Operating Systems

Scheduler and Dispatcher

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Dispatching and Scheduling

- Tasks of multitasking operating systems are among others:
  - Dispatching: Assign the CPU to another process (process switching)
  - Scheduling: Determine the order of process execution and the exact point in time when the process switch occurs
- The dispatcher carries out the state transitions of the processes

Performance

- The **scheduler** may run ...
  - periodically (e.g., on Linux)
  - for every interrupt (e.g., on RIOT)

⇒ Is called frequently and hence, should be as efficient as possible

- Every call to the **scheduler** may trigger the **dispatcher** to run

⇒ Must be efficient as well

The Dispatcher

We already know. . .

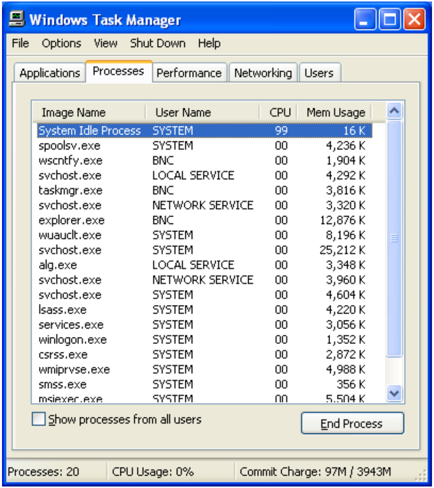
- During process switching, the dispatcher removes the CPU from the `running` process and assigns it to the process, which is the first one in the queue
- For transitions between the states `ready` and `blocked`, the dispatcher removes the corresponding process control blocks from the status lists and accordingly inserts them new
- Transitions from or to the state `running` always imply a switch of the process, which is currently executed by the CPU

If a process switches into the state `running` or from the state `running` to another state, the dispatcher needs to. . .

- back up the context (register contents) of the executed process in the process control block
- assign the CPU to another process
- import the context (register contents) of the process, which will be executed next, from its process control block

Idle Process

- Modern processors provide an idle state
- If no process is in the state `ready` an idle process gets the CPU assigned
- The idle process is always ready to run and has the lowest priority
- On most operating systems the idle process puts the CPU into a power-saving mode
- For each CPU core (in hyperthreading systems for each logical CPU) a system idle process exists



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Scheduling Criteria and Scheduling Strategies

- The scheduler of an operating system specifies the execution order of the processes in the state `ready`
- The best scheduling strategy depends on the use case
  - No scheduling strategy...
    - is optimally suited for every system and
    - can take all scheduling criteria optimal into account.
- The scheduling strategy is always a tradeoff between different scheduling criteria

Scheduling criteria

Scheduling criteria are among others **CPU load**, response time (**latency**), **turnaround time**, **throughput**, **efficiency**, **real-time behavior** (compliance with deadlines), **waiting time**, **overhead**, **fairness**, consideration of priorities, even resource utilization...

Non-preemptive and preemptive Scheduling

- Two types of scheduling strategies exist
  - Non-preemptive scheduling or cooperative scheduling
    - Any running process will either run until completion or voluntarily yields
    - Problematic: A process may occupy the CPU for as long as it wants
  - **Examples**: Windows 3.x, MacOS 8/9, Windows 95/98/Me (for 16-Bit processes)
  - Preemptive scheduling
    - The CPU may be removed from a process before its execution is completed
    - **Drawback**: Higher overhead compared with non-preemptive scheduling
  - **Examples**: Linux, MacOS X, Windows 95/98/Me (for 32-Bit processes), Windows NT (incl. XP/Visa/7/8/10/11), FreeBSD, RIOT

Preemptive Scheduling in RIOT

In RIOT a running process is only removed from the run queue if a process with a higher priority becomes ready to run.

Performance Metrics

Waiting Time The time a process has to wait before getting the CPU assigned

CPU Time The time that the process needs to access the CPU to complete its execution

Runtime = „lifetime“ = time period between the creation and the termination of a process = (CPU time + waiting time)

Impact on the overall Performance of a Computer

- This example demonstrates the impact of the scheduling method used on the overall performance of a computer
  - The processes P_A and P_B are to be executed one after the other

Process	CPU time
A	24 ms
B	2 ms

- If a short-running process runs before a long-running process, the runtime and waiting time of the long process process get slightly worse
- If a long-running process runs before a short-running process, the runtime and waiting time of the short process get significantly worse

