

# **Part 2: Processes & Threads**

Part I: Processes & Scheduling

# Processes and threads

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- ❖ Processes
- ❖ Threads
- ❖ Scheduling
- ❖ Interprocess communication
- ❖ Classical IPC problems

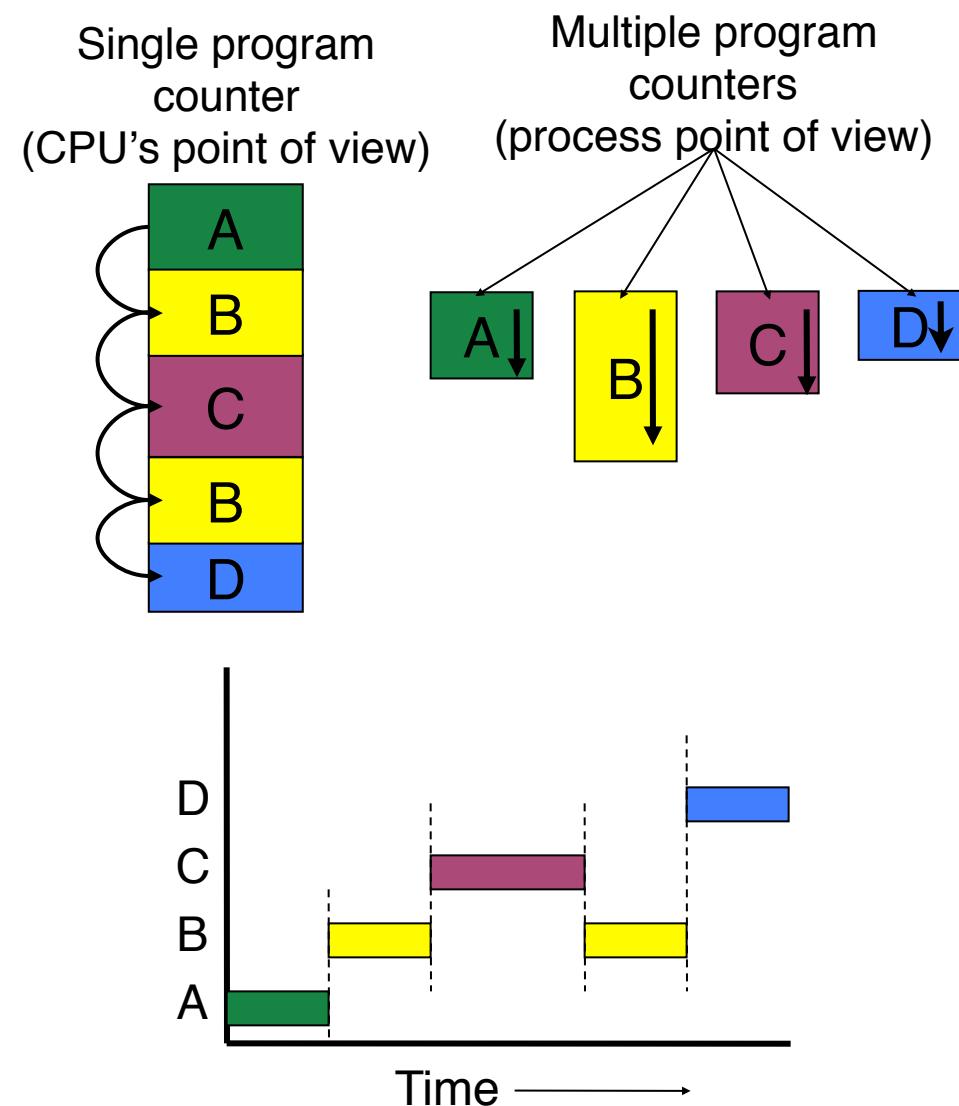
# What is a process?

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- ❖ Code, data, and stack
  - Usually (but not always) has its own address space
- ❖ Program state
  - CPU registers
  - Program counter (current location in the code)
  - Stack pointer
- ❖ Only one process can be running in the CPU at any given time!

# The process model

- ❖ Multiprogramming of four programs
- ❖ Conceptual model
  - 4 independent processes
  - Processes run sequentially
- ❖ Only one program active at any instant!
  - That instant can be very short...
  - Only applies if there's a single CPU in the system



# When is a process created?

- ❖ Processes can be created in two ways
  - System initialization: one or more processes created when the OS starts up
  - Execution of a process creation system call: something explicitly asks for a new process
- ❖ System calls can come from
  - User request to create a new process (system call executed from user shell)
  - Already running processes
    - User programs
    - System daemons

# When do processes end?

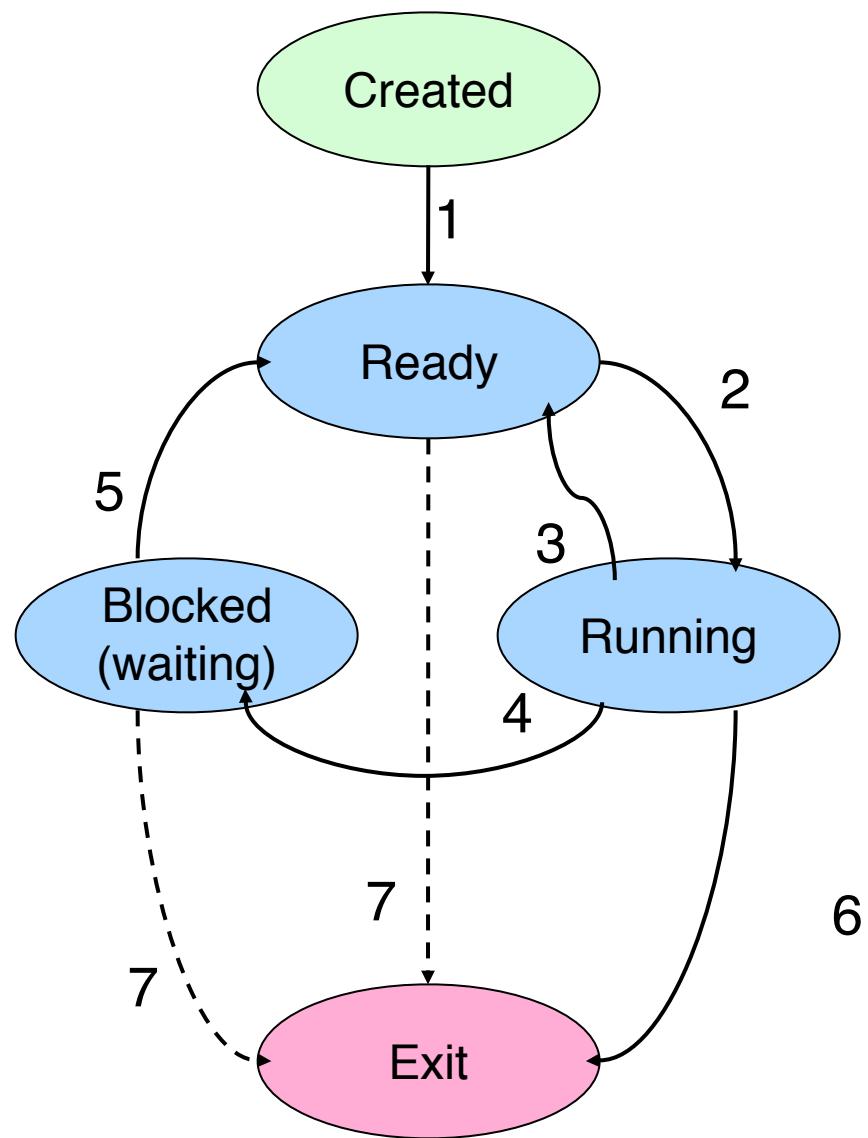
- ❖ Conditions that terminate processes can be
  - Voluntary
  - Involuntary
- ❖ Voluntary
  - Normal exit
  - Error exit
- ❖ Involuntary
  - Fatal error (only sort of involuntary)
  - Killed by another process

# Process hierarchies

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- ❖ Parent creates a child process
  - Child processes can create their own children
- ❖ Forms a hierarchy
  - UNIX calls this a “process group”
  - If a process terminates, its children are “inherited” by the terminating process’s parent
- ❖ Windows has process groups
  - Multiple processes grouped together
  - One process is the “group leader”

