


TCSS 422: OPERATING SYSTEMS

Introduction to OS Schedulers



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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 Review To Me Equal New and Review Mostly New to Me

Question 2 0.5 pts

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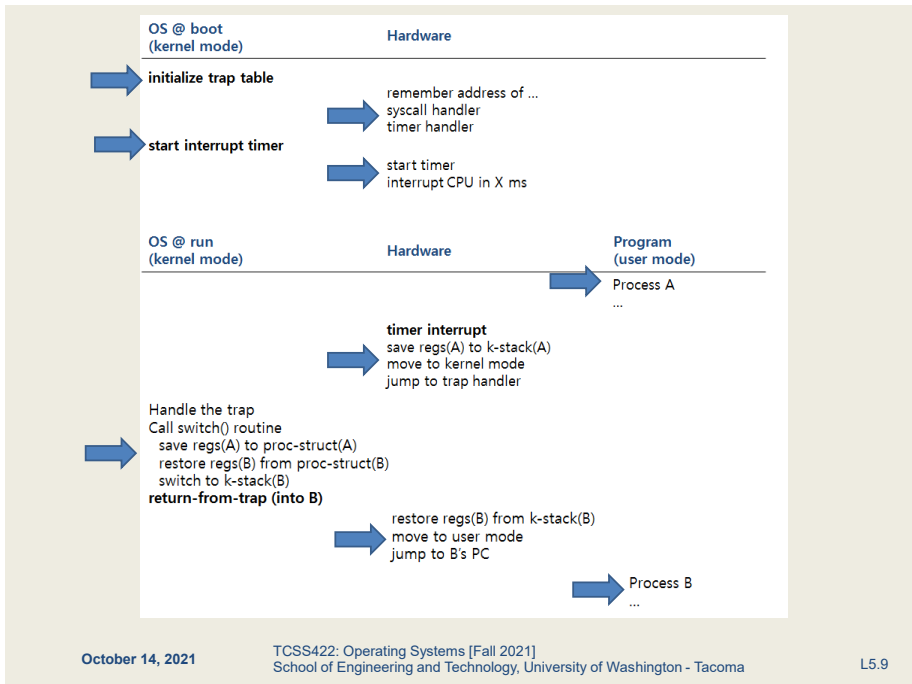
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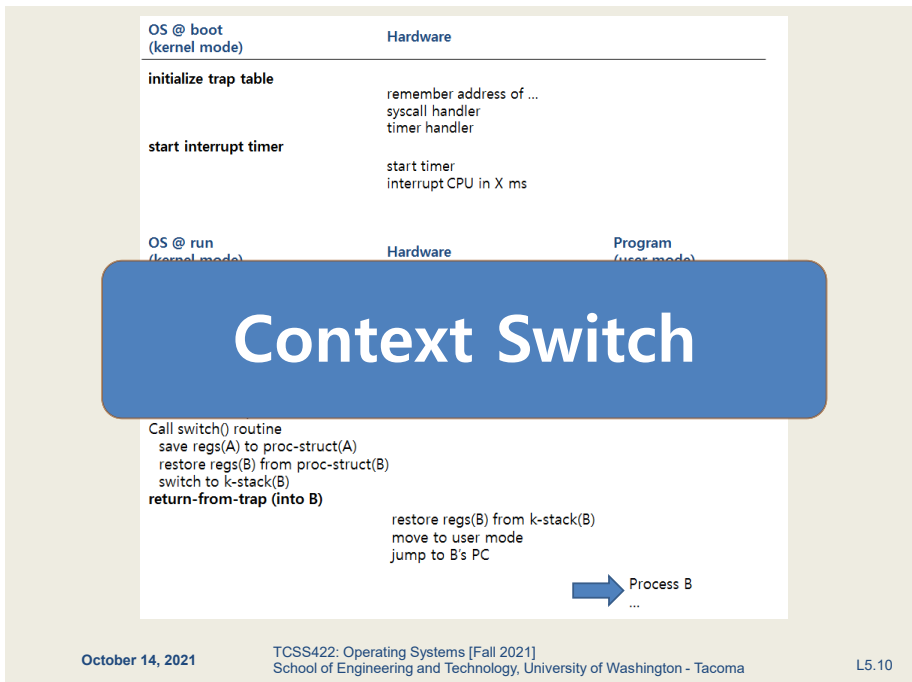
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FEEDBACK

