Concurrency

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- I hope you were able to enjoy your breaks!
- Anything exciting happen? Any really good food made?

What is a Program?

- A "program" is a set of instructions, essentially a ***static*** file containing code.

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auto_responder.c

It's just text...
nothing special about it.

What is a Program *in execution*?

- A "program" in ***execution*** is called a ***process***.

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The compiled Instructions executed on the processor

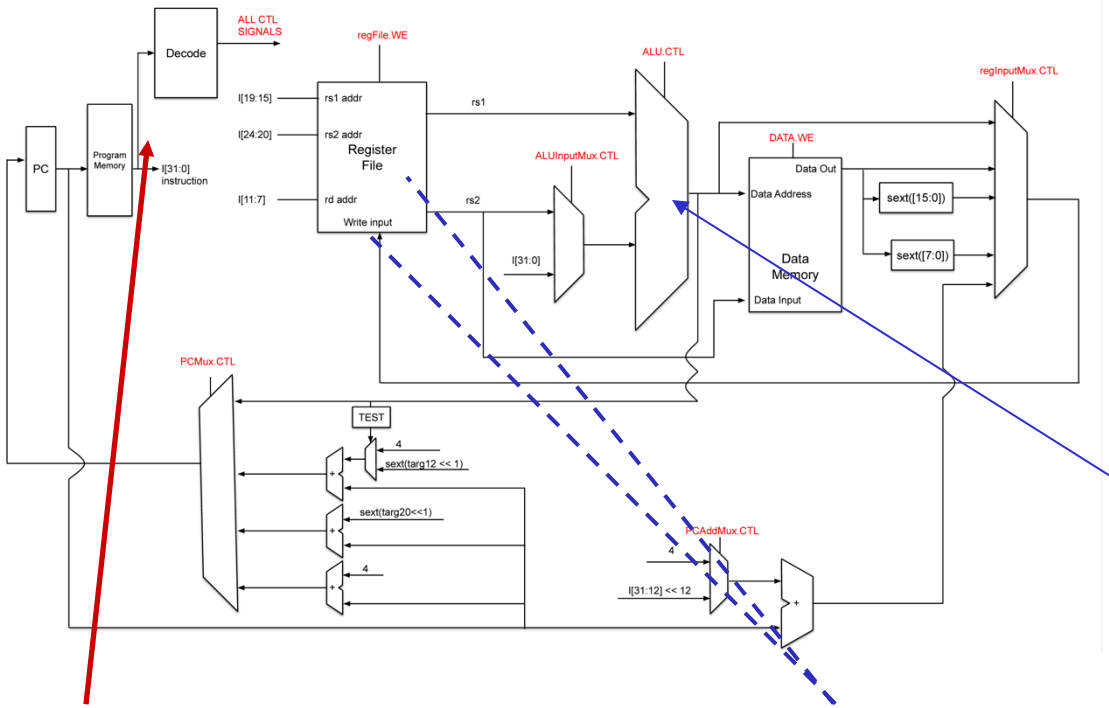
What does the process consist of?

memory, instructions, registers, and other state involved in program execution.

What is *necessary* to run a process?

- You need a CPU with at least one core!
- What's a core?

ITS THIS! (ESSENTIALLY)



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Fetch/Decode Instructions

Register State/Memory State

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  - Fetch/Decode, Register/Memory, Execution Unit (ALU)
  - *Fundamental unit of systems hardware*

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- Does anyone know the # of cores in an Intel i9 CPU?
  - (the ceo just quit yesterday btw. Company isn't doing well I hear)
  - We'll leave that to the Wharton people

*memory in these slides does not refer to RAM but rather the Cache

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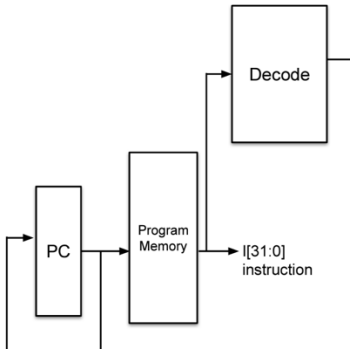
  - Trick question; ***depends on the model***.
  - Intel® Core™ i9-7900X X-series Processor
    - ***10 Cores!***
  - ***Highest model has 18 cores!***

A Single Core



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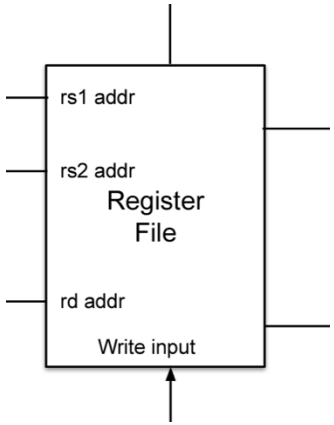
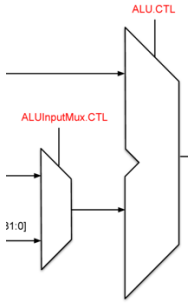


Register Set and Memory State



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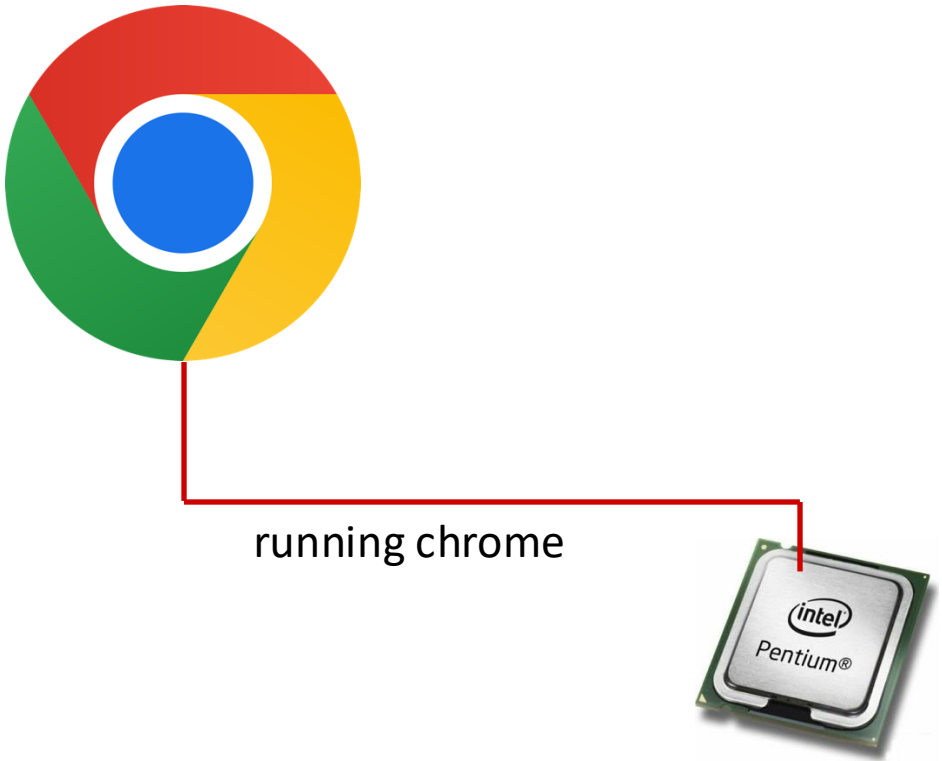
- With one core, we can run one process!
  - **let's open up chrome**
- **Question: what if you want to open 2 more applications?**



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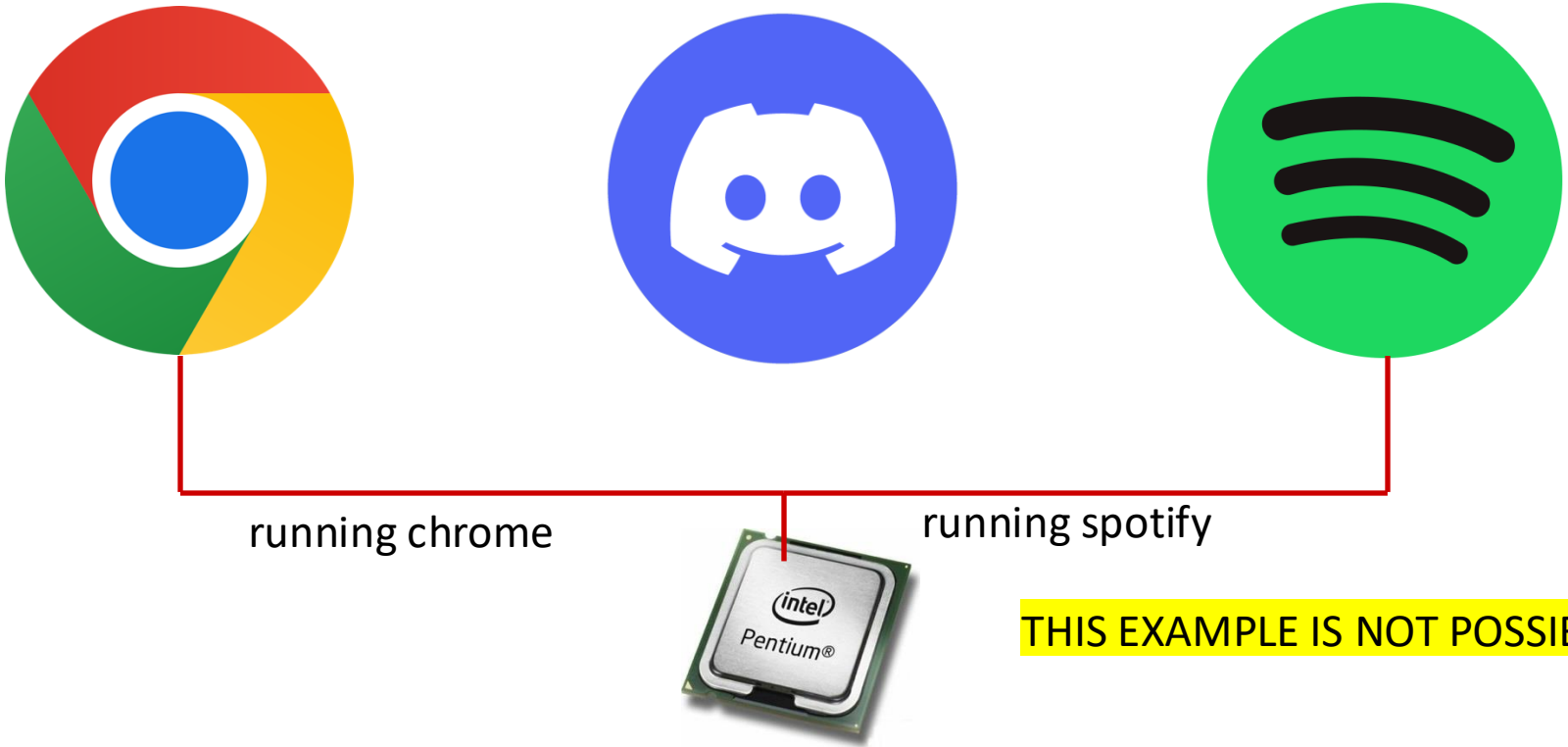
- **Things can not run *via parallelism*** *(simultaneously).*
  - *Why? We only have ONE CORE.* ***Only one ALU to go around.***



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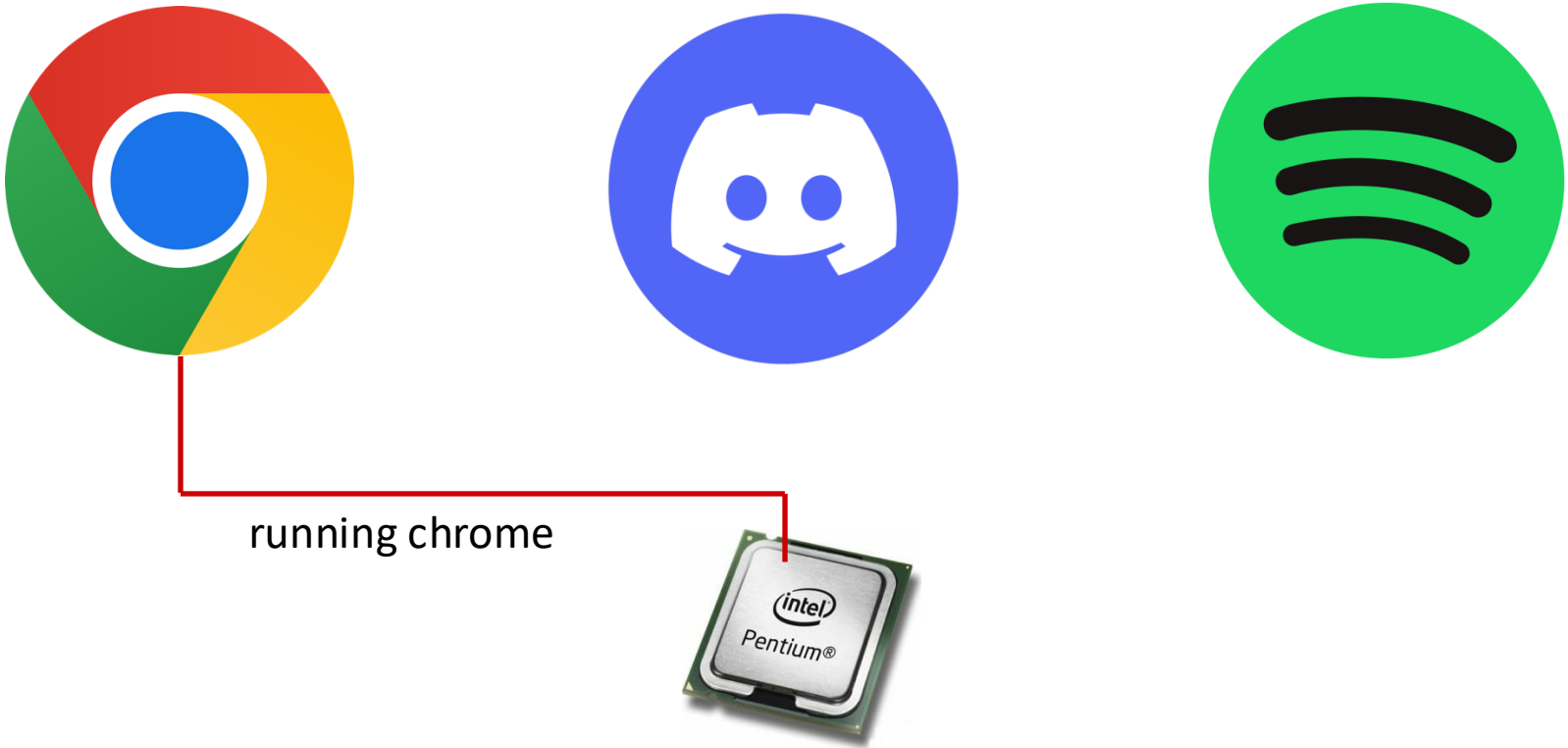

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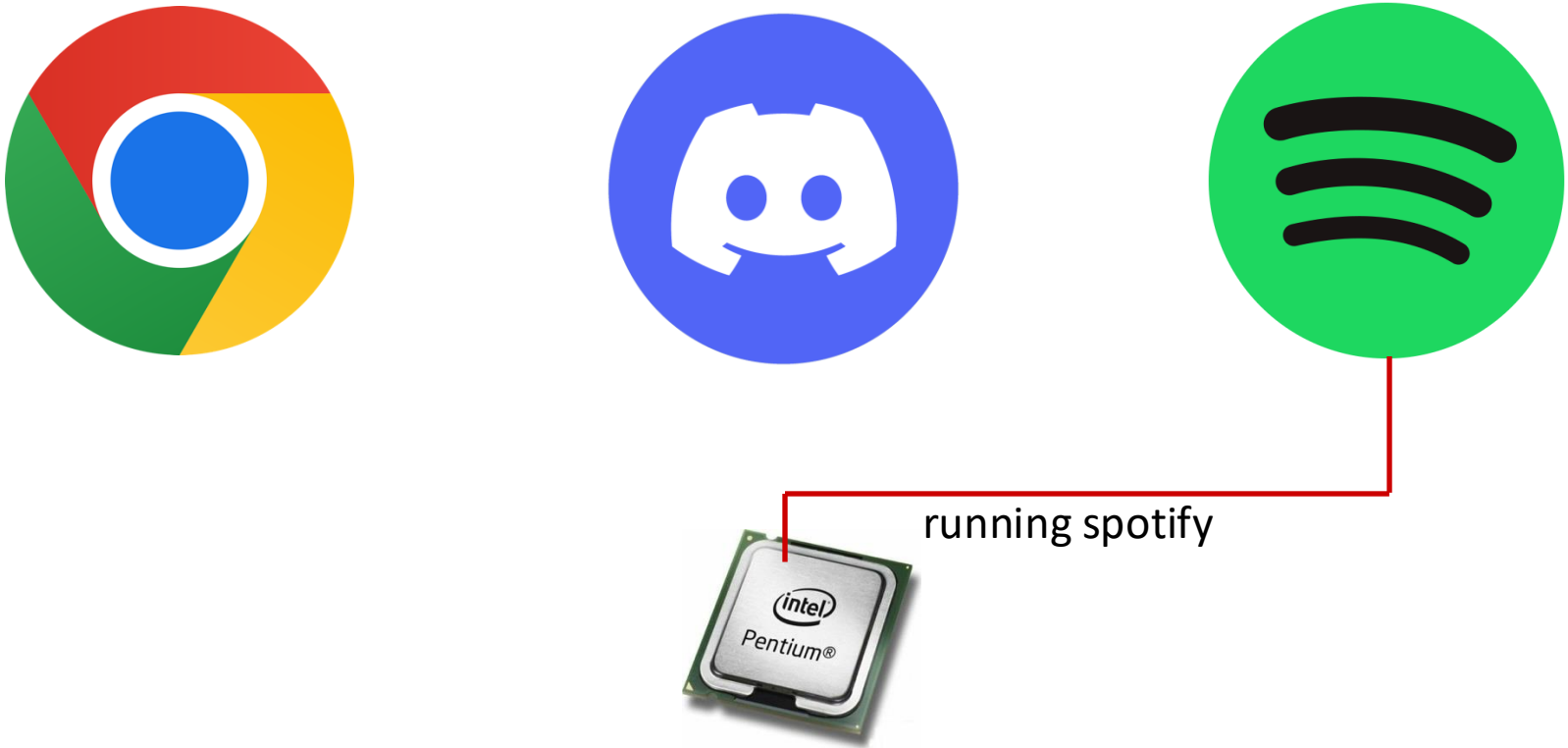

