

# CSC 252: Computer Organization

## Spring 2018: Lecture 19

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### Action Items:

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# Announcement

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  - Trivia: 12:00pm, Thursday, April, 6
  - Main assignment: 11:59pm, **Monday, April 16.**

Sun Apr 1	Mon 2	Tue 3	Wed 4	Thu 5	Fri 6	Sat 7
				<b>Trivia</b>		
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**Due**

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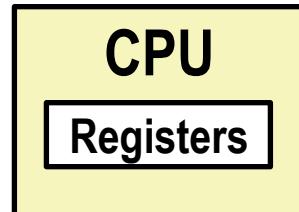
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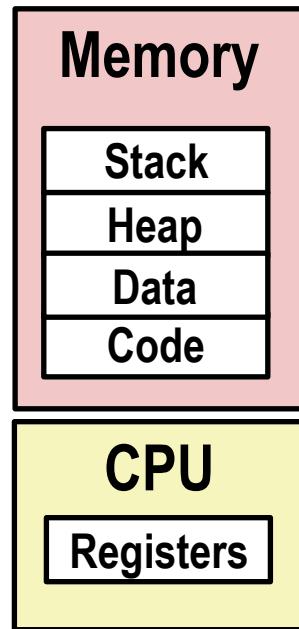
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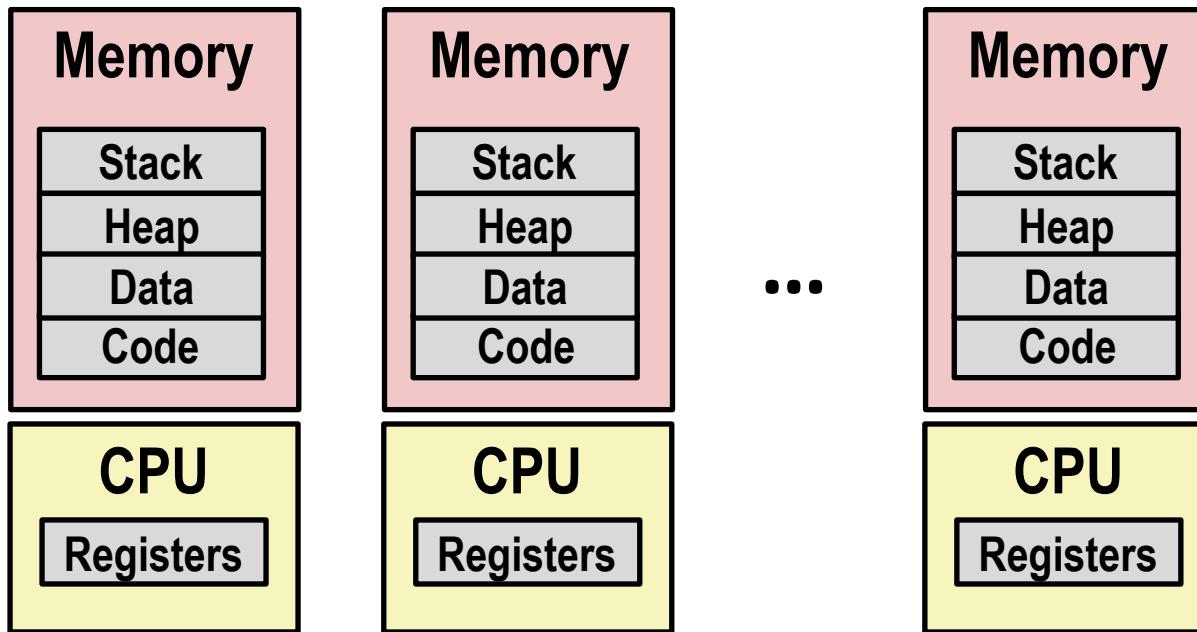


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    - Provided by kernel mechanism called virtual memory



# Multiprocessing: The Illusion



- Computer runs many processes simultaneously
  - Applications for one or more users
    - Web browsers, email clients, editors, ...
  - Background tasks
    - Monitoring network & I/O devices

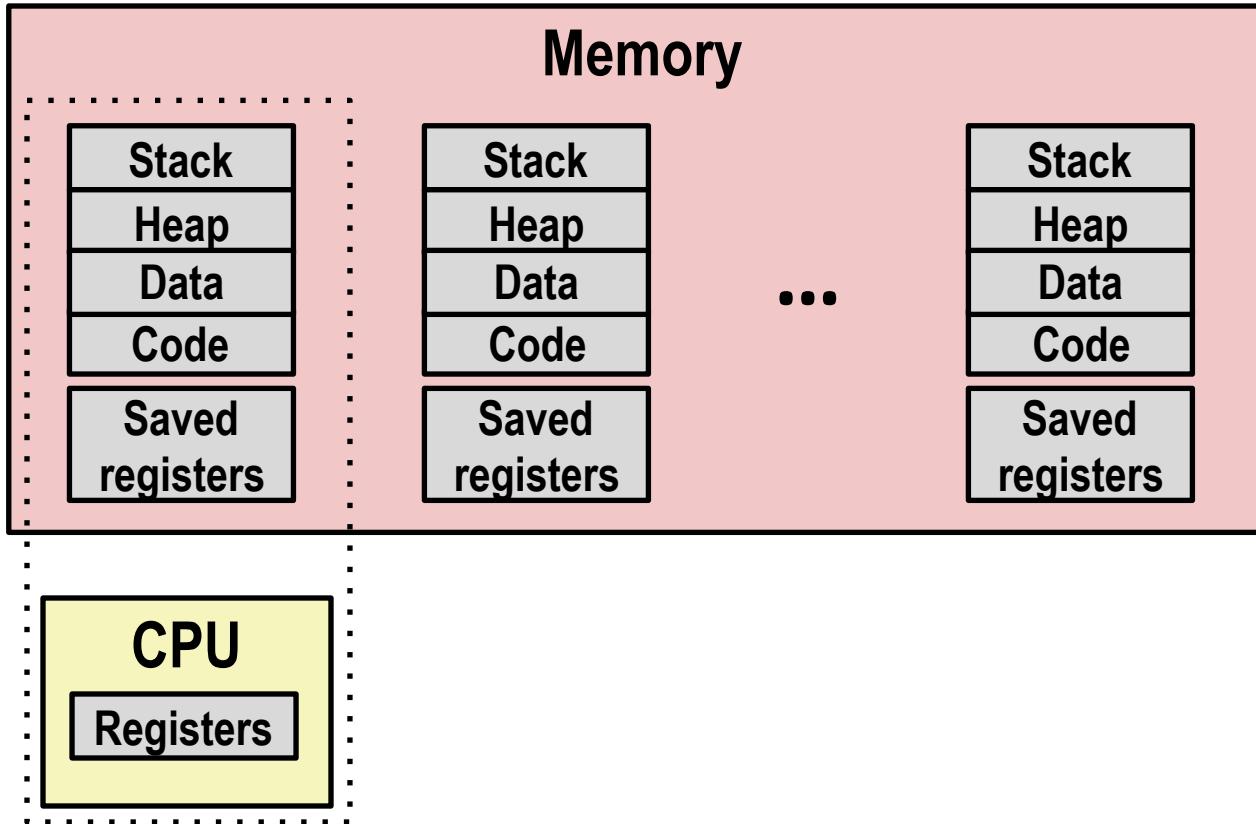
# Multiprocessing Example

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xterm
Processes: 123 total, 5 running, 9 stuck, 109 sleeping, 611 threads          11:47:07
Load Avg: 1.03, 1.13, 1.14 CPU usage: 3.27% user, 5.15% sys, 91.56% idle
SharedLibs: 576K resident, 0B data, 0B linkededit.
MemRegions: 27958 total, 1127M resident, 35M private, 494M shared.
PhysMem: 1039M wired, 1974M active, 1062M inactive, 4076M used, 18M free.
VM: 280G vsize, 1091M framework vsize, 23075213(1) pageins, 5843367(0) pageouts.
Networks: packets: 41046228/11G in, 66083096/77G out.
Disks: 17874391/349G read, 12847373/594G written.

