CS4410/11: Operating Systems

CPU Scheduling

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CPU Scheduling — Problem Description

You have multiple CPU tasks (processes) to execute!

Which one to execute next?



- Answer obvious in this example
- But, usually not!

CPU Scheduling — Example 1 (Idealized)



Each job may have a different length

CPU Scheduling — Example 1 (Idealized)



Each job may arrive at different time



CPU Scheduling — Why is it important?

Problem encountered in many setting. Similar principles!

Street

• Which car should move next?

Supermarkets

• Which customer to help next?

• Airports

- Which plane should land (or fly) next?
- Hospitals
 - Which patient to attend next?

CPU Scheduling — Why is it important? [Cont.]

Problem encountered in many setting. Similar principles!

• Within an OS

- CPU scheduler
- Disk or I/O Scheduler
- Network Scheduler
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CPU Scheduling — Why is it important? [Cont.]

Problem encountered in many setting. Similar principles!

• Networks (Internet, Google, Facebook,)



Which user to schedule next? (you or your roommate)



next? (Movies or Skype)

CPU Scheduling — Why is it important? [Cont.]

Problem encountered in many setting. Similar principles!

- Cloud (Amazon, Google, Facebook,)
 - Thousands of machines
 - Different kind of customers can rent machines
 - Also, internal employees want to use machines
 - Who should use which machine and when?

A very active area of research!!

CPU Scheduling — Lecture Plan

- Learn about various scheduling policies
- Learn how to **compare** different policies
- Learn how to choose between different policies
- Strategy:
 - A lot of examples
 - Active problem solving

Operating Systems Design Principles

Six principles we discussed in first lecture —

- Reliability
- Availability
- Security
- Privacy
- Portability
- Fairness
 - Taking it to an extreme: Starvation
 - Whats even more extreme?

Operating Systems Design Principles

Today, we will focus on two —

- Reliability
- Availability
- Security
- Privacy
- Portability
- Fairness
 - Taking it to an extreme: Starvation

Operating Systems Performance

- Latency
 - How long does a task take to complete?
- Throughput
 - #Tasks per unit time
- Utilization
 - Fraction of resources used over time
- Scalability
 - How does the performance change with size?
- Predictability
 - Consistency (over time) for an objective

Operating Systems Performance

- Deadlines
 - How many of the tasks meet their deadlines?

CPU Scheduling — Latency

- "Tail" Completion Time
 - When does the last task complete?
- Average Completion Time
 - How long does it take to complete a task **on an average**?
- High Percentile Completion Time
 - How long does it take to complete 90% of the tasks?
- Completion Time of "Small" Tasks
- Waiting time of Tasks



Scheduling for "Tail" Latency — FIFO, FCFS



• First-In First-Out

• Schedule?



Scheduling for "Tail" Latency — FIFO, FCFS



- First-In First-Out
- When does it matter?
- Goods: Simple
- Not-so-goods: High ACT





Scheduling for "Tail" Latency — LIFO



- Last-In First-Out
- Goods: ?
- Not-so-goods: High ACT
- Not-so-goods: Starvation

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• Why?

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Schedule?

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Bugs that took weeks now take minutes

Scheduling for "Average" Latency — SJF



- Shortest-Job First
- Goods: Minimizes ACT
- Not-so-goods: Starvation

• Why?



Scheduling for "Average" Latency — SJF



- Shortest-Job First
- Goods: Minimizes ACT
- Not-so-goods: Starvation
- Optimal? Why, or why not?



Scheduling for "Average" Latency — (P)-SJF



- Shortest Job First +
 Preemption
- When is Preemption useful?











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Scheduling for "Average" Latency — SRTF



Shortest-Remaining Time First

- Goods: Minimizes Avg. ACT
- Not-so-goods: Starvation
- Optimal? Why, or why not?



Scheduling for Fairness — RR



Scheduling for Deadlines — EDF



4410 HW (11 hrs)

Cooking (23 hrs)

Calling Mom (18 hrs)

Schedule?



Scheduling for Happiness



• Your chosen schedule:



Priority Scheduling

"Universal" Scheduling

Do we need to implement each and every policy?

FIFO	Arrival time
LIFO	Current time - Arrival time
SJF	Job length
SRTF	Remaining job length
RR	?
Priority	Priority

"Mix-and-match" Scheduling

Different kind of jobs sharing the same OS

Interactive	Facebook, Skype,
Batch	Data Analytics
Network bound	Downloading movies
CPU bound	Siri, Image processing,
Low priority	Life

"Mix-and-match" Scheduling

Different kind of jobs sharing the same OS

- Multi-level Queue
 Scheduling
- Each queue may implement a different policy



CPU Scheduling — Topics we did not cover

Many other scheduling problems within OS!

- Multi-processor scheduling
 - How to schedule tasks across multiple processors?
- Threads vs Processes
 - How to schedule threads?
- Jobs with dependencies
 - Job 2 can run only after Job 1 has finished...