

# CS 344: OPERATING SYSTEMS I

## 03.01: PART IV – SYNCHRONIZATION

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- Announcements
  - Extra credit opportunities on Canvas (12%)
    - Rust Programming Practice (+2%)
    - Build an ML classifier (+2%)
    - Multi-process data loader (+3%)
    - Some articles about Linus Torvalds (+5%)

# TOPICS FOR TODAY

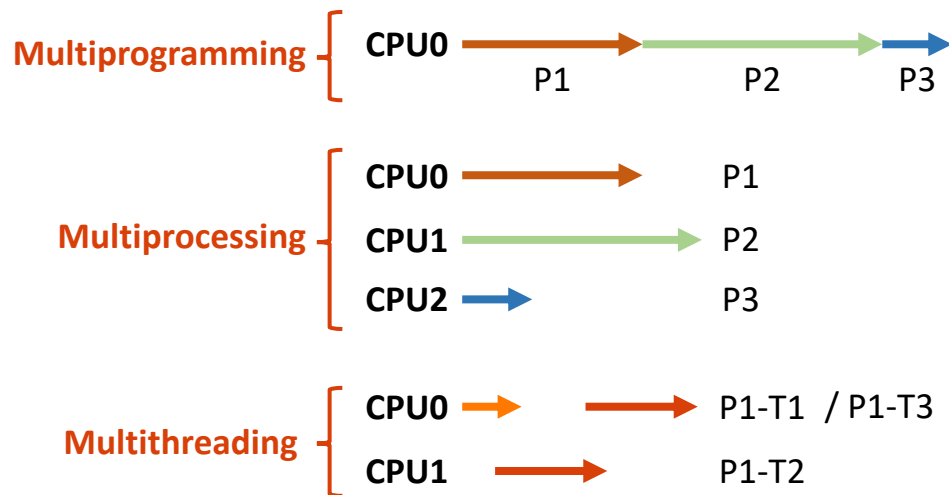
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- Part IV – Synchronization
  - Recap:
    - Terminology
    - Process (or thread) scheduling
  - Manage resources
    - Race condition (ATM server's problem)
  - Provide abstraction & Offer standard interface
    - Atomic operation
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# RECAP: TERMINOLOGY

- **Three terms**

- Multi-programming: multiple jobs running (or multiple programs in memory)
- Multi-processing: multiple processors (multiple CPUs)
- Multi-threading: multiple threads



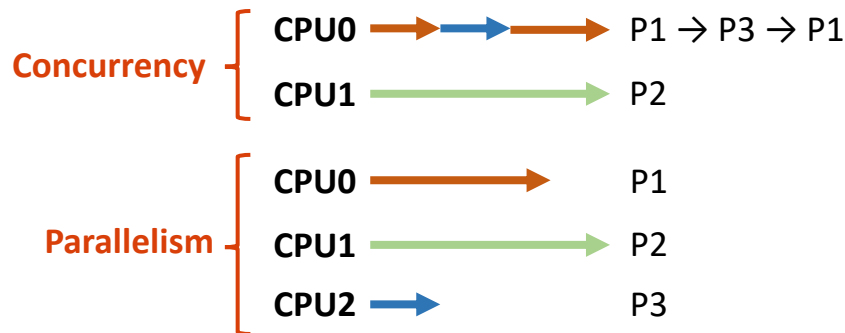
# RECAP: TERMINOLOGY

- **Concurrency vs. parallelism:**

- Concurrency: handling multiple processes (or threads) at once
- Parallelism: running multiple processes (or threads) *simultaneously*

- **Example:**

- On the CPU0
  - P1 and P3 can execute *concurrently*
  - P1 and P3 is *not* running in parallel
- On the CPU0 and CPU1
  - P1 and P2 runs in parallel