PID   COMMAND      %CPU TIME    #TH  #WQ  #PORT #MREG RPRVT  RSHRD  RSIZE  VPRVT  VSIZE
99217- Microsoft Of 0.0  02:28.34 4    1    202   418   21M   24M    21M   66M    763M
99051  usbmuxd     0.0  00:04.10 3    1    47    66   436K  216K   480K   60M    2422M
99006  iTunesHelper 0.0  00:01.23 2    1    55    78   728K  3124K  1124K  43M    2429M
84286  bash         0.0  00:00.11 1    0    20    24   224K  732K   484K   17M    2378M
84285  xterm        0.0  00:00.83 1    0    32    73   656K  872K   692K   9728K  2382M
55939- Microsoft Ex 0.3  21:58.97 10   3    360   954   16M   65M    46M   114M   1057M
54751  sleep        0.0  00:00.00 1    0    17    20   92K   212K   360K   9632K  2370M
54739  launchdadd   0.0  00:00.00 2    1    33    50   488K  220K   1736K  48M    2409M
54737  top           6.5  00:02.53 1/1   0    30    29   1416K  216K   2124K  17M    2378M
54719  automountd   0.0  00:00.02 7    1    53    64   860K  216K   2184K  53M    2413M
54701  ocspd         0.0  00:00.05 4    1    61    54   1268K  2644K  3132K  50M    2426M
54661  Grab          0.6  00:02.75 6    3   222+  389+  15M+  26M+   40M+  75M+   2556M+
54659  cookied       0.0  00:00.15 2    1    40    61   3316K  224K   4088K  42M    2411M
57919  adobeplayer  0.0  00:01.67 1    1    52    91   7622K  7442K  16M    49M    2429M
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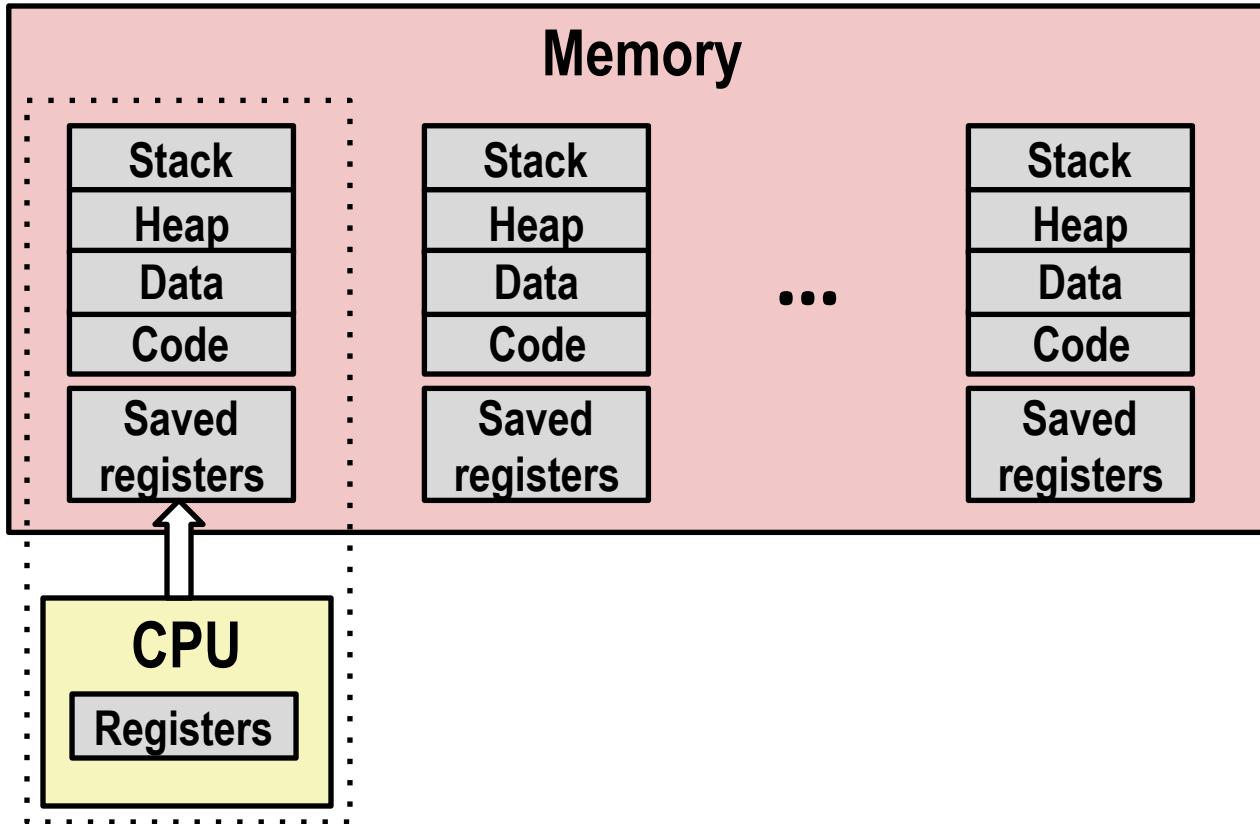
- Running program “top” on Mac
  - System has 123 processes, 5 of which are active
  - Identified by Process ID (PID)

