - ▶ Not required for sharable resources;
  - ▶ must hold for nonsharable resources.
- ▶ The best we can do is to avoid mutual exclusion as much as possible
  - ▶ Avoid assigning a resource when not really necessary
  - ▶ Try to make sure as few processes as possible may actually claim the resource