

8th Slide Set

Operating Systems

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Interrupts and Exceptions

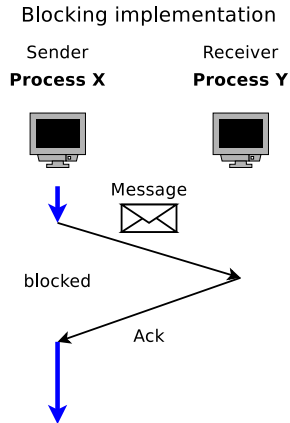
- Often unpredictable events occur to which a computer system must react
- Interrupts are events whose treatment is not allowed to become postponed
- Frequent interrupts:
 - **Error situation** (error caused by an arithmetic operation)
 - Division by zero, floating point error, address errors, ...
 - **Software interrupt** or **exception** (is triggered by a process)
 - Examples are the exception 0x80 (see slide set 7) to switch from user mode to kernel mode and the single-stepping mode during program test (debugging, trace)
 - **Hardware interrupt**
 - Input/Output devices provide feedback to a process

Interrupt Example

- X and Y are processes, which communicate via a network
 - Both processes are executed on different computers
 - If a process does not reply within a specified time period (timeout) to a message, the message must be sent again
 - Reason: The sender assumes that the message got lost
- 2 ways exist to implement the described procedure:
 - **Blocking**
 - **Non-blocking**

Blocking Implementation

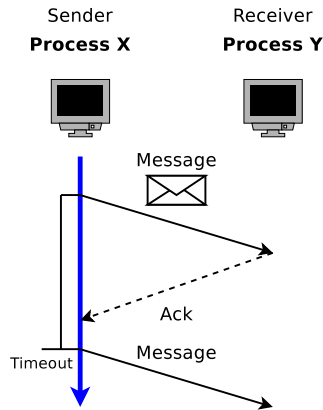
- Process X is blocked until the message is acknowledged or the timing expires
- If the acknowledgement arrives, sender process X may continue
 - Otherwise, process X must send the message again
- Disadvantage: Long idle times for process X arise



Non-blocking Implementation

- After process X sent the message, it continues to operate normally
 - If a timeout expires because of a missing acknowledgment, the operating system suspends the process
- The context (see slide set 7) of the process is backed up and a procedure for interrupt handling is called
 - In the example, the procedure would send the message again
 - If the execution of the procedure has finished, the process becomes reactivated

Non-blocking implementation



Non-blocking implementations can be realized via **interrupts** and **exceptions**

Subprograms without return value are called **procedures**. Subprograms with return value are called **functions** or **methods**

Interrupt Types – Interrupts (2/2)

- The operating system maintains a list of addresses of all interrupt service routines
 - This list is called **interrupt vector**
- Interrupts are necessary to...
 - react quickly to signals from Input/Output devices (e.g. mouse, keyboard, HDD, network interface controller,...)
 - be able to react to time-critical events
- **Without interrupts, preemptive multitasking is impossible**
 - Preemptive multitasking means: The operating system can remove the CPU from a process before its execution is complete

Process Switching – The Dispatcher (2/2)

Image Source: Wikipedia

The system idle process

- Windows operating systems since Windows NT ensure that the CPU is assigned to a process at any time
- If no process is in the state ready, the **system idle process** gets the CPU assigned
- The system idle process is always active and has the lowest priority
- Due to the system idle process, the scheduler must never consider the case that no active process exists
- Since Windows 2000, the system idle process puts the CPU into a power-saving mode

Image Name	User Name	CPU	Mem Usage
spoolsv.exe	SYSTEM	00	4,128 K
explorer.exe	Administrator	00	16,828 K
svchost.exe	LOCAL SERVICE	00	4,104 K
svchost.exe	NETWORK SERVICE	00	2,856 K
svchost.exe	SYSTEM	00	17,200 K
svchost.exe	NETWORK SERVICE	00	3,692 K
svchost.exe	SYSTEM	00	4,256 K
lsass.exe	SYSTEM	00	1,032 K
services.exe	SYSTEM	00	3,688 K
winlogon.exe	SYSTEM	00	1,120 K
csrss.exe	SYSTEM	00	3,112 K
sharedintapp.exe	Administrator	00	1,948 K
smss.exe	SYSTEM	00	372 K
wscntfy.exe	Administrator	00	1,808 K
alg.exe	LOCAL SERVICE	00	3,136 K
taskmgr.exe	Administrator	00	3,920 K
System	SYSTEM	01	212 K
System Idle Process	SYSTEM	99	16 K

