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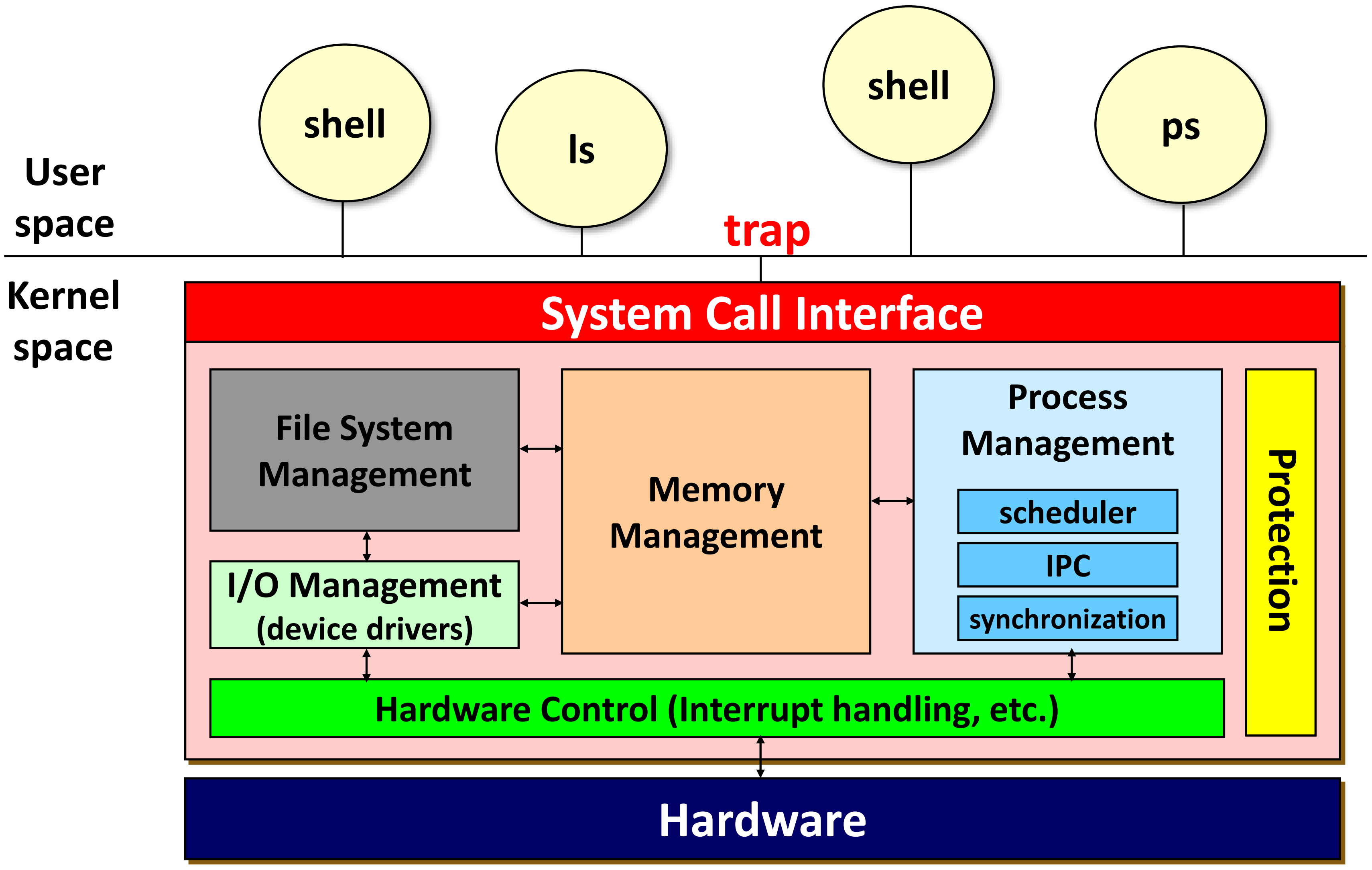
Processes