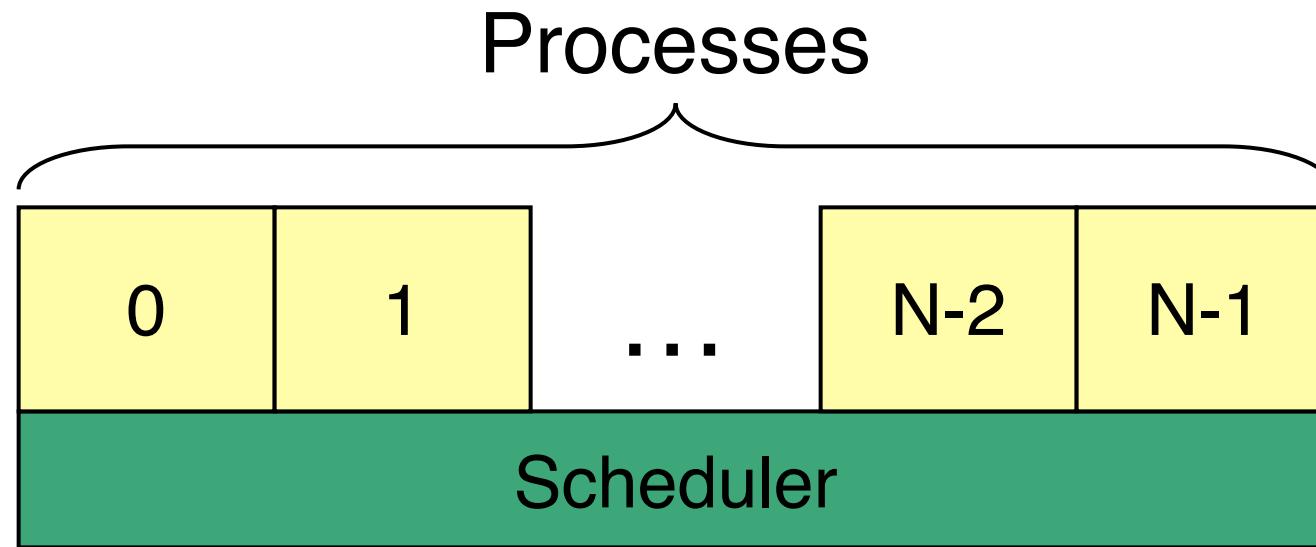
# Process states



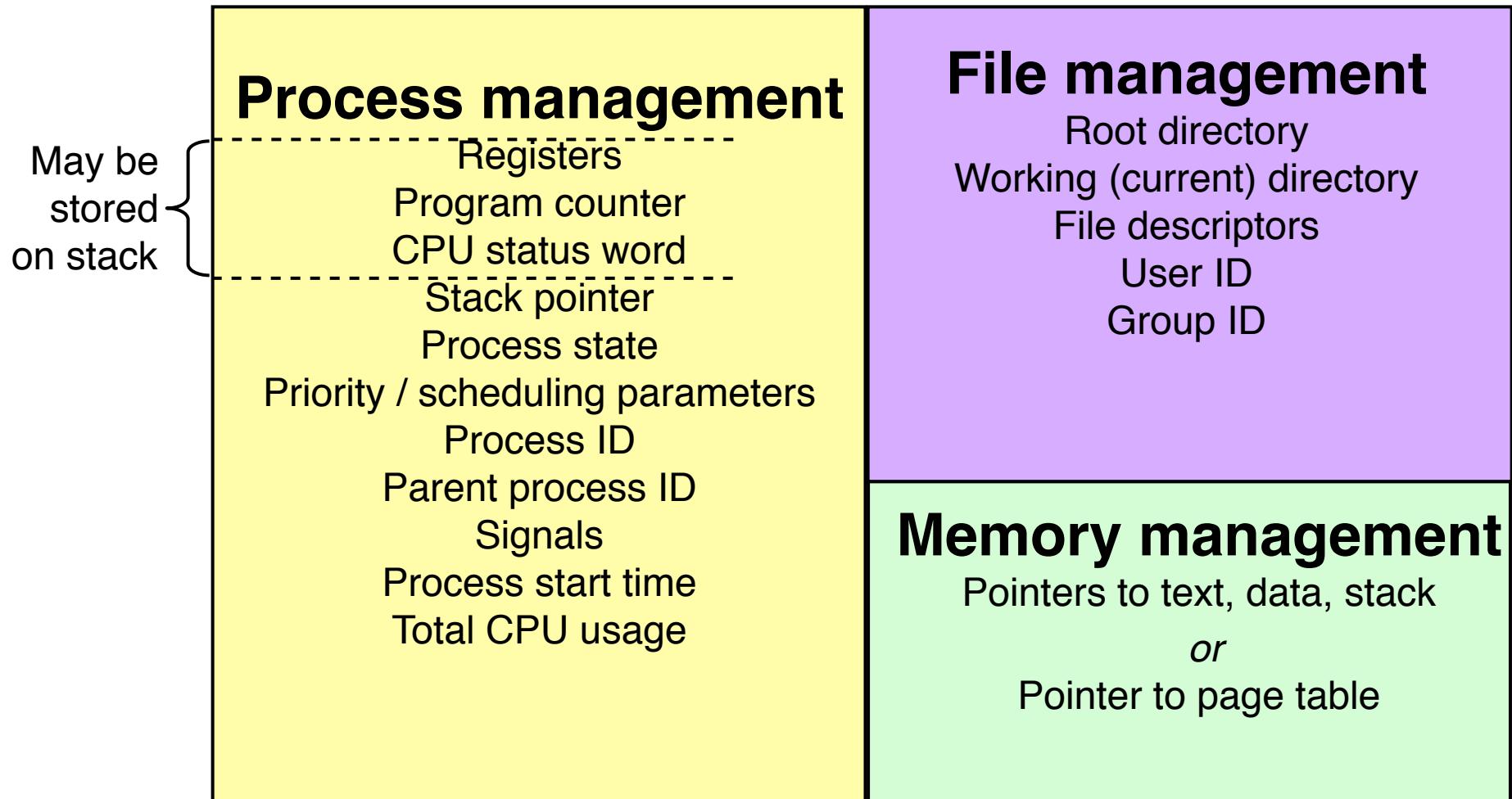
- ✿ Process in one of 5 states
  - Created
  - Ready
  - Running
  - Blocked
  - Exit
- ✿ Transitions between states
  - Process enters ready queue
  - Scheduler picks this process
  - Scheduler picks a different process
  - Process waits for event (such as I/O)
  - Event occurs
  - Process exits
  - Process ended by another process

# Processes in the OS

- ❖ Two “layers” for processes
- ❖ Lowest layer of process-structured OS handles  
interrupts, scheduling
- ❖ Above that layer are sequential processes
  - Processes tracked in the process table
  - Each process has a process table entry



# What's in a process table entry?

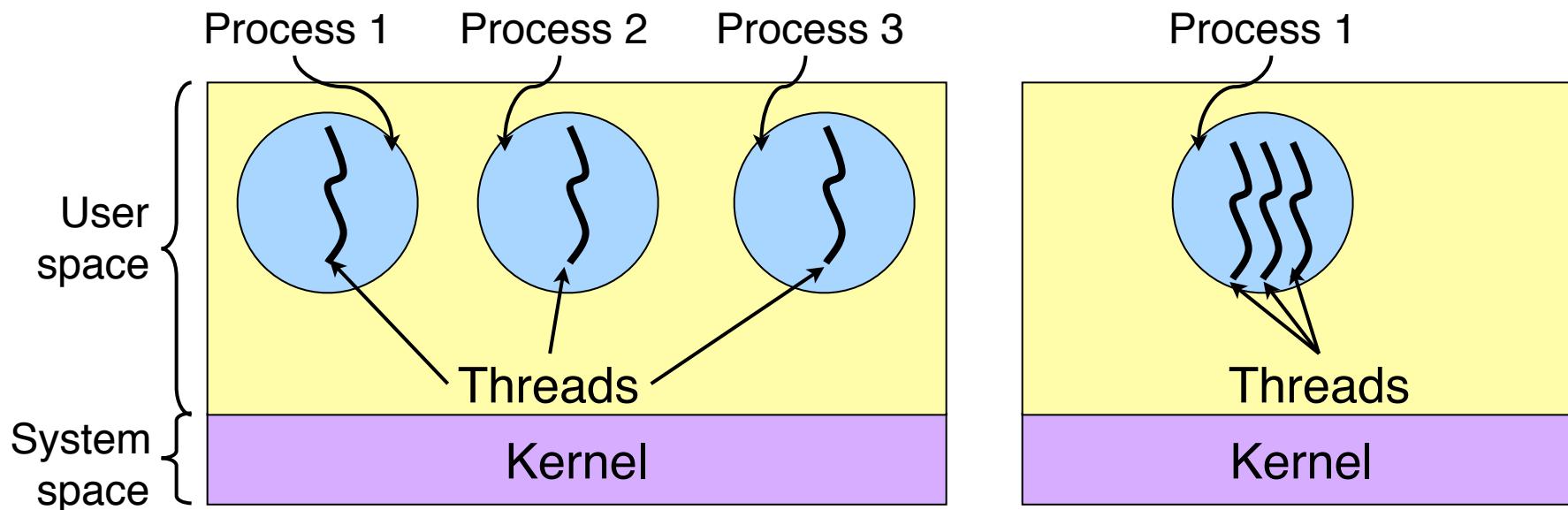


# What happens on a trap/interrupt?

1. Hardware saves program counter (on stack or in a special register)
2. Hardware loads new PC, identifies interrupt
3. Assembly language routine saves registers
4. Assembly language routine sets up stack
5. Assembly language calls C to run service routine
6. Service routine calls scheduler
7. Scheduler selects a process to run next (might be the one interrupted...)
8. Assembly language routine loads PC & registers for the selected process

# Threads: “processes” sharing memory

- ♦ Process == address space
- ♦ Thread == program counter / stream of instructions
- ♦ Two examples
  - Three processes, each with one thread
  - One process with three threads



# Process & thread information

## Per process items

Address space  
Open files  
Child processes  
Signals & handlers  
Accounting info  
*Global variables*

## Per thread items

Program counter  
Registers  
Stack & stack pointer  
State

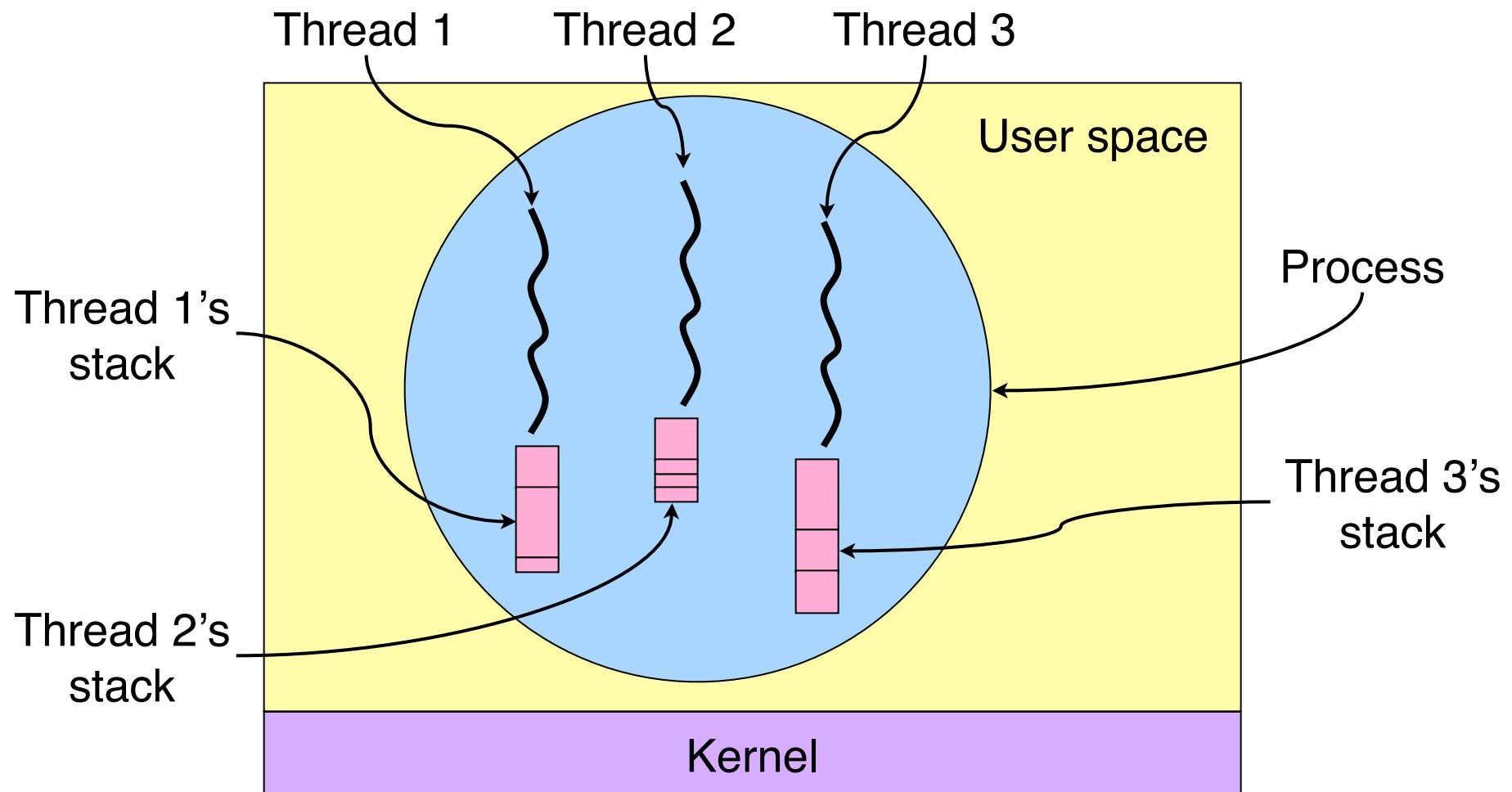
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# Threads & stacks



→ Each thread has its own stack!

