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OPERATING SYSTEM AND ADMINISTRATION

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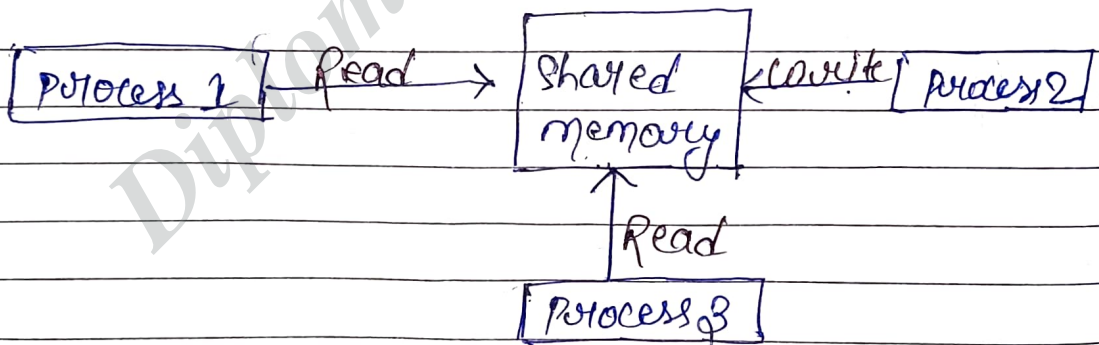
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Unit-05 Process Synchronization

Process Synchronization is used in a computer system to ensure that multiple processes or threads can run concurrently without interfering with each other.

The main purpose or objective of process synchronization is to ensure that multiple processes access shared resources without interfering with each other and to prevent the possibility of inconsistent data due to concurrent access.



Critical Section

* A critical section is the part of code where a shared resource is accessed -
problem: Ensure that only one process enters the critical section at a time.

* Condition/Rules to solve critical section problem:

when we edit the same file in two interface it will be corrupt.

primary state (must be follow)

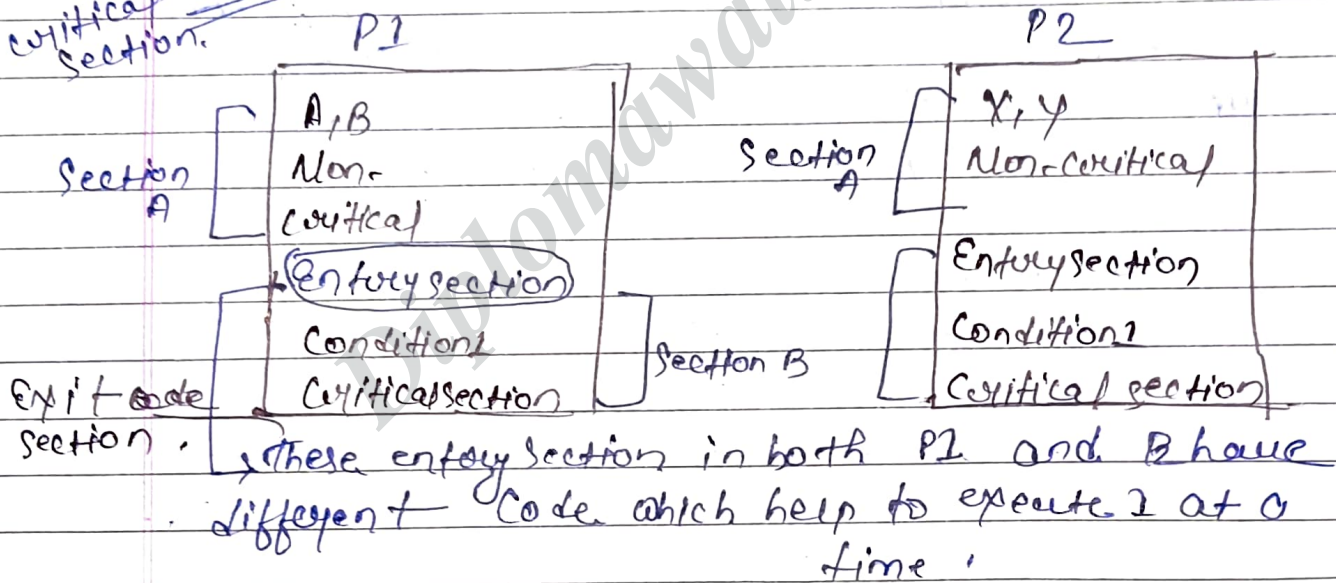
1. Mutual Exclusion :- Only one process in critical section at a time.
2. Progress :- If no process is in critical section, one should be allowed to enter.
3. Bounded waiting :- No process should wait forever.
- 4.) No assumption related to the speed. (Hardware are not give any special favour, all are equal).

secondary state

* Semaphores

→ It is a integer variables that are used to solve the critical section problem.

critical section.