# RECAP: CONTEXT SWITCH

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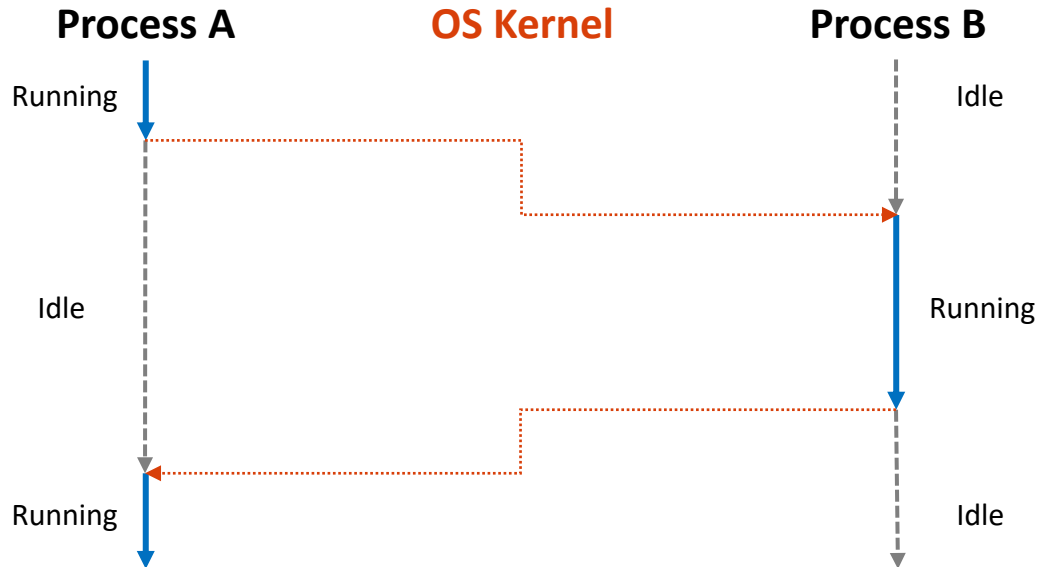
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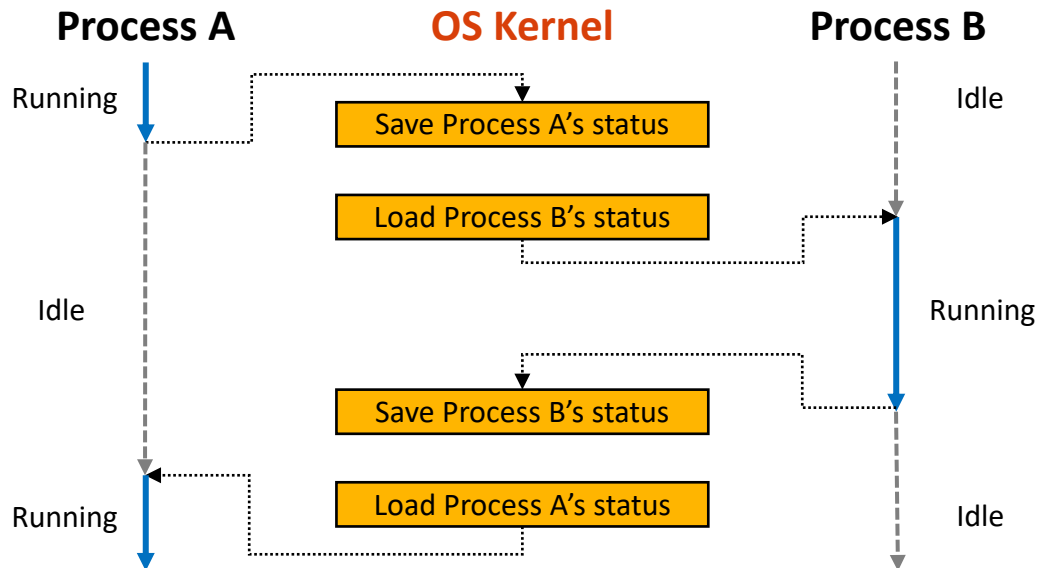
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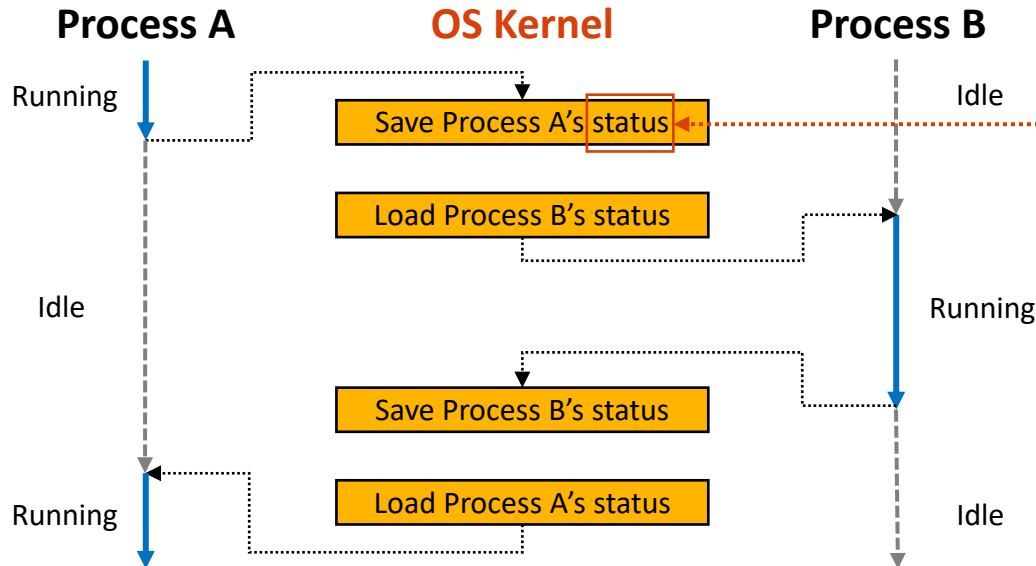




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## Recall: Process control block

A structure in OS that contains a set of information required to run a process on a CPU. Recall that Linux has *task\_struct*.

- CPU#
- Program counter
- Instruction pointer
- Heap/stack pointer
- Process state [!]
- ...

# RECAP: PROCESS CONTEXT

- (Linux) has the process context

- Code

- Program counter
    - Instruction pointer

- Stack and heap

- Stack pointer
    - Heap pointer

- Running context

- Process state (ID, ...)
    - Execution flags
    - CPU # to run
    - (OS II) Scheduling policy
    - (OS II) Mem. virtualization

– ...