Execution order	Runtime A	Runtime B	Average runtime	Waiting time A	Waiting time B	Average waiting time
P_A, P_B	24 ms	26 ms	$\frac{24+26}{2} = 25$ ms	0 ms	24 ms	$\frac{0+24}{2} = 12$ ms
P_B, P_A	26 ms	2 ms	$\frac{2+26}{2} = 14$ ms	2 ms	0 ms	$\frac{0+2}{2} = 1$ ms

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Scheduling Methods

- Several scheduling methods (algorithms) exist
  - Each method tries to comply with the well-known scheduling criteria and principles in varying degrees
- Some scheduling methods:
  - **Priority-driven scheduling**
  - **First Come First Served** (FCFS) = **First In First Out** (FIFO)
  - Last Come First Served (LCFS)
  - **Round Robin** (RR) with time quantum
  - **Shortest/Longest Job First** (SJF/LJF)
  - **Shortest/Longest Remaining Time First** (SRTF/LRTF)
  - Highest Response Ratio Next (HRRN)
  - **Earliest Deadline First** (EDF)
  - Static multilevel scheduling
  - Multilevel feedback scheduling
  - **Completely Fair Scheduler** (CFS)

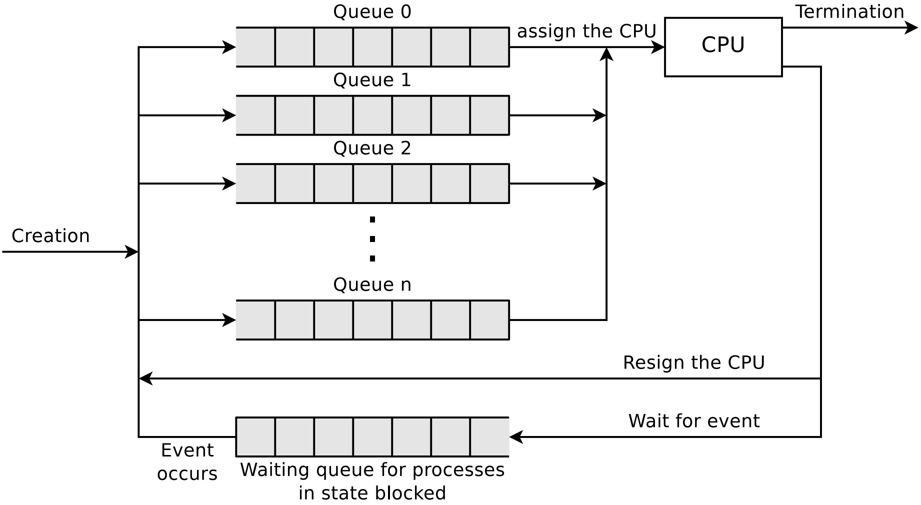
Modern operating systems often implement several scheduling methods

- In Linux e.g., each processes is assigned to a specific scheduling method
- For real-time processes. . .
  - `SCHED_FIFO` (priority-driven scheduling, non-preemptive)
  - `SCHED_RR` (preemptive)
  - `SCHED_DEADLINE` (EDF scheduling, preemptive)
- For **„normal“ processes**. . .
  - `SCHED_OTHER` (default Linux time-sharing scheduling) implemented as. . .
    - Multilevel Feedback Scheduling (until Kernel 2.4)
    - O(1) scheduler (Kernel 2.6.0 until 2.6.22)
    - Completely Fair Scheduler (since Kernel 2.6.23)

Priority-driven Scheduling

- Processes are executed according to their priority (= importance or urgency)
- The highest priority process in state `ready` gets the CPU assigned
    - The priority may depend on various criteria, such as static (assigned) priority level, required resources, rank of the user, demanded real-time criteria,...
- Can be **preemptive** and **non-preemptive**
- The priority values can be assigned static or dynamic
    - Static priorities remain unchanged throughout the lifetime of a process and are often used in real-time systems
    - Dynamic priorities are adjusted from time to time $\Longrightarrow$ **Multilevel feedback scheduling** (see slide 43)
- Risk of (static) priority-driven scheduling: Processes with low priority values may starve ($\Longrightarrow$ **this is not fair**)

Priority-driven Scheduling



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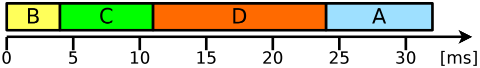
Priority-driven Scheduling – Example

- Four processes shall be processed on a system with a single CPU
- All processes are at time point 0 in state `ready`
- Execution order of the processes as Gantt chart (timeline)