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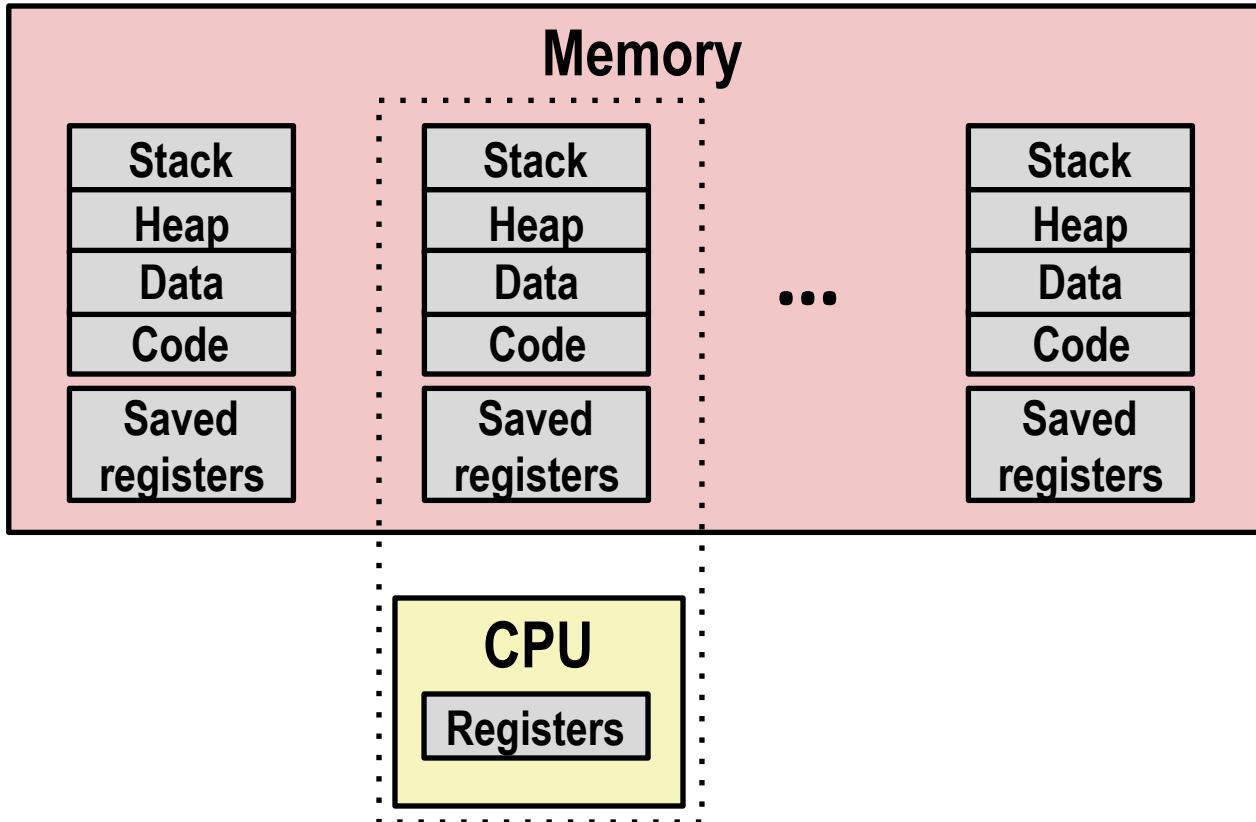
- Single processor executes multiple processes concurrently
  - Process executions interleaved (multitasking)
  - Address spaces managed by virtual memory system (later in course)
  - Register values for nonexecuting processes saved in memory

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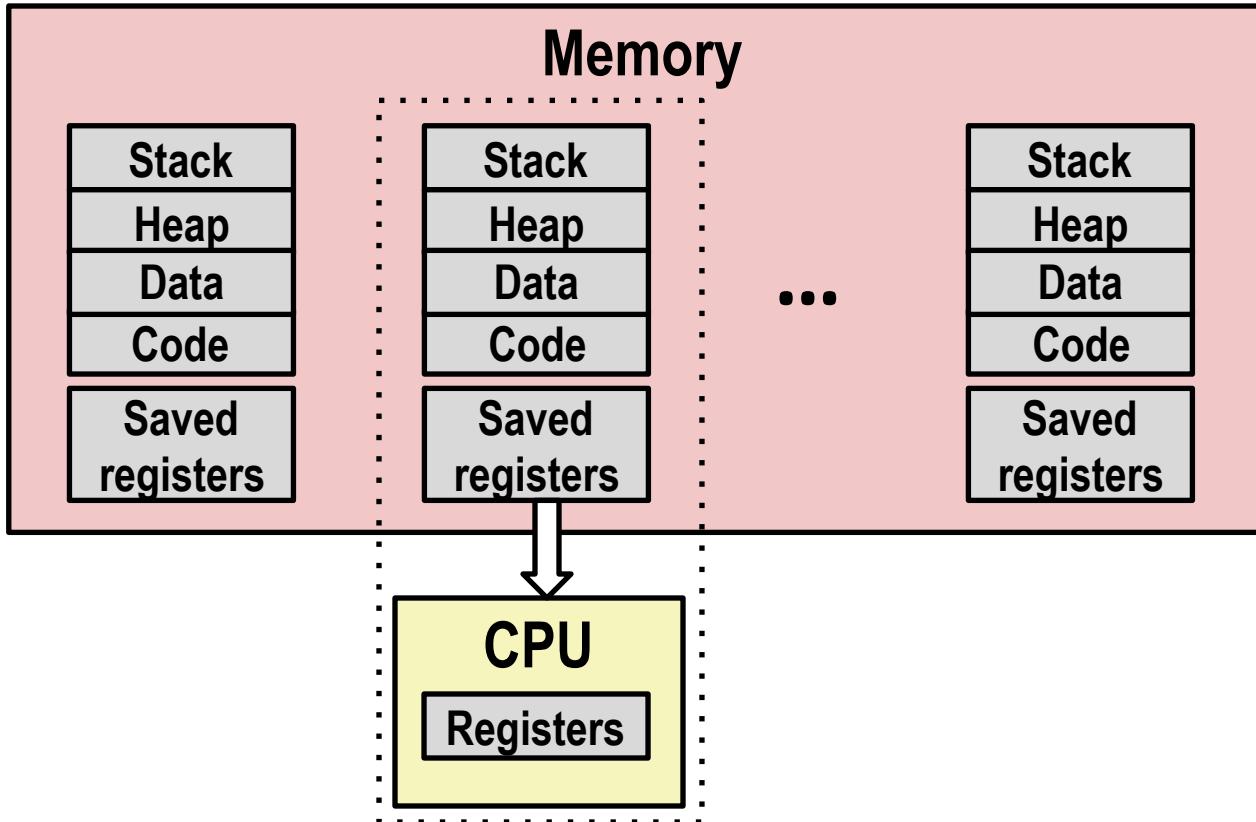
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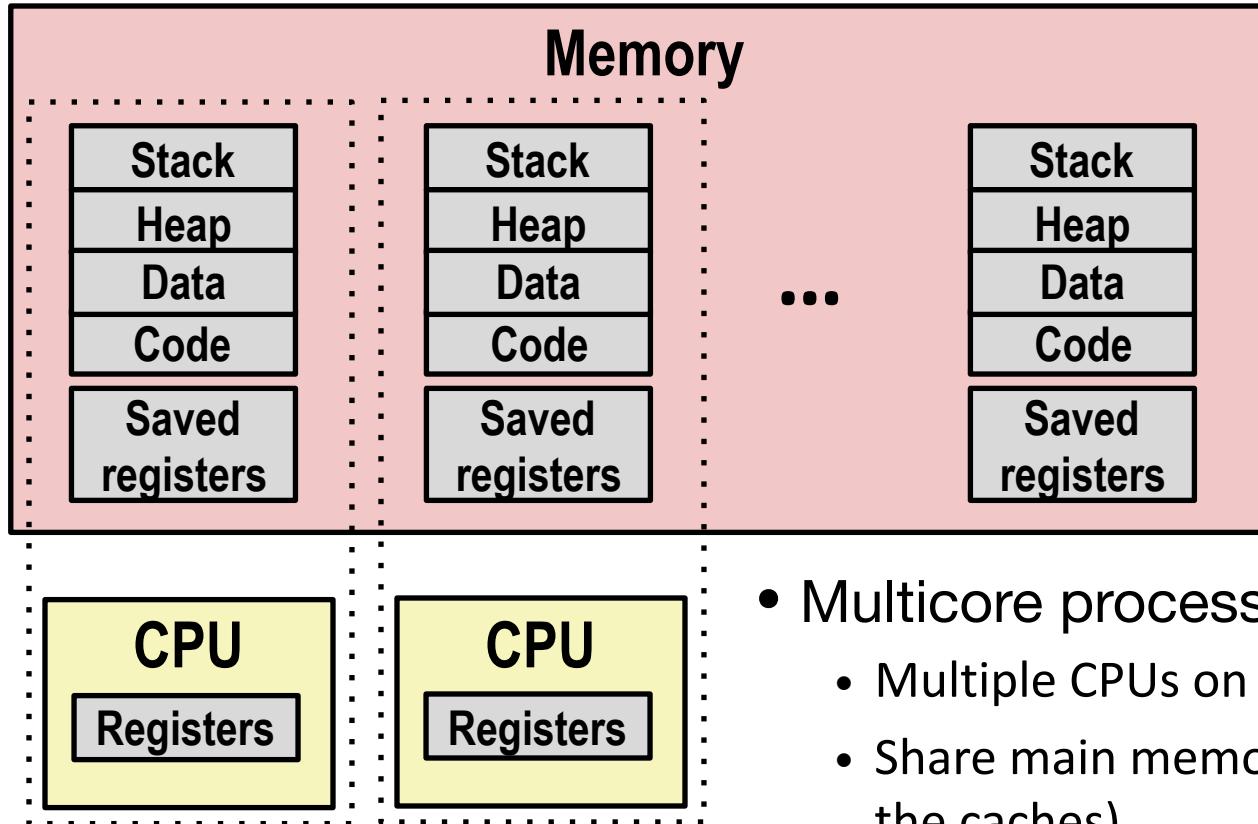
- Schedule next process for execution