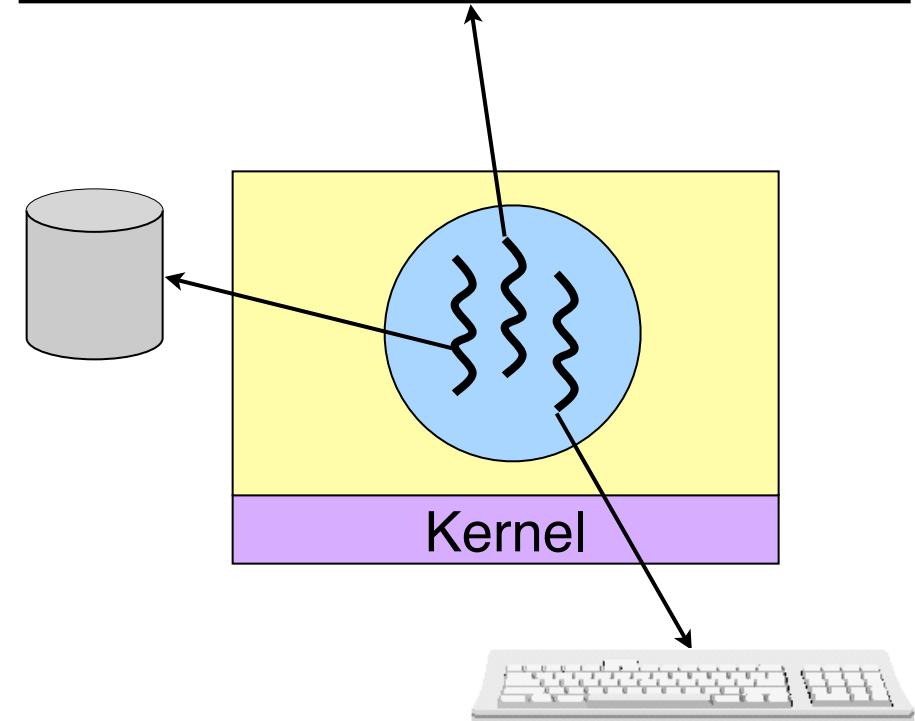
# Why use threads?

- ❖ Allow a single application to do many things at once
  - Simpler programming model
  - Less waiting
- ❖ Threads are faster to create or destroy
  - No separate address space
- ❖ Overlap computation and I/O
  - Could be done without threads, but it's harder
- ❖ Example: word processor
  - Thread to read from keyboard
  - Thread to format document
  - Thread to write to disk

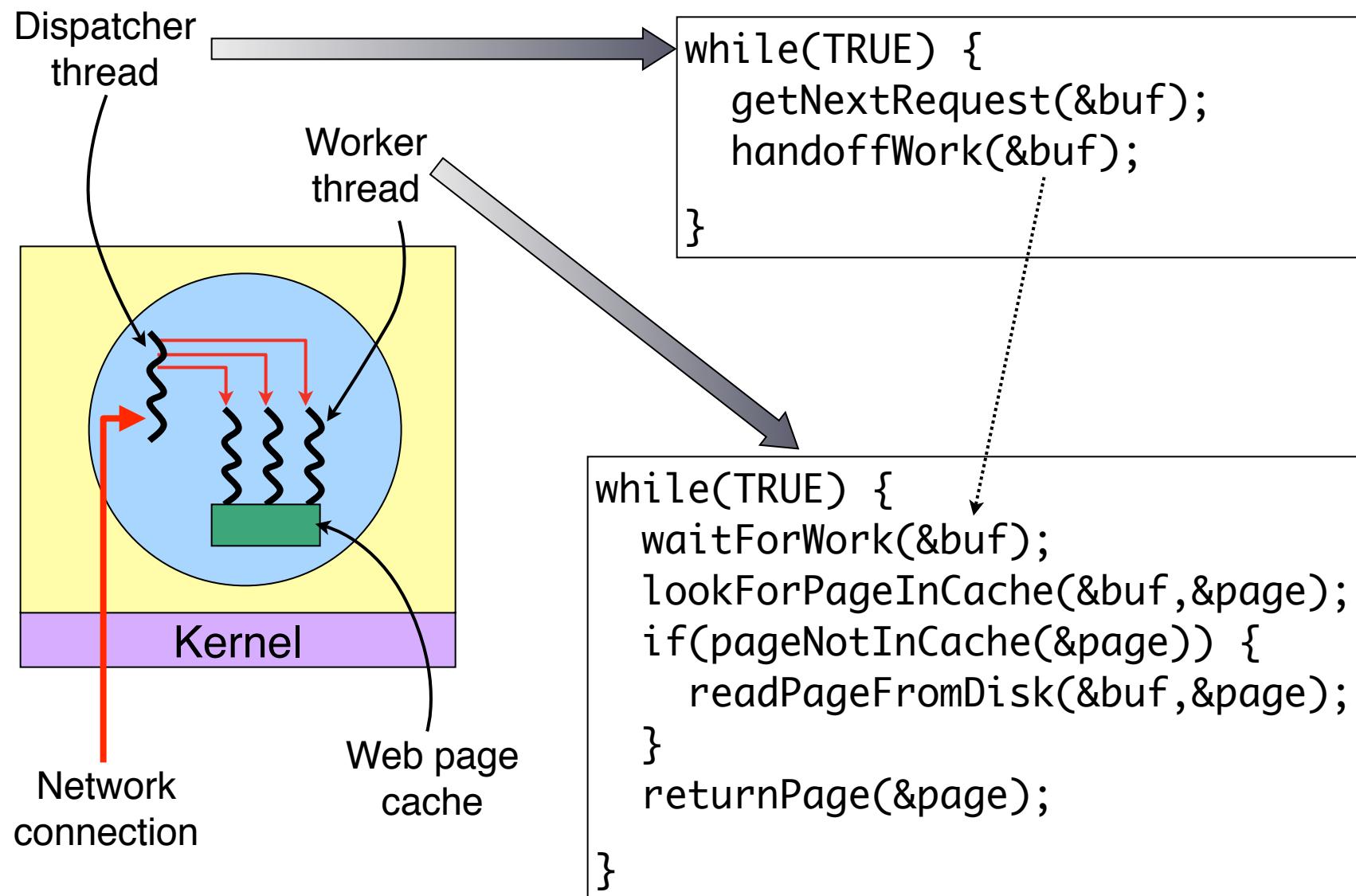
When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.—That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, -- That whenever any Form of Government becomes

destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all



# Multithreaded Web server

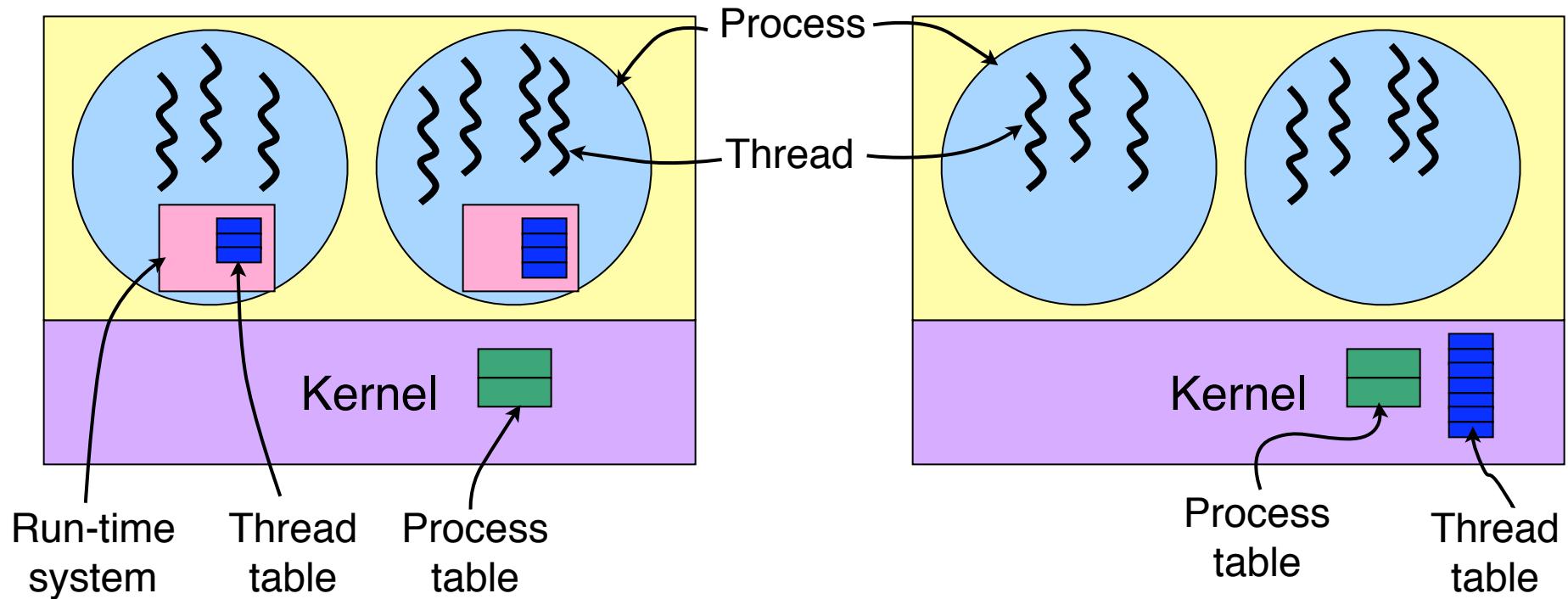


# Three ways to build a server

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- ✿ Thread model
  - Parallelism
  - Blocking system calls
- ✿ Single-threaded process: slow, but easier to do
  - No parallelism
  - Blocking system calls
- ✿ Finite-state machine (event model)
  - Each activity has its own state
  - States change when system calls complete or interrupts occur
  - Parallelism
  - Nonblocking system calls
  - Interrupts

# Implementing threads



## User-level threads

- + No need for kernel support
- May be slower than kernel threads
- Harder to do non-blocking I/O