Process	CPU time	Priority
A	8 ms	15
B	4 ms	3
C	7 ms	4
D	13 ms	8



- **Runtime of the processes**

Process	A	B	C	D
Runtime	32	4	11	24

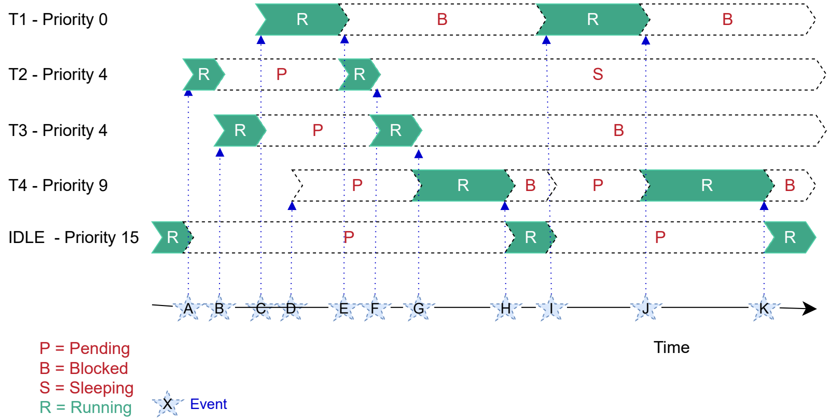
Avg. runtime $= \frac{32+4+11+24}{4} = 17.75$ ms

- **Waiting time of the processes**

Process	A	B	C	D
Waiting time	24	0	4	11

Avg. waiting time $= \frac{24+0+4+11}{4} = 9.75$ ms

The RIOT Scheduler – Example



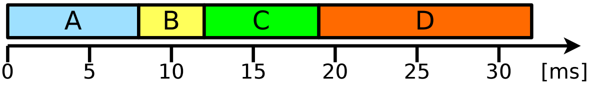
First Come First Served (FCFS)

- Works according to the principle First In First Out (FIFO)
- Running processes are not interrupted
  - It is non-preemptive scheduling
- FCFS is fair
  - All processes are executed
- The average waiting time may be very high under certain circumstances
  - Processes with short execution time may need to wait for a long time if processes with long execution times have arrived before
- FCFS/FIFO can be used for $\Longrightarrow$ batch processing
- FIFO is used in Linux for non-preemptive real-time processes

First Come First Served – Example

- Four processes shall be processed on a system with a single CPU
- Execution order of the processes as Gantt chart

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



- **Runtime of the processes**

Process	A	B	C	D
Runtime	8	11	16	27

Avg. runtime $= \frac{8+11+16+27}{4} = 15.5$ ms

- **Waiting time of the processes**

Process	A	B	C	D
Waiting time	0	7	9	14

Avg. waiting time $= \frac{0+7+9+14}{4} = 7.5$ ms

Last Come First Served (LCFS)

- Works according to the principle Last In First Out (LIFO)
- Processes are executed in the reverse order of creation
  - The concept is equal with a stack
- Running processes are not interrupted
  - The processes have the CPU assigned until process termination or voluntary resigning
- LCFS is not fair
  - The case of continuous creation of new processes, the old processes are not taken into account and thus may starve
- FCFS/FIFO can be used for $\Longrightarrow$ batch processing
  - Is seldom used in pure form

Last Come First Served – Example

- Four processes shall be processed on a system with a single CPU

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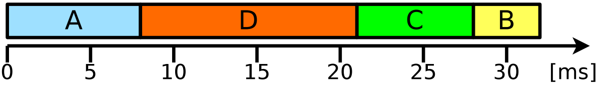
B	4 ms	1 ms
C	7 ms	3 ms
D	13 ms	5 ms

- Execution order of the processes as Gantt chart



- **Runtime of the processes**

Process	A	B	C	D
Runtime	8	31	25	16

$$\frac{8+31+25+16}{4} = 20 \text{ ms}$$

- **Waiting time of the processes**

Process	A	B	C	D
Waiting time	0	27	18	3

$$\frac{0+27+18+3}{4} = 12 \text{ ms}$$

Last Come First Served – Preemptive Variant (LCFS-PR)