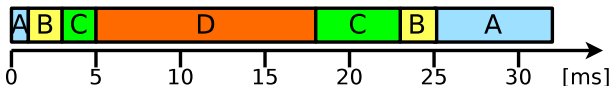
Processes: 20 CPU Usage: 1% Commit Charge: 84M / 1250M

Last Come First Served Example – Preemptive Variant

- 4 processes shall be processed on a single CPU system

Process	CPU runtime	Creation time
A	8 ms	0 ms
B	4 ms	1 ms
C	7 ms	3 ms
D	13 ms	5 ms

- Execution order of the processes as Gantt chart (timeline)



- Runtime of the processes

- Waiting time of the processes

Process	A	B	C	D
Runtime	32	24	20	13

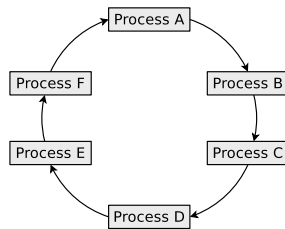
Process	A	B	C	D
Waiting time	24	20	13	0

$$\frac{32+24+20+13}{4} = 22.25 \text{ ms}$$

$$\frac{24+20+13+0}{4} = 14.25 \text{ ms}$$

Round Robin – RR (1/2)

- Time slices with a fixed duration are specified
- The processes are queued in a cyclic queue according to the FIFO principle
 - The first process of the queue get the CPU assigned for the duration of a time slice
 - After the expiration of the time slice, the process gets the CPU resigned and it is inserted at the end of the queue
 - Whenever a process is completed successfully, it is removed from the queue
 - New processes are inserted at the end of the queue
- The CPU time is distributed **fair** between the processes
- RR with time slice size ∞ behaves like FCFS



Round Robin – RR (2/2)

- The longer the execution time of a process is, the more rounds are required for its complete execution
- The size of the time slices influences the performance of the system
 - The shorter they are, the more process change must take place
⇒ Increased overhead
 - The longer they are, the more gets the simultaneousness lost
⇒ The system hangs/becomes *jerky*
- The size of the time slices is usually in single or double-digit millisecond range
- **Prefers processes, which have a short execution time**
- **Preemptive scheduling method**
- Round Robin scheduling can be used for interactive systems

Shortest Job First (SJF) / Shortest Process Next (SPN)

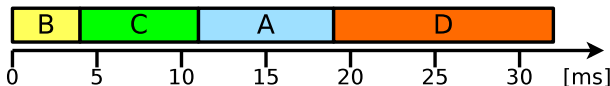
- The process with the shortest execution time get the CPU assigned first
- **Non-preemptive scheduling method**
- Main problem:
 - For each process, it is necessary to know how long it takes until its termination, which means, how long is its execution time
 - In practice this is almost never the case (\implies **unrealistic**)
- Solution:
 - The execution time of processes is estimated by recording and analyzing the execution time of prior processes
- SJF is **not fair**
 - **Prefers processes, which have a short execution time**
 - Processes with a long execution time may get the CPU assigned only after a very long waiting period or **starves**
- If the execution time of the processes can be estimated, SJF can be used for batch processing (\implies slide set 1)

Shortest Job First – Example

- 4 processes shall be processed on a single CPU system
- All processes are at time point 0 in state ready

Process	CPU runtime
A	8 ms
B	4 ms
C	7 ms
D	13 ms

- Execution order of the processes as Gantt chart (timeline)