## Kernel-level threads

- + More flexible scheduling
- + Non-blocking I/O
- Not portable

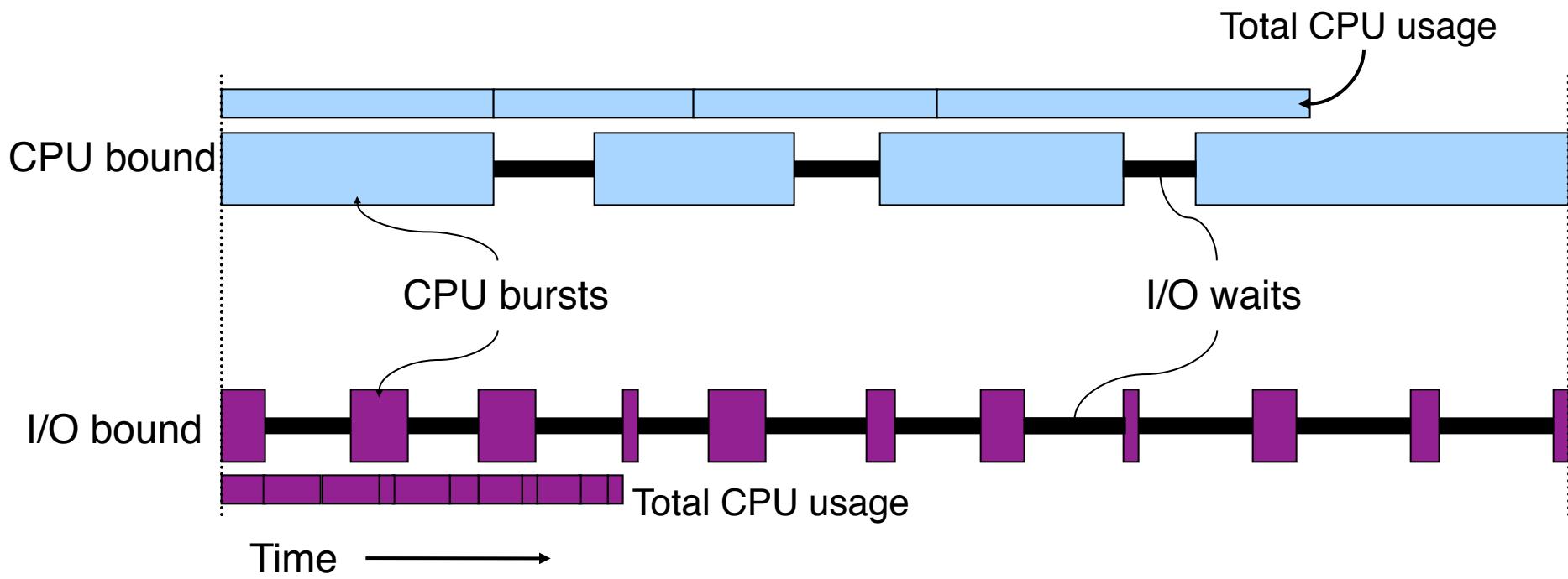
# Scheduling

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- ❖ What is scheduling?
  - Goals
  - Mechanisms
- ❖ Scheduling on batch systems
- ❖ Scheduling on interactive systems
- ❖ Other kinds of scheduling
  - Real-time scheduling

# Why schedule processes?

- Bursts of CPU usage alternate with periods of I/O wait
- Some processes are **CPU-bound**: they don't many I/O requests
- Other processes are **I/O-bound** and make many kernel requests



# When are processes scheduled?

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- ✿ At the time they enter the system
  - Common in batch systems
  - Two types of batch scheduling
    - Submission of a new job causes the scheduler to run
    - Scheduling only done when a job voluntarily gives up the CPU (i.e., while waiting for an I/O request)
- ✿ At relatively fixed intervals (clock interrupts)
  - Necessary for interactive systems
  - May also be used for batch systems
  - Scheduling algorithms at each interrupt, and picks the next process from the pool of “ready” processes

# Scheduling goals

## ♦ All systems

- Fairness: give each process a fair share of the CPU
- Enforcement: ensure that the stated policy is carried out
- Balance: keep all parts of the system busy

## ♦ Batch systems

- Throughput: maximize jobs per unit time (hour)
- Turnaround time: minimize time users wait for jobs
- CPU utilization: keep the CPU as busy as possible

## ♦ Interactive systems

- Response time: respond quickly to users' requests
- Proportionality: meet users' expectations

## ♦ Real-time systems

- Meet deadlines: missing deadlines is a system failure!
- Predictability: same type of behavior for each time slice

# Measuring scheduling performance

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- ✿ Throughput
  - Amount of work completed per second (minute, hour)
  - Higher throughput usually means better utilized system
- ✿ Response time
  - Response time is time from when a command is submitted until results are returned
  - Can measure average, variance, minimum, maximum, ...
  - May be more useful to measure time spent waiting
- ✿ Turnaround time
  - Like response time, but for batch jobs (response is the completion of the process)
- ✿ Usually not possible to optimize for ***all*** metrics with a single scheduling algorithm

# **Interactive vs. batch scheduling**

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## **Batch**

First-Come-First-Served  
(FCFS)

Shortest Job First (SJF)

Shortest Remaining Time  
First (SRTF)

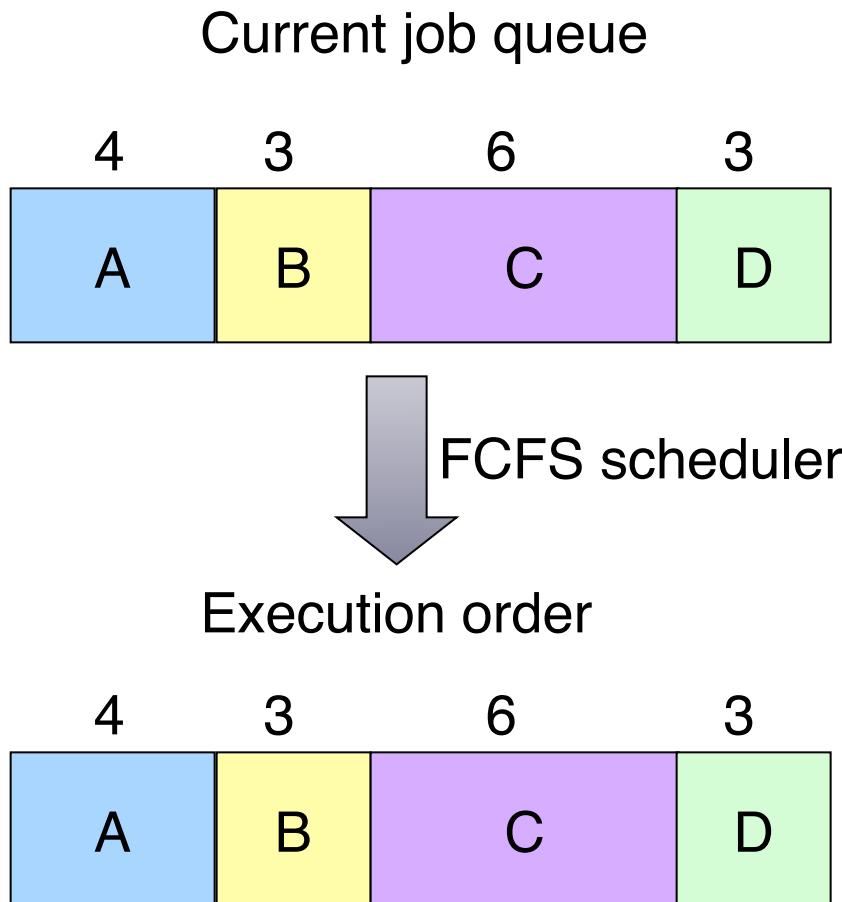
Priority (non-preemptive)

## **Interactive**

Round-Robin (RR)  
Priority (preemptive)

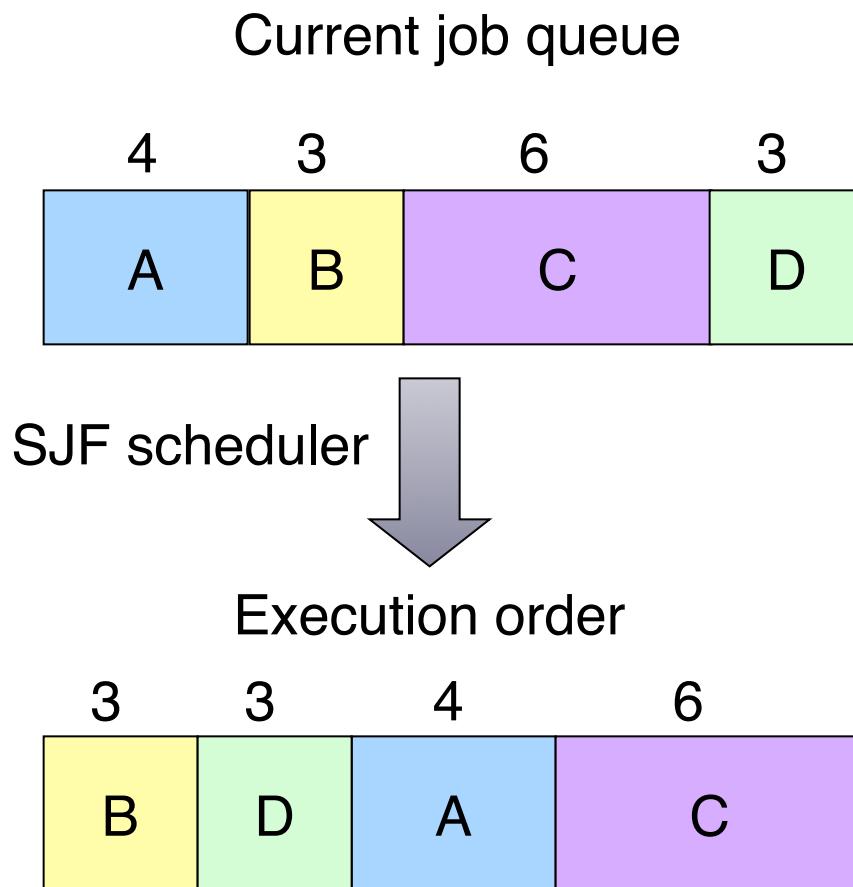
Multi-level feedback queue  
Lottery scheduling

# First Come, First Served (FCFS)



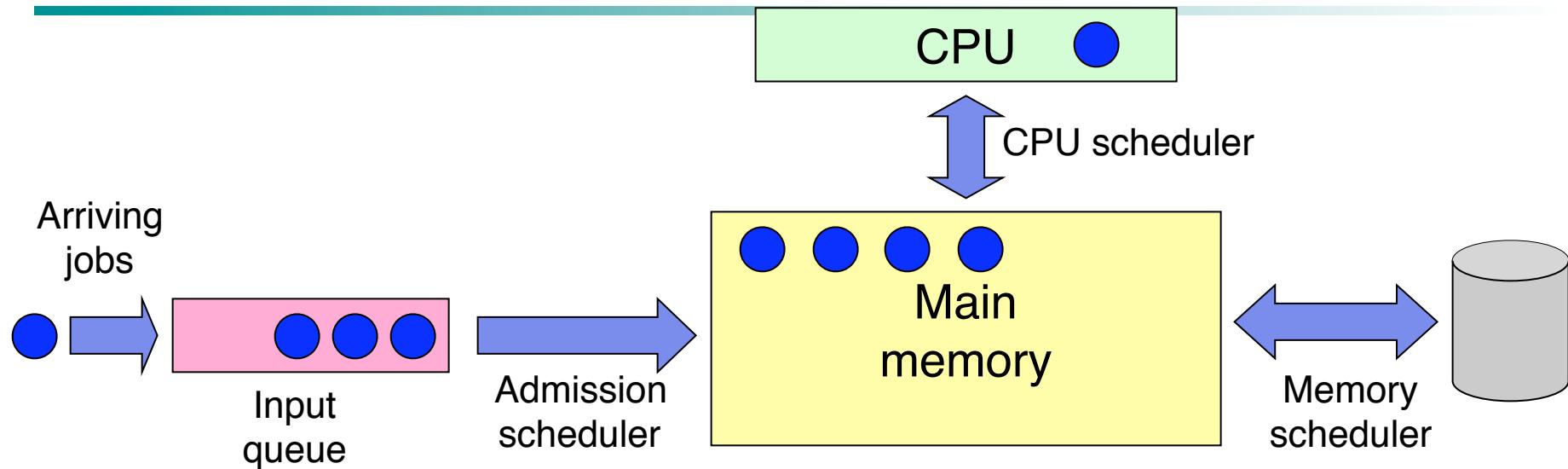
- ♦ Goal: do jobs in the order they arrive
  - Fair in the same way a bank teller line is fair
- ♦ Simple algorithm!
- ♦ Problem: long jobs delay every job after them
  - Many processes may wait for a single long job

# Shortest Job First (SJF)



- ✿ Goal: do the shortest job first
  - Short jobs complete first
  - Long jobs delay every job after them
- ✿ Jobs sorted in increasing order of execution time
  - Ordering of ties doesn't matter
- ✿ Shortest Remaining Time First (SRTF): preemptive form of SJF
  - Re-evaluate when a new job is submitted
- ✿ Problem: how does the scheduler know how long a job will take?

