

CS162 Operating Systems and Systems Programming Lecture 5

Introduction to Networking (Finished), Concurrency (Processes and Threads)

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Recall: Namespaces for communication over IP

- Hostname
 - `www.eecs.berkeley.edu`
- IP address
 - `128.32.244.172` (ipv6?)
- Port Number
 - 0-1023 are "**well known**" or "system" ports
 - » Superuser privileges to bind to one
 - 1024 - 49151 are "registered" ports (**registry**)
 - » Assigned by IANA for specific services
 - 49152-65535 ($2^{15}+2^{14}$ to $2^{16}-1$) are "dynamic" or "private"
 - » Automatically allocated as "ephemeral Ports"

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Recall: Use of Sockets in TCP

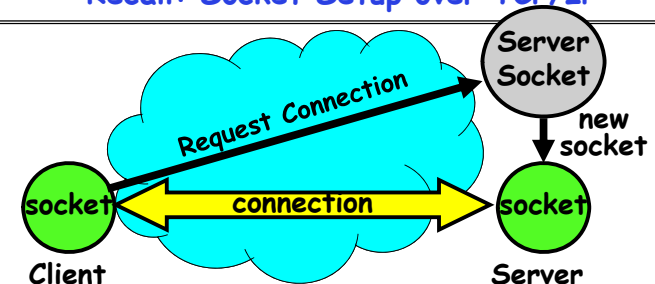
- **Socket**: an abstraction of a network I/O queue
 - Embodies one side of a communication channel
 - » Same interface regardless of location of other end
 - » Could be local machine (called "UNIX socket") or remote machine (called "network socket")
 - First introduced in 4.2 BSD UNIX: big innovation at time
 - » Now most operating systems provide some notion of socket
- Using Sockets for Client-Server (C/C++ interface):
 - On server: set up "server-socket"
 - » Create socket, Bind to protocol (TCP), local address, port
 - » Call `listen()`: tells server socket to accept incoming requests
 - » Perform multiple `accept()` calls on socket to accept incoming connection request
 - » Each successful `accept()` returns a new socket for a new connection; can pass this off to handler thread
 - On client:
 - » Create socket, Bind to protocol (TCP), remote address, port
 - » Perform `connect()` on socket to make connection
 - » If `connect()` successful, have socket connected to server

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Recall: Socket Setup over TCP/IP



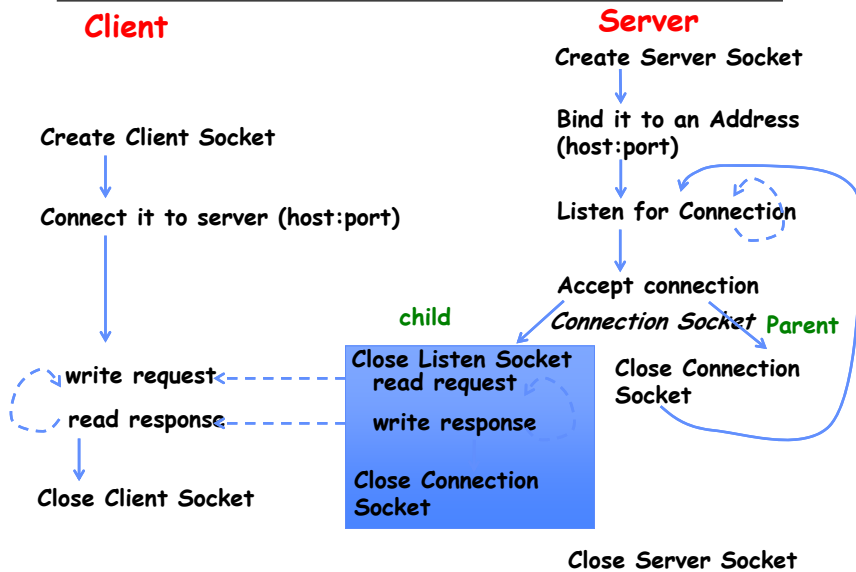
- Server Socket: Listens for new connections
 - Produces new sockets for each unique connection
- Things to remember:
 - Connection involves 5 values:
[Client Addr, Client Port, Server Addr, Server Port, Protocol]
 - Often, Client Port "randomly" assigned
 - » Done by OS during client socket setup
 - Server Port often "well known"
 - » 80 (web), 443 (secure web), 25 (sendmail), etc
 - » Well-known ports from 0-1023

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Example: Server Protection and Parallelism



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Recall: Server Protocol (v3)

```
while (1) {
    listen(lstnsckfd, MAXQUEUE);
    consockfd = accept(lstnsckfd, (struct sockaddr *) &cli_addr,
                       &clilen);

    cpid = fork(); /* new process for connection */
    if (cpid > 0) { /* parent process */
        close(consockfd);
    } else if (cpid == 0) { /* child process */
        close(lstnsckfd); /* let go of listen socket */

        server(consockfd);

        close(consockfd);
        exit(EXIT_SUCCESS); /* exit child normally */
    }
}
close(lstnsckfd);
```

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Server Address - itself

```
memset((char *) &serv_addr, 0, sizeof(serv_addr));
serv_addr.sin_family = AF_INET;
serv_addr.sin_addr.s_addr = INADDR_ANY;
serv_addr.sin_port = htons(portno);
```

- Simple form
- Internet Protocol
- accepting any connections on the specified port
- In "network byte ordering"

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Client: getting the server address

```
struct hostent *buildServerAddr(struct sockaddr_in *serv_addr,
                                char *hostname, int portno) {
    struct hostent *server;

    /* Get host entry associated with a hostname or IP address */
    server = gethostbyname(hostname);
    if (server == NULL) {
        fprintf(stderr, "ERROR, no such host\n");
        exit(1);
    }

    /* Construct an address for remote server */
    memset((char *) serv_addr, 0, sizeof(struct sockaddr_in));
    serv_addr->sin_family = AF_INET;
    bcopy((char *) server->h_addr,
          (char *) &(serv_addr->sin_addr.s_addr), server->h_length);
    serv_addr->sin_port = htons(portno);

    return server;
}
```