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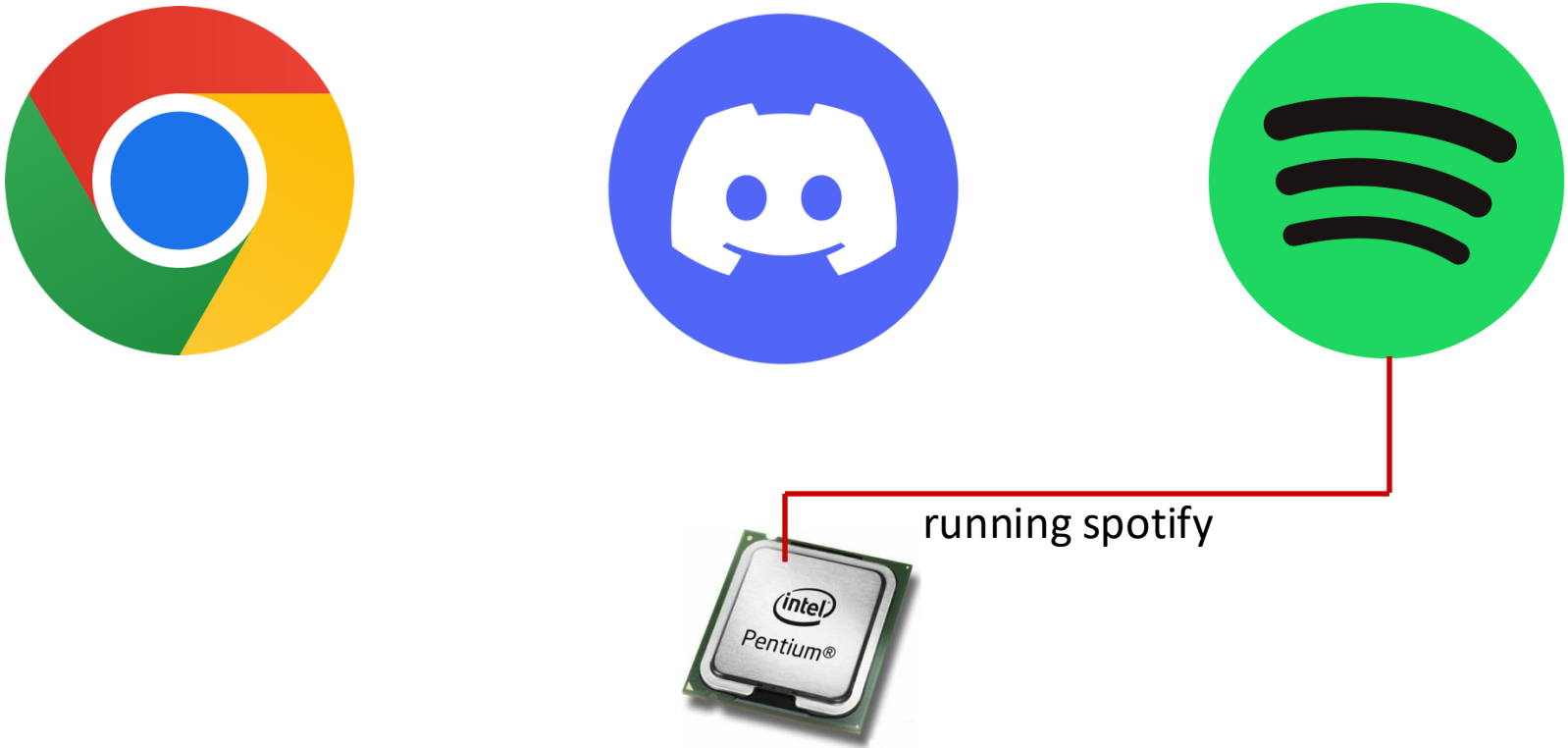

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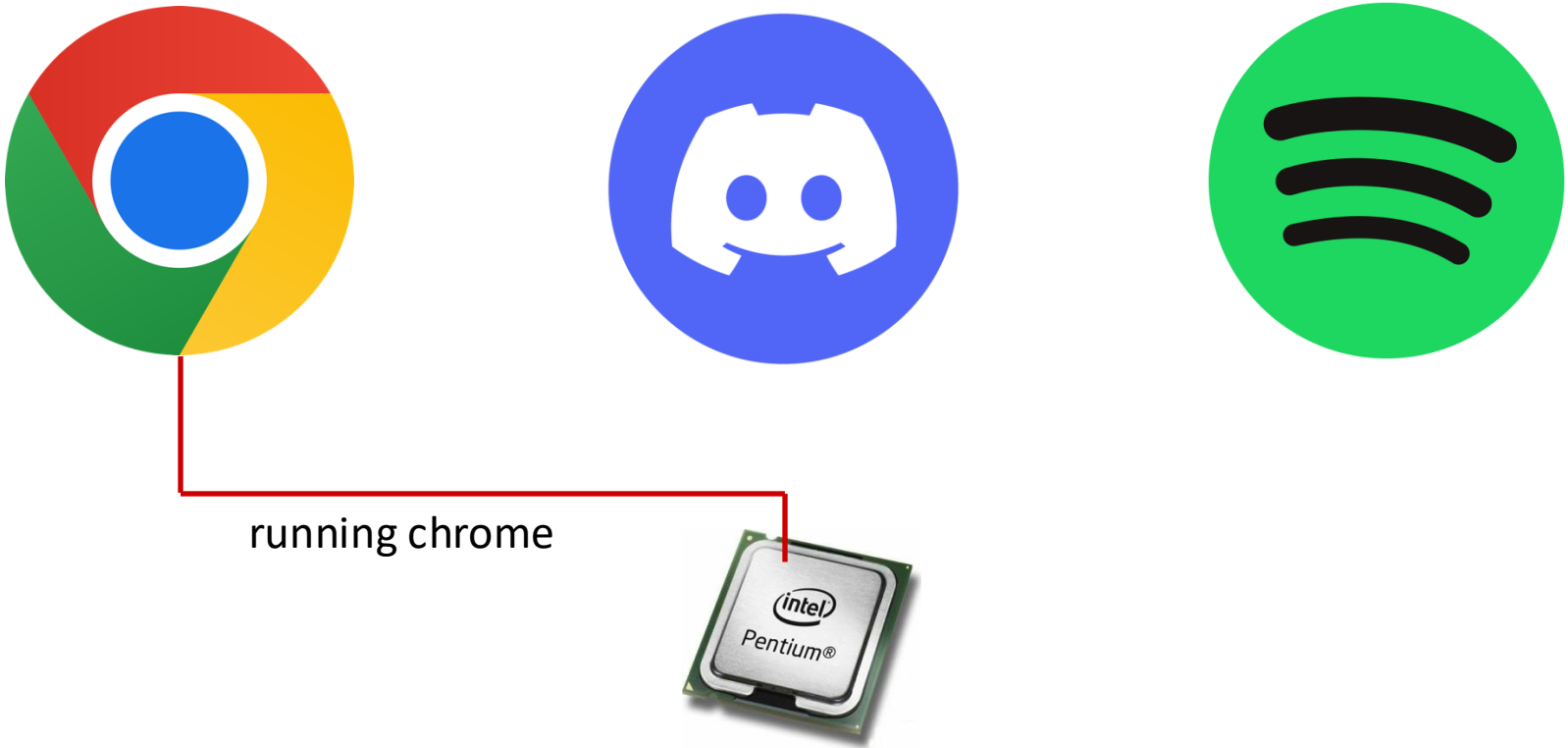

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Only one instruction executes at a time on a single-core processor.

To allow multiple processes to run, the operating system takes turns giving each process access to the CORE, one at a time.

Note: Do not ask how this is done today… take OS with us next semester…. ☺

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Let's bring back this code

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Looping:
- keeping track of email
- loading email into mem

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- creates email
- formats data for response
- connection to email server
- send over network!

Most of these operations are relatively quick!

Except for one…

Connecting to an email server and sending an email can easily take 50+ ms.

Time Analysis

```
void answer_emails() {
    // I'm Jeff Besos
    // My Inbox has 1,000,000 emails
        for (auto& email : inbox) {
                email.send("Sorry, I'm on my yacht...");
        }
}

int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
                answer_emails();
                return 0;
}
```

auto_responder.c

Looping:
- keeping track of email
- loading email into mem

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Total Elapsed Time

10 ms

Cal Current Email
Loading Email
invoking send()

150 ms

Time it takes to send the email over the network

This means ***calling the function***, not *doing the sending over the network*

Poll Everywhere

pollev.com/cis2400

What's so wrong with this? Discuss!

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Put your short responses into poll everywhere ☺

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What do we spend most of our time doing?

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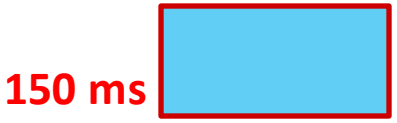
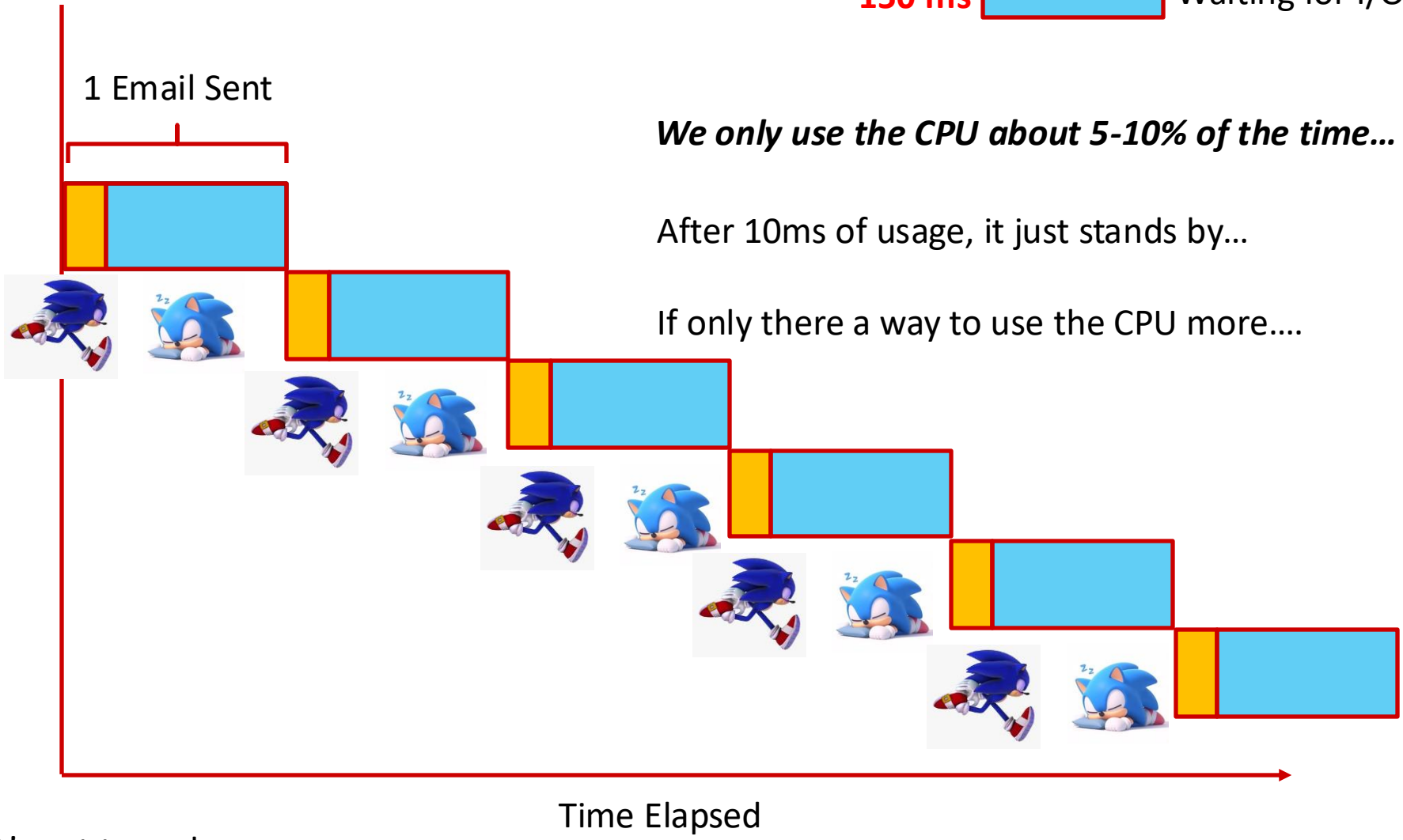
- We spend more time in the I/O operations
  - Establishing Connection with Email Server
  - Sending Email Over Network

Let's Visualize the Bottleneck





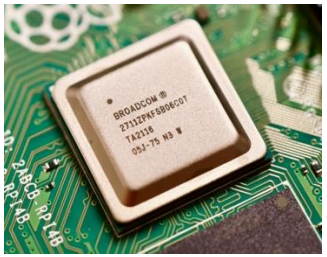
We only use the CPU about 5-10% of the time…

After 10ms of usage, it just stands by…

If only there a way to use the CPU more….

*yes it's not to scale

CPU Utilization



- When a process waits for I/O, the CPU remains idle, wasting valuable processing time.
- Our goal is to ***maximize CPU utilization*** and ensure it stays actively engaged in useful work.
- What if we could send the next email while waiting for the network I/O?

Before Threads, There Were Processes

- A "program" in ***execution*** is called a ***process***.

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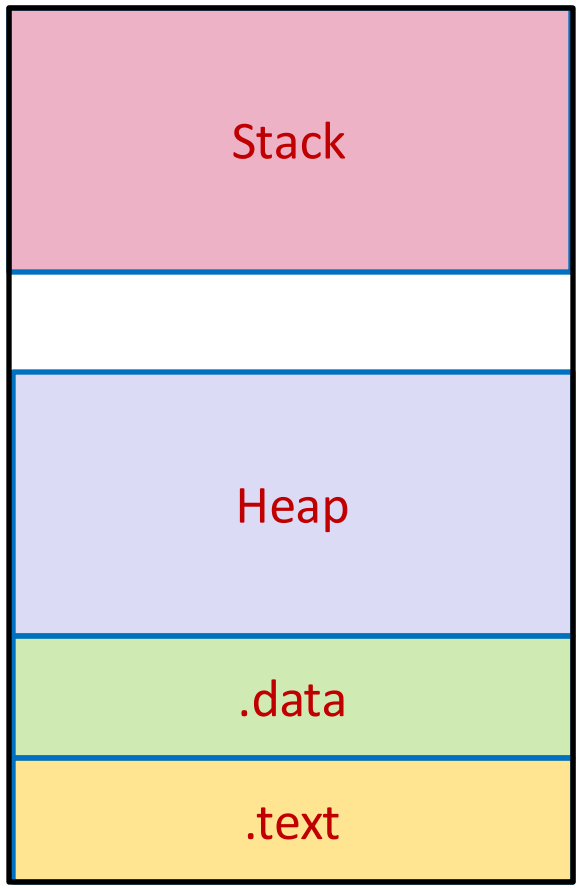

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main:
    //
    //calls send
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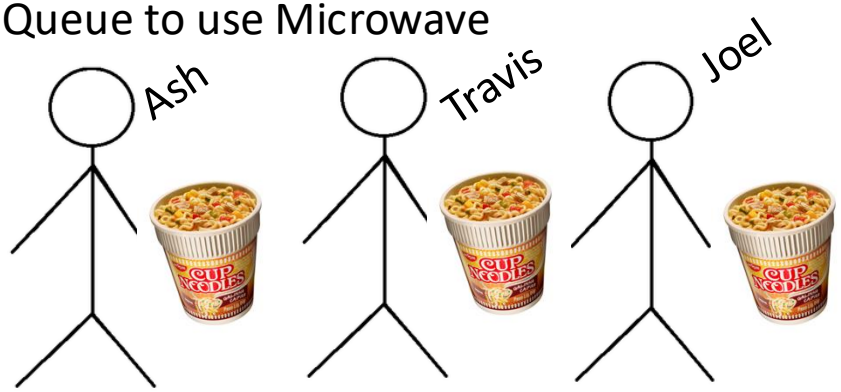

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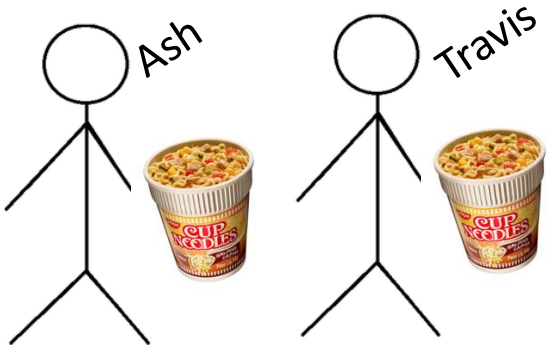