- A new process in state `ready` replaces the currently executed processes from the CPU
  - Processes, which get the CPU resigned, are inserted at the end of the queue
  - If no new processes are created, the running process has the CPU assigned until process termination or voluntary resigning
- Prefers processes with a short execution time
  - The execution of a process with a short execution time may be completed before new process are created
  - Processes with a long execution time may get the CPU resigned several times and thus significantly delayed
- LCFS-PR is not fair
  - Processes with a long execution time may never get the CPU assigned and starve
- Is seldom used in pure form

Last Come First Served Example – Preemptive Variant

- Four processes shall be processed on a system with a single CPU

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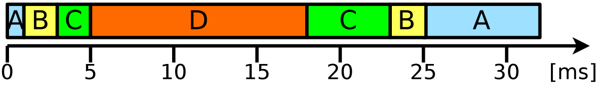
- Execution order of the processes as Gantt chart



- **Runtime of the processes**

Process	A	B	C	D
Runtime	32	24	20	13

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

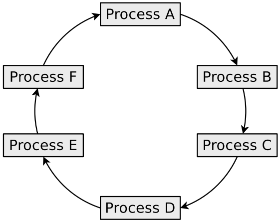
- **Waiting time of the processes**

Process	A	B	C	D
Waiting time	24	20	13	0

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

Round Robin – RR (1/2)

- Time slices with a fixed duration (may be ∞!) are specified
- The processes are queued in a cyclic queue according to the FIFO principle
  - The first process of the queue gets 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 positioned 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 among the processes
- RR with time slice size ∞ behaves like $\longrightarrow$ FCFS

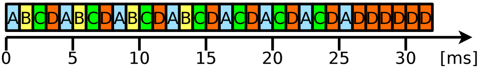
Round Robin – RR (2/2)

- 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 switches must take place
    $\Longrightarrow$ Increased overhead
  - The longer they are, the more gets the simultaneousness lost
    $\Longrightarrow$ The system hangs/becomes jerky
- The size of the time slices is usually in single or double-digit millisecond range
- Prefers processes with short execution time
- Preemptive scheduling method
- Round Robin scheduling can be used for interactive systems
- Round Robin is used in Linux for preemptive *real-time* processes

Round Robin – Example

- Four processes shall be processed on a system with a single CPU
- All processes are at time point 0 in state `ready`
- Time quantum $q = 1$ ms
- Execution order of the processes as Gantt chart

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



- **Runtime of the processes**

Process	A	B	C	D
Runtime	26	14	24	32

Avg. runtime $= \frac{26+14+24+32}{4} = 24$ ms

- **Waiting time of the processes**

Process	A	B	C	D
Waiting time	18	10	17	19

Avg. waiting time $= \frac{18+10+17+19}{4} = 16$ ms

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

- The process with the shortest execution time get the CPU assigned first
- Non-preemptive scheduling method
- **Problem:** The runtime of each process needs to be known in advance
- **Solution:** Execution time is estimated by analyzing its behavior in the past
- 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 starve
- If the execution time of the processes can be estimated, SJF can be used for batch processing)

Shortest Job First – Example

- Four processes shall be processed on a system with a single CPU
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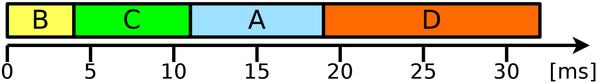
D	13 ms

- Execution order of the processes as Gantt chart



- **Runtime of the processes**

Process	A	B	C	D
Runtime	19	4	11	32

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

- **Waiting time of the processes**

Process	A	B	C	D
Waiting time	11	0	4	19

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

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
- Estimation of runtime is required
- 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 ($\Longrightarrow$ not fair)

Shortest Remaining Time First – Example

- Four processes shall be processed on a system with a single CPU

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D	13 ms	11 ms

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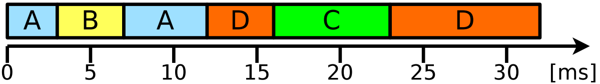


- **Runtime of the processes**

Process	A	B	C	D
Runtime	12	4	7	21

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

- **Waiting time of the processes**

Process	A	B	C	D
Waiting time	4	0	0	8

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

Longest Job First (LJF)

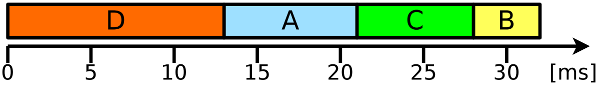
- The process with the longest execution time get the CPU assigned first
- Non-preemptive scheduling method
- Estimation of runtime is required
- LJF is not fair
  - Prefers processes, which have a long execution time
  - Processes with a short execution time may get the CPU assigned only after a very long waiting period or **starve**
- If the execution time of the processes can be estimated, LJF can be used for batch processing)

