RINCIPLES OF OPERATING SYSTEMS

LECTURE- 5 Principles of Operating Systems

PROCESSES

Outline

- Process Concept
- Process Scheduling
- Operations on Processes
- Cooperating Processes
- Threads
- Interprocess Communication

Process Concept

- An operating system executes a variety of programs
 - batch systems jobs
 - time-shared systems user programs or tasks
 - job and program used interchangeably
- Process a program in execution
 - process execution proceeds in a sequential fashion
- A process contains
 - program counter, stack and data section

Process =? Program

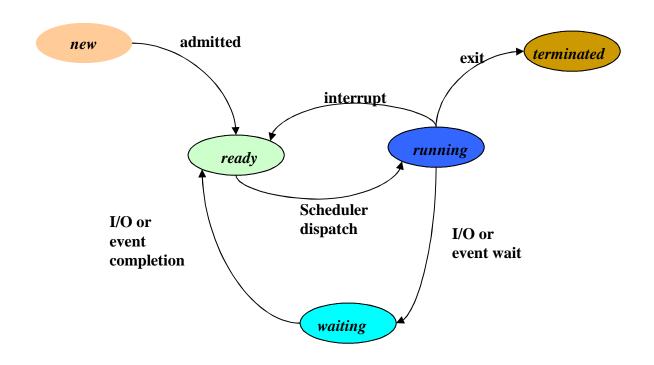
```
main ()
{
    ...;
}
A() {
    ...
} Program
```

```
main ()
{
    ...;
}
Stack
A() {
    A
    main
...
}
Process
```

- More to a process than just a program:
 - Program is just part of the process state
 - I run emacs on lectures.txt, you run it on homework.java Same program, different processes
- Less to a process than a program:
 - A program can invoke more than one process
 - cc starts up cpp, cc1, cc2, as, and ld

Process State

A process changes state as it executes.



Process States

- New The process is being created.
- Running Instructions are being executed.
- Waiting Waiting for some event to occur.
- Ready Waiting to be assigned to a processor.
- Terminated Process has finished execution.

Process Control Block

- Contains information associated with each process
 - Process State e.g. new, ready, running etc.
 - Process Number Process ID
 - Program Counter address of next instruction to be executed
 - CPU registers general purpose registers, stack pointer etc.
 - CPU scheduling information process priority, pointer
 - Memory Management information - base/limit information
 - Accounting information time limits, process number
 - I/O Status information list
 of I/O devices allocated

process state
process number
program counter

registers

memory limits
list of open files

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