

# JEOPARDY!

## Midterm 2 Review

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Midterm 1

Memory  
Management

Misc

File System

Concurrency

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# Midterm 1 - \$100 Question

An advantage of threads over processes

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# Midterm 1 - \$100 Answer

Shared memory, no context switching

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# Midterm 1 - \$200 Question

Makes an Array faster than a  
linked list

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# Midterm 1 - \$200 Answer

Caching

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# Midterm 1 - \$300 Question

Best algorithm for dealing  
with page faults

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# Midterm 1 - \$300 Answer

LRU (Least Recently Used)

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# Midterm 1 - \$400 Question

A 32 bit system with byte addressability and page size with 2048 and 2 GiB of physical memory. What is the page offset bits, physical page number, and physical address

# Midterm 1 - \$400 Answer

Virtual page: 21 bits

Page offset: 11 bits

Physical Page Number: 20  
bits

Physical Address: 31 bits

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# Midterm 1 - \$500 Question

What is the difference between TLB and L1 Cache?

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# Midterm 1 - \$500 Answer

TLB is for speeding up address translation (don't need to use page table)

Cache is for speeding up main memory access (no need to access RAM)



# Memory Management - \$100

## Question

What are some example I/O devices?

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# Memory Management - \$100

## Answer

Keyboard, mouse, disk, etc.

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# Memory Management - \$200

## Question

If there are 2048 addresses in a page, how many bits are required to specify one such address?

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# Memory Management - \$200

## Answer

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# Memory Management - \$300

## Question

How does the multi level page table take advantage of both spatial locality?

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# Memory Management - \$300

## Answer

If we access a page, most likely that we will access pages and memory addresses that are adjacent to each other



# Memory Management - \$400

## Question

Rank the following in terms of access speed: (1) RAM (2) Disk (3) CPU registers (4) L1 Cache (5) L3 Cache

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# Memory Management - \$400

## Answer

Speed-wise: CPU Registers >  
L1 Cache > L3 Cache > RAM >  
Disk



# Memory Management - \$500

## Question

You would be better off not  
using buffered reads/writes  
if you want better...  
(2 main things)

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# Memory Management - \$500

## Answer

- 1) Reliability - buffer isn't actually written until flushed
- 2) Performance - buffer takes time to copy



## Misc - \$100 Question

What Scheduling Protocol is the PennOS Scheduler most like?

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# Misc - \$100 Answer

## Round Robin

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## Misc - \$200 Question

Why is atomicity important in concurrency?

Hint: What if TSL was not atomic?

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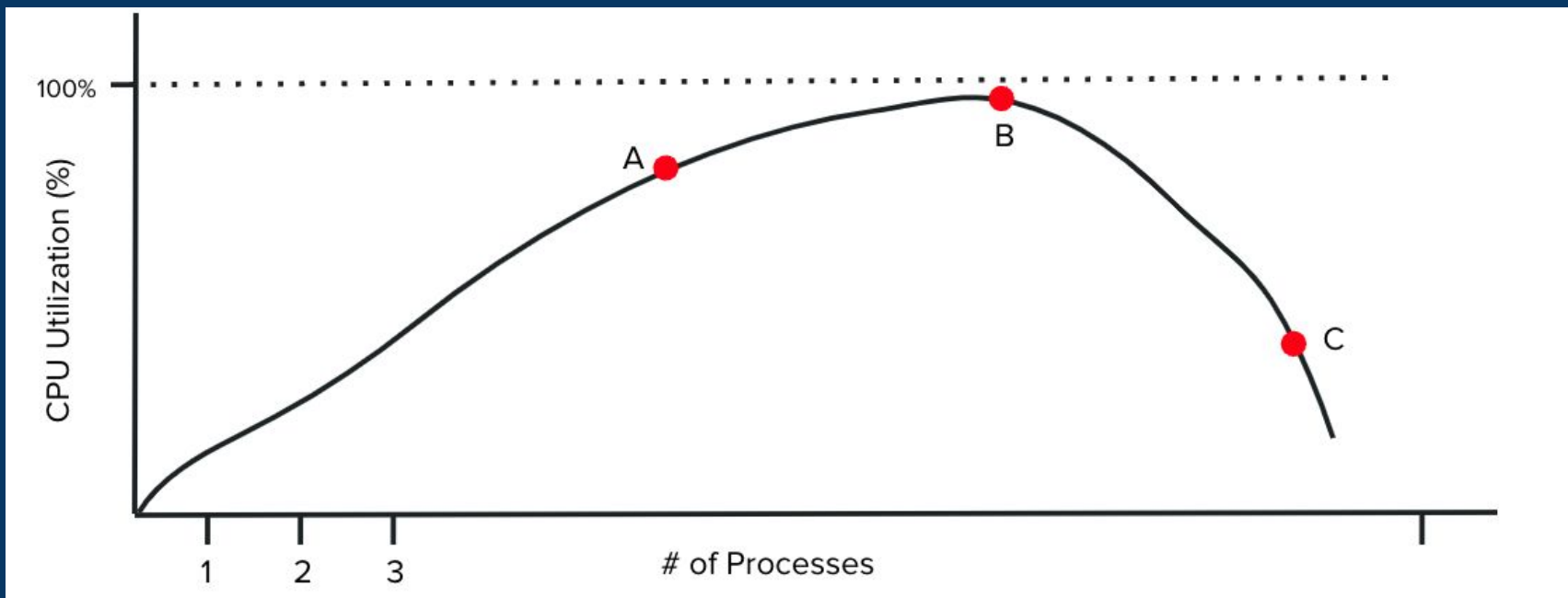
## Misc - \$200 Answer