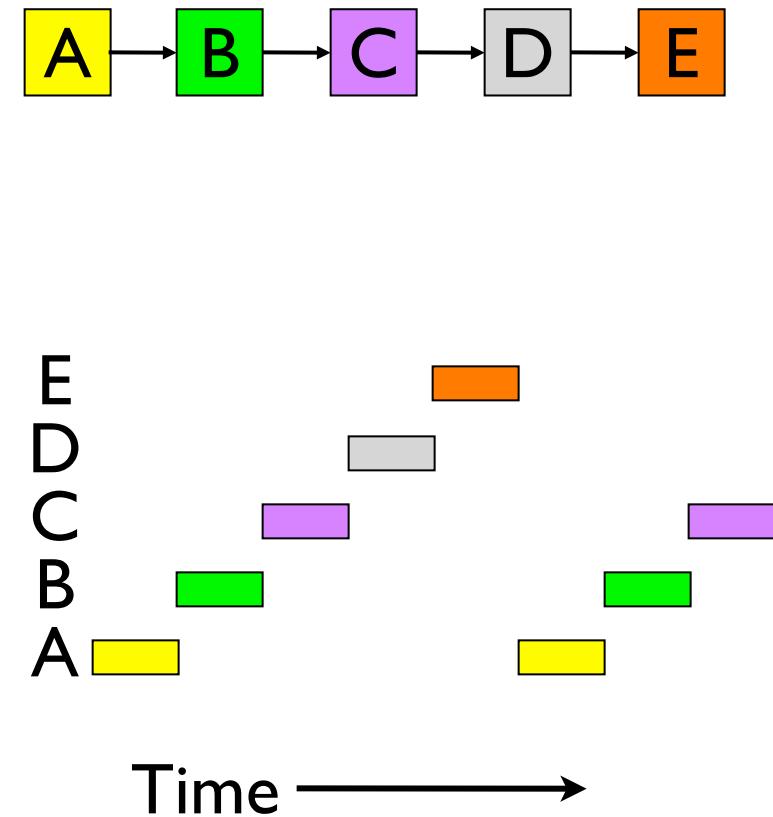
# Three-level scheduling



- ✿ Jobs held in input queue until moved into memory
  - Pick “complementary jobs”: small & large, CPU- & I/O-intensive
  - Jobs move into memory when admitted
- ✿ CPU scheduler picks next job to run
- ✿ Memory scheduler picks some jobs from main memory and moves them to disk if insufficient memory space

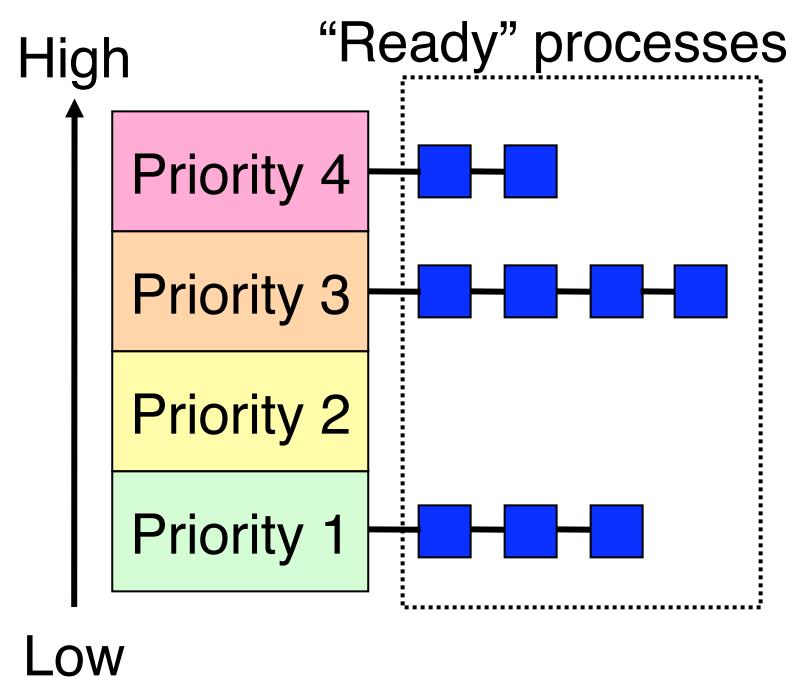
# Round Robin (RR) scheduling

- ❖ Round Robin scheduling
  - Give each process a **fixed time slot** (quantum)
  - Rotate through “ready” processes
  - Each process makes some progress
- ❖ What’s a good quantum?
  - Too short: many process switches hurt efficiency
  - Too long: poor response to interactive requests
  - Typical length: 10–100 ms



# Priority scheduling

- ❖ Assign a priority to each process
  - “Ready” process with highest priority allowed to run
  - Running process may be interrupted after its quantum expires
- ❖ Priorities may be assigned dynamically
  - Reduced when a process uses CPU time
  - Increased when a process waits for I/O
- ❖ Often, processes grouped into multiple queues based on priority, and run round-robin per queue



# Shortest process next

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- ✿ Run the process that will finish the soonest
  - In interactive systems, job completion time is unknown!
- ✿ Guess at completion time based on previous runs
  - Update estimate each time the job is run
  - Estimate is a combination of previous estimate and most recent run time
- ✿ Not often used because round robin with priority works so well!

# Lottery scheduling

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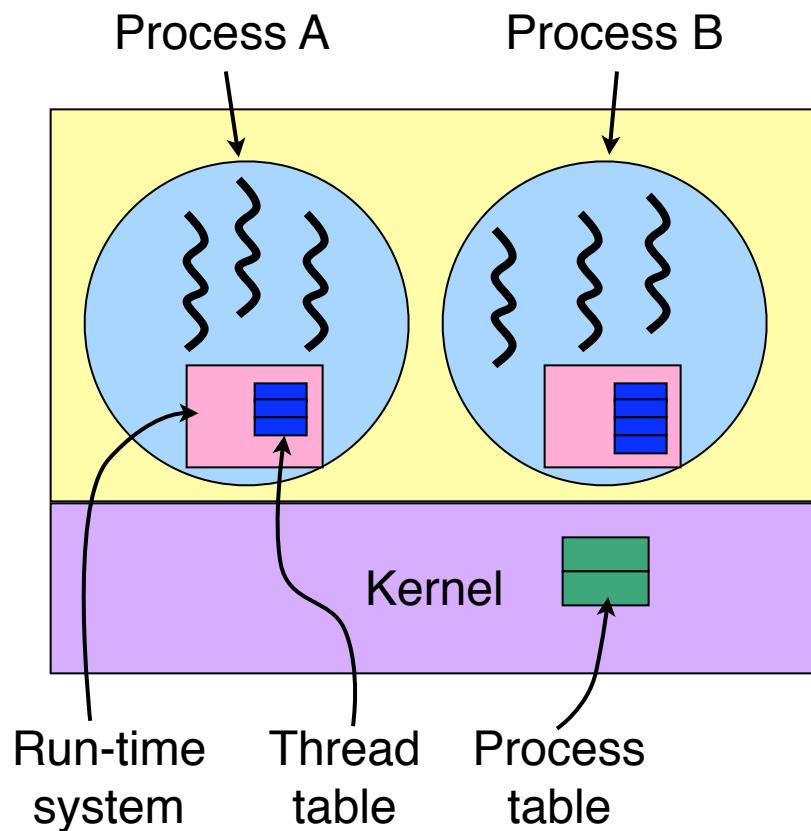
- ❖ Give processes “tickets” for CPU time
  - More tickets => higher share of CPU
- ❖ Each quantum, pick a ticket at random
  - If there are  $n$  tickets, pick a number from 1 to  $n$
  - Process holding the ticket gets to run for a quantum
- ❖ Over the long run, each process gets the CPU  $m/n$  of the time if the process has  $m$  of the  $n$  existing tickets
- ❖ Tickets can be transferred
  - Cooperating processes can exchange tickets
  - Clients can transfer tickets to server so it can have a higher priority

# Policy versus mechanism

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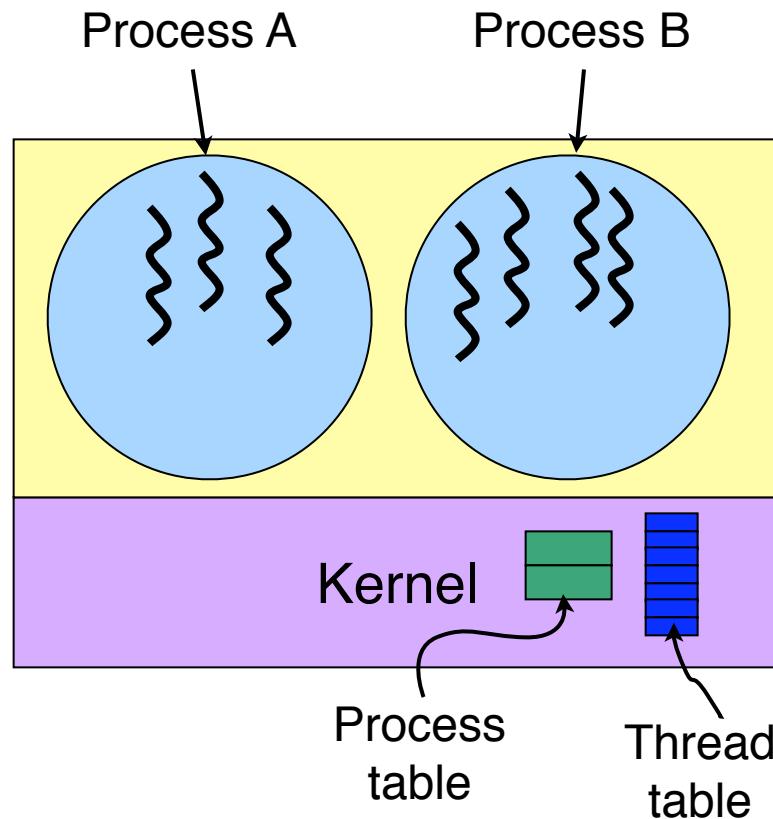
- ❖ Separate what may be done from how it is done
  - Mechanism allows
    - Priorities to be assigned to processes
    - CPU to select processes with high priorities
  - Policy set by what priorities are assigned to processes
- ❖ Scheduling algorithm parameterized
  - Mechanism in the kernel
  - Priorities assigned in the kernel or by users
- ❖ Parameters may be set by user processes
  - Don't allow a user process to take over the system!
  - Allow a user process to voluntarily lower its own priority
  - Allow a user process to assign priority to its threads