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BIG OS Concepts so far

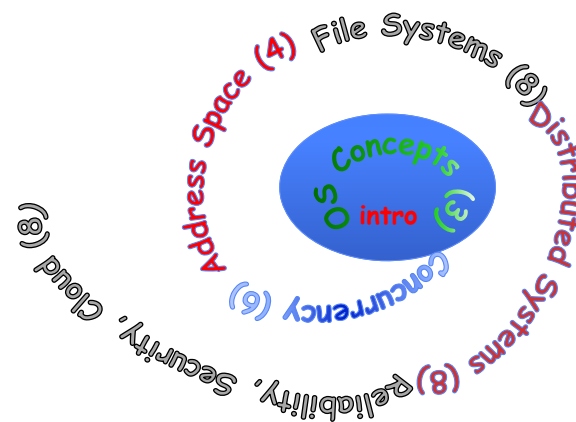
- Processes
- Address Space
- Protection
- Dual Mode
- Interrupt handlers (including syscall and trap)
- File System
 - Integrates processes, users, cwd, protection
- Key Layers: OS Lib, Syscall, Subsystem, Driver
 - User handler on OS descriptors
- Process control
 - fork, wait, signal, exec
- Communication through sockets
- Client-Server Protocol

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Course Structure: Spiral



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Recall: Traditional UNIX Process

- Process: Operating system abstraction to represent what is needed to run a single program
 - Often called a "HeavyWeight Process"
 - No concurrency in a "HeavyWeight Process"
- Two parts:
 - Sequential program execution stream
 - » Code executed as a sequential stream of execution (i.e., thread)
 - » Includes State of CPU registers
 - Protected resources:
 - » Main memory state (contents of Address Space)
 - » I/O state (i.e. file descriptors)

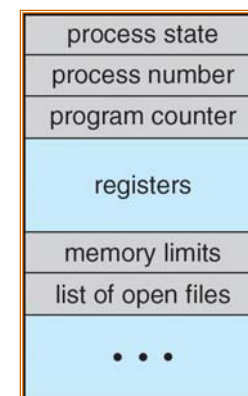
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How do we Multiplex Processes?

- The current state of process held in a process control block (PCB):
 - This is a "snapshot" of the execution and protection environment
 - Only one PCB active at a time
- Give out CPU time to different processes (Scheduling):
 - Only one process "running" at a time
 - Give more time to important processes
- Give pieces of resources to different processes (Protection):
 - Controlled access to non-CPU resources
 - Example mechanisms:
 - » Memory Mapping: Give each process their own address space
 - » Kernel/User duality: Arbitrary multiplexing of I/O through system calls



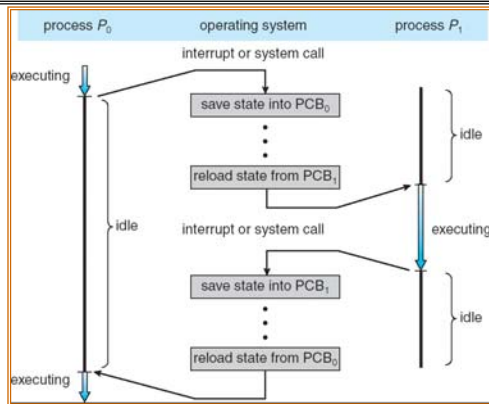
Process Control Block

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CPU Switch From Process to Process



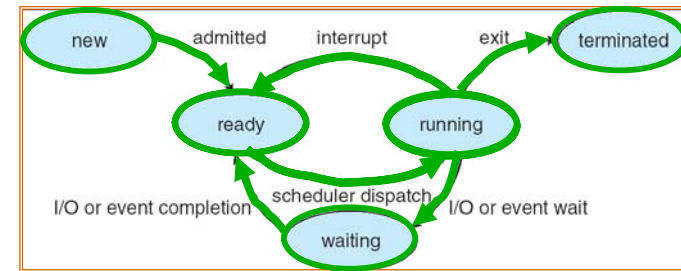
- This is also called a "context switch"
- Code executed in kernel above is overhead
 - Overhead sets minimum practical switching time
 - Less overhead with SMT/hyperthreading, but... contention for resources instead

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Lifecycle of a Process



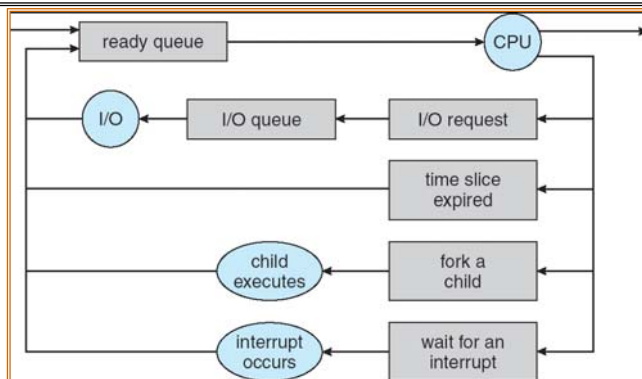
- As a process executes, it changes state:
 - **new**: The process is being created
 - **ready**: The process is waiting to run
 - **running**: Instructions are being executed
 - **waiting**: Process waiting for some event to occur
 - **terminated**: The process has finished execution

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Process Scheduling



- PCBs move from queue to queue as they change state
 - Decisions about which order to remove from queues are **Scheduling** decisions
 - Many algorithms possible (few weeks from now)

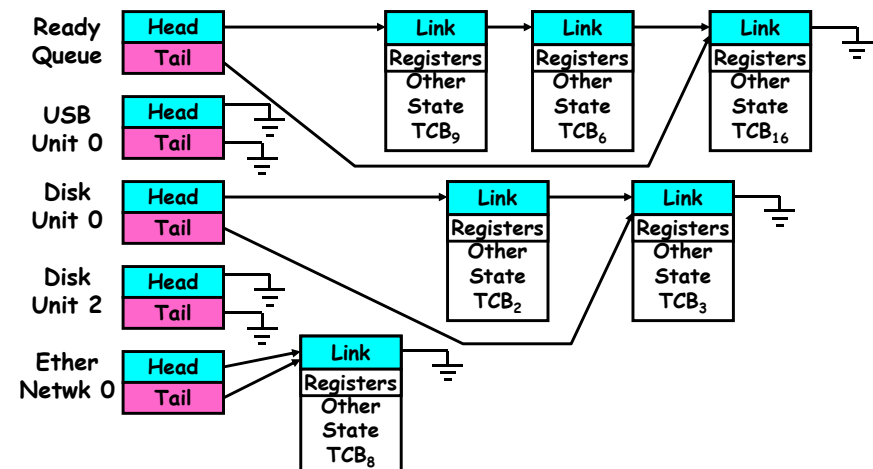
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Ready Queue And Various I/O Device Queues