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```
728 struct task_struct {
729 #ifdef CONFIG_THREAD_INFO_IN_TASK
730     /*
731      * For reasons of header soup (see current_thread_info()), this
732      * must be the first element of task_struct.
733      */
734     struct thread_info      thread_info;
735 #endif
736     unsigned int            __state;
737
738 #ifdef CONFIG_PREEMPT_RT
739     /* saved state for "spinlock sleepers" */
740     unsigned int            saved_state;
741 #endif
742
743     /*
744      * This begins the randomizable portion of task_struct. Only
745      * scheduling-critical items should be added above here.
746      */
747     randomized_struct_fields_start
748
749     void                    *stack;
750     refcount_t              usage;
751     /* Per task flags (PF_*), defined further below: */
752     unsigned int            flags;
753     unsigned int            ptrace;
754
755     struct sched_info       sched_info;
756
757     struct list_head        tasks;
758 #ifdef CONFIG_SMP
759     struct plist_node       pushable_tasks;
760     struct rb_node          pushable_dl_tasks;
761 #endif
762
763     struct mm_struct        *mm;
764     struct mm_struct        *active_mm;
765
766     /* Per-thread vma caching: */
767     struct vmacache        vmacache;
768
769 #ifdef SPLIT_RSS_COUNTING
770     struct task_rss_stat    rss_stat;
771 #endif
772
773     int                     exit_state;
774     int                     exit_code;
775     int                     exit_signal;
776     /* The signal sent when the parent dies: */
777     int                     pdeath_signal;
778     /* JOBCTL_*, siglock protected: */
779     unsigned long          jobctl;
780
781     /* Used for emulating ABI behavior of previous Linux versions: */
782     unsigned int            personality;
783 }
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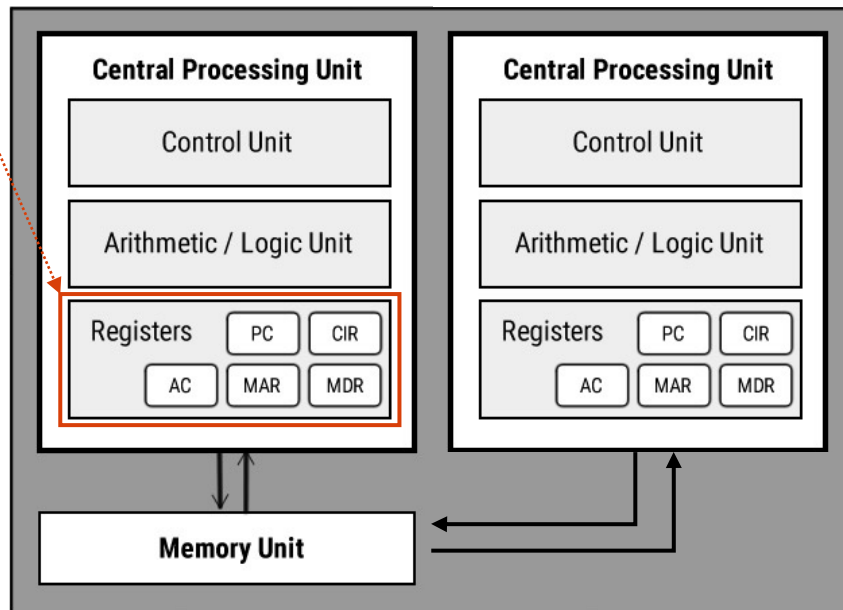
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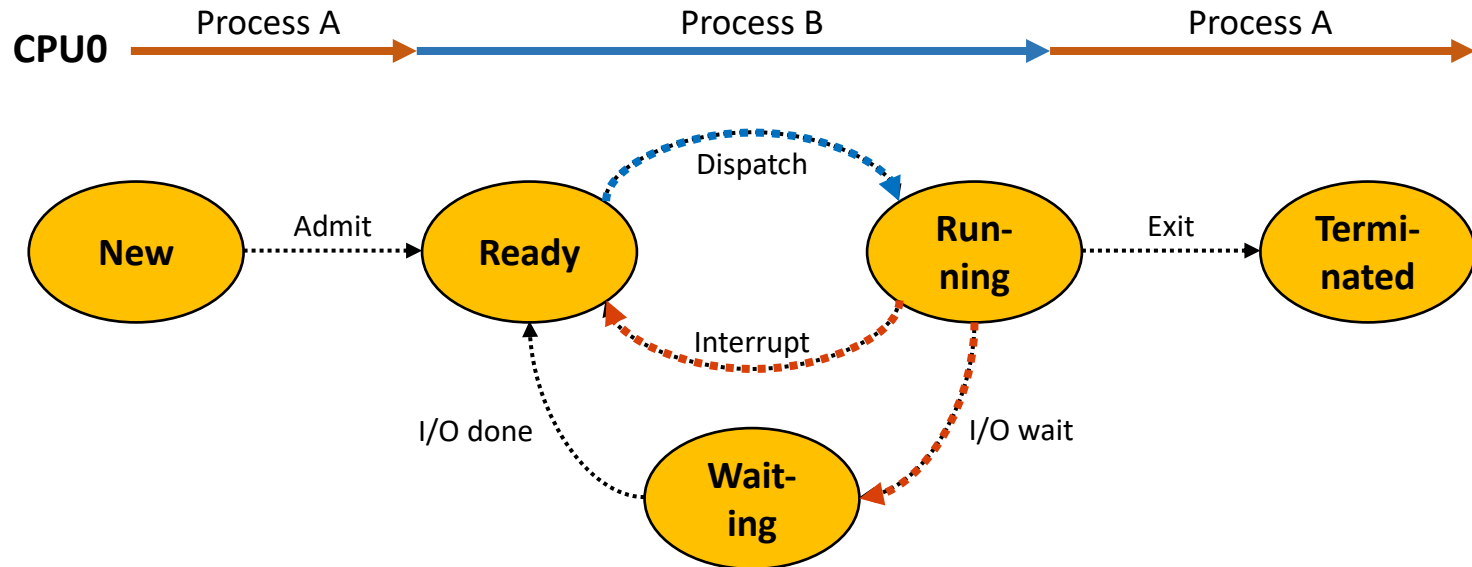
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- A process can have **five states**:
  - **New**: a process (or thread) is being created (by `fork()`)
  - **Ready**: the process is waiting to run
  - **Running**: the process is running on a CPU(or CPUs)
  - **Waiting**: the process is waiting for some events to occur (*e.g.*, a data loaded from storage)
  - **Terminated**: the process has finished execution; waiting for removal