# Scheduling user-level threads



- ❖ Kernel picks a process to run next
- ❖ Run-time system (at user level) schedules threads
  - Run each thread for less than process quantum
  - Example: processes get 40ms each, threads get 10ms each
- ❖ Example schedule:  
A1,A2,A3,A1,B1,B3,B2,B3
- ❖ Not possible:  
A1,A2,B1,B2,A3,B3,A2,B1

# Scheduling kernel-level threads



- ✿ Kernel schedules each thread
  - No restrictions on ordering
  - May be more difficult for each process to specify priorities
- ✿ Example schedule:  
A1,A2,A3,A1,  
B1,B3,B2,B3
- ✿ Also possible:  
A1,A2,B1,B2,  
A3,B3,A2,B1

# **Chapter 2: Processes & Threads**

Part 2:  
Interprocess Communication & Synchronization

# Why do we need IPC?

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- ❖ Each process operates sequentially
- ❖ All is fine until processes want to share data
  - Exchange data between multiple processes
  - Allow processes to navigate critical regions
  - Maintain proper sequencing of actions in multiple processes
- ❖ These issues apply to threads as well
  - Threads can share data easily (same address space)
  - Other two issues apply to threads

# Example: bounded buffer problem

## Shared variables

```
const int n;  
typedef ... Item;  
Item buffer[n];  
int in = 0, out = 0,  
    counter = 0;
```

## Producer

```
Item pitm;  
while (1) {  
    ...  
    produce an item into pitm  
    ...  
    while (counter == n)  
        ;  
    buffer[in] = pitm;  
    in = (in+1) % n;  
    counter += 1; ←  
}
```

## Atomic statements:

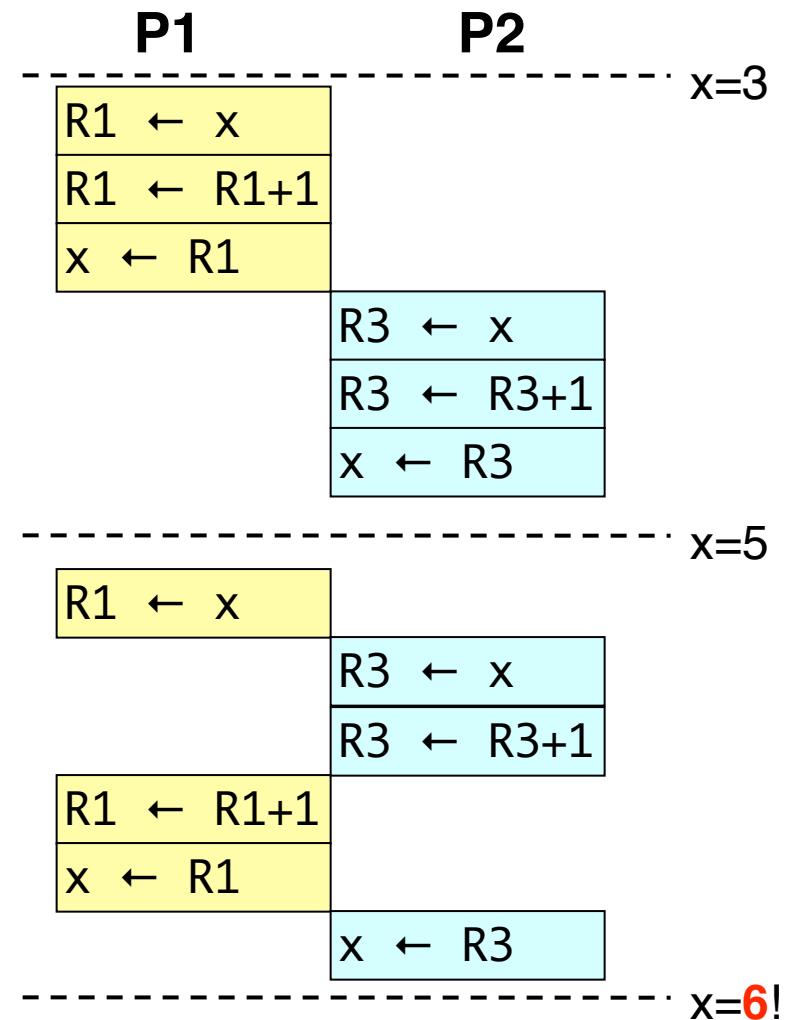
```
Counter += 1;  
Counter -= 1;
```

## Consumer

```
Item citm;  
while (1) {  
    while (counter == 0)  
        ;  
    citm = buffer[out];  
    out = (out+1) % n;  
    counter -= 1; ←  
    ...  
    consume the item in citm  
    ...  
}
```

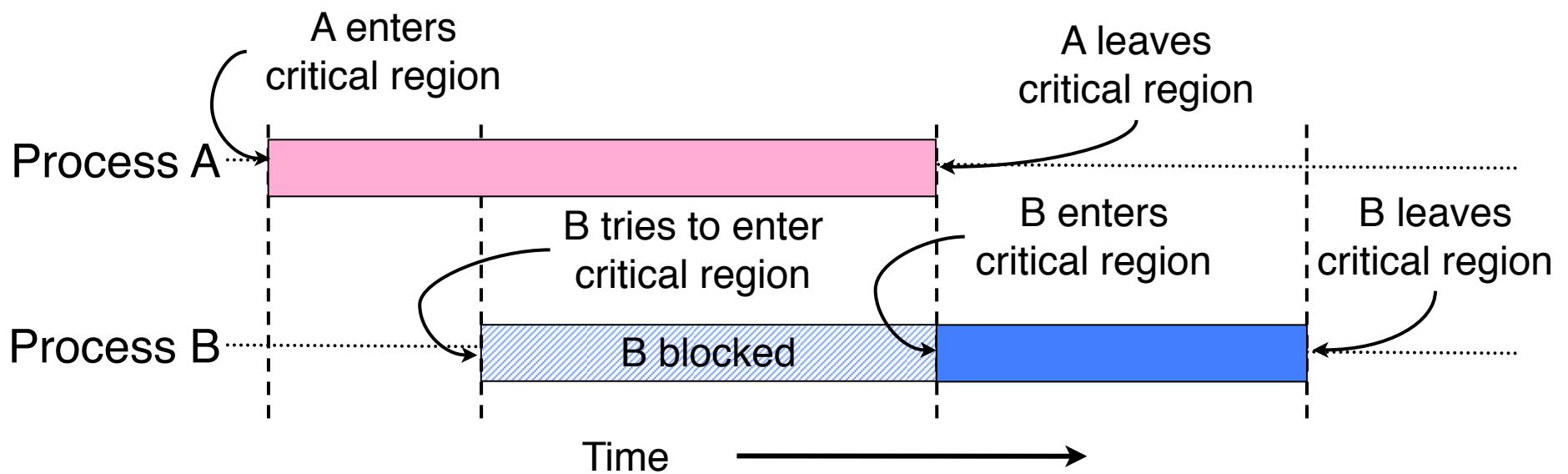
# Problem: race conditions

- Cooperating processes share storage (memory)
- Both may read and write the shared memory
- Problem: can't guarantee that read followed by write is atomic
  - Ordering matters!
- This can result in erroneous results!
- We need to eliminate race conditions...



# Critical regions

- ❖ Use critical regions to provide mutual exclusion and help fix race conditions
- ❖ Four conditions to provide mutual exclusion
  - No two processes simultaneously in critical region
  - No assumptions made about speeds or number of CPUs
  - No process running outside its critical region may block another process
  - A process may not wait forever to enter its critical region



# Busy waiting: strict alternation

Process 0

```
while (TRUE) {  
    while (turn != 0)  
        ; /* loop */  
    critical_region ();  
    turn = 1;  
    noncritical_region ();  
}
```

Process 1

```
while (TRUE) {  
    while (turn != 1)  
        ; /* loop */  
    critical_region ();  
    turn = 0;  
    noncritical_region ();  
}
```

- ❖ Use a shared variable (turn) to keep track of whose turn it is
- ❖ Waiting process continually reads the variable to see if it can proceed
  - This is called a spin lock because the waiting process “spins” in a tight loop reading the variable
- ❖ Avoids race conditions, but doesn’t satisfy criterion 3 for critical regions

# Busy waiting: working solution

```
#define FALSE 0
#define TRUE 1
#define N 2 // # of processes
int turn; // Whose turn is it?
int interested[N]; // Set to 1 if process j is interested

void enter_region(int process)
{
    int other = 1-process; // # of the other process
    interested[process] = TRUE; // show interest
    turn = process; // Set it to my turn
    while (turn==process && interested[other]==TRUE)
        ; // Wait while the other process runs
}

void leave_region (int process)
{
    interested[process] = FALSE; // I'm no longer interested
}
```

# Bakery algorithm for many processes

## ♦ Notation used

- <<< is lexicographical order on (ticket#, process ID)
- $(a,b) <<< (c,d)$  if  $(a <<< c)$  or  $((a==c) \text{ and } (b < d))$
- $\text{Max}(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1})$  is a number  $k$  such that  $k \geq a_i$  for all  $i$

## ♦ Shared data

- choosing initialized to 0
- number initialized to 0

```
int n; // # of processes
int choosing[n];
int number[n];
```

# Bakery algorithm: code

```
while (1) { // i is the number of the current process
    choosing[i] = 1;
    number[i] = max(number[0],number[1],...,number[n-1]) + 1;
    choosing[i] = 0;
    for (j = 0; j < n; j++) {
        while (choosing[j]) // wait while j is choosing a
                            // number
        ;
        // Wait while j wants to enter and j <<< i
        while ((number[j] != 0) &&
               ((number[j] < number[i]) ||
                (number[j] == number[i]) && (j < i)))
        ;
    }
    // critical section
    number[i] = 0;
    // rest of code
}
```

# Hardware for synchronization

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- ❖ Prior methods work, but...
  - May be somewhat complex
  - Require busy waiting: process spins in a loop waiting for something to happen, wasting CPU time
- ❖ Solution: use hardware
- ❖ Several hardware methods
  - Test & set: test a variable and set it in one instruction
  - Atomic swap: switch register & memory in one instruction
  - Turn off interrupts: process won't be switched out unless it asks to be suspended

