


TCSS 422: OPERATING SYSTEMS

Introduction to OS Schedulers

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- ****Tuesdays after class until 7:00pm****
 Hybrid (In-person/Zoom)
 - This session will be in person in CP 229.
 - Zoom will be monitored when no student is in CP 229.
- **Thursdays after class until 7:00pm – Hybrid (In-person/Zoom)**
 - Additional office time will be held on Thursdays after class when there is high demand indicated by a busy Tuesday office hour
 - When Thursday Office Hours are planned, Zoom links will be shared via Canvas
 - Questions after class on Thursdays are always entertained even when the formal office hour is not scheduled

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OBJECTIVES – 4/9

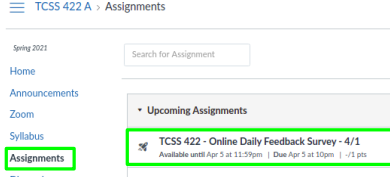
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ONLINE DAILY FEEDBACK SURVEY

- Daily Feedback Quiz in Canvas – Available After Each Class
- Extra credit available for completing surveys **ON TIME**
- Tuesday surveys: due by ~ Wed @ 11:59p
- Thursday surveys: due ~ Mon @ 11:59p



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TCSS 422 - Online Daily Feedback Survey - 4/1

Quiz Instructions

Question 1 0.5 pts

On a scale of 1 to 10, please classify your perspective on material covered in today's class:

| | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|---|---------|---|---|---|---|---|-------------------|----|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Mostly dislike to me | | Neutral | | | | | | Mostly like to me | |

Question 2 0.5 pts

Please rate the pace of today's class:

| | | | | | | | | | |
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| slow | | | Just right | | | | fast | | |

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MATERIAL / PACE

- Please classify your perspective on material covered in today's class (33 respondents):
- 1-mostly review, 5-equal new/review, 10-mostly new
- **Average – 6.44 (↓ - previous 6.56)**
- Please rate the pace of today's class:
- 1-slow, 5-just right, 10-fast
- **Average – 5.21 (↓ - previous 5.38)**

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FEEDBACK FROM 4/4

- **Wait function parameter being null is still a bit unclear**
- There are two variants for the wait() API
- wait(), and waitpid()
 - See 'man 2 wait' for manual page
- wait() takes an optional integer as a 'flag'
- These flags provide instructions for how the API should behave
- If NULL, then there is no special behavior
- The manual page details specific behavior for various constants:
 - **WIFEXITED** – return true if child terminated normally
 - **WEXITSTATUS** – return exit status of child
 - **WIFSIGNALED** – returns true if child process terminated by signal

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TCSS 422 DISCORD SERVER

- Please join the TCSS 422 A – Spring 2024 Discord Server
- <https://discord.gg/H7PPZ5ArFW>
- Under Edit Server Profile:
Please update your 'Server Nickname' to your real name or UW NET ID
THANK YOU



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TCSS 422 – SET VMS

- School of Engineering and Technology hosted Ubuntu 22.04 VMs for TCSS 422 – Spring 2024 are created
- Connection information on how to access SET VMs has been emailed to students who requested BMs

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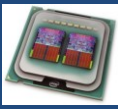
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CH. 6: LIMITED DIRECT EXECUTION



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CHAPTER 6

- Chapter 6: Limited Direct Execution
 - Direct execution
 - Limited direct execution
 - CPU modes
 - System calls and traps
 - **Cooperative multi-tasking**
 - Context switching and preemptive multi-tasking

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MULTITASKING

- How/when should the OS regain control of the CPU to switch between processes?
- Cooperative multitasking (mostly pre 32-bit)
 - < Windows 95, Mac OSX
 - Opportunistic: running programs must give up control
 - User programs must call a special **yield** system call
 - When performing I/O
 - Illegal operations
- (POLLEV)
 What problems could you for see with this approach?