Longest Job First – Example

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

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

- Execution order of the processes as Gantt chart



- **Runtime of the processes**

Process	A	B	C	D
Runtime	21	32	28	13

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

- **Waiting time of the processes**

Process	A	B	C	D
Waiting time	13	28	21	0

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

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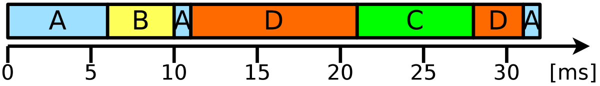
- Processes with a short duration may starve ($\Longrightarrow$ not fair)

Longest Remaining Time First – Example

- Four processes shall be processed on a system with a single CPU

Process	CPU time	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



- **Runtime of the processes**

Process	A	B	C	D
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$$\frac{32+4+7+20}{4} = 15.75 \text{ ms}$$

- **Waiting time of the processes**

Process	A	B	C	D
Waiting time	24	0	0	7

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

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 $\Longrightarrow$ HRRN is fair

Earliest Deadline First (EDF)

- Used in *real-time operating operating systems* (RTOS)
- **Objective:** processes should comply with their *deadlines* when possible
- Processes in `ready` state are arranged according to their deadline
  - The process with the closest deadline gets the CPU assigned next
- The queue is reviewed and reorganized whenever...
  - 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
- EDF is used in Linux for preemptive real-time processes

Earliest Deadline First – Example

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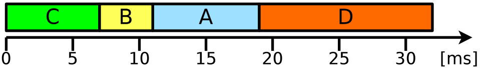
Process	CPU time	Deadline
A	8 ms	25
B	4 ms	18
C	7 ms	9
D	13 ms	34



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- **Waiting time of the processes**

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Waiting time	11	7	0	19

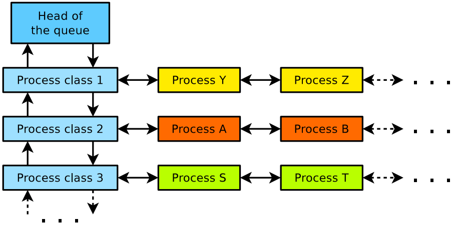
Avg. waiting time $= \frac{11+7+0+19}{4} = 9.25$ ms

Multilevel Scheduling

- With each scheduling policy, compromises concerning the different scheduling criteria must be made
  - Procedure in practice: Several scheduling strategies are combined
    $\Longrightarrow$ 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

Static Multilevel Scheduling (2/2)

- Example of allocating the processes to different process classes (sublists) with different scheduling strategies:

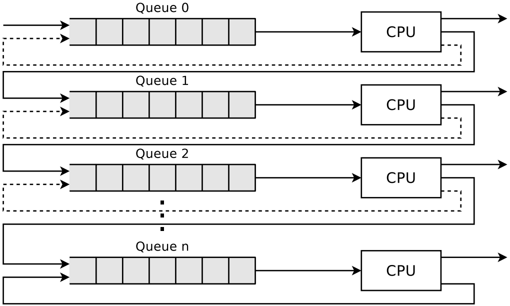
Priority	Process class	Scheduling method
3	Real-time processes (time-critical)	Priority-driven scheduling
3	Interactive processes	Round Robin
2	I/O-intensive processes	Round Robin
1	Compute-intensive batch processes	First Come First Served

Multilevel Feedback Scheduling (1/2)

- It is impossible to predict the execution time precisely in advance
  - **Solution:** Processes, which utilized much execution time in the past, get sanctioned
- Multilevel feedback scheduling works with multiple queues
  - Each queue has a different *priority* or *time multiplex* (e.g., 70%:15%:10%:5%)
- Each new process is added to the top queue
  - This way it has the highest priority
- Each queue uses Round Robin
  - If a process returns the CPU on voluntary basis, it is added to the same queue again
  - If a process utilized its entire 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

Multilevel Feedback Scheduling (2/2)

- Benefit:
  - No complicated estimations!
    - New processes are quickly assigned to a priority category
- Prefers new processes over older (longer-running) processes