# RECAP: PROCESS STATE TRANSITION

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# RECAP: PROCESS SCHEDULING

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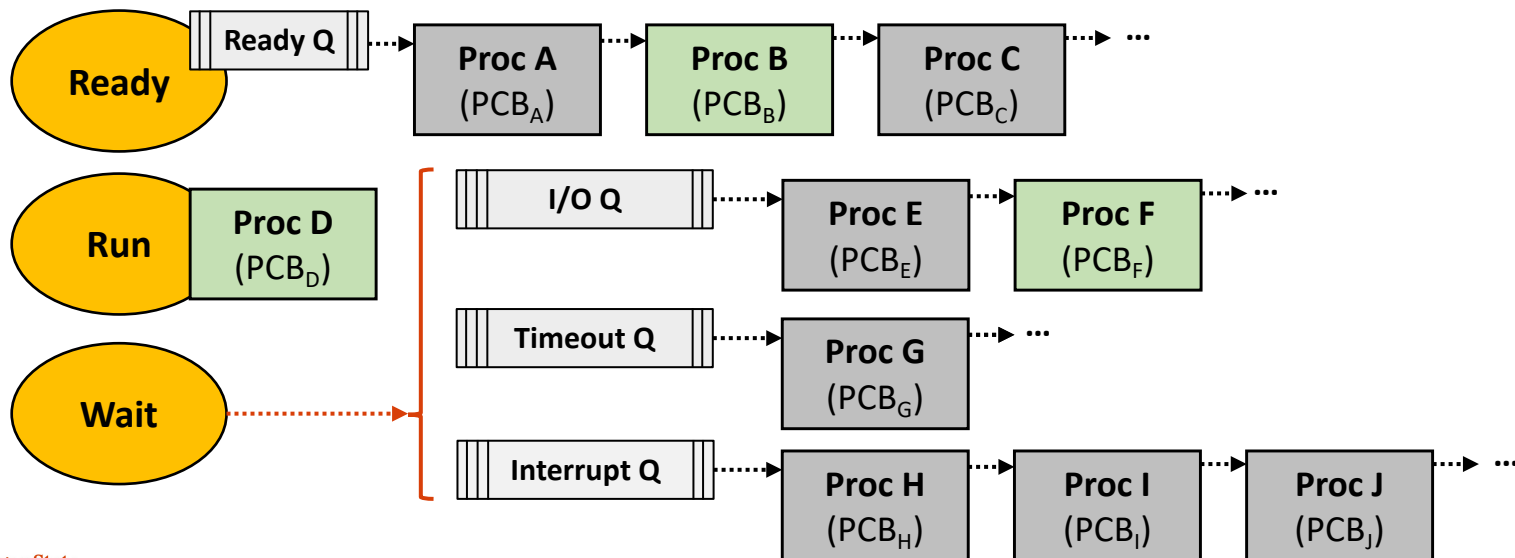
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## Illustrated Example