# Mutual exclusion using hardware

- ❖ Single shared variable lock
- ❖ Still requires busy waiting, but code is much simpler
- ❖ Two versions
  - Test and set
  - Swap
- ❖ Works for any number of processes
- ❖ Possible problem with requirements
  - Non-concurrent code can lead to unbounded waiting

```
int lock = 0;
```

## Code for process $P_i$

```
while (1) {  
    while (TestAndSet(lock))  
        ;  
    // critical section  
    lock = 0;  
    // remainder of code  
}
```

## Code for process $P_i$

```
while (1) {  
    while (Swap(lock,1) == 1)  
        ;  
    // critical section  
    lock = 0;  
    // remainder of code  
}
```

# Eliminating busy waiting

- ❖ Problem: previous solutions waste CPU time
  - Both hardware and software solutions require spin locks
  - Allow processes to sleep while they wait to execute their critical sections
- ❖ Problem: priority inversion (higher priority process waits for lower priority process)
- ❖ Solution: use semaphores
  - Synchronization mechanism that doesn't require busy waiting during entire critical section
- ❖ Implementation
  - Semaphore S accessed by two **atomic** operations
    - Down(S): while ( $S \leq 0$ ) {};  $S = 1$ ;
    - Up(S):  $S = 1$ ;
  - Down() is another name for P()
  - Up() is another name for V()
  - Modify implementation to eliminate busy wait from Down()

# Critical sections using semaphores

- ♦ Define a class called Semaphore
  - Class allows more complex implementations for semaphores
  - Details hidden from processes
- ♦ Code for individual process is simple

## Shared variables

```
Semaphore mutex;
```

## Code for process $P_i$

```
while (1) {  
    down(mutex);  
    // critical section  
    up(mutex);  
    // remainder of code  
}
```

# Implementing semaphores with blocking

- ◆ Assume two operations:
  - Sleep(): suspends current process
  - Wakeup(P): allows process P to resume execution
- ◆ Semaphore is a class
  - Track value of semaphore
  - Keep a list of processes waiting for the semaphore
- ◆ Operations still atomic

```
class Semaphore {  
    int value;  
    ProcessList pl;  
    void down ();  
    void up ();  
};
```

## Semaphore code

```
Semaphore::down () {  
    value -= 1;  
    if (value < 0) {  
        // add this process to pl  
        Sleep ();  
    }  
}  
Semaphore::up () {  
    Process P;  
    value += 1;  
    if (value <= 0) {  
        // remove a process P  
        // from pl  
        Wakeup (P);  
    }  
}
```

# Semaphores for general synchronization

- We want to execute B in P1 only after A executes in P0
- Use a semaphore initialized to 0
- Use up() to notify P1 at the appropriate time

## Shared variables

```
// flag initialized to 0  
Semaphore flag;
```

### Process P<sub>0</sub>

```
.  
. .  
. .  
. .  
// Execute code for A  
flag.up ();
```

### Process P<sub>1</sub>

```
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. .  
. .  
. .  
flag.down ();  
// Execute code for B
```

# Types of semaphores

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- ❖ Two different types of semaphores
  - Counting semaphores
  - Binary semaphores
- ❖ Counting semaphore
  - Value can range over an unrestricted range
- ❖ Binary semaphore
  - Only two values possible
    - 1 means the semaphore is available
    - 0 means a process has acquired the semaphore
  - May be simpler to implement
- ❖ Possible to implement one type using the other

# Monitors

- ❖ A monitor is another kind of **high-level synchronization primitive**
  - One monitor has multiple entry points
  - Only one process may be in the monitor at any time
  - Enforces mutual exclusion - less chance for programming errors
- ❖ Monitors provided by high-level language
  - Variables belonging to monitor are protected from simultaneous access
  - Procedures in monitor are guaranteed to have mutual exclusion
- ❖ Monitor implementation
  - Language / compiler handles implementation
  - Can be implemented using semaphores

# Monitor usage

- ❖ This looks like C++ code, but it's not supported by C++
- ❖ Provides the following features:
  - Variables foo, bar, and arr are accessible only by proc1 & proc2
  - Only one process can be executing in either proc1 or proc2 at any time

```
monitor mon {  
    int foo;  
    int bar;  
    double arr[100];  
    void proc1(...) {  
    }  
    void proc2(...) {  
    }  
    void mon() { // initialization code  
    }  
}
```

# Condition variables in monitors

- ❖ Problem: how can a process wait inside a monitor?
  - Can't simply sleep: there's no way for anyone else to enter
  - Solution: use a condition variable
- ❖ Condition variables support two operations
  - Wait(): suspend this process until signaled
  - Signal(): wake up exactly one process waiting on this condition variable
    - If no process is waiting, signal has no effect
    - Signals on condition variables aren't “saved up”
- ❖ Condition variables are only usable within monitors
  - Process must be in monitor to signal on a condition variable
  - Question: which process gets the monitor after Signal()?

# Monitor semantics

- ✿ Problem: P signals on condition variable X, waking Q
  - Both can't be active in the monitor at the same time
  - Which one continues first?
- ✿ Mesa semantics
  - Signaling process (P) continues first
  - Q resumes when P leaves the monitor
  - Seems more logical: why suspend P when it signals?
- ✿ Hoare semantics
  - Awakened process (Q) continues first
  - P resumes when Q leaves the monitor
  - May be better: condition that Q wanted may no longer hold when P leaves the monitor

# Locks & condition variables

- ❖ Monitors require native language support
- ❖ Provide monitor support using special data types and procedures
  - Locks (Acquire(), Release())
  - Condition variables (Wait(), Signal())
- ❖ Lock usage
  - Acquiring a lock == entering a monitor
  - Releasing a lock == leaving a monitor
- ❖ Condition variable usage
  - Each condition variable is associated with exactly one lock
  - Lock must be held to use condition variable
  - Waiting on a condition variable releases the lock implicitly
  - Returning from Wait() on a condition variable reacquires the lock

# Implementing locks with semaphores

```
class Lock {  
    Semaphore mutex(1);  
    Semaphore next(0);  
    int nextCount = 0;  
};
```

```
Lock::Acquire()  
{  
    mutex.down();  
}
```

```
Lock::Release()  
{  
    if (nextCount > 0)  
        next.up();  
    else  
        mutex.up();  
}
```

- ❖ Use *mutex* to ensure **exclusion** within the lock bounds
- ❖ Use *next* to give lock to processes with a higher priority (why?)
- ❖ *nextCount* indicates whether there are any higher priority waiters

# Implementing condition variables

```
class Condition {  
    Lock *lock;  
    Semaphore condSem(0);  
    int semCount = 0;  
};
```

- Are these Hoare or Mesa semantics?
- Can there be multiple condition variables for a single Lock?

```
Condition::Wait ()  
{  
    semCount += 1;  
    if (lock->nextCount > 0)  
        lock->next.up();  
    else  
        lock->mutex.up();  
    condSem.down ();  
    semCount -= 1;  
}
```

```
Condition::Signal ()  
{  
    if (semCount > 0) {  
        lock->nextCount += 1;  
        condSem.up ();  
        lock->next.down ();  
        lock->nextCount -= 1;  
    }  
}
```

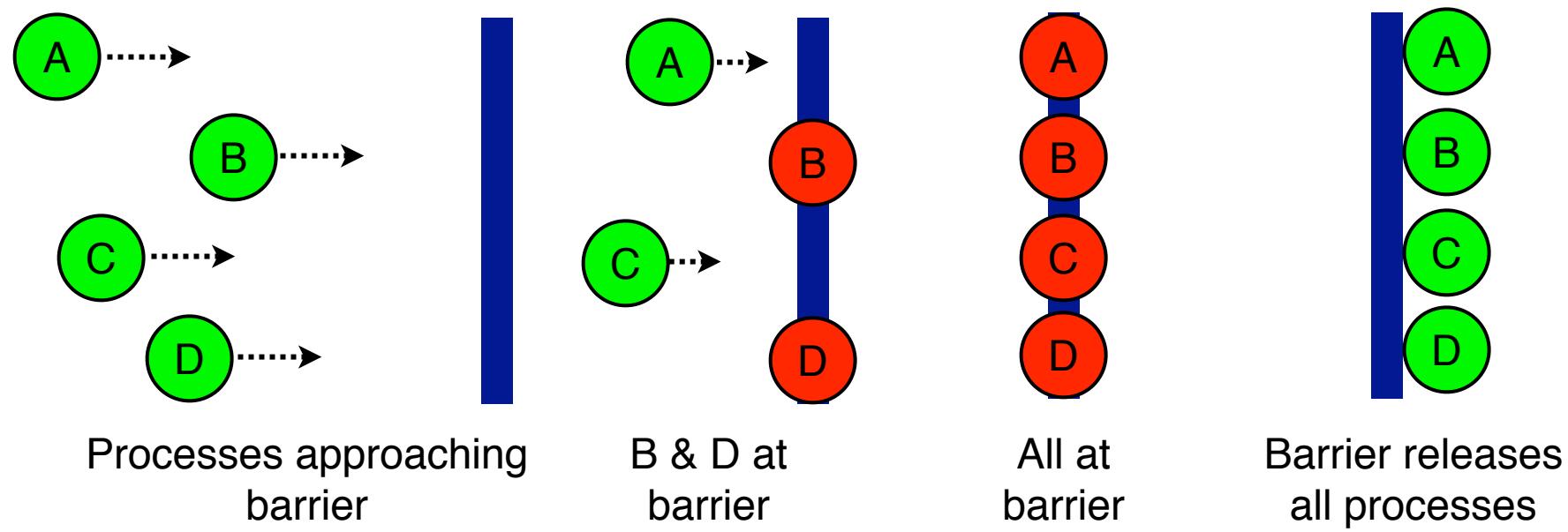
# Message passing

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- ❖ Synchronize by exchanging messages
- ❖ Two primitives:
  - Send: send a message
  - Receive: receive a message
  - Both may specify a “channel” to use
- ❖ Issue: how does the sender know the receiver got the message?
- ❖ Issue: authentication

# Barriers

- Used for **synchronizing** multiple processes
- Processes wait at a “barrier” until all in the group arrive
- After all have arrived, all processes can proceed
- May be implemented using locks and condition variables



# Implementing barriers using semaphores

```
Barrier b;          /* contains two semaphores */
b.bsem.value = 0;   /* for the barrier */
b.mutex.value = 1;  /* for mutual exclusion */
b.waiting = 0;
b.maxproc = n;      /* n processes needed at barrier */

HitBarrier (Barrier *b)
{
    SemDown (&b->mutex);
    if (++b->waiting >= b->maxproc) {
        while (--b->waiting > 0) {
            SemUp (&b->bsem);
        }
        SemUp (&b->mutex);
    } else {
        SemUp (&b->mutex);
        SemDown (&b->bsem);
    }
}
```

Use locks and condition variables

# Deadlock and starvation

- ❖ Deadlock: two or more processes are **waiting** indefinitely for an event that can only be caused by a waiting process
  - P<sub>0</sub> gets A, needs B
  - P<sub>1</sub> gets B, needs A
  - Each process waiting for the other to signal
- ❖ Starvation: indefinite blocking
  - Process is never removed from the semaphore queue in which its suspended
  - May be caused by ordering in queues (priority)

