

Chapter 4

Threads

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pipeBug.c

```
pipe(thePipe);
childPid = fork();
if (childPid == 0) {

    /* I AM A CHILD */

    while (read(thePipe[READ], data, MAXSIZE) > 0) {
        printf("CHILD> %s\n", data);
    }
    close(thePipe[READ]);
} else {

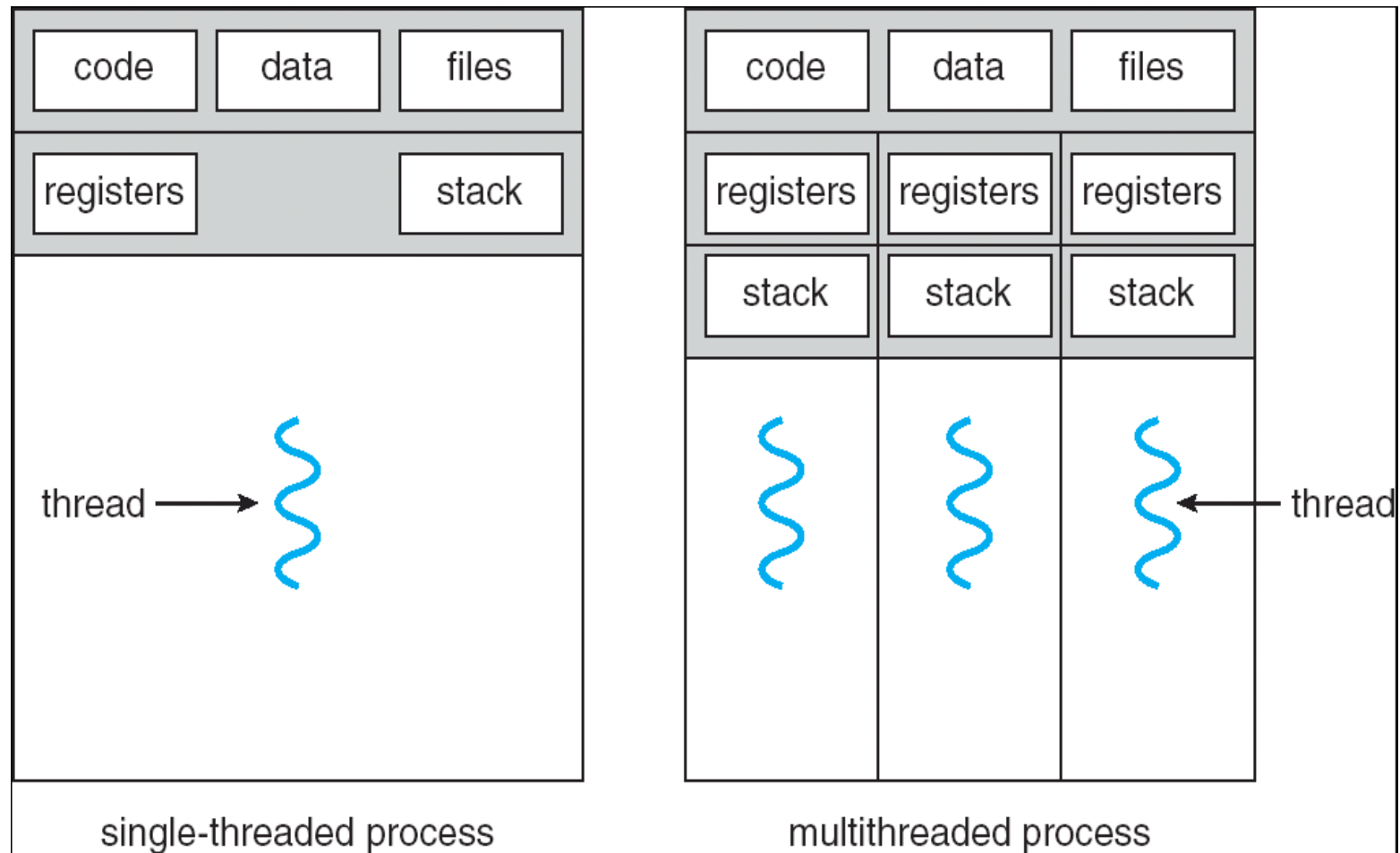
    /* parent */

    readFromCommandLine(data, MAXSIZE);
    while (strncmp(data, "STOP", 4) != 0)
    {
        write(thePipe[WRITE], data, strlen(data)+1);
        readFromCommandLine(data, MAXSIZE);
    }
    close(thePipe[WRITE]);
    waitpid(childPid, &status, 0);
}
```

Threads

- Multiple lines of control *inside one process*
 - Faster to create a thread than spawn a process
- Each has its own registers & stack

- Shared code & data



Typical Usages

- Word Processor

- Web Server

Benefits

- Why multithread?