- Thread not running \Rightarrow TCB is in some scheduler queue
 - Separate queue for each device/signal/condition
 - Each queue can have a different scheduler policy



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Administrivia

- **Group signups: 4 members/group**
 - Link posted by Friday
 - Groups need to be finished by Monday!
 - Form asks which section you attend
- **Moving section #109**
 - From Friday 10-11 (3102 Etcheverry) ⇒ Thursday 12-1 (320 Soda)
 - There is still a Friday 10-11 in 3111 Etcheverry
- **Conflicts for Final: Please let me know this week!**
- **Need to get to know your TAs**
 - Consider moving out of really big sections!
- **Finding info on your own is a good idea!**
 - Learn your tools, like "man"
 - Can even type "man xxx" into google!
 - » Example: "man ls"

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Modern Process with Threads

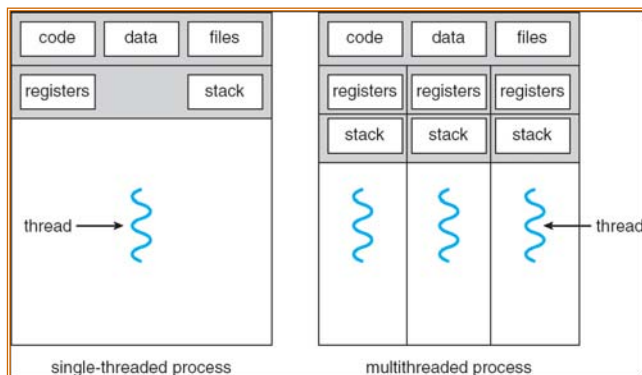
- **Thread: a sequential execution stream within process** (Sometimes called a "Lightweight process")
 - Process still contains a single Address Space
 - No protection between threads
- **Multithreading: a single program made up of a number of different concurrent activities**
 - Sometimes called multitasking, as in Ada ...
- **Why separate the concept of a thread from that of a process?**
 - Discuss the "thread" part of a process (concurrency)
 - Separate from the "address space" (protection)
 - Heavyweight Process ≡ Process with one thread

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Single and Multithreaded Processes



- **Threads encapsulate concurrency: "Active" component**
- **Address spaces encapsulate protection: "Passive" part**
 - Keeps buggy program from trashing the system
- **Why have multiple threads per address space?**

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Thread State

- **State shared by all threads in process/addr space**
 - Content of memory (global variables, heap)
 - I/O state (file descriptors, network connections, etc)
- **State "private" to each thread**
 - Kept in **TCB ≡ Thread Control Block**
 - CPU registers (including, program counter)
 - Execution stack - what is this?
- **Execution Stack**
 - Parameters, temporary variables
 - Return PCs are kept while called procedures are executing

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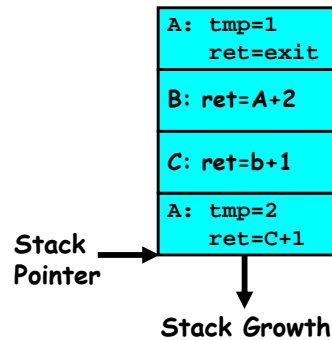
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Execution Stack Example

```

A(int tmp) {
  if (tmp<2)
    B();
  printf(tmp);
}
B() {
  C();
}
C() {
  A(2);
}
A(1);
    
```



- Stack holds temporary results
- Permits recursive execution
- Crucial to modern languages

Motivational Example for Threads

- Imagine the following C program:

```

main() {
  ComputePI("pi.txt");
  PrintClassList("clist.txt");
}
    
```

- What is the behavior here?
 - Program would never print out class list
 - Why? ComputePI would never finish

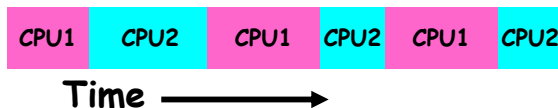
Use of Threads

- Version of program with Threads (loose syntax):

```

main() {
  ThreadFork(ComputePI("pi.txt"));
  ThreadFork(PrintClassList("clist.txt"));
}
    
```

- What does "ThreadFork()" do?
 - Start independent thread running given procedure
- What is the behavior here?
 - Now, you would actually see the class list
 - This *should* behave as if there are two separate CPUs



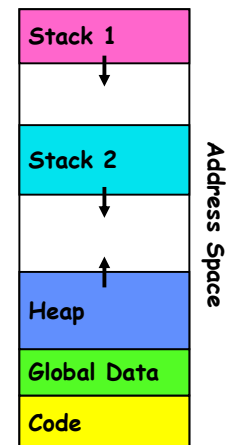
Memory Footprint: Two-Threads

- If we stopped this program and examined it with a debugger, we would see

- Two sets of CPU registers
- Two sets of Stacks

- Questions:

- How do we position stacks relative to each other?
- What maximum size should we choose for the stacks?
- What happens if threads violate this?
- How might you catch violations?



Actual Thread Operations

- `thread_fork(func, args)`
 - Create a new thread to run `func(args)`
 - Pintos: `thread_create`
- `thread_yield()`
 - Relinquish processor voluntarily
 - Pintos: `thread_yield`
- `thread_join(thread)`
 - In parent, wait for forked thread to exit, then return
- `thread_exit`
 - Quit thread and clean up, wake up joiner if any
 - Pintos: `thread_exit`
- pThreads: POSIX standard for thread programming

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Dispatch Loop

- Conceptually, the dispatching loop of the operating system looks as follows:

```
Loop {
    RunThread();
    ChooseNextThread();
    SaveStateOfCPU(curTCB);
    LoadStateOfCPU(newTCB);
}
```

- This is an *infinite* loop
 - One could argue that this is all that the OS does
- Should we ever exit this loop???
 - When would that be?

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Running a thread

Consider first portion: `RunThread()`

- How do I run a thread?
 - Load its state (registers, PC, stack pointer) into CPU
 - Load environment (virtual memory space, etc)
 - Jump to the PC
- How does the dispatcher get control back?
 - Internal events: thread returns control voluntarily
 - External events: thread gets *preempted*

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Internal Events

- Blocking on I/O
 - The act of requesting I/O implicitly yields the CPU
- Waiting on a "signal" from other thread
 - Thread asks to wait and thus yields the CPU
- Thread executes a `yield()`
 - Thread volunteers to give up CPU

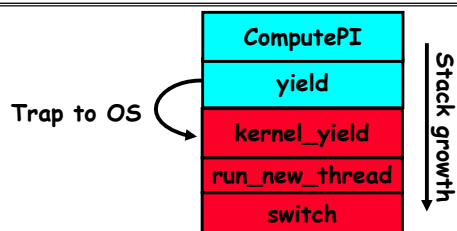
```
computePI() {
    while(TRUE) {
        ComputeNextDigit();
        yield();
    }
}
```

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Stack for Yielding Thread



• How do we run a new thread?

```
run_new_thread() {
    newThread = PickNewThread();
    switch(curThread, newThread);
    ThreadHouseKeeping(); /* Do any cleanup */
}
```

• How does dispatcher switch to a new thread?