Atomicity prevents other operations from interrupting the operation.



# Misc - \$300 Question

## What is Happening at Each Point?



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## Misc - \$300 Answer

A - Context Switching is a problem

B - We are starting to access the disk

C - Every context switch needs access to disk memory



## Misc - \$400 Question

True or False

“The scheduling of both kernel level threads and user level threads can be customized by the user application”

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## Misc - \$400 Answer

False, Kernel level threads need to use OS specific scheduling. User level threads can be customized by application



# Misc - \$500 Question

How many hi?

```
int main() {
    for (i is [1,3]) {
        pid = fork();
        if (pid == 0) print("hi\n");
    }
}
```

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# Misc - \$500 Answer

11. Due to stdout buffering

Follow up. How can we change this so we get 7 hi?





# File System - \$100 Question

What does RAID stand for?

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# File System - \$100 Answer

Redundant Array of  
Independent Disks

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# File System - \$200 Question

Why are there only  $N-1$  blocks that we can store actual file data in a FAT when the FAT table has  $N$  entries?

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# File System - \$200 Answer

The first entry of the FAT Table (FAT[0]) holds metadata about the FAT and does not correspond with a data block.



# File System - \$300 Question

A FAT Table file system generally suffers from what type of Fragmentation?

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**File System - \$300 Answer**

**Internal Fragmentation**

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# File System - \$400 Question

Why are Inodes generally better than FAT in terms of Memory Usage?

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# File System - \$400 Answer

You only need to store in memory the inodes of the open files instead of the whole FAT

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# File System - \$500 Question

A FAT spans 8 blocks, the block size is 8 kilobytes, and each FAT entry is 2 bytes. How many entries are in the FAT Table?

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# File System - \$500 Answer

$$8 * 2^{13} / 2 = 2^{15} \text{ entries}$$

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# Concurrency - \$100 Question

This occurs when 2+ threads access the same memory location concurrently and at least 1 thread is writing

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# Concurrency - \$100 Answer

Data race

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# Concurrency - \$200 Question

This snippet best demonstrates what synchronization tool?

```
consumer() {  
    lock(&mutex);  
    while (arr.size == 0) {  
        cond_wait(&cond, &mutex);  
    }  
    arr.consume()  
    unlock(&mutex);  
}
```

```
producer() {  
    lock(&mutex);  
    arr.produce();  
    cond_signal(&cond);  
    unlock(&mutex);  
}
```

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# Concurrency - \$200 Answer