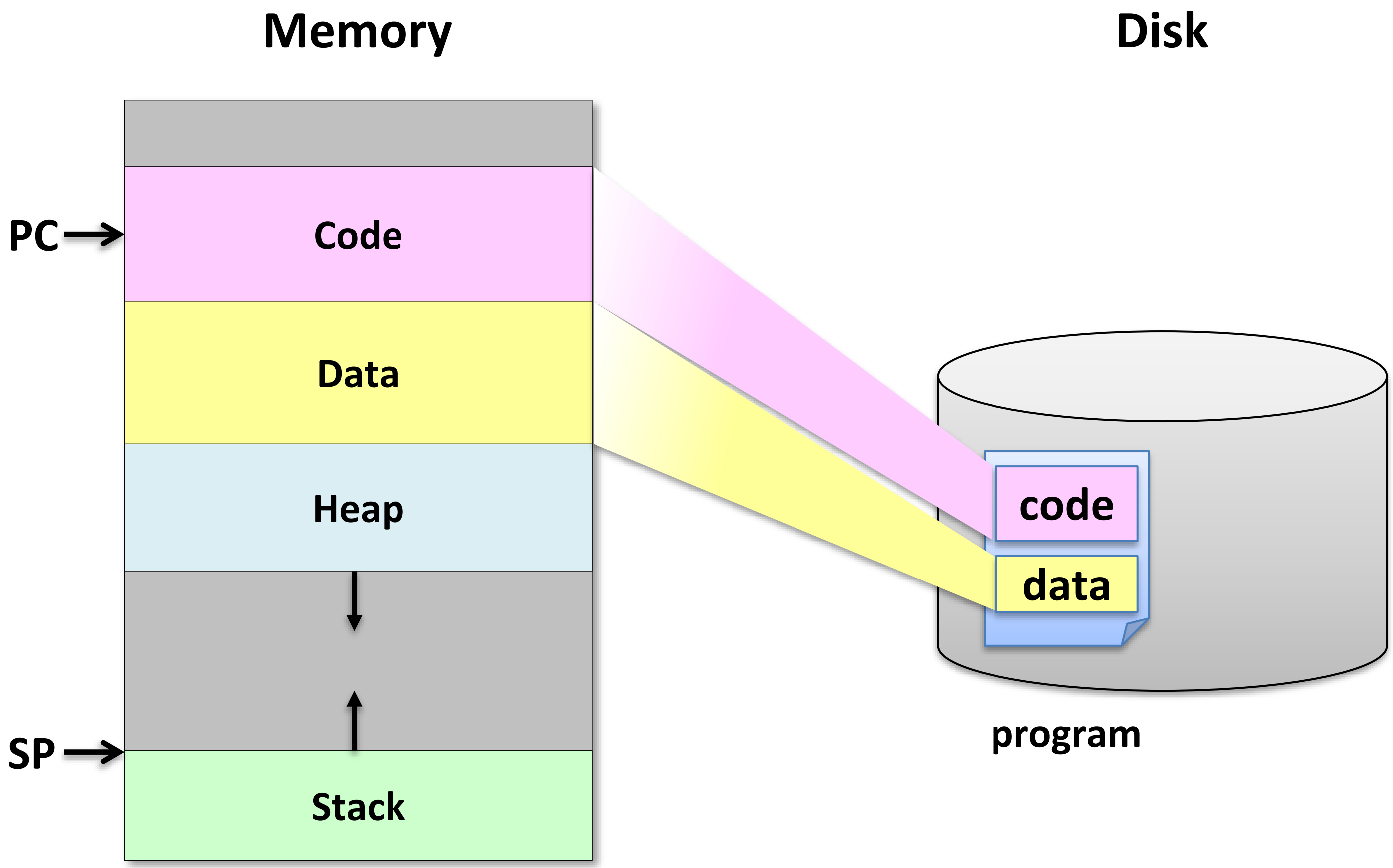
OS Internals



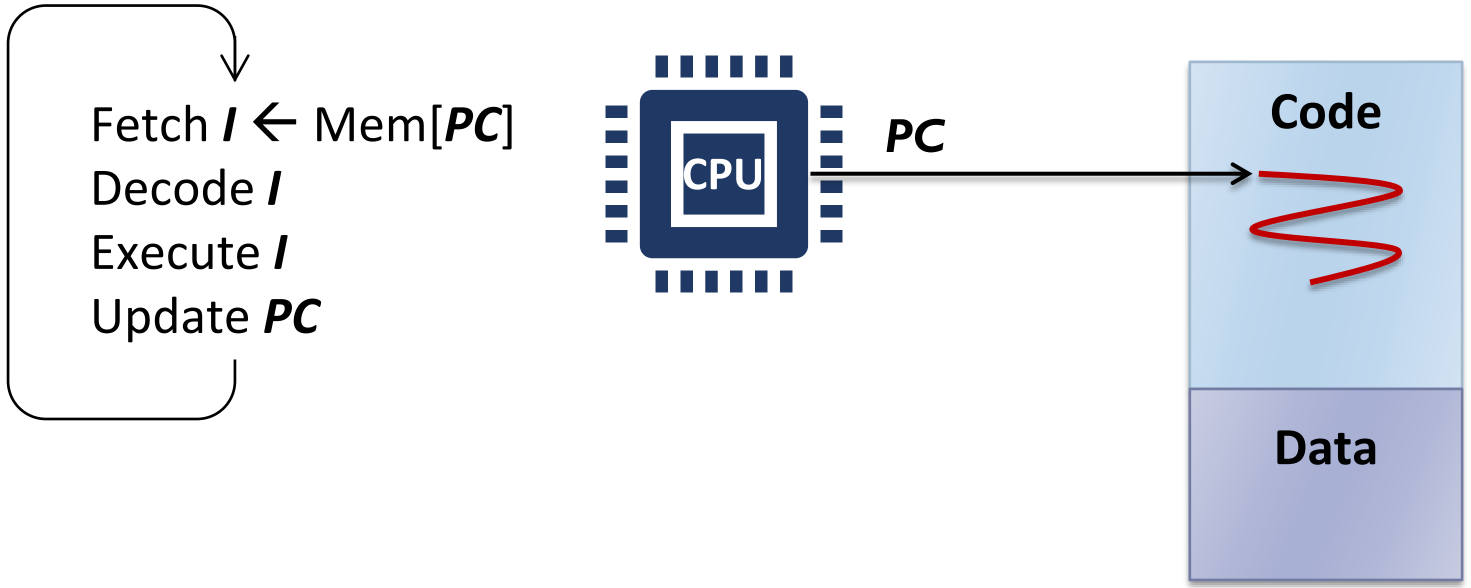
What is a Process?