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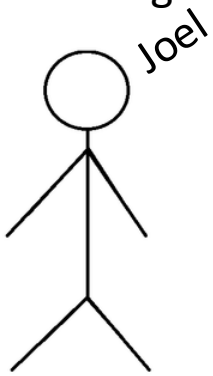

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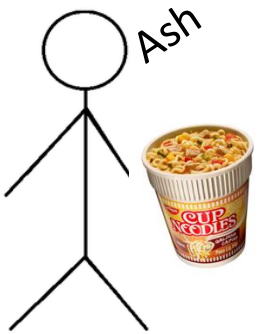

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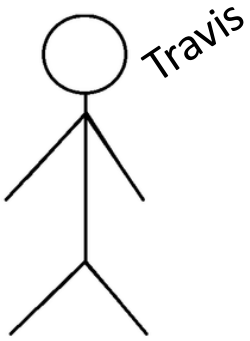

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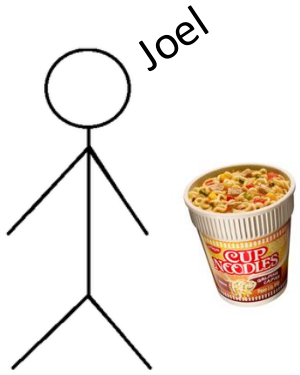

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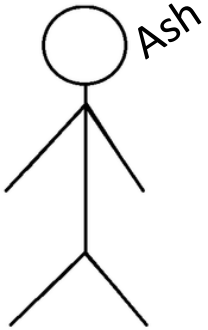

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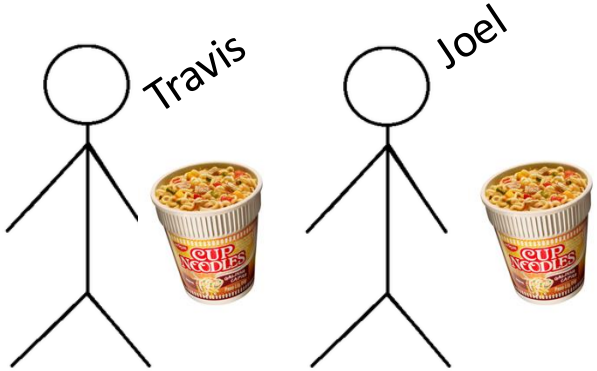

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We achieved 99% Microwave Utilization

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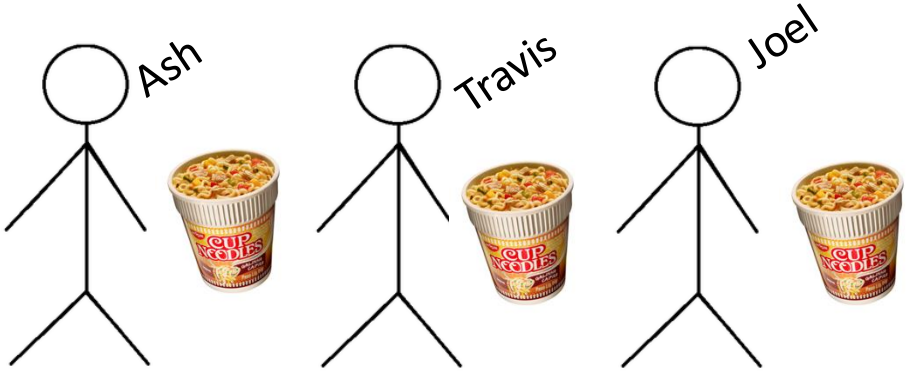

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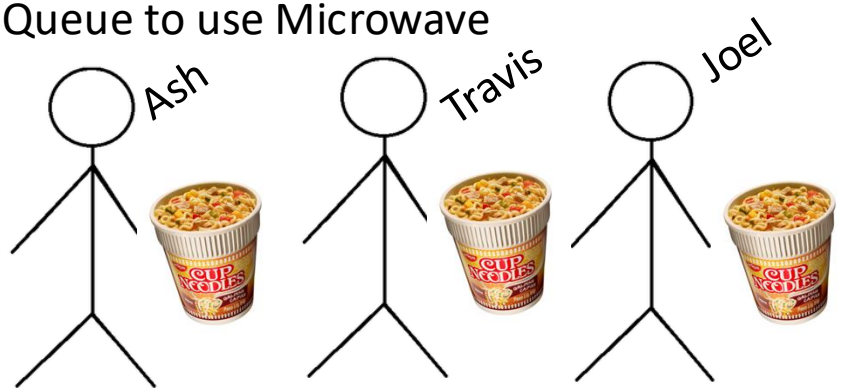

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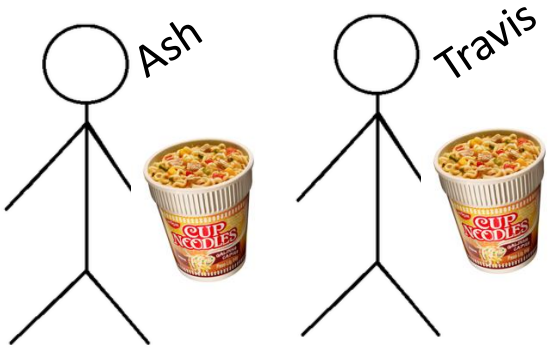

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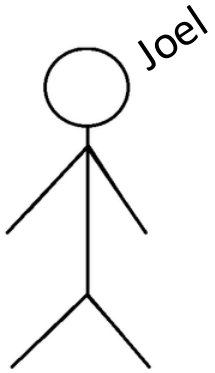

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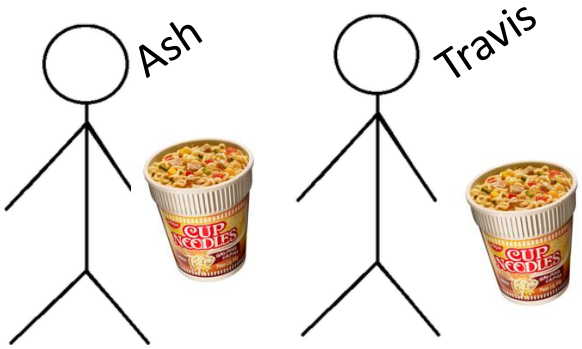

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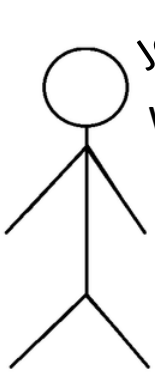

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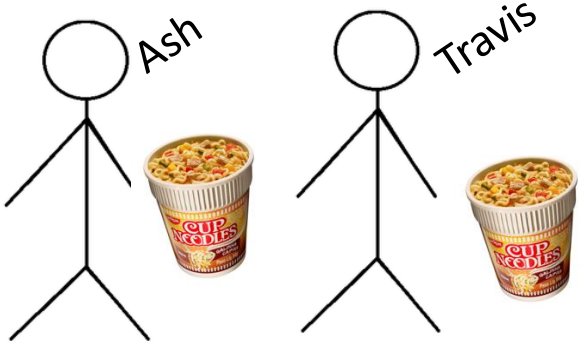

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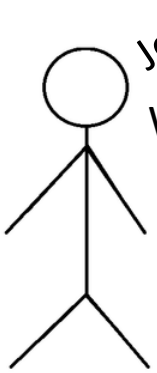

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So even if the microwave isn't in use
the person takes ***ownership*** **of the microwave and hogs it…**

Sharing the Microwave Without Threads

- As you can see, this is incredibly inefficient…

Queue to use Microwave

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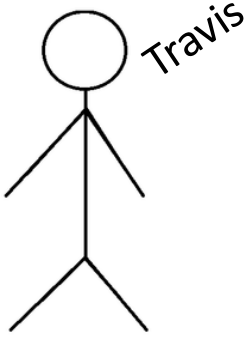

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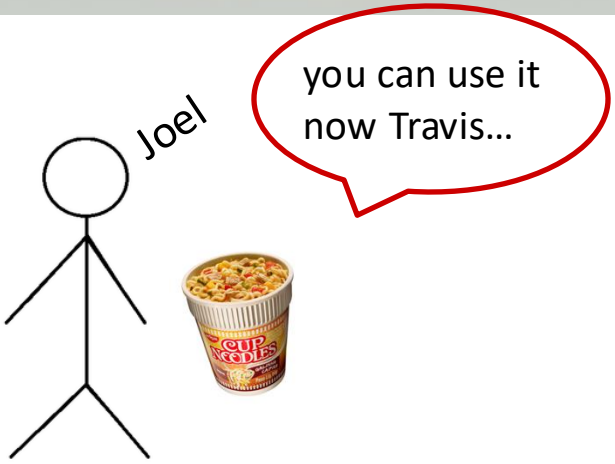

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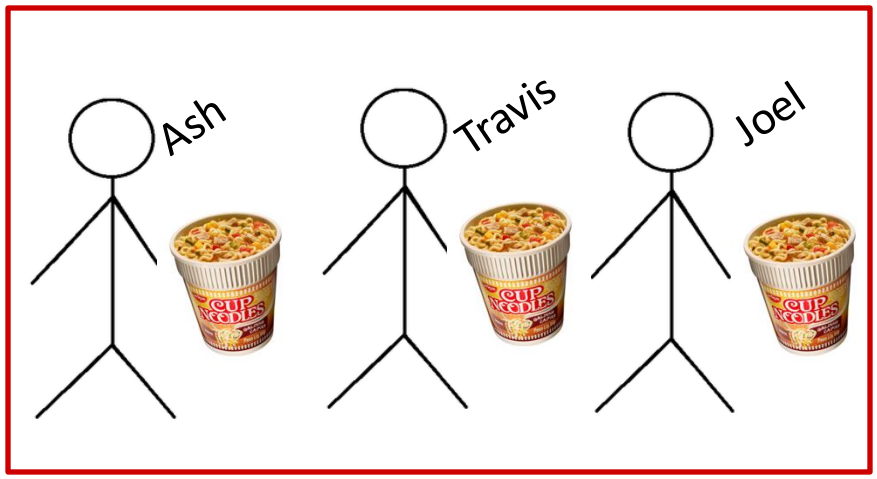

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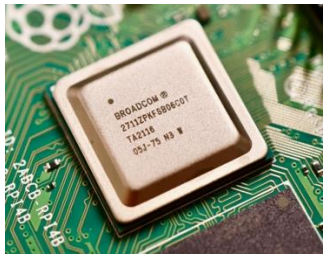

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We all want to cook the ramen –
We just each need to run ***our own cook_ramen_mico()*** function.

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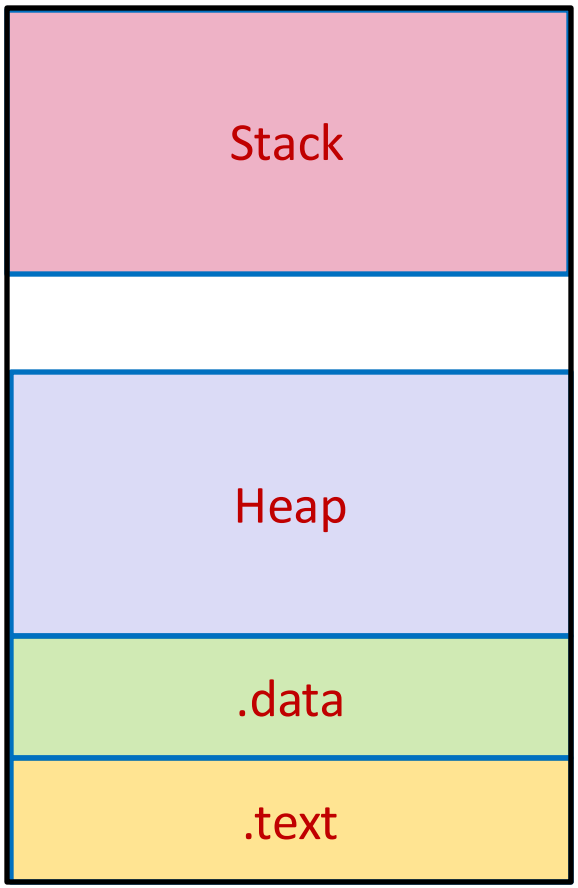

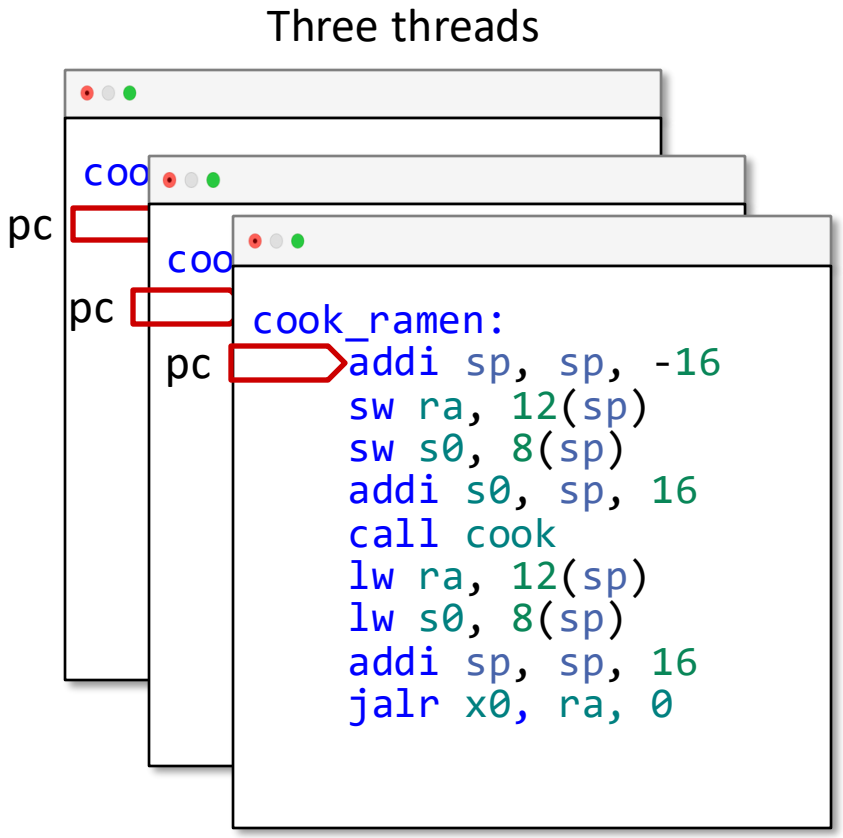

Multi-Threaded Process

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Wait, ***two program counters in the same process***? Yup! (Don't worry about how this is possible)

Wait, ***two copies of the same instructions***? No! (They share this region…)

*important to know that these threads are running in the same *process*

Multi-Threaded Program

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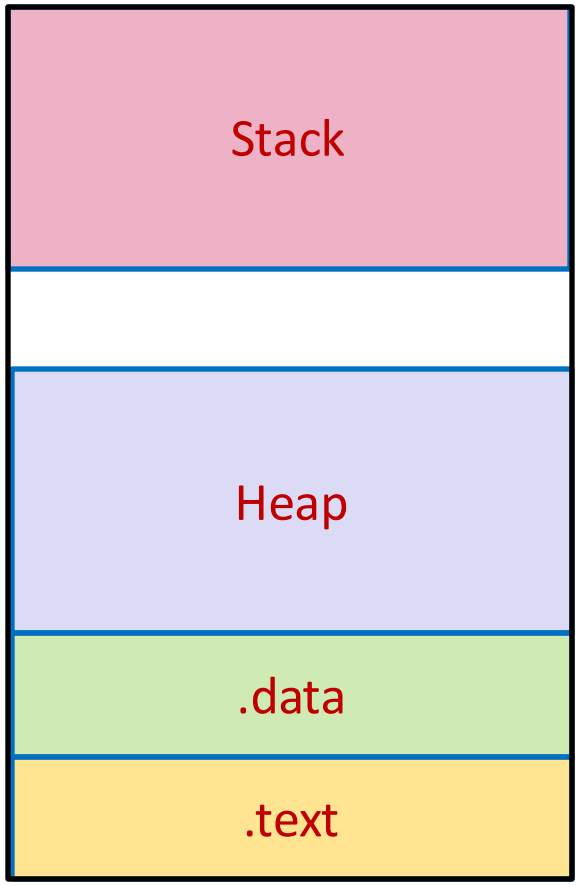

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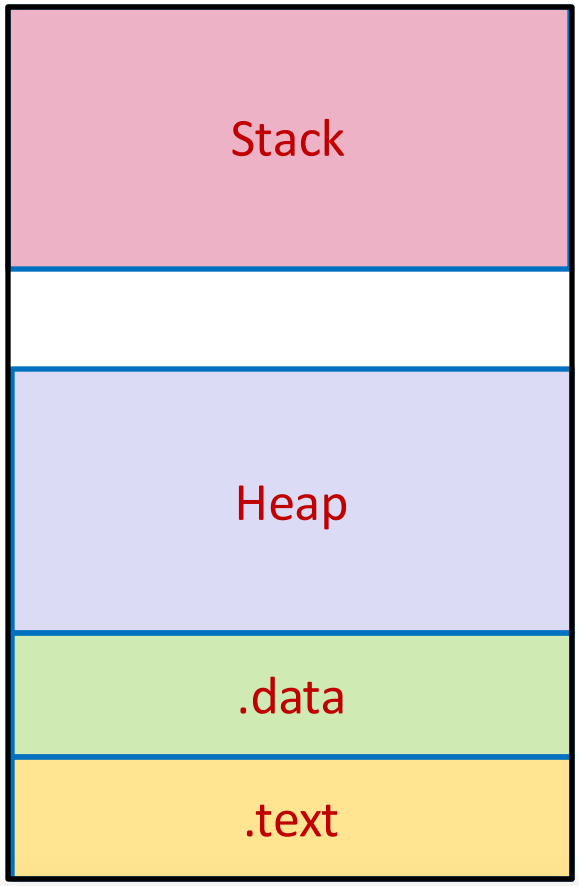