* A Semaphore is a synchronization tool used in OS to control access to shared resources among multiple processes or threads.

SRTF

It is basically an integer variable (S) that help in avoiding race conditions.

- Types :-
- (i) Binary Semaphore
 - (ii) Counting Semaphore

Counting Semaphore - $= \infty$ to ∞
 Binary Semaphore - 0, 1

0 \rightarrow busy
 1 \rightarrow available

* Semaphores

Semaphores is a method out of a pool which is used to prevent a sparse condition.

Semaphore is an integer variable which is used in mutual exclusive manner to various concurrent cooperative process in order to achieve synchronization.

Operation performed in Semaphores.

1) P(), down, wait \rightarrow entry section.

\rightarrow decrease value, blocks if ≤ 0 .

V(), up, signal (S) \rightarrow increase value, wakes up waiting process.

* Counting Semaphore

1) Entry Section.

down (Semaphore S)

S-Value = S-Value - 1

if (S-Value \leq 0)

{

put process (PCB) in suspended list, sleep()

}

else

return;

}

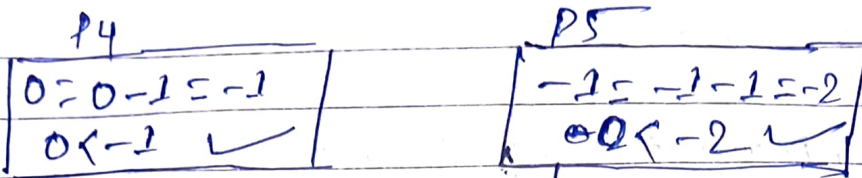
ex: $\boxed{3}$

P1
 $3 = 3 - 1 = 2$
 $2 > 0$ X

P2
 $2 = 2 - 1 = 1$
 $1 > 0$ X

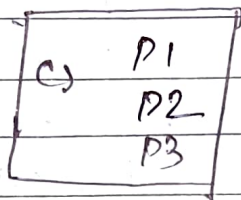
P3
 $1 = 1 - 1 = 0$
 $0 < 0$ X

\rightarrow started in the critical section.



↳ if block execute.
Stored memory in
Sleep mode.

P4, P5 - Suspended block.



ii) Exit Section

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up(Semaphore S)
{
    S.value = S.value + 1;
    if (S.value < 0)
    {
        select a process from
        Suspended list
        wake up();
    }
}
    
```

In this code we use 'S.value + 1' which will up the value means the value which is in critical section will be outside.

* If Semaphore value is 0 then there is no any suspended list operation perform.

A Binary Semaphore.

Operation

- Down, P, wait - for entry
- up, V, signal - for exit.

down (Semaphore S)

```

P1
if (S.value == 1)
    S.value = 0;
else
    Block this process and place in
    suspend list, sleep(1);
P2
    // if S == 1 then convert
    // it into 0.
    P2 will block because
    it either be 1 or 0.
    
```

up (Semaphore S)

```

P1
if (suspend list is empty)
    S.value = 1;
else
    // if S == 0 then convert
    // it to S == 1 process
    // Same here all other block
    // or suspend.
    select a process from suspend
    list and wake up(1)
P2
    