- A(An) __________ of a program in execution
- Java analogy:
  - Class → "program" (static)
  - Object → "process" (dynamic)
- The basic unit of protection
- A process is identified using its process ID (PID)
- A process includes
  - CPU context (registers)
  - OS resources (address space, open files, etc.)
  - Other information (PID, state, owner, etc.)

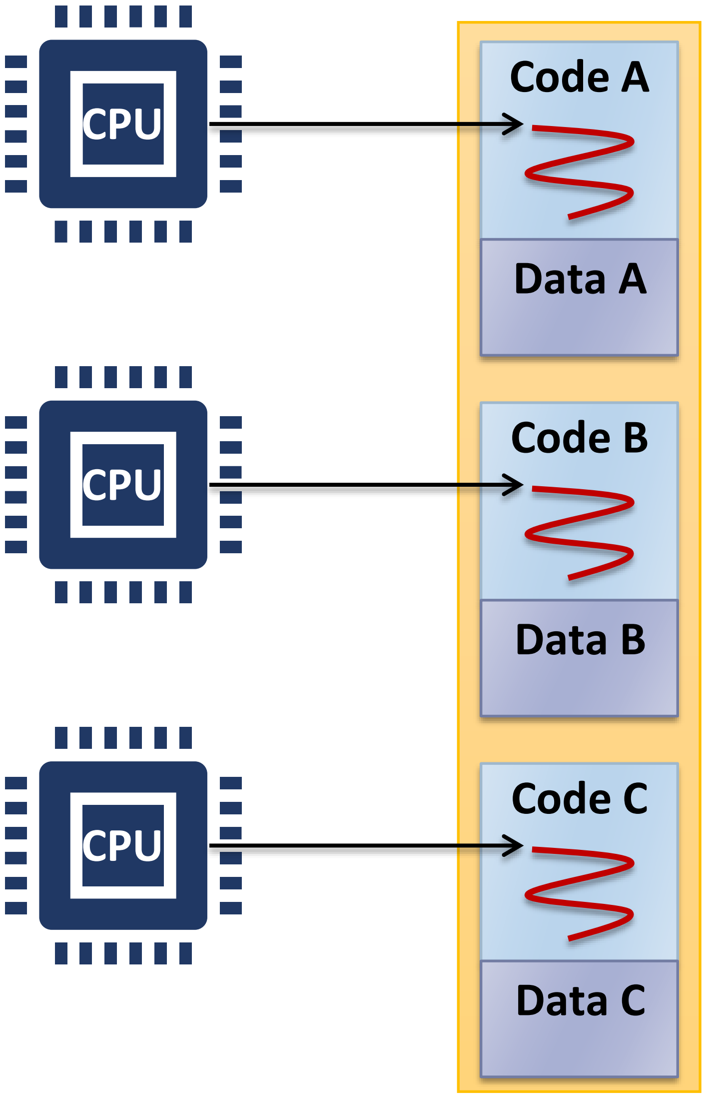
From Program to Process



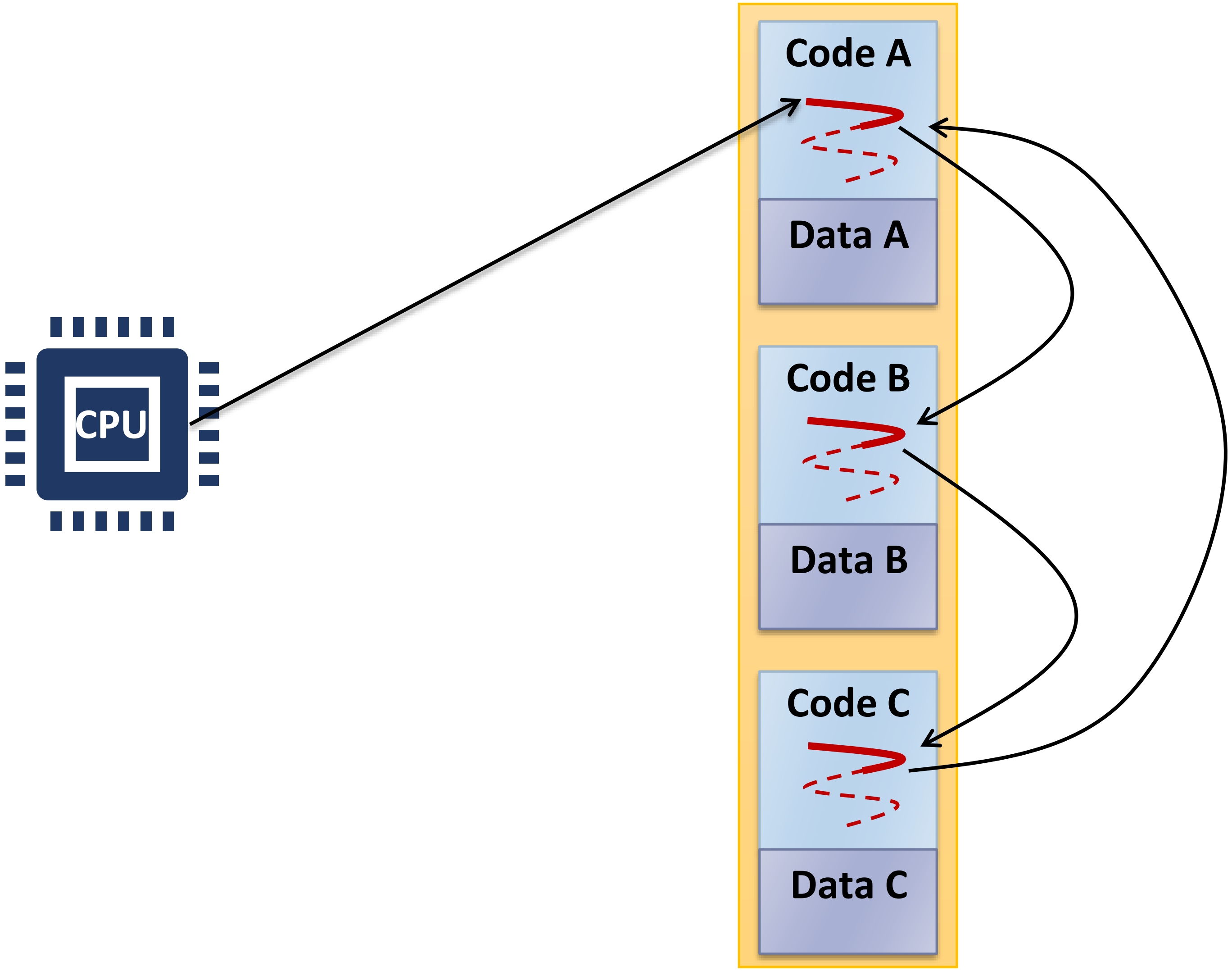
Running a Process



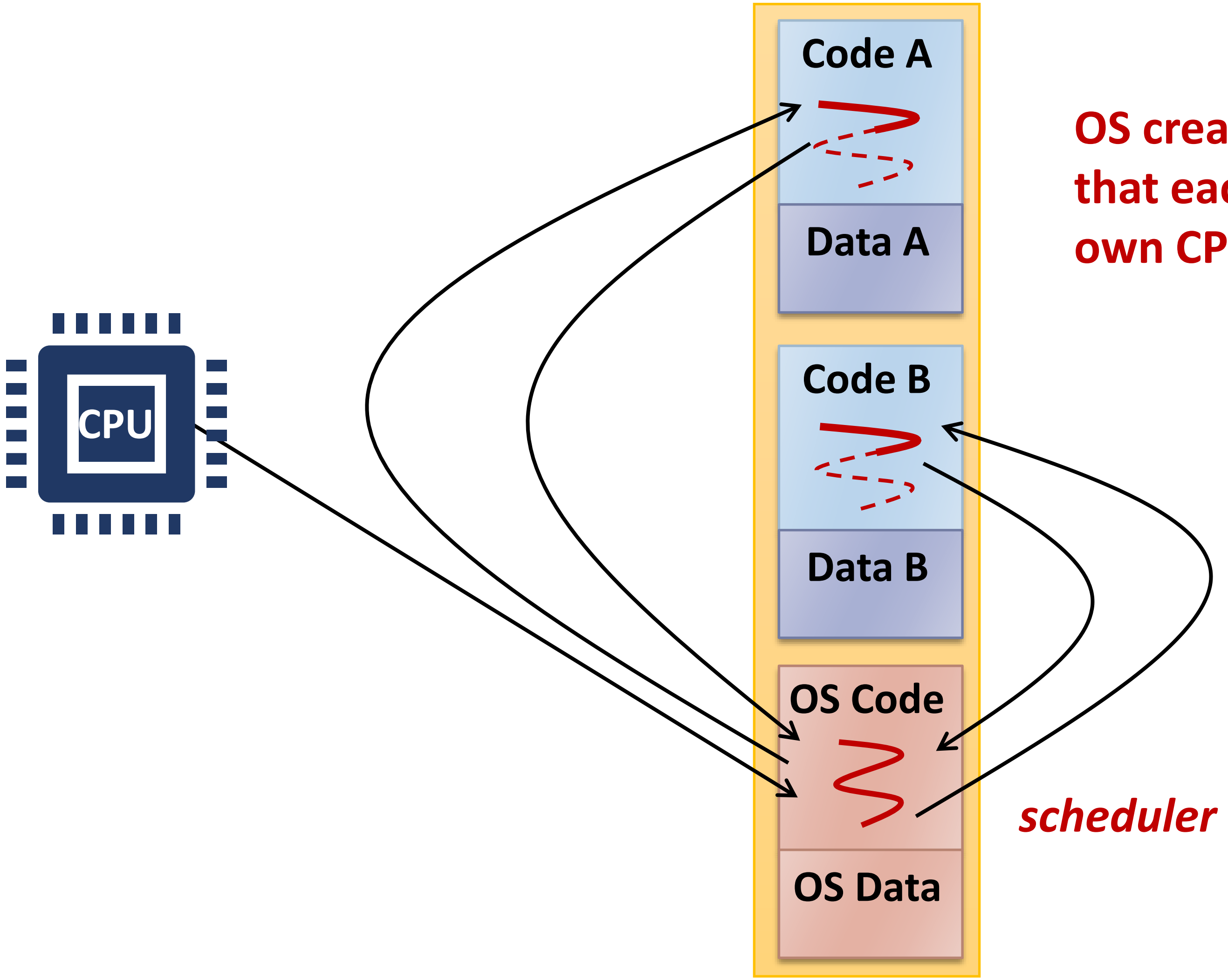
Running Multiple Processes



Interleaving Multiple Processes



Virtualizing the CPU



OS creates an illusion that each process has its own CPU (and memory)

scheduler

Example: Creating a Process

```c
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <unistd.h>