1. OS kicks out Proc D (timeout)
2. OS runs Proc B
3. OS puts Proc F in the ready Q (I/O has been done, in this case)

- **Illustration (single CPU)**

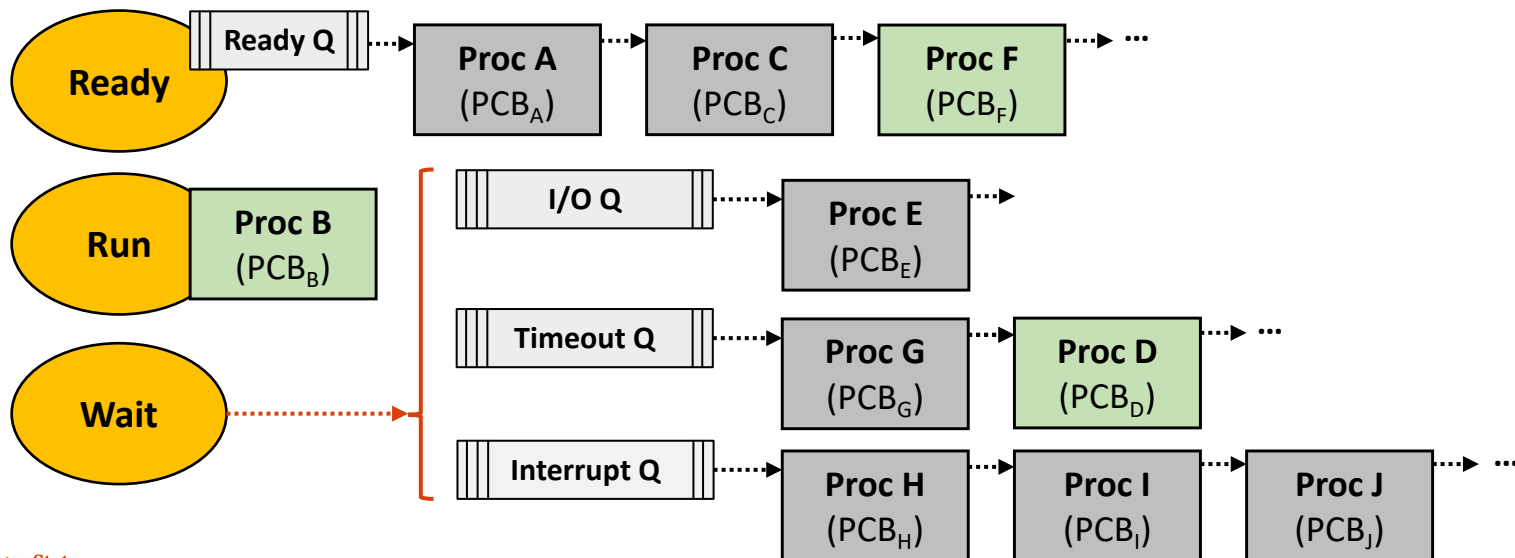


# RECAP: PROCESS QUEUES

- **Process queues in Linux**

- Separate queue for each kick-out conditions (I/O, timeout, etc...)
- OS does **not** pick a PCB from each queue in a FIFO manner

- **Illustration (single CPU)**





# RECAP: OS SCHEDULER

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- **(OS) Scheduler:**

- **Definition:** An OS task (process) that manages the process scheduling activity

- **Implementation**

```
while ( <some condition,  
        but eventually will be infinite> ) {
```

```
    RunProcess( curProc );  
    newProc = chooseNextProc();  
    saveCurrentProc( curProc );  
    LoadNextState( newProc );
```