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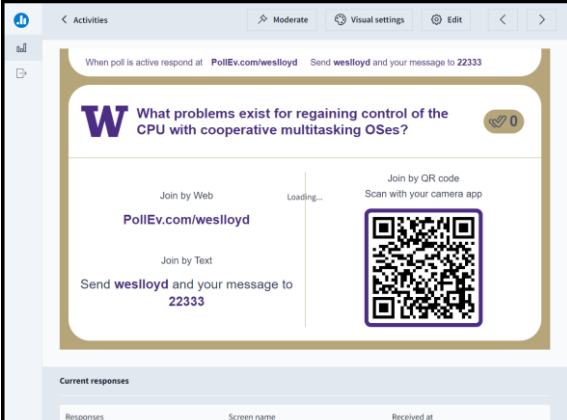
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A process gets stuck in an infinite loop.
 → **Reboot the machine**

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The screenshot shows a web browser displaying a poll titled "What problems exist for regaining control of the CPU with cooperative multitasking OSes?". The poll is active and shows options to join by web, QR code, or text. A QR code is visible on the right side of the poll interface.

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QUESTION: MULTITASKING

- What problems exist for regaining the control of the CPU with cooperative multitasking OSes?

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MULTITASKING - 2

- Preemptive multitasking (32 & 64 bit OSes)
- >= Mac OS X, Windows 95+
- Timer interrupt
 - Raised at some regular interval (in ms)
 - Interrupt handling
 1. Current program is halted
 2. Program states are saved
 3. OS Interrupt handler is run (kernel mode)
- (PollEV) What is a good interval for the timer interrupt?

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A timer interrupt gives OS the ability to run again on a CPU.

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QUESTION: TIME SLICE

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QUESTION: TIME SLICE

- For an OS that uses a system timer to force arbitrary context switches to share the CPU, what is a good value (in seconds) for the timer interrupt?
 - Typical time slice for process execution is **10 to 100 milliseconds**
 - Typical context switch overhead is (switch between processes) **0.01 milliseconds**
 - 0.1% of the time slice (1/1000th)

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CONTEXT SWITCH

- Preemptive multitasking initiates “trap” into the OS code to determine:
 - Whether to continue running the **current process**, or switch to a **different one**.
 - If the decision is made to switch, the OS performs a context switch swapping out the current process for a new one.

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CONTEXT SWITCH - 2

1. Save register values of the current process to its kernel stack
 - General purpose registers
 - PC: program counter (instruction pointer)
 - kernel stack pointer
2. Restore soon-to-be-executing process from its kernel stack
3. Switch to the kernel stack for the soon-to-be-executing process

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INTERRUPTED INTERRUPTS

- What happens if during an interrupt (trap to kernel mode), another interrupt occurs?
- Linux
 - < 2.6 kernel: non-preemptive kernel
 - >= 2.6 kernel: preemptive kernel

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PREEMPTIVE KERNEL

- Use "locks" as markers of regions of non-preemptibility (non-maskable interrupt)
- Preemption counter (`preempt_count`)
 - begins at zero
 - increments for each lock acquired (not safe to preempt)
 - decrements when locks are released
- Interrupt can be interrupted when `preempt_count=0`
 - It is safe to preempt (maskable interrupt)
 - the interrupt is more important

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CHAPTER 7- SCHEDULING: INTRODUCTION



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SCHEDULING METRICS

- Metrics:** A standard measure to quantify to what degree a system possesses some property. Metrics provide *repeatable* techniques to quantify and compare systems.
- Measurements** are the numbers derived from the application of metrics
- Scheduling Metric #1: **Turnaround time**
- The time at which the job completes minus the time at which the job arrived in the system

$$T_{\text{turnaround}} = T_{\text{completion}} - T_{\text{arrival}}$$

- How is turnaround time different than execution time?