```

* Deadlock.

If two or more processes are waiting on happening of some event, which never happens, then we say these processes are involved in deadlock. That state is called deadlock.

* Necessary Conditions (Coffman's Conditions):

1. Mutual Exclusion.

- A resource can be used by only one process at a time.
- Ex - A printer cannot be shared by two processes at the exact same amount.

2. Hold and wait

A process is holding at least one resource and waiting to acquire additional resources.

Ex - process A is holding CPU but waiting for I/O device.

3. No preemption

- A process cannot be forcibly taken away from a process, it must be released voluntarily.
- Ex - we can't snatch the printer from a process until it finishes printing.

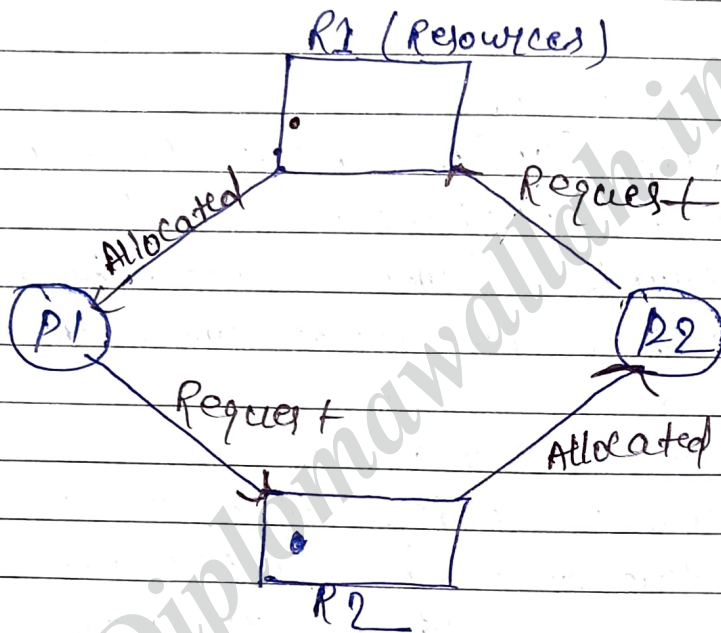
4. Circular wait

A circular chain of processes exists, where each process is waiting for a resource held by the next.

Ex- P1 \rightarrow waiting for resource held by P2, P.
1 P2 \rightarrow waiting for P3, Pn \rightarrow waiting for P1.

\rightarrow If these all four condition true deadlock will happen.

If one condition is broken, deadlock cannot happen.



Resource 1 allocate P2 and P1 wants R2, but P2 Resource 2 allocate P2 and P2 want R1.

* Methods For Handling Deadlocks

1. Prevention:—

- Ensure that at least one of the four necessary conditions for deadlocks (mutual exclusion, hold and wait, no preemption, circular wait) never occurs.

ex -

- do not allow "Hold and wait" → a process must request all resources at once.
- Break "circular wait" → assign a strict ordering of resources (e.g. - CPU first, then I/O).

2. Deadlock Avoidance: -

OS check system and allocates resources safely so deadlock never occurs.

- The most famous algorithm = Banker's Algorithm (like a bank does not give loan if it may lead to bankruptcy.)
- Require advance knowledge of maximum resources a process may need.

Banker Algorithm: -

The Banker's Algorithm is based on the concept of resource allocation graph. (visual way to understand how resources are assigned in OS.) A resource allocation graph is a directed graph where each node represents a process, and each edge represent a resource.

RAG → Resource Allocation graph
WFG → wait for graph



3. Deadlock detection

Deadlock detection is used by employing an algorithm that detects circular waiting and kills one or more processes so that the deadlock is removed.

