

Unit OS4: Scheduling and Dispatch

4.6. Quiz

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Optimization Criteria

The scheduler in an operating system has to manage the CPU efficiently. Which one of the optimization criteria mentioned below is not related to CPU scheduling?

- a) Maximum CPU utilization
- b) Maximum throughput
- c) Minimal turnaround time
- d) Minimal waiting time
- e) Minimal response time
- f) Maximum Mean Time To Failure (MTTF)

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Processes and Threads

Which information is not associated with a thread's Thread Control Block (TCB):

- a) Program counter
- b) CPU registers
- c) Memory management information
- d) CPU scheduling information
- e) Pending I/O information

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Multiprocessing

The Windows OS family supports multiple CPUs. Which approach is taken by the Windows scheduler?

- a) Symmetric multiprocessing
- b) Asymmetric multiprocessing
- c) Cooperative multiprocessing

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Process Creation - Windows API

In Unix, new processes are created using the `fork()` system call. New programs can be loaded into an existing process using `exec()`. How does the Unix approach differ from the `CreateProcess()` system call found in the Windows API?

- a) `fork()/exec()` allows for input/output redirection, `CreateProcess()` does not
- b) `fork()/exec()` allows for setting up pipes, `CreateProcess()` does not
- c) With `exec()` the process identifier remains unchanged, with `CreateProcess()` it changes always
- d) `fork()` implements copy-on-write, `CreateProcess()` does not

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Windows OS Scheduling

Which of the below-mentioned attributes does not fit to the Windows OS scheduling algorithm?

- a) Cooperative
- b) Preemptive
- c) Round-Robin

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Scheduling Algorithms

Which one of the below-mentioned operating systems uses a decreasing-priority-Scheduler for a fair-share management of the CPU?

- a) MS-DOS
- b) Windows NT/2000/XP
- c) Berkeley UNIX 4.2 BSD
- d) VMS

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Windows Scheduler

The Windows OS kernel scheduler manages:

- a) Threads
- b) Fibers
- c) Processes

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Threads and Processes

Windows NT/2000/XP -
Which statement is true?

- a) Threads have exactly one Stack
- b) Each process contains at least one thread
- c) All threads share security settings of the process they are belonging to

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Windows Processes

For a Windows process, the OS maintains various data. Which information is associated with the executive process object?

- a) Access Token
- b) List of Virtual Address Descriptors (VADs)
- c) List of Threads
- d) List of open handles
- e) List of open windows

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Processes & Threads

Which of the arguments listed below is not related to dividing an application into multiple threads?

- a) Better user responsiveness, decoupling of GUI and background execution
- b) Take advantage of multiple processors
- c) Increased application complexity
- d) Better usage of installed main memory

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Quantum

The prolongation of the quantum value used in the implementation of a scheduling algorithm has the following goal:

- a) Increase of throughput
- b) Optimization of interactive response time
- c) Increase of overall system stability
- d) Guarantee of real-time behavior

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User-Space vs. Kernel-Threads

The Windows OS family implements multi-threading. Which one of the below-mentioned approaches is not present in the Windows OS?

- a) One-to-one mapping of user-space-threads onto kernel-threads
- b) One-to-many mapping of user-space-threads onto kernel-threads
- c) Many-to-one mapping of user-space-threads onto kernel-threads

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Priority Elevation

The Windows OS scheduler occasionally increases the priority of non-real-time threads. What is the priority of a waiting GUI thread after the occurrence of a GUI event (window message)?

- a) 15
- b) Depending on the actual device driver involved
- c) 31
- d) Current priority is increased by 2 (but never exceeds 15)

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Windows priority levels

Windows has a total of 32 thread priorities. Which one of the statements below is false:

- a) The highest priority is 31
- b) Priorities above 15 are referred to as “realtime” priorities
- c) Priorities below 16 are adjusted dynamically by the scheduler
- d) Increasing a thread’s priority will make the thread run faster - even on an otherwise empty system

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Running a program in Windows

Which type of programs can be run natively in 32-bit Windows without requiring a helper image?

- a) MS-DOS programs
- b) Windows 32-bit programs
- c) Posix programs
- d) OS/2 programs
- e) Windows 16-bit programs