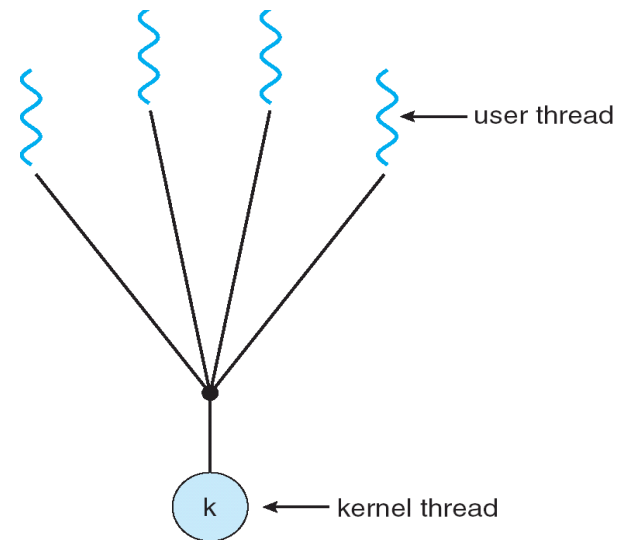
User vs Kernel Threads

- User:

- Kernel:

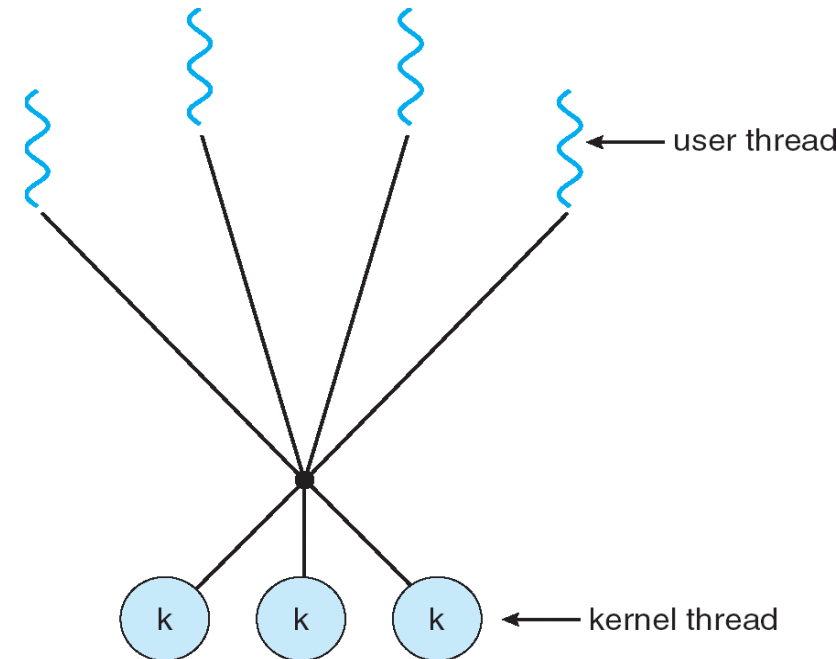
Models

- Many-to-One



- One-to-One

- Many-to-Many



blocking system call?

Thread Libraries

- User vs Kernel
- POSIX Pthreads
- Win32
- Java

Pthreads

- Linux, cygwin, Solaris, etc.
 - libpthread.so
 - gcc -g -o appName appname.c -lpthread

```

/* This code works on Zeus!
 * link with -lpthread
 * gcc -o app -g app.o -lpthread
 */
#include <pthread.h>
#include <stdio.h>

int sum; /* this data is shared by the thread(s) */

void *runner(void *param); /* the thread */

int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    pthread_t tid; /* the thread identifier */
    pthread_attr_t attr; /* set of attributes for the thread */

    if (argc != 2)
    {
        fprintf(stderr, "usage: a.out <integer value>\n");
        /*exit(1);*/
        return -1;
    }

    /* page 133 of Silberschatz */

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if (atoi(argv[1]) < 0)
{
    fprintf(stderr, "Argument %d must be nonneg\n", atoi(argv[1]));
    /*exit(1);*/
    return -1;
}

/* get the default attributes */
pthread_attr_init(&attr);

/* create the thread */
pthread_create(&tid, &attr, runner, argv[1]);

/* now wait for the thread to exit */
pthread_join(tid, NULL);

printf("sum = %d\n", sum);
}
/* page 133 of Silberschatz */

```

```
/**
 * The thread will begin control in this function
 */
void *runner(void *param)
{
    int i, upper = atoi(param);
    sum = 0;

    if (upper > 0)
    {
        for (i = 1; i <= upper; i++)
        {
            sum += i;
        }
    }

    pthread_exit(0);
}
/* page 133 of Silberschatz */
```

Mutex!

```
/* This code works on Zeus!  
 * link with -lpthread  
 * gcc -o app -g app.o -lpthread  
 */  
#include <pthread.h>  
#include <stdio.h>  
#define MAX 10  
  
int sum; /* this data is shared by the thread(s) */  
pthread_mutex_t gMutex;  
  
void *runner(void *param); /* the thread */  
  
int main(int argc, char *argv[])  
{  
    pthread_t tid1, tid2; /* the thread identifier */  
    pthread_attr_t attr; /* set of attributes for the thread */  
  
    /* page 133 of Silberschatz */  
}
```

```
/* init the mutex */
pthread_mutex_init(&gMutex, NULL);

/* get the default attributes */
pthread_attr_init(&attr);

/* create the threads */
pthread_create(&tid1, &attr, runner, &threadParamOne);
pthread_create(&tid2, &attr, runner, &threadParamTwo);

/* now wait for the threads to exit */
pthread_join(tid1, NULL);
pthread_join(tid2, NULL);

pthread_mutex_destroy(&gMutex);
pthread_attr_destroy(&attr);

printf("sum = %d\n", sum);
}
/* page 133 of Silberschatz */
```

```
/**
 * The thread will begin control in this function
 */
void *runner(void *param)
{
    int i;
    sum = 0;

    for (i = 1; i <= MAX; i++)
    {
        pthread_mutex_lock(&gMutex);
        sum += i;
        pthread_mutex_unlock(&gMutex);
    }

    pthread_exit(0);
}
/* page 133 of Silberschatz */
```