- *I'm a little confused on the structures that are used in context switching: process_struct and the k stack*
 - k-stack and process_struct are from the context switch chart
 - k-stack is the kernel stack
 - CPU registers for current running process are saved to the kernel-stack when context switch is performed (running→ready)
 - Registers are restored from the kernel-stack later when the process is scheduled next (ready→running)
 - From Chapter 4 “proc struct” is the process data structure (*this is xv6 pedagogical linux*)
 - “proc struct” has a member called “context” which represents the values for the CPU registers

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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

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

- How is turnaround time different than execution time?

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SCHEDULING METRICS - 2

- 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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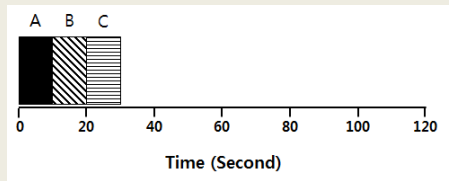
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SCHEDULERS

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



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

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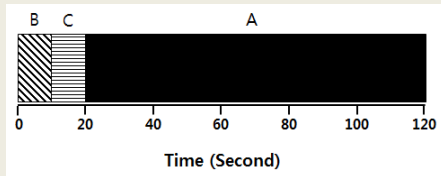
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SJF: SHORTEST JOB FIRST

- 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

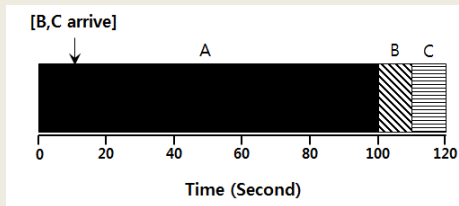


$$\text{Average turnaround time} = \frac{10 + 20 + 120}{3} = 50 \text{ sec}$$

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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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SCTF: SHORTEST TIME TO COMPLETION FIRST

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

[B,C arrive]

Time (Second)

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

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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 mu 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

P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P1	P2	P4	P1
0	5	10	14	19	24	29	32	37
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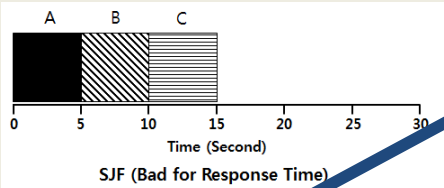
Scheduling Quantum = 5 seconds ➔

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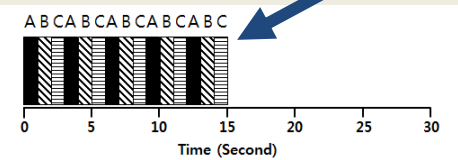
RR EXAMPLE

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



OVERHEAD not considered

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



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

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

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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



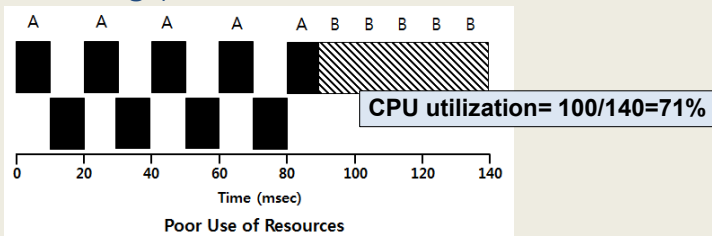
- Time slice impact:
 - Turnaround time (for earlier example):
 $ts(1,2,3,4,5) = 14, 14, 13, 14, 10$
 - Fairness: round robin is always fair, $J=1$

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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)

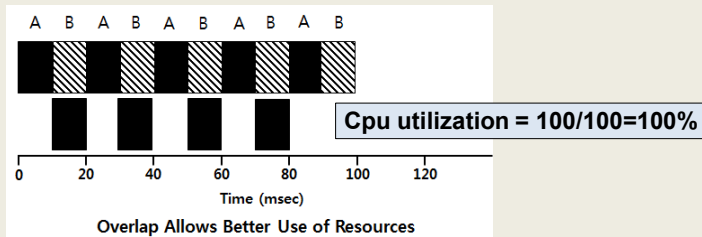
■ Without considering I/O:



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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 compute, 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)



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W Which scheduler, thus far, best address fairness and average response time of jobs?