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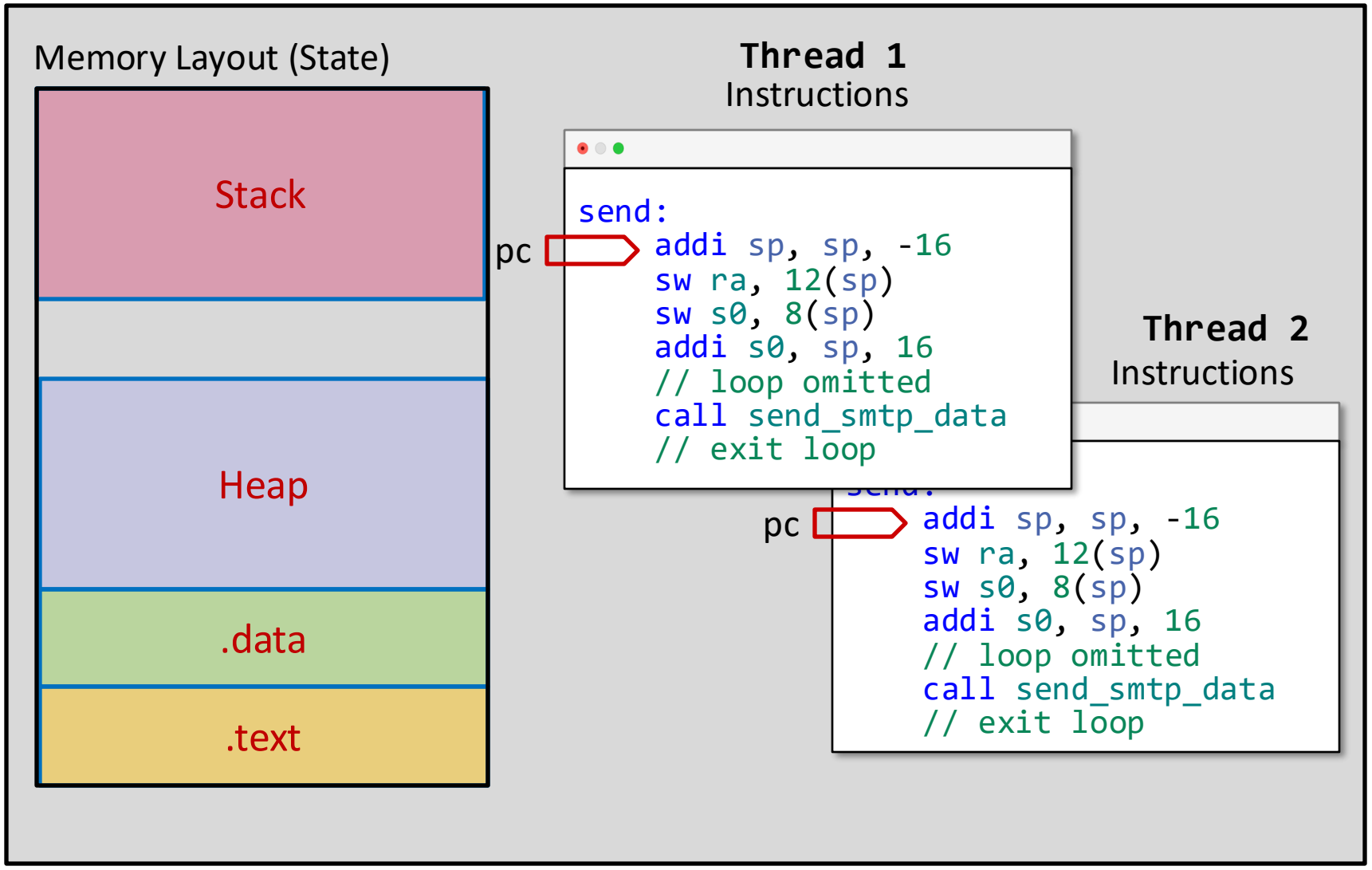
These two threads also share the processor!

These two threads share the entire memory space!

The stack, the heap, data (global vars), and the text!

One Process with Two Threads



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This thread is ***waiting for CPU now..***

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Let's switch to **thread 1** and see if the I/O is done

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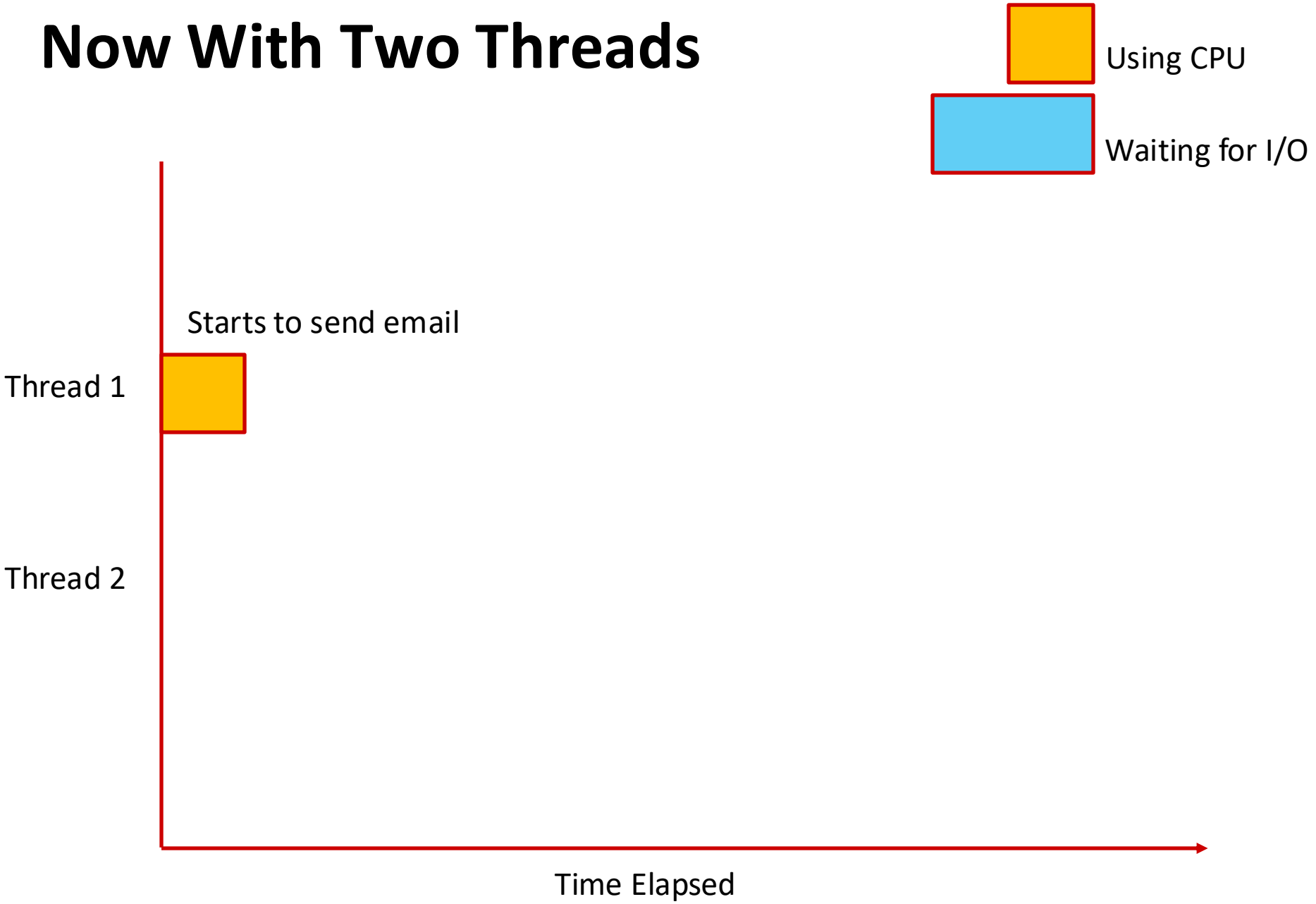
pc

This thread is waiting for I/O.

Now this thread continues! It does the set up to send another email!

*you might notice this looks familiar

Now With Two Threads



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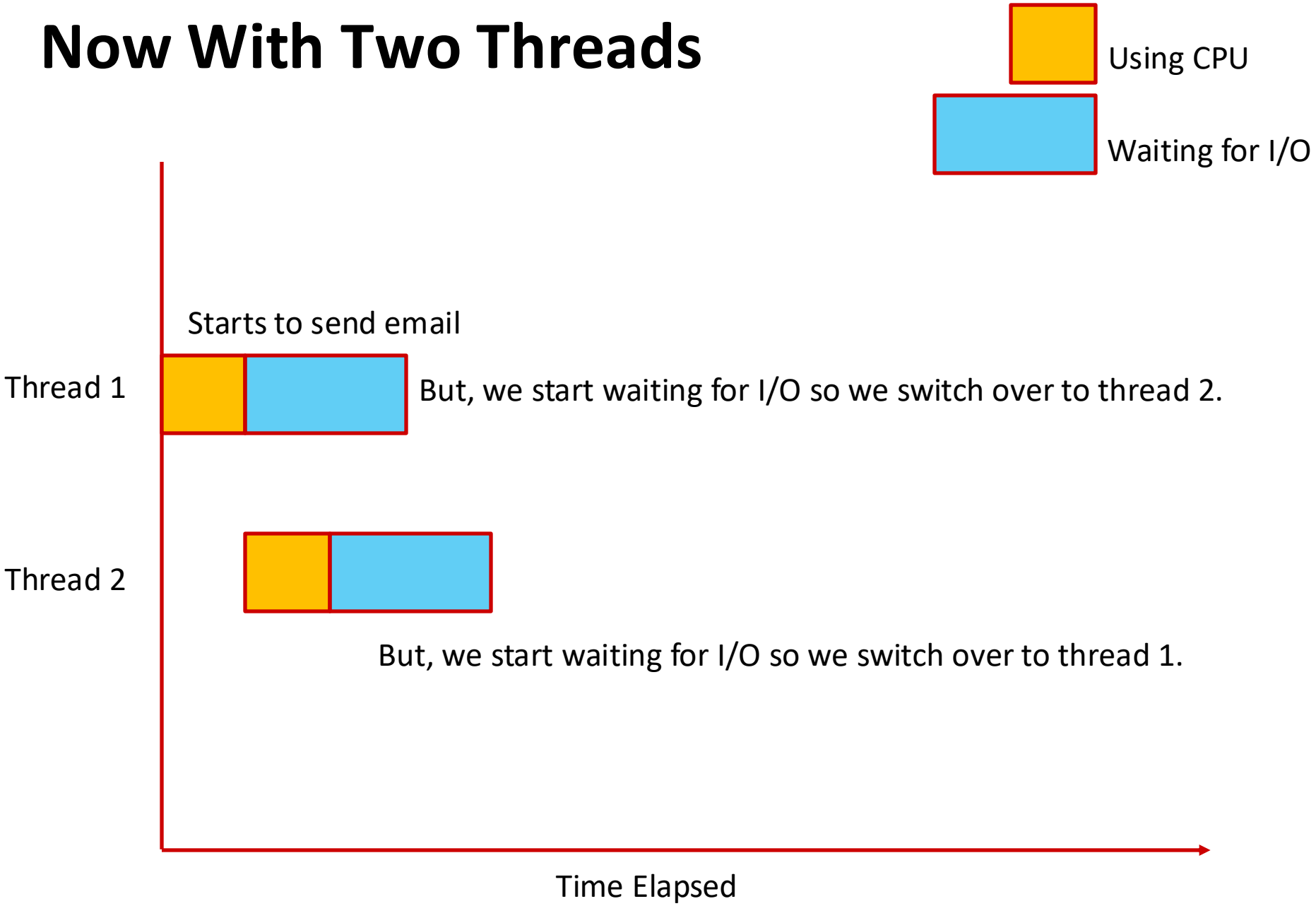

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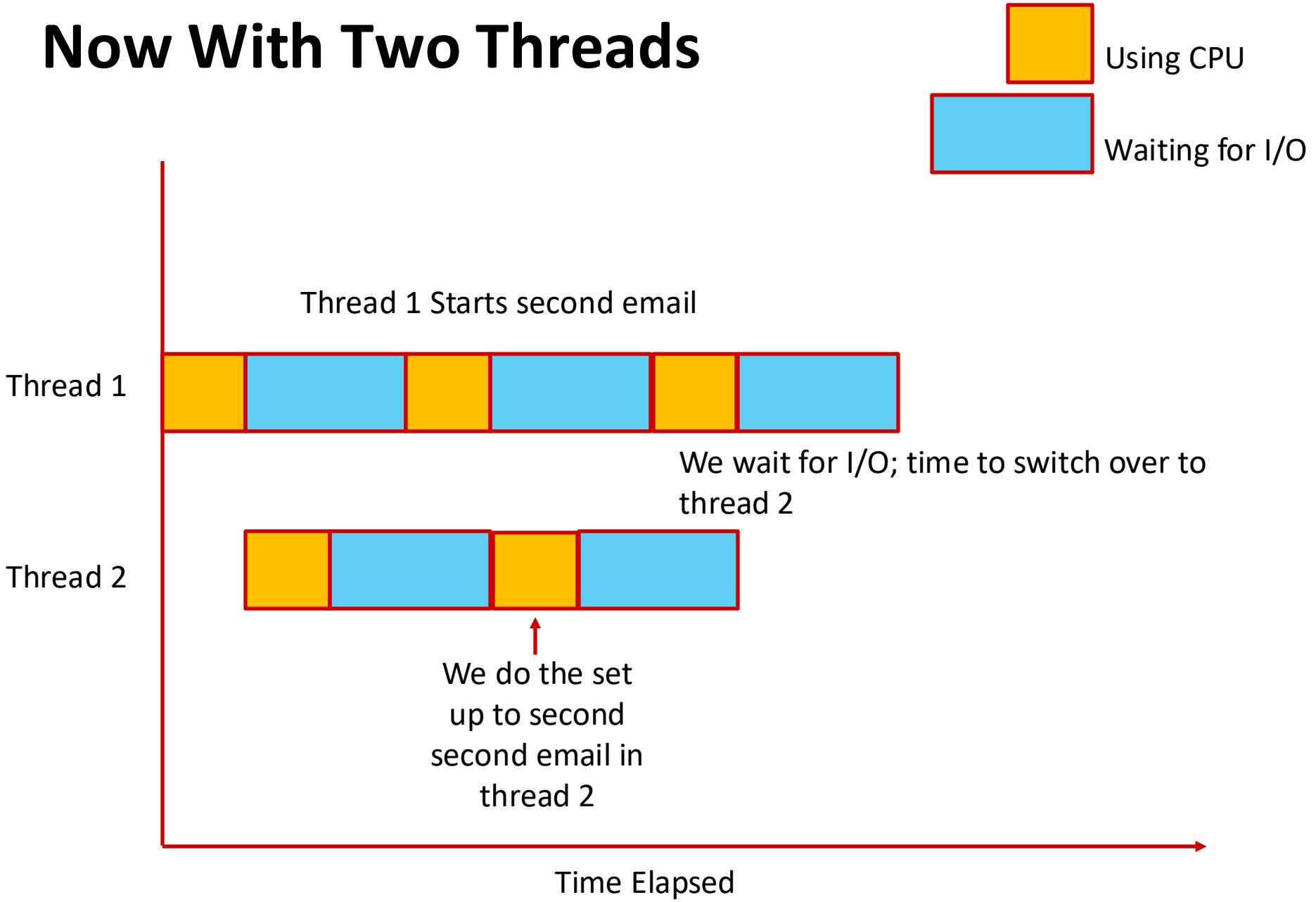