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- Load saved registers and switch address space (context switch)

# Multiprocessing: The (Modern) Reality



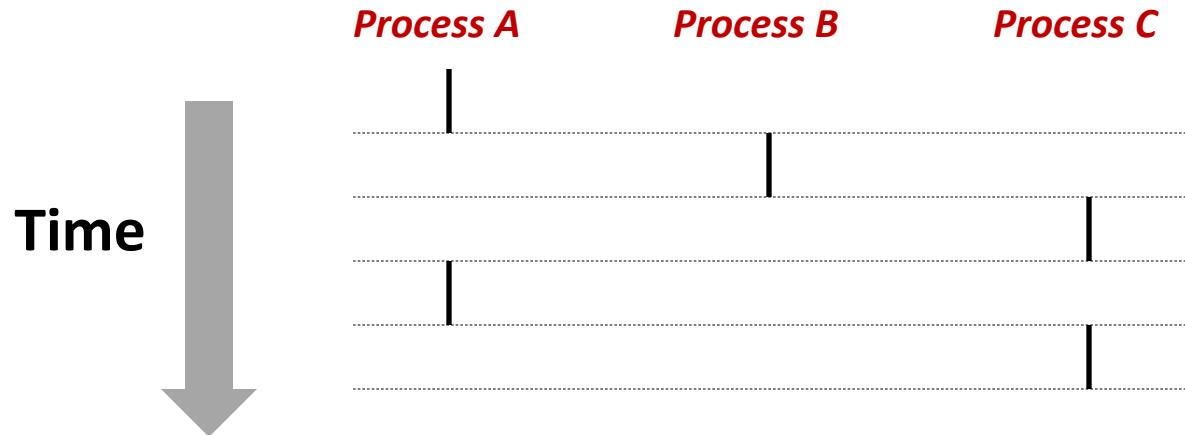
- Multicore processors
  - Multiple CPUs on single chip
  - Share main memory (and some of the caches)
  - Each can execute a separate process
    - Scheduling of processors onto cores done by kernel