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}
```

- It is also a process (an *infinite* loop)
- The scheduler process terminates if we *stop* (turn-off) a computer

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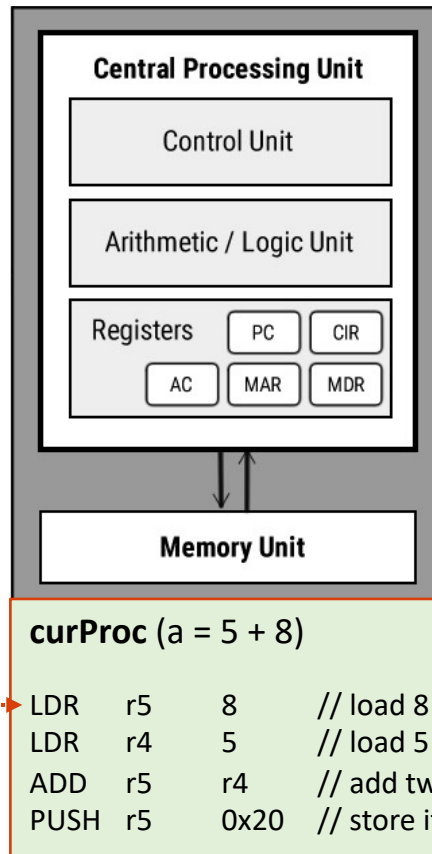
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PCB<sub>curProc</sub>

CPU#  
Prog. counter  
Heap/Stack



# OS SCHEDULER – CONT'D

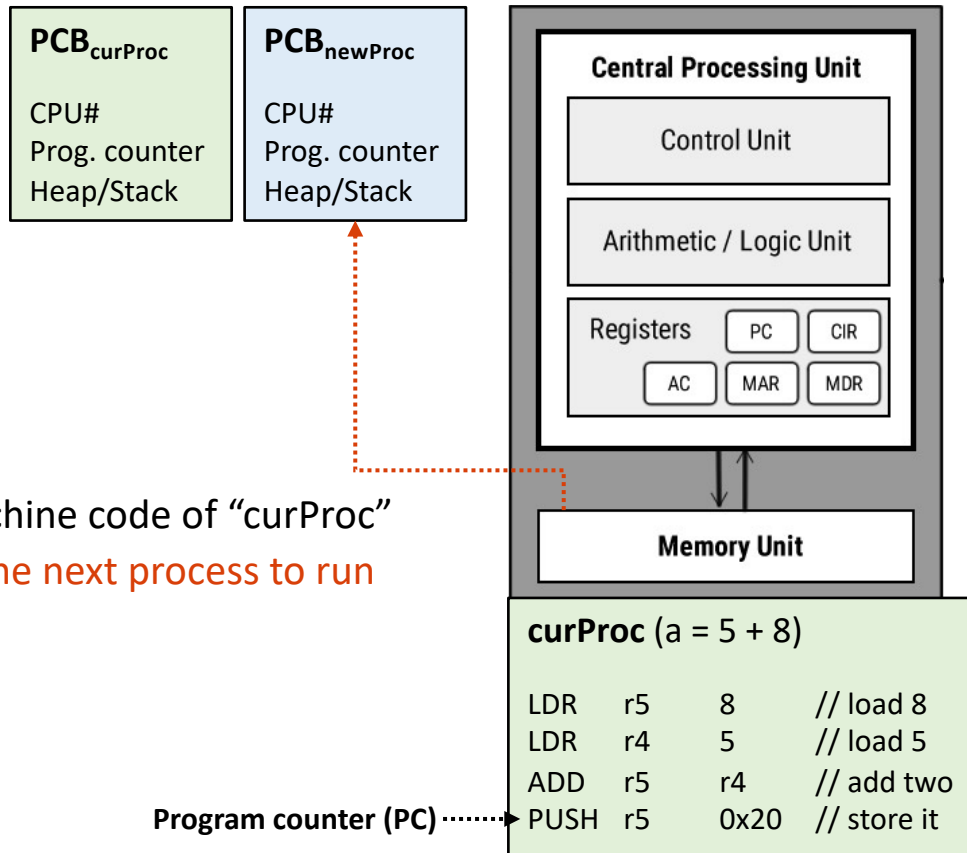
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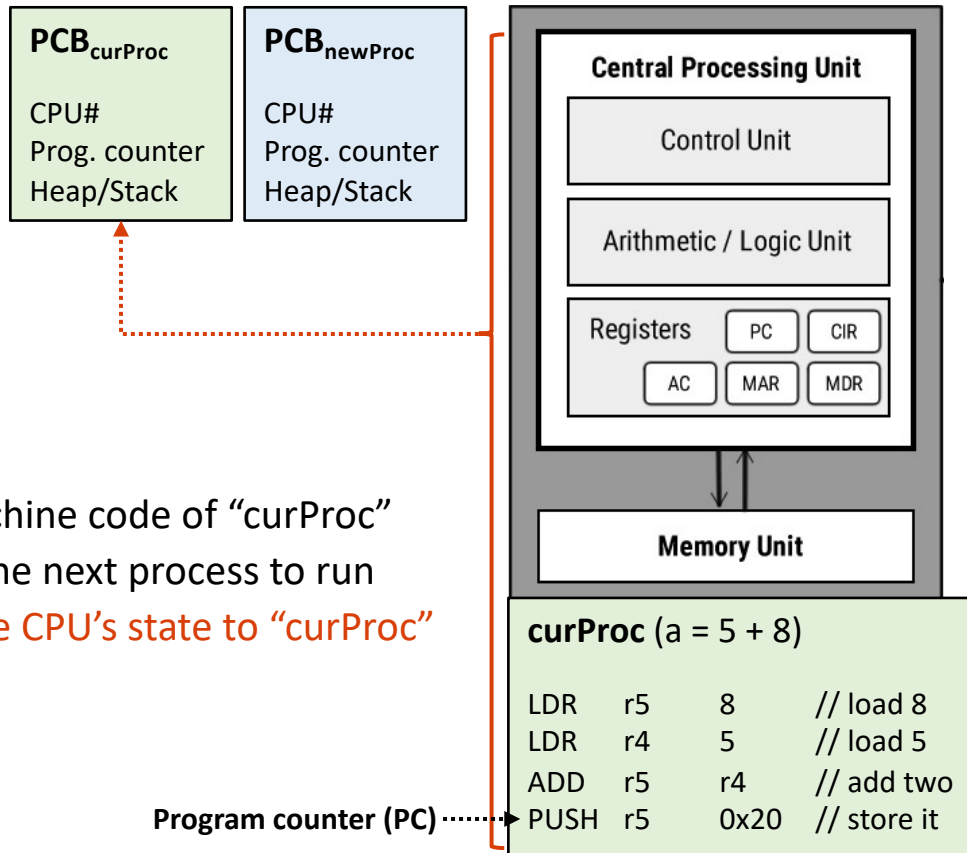
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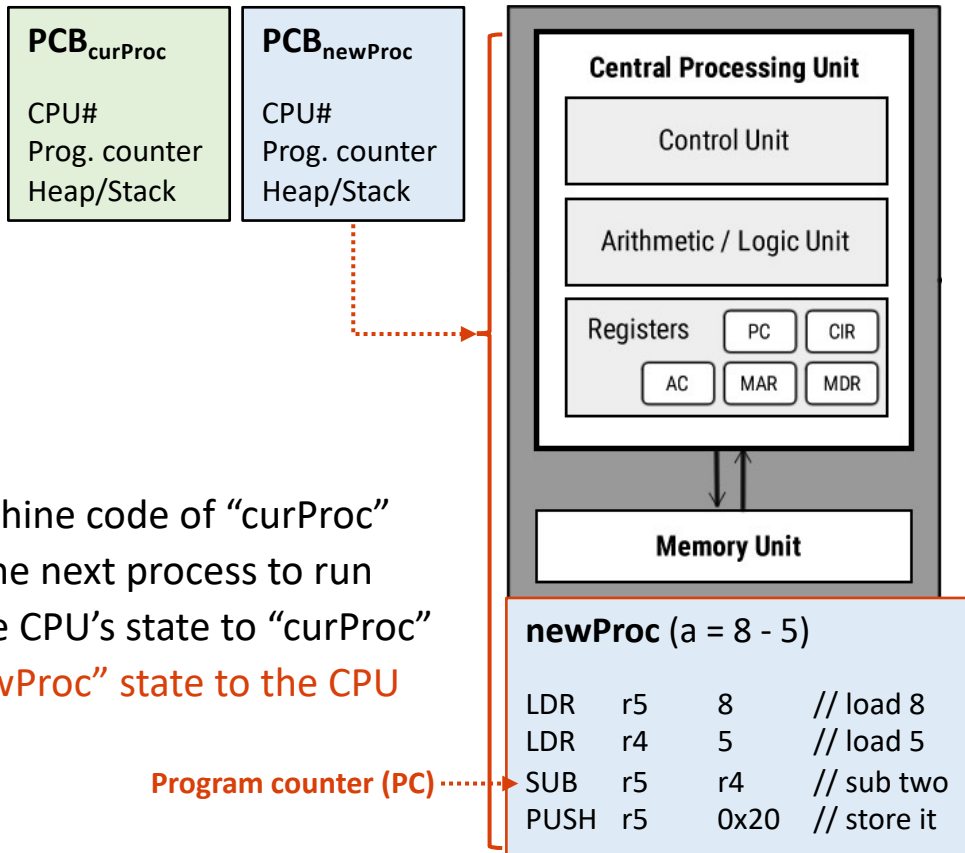
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# OS SCHEDULER – CONT'D

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- **What triggers OS scheduling?**

**while** ( <some condition,  
but eventually will be infinite> ) {

**RunProcess( curProc );**

newProc = chooseNextProc(); **←..... Yield or interrupt triggers this code line**

saveCurrentProc( curProc );

LoadNextState( newProc );

}

- **RunProcess():** a CPU executes the machine code of “curProc”
- chooseNextProc(): OS kernel selects the next process to run
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# OS SCHEDULER: YIELD

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- **Two mechanisms (that triggers chooseNextProc())**
  - **Yield:** a process *voluntarily* gives a CPU away
  - **Interrupt:** an external event happens, and OS kernel *preemptively* runs it

- **Yield Example (in your program)**