- Save anything next thread may trash: PC, regs, stack
- Maintain isolation for each thread

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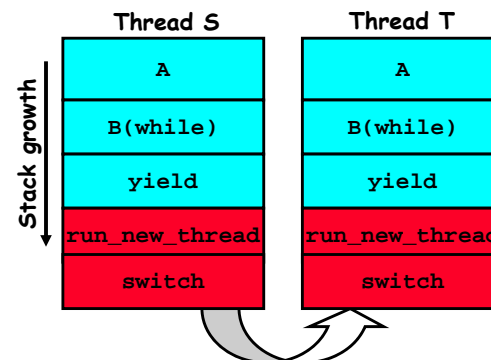
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What do the stacks look like?

• Consider the following code blocks:

```
proc A() {
    B();
}
proc B() {
    while(TRUE) {
        yield();
    }
}
```



• Suppose we have 2 threads:

- Threads S and T

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Saving/Restoring state (often called "Context Switch")

```
Switch(tCur,tNew) {
    /* Unload old thread */
    TCB[tCur].regs.r7 = CPU.r7;
    ...
    TCB[tCur].regs.r0 = CPU.r0;
    TCB[tCur].regs.sp = CPU.sp;
    TCB[tCur].regs.retpc = CPU.retpc; /*return addr*/

    /* Load and execute new thread */
    CPU.r7 = TCB[tNew].regs.r7;
    ...
    CPU.r0 = TCB[tNew].regs.r0;
    CPU.sp = TCB[tNew].regs.sp;
    CPU.retpc = TCB[tNew].regs.retpc;
    return; /* Return to CPU.retpc */
}
```

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Switch Details (continued)

- What if you make a mistake in implementing switch?
 - Suppose you forget to save/restore register 4
 - Get intermittent failures depending on when context switch occurred and whether new thread uses register 4
 - System will give wrong result without warning
- Can you devise an exhaustive test to test switch code?
 - No! Too many combinations and inter-leavings
- Cautionary tail:
 - For speed, Topaz kernel saved one instruction in switch()
 - Carefully documented!
 - » Only works As long as kernel size < 1MB
 - What happened?
 - » Time passed, People forgot
 - » Later, they added features to kernel (no one removes features!)
 - » Very weird behavior started happening
 - Moral of story: Design for simplicity

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Some Numbers

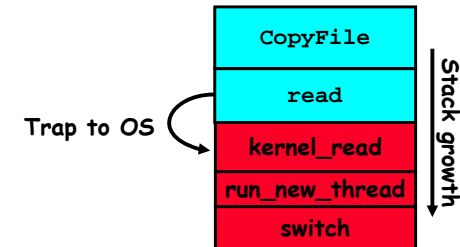
- Frequency of performing context switches: 10-100ms
 - **Context switch time in Linux: 3-4 μ secs (Current Intel i7 & E5).**
 - Thread switching faster than process switching (100 ns).
 - But switching across cores about 2x more expensive than within-core switching.
 - Context switch time increases sharply with the size of the working set*, and can increase 100x or more.
- * The working set is the subset of memory used by the process in a time window.
- **Moral:** Context switching depends mostly on cache limits and the process or thread's hunger for memory.

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What happens when thread blocks on I/O?



- What happens when a thread requests a block of data from the file system?
 - User code invokes a system call
 - Read operation is initiated
 - Run new thread/switch
- Thread communication similar
 - Wait for Signal/Join
 - Networking

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External Events

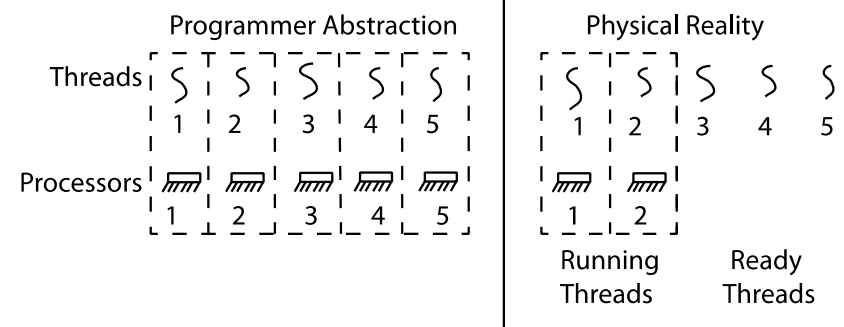
- What happens if thread never does any I/O, never waits, and never yields control?
 - Could the ComputePI program grab all resources and never release the processor?
 - » What if it didn't print to console?
 - Must find way that dispatcher can regain control!
- **Answer: Utilize External Events**
 - Interrupts: signals from hardware or software that stop the running code and jump to kernel
 - Timer: like an alarm clock that goes off every some many milliseconds
- If we make sure that external events occur frequently enough, can ensure dispatcher runs

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Thread Abstraction



- Infinite number of processors
- Threads execute with variable speed
 - Programs must be designed to work with any schedule

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Programmer vs. Processor View

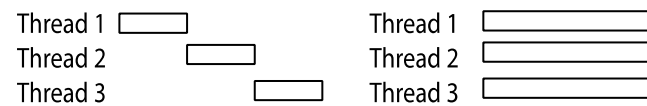
Programmer's View	Possible Execution #1	Possible Execution #2	Possible Execution #3
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.	.	.	.
.	.	.	.
$x = x + 1;$	$x = x + 1;$	$x = x + 1$	$x = x + 1$
$y = y + x;$	$y = y + x;$	$y = y + x$
$z = x + 5y;$	$z = x + 5y;$	thread is suspended
.	.	other thread(s) run	thread is suspended
.	.	thread is resumed	other thread(s) run
.	thread is resumed
.	.	$y = y + x$
.	.	$z = x + 5y$	$z = x + 5y$