int main() {
    int pid;

    if ((pid = fork()) == 0)
        printf ("Child of %d is %d\n", getppid(), getpid());  /* child */
    else
        printf ("I am %d. My child is %d\n", getpid(), pid);  /* parent */
}
```

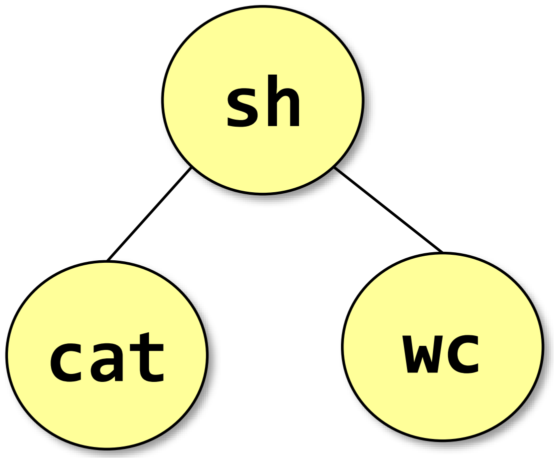
```
$ ./a.out
I am 31098. My child is 31099.
Child of 31098 is 31099.
$ ./a.out
Child of 31100 is 31101.
I am 31100. My child is 31101.
```

Process Hierarchy

- Parent-child relationship
  - One process can create another process
  - Unix calls the hierarchy a "process group"
  - Windows has no concept of process hierarchy

- Browsing a list of processes:
  - ps in Unix
  - Task Manager (taskmgr) in Windows

```
$ cat file1 | wc
```



Process Creation

- `fork()`
  - Creates a new process cloning the parent process
    - Parent inherits most of resources and privileges: open files, UID, etc.
    - Child also duplicates the parent's address space
  - Parent may either wait for the child to finish (using `wait()`), or it may continue in parallel
  - Shells or GUIs use this system call internally
  - Called once, returned twice
- `exec()`
  - Replaces the current process image with a new program
  - Windows: `CreateProcess()` = `fork()` + `exec()`
  - Called once, never returns

Process Termination

- Normal exit (voluntary)
- Error exit (voluntary)
- Fatal error (involuntary)
  - Segmentation fault – illegal memory access
  - Protection fault
  - Exceed allocated resources, etc.
- Killed by another process (involuntary)
  - By receiving a signal