- Runtime of the processes

- Waiting time of the processes

Process	A	B	C	D
Runtime	19	4	11	32

Process	A	B	C	D
Waiting time	11	0	4	19

$$\frac{19+4+11+32}{4} = 16.5 \text{ ms}$$

$$\frac{11+0+4+19}{4} = 8.5 \text{ ms}$$

Shortest Remaining Time First (SRTF)

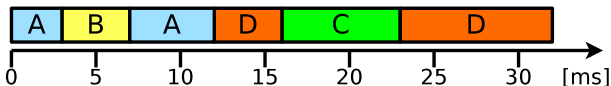
- **Preemptive SJF** is called **Shortest Remaining Time First (SRTF)**
- If a new process is created, the remaining execution time of the running process is compared with each process in state `ready` in the queue
 - If the currently running process has the shortest remaining execution time, the CPU remains assigned to this process
 - If one or more processes in state `ready` have a shorter remaining execution time, the process with the shortest remaining execution time gets the CPU assigned
- Main problem: The remaining execution time must be known (\implies **unrealistic**)
- As long as no new process is created, no running process gets interrupted
 - The processes in state `ready` are compared with the running process only when a new process is created!
- Processes with a long execution time may **starve** (\implies **not fair**)

Shortest Remaining Time First – Example

- 4 processes shall be processed on a single CPU system

Process	CPU runtime	Creation time
A	8 ms	0 ms
B	4 ms	3 ms
C	7 ms	16 ms
D	13 ms	11 ms

- Execution order of the processes as Gantt chart (timeline)



- Runtime of the processes

Process	A	B	C	D
Runtime	12	4	7	21

- Waiting time of the processes

Process	A	B	C	D
Waiting time	4	0	0	8

$$\frac{12+4+7+21}{4} = 11 \text{ ms}$$

$$\frac{4+0+0+8}{4} = 3 \text{ ms}$$

Longest Job First (LJF)

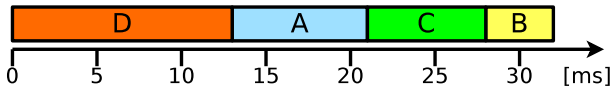
- The process with the longest execution time get the CPU assigned first
- **Non-preemptive scheduling method**
- Main problem: Just as with SJF, the execution time of each process must be known
 - In practice this is almost never the case (\implies **unrealistic**)
- LJF is **not fair**
 - **Prefers processes, which have a long execution time**
 - Processes with a short execution time may get the CPU assigned only after a very long waiting period or **starve**
- If the execution time of the processes can be estimated, LJF can be used for batch processing (\implies slide set 1)

Longest Job First – Example

- 4 processes shall be processed on a single CPU system
- All processes are at time point 0 in state ready

Process	CPU runtime
A	8 ms
B	4 ms
C	7 ms
D	13 ms

- Execution order of the processes as Gantt chart (timeline)



- Runtime of the processes

- Waiting time of the processes

Process	A	B	C	D
Runtime	21	32	28	13

Process	A	B	C	D
Waiting time	13	28	21	0

$$\frac{21+32+28+13}{4} = 23.5 \text{ ms}$$

$$\frac{13+28+21+0}{4} = 15.5 \text{ ms}$$

Longest Remaining Time First (LRTF)

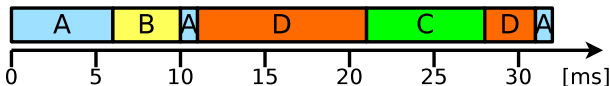
- **Preemptive** LRTF is called **Longest Remaining Time First (LRTF)**
- If a new process is created, the remaining execution time of the running process is compared with each process in state ready in the queue
 - If the currently running process has the longest remaining execution time, the CPU remains assigned to this process
 - If one or more processes in state ready have a longer remaining execution time, the process with the longest remaining execution time gets the CPU assigned
- Main problem: The remaining execution time must be known (\implies **unrealistic**)
- As long as no new process is created, no running process gets interrupted
 - The processes in state ready are compared with the running process only when a new process is created!
- Processes with a short duration may starve (\implies **not fair**)