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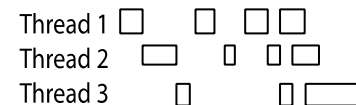
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Possible Executions



a) One execution

b) Another execution



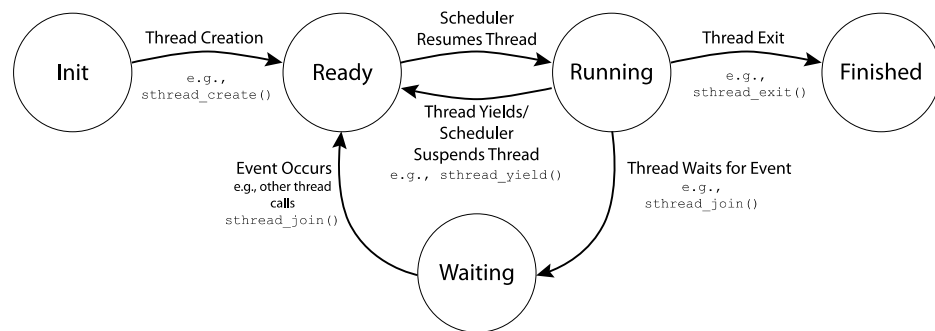
c) Another execution

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Thread Lifecycle

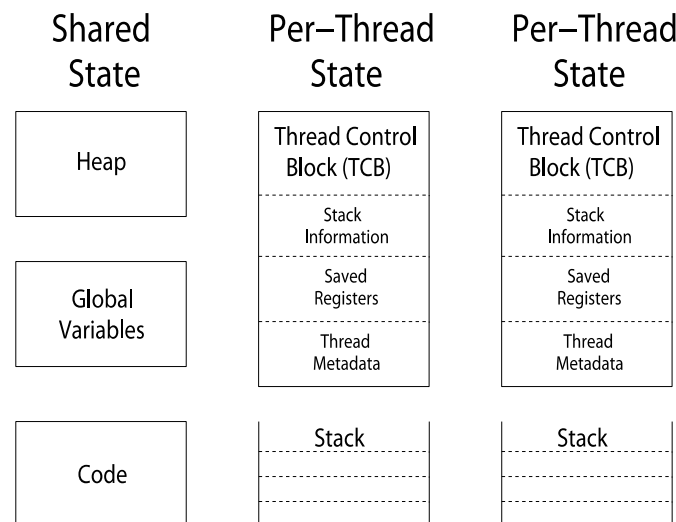


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Shared vs. Per-Thread State



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Per Thread State (Kernel Supported Threads)

- Each Thread has a *Thread Control Block (TCB)*
 - Execution State: CPU registers, program counter (PC), pointer to stack (SP)
 - Scheduling info: state, priority, CPU time
 - Various Pointers (for implementing scheduling queues)
 - Pointer to enclosing process (PCB) - user threads
 - Etc (add stuff as you find a need)
- OS Keeps track of TCBs in "kernel memory"
 - In Array, or Linked List, or ...

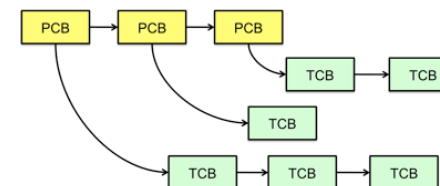
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Multithreaded Processes

- PCB points to multiple TCBs:



- Switching threads within a block is a simple thread switch
- Switching threads across blocks requires changes to memory and I/O address tables.

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Examples multithreaded programs

- Embedded systems
 - Elevators, Planes, Medical systems, Wristwatches
 - Single Program, concurrent operations
- Most modern OS kernels
 - Internally concurrent because have to deal with concurrent requests by multiple users
 - But no protection needed within kernel
- Database Servers
 - Access to shared data by many concurrent users
 - Also background utility processing must be done

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Example multithreaded programs (con't)

- Network Servers
 - Concurrent requests from network
 - Again, single program, multiple concurrent operations
 - File server, Web server, and airline reservation systems
- Parallel Programming (More than one physical CPU)
 - Split program into multiple threads for parallelism
 - This is called Multiprocessing
- Some multiprocessors are actually uniprogrammed:
 - Multiple threads in one address space but one program at a time

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A typical use case

Client Browser

- process for each tab
- thread to render page
- GET in separate thread
- multiple outstanding GETs
- as they complete, render portion

Web Server

- fork process for each client connection
- thread to get request and issue response
- fork threads to read data, access DB, etc
- join and respond

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Some Actual Numbers

- Many process are multi-threaded, so thread context switches may be either **within-process** or **across-processes**.

Image Name	PID	User Name	CPU	Memory (Private Workin...	Threads	Description
thunderbird.exe *32	5544	jfc	00	422,212 K	28	Thunderbird
firefox.exe *32	6064	jfc	00	362,048 K	49	Firefox
BCU.exe *32	4752	jfc	00	109,012 K	6	Browser Configuration Utility
dwm.exe	4036	jfc	00	105,676 K	5	Desktop Window Manager
POWERPNT.EXE	140	jfc	00	102,204 K	12	Microsoft PowerPoint
explorer.exe	1780	jfc	00	73,244 K	36	Windows Explorer
Dropbox.exe *32	3380	jfc	00	56,792 K	34	Dropbox
CameraHelperShell.exe...	4892	jfc	00	15,068 K	9	Webcam Controller
emacs.exe *32	4856	jfc	00	12,996 K	3	GNU Emacs: The extensible self-doc
FlashPlayerPlugin_11_8...	4260	jfc	00	10,820 K	12	Adobe Flash Player 11.8 r800
nvxdsync.exe	3420		00	10,192 K	10	
emacs.exe *32	2736	jfc	00	10,000 K	3	GNU Emacs: The extensible self-doc
BtvStack.exe	2708	ifc	00	9,444 K	43	Bluetooth Stack Server

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Kernel Use Cases

- Thread for each user process
- Thread for sequence of steps in processing I/O
- Threads for device drivers
- ...