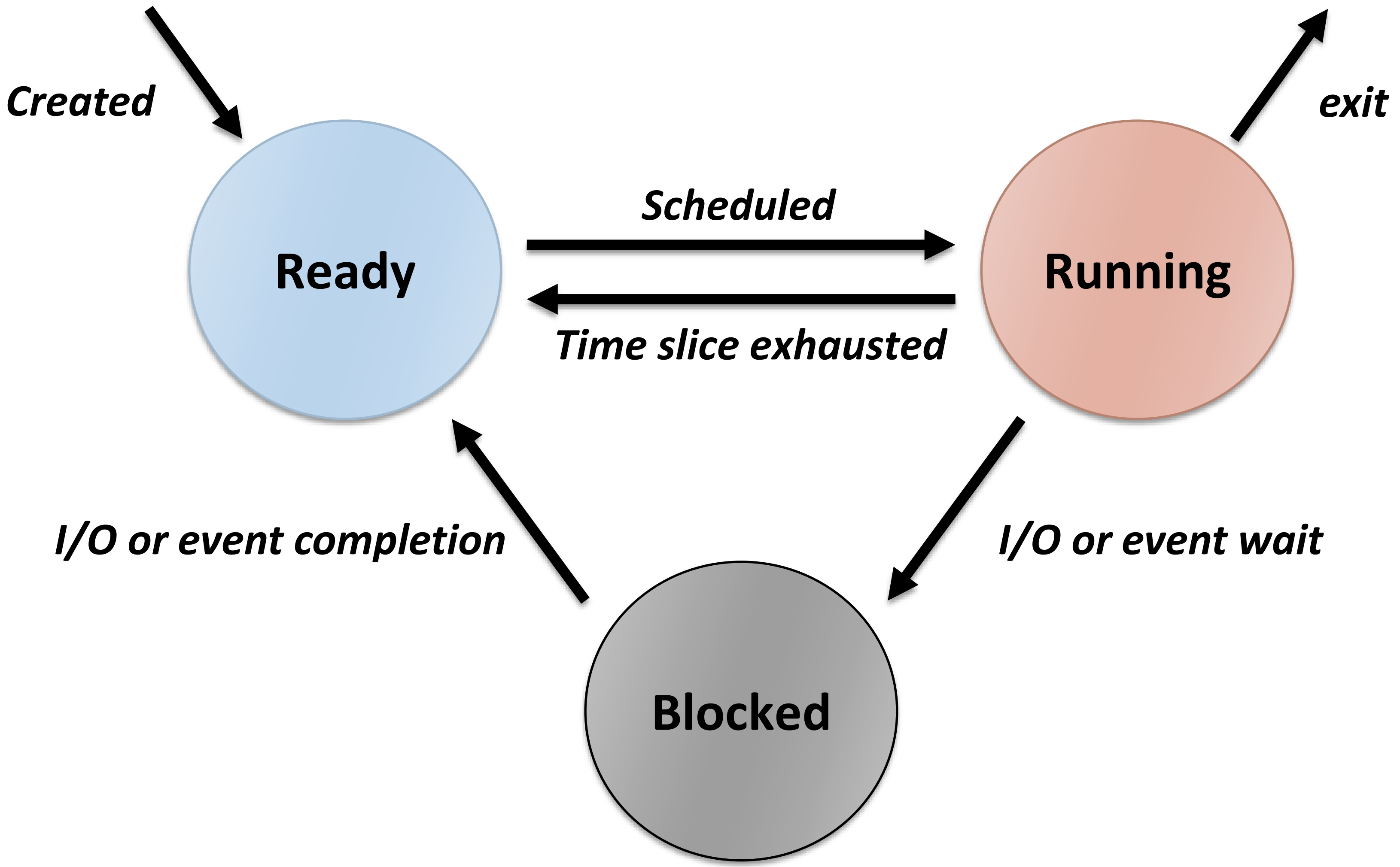
- ________ process: terminated, but not removed

Simplified Shell

```
int main(void)
{
    char cmdline[MAXLINE];
    char *argv[MAXARGS];
    pid_t pid;
    int status;

    while (getcmd(cmdline, MAXLINE) >= 0) {
        parsecmd(cmdline, argv);
        if (!builtin_command(argv)) {
            if ((pid = fork()) == 0) {
                if (execv(argv[0], argv) < 0) {
                    printf("%s: command not found\n", argv[0]);
                    exit(0);
                }
            }
            waitpid(pid, &status, 0);
        }
    }
}
```