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- Scheduling Metric #2: **Fairness**
 - Jain's fairness index
 - Quantifies if jobs receive a fair share of system resources

$$\mathcal{J}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \frac{(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)^2}{n \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}$$

- n processes
- x_i is time share of each process
- worst case = $1/n$
- best case = 1

- Consider $n=3$, worst case = .333, best case=1
- With $n=3$ and $x_1=.2, x_2=.7, x_3=.1$, fairness=.62
- With $n=3$ and $x_1=.33, x_2=.33, x_3=.33$, fairness=1

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With $n=3$ and $x_1=.2, x_2=.7, x_3=.1$

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With $n=3$ and $x_1=2, x_2=7, x_3=1$

$$\mathcal{J}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \frac{(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)^2}{n \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}$$

$$(.2 + .7 + .1) = 1^2 = 1$$

$$n \cdot (.2^2 + .7^2 + .1^2)$$

$$n \cdot (.04 + .49 + .01) = 3 \cdot (.54) = 1.62 = .62$$

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$$.3\bar{3} + .3\bar{3} + .3\bar{3} = (.99)^2 \sim .99999 \sim 1$$

$$n \cdot (.33^2 + .33^2 + .33^2)$$

$$n \cdot (.1089 + .1089 + .1089)$$

$$3 \cdot (.3267) \rightarrow .9801$$

$$\frac{.99}{.9801} = 1.01 \quad \frac{.9999}{.9801}$$

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SCHEDULERS

- FIFO: first in, first out
 - Very simple, easy to implement
- Consider
 - 3 x 10sec jobs, arrival: A B C, duration 10 sec each

Average turnaround time = $\frac{10 + 20 + 30}{3} = 20 \text{ sec}$

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SJF: SHORTEST JOB FIRST

- Given that we know execution times in advance:
 - Run in order of duration, shortest to longest
 - Non preemptive scheduler
 - This is not realistic
 - Arrival: A B C, duration a=100 sec, b/c=10sec

$$\text{Average turnaround time} = \frac{10 + 20 + 120}{3} = 50 \text{ sec}$$

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SJF: WITH RANDOM ARRIVAL

- If jobs arrive at any time: duration a=100s, b/c=10s
 - A @ t=0sec, B @ t=10sec, C @ t=10sec

$$\text{Average turnaround time} = \frac{100 + (110 - 10) + (120 - 10)}{3} = 103.33 \text{ sec}$$

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STCF: SHORTEST TIME TO COMPLETION FIRST

- Consider: duration a=100sec, b/c=10sec
 - A_{len}=100 A_{arrival}=0
 - B_{len}=10, B_{arrival}=10, C_{len}=10, C_{arrival}=10

$$\text{Average turnaround time} = \frac{(120 - 0) + (20 - 10) + (30 - 10)}{3} = 50 \text{ sec}$$

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WE WILL RETURN AT ~4:55PM

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SCHEDULING METRICS - 3

- Scheduling Metric #3: **Response Time**
- Time from when job arrives until it starts execution

$$T_{response} = T_{firstrun} - T_{arrival}$$

- STCF, SJF, FIFO
 - can perform poorly with respect to response time

What scheduling algorithm(s) can help minimize response time?

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RR: ROUND ROBIN

- Run each job awhile, then switch to another distributing the CPU evenly (fairly)
- Scheduling Quantum is called a time slice
- Time a machine spends in a ready state is called a time period.

RR is fair, but performs poorly on metrics such as turnaround time

| Process | Burst Time |
|---------|------------|
| P1 | 12 |

Round Robin scheduling algorithm Gantt chart

Scheduling Quantum = 5 seconds

| | | | | | | | | | |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| P1 | P2 | P3 | P4 | P5 | P1 | P2 | P4 | P1 | |
| 0 | 5 | 10 | 14 | 19 | 24 | 29 | 32 | 37 | 39 |

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RR EXAMPLE

- ABC arrive at time=0, each run for 5 seconds

OVERHEAD not considered

$T_{average\ response} = \frac{0 + 5 + 10}{3} = 5sec$

$T_{average\ response} = \frac{0 + 1 + 2}{3} = 1sec$

RR with a time-slice of 1sec (Good for Response Time)

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ROUND ROBIN: TRADEOFFS

Short Time Slice

Fast Response Time

High overhead from context switching

↔

Long Time Slice

Slow Response Time

Low overhead from context switching

- Time slice impact:
 - Turnaround time (for earlier example): ts(1,2,3,4,5)=14,14,13,14,10
 - Fairness: round robin is always fair, J=1