Longest Remaining Time First – Example

- 4 processes shall be processed on a single CPU system

Process	CPU runtime	Creation time
A	8 ms	0 ms
B	4 ms	6 ms
C	7 ms	21 ms
D	13 ms	11 ms

- Execution order of the processes as Gantt chart (timeline)



- Runtime of the processes

Process	A	B	C	D
Runtime	32	4	7	20

- Waiting time of the processes

Process	A	B	C	D
Waiting time	24	0	0	7

$$\frac{32+4+7+20}{4} = 15.75 \text{ ms}$$

$$\frac{24+0+0+7}{4} = 7.75 \text{ ms}$$

Highest Response Ratio Next (HRRN)

- Fair variant of SJF/SRTF/LJF/LRTF
 - Takes the age of the process into account in order to **avoid starvation**
- The **response ratio** is calculated for each process

$$\text{Response ratio} = \frac{\text{Estimated execution time} + \text{Waiting time}}{\text{Estimated execution time}}$$

- Response ratio value of a process after creation: 1.0
 - The value rises fast for short processes
 - Objective: Response ratio should be as small as possible for each process
 - Then the scheduling operates efficiently
- After termination of a process or if a process becomes blocked, the CPU is assigned to the process with the highest response ratio
- Just as with SJF/SRTF/LJF/LRTF, the execution times of the processes must be estimated via by statistical recordings
- It is impossible that processes starve \implies HRRN is **fair**

Earliest Deadline First (EDF)

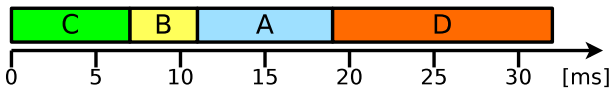
- Objective: processes should comply with their (*deadlines*) when possible
- Processes in state ready are **arranged according to their deadline**
 - The process with the closest deadline gets the CPU assigned
- A review and if required, a reorganization of the queue takes place when...
 - a new process switches into state ready
 - or an active process terminates
- Can be implemented as **preemptive and non-preemptive scheduling**
 - Preemptive EDF can be used in real-time operating systems
 - Non-preemptive EDF can be used for batch processing

Earliest Deadline First – Example

- 4 processes shall be processed on a single CPU system
- All processes are at time point 0 in state ready

Process	CPU runtime	Deadline
A	8 ms	25
B	4 ms	18
C	7 ms	9
D	13 ms	34

- Execution order of the processes as Gantt chart (timeline)



- Runtime of the processes

- Waiting time of the processes

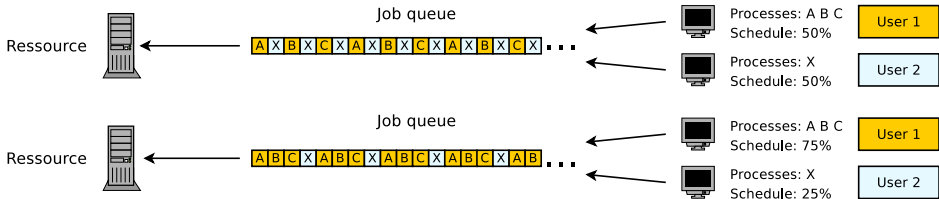
Process	A	B	C	D
Runtime	19	11	7	32

Process	A	B	C	D
Waiting time	11	7	0	19

$$\frac{19+11+7+32}{4} = 17.25 \text{ ms}$$

$$\frac{11+7+0+19}{4} = 9.25 \text{ ms}$$

Fair-Share



- With **Fair-share**, resources are distributed between groups of processes in a fair manner
- Special feature:
 - The computing time is allocated to the users and not the processes
 - The computing time, which is allocated to a user, is independent from the number of his processes
- The users get *resource shares*

Fair share is often used in cluster and grid systems

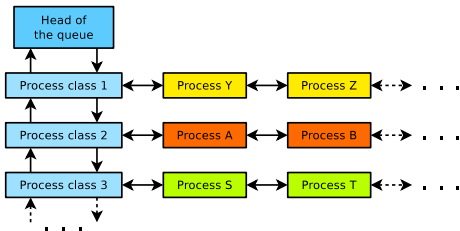
Fair share is implemented in job schedulers and meta-schedulers (e.g. Oracle Grid Engine) for assigning the jobs to resources in grid sites distributing jobs between grid sites