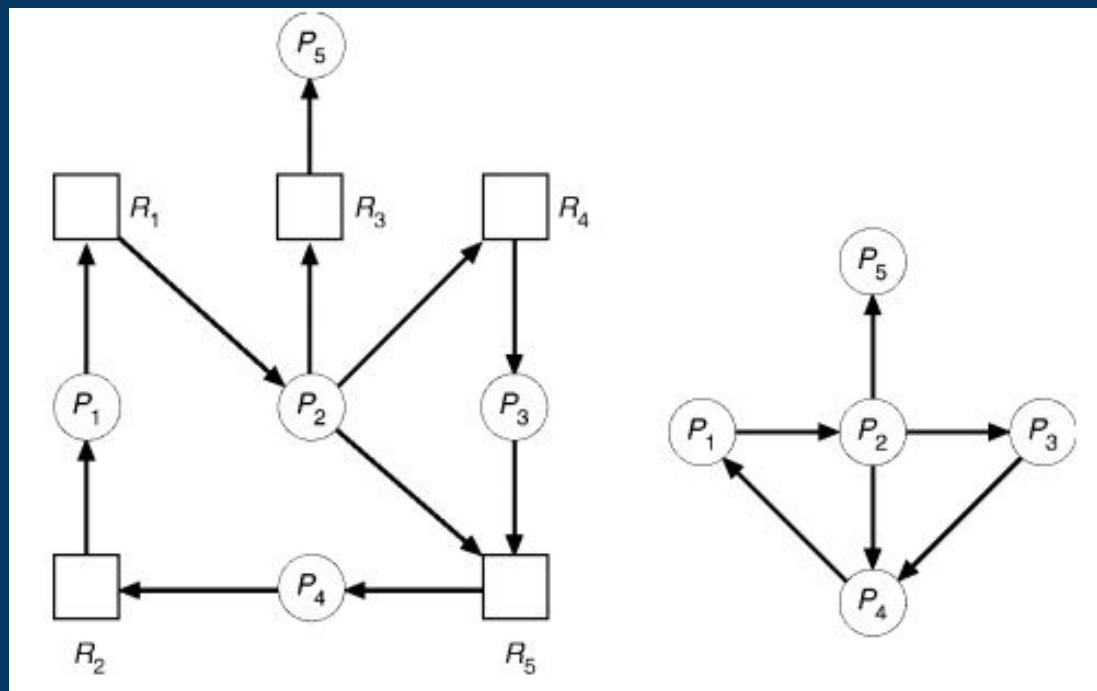
Condition variable

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# Concurrency - \$300 Question

If we detect a \_\_\_\_\_ in the graph, there's a deadlock



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Concurrency - \$300 Answer

Cycle

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## Concurrency - \$400 Question

If 40% of a program can be parallelized, what's the theoretical max speedup possible (vs sequential)?

$$\frac{T_1}{T_p} = \frac{1}{1 - S + \frac{S}{P}}$$

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Concurrency - \$400 Answer

~1.667x (or 5/3)

$$\begin{aligned} T_1/TP &= 1 / (1 - 0.4 + 0) \\ &= 1 / \frac{3}{5} = 5/3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{T_1}{T_p} = \frac{1}{1 - S + \frac{S}{P}}$$

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## Concurrency - \$500 Question

In high-traffic web servers, a pool of threads is *reused* for new client connections. This reduces overhead of what two operations?

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# Concurrency - \$500 Answer

Thread creation +  
destruction

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Topic: Concurrency

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# Final Jeopardy Question

Consider one solution to the Dining Philosopher's problem (where each philosopher grabs the left chopstick followed by the right chopstick before eating). Explain how process priorities (to remove the "resource preemption" pre-condition for deadlocks) can be used to eliminate deadlocks if applied to this problem. Do not worry about the level of concurrency for this problem.

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# Final Jeopardy Answer

We can modify the dining philosopher's problem by ordering philosophers from 0 to  $n-1$  by priority (strict ordering), using the philosopher identifier for ordering purposes. When a philosopher with higher priority tries to get a chopstick owned by a lower priority philosopher, the lower priority philosopher will release its chopstick for the higher priority process. Hence, there is resource preemption as resource holders may be made to relinquish their resources to other processes.

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