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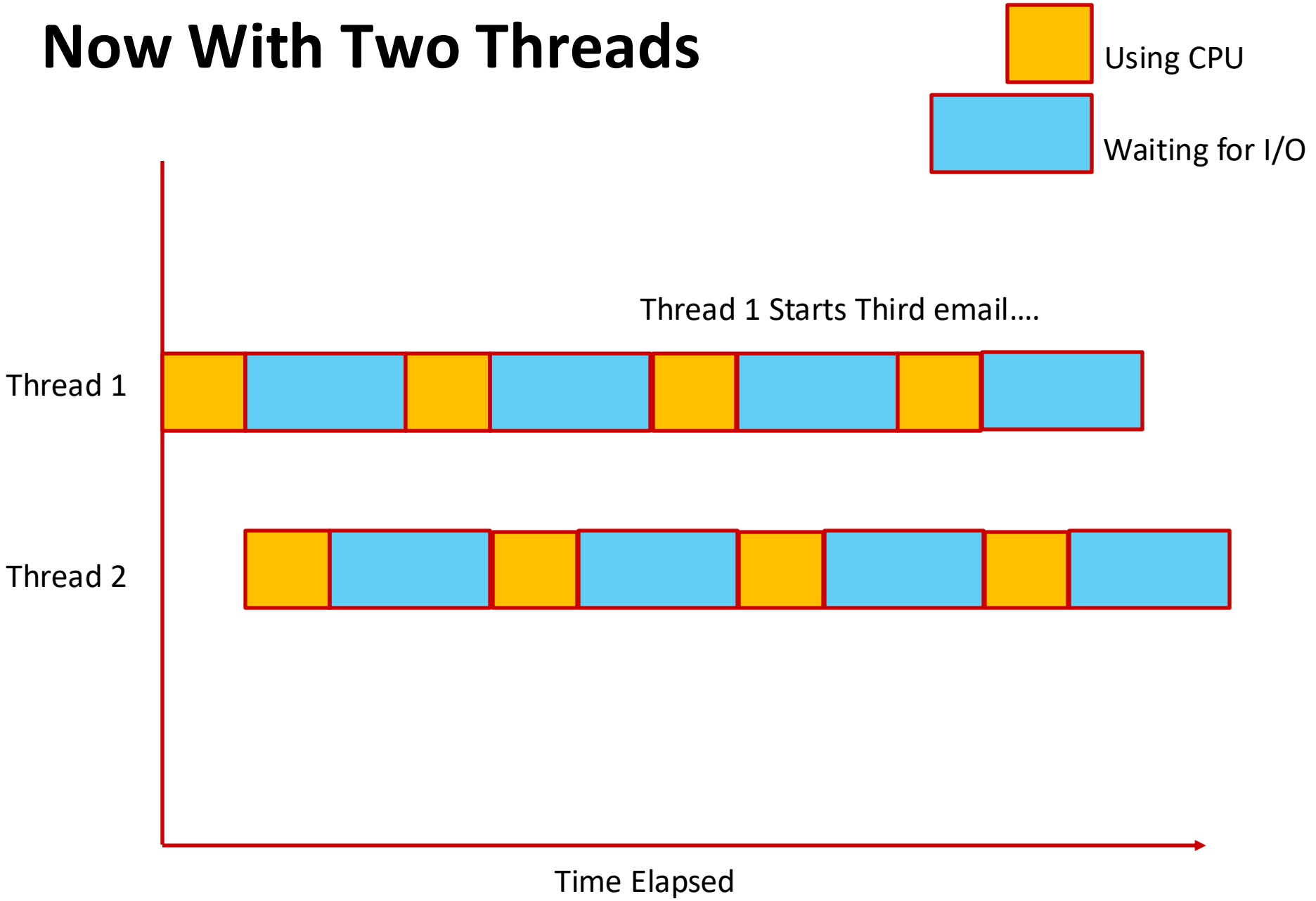

Poll Everywhere

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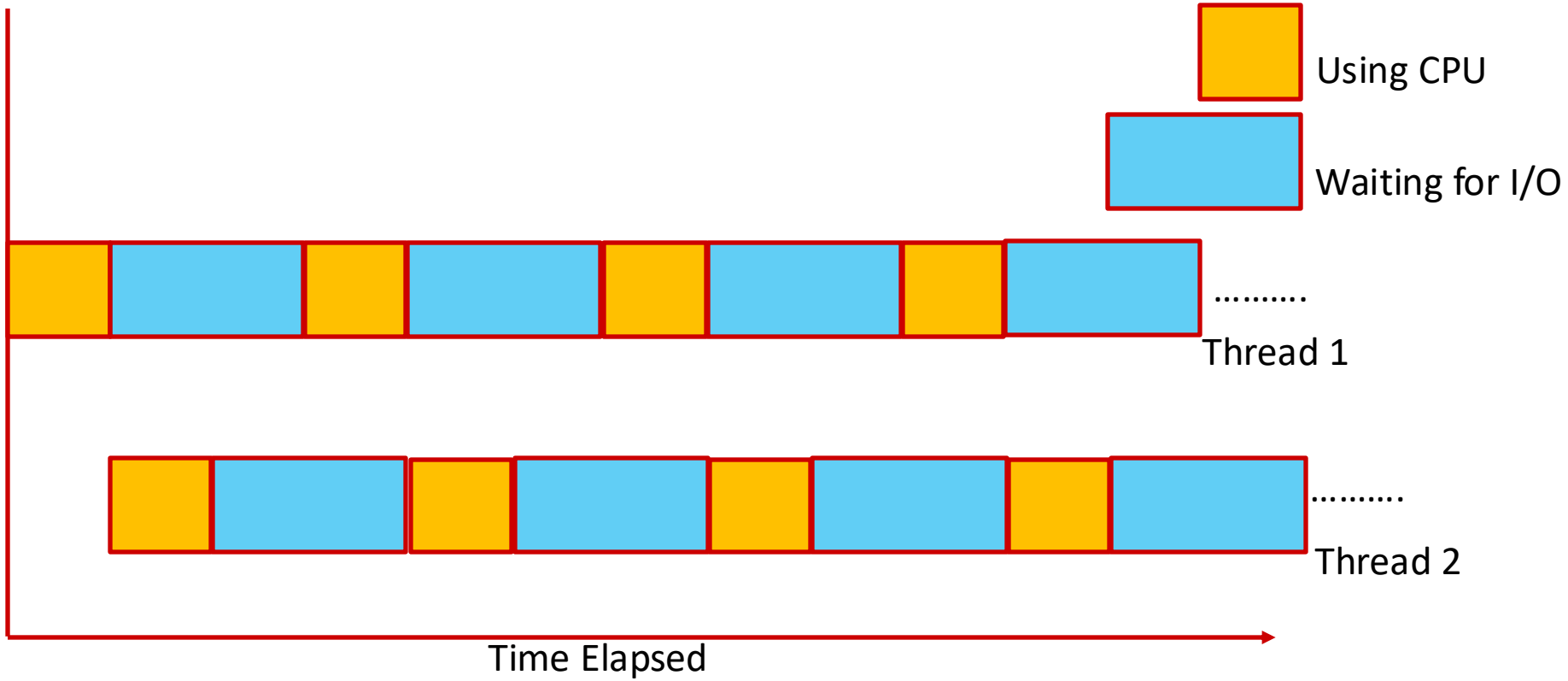
Is the CPU always utilized? Discuss!



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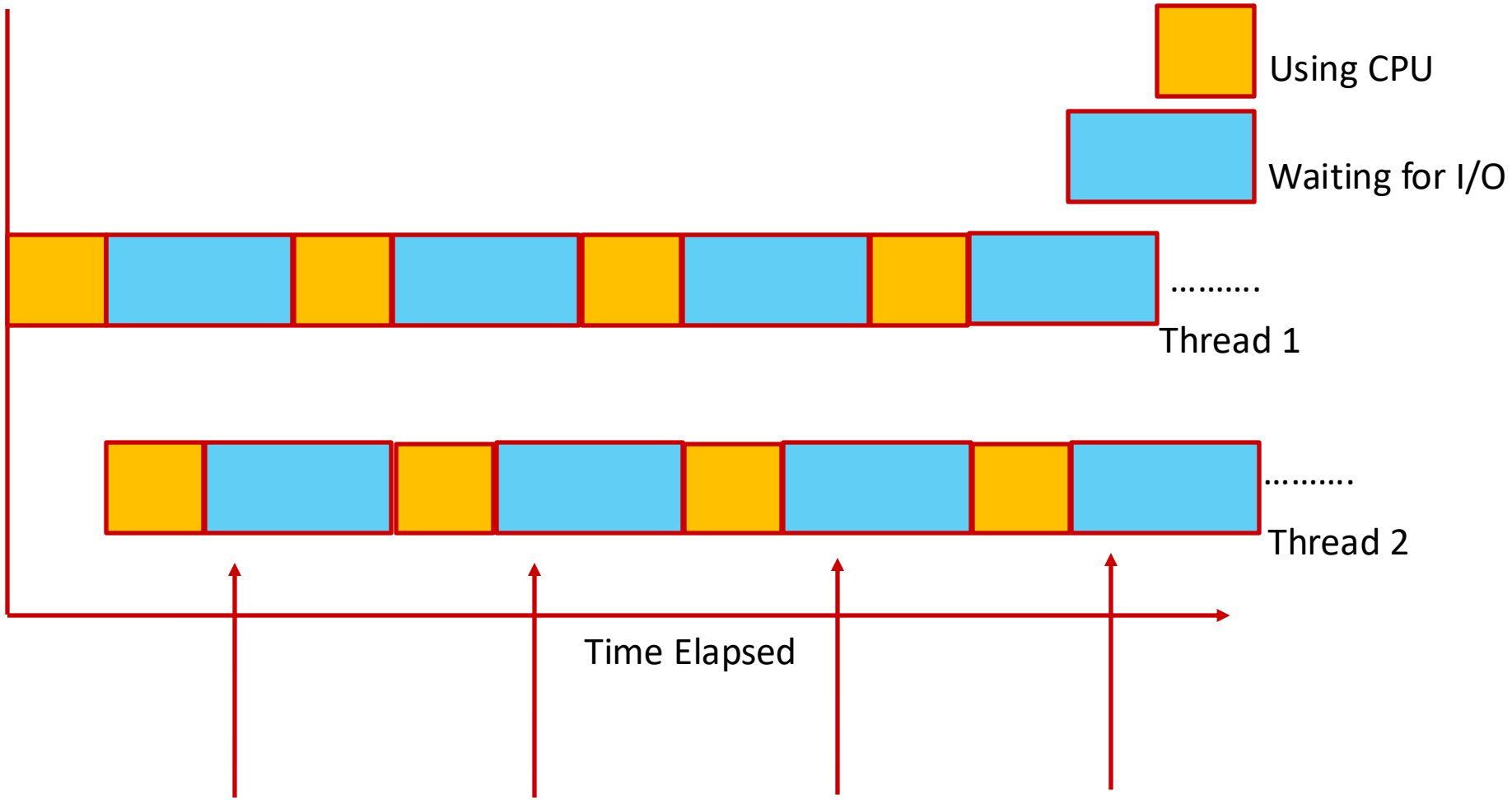
Is the CPU always utilized? No! :/



Here, there is only waiting for I/O until there's more work to do.

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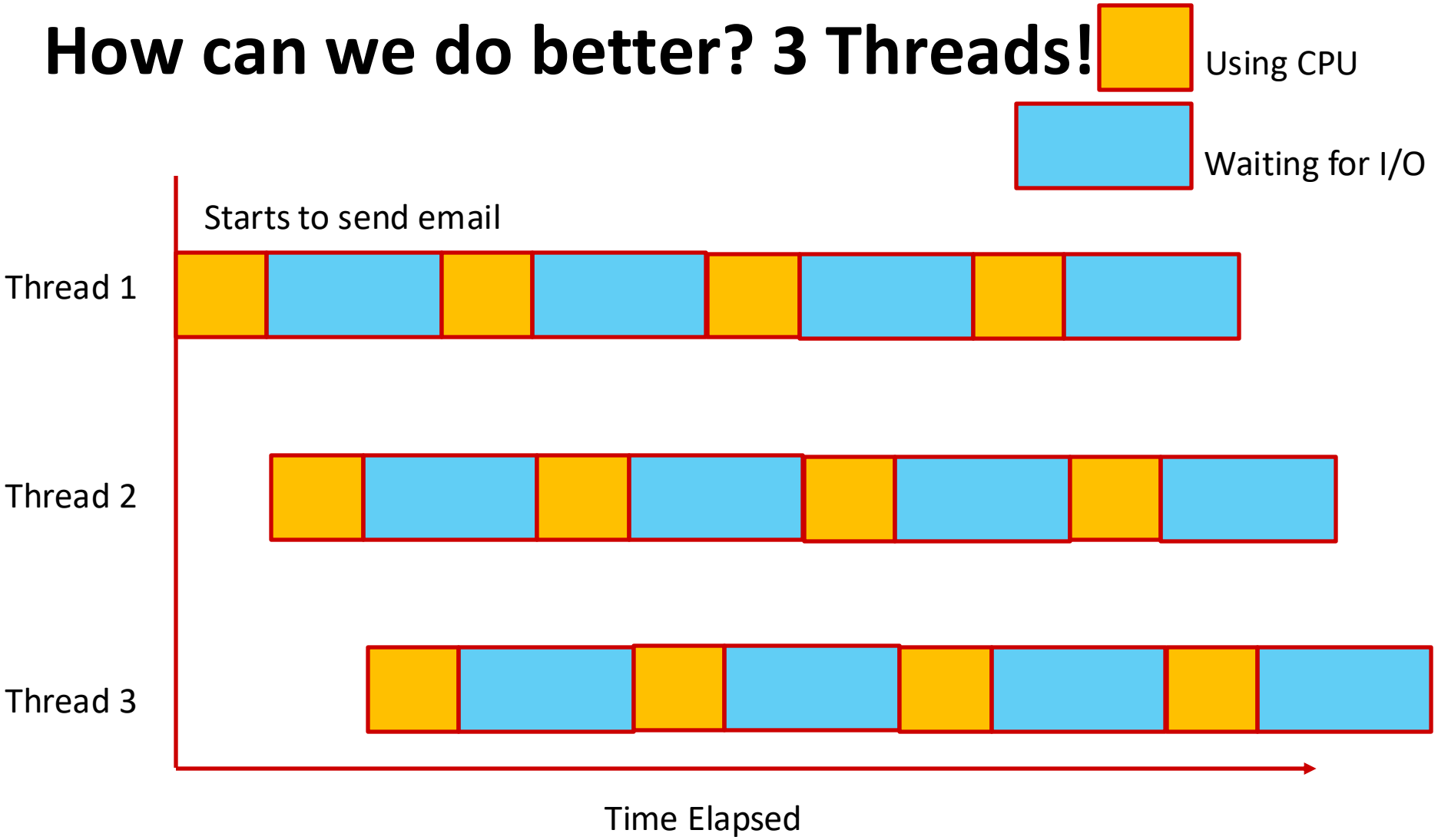

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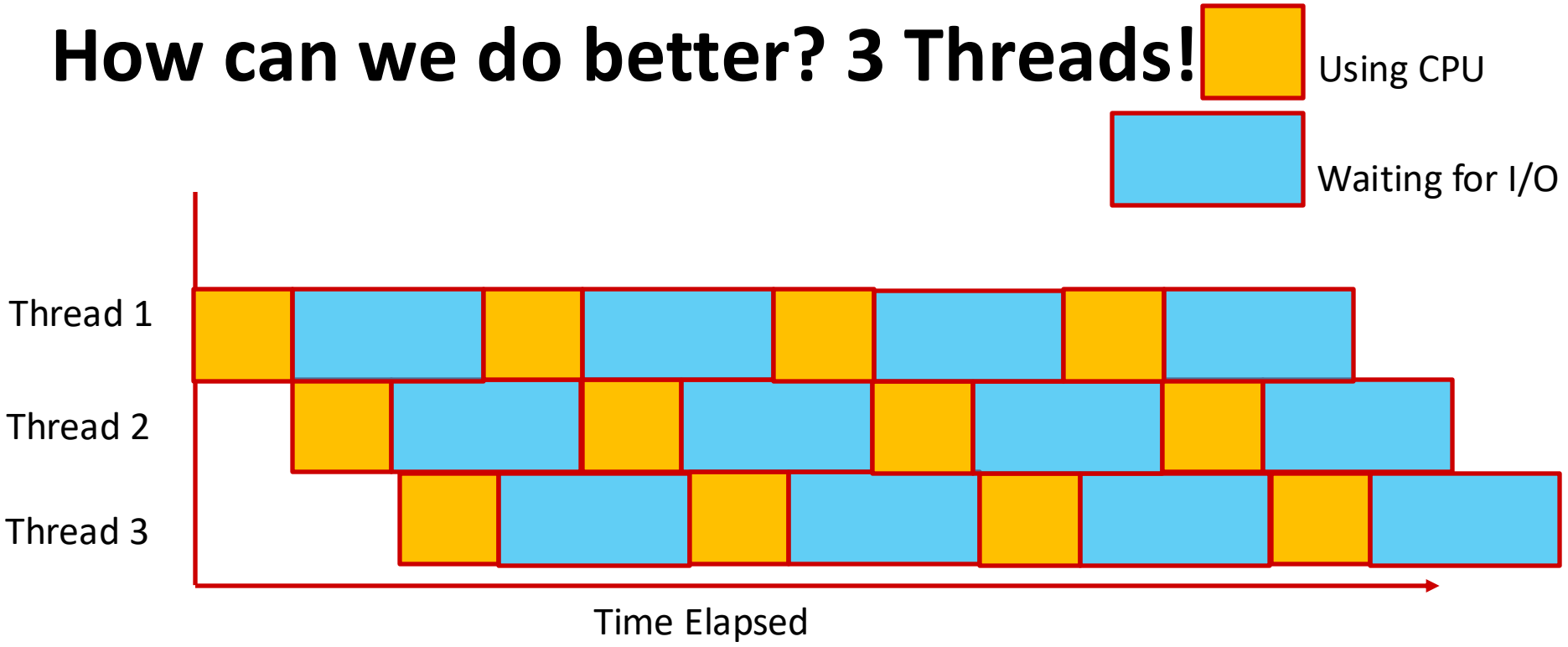

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As soon as ***one thread starts waiting for I/O*** there's always another waiting for the CPU.