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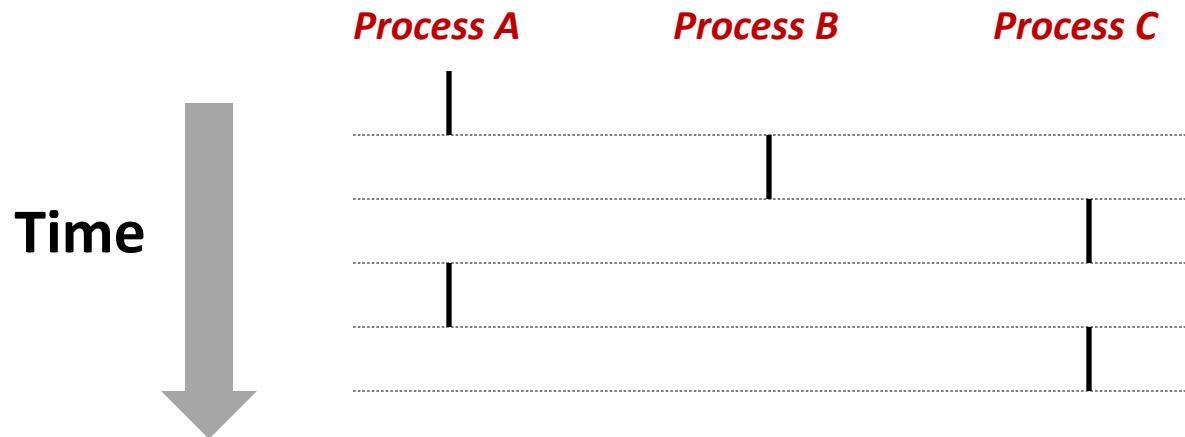
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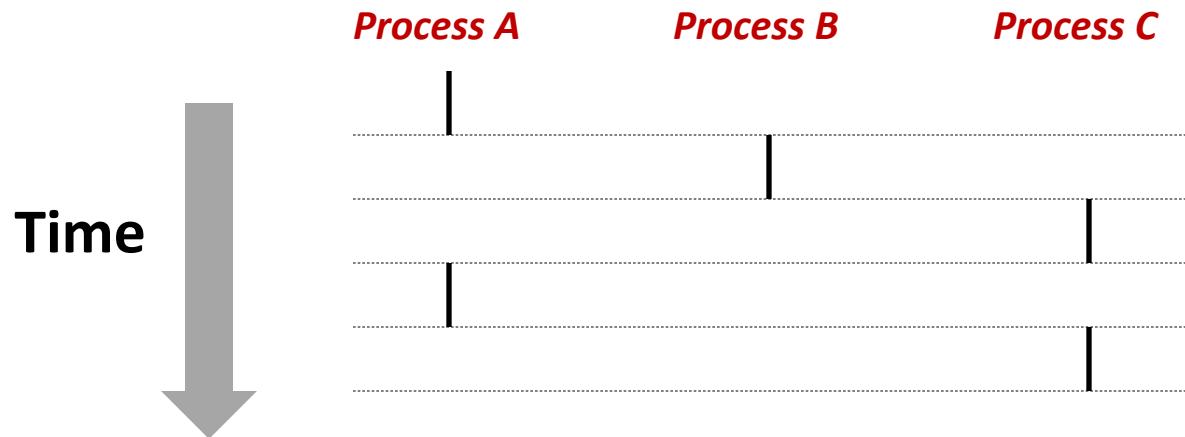
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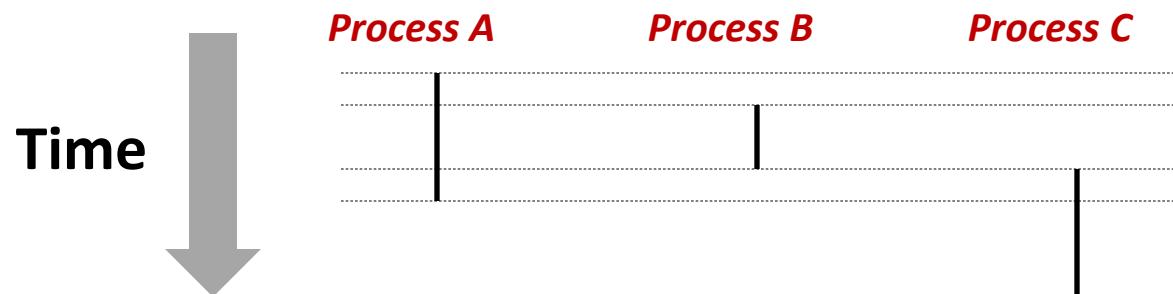
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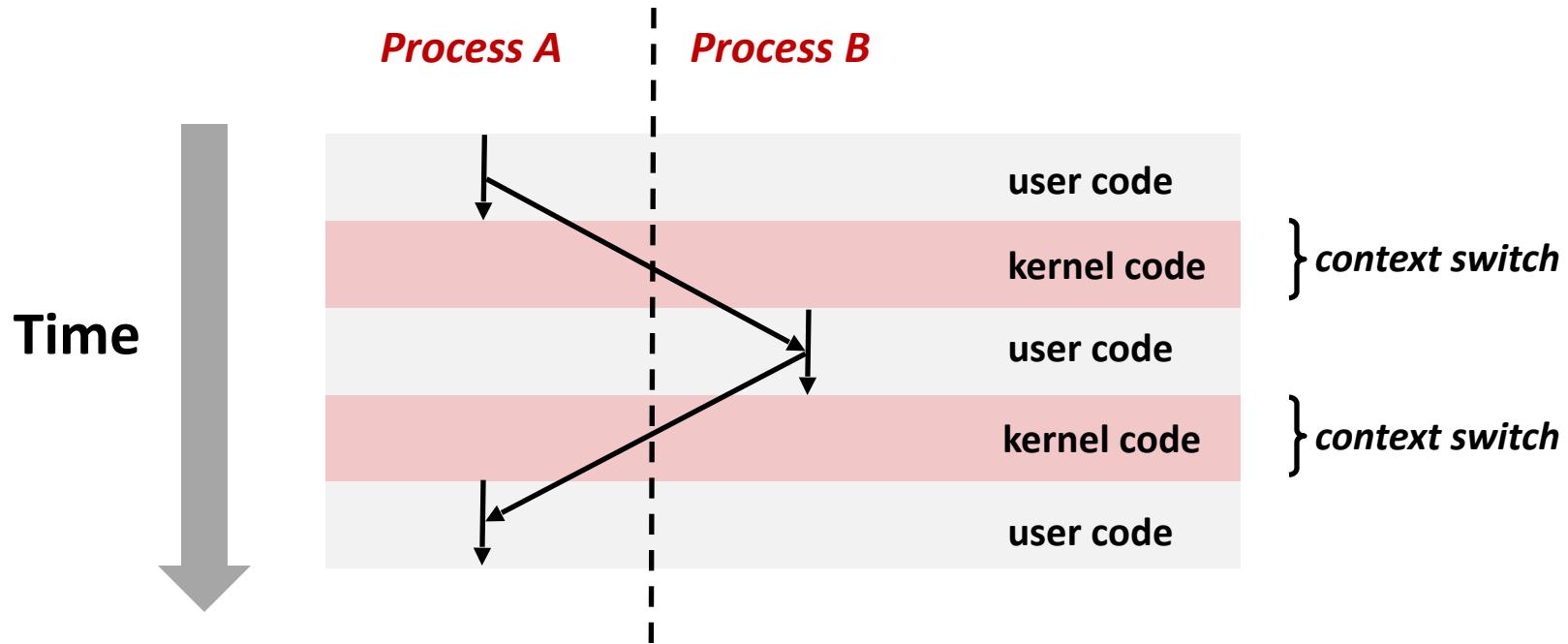
# User View of Concurrent Processes

- Control flows for concurrent processes are physically disjoint in time
- However, we can think of concurrent processes as running in parallel with each other



# Context Switching

- Processes are managed by a shared chunk of memory-resident OS code called the *kernel*
  - Important: the kernel is not a separate process, but rather runs as part of some existing process.
- Control flow passes from one process to another via a *context switch*



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# Obtaining Process IDs

- `pid_t getpid(void)`
  - Returns PID of current process
- `pid_t getppid(void)`
  - Returns PID of parent process

# Creating and Terminating Processes

From a programmer's perspective, we can think of a process as being in one of three states

- Running
  - Process is either executing, or waiting to be executed and will eventually be *scheduled* (i.e., chosen to execute) by the kernel
- Stopped
  - Process execution is suspended and will not be scheduled until further notice (through something call **signals**)
- Terminated
  - Process is stopped permanently

# Terminating Processes

- Process becomes terminated for one of three reasons:
  - Receiving a signal whose default action is to terminate
  - Returning from the `main` routine
  - Calling the `exit` function
- `void exit(int status)`
  - Terminates with an *exit status* of `status`
  - Convention: normal return status is 0, nonzero on error
  - Another way to explicitly set the exit status is to return an integer value from the `main` routine
- `exit` is called **once** but **never** returns.

# Creating Processes

- Parent process creates a new running child process by calling `fork`
- `int fork(void)`
  - Returns 0 to the child process, child's PID to parent process
  - Child is almost identical to parent:
    - Child get an identical (but separate) copy of the parent's (virtual) address space (i.e., same stack copies, code, etc.)
    - Child gets identical copies of the parent's open file descriptors
    - Child has a different PID than the parent
- `fork` is interesting (and often confusing) because it is called **once** but returns **twice**

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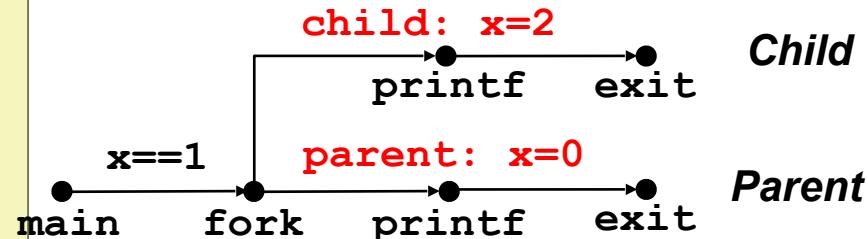
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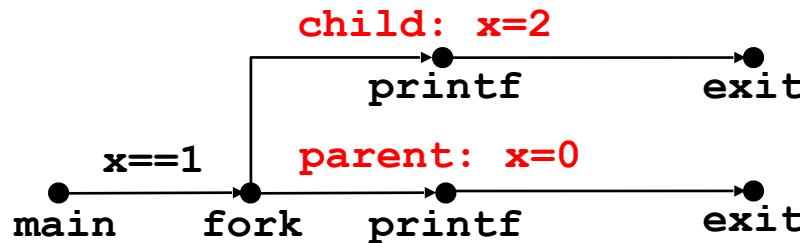