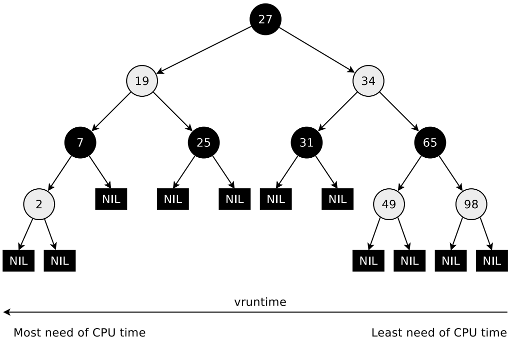
- Processes with many I/O operations are preferred because they typically yield when waiting for I/O
- Older, longer-running processes are delayed

Source: William Stallings. Operating Systems. 4th edition. Prentice Hall (2001). P.413

Many modern operating systems use variants of multilevel feedback scheduling for the scheduling of the processes. Examples: Linux for „normal“ processes (until Kernel 2.4), Mac OS X, FreeBSD, NetBSD and the Windows NT family

Completely Fair Scheduler (Linux since 2.6.23) – Part 1/3

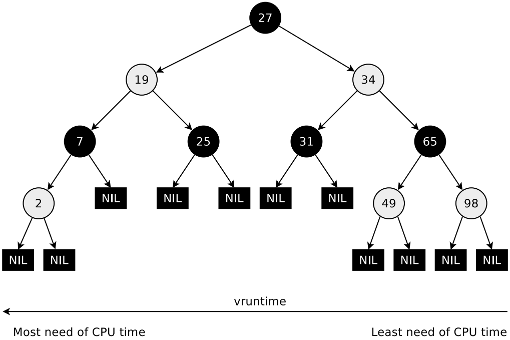
- The kernel implements a CFS scheduler for every CPU core and maintains a variable vruntime (virtual runtime) for every `SCHED_OTHER` process
  - The value represents a virtual processor runtime in nanoseconds



- *vruntime* indicates how long the particular process has already used the CPU core
  - The process with the lowest *vruntime* gets access to the CPU core next
- The management of the processes is done using a red-black tree (self-balancing binary search tree)
  - The processes are sorted in the tree by their *vruntime* values

Completely Fair Scheduler (Linux since 2.6.23) – Part 2/3

- **Goal**: All processes should get a similar (fair) share of computing time of the CPU core they are assigned to
  $\Longrightarrow$ For n processes, each process should get $1/n$ of the CPU time

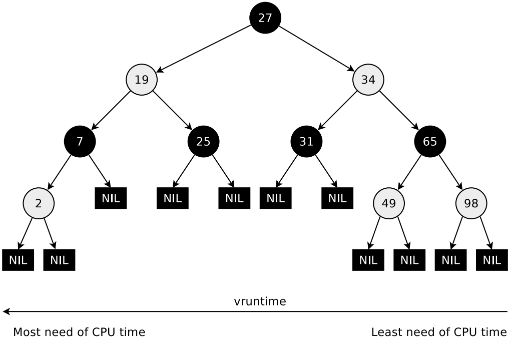


- If a process got the CPU core assigned, it can run until its *vruntime* value has reached the targeted portion of $1/n$ of the available CPU time
- The scheduler aims for an equal *vruntime* value for all processes

The CFS scheduler only takes care of the scheduling of the „normal“ (non-real-time) processes that are assigned to the scheduling method `SCHED_OTHER`

Completely Fair Scheduler (Linux since 2.6.23) – Part 3/3

- If a process gets replaced from the CPU core, the *vruntime* value is increased by the time the process did run on the CPU core
- The nodes (processes) in the tree move continuously from right to left $\Longrightarrow$ fair distribution of CPU resources



- The scheduler takes into account the static process priorities (`nice` values) of the processes
- The *vruntime* values are weighted differently depending on the `nice` value
  - In other words: The virtual clock can run at different speeds

Classic and modern Scheduling Methods

	Scheduling NP	P	Fair	CPU time must be known	Takes priorities into account
Priority-driven scheduling	X	X	no	no	yes
First Come First Served = FIFO	X		yes	no	no
Last Come First Served	X	X	no	no	no
Round Robin		X	yes	no	no
Shortest/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
Static multilevel scheduling		X	no	no	yes (static)
Multilevel feedback scheduling		X	yes	no	yes (dynamic)
Completely Fair Scheduler		X	yes	no	yes

- 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

You should now be able to answer the following questions:

- What steps does the dispatcher need to carry out for switching between processes?
- What is scheduling?
- How do preemptive scheduling and non-preemptive scheduling work?
- Explain the functioning of several common scheduling methods?
- How does scheduling in modern operating systems works in detail?