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UNIT 4 – Processes and Operating Systems

Topic- Task Scheduling







> The process of deciding which task will utilize the cpu time is called task scheduling.

 \succ The scheduling of the task may be on the basis of their priorities.

 \succ The priority assignment mechanism for the tasks can be either static or dynamic.

 \succ In the case of static priority assignment the priority of task is assigned as soon as the task is created, thereafter the priorities cannot be changed. In dynamic assigning the priorities of the task can be changed during the runtime.





 \blacktriangleright Meeting specific time deadlines for tasks to occur in \blacktriangleright Difficulty- it must be able to guarantee that the worst case response time for the operating system to give control to a process that needs attention is short enough that the process has time to handle events. \triangleright One aid to ensuring sufficient response time is to prioritize processes so that more important processes always receive processor attention if they need it.

 \succ Thus the idea of scheduling based on priorities.





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Run to Completion Scheduler(RTC)

 \geq RTC scheduling is very simplistic and uses minimal resources. It is, therefore, an ideal choice, if the application's needs are fulfilled. Here is the timeline for a system using RTC scheduling:







Round Robin Scheduler

 \succ An RR scheduler is similar to RTC, but more flexible and, hence, more complex. In the same way, each task is run in turn (allowing for task suspension), thus:









A TS scheduler is the next step in complexity from RR. Time is divided into "slots", with each task being allowed to execute for the duration of its slot, thus:





Priority Scheduler



Most RTOSes support Priority scheduling. The idea is simple: each task is allocated a priority and, at any particular time, whichever task has the highest priority and is "ready" is allocated the CPU, thus:









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