CPU Scheduling

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2. Scheduling Criteria
3. Scheduling Algorithms
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Recall Process Queues and State Transitions

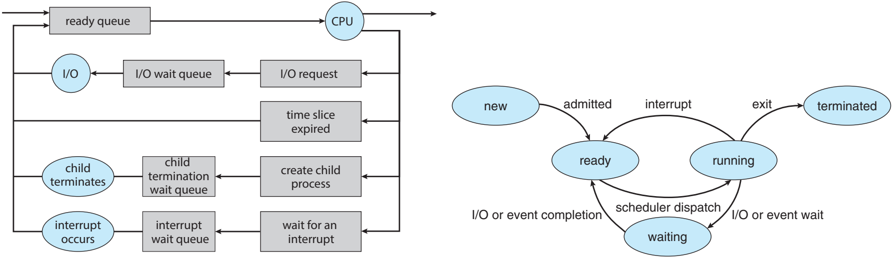

Figure: Process queues and transitions[1].

- CPU scheduling is the basis of multiprogrammed operating systems, it is about selecting a task from the *Ready* queue to execute it on CPU.
  - Process scheduling vs. thread scheduling

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When does scheduling happens?

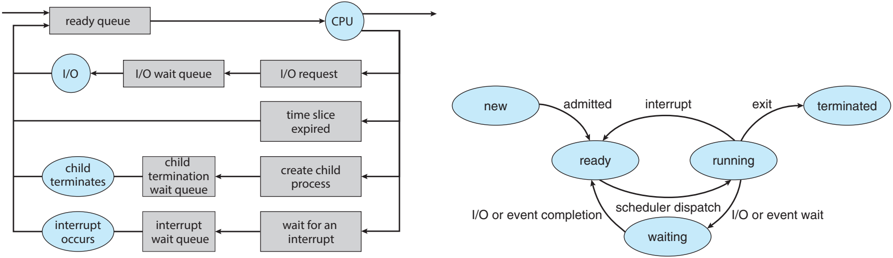

Figure: Process queues and transitions[2].

- CPU scheduling is about selecting a task from the *Ready* queue to execute it on CPU, but when does the OS make such an action?

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Preemptive vs. Non-preemptive Scheduling

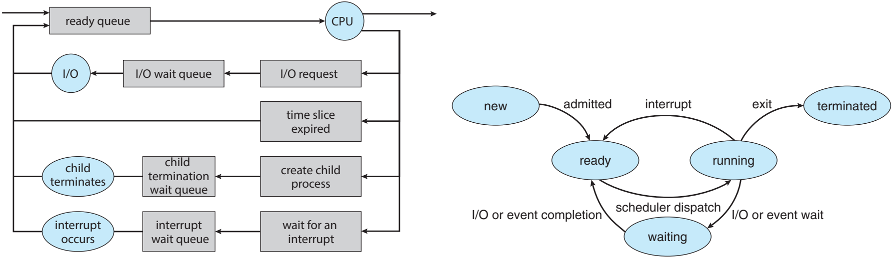

Figure: Process queues and transitions[3].

Consider when a task goes into the *Ready* queue, or a task is off CPU,

1. `Running` → `Waiting`
2. `Running` → `Ready`
3. `Waiting` → `Ready`
4. `*` → `Terminated`

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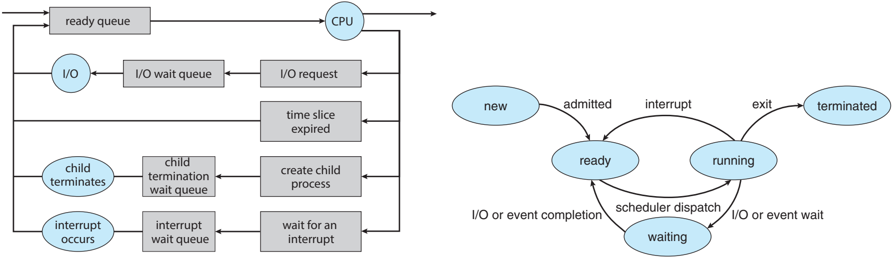

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Under 1 and 4, nonpreemptive or cooperative; otherwise, preemptive.