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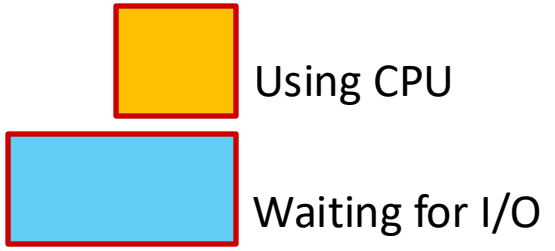

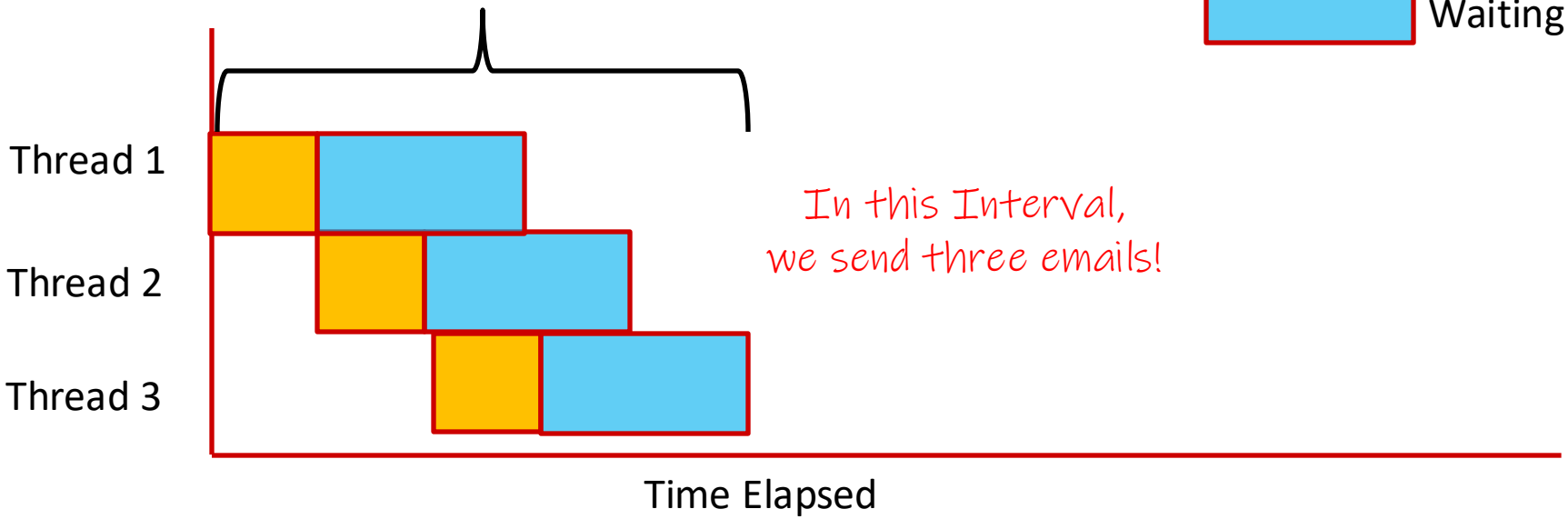

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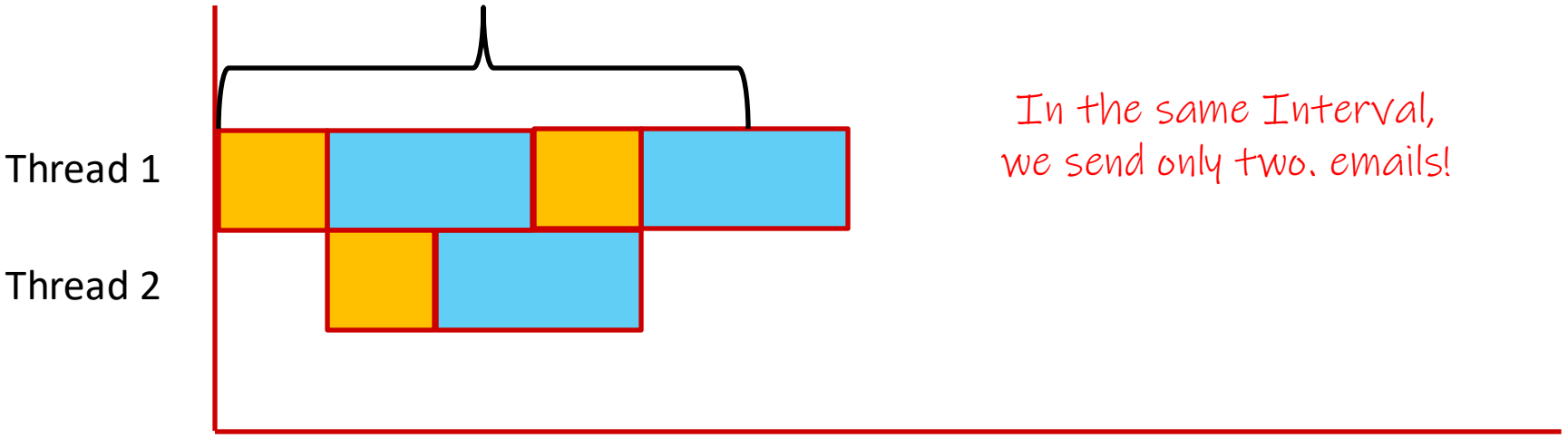

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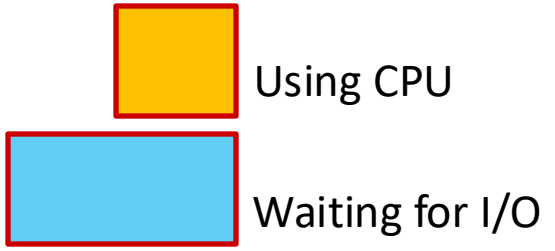

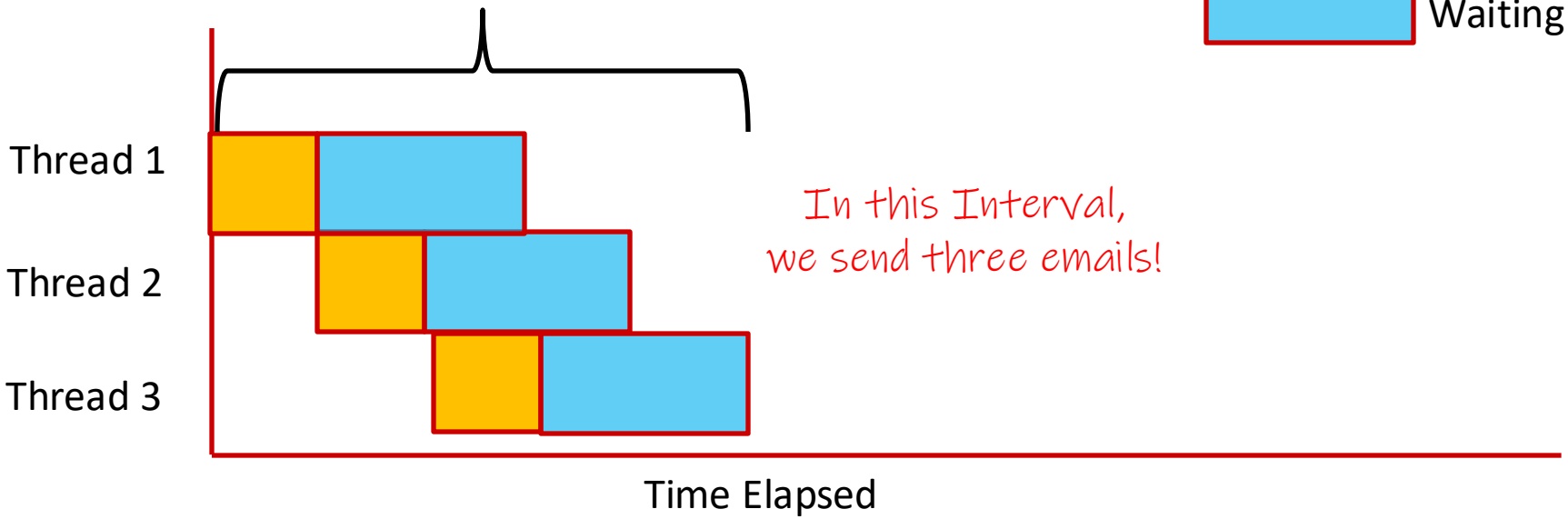

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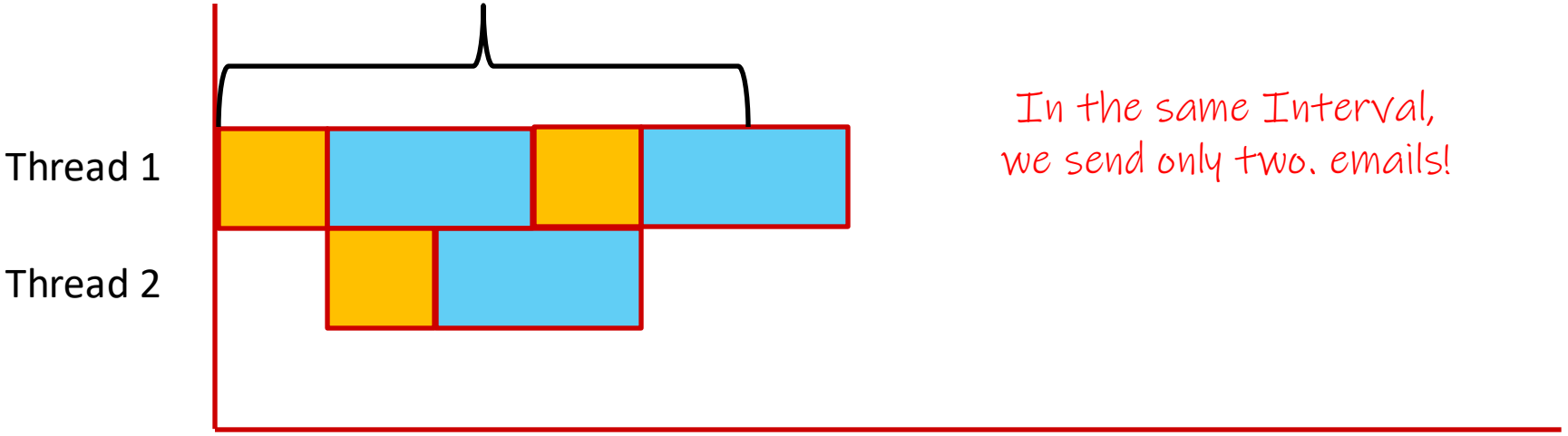

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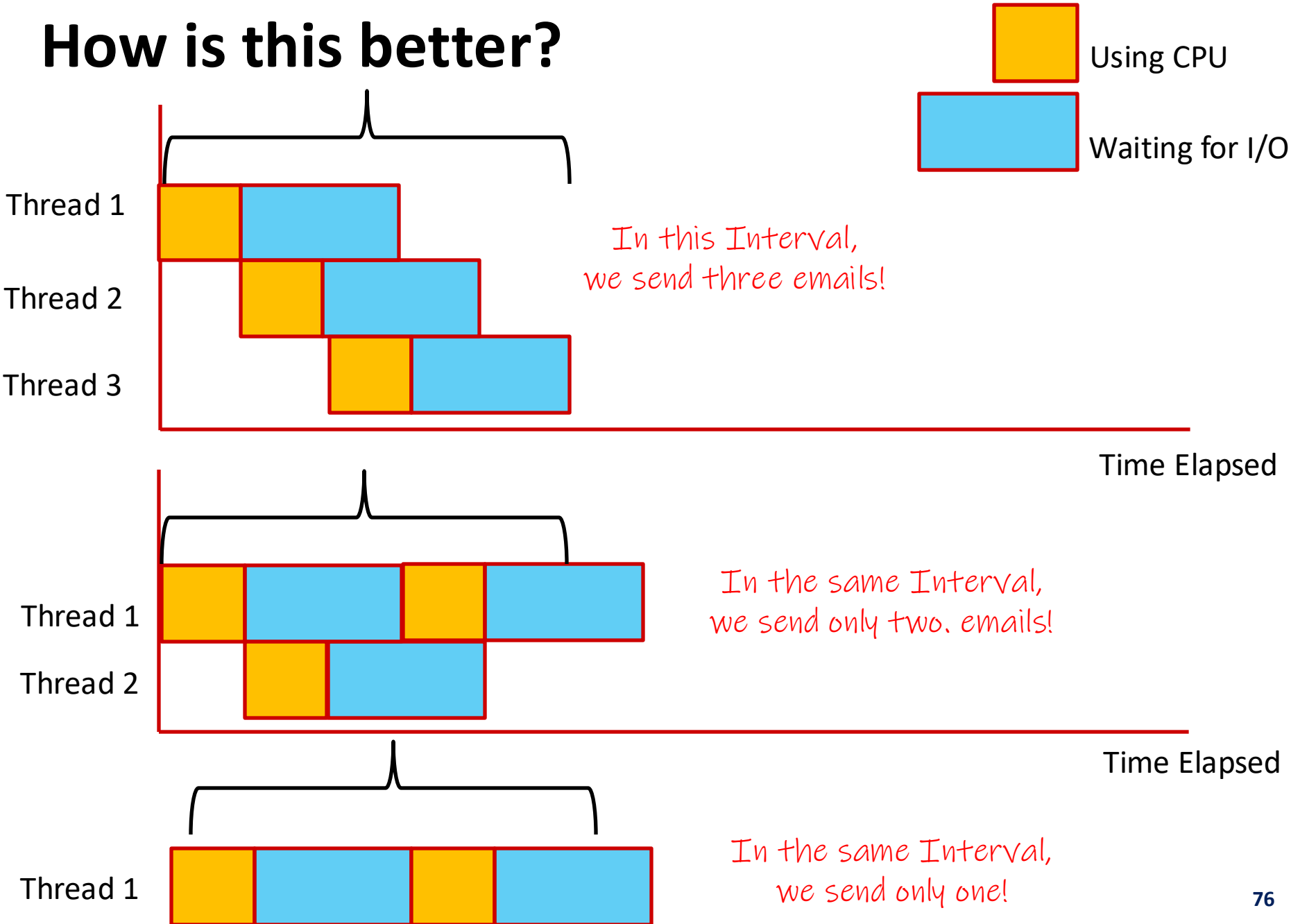

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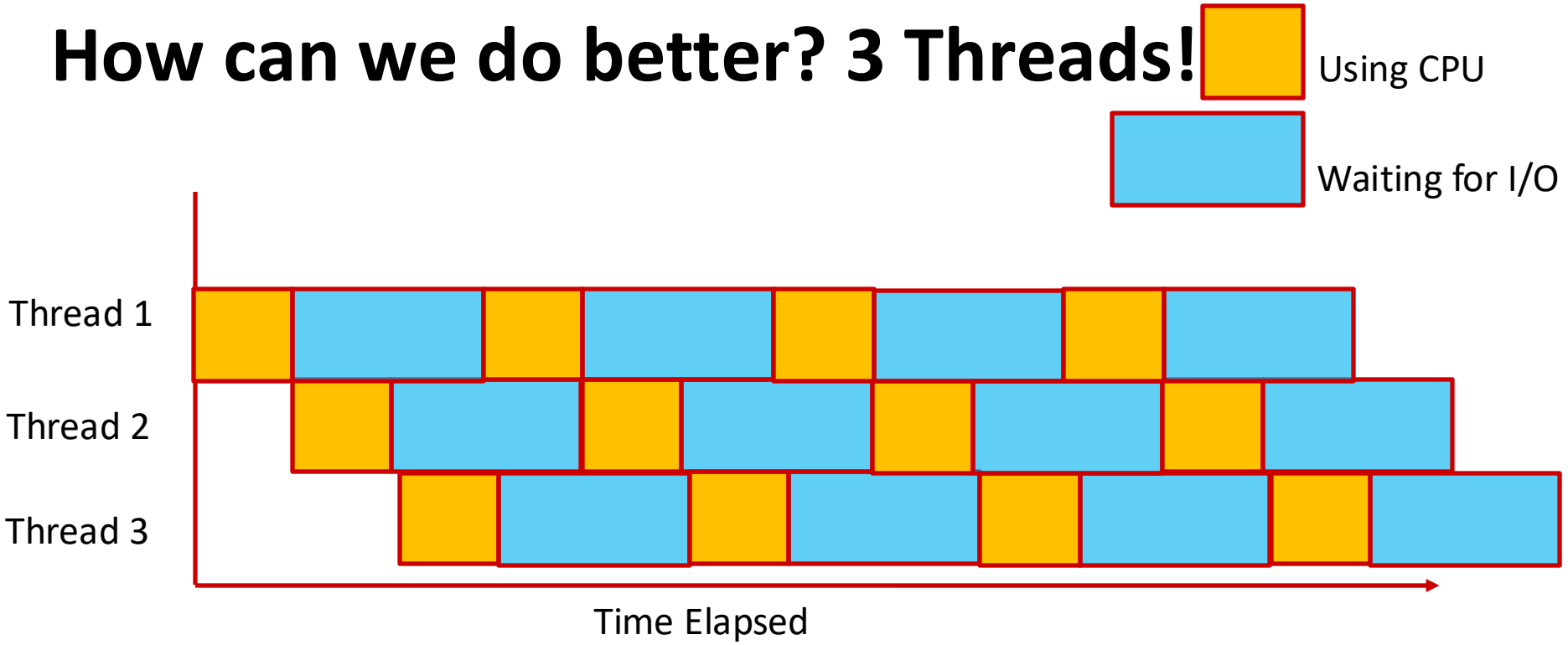
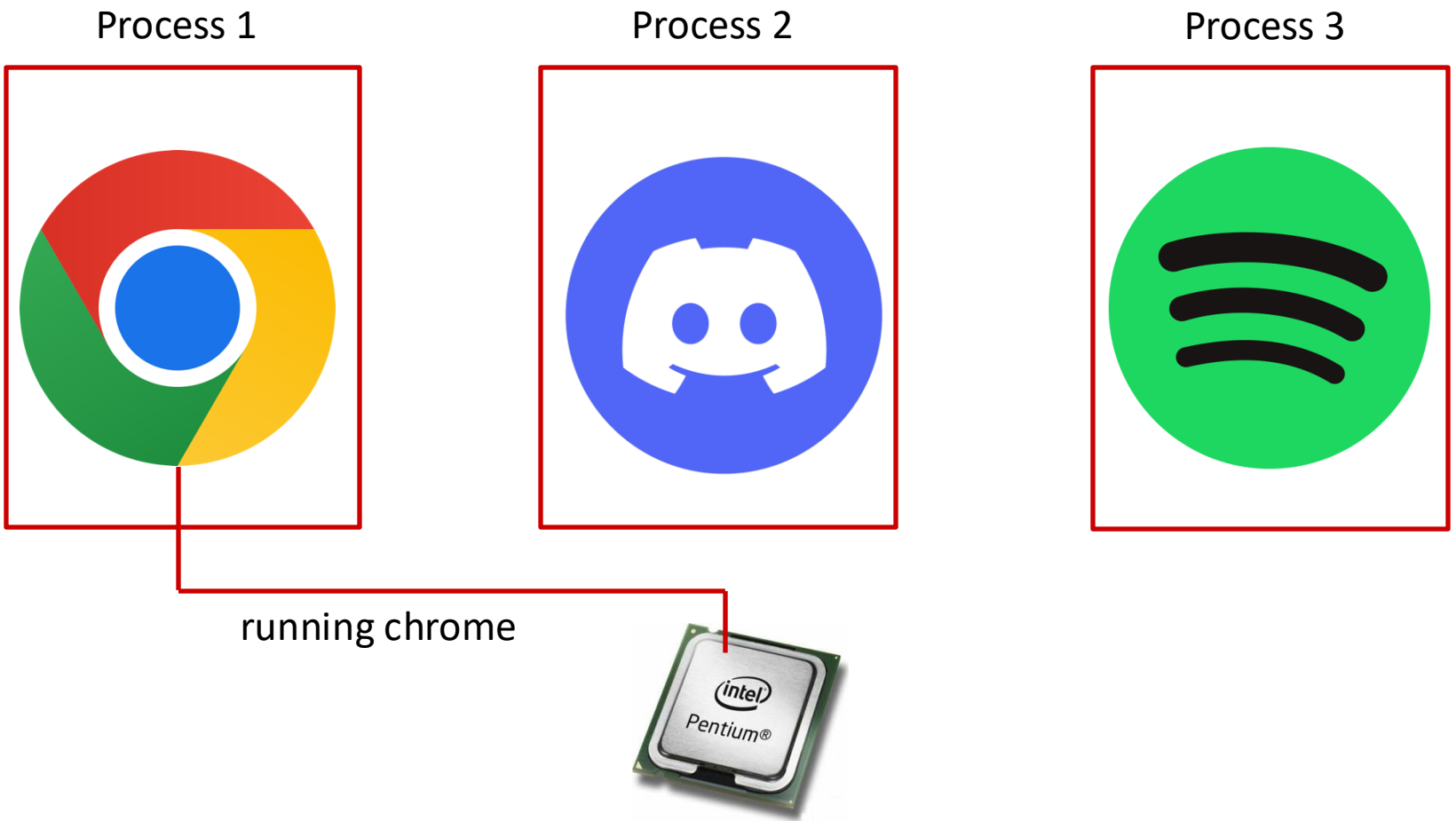