Multilevel Scheduling

- With each scheduling policy, compromises concerning the different scheduling criteria must be made
 - Procedure in practice: Several scheduling strategies are combined
⇒ **Static or dynamic multilevel scheduling**

Static Multilevel Scheduling

- The list of processes of ready state is split into multiple sublists
 - For each sublist, a different scheduling method may be used
- The sublists have different priorities or time multiplexes (e.g. 80%:20% or 60%:30%:10%)
 - Makes it possible to separate time-critical from non-time-critical processes
- Example of allocating the processes to different process classes (sublists) with different scheduling strategies:



Priority	Process class	Scheduling method
3	Real-time processes (time-critical)	Priority-driven scheduling
2	Interactive processes	Round Robin
1	Compute-intensive batch processes	First Come First Served

Multilevel Feedback Scheduling (1/2)

- It is **impossible to calculate the execution time precisely in advance**
 - Solution: Processes, which utilized much execution time in the past, get **punished**
- **Multilevel feedback scheduling** works like multilevel scheduling with multiple queues
 - Each queue has a different priority or time multiplex
- Each new process is inserted in the top queue
 - This way it has the highest priority
- For each queue, Round Robin is used
 - Is a process resigns the CPU on voluntary basis, it is inserted in the same queue again
 - If a process utilized its complete time slice, it is inserted in the next lower queue, with has a lower priority
 - The priorities are therefore **dynamically** assigned with this method
- Multilevel feedback scheduling is **preemptive Scheduling**

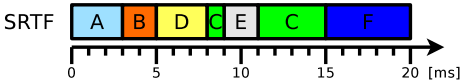
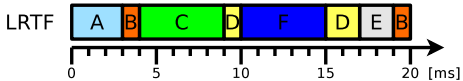
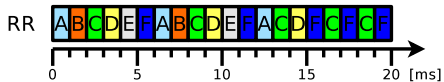
Classic and modern Scheduling Methods

	Scheduling		Fair	CPU runtime must be known	Takes priorities into account
	NP	P			
Priority-driven scheduling	X	X	no	no	yes
First Come First Served	X		yes	no	no
Last Come First Served	X	X	no	no	no
Round Robin		X	yes	no	no
Shortest Job First	X		no	yes	no
Longest Job First	X		no	yes	no
Shortest Remaining Time First		X	no	yes	no
Longest Remaining Time First		X	no	yes	no
Highest Response Ratio Next	X		yes	yes	no
Earliest Deadline First	X	X	yes	no	no
Fair-share		X	yes	no	no
Static multilevel scheduling		X	no	no	yes (static)
Multilevel feedback scheduling		X	yes	no	yes (dynamic)

- NP = non-preemptive scheduling, P = preemptive scheduling
- A scheduling method is „fair“ when each process gets the CPU assigned at some point
- It is impossible to calculate the execution time precisely in advance

Scheduling Example (Solution)

(Exam Question SS2009)



Runtime	A	B	C	D	E	F
RR	13	8	19	15	11	20
LRTF	3	17	5	12	10	5
SRTF	3	2	11	3	2	10

RR $\frac{13+8+19+15+11+20}{6} = 14,\bar{3}$ ms

LRTF $\frac{3+17+5+12+10+5}{6} = 8,\bar{6}$ ms

SRTF $\frac{3+2+11+3+2+10}{6} = 5,\bar{16}$ ms

Waiting time	A	B	C	D	E	F
RR	10	6	14	12	9	15
LRTF	0	15	0	9	8	0
SRTF	0	0	6	0	0	5

RR $\frac{10+6+14+12+9+15}{6} = 11$ ms

LRTF $\frac{0+15+0+9+8+0}{6} = 5,\bar{3}$ ms

SRTF $\frac{0+0+6+0+0+5}{6} = 1,\bar{83}$ ms