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SCHEDULING WITH I/O

- STCF scheduler
 - A: CPU=50ms, I/O=40ms, 10ms intervals
 - B: CPU=50ms, I/O=0ms
 - Consider A as 10ms subjobs (CPU, then I/O)
- Without considering I/O:

CPU utilization = 100/140 = 71%

Poor Use of Resources

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SCHEDULING WITH I/O - 2

- When a job initiates an I/O request
 - A is blocked, waits for I/O to complete, frees CPU
 - STCF scheduler assigns B to CPU
- When I/O completes → raise interrupt
 - Unblock A, STCF goes back to executing A: (10ms sub-job)

Overlap Allows Better Use of Resources

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QUESTION: SCHEDULING FAIRNESS

- Which scheduler, this far, best addresses fairness and average response time of jobs?
- First In – First Out (FIFO)
- Shortest Job First (SJF)
- Shortest Time to Completion First (STCF)
- Round Robin (RR)
- None of the Above
- All of the Above

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SCHEDULING METRICS

- Consider Three jobs (A, B, C) that require: $time_A=400ms$, $time_B=100ms$, and $time_C=200ms$
- All jobs arrive at time=0 in the sequence of A B C.
- Draw a scheduling graph to help compute the **average response time (ART)** and **average turnaround time (ATT)** scheduling metrics for the FIFO scheduler.

Example:

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- All jobs arrive at $time=0$ in the sequence of A B C.
- Draw a scheduling graph to help compute the **average response time (ART)** and **average turnaround time (ATT)** scheduling metrics for the SJF scheduler.

Example:

B
C
A

0
100
300
700

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CHAPTER 8 – MULTI-LEVEL FEEDBACK QUEUE (MLFQ) SCHEDULER

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MULTI-LEVEL FEEDBACK QUEUE

- Objectives:**
 - Improve turnaround time:
Run shorter jobs first
 - Minimize response time:
Important for interactive jobs (UI)
- Achieve without a priori knowledge of job length

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MLFQ - 2

Round-Robin
within a Queue

- Multiple job queues
- Adjust job priority based on observed behavior
- Interactive Jobs
 - Frequent I/O → keep priority high
 - Interactive jobs require fast response time (GUI/UI)
- Batch Jobs
 - Require long periods of CPU utilization
 - Keep priority low

[High Priority] Q8 → A → B

Q7

Q6

Q5

Q4 → C

Q3

Q2

[Low Priority] Q1 → D

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MLFQ: DETERMINING JOB PRIORITY

- New arriving jobs are placed into highest priority queue
- If a job uses its entire time slice, priority is reduced (↓)
 - Jobs appears CPU-bound ("batch" job), not interactive (GUI/UI)
- If a job relinquishes the CPU for I/O priority stays the same

MLFQ approximates SJF

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MLFQ: LONG RUNNING JOB

- Three-queue scheduler, time slice=10ms

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MLFQ: BATCH AND INTERACTIVE JOBS

- A arrival_time = 0ms, A_run_time = 200ms,
- B run_time = 20ms, B_arrival_time = 100ms

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MLFQ: BATCH AND INTERACTIVE - 2

- Continuous interactive job (B) with long running batch job (A)
- Low response time is good for B
- A continues to make progress

The MLFQ approach keeps interactive job(s) at the highest priority

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MLFQ: ISSUES

- Starvation

[High Priority] Q8 → A → B → C → D → E → F

Q7

Q6

Q5

Q4

Q3

Q2

[Low Priority] Q1 → G → H *CPU bound batch job(s)*

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RESPONDING TO BEHAVIOR CHANGE

- Priority Boost
 - Reset all jobs to topmost queue after some time interval S

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RESPONDING TO BEHAVIOR CHANGE - 2

- With priority boost
 - Prevents starvation

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KEY TO UNDERSTANDING MLFQ - PB

- Without priority boost:
 - Rule 1:** If Priority(A) > Priority(B), A runs (B doesn't).
 - Rule 2:** If Priority(A) = Priority(B), A & B run in RR.
 - KEY:** If time quantum of a higher queue is filled, then we don't run any jobs in lower priority queues!!!