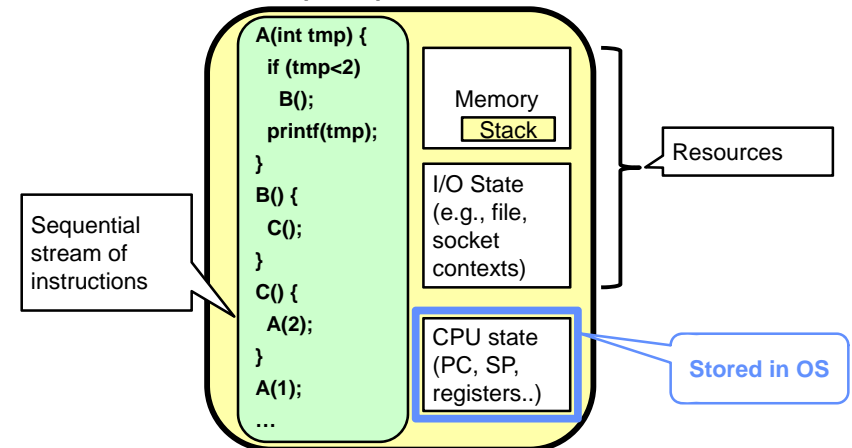
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Putting it together: Process

(Unix) Process

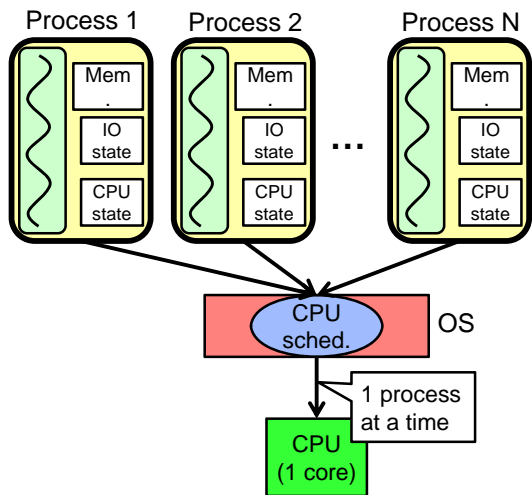


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Putting it together: Processes



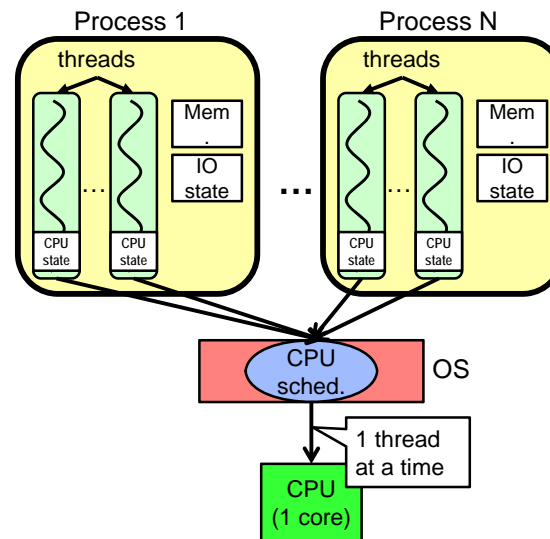
- **Switch overhead: high**
 - CPU state: **low**
 - Memory/IO state: **high**
- **Process creation: high**
- **Protection**
 - CPU: **yes**
 - Memory/IO: **yes**
- **Sharing overhead: high** (involves at least a context switch)

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Putting it together: Threads



- **Switch overhead: low** (only CPU state)
- **Thread creation: low**
- **Protection**
 - CPU: **yes**
 - Memory/IO: **No**
- **Sharing overhead: low** (thread switch overhead low)

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Kernel versus User-Mode threads

- We have been talking about Kernel threads
 - Native threads supported directly by the kernel
 - Every thread can run or block independently
 - One process may have several threads waiting on different things
- Downside of kernel threads: a bit expensive
 - Need to make a crossing into kernel mode to schedule
- Even lighter weight option: User Threads
 - User program provides scheduler and thread package
 - May have several user threads per kernel thread
 - User threads may be scheduled non-preemptively relative to each other (only switch on yield())
 - Cheap
- Downside of user threads:
 - When one thread blocks on I/O, all threads block
 - Kernel cannot adjust scheduling among all threads
 - Option: *Scheduler Activations*
 - » Have kernel inform user level when thread blocks...

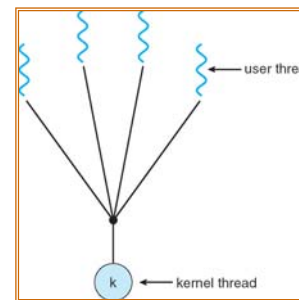
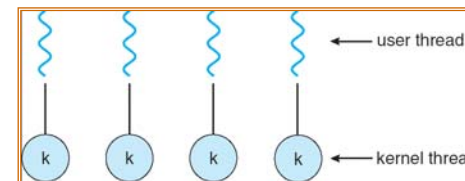
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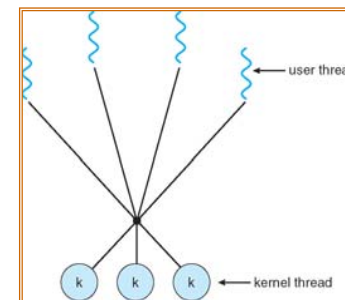
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Some Threading Models

Simple One-to-One Threading Model



Many-to-One



Many-to-Many

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Threads in a Process

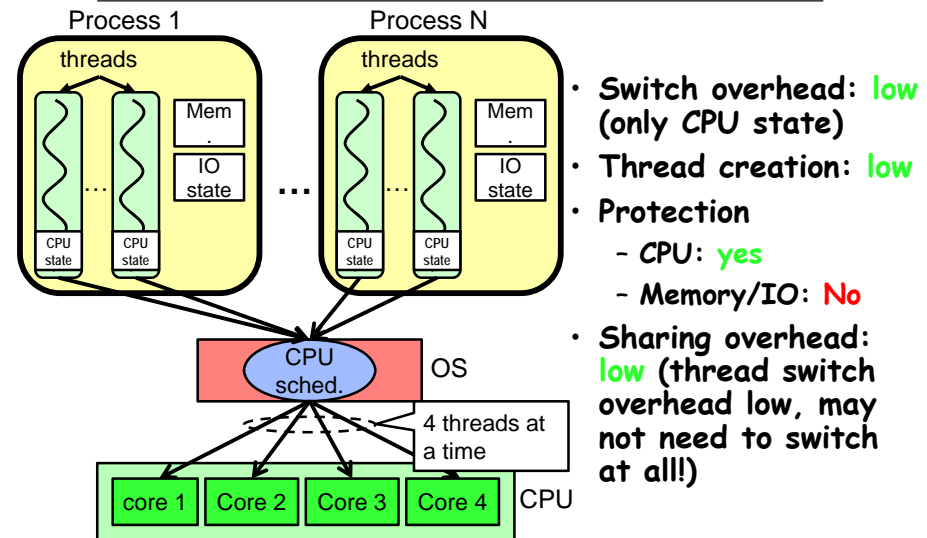
- Threads are useful at user-level
 - Parallelism, hide I/O latency, interactivity
- Option A (early Java): user-level library, within a single-threaded process
 - Library does thread context switch
 - Kernel time slices between processes, e.g., on system call I/O
- Option B (SunOS, Unix variants): green Threads
 - User-level library does thread multiplexing
- Option C (Windows): scheduler activations
 - Kernel allocates processors to user-level library
 - Thread library implements context switch
 - System call I/O that blocks triggers upcall
- Option D (Linux, MacOS, Windows): use kernel threads
 - System calls for thread fork, join, exit (and lock, unlock,...)
 - Kernel does context switching
 - Simple, but a lot of transitions between user and kernel mode