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Scheduling and Context Switch

1. CPU scheduler makes the decision and select a task from the *Ready* queue.
2. Dispatcher gives the control of the CPU to the selected task.
    2.1 Switching context from the active task to the selected CPU.
    2.2 Switching to user mode
    2.3 Jumping to the proper location in the selected task to resume that task

Monitoring System Context Switching in Linux

```
~$ vmstat 1 3 # show vm statistics every 1 second for 3 times
procs -----------memory---------- ---swap-- -----io---- -system-- ------cpu-----
 r  b   swpd   free   buff  cache   si   so    bi    bo   in   cs us sy id wa st
 0  0   1340 123188 112552 716608    0    0     0     2    4   10  0  0 100  0  0
 0  0   1340 123188 112552 716640    0    0     0     0  576   74  0  0 100  0  0
 0  0   1340 123188 112552 716640    0    0     0     0  576   68  0  0 100  0  0
~$
```

- `man vmstat`

  `system`

  `cs: The number of context switches per second.`

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```
~$  for p in /proc/[0-9]*; do \
>  echo "Process ${p#/proc/}:"; \
>  while read ln; do \
>  echo -e "\t${ln}"; done <<< $(grep -E -o "^.*_ctxt_switches.*$" ${p}/status); \
>  done;
Process 1:
  voluntary_ctxt_switches:        41215
  nonvoluntary_ctxt_switches:     15741
Process 10:
  voluntary_ctxt_switches:        26239510
  nonvoluntary_ctxt_switches:     10
...
Process 99:
  voluntary_ctxt_switches:        4
  nonvoluntary_ctxt_switches:     0
~$
```

- A voluntary context switch occurs when a task has given up control of the CPU because it requires a resource that is currently unavailable (such as blocking for I/O.)
- A nonvoluntary context switch occurs when the CPU has been taken away from a task, such as when its time slice has expired or it has been preempted by an another task.

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Not all processes are created equal

The design or selection of CPU scheduling algorithm depends on an observed property of processes:

- CPU burst and I/O burst cycle
- Distribution of CPU and I/O bursts
- CPU-bound processes
- I/O-bound processes

Scheduling Criteria

Criteria from design or selection of CPU scheduling algorithm

- CPU utilization. % of time CPU being busy
- Throughput. # of tasks completed per time unit.
- Turnaround time. Interval from task submission to task completion.
- Waiting time. Total time a task spends (i.e., waits) in the ready queue.
- Response time. Interval from the submission of a request until the first response is produced.

Optimizing for Scheduling Criteria

Maximize CPU utilization and throughput and to minimize turnaround time, waiting time, and response time.

- Consider min, max, average, variance ...
- Criteria may conflict with each other
- Batch systems vs. interacctive systems vs. real-time systems vs. ...

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Scheduling Algorithms

- First-Come, First-Served Scheduling
- Shortest-Job-First Scheduling
  - Shortest-Remaining-Time-First Scheduling
- Round-Robin Scheduling
- Priority Scheduling
  - Multilevel Queue Scheduling
  - Multilevel Feedback Queue Scheduling

First-Come, First-Served Scheduling (FCFS)

Consider the *ready* queue with the following tasks,

Task	Burst Time
P_1	6
P_2	8
P_3	7
P_4	3

Shortest-Job-First Scheduling (SJF)

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P_4	3

Shortest-Remaining-Time-First Scheduling (SRTF)

Consider the following tasks that arrive in the *ready* queue,

Task	Arrival Time	Burst Time
P_1	0	6
P_2	2	8
P_3	3	7
P_4	6	3

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  The next CPU burst is generally predicted as an *exponential average* of the measured lengths of previous CPU bursts, commonly,

$$\tau_{n+1} = \alpha t_n + (1 - \alpha)\tau_n \tag{1}$$

where

t_n: the n-th CPU burst that the OS records

τ_{n+1}: the next (i.e., n+1) predicted value of the CPU burst

α: $\alpha \in [0, 1]$, an aging exponent that determines the effect of history of CPU bursts.

Round-Robin Scheduling (RR)

Assume time quantum $= 2$ and consider the *ready* queue with the following tasks,

Task	Burst Time
P_1	6
P_2	8
P_3	7
P_4	3

Priority Scheduling

Consider the *ready* queue with the following tasks where 1 means the highest priority, and 3 lowest,

Task	Burst Time	Priority
P_1	6	3
P_2	8	1
P_3	7	2
P_4	3	1

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Thread Scheduling

- Kernel and user threads
- Contention scope

Multiprocessor Scheduling

- Multiprocess architecture, multicore CPUs vs. multithreaded cores vs. NUMA systems vs. Heterogeneous multiprocessing
- Common ready queue vs. per-core ready queue
- Load balancing
- Processor affinity and cache

References I

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