# Modeling fork with Process Graphs

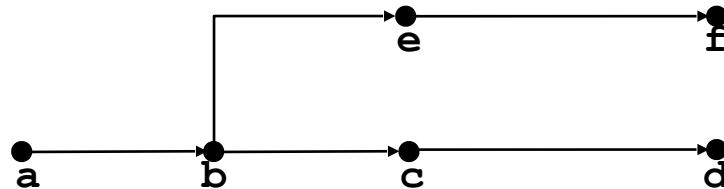
- A *process graph* is a useful tool for capturing the partial ordering of statements in a concurrent program:
  - Each vertex is the execution of a statement
  - An edge from a to b ( $a \rightarrow b$ ) means a happens before b
  - Each graph begins with a vertex with no incoming edges
- The process graph helps us reason about the execution order among different processes when running on one single CPU

# Interpreting Process Graphs

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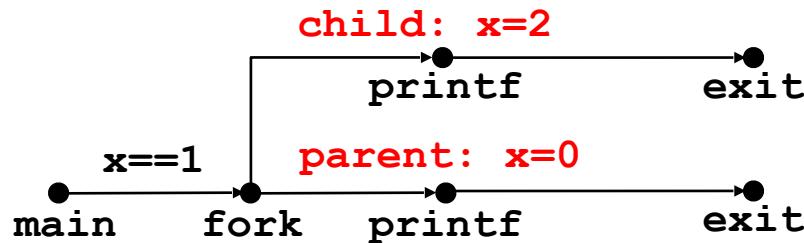


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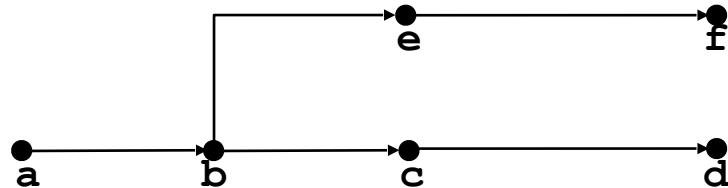


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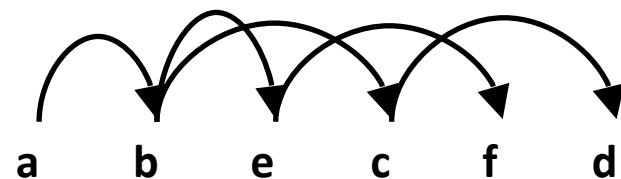
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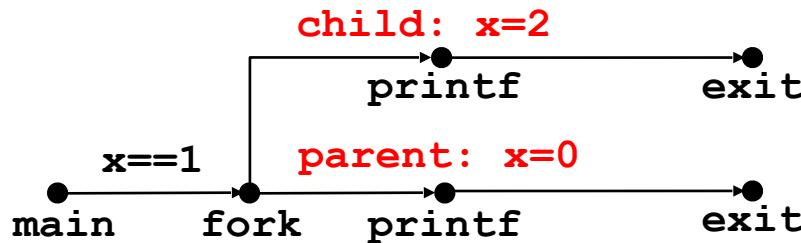


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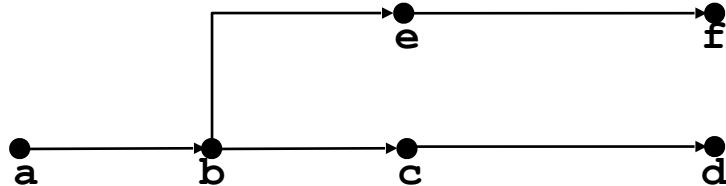