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Putting it together: Multi-Cores



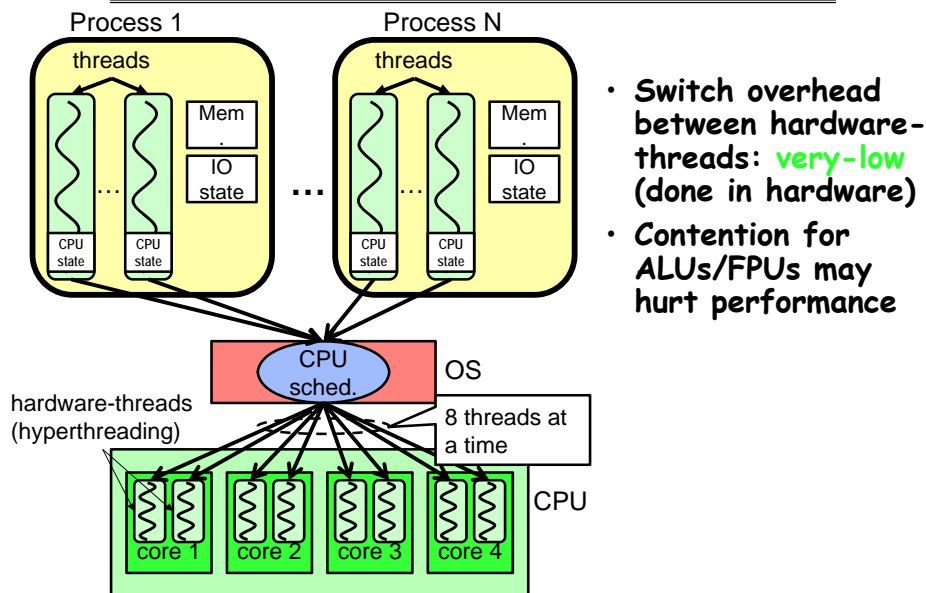
- Switch overhead: **low** (only CPU state)
- Thread creation: **low**
- Protection
 - CPU: **yes**
 - Memory/IO: **No**
- Sharing overhead: **low** (thread switch overhead low, may not need to switch at all!)

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Putting it together: Hyper-Threading



- Switch overhead between hardware-threads: **very-low** (done in hardware)
- Contention for ALUs/FPU's may hurt performance

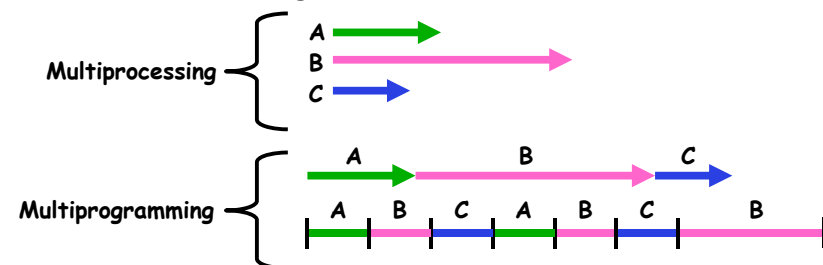
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Multiprocessing vs Multiprogramming

- Remember Definitions:
 - Multiprocessing \equiv Multiple CPUs
 - Multiprogramming \equiv Multiple Jobs or Processes
 - Multithreading \equiv Multiple threads per Process
- What does it mean to run two threads "concurrently"?
 - Scheduler is free to run threads in any order and interleaving: FIFO, Random, ...
 - Dispatcher can choose to run each thread to completion or time-slice in big chunks or small chunks

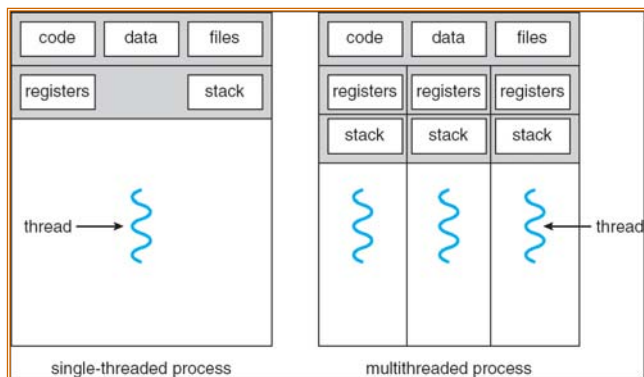


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Single and Multithreaded Processes

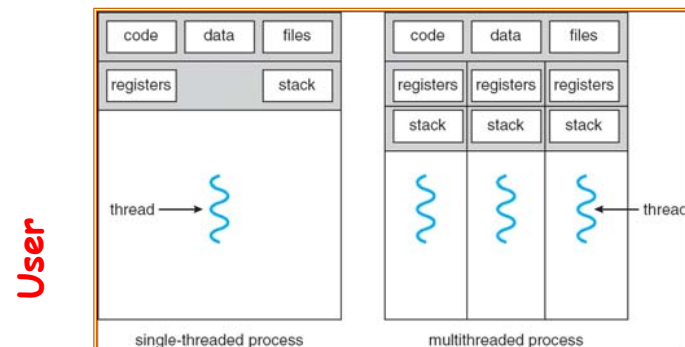


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Supporting 1T and MT Processes