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First In - First Out (FIFO)	1
Shortest Job First (SJF)	2
Shortest Time to Completion First (STCF)	3
Round Robin	4
None of the Above	5
All of the Above	6

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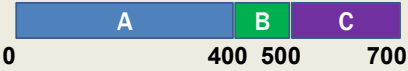
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- Consider Three jobs (A, B, C) that require:
 $time_A=400ms$, $time_B=100ms$, and $time_C=200ms$
- All jobs arrive at $time=0$ in the sequence of A B C.
- Draw a scheduling graph to help compute the **average response time (ART)** and **average turnaround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

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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

Long-running Job Over Time (msec)

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MLFQ: BATCH AND INTERACTIVE JOBS

▪ $A_{arrival_time} = 0ms, A_{run_time} = 200ms,$
▪ $B_{run_time} = 20ms, B_{arrival_time} = 100ms$

Scheduling multiple jobs (ms)

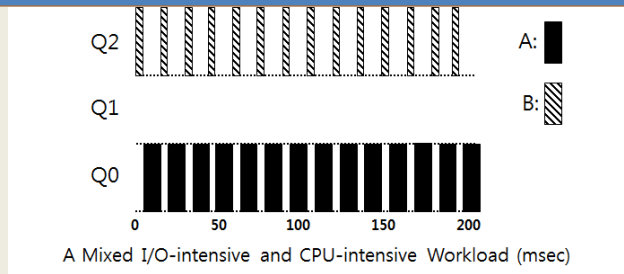
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MLFQ: BATCH AND INTERACTIVE - 2

- 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

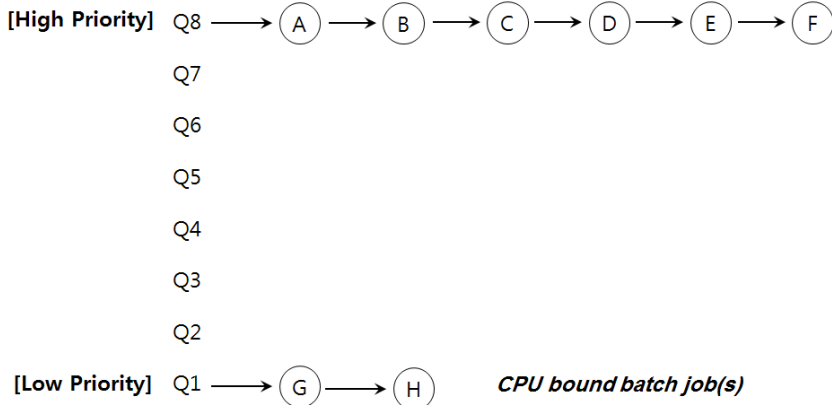


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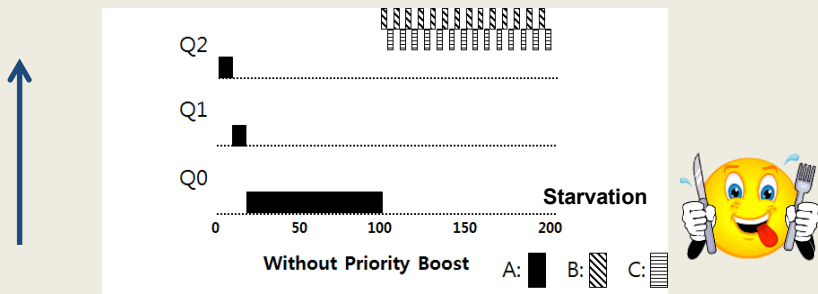
MLFQ: ISSUES

■ Starvation



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RESPONDING TO BEHAVIOR CHANGE