In general, using more threads allows multiple tasks to be handled simultaneously, which means more work gets done in the same amount of time.

*sometimes, adding more threads makes things slower actually.

Processes vs. Threads: What's the Difference?

- Each process has its own memory space—makes sense, right?
- ***Why should Spotify have access to Chrome's memory?***



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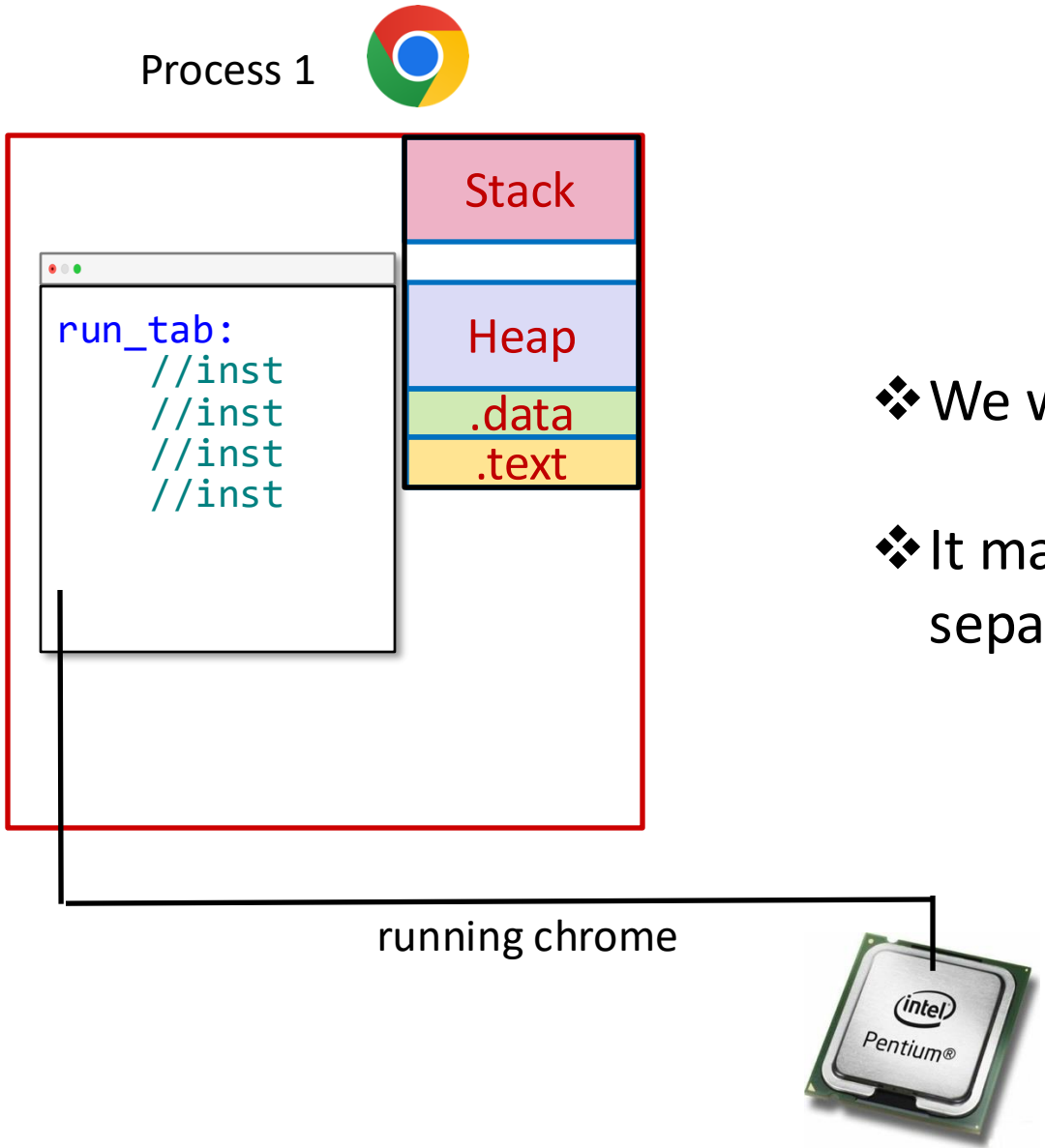

- We want to run three tabs.
- It makes sense to run each tab separately!

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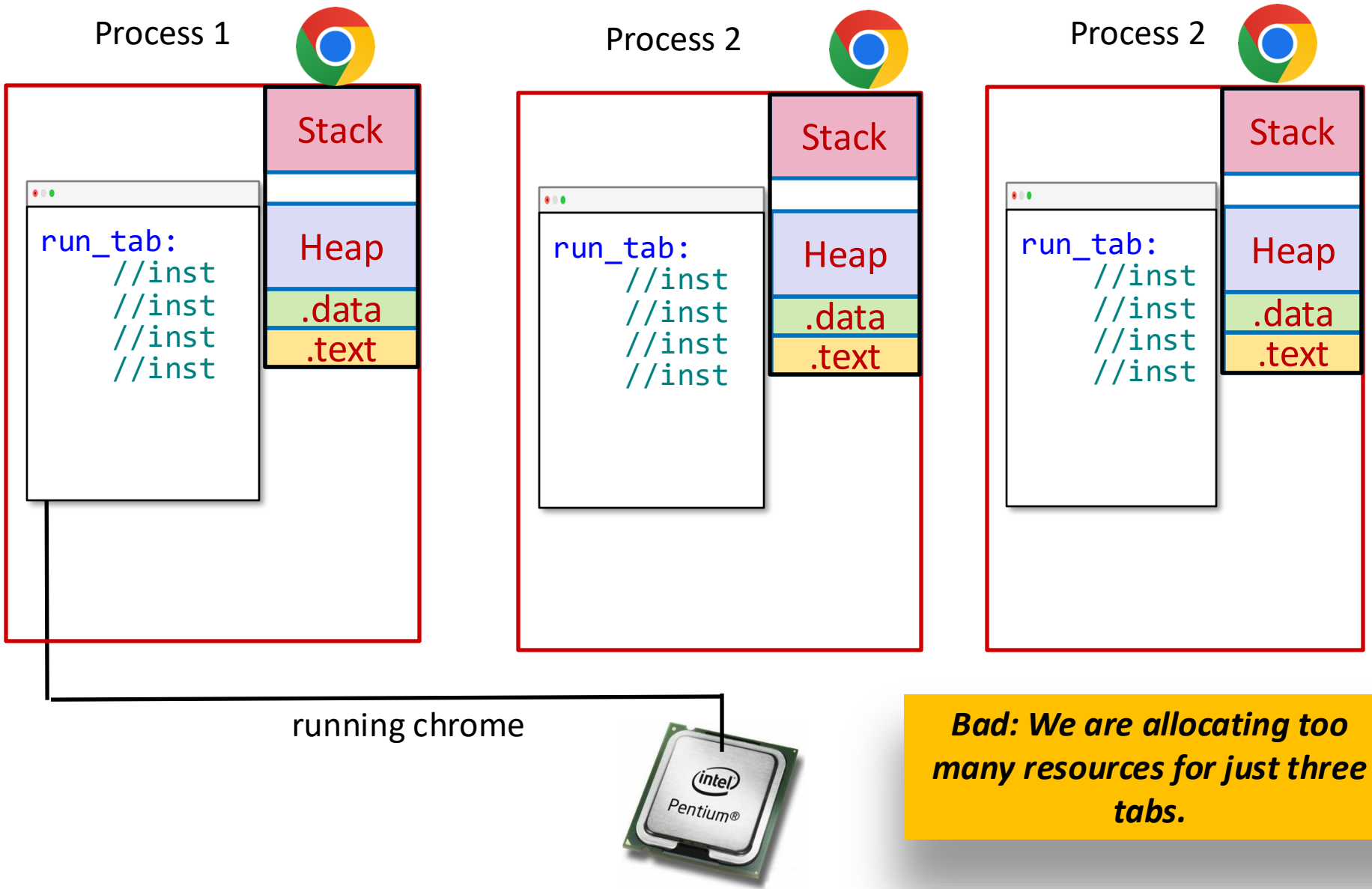

Bad: We are allocating too many resources for just three tabs.

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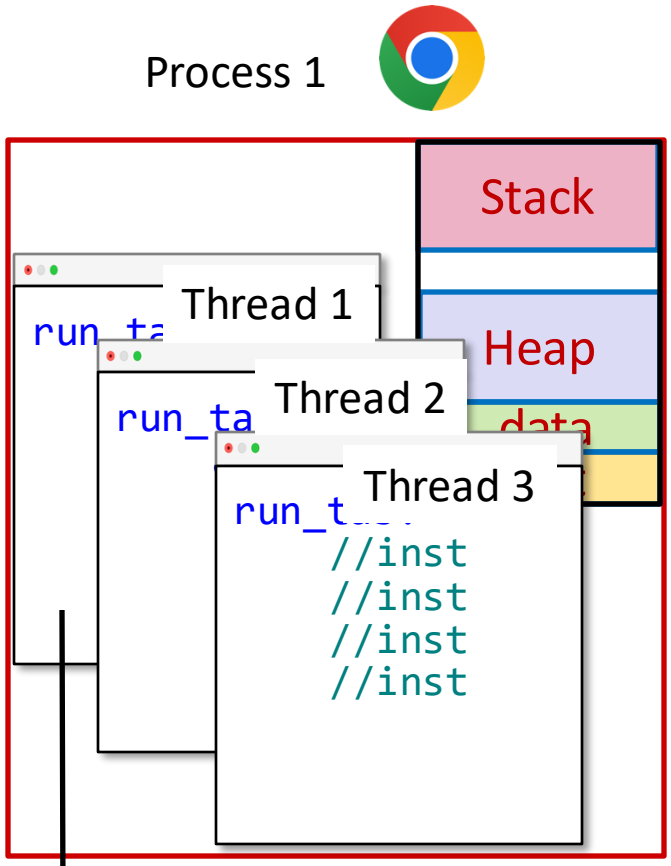

Why not something like this?

All tabs share the same memory since they're running the same application—this makes sense.

However, each tab operates *independently*, maintaining its own execution context.

`This is One Process with Three Threads`

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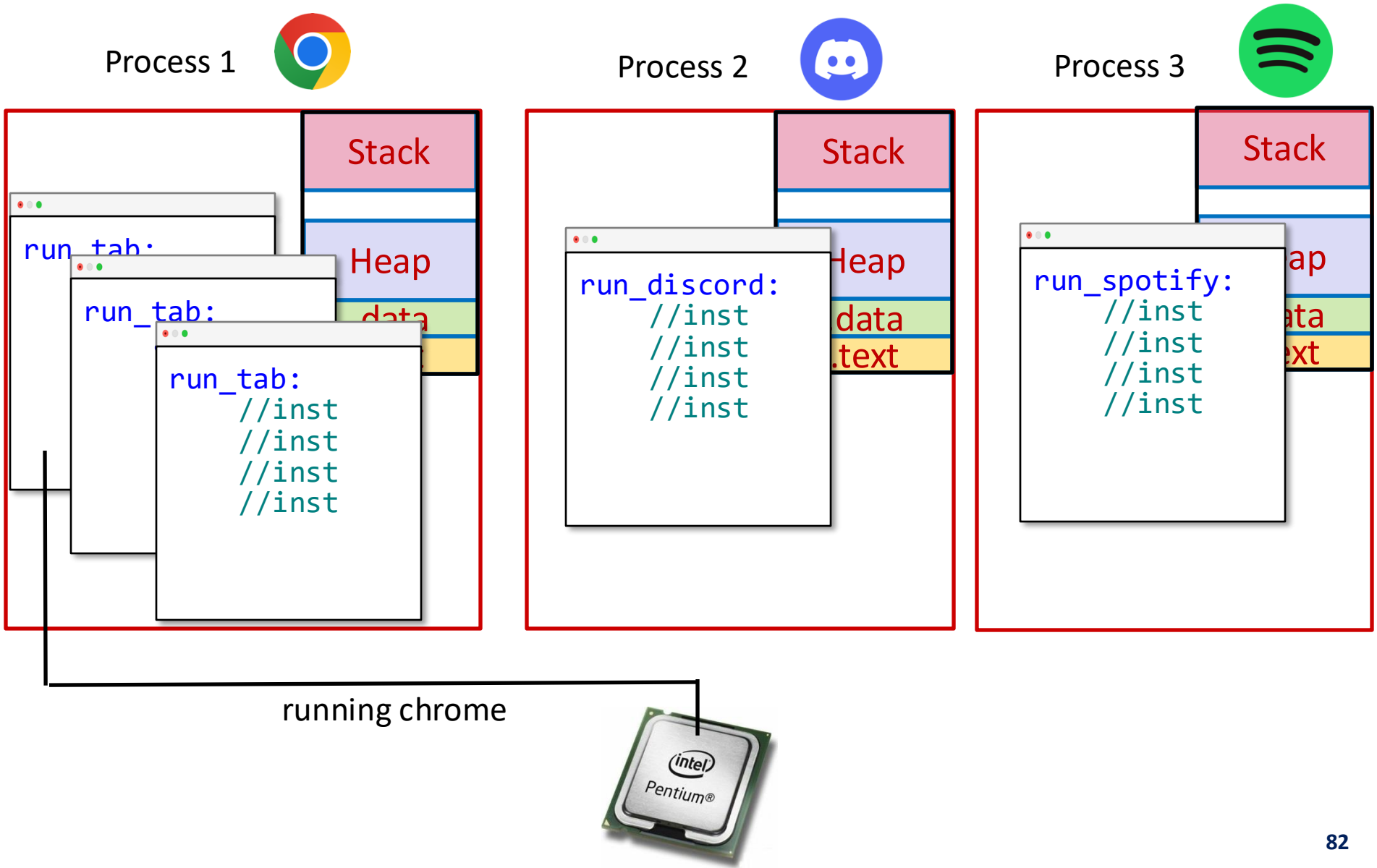