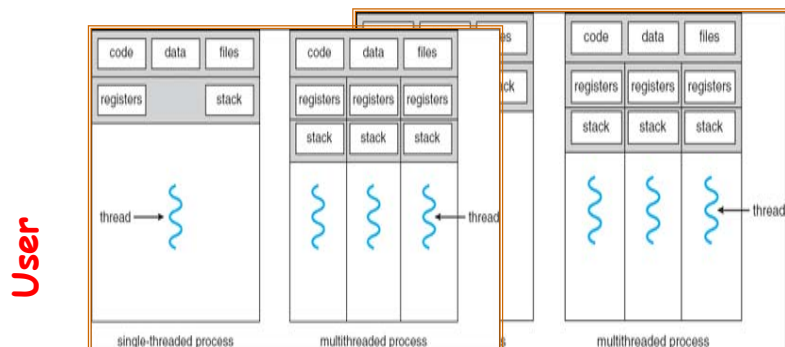


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Supporting 1T and MT Processes



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Correctness for systems with concurrent threads

- If dispatcher can schedule threads in any way, programs must work under all circumstances
 - Can you test for this?
 - How can you know if your program works?
- **Independent Threads:**
 - No state shared with other threads
 - Deterministic \Rightarrow Input state determines results
 - Reproducible \Rightarrow Can recreate Starting Conditions, I/O
 - Scheduling order doesn't matter (if `switch()` works!!!)
- **Cooperating Threads:**
 - Shared State between multiple threads
 - Non-deterministic
 - Non-reproducible
- Non-deterministic and Non-reproducible means that bugs can be intermittent
 - Sometimes called "Heisenbugs"

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Interactions Complicate Debugging

- Is any program truly independent?
 - Every process shares the file system, OS resources, network, etc
 - Extreme example: buggy device driver causes thread A to crash "independent thread" B
- You probably don't realize how much you depend on reproducibility:
 - Example: Evil C compiler
 - » Modifies files behind your back by inserting errors into C program unless you insert debugging code
 - Example: Debugging statements can overrun stack
- Non-deterministic errors are really difficult to find
 - Example: Memory layout of kernel+user programs
 - » depends on scheduling, which depends on timer/other things
 - » Original UNIX had a bunch of non-deterministic errors
 - Example: Something which does interesting I/O
 - » User typing of letters used to help generate secure keys

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Why allow cooperating threads?

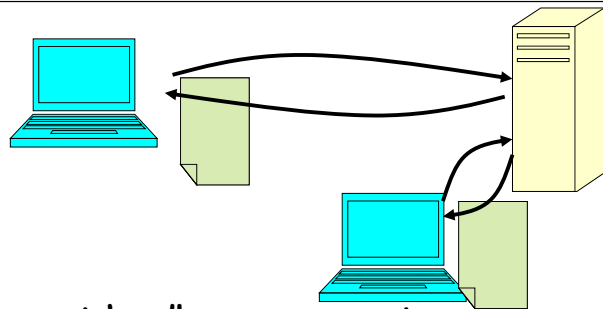
- People cooperate; computers help/enhance people's lives, so computers must cooperate
 - By analogy, the non-reproducibility/non-determinism of people is a notable problem for "carefully laid plans"
- Advantage 1: Share resources
 - One computer, many users
 - One bank balance, many ATMs
 - » What if ATMs were only updated at night?
 - Embedded systems (robot control: coordinate arm & hand)
- Advantage 2: Speedup
 - Overlap I/O and computation
 - » Many different file systems do read-ahead
 - Multiprocessors - chop up program into parallel pieces
- Advantage 3: Modularity
 - More important than you might think
 - Chop large problem up into simpler pieces
 - » To compile, for instance, gcc calls cpp | cc1 | cc2 | as | ld
 - » Makes system easier to extend

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High-level Example: Web Server



- Server must handle many requests
- Non-cooperating version:

```
serverLoop() {
    con = AcceptCon();
    ProcessFork(ServiceWebPage(), con);
}
```
- What are some disadvantages of this technique?

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Threaded Web Server

- Now, use a single process
- Multithreaded (cooperating) version:

```
serverLoop() {
    connection = AcceptCon();
    ThreadFork(ServiceWebPage(), connection);
}
```
- Looks almost the same, but has many advantages:
 - Can share file caches kept in memory, results of CGI scripts, other things
 - Threads are *much* cheaper to create than processes, so this has a lower per-request overhead
- Question: would a user-level (say one-to-many) thread package make sense here?
 - When one request blocks on disk, all block...
- What about Denial of Service attacks or digg / Slash-dot effects?

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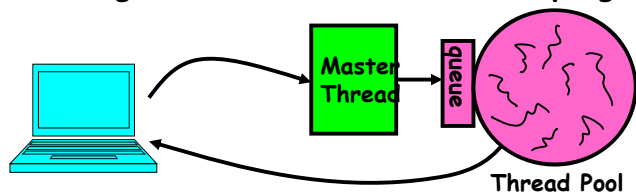
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Thread Pools

- Problem with previous version: Unbounded Threads
 - When web-site becomes too popular - throughput sinks
- Instead, allocate a bounded "pool" of worker threads, representing the maximum level of multiprocessing



```

master() {
    allocThreads(worker, queue);
    while(TRUE) {
        con=AcceptCon();
        Enqueue(queue, con);
        wakeUp(queue);
    }
}

worker(queue) {
    while(TRUE) {
        con=Dequeue(queue);
        if (con==null)
            sleepOn(queue);
        else
            ServiceWebPage(con);
    }
}
    
```

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Classification

# threads Per AS:	# of addr spaces:	One	Many
One		MS/DOS, early Macintosh	Traditional UNIX
Many		Embedded systems (Geoworks, VxWorks, JavaOS, etc) JavaOS, Pilot(PC)	Mach, OS/2, Linux Windows 9x??? Win NT to XP, Solaris, HP-UX, OS X

- Real operating systems have either
 - One or many address spaces
 - One or many threads per address space
- Did Windows 95/98/ME have real memory protection?
 - No: Users could overwrite process tables/System DLLs

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Summary

- Processes have two parts
 - Threads (Concurrency)
 - Address Spaces (Protection)
- Concurrency accomplished by multiplexing CPU Time:
 - Unloading current thread (PC, registers)
 - Loading new thread (PC, registers)
 - Such context switching may be voluntary (`yield()`, I/O operations) or involuntary (timer, other interrupts)
- Protection accomplished restricting access:
 - Memory mapping isolates processes from each other
 - Dual-mode for isolating I/O, other resources
- Various Textbooks talk about *processes*
 - When this concerns concurrency, really talking about thread portion of a process
 - When this concerns protection, talking about address space portion of a process

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