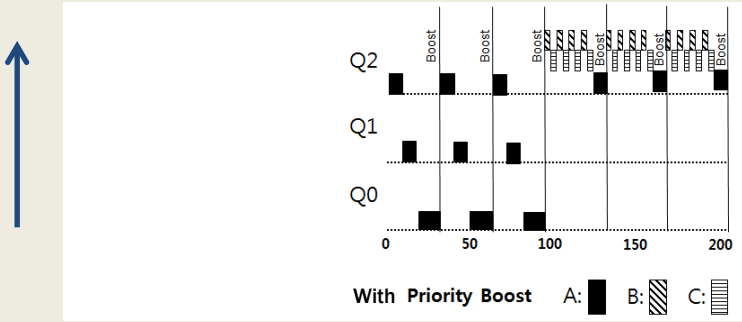
■ Priority Boost

- 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

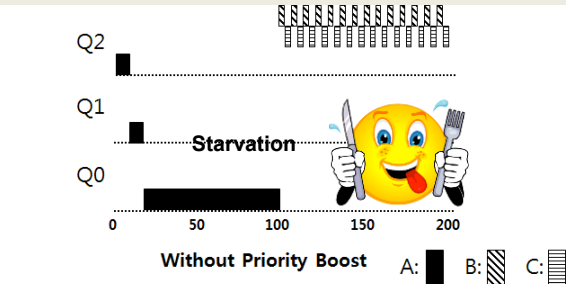
- Without priority boost:
 - **Rule 1:** If $Priority(A) > Priority(B)$, A runs (B doesn't).
 - **Rule 2:** If $Priority(A) = Priority(B)$, A & B run in RR.
- **KEY:** If time quantum of a higher queue is filled, then we don't run any jobs in lower priority queues!!!

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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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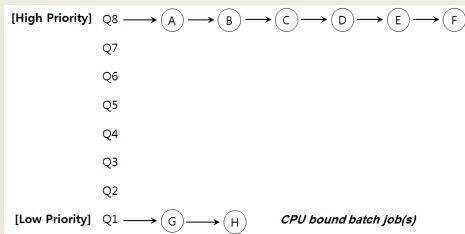
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MLFQ: ISSUES - 2

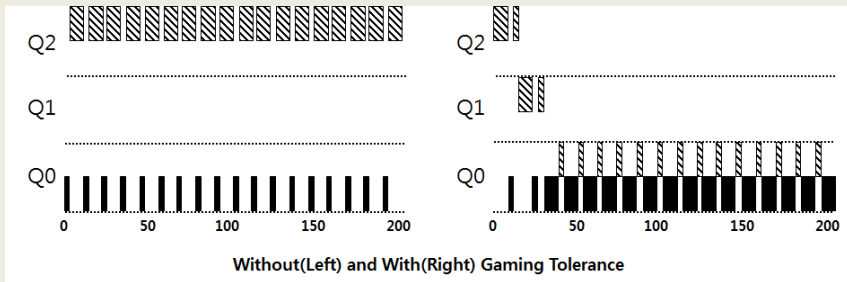
- Gaming the scheduler
 - Issue I/O operation at 99% completion of the time slice
 - Keeps job priority fixed – never lowered
- Job behavioral change
 - CPU/batch process becomes an interactive process



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PREVENTING GAMING

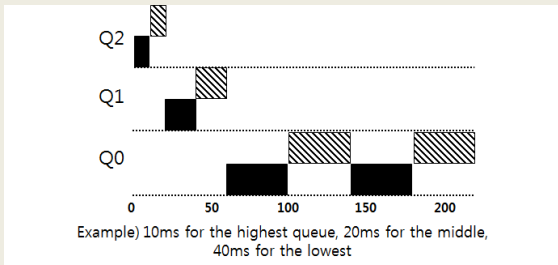
- Improved time accounting:
 - Track total job execution time in the queue
 - Each job receives a fixed time allotment
 - When allotment is exhausted, job priority is lowered



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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?



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OBJECTIVES – 10/14

- Questions from 10/12
- Assignment 0
- C Tutorial - Pointers, Strings, Exec in C
- Chapter 7: Scheduling Introduction
 - Scheduling metrics
 - Turnaround time, Jain’s Fairness Index, Response time
 - FIFO, SJF, STCF, RR schedulers
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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 $\text{Priority}(A) > \text{Priority}(B)$, A runs (B doesn't).
 - **Rule 2:** If $\text{Priority}(A) = \text{Priority}(B)$, 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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QUESTIONS



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