Process State Transitions



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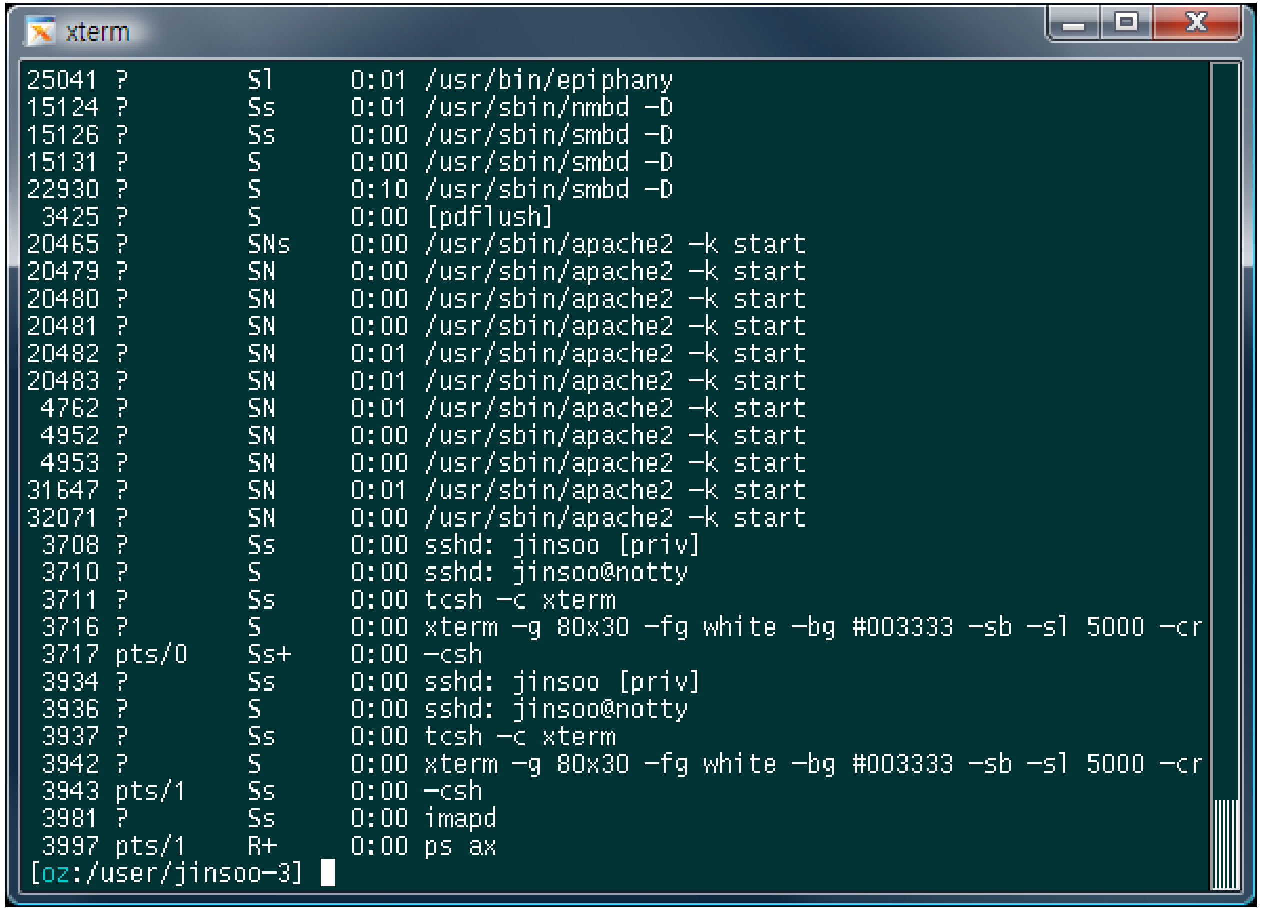
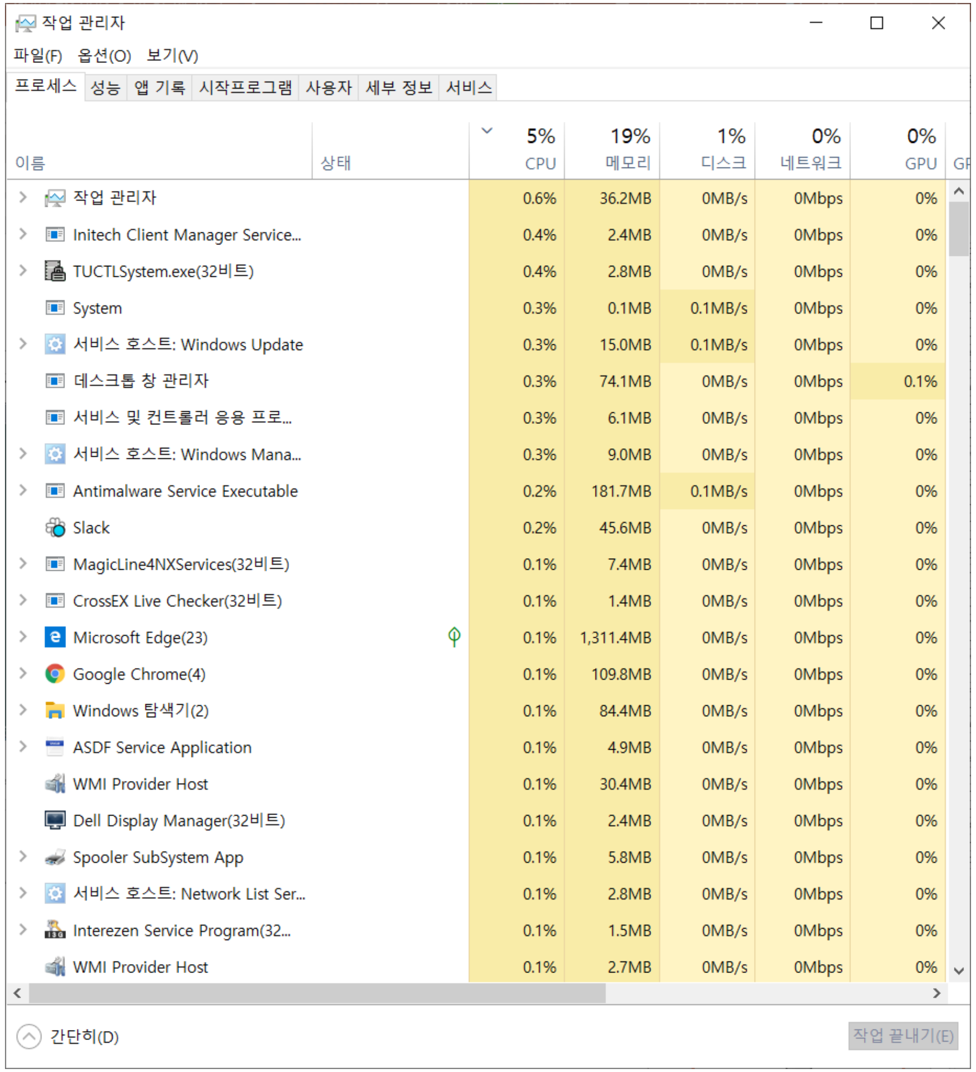