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STARVATION EXAMPLE

- Consider 3 queues:
 - Q2 - HIGH PRIORITY - Time Quantum 10ms
 - Q1 - MEDIUM PRIORITY - Time Quantum 20 ms
 - Q0 - LOW PRIORITY - Time Quantum 40 ms
- Job A: 200ms no I/O
- Job B: 5ms then I/O
- Job C: 5ms then I/O
- Q2 fills up, starves Q1 & Q0
- A makes no progress

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MLFQ: ISSUES - 2

- Gaming the scheduler
 - Issue I/O operation at 99% completion of the time slice
 - Keeps job priority fixed – never lowered
- Job behavioral change
 - CPU/batch process becomes an interactive process

High Priority: Q2 → A → B → C → D → E → F
 Q7
 Q6
 Q5
 Q4
 Q3
 Q2
 Q1
 Low Priority: Q1 → G → H
 CPU bound batch jobs

Priority becomes stuck

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PREVENTING GAMING

- Improved time accounting:
 - Track total job execution time in the queue
 - Each job receives a fixed time allotment
 - When allotment is exhausted, job priority is lowered

Without(Left) and With(Right) Gaming Tolerance

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MLFQ: TUNING

- Consider the tradeoffs:
 - How many queues?
 - What is a good time slice?
 - How often should we "Boost" priority of jobs?
 - What about different time slices to different queues?

Example) 10ms for the highest queue, 20ms for the middle, 40ms for the lowest

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PRACTICAL EXAMPLE

- Oracle Solaris MLFQ implementation
 - 60 Queues → w/ slowly increasing time slice (high to low priority)
 - Provides sys admins with set of editable table(s)
 - Supports adjusting time slices, boost intervals, priority changes, etc.
- Advice
 - Provide OS with hints about the process
 - Nice command → Linux

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MLFQ RULE SUMMARY

- The refined set of MLFQ rules:
 - **Rule 1:** If Priority(A) > Priority(B), A runs (B doesn't).
 - **Rule 2:** If Priority(A) = Priority(B), A & B run in RR.
 - **Rule 3:** When a job enters the system, it is placed at the highest priority.
 - **Rule 4:** Once a job uses up its time allotment at a given level (regardless of how many times it has given up the CPU), its priority is reduced (i.e., it moves down on queue).
 - **Rule 5:** After some time period S, move all the jobs in the system to the topmost queue.

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Jackson deploys a 3-level MLFQ scheduler. The time slice is 1 for high priority jobs, 2 for medium priority, and 4 for low priority. This MLFQ scheduler performs a Priority Boost every 6 timer units. When the priority boost fires, the current job is preempted, and the next scheduled job is run in round-robin order.

| Job | Arrival Time | Job Length |
|-----|--------------|------------|
| A | T=0 | 4 |
| B | T=0 | 16 |
| C | T=0 | 8 |

(11 points) Show a scheduling graph for the MLFQ scheduler for the jobs above. Draw vertical lines for key events and be sure to label the X-axis times as in the example. Please draw clearly. An unreadable graph will lose points.

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EXAMPLE

- Question:
- Given a system with a quantum length of 10 ms in its highest queue, how often would you have to boost jobs back to the highest priority level to guarantee that a single long-running (and potentially starving) job gets at least 5% of the CPU?
- Some combination of n short jobs runs for a total of 10 ms per cycle without relinquishing the CPU
 - E.g. 2 jobs = 5 ms ea; 3 jobs = 3.33 ms ea, 10 jobs = 1 ms ea
 - n jobs always uses full time quantum (10 ms)
 - Batch jobs starts, runs for full quantum of 10ms
 - All other jobs run and context switch totaling the quantum per cycle
 - If 10ms is 5% of the CPU, when must the priority boost be ???
 - **ANSWER** → *Priority boost should occur every 200ms*

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