- This technique does not limit resource access or restrict process action.
- Requested resources are granted to processes whenever possible.
- It never delays the process initiation and facilitates online handling.

4. Deadlock Ignorance

In the deadlock ignorance method the OS acts like the deadlock never occurs and completely ignore it even if the deadlock occurs.

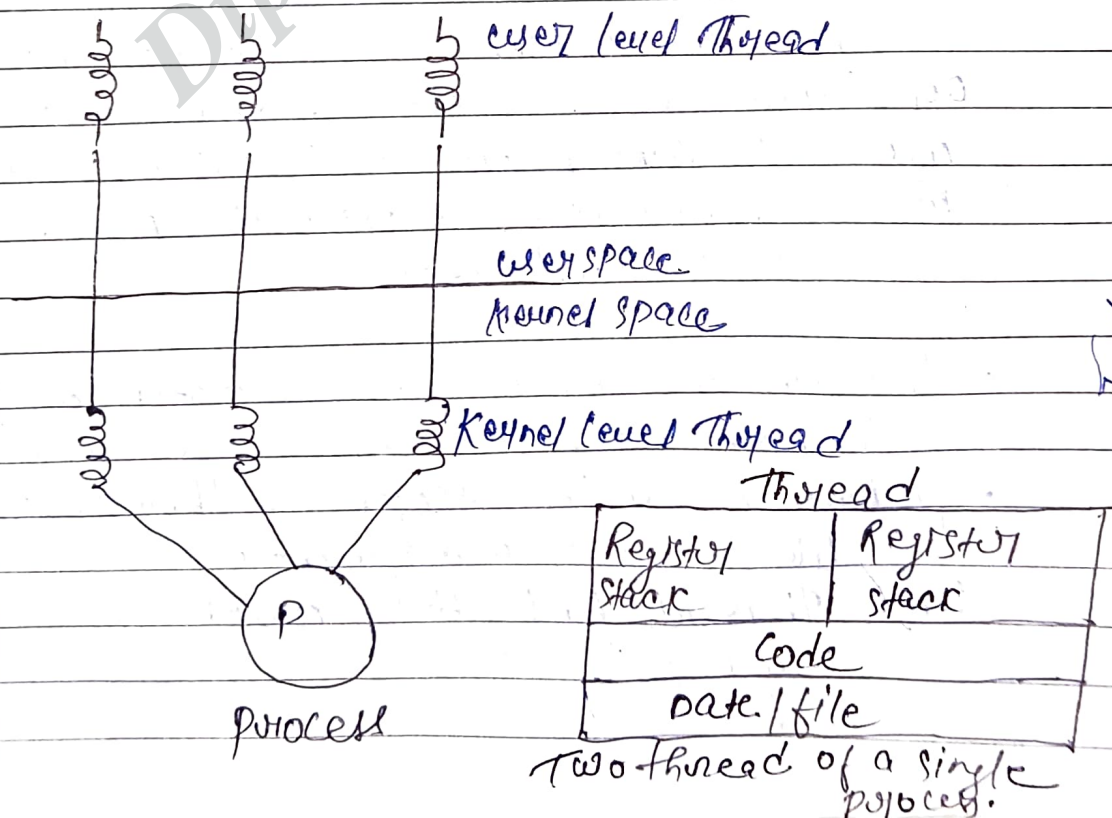
- Killing processes involved in deadlock.
- Preempting resources (take back printer, memory etc from some process).
- Rollback (returns a process to some previous safe state and restart).

Ex

If a deadlock is detected in a database system, OS may terminate one transaction (process) and roll it back, releasing resources for others.

* Thread

- A thread is the smallest unit of execution within a process.
- A process can have one or more threads.
- Threads inside the same process share:
 - Code (some program instruction)
 - Data (global variable, heap memory),
 - Resources (like files memory space)
- But each thread has its own:
 - program counter - consists of instructions which are to be executed
 - Stack - local variable function call etc.
 - Register - temporary storage
- Ex - A web browser process has:
 - one thread to render the page.
 - Another thread to download files.
 - Another thread to play music.



• Each Thread belongs to exactly one process.

• In an OS that supports multithreading, the process that can consist many threads. But thread can be effectively only if the CPU is more than 1. Otherwise, two threads have to context switch for the single CPU.

• All threads belonging to the same process share - code section, data section, and OS resources (e.g. - open files and signals).

• Each Thread has their own thread ID, program counter, register set and a stack.

Ex - When we work on Microsoft Word or Google Docs we notice that while we are typing, multiple things happen together. Formatting is applied, page is changed and auto save happens.

• Threads can share common data so they do not use inter-process communication.

• Priority can be assigned to thread just like process management.

• Each Thread has their own Thread Control Block (TCB) → store the important information of thread.

Thread Identifier, Program Counter, Registers, Thread State, Stack pointer, priority, pointer to process, Resource info (if needed).



Types of Thread.