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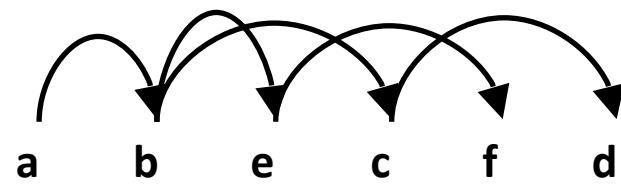
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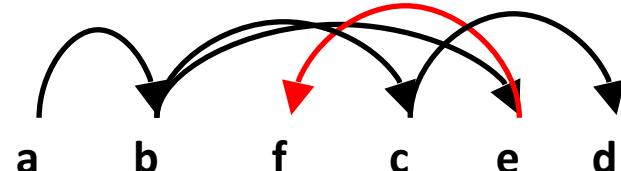
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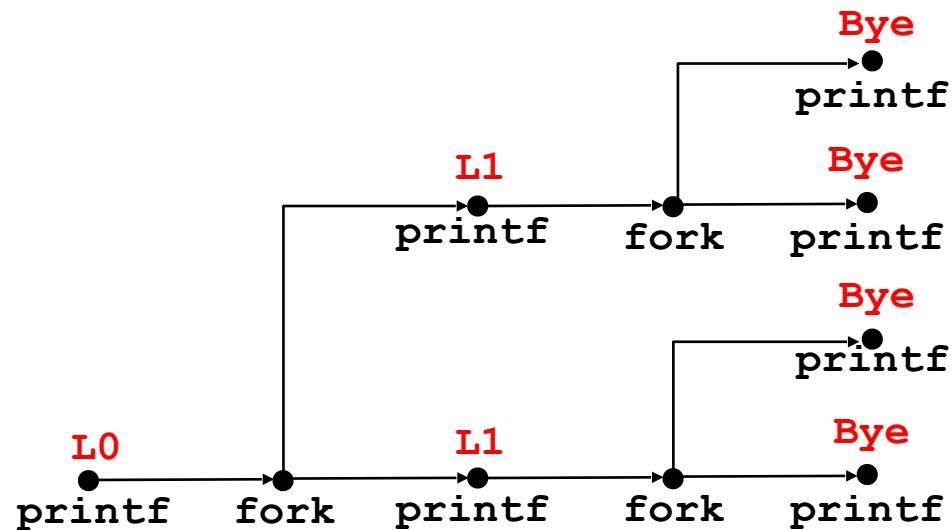
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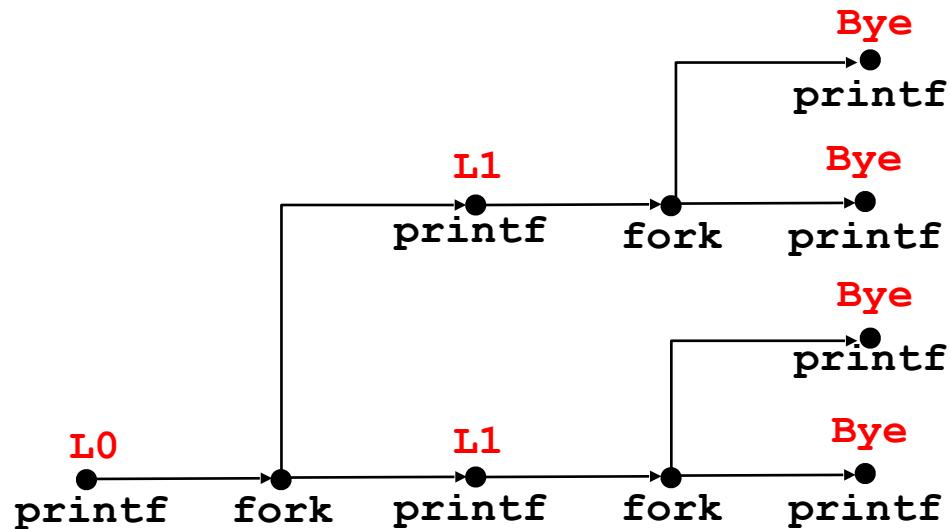
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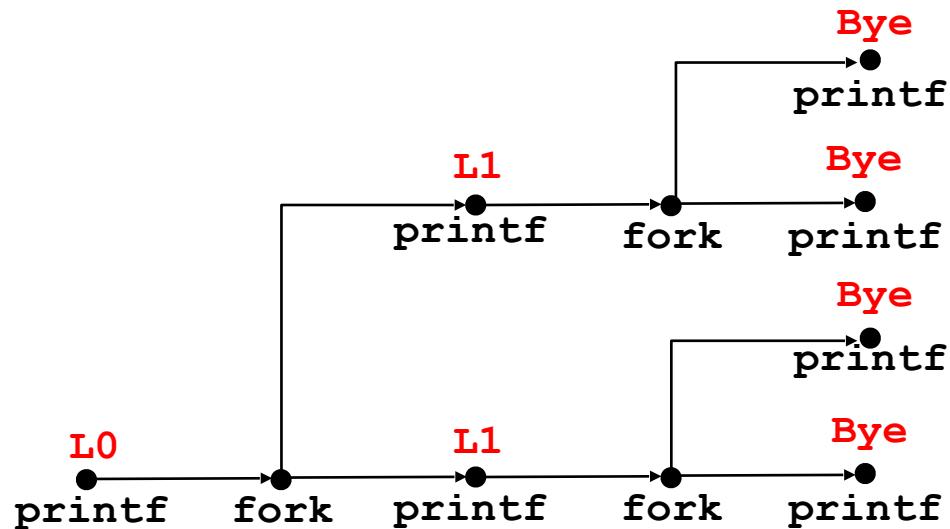
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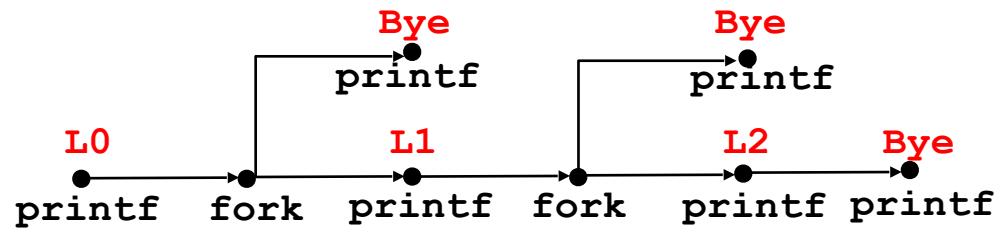
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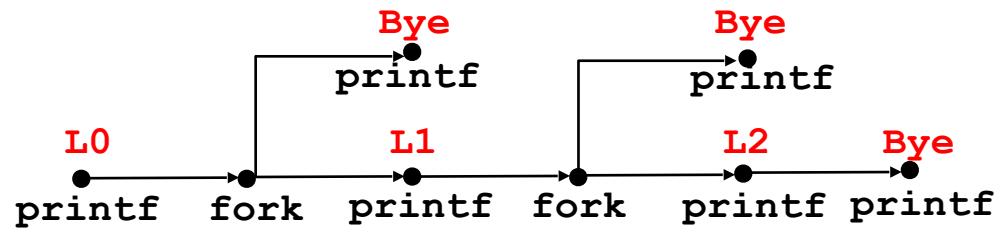
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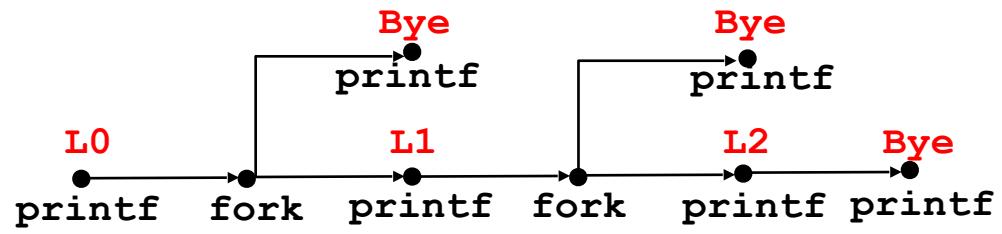
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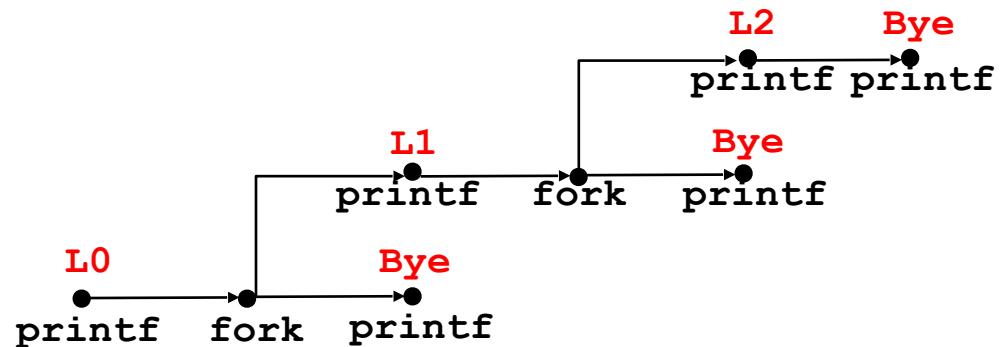
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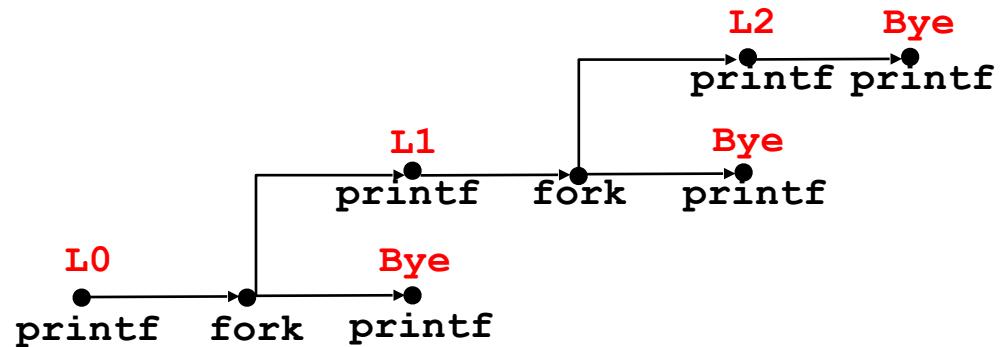
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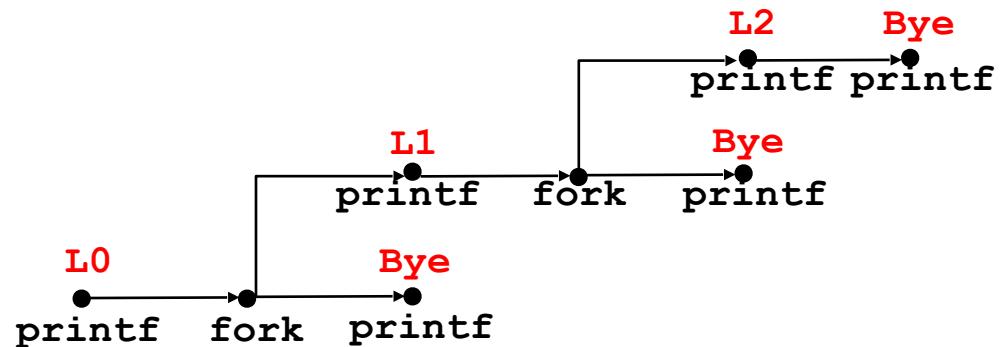
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  - Called a “zombie”: Living corpse, half alive and half dead
- Reaping
  - Performed by parent on terminated child (using `wait` or `waitpid`)

