EECS 111: System Software
Lecture 4

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Lecture 4 Overview

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  - Process concept
  - Process scheduling, context switch
  - Process creation and termination

Assignment 1

- Discussion
  - OS Concepts, I/O Methods, System Call
- Project
  - C Programming Environment, Processes
    - Setup C programming environment on server
    - