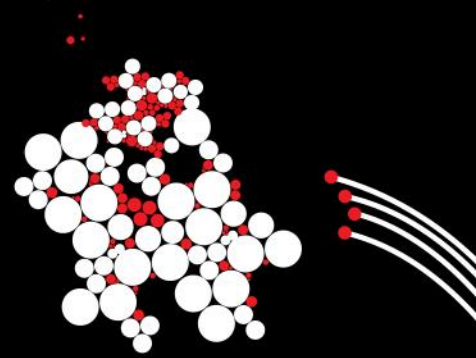


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PROCESSES

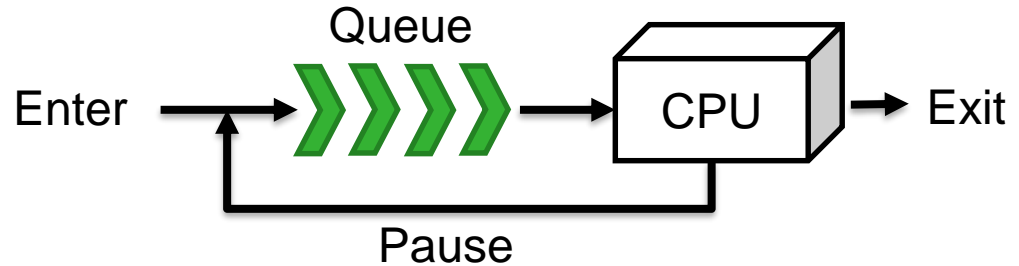
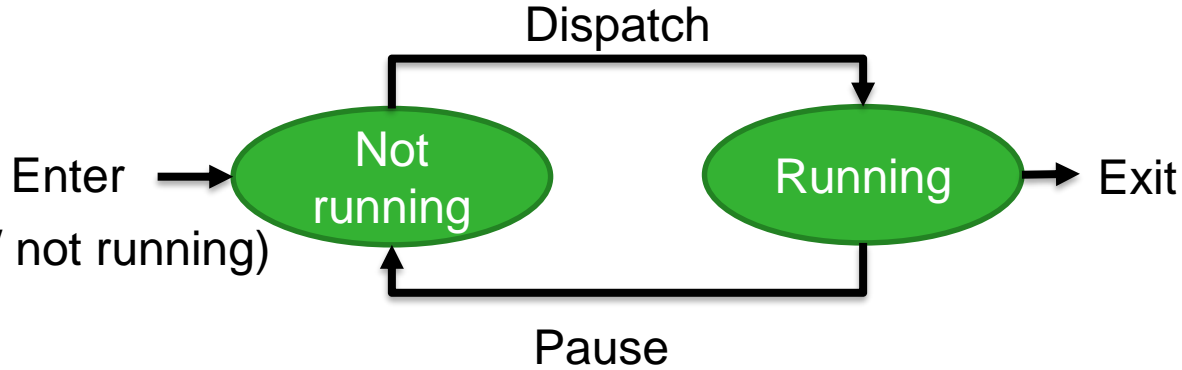
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# PRINCIPLE OF CONCURRENCY

- A process has:

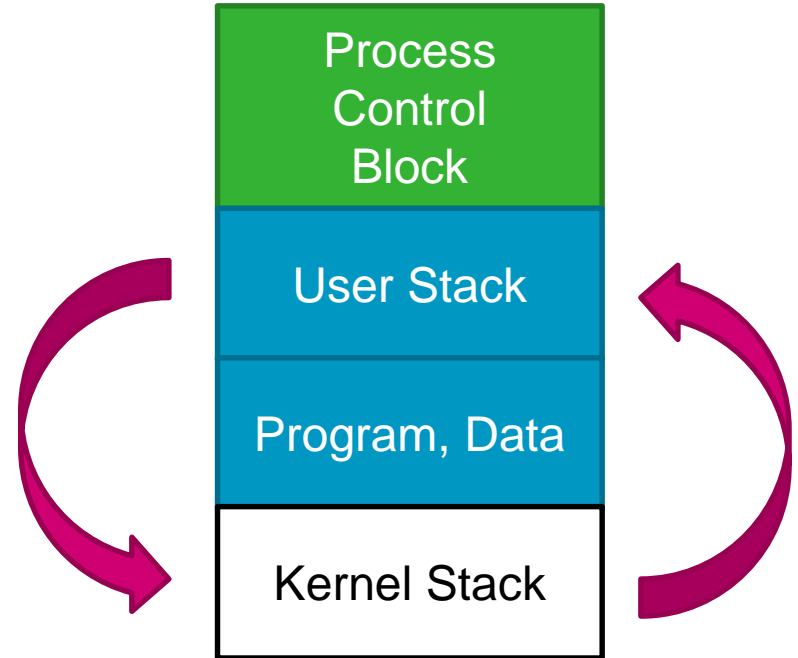
- Identifier
- State (running / not running)
- Registers + PC
- Memory (+ Program)
- I/O, accounting, other resources



# PROCESS SWITCH

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- User mode  $\leftrightarrow$  Kernel mode
  - Synchronous: System call
  - Asynchronous: Interrupt



# PROCESS CREATION EXAMPLE

- Output?
- gcc Fork.c
- strace ./a.out
- strace -f ./a.out
  
- Which system call?

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <wait.h>
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    pid_t pid=fork();
    printf("%s\n", argv[0]);
    if (pid==0) { /* child process */
        static char *argv[]={"echo","Foo",NULL};
        execv("/bin/echo",argv);
        exit(127); /* only if execv fails */
    } else { /* pid!=0; parent process */
        waitpid(pid,0,0); /* wait for child exit */
    }
    return 0;
}
```

# UNIX SIGNAL EXAMPLE

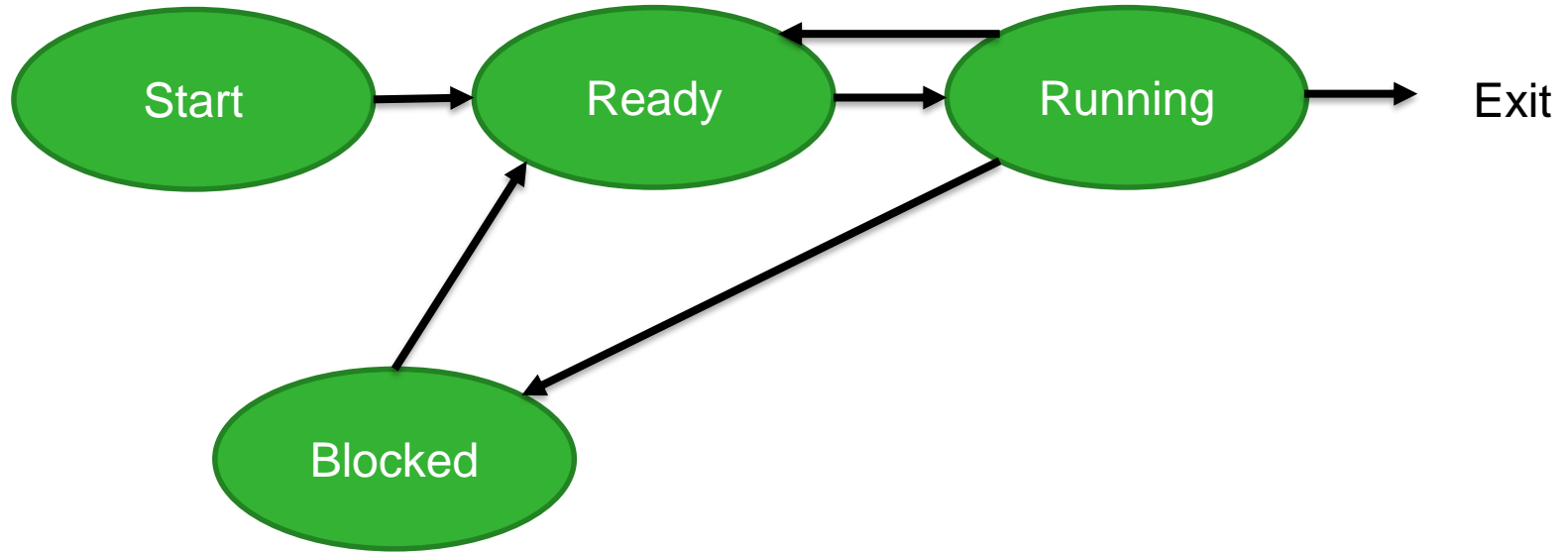
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- Output?
- gcc Signal.c
- ./a.out

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <signal.h>
void sigsegv_handler(int sig) {
    printf("SIGSEGV received.\n");
    exit(0);
}
int main() {
    int *pointer=(int *)NULL;
    signal(SIGSEGV,sigsegv_handler);
    printf("About to segfault:\n");
    *pointer=0;
    printf("Why didn't we crash?\n");
    return 1;
}
```

# QUEUING

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# SUMMARY

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- Principle of concurrency
- A process is code+data+state
- Management involves creation, switching and termination
- Signals can be used between processes