```
void fn() {  
    ...  
  
    // write the data in buf to an I/O device  
    fwrite(str, sizeof(char), sizeof(buf), fp);  
    sched_yield();  
}  
  
int main(void) {  
    fn();  
}
```

Your program pauses at here  
Then, context switching happens  
OS kernel schedules a new process on a CPU

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- **Interrupt Example (in your program)**

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void fn() {
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...
```

```
// write the data in buf to an I/O device
```

```
write(fd, buf, wlen);
```

```
printf("Data is written: %d\n", wlen);
```

```
}
```

```
int main(void) {
```

```
fn();
```

```
}
```

Your program waits until the write operation finishes and while waiting, OS kernel schedules another process



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```
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Once the write is done, OS receives “done” from the disk  
OS then schedules your proc on a CPU and it runs this line

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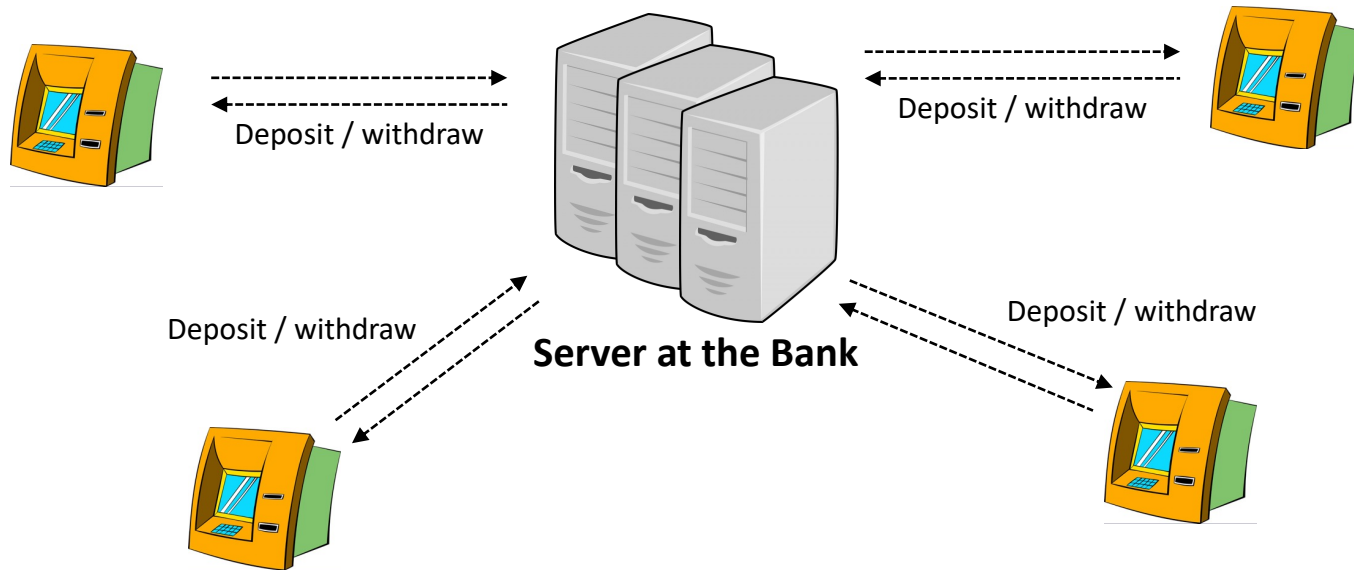
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# SYNCHRONIZATION

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- **ATM bank's server**

- The server(s) takes care of multiple deposit / withdrawal requests
- Bank want to make sure all the transactions are correct



# SYNCHRONIZATION: ATM BANK SERVER V0.1

- **Server in C**
  - Receive a request
  - Process the request
  - Perform those actions *iteratively*
- **Potential problem**
  - A single request at a time
  - Problem: ~470k ATMs in the US (2018)

```
void ProcessRequest(op, accountId, amount) {  
    switch (op) {  
        case OP_DEPOSIT:  
            Deposit(accountId, amount);  
        case OP_WITHDRAW:  
            Withdraw(accountId, amount);  
        ... <here, you can define more ops...>  
    }  
}
```

```
void Deposit(accountId, amount) {  
    account = GetAccount(accountId);  
    account->balance += amount;  
    StoreAccount(account);  
}
```

```
int main(void) {  
    int op = -1;  
    int accountId = -1;  
    int amount = -1;
```

```
    while (1) {  
        ReceiveRequest(&op, &accountId, &amount);  
        ProcessRequest(op, accountId, amount);  
    }
```

```
    return 0;    // code only reaches here if the server terminates  
}
```

# SYNCHRONIZATION: ATM BANK SERVER V0.2

- **Event-driven ATM bank server**
  - Receive/process events
  - Store them to a buffer
  - Deposit when “account” is available
- **Potential problem:**
  - Increase implementation complexity
  - How many events do we need?

```
struct Event {
    int eventType;
    int accountId;
    int amount;
    struct account* account;
};

void PullAccount(struct Event* event) {
    event->account = GetAccount(event->accountId);
}

void Deposit(struct Event* event) {
    event->account->balance += event->amount;
    event->amount = 0;
}

int main(void) {
    ...

    while (1) {
        event = Wait4NextEvent();
        if (event->eventType == RequestReceived)    PullAccount(event);
        else if (event->eventType == DepositReady)  Deposit(event);
    }

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# SYNCHRONIZATION: ATM BANK SERVER V0.3

- **Threaded ATM bank server**
  - Receive a request
  - Create a thread for processing it
  - Multiple threads can co-exist

- **Potential problem:**

## Thread A

1. Load my balance: \$400
4. Deposit \$200

## Thread B

2. Load my balance: \$400
3. Deposit \$100

**Now, What's My Balance?**

```
void ProcessRequest(op, accountId, amount) {
    switch (op) {
        case OP_DEPOSIT:
            pthread_t *newTh = <mem alloc>;
            pthread_create(newTh, Deposit, info);
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# SYNCHRONIZATION: RACE CONDITION

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- **Race condition:**

- **Definition:** an undesirable scenario; performs multiple operations on **a shared resource**
- **Example:** two “deposit” threads, running *concurrently*, increase the balance



**How Can We Make Sure My Balance Is \$700 at the End?**

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# SYNCHRONIZATION: ATOMIC OPERATION

- **Solution approach:**

- Deposit() is not *indivisible*
- Make sure to execute “Deposit()” at once

- **Atomic operation:**

- Code should be executed w/o interrupt
- **TL; DR:** Code should be run *at once*

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  - Prevents two+ process access the code
  - Supports three operations
    - **Lock** before running atomic code
    - **Unlock** after running the code
    - **Wait** while someone locked the code

```
pthread_mutex_t deposit_lock;

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- Note
  - Must use the *same* lock for a critical section
  - Must be careful in declaring a critical section
    - What if lock and sleep(10000000000);

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