1. user level Thread.

- it is a type of thread that is not created using system call.
- The kernel has no work in management of user level threads.
- user level thread can be easily implemented by a user.

In case when user-level threads are single-handed processes, kernel level thread manages them.

Advantage

- Easier than kernel-level thread.
- Context switch time is less in user level.
- It is more efficient than kernel level.

Disadvantage

- The OS is unaware of user-level threads, so kernel-level optimization like load balancing across CPUs are not utilized.
- If a user-level thread makes a blocking system call, entire process (and its all its thread) is blocked.

OS thread schedule them individually.

2. Kernel level Thread

- Kernel level is a type of thread that can recognize the OS.
- It has its own thread table where it keep track of the system.
- The OS kernel help in managing threads.
- It has longer context switching time.
- Each thread treated like a schedulable unit.
- Kernel helps in management of threads.
- Each thread has their own TCB inside thread.

Advantage

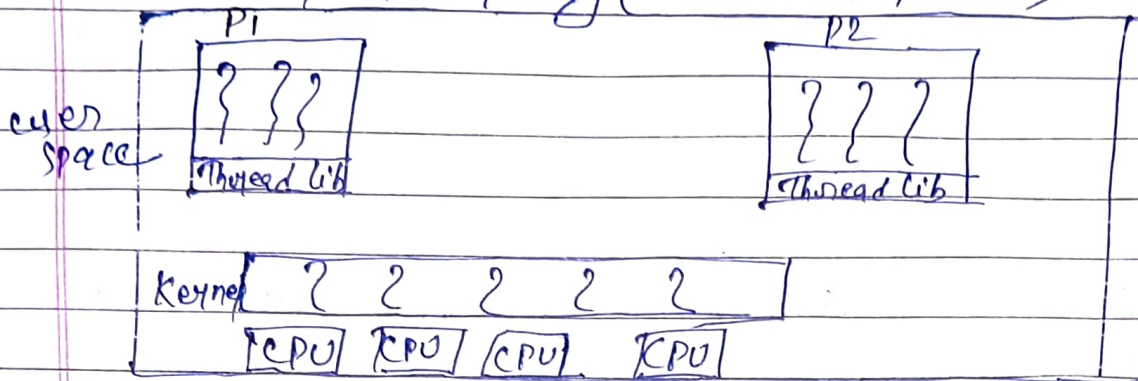
- It can run on multiple processors or cores simultaneously.
- Kernel is aware of all threads, allowing it to manage and schedule them effectively across available resources.
- Application that block frequently are to be handled by the kernel-level threads.

Disadvantage

- Context switching b/w kernel level threads is slower compared to user-level threads because it requires mode switching b/w user and kernel space.
- Managing kernel level threads involves frequent system calls and kernel interactions, leading to increased CPU overhead.
- Large number of threads may overload the kernel scheduler.
- It's little more complex than user-level.

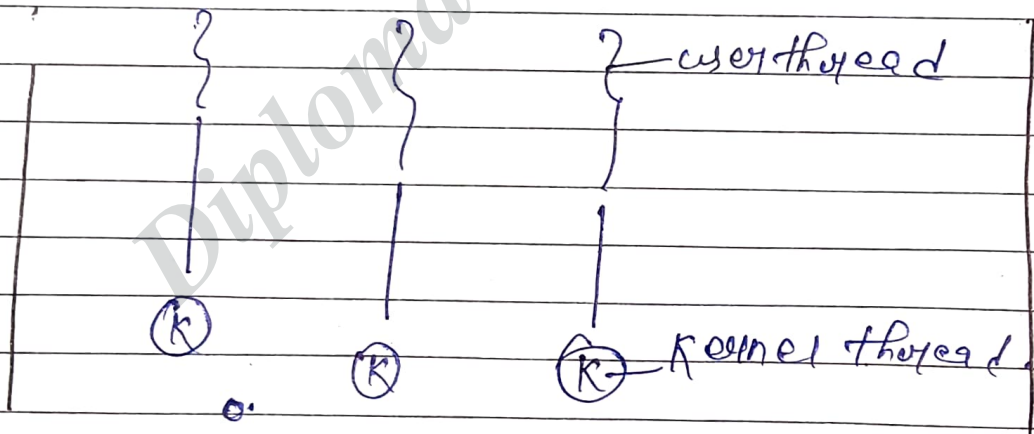
Models of Thread

multithreading (one to many to one)



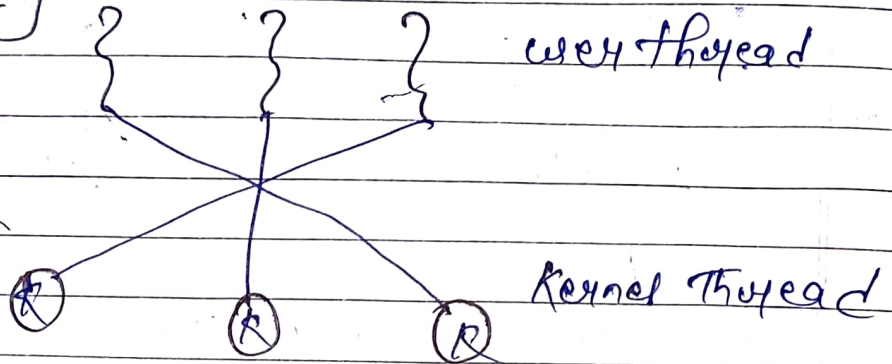
- Many user level thread map to one kernel level thread.
- If one thread ~~locks~~ ^{blocks then} another will block automatically.

One to one multithreading.



- Each user thread map with one kernel thread.
- Two parallelism on multicore.
- moreover, creating many kernel thread is expensive.

many to many



- Six user level thread are connect with 6 kernel level thread.
- This kernel level provide best accuracy and concurrency.

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