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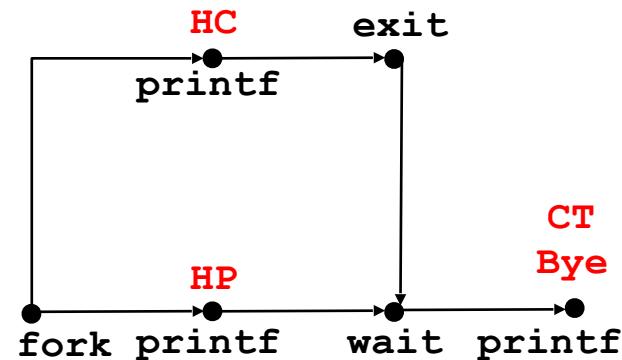
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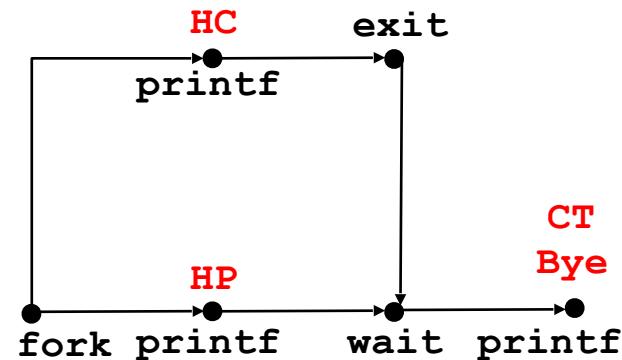


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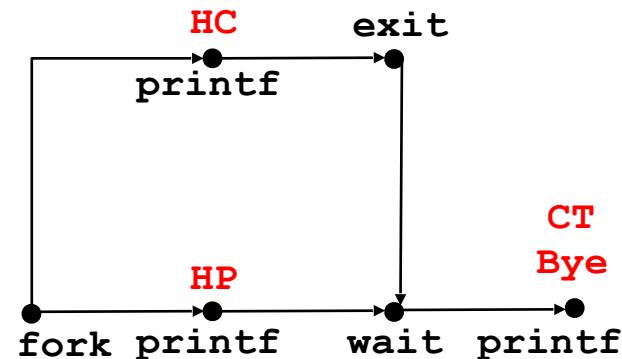
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- Parent reaps a child by calling the `wait` function
- `int wait(int *child_status)`
  - Suspends current process until one of its children terminates
  - Return value is the `pid` of the child process that terminated
  - If `child_status != NULL`, then the integer it points to will be set to a value that indicates reason the child terminated and the exit status:
    - Checked using macros defined in `wait.h`
      - `WIFEXITED`, `WEXITSTATUS`, `WIFSIGNALED`,  
`WTERMSIG`, `WIFSTOPPED`, `WSTOPSIG`,  
`WIFCONTINUED`
      - See textbook for details

# Another wait Example

- If multiple children completed, will take in arbitrary order
- Can use macros WIFEXITED and WEXITSTATUS to get information about exit status

```
void fork10() {
    pid_t pid[N];
    int i, child_status;

    for (i = 0; i < N; i++)
        if ((pid[i] = fork()) == 0) {
            exit(100+i); /* Child */
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# waitpid: Waiting for a Specific Process

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  - Various options (see textbook)

```
void fork11() {
    pid_t pid[N];
    int i;
    int child_status;

    for (i = 0; i < N; i++)
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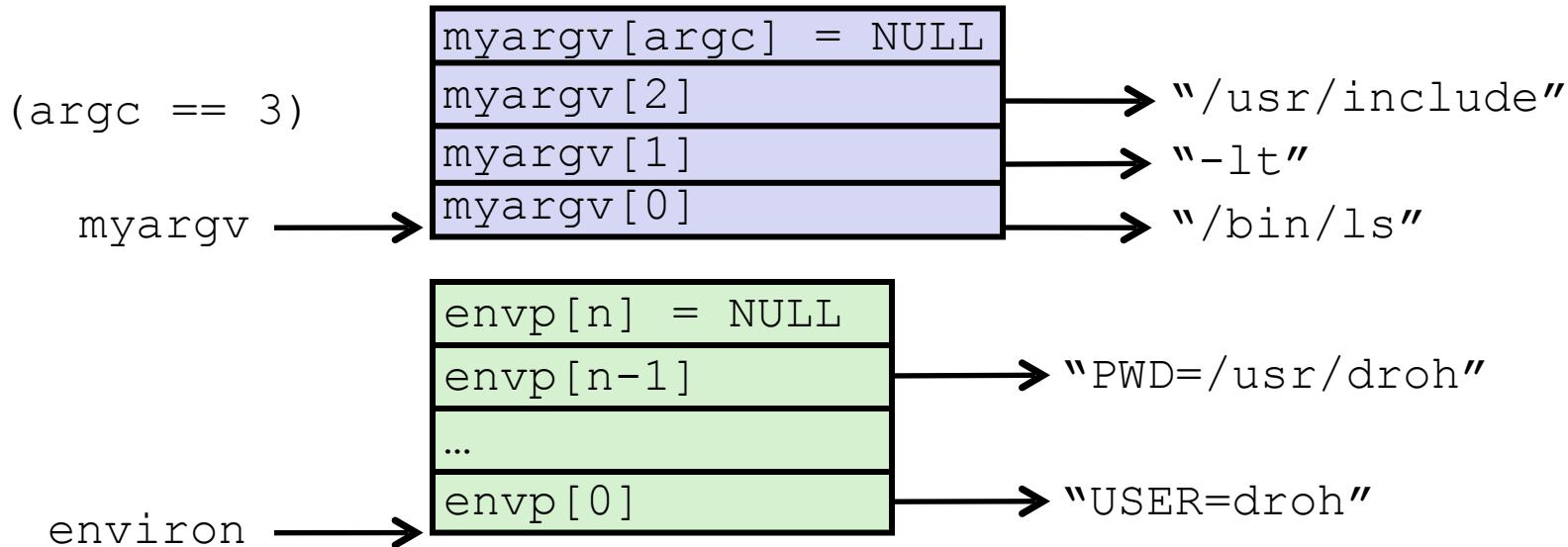
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# execve Example

Executes “/bin/ls -lt /usr/include” in child process using current environment:



```
if ((pid = Fork()) == 0) { /* Child runs program */
    if (execve(myargv[0], myargv, environ) < 0) {
        printf("%s: Command not found.\n", myargv[0]);
        exit(1);
    }
}
```

# Stack Structure When a New Program Starts