## Shared variables

```
Semaphore A(1),B(1);
```

### Process P<sub>0</sub>

```
A.down();  
B.down();  
.  
.  
.  
B.up();  
A.up();
```

### Process P<sub>1</sub>

```
B.down();  
A.down();  
.  
.  
.  
A.up();  
B.up();
```

# Classical synchronization problems

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- ✿ Bounded Buffer
  - Multiple producers and consumers
  - Synchronize access to shared buffer
- ✿ Readers & Writers
  - Many processes that may read and/or write
  - Only one writer allowed at any time
  - Many readers allowed, but not while a process is writing
- ✿ Dining Philosophers
  - Resource allocation problem
  - $N$  processes and limited resources to perform sequence of tasks
- ✿ Goal: use **semaphores** to implement solutions to these problems

# Bounded buffer problem

Goal: implement producer-consumer without busy waiting

```
const int n;  
Semaphore empty(n),full(0),mutex(1);  
Item buffer[n];
```

Producer	Consumer
<pre>int in = 0; Item pitem; while (1) {     // produce an item     // into pitem     empty.down();     mutex.down();     buffer[in] = pitem;     in = (in+1) % n;     mutex.up();     full.up(); }</pre>	<pre>int out = 0; Item citem; while (1) {     full.down();     mutex.down();     citem = buffer[out];     out = (out+1) % n;     mutex.up();     empty.up();     // consume item from     // citem }</pre>

# Readers-writers problem

## Shared variables

```
int nreaders;  
Semaphore mutex(1), writing(1);
```

## Reader process

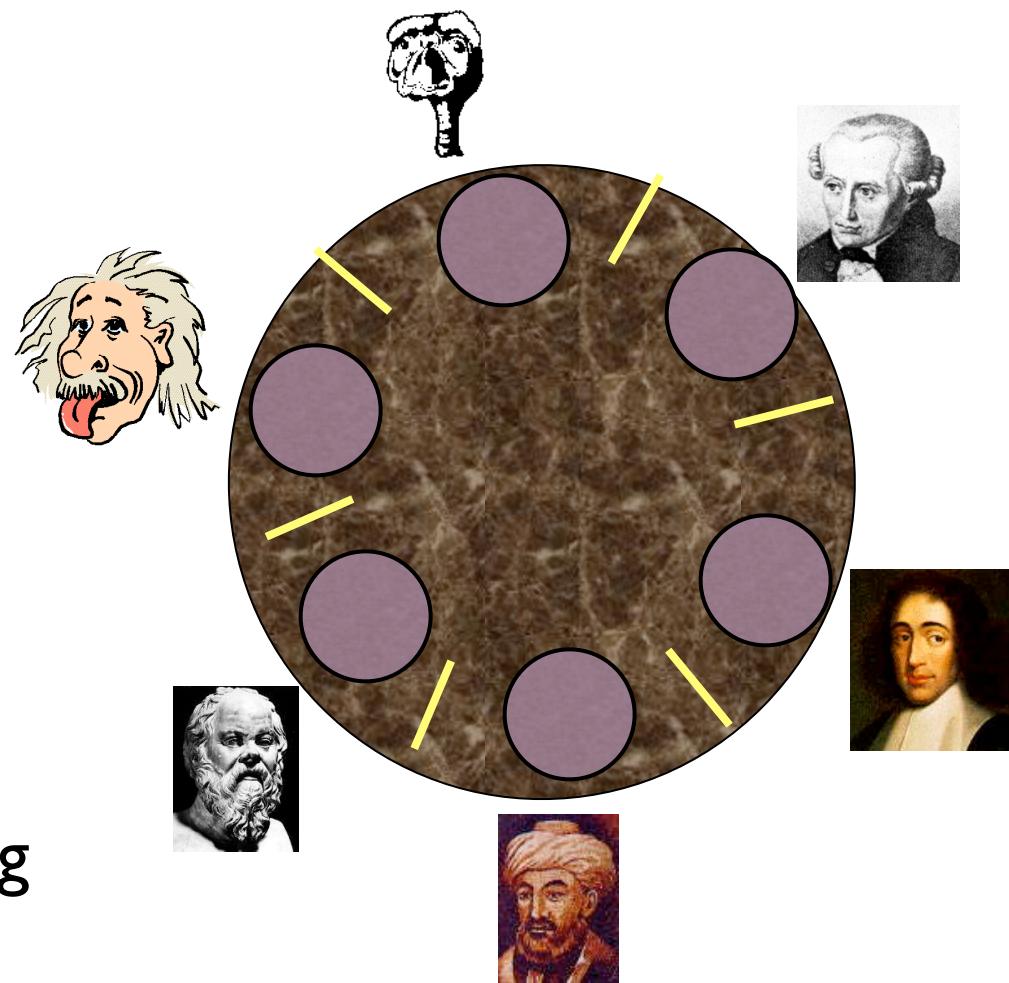
```
...  
mutex.down();  
nreaders += 1;  
if (nreaders == 1) // wait if  
    writing.down(); // 1st reader  
mutex.up();  
// Read some stuff  
mutex.down();  
nreaders -= 1;  
if (nreaders == 0) // signal if  
    writing.up(); // last reader  
mutex.up();  
...
```

## Writer process

```
...  
writing.down();  
// Write some stuff  
writing.up();  
...
```

# Dining Philosophers

- ❖  $N$  philosophers around a table
  - All are hungry
  - All like to think
- ❖  $N$  chopsticks available
  - 1 between each pair of philosophers
- ❖ Philosophers need two chopsticks to eat
- ❖ Philosophers alternate between eating and thinking
- ❖ Goal: coordinate use of chopsticks



# Dining Philosophers: solution

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- ✿ Use a semaphore for each chopstick
- ✿ A hungry philosopher
  - Gets the chopstick to his right
  - Gets the chopstick to his left
  - Eats
  - Puts down the chopsticks
- ✿ Potential problems?
  - Deadlock
  - Fairness

## Shared variables

```
const int n;  
// initialize to 1  
Semaphore chopstick[n];
```

## Code for philosopher *i*

```
while(1) {  
    chopstick[i].down();  
    chopstick[(i+1)%n].down();  
    // eat  
    chopstick[i].up();  
    chopstick[(i+1)%n].up();  
    // think  
}
```

# Dining Philosophers: solution

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- ♦ Use a semaphore for each chopstick
- ♦ A hungry philosopher
  - Gets lower, then higher numbered chopstick
  - Eats
  - Puts down the chopsticks
- ♦ Potential problems?
  - Deadlock
  - Fairness

## Shared variables

```
const int n;  
// initialize to 1  
Semaphore chopstick[n];
```

## Code for philosopher *i*

```
int i1,i2;  
while(1) {  
    if (i != (n-1)) {  
        i1 = i;  
        i2 = i+1;  
    } else {  
        i1 = 0;  
        i2 = n-1;  
    }  
    chopstick[i1].down();  
    chopstick[i2].down();  
    // eat  
    chopstick[i1].up();  
    chopstick[i2].up();  
    // think  
}
```

# Dining philosophers with locks

## Shared variables

```
const int n;  
// initialize to THINK  
int state[n];  
Lock mutex;  
// use mutex for self  
Condition self[n];
```

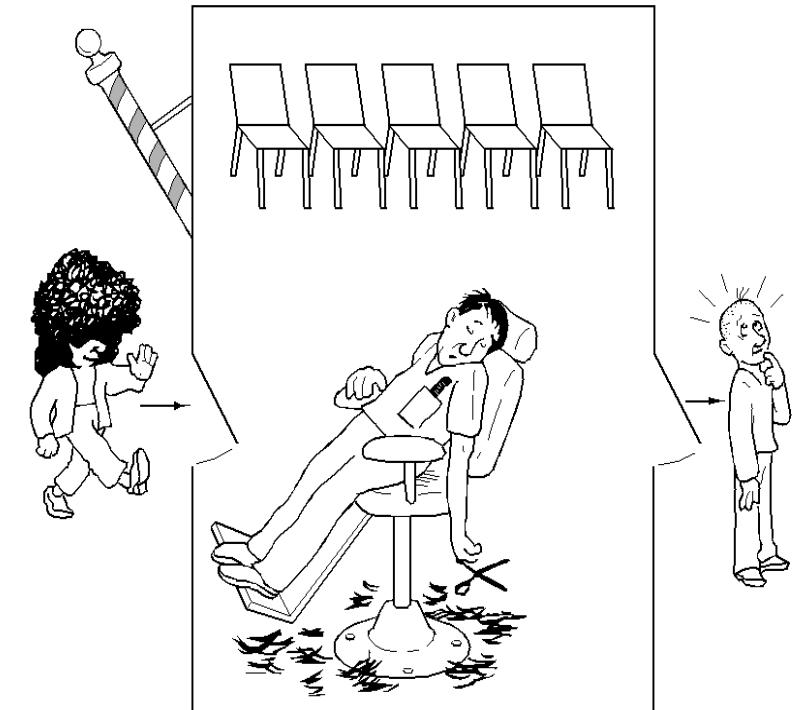
```
void test(int k)  
{  
    if ((state[(k+n-1)%n])!=EAT)  
&&  
        (state[k]==HUNGRY) &&  
        (state[(k+1)%n]!=EAT)) {  
        state[k] = EAT;  
        self[k].Signal();  
    }  
}
```

## Code for philosopher j

```
while (1) {  
    // pickup chopstick  
    mutex.Acquire();  
    state[j] = HUNGRY;  
    test(j);  
    if (state[j] != EAT)  
        self[j].Wait();  
    mutex.Release();  
    // eat  
    mutex.Acquire();  
    state[j] = THINK;  
    test((j+1)%n); // next  
    test((j+n-1)%n); // prev  
    mutex.Release();  
    // think  
}
```

# The Sleepy Barber Problem

- ❖ Barber wants to sleep all day
  - Wakes up to cut hair
- ❖ Customers wait in chairs until barber chair is free
  - Limited space in the waiting room
  - Leave if no space free
- ❖ Write the synchronization code for this problem...



# Code for the Sleepy Barber Problem

```
#define CHAIRS 5
Semaphore customers=0;
Semaphore barbers=0;
Semaphore mutex=0;
int waiting=0;
```

```
void barber(void)
{
    while(TRUE) {
        // Sleep if no customers
        customers.down();
        // Decrement # of waiting people
        mutex.down();
        waiting -= 1;
        // Wake up a customer to cut hair
        barbers.up();
        mutex.up();
        // Do the haircut
        cut_hair();
    }
}
```

```
void customer(void)
{
    mutex.down();
    // If there is space in the chairs
    if (waiting<CHAIRS) {
        // Another customer is waiting
        waiting++;
        // Wake up the barber. This is
        // saved up, so the barber doesn't
        // sleep if a customer is waiting
        customers.up();
        mutex.up();
        // Sleep until the barber is ready
        barbers.down();
        get_haircut();
    } else {
        // Chairs full, leave the critical
        // region
        mutex.up();
    }
}
```