xterm
25041 ? Sl 0:01 /usr/bin/epiphany
15124 ? Ss 0:01 /usr/sbin/nmbd -D
15126 ? Ss 0:00 /usr/sbin/smbd -D
15131 ? S 0:00 /usr/sbin/smbd -D
22930 ? S 0:10 /usr/sbin/smbd -D
3425 ? S 0:00 [pdflush]
20465 ? SNs 0:00 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
20479 ? SN 0:00 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
20480 ? SN 0:00 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
20481 ? SN 0:00 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
20482 ? SN 0:01 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
20483 ? SN 0:01 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
4762 ? SN 0:01 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
4952 ? SN 0:00 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
4953 ? SN 0:00 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
31647 ? SN 0:01 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
32071 ? SN 0:00 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
3708 ? Ss 0:00 sshd: jinsoo [priv]
3710 ? S 0:00 sshd: jinsoo@notty
3711 ? Ss 0:00 tcsh -c xterm
3716 ? S 0:00 xterm -g 80x30 -fg white -bg #003333 -sb -sl 5000 -cr
3717 pts/0 Ss+ 0:00 -csh
3934 ? Ss 0:00 sshd: jinsoo [priv]
3936 ? S 0:00 sshd: jinsoo@notty
3937 ? Ss 0:00 tcsh -c xterm
3942 ? S 0:00 xterm -g 80x30 -fg white -bg #003333 -sb -sl 5000 -cr
3943 pts/1 Ss 0:00 -csh
3981 ? Ss 0:00 imapd
3997 pts/1 R+ 0:00 ps ax
[oz:/user/jinsoo-3]



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Implementing Processes

- PCB (Process Control Block) or Process Descriptor
  - Each PCB represents a process
  - Contains all the information about a process
    - CPU registers
    - PID, PPID, process group, priority, process state, signals
    - CPU scheduling information
    - Memory management information
    - Accounting information
    - File management information
    - I/O status information
    - Credentials
  - `struct task_struct` in Linux: 6528 bytes as of Linux 6.2.0
  - `struct proc` in xv6: 360 bytes

Context Switch

- The act of switching CPU from one process to another
- Administrative overhead
  - Saving and restoring registers and memory maps
  - Flushing and reloading the memory cache
  - Updating various tables and lists, etc.
- The overhead depends on hardware support
  - Multiple register sets in UltraSPARC
  - Advanced memory management techniques may require extra data to be switched with each context (e.g., page tables, TLB, etc.)
- 100s or 1000s of switches/sec typically

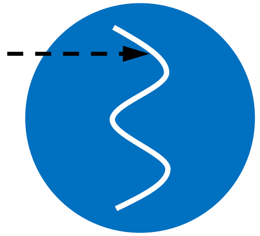
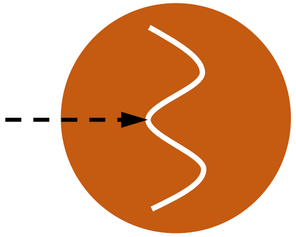
Example: Context Switches in Linux

- Total uptime: 10,738,129.85 sec (124 days) — /proc/uptime
- Total 6,770,575,007 context switches — /proc/stat
- Average 630.5 context switches / sec (for all 4 CPUs)
- Roughly 158 context switches / sec / CPU

sys

```
[sys:~-2016] cat /proc/uptime
10738129.85 42606450.99
[sys:~-2017] grep ctxt /proc/stat
ctxt 6770575007
[sys:~-2018] echo "6770575007 / 10738129.85" | bc -l
630.51714791845248546701
[sys:~-2019] echo "630.51714791845248546701 / 4" | bc -l
157.62928697961312136675
[sys:~-2020]
```

Performing Context Switch in xv6

Process		RISC-V	Kernel
 Process A	❶ Timer interrupt →	❷ Set sepc ← pc, scause Disable interrupt Change to kernel mode Jump to trap handler @ stvec	
			❸ Save user regs to trapframe(A) Change to kernel page table Make A's state RUNNABLE Save A's context to PCB(A) Run scheduler() Make B's state RUNNING Restore B's context from PCB(B)
			❹ Change to user page table Restore user regs from trapframe(B) return-from-trap
 Process B		❺ Move back to user mode Enable interrupt Set pc ← sepc	

Process State Queues

- The OS maintains a collection of queues that represent the state of all processes in the system
  - Ready queue (or run queue)
  - Wait queue(s): one queue for each type of event (device, timer, message, …)

- Each PCB is queued onto a state queue according to its current state
  - As a process changes state, its PCB is migrated between the various queues

Implementing fork()

```
int fork()
```

- Creates and initializes a new PCB
- Creates and initializes a new address space
- Initializes the address space with a copy of the entire contents of the address space of the parent
- Initializes the kernel resources to point to the resources used by the parent (e.g., open files)
- Places the PCB on the ready queue
- Returns the child's PID to the parent, and zero to the child

Implementing `exec()`

```
int execv(char *prog, char *argv[])
```

- Stops the current process
- Loads the program "`prog`" into the process's address space
- Initializes hardware context and "`args`" for the new program
- Places the PCB on the ready queue

- `exec()` does not create a new process
- What does it mean for `exec()` to return?

Policy vs. Mechanism

- Policy
  - *What* should be done?
  - Policy decisions must be made for all resource allocation and scheduling problems
  - e.g., What is the next process to run?

- Mechanism
  - *How* to do something?
  - The tool for implementing a set of policies
  - e.g., How to make multiple processes run at once?

Separating Policy from Mechanism

- A key principle in operating system design
- Policies are likely to change depending on workloads and also across places or over time
- A general mechanism, separated from policy, is more desirable
- Allows to build a more modular OS
- Enables extensible systems – User-specific policies?