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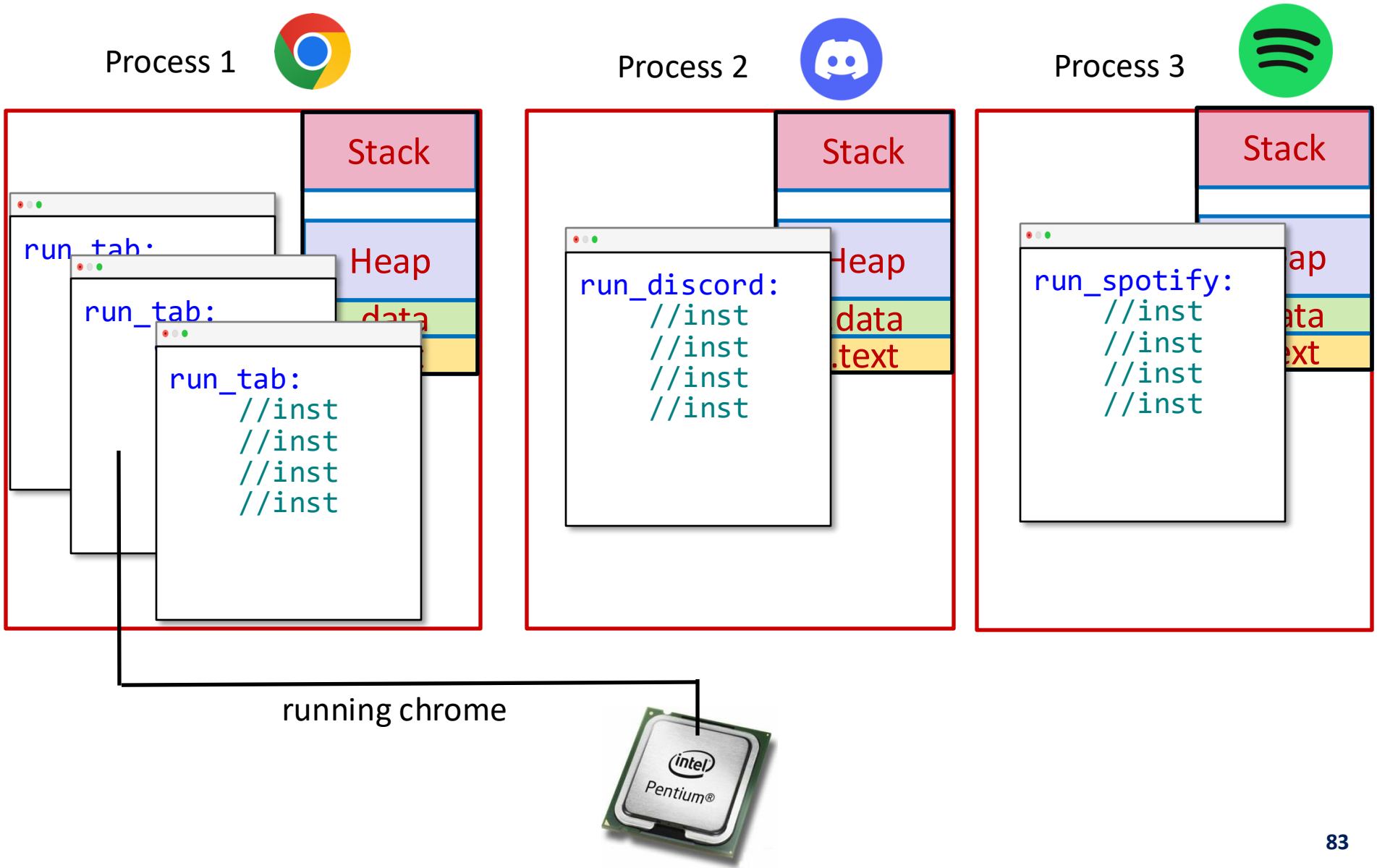

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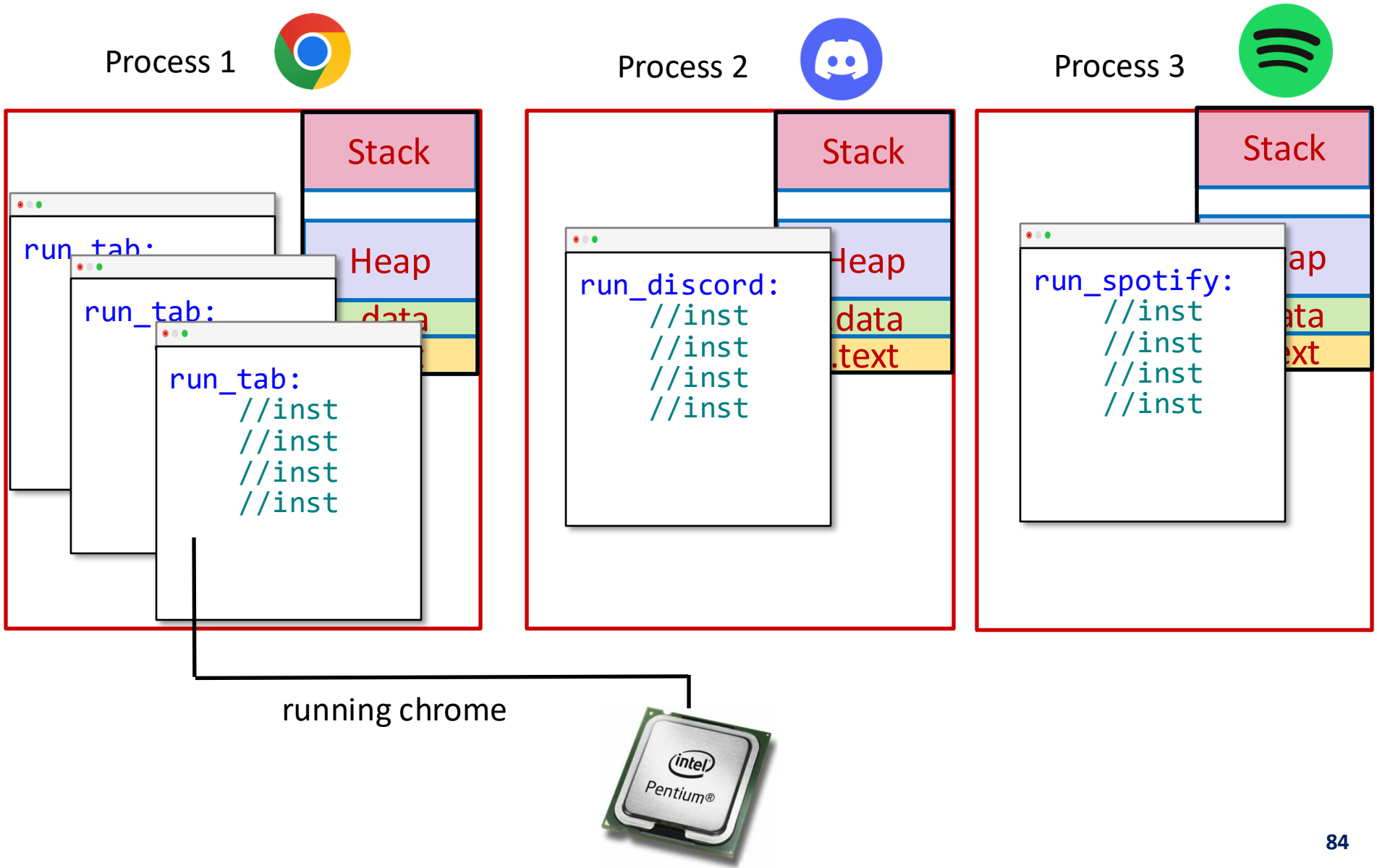

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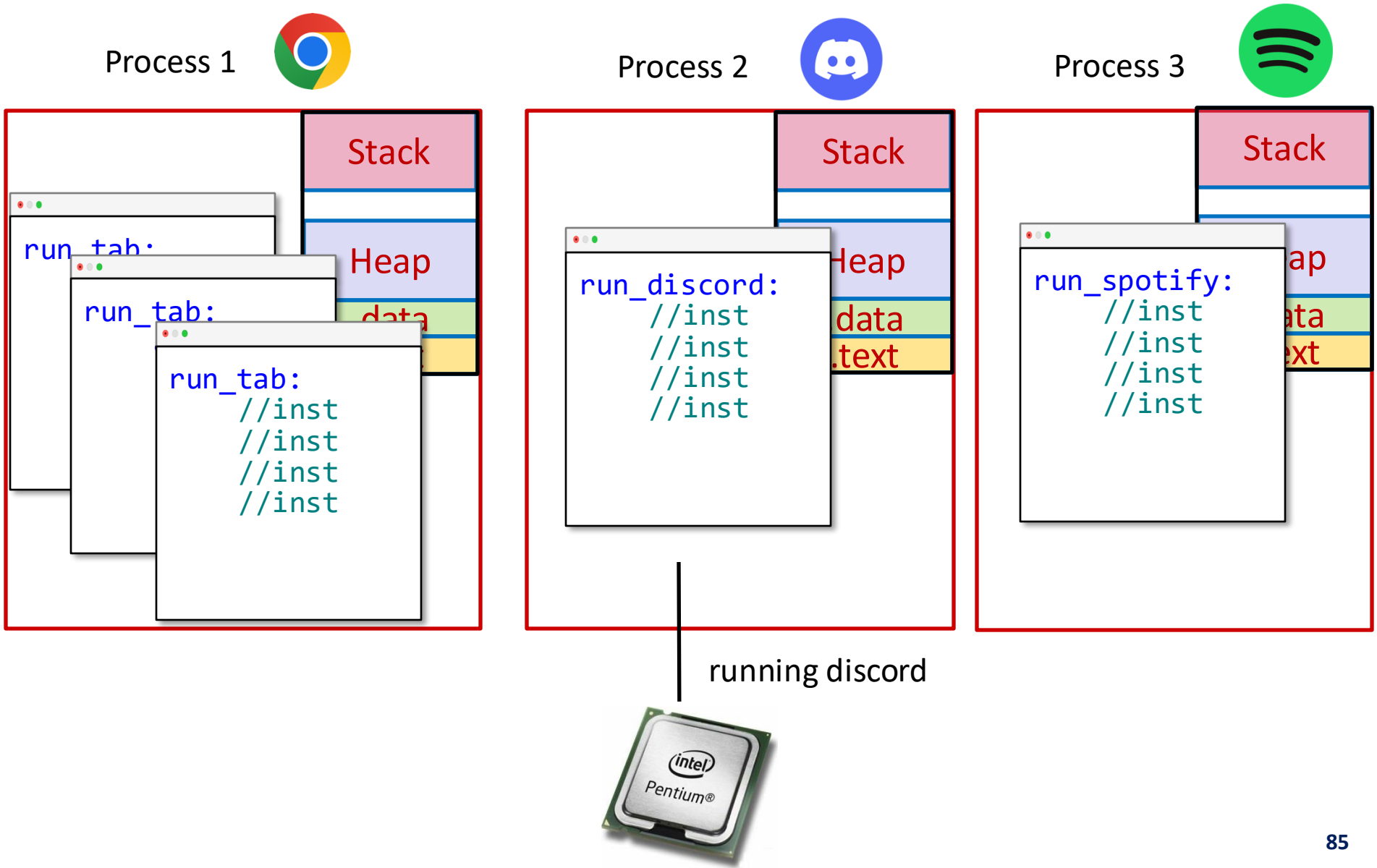

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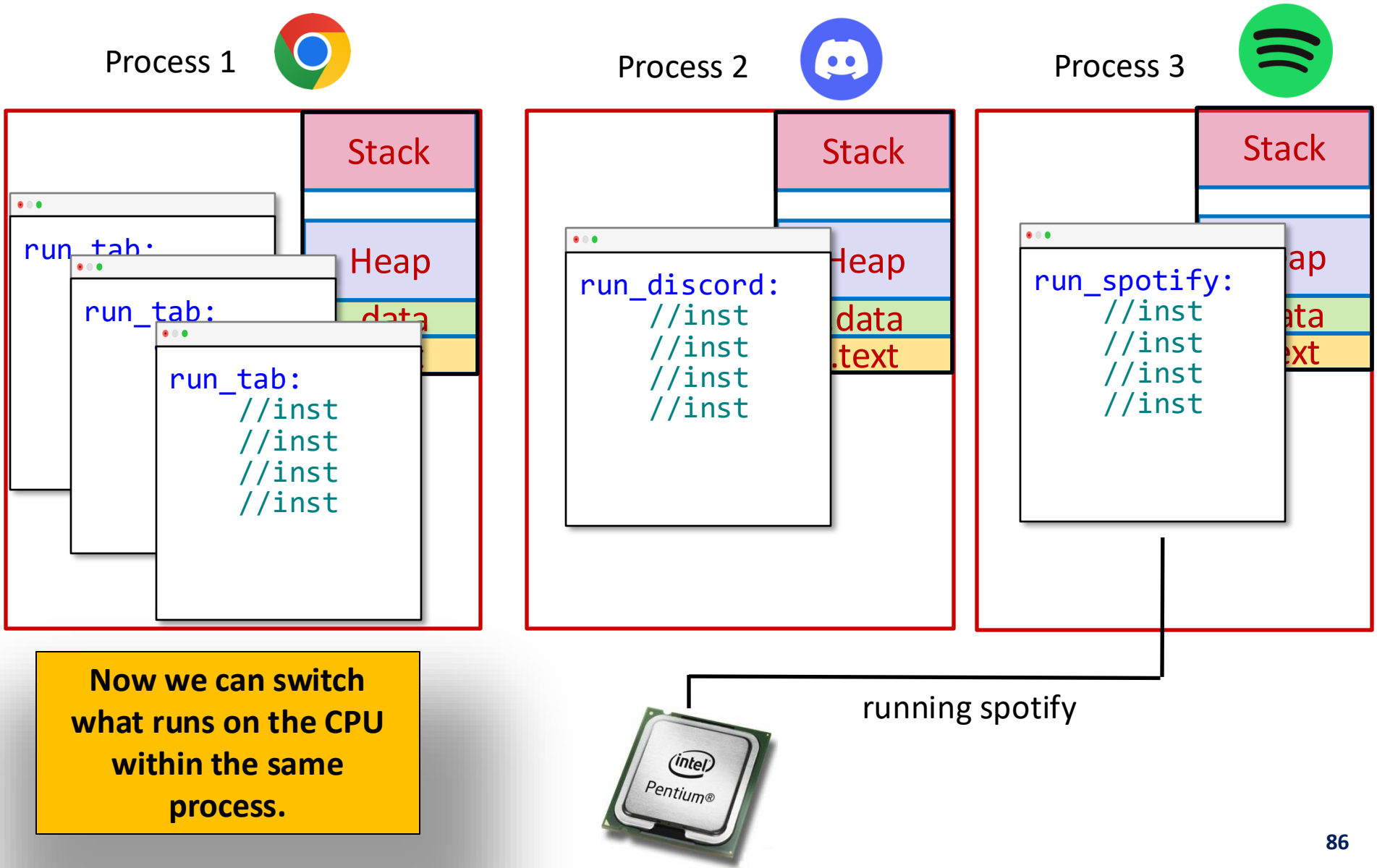
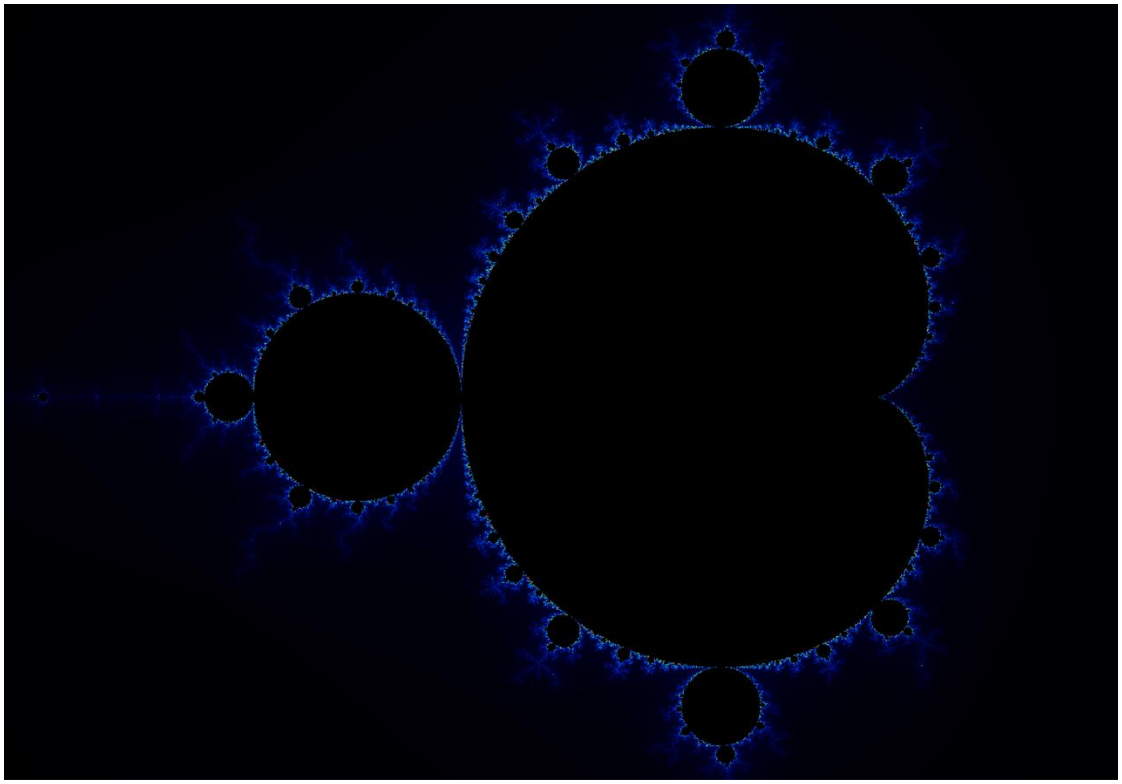


Now we can switch what runs on the CPU within the same process.

Example: Visualizing the Mandlebrot Set



Compute Intensity

We need to compute for each pixel, if it belongs in the set in addition.

Currently: ~960000 values

Let's compare how threads help us here:

Non-Threaded vs Fully Threaded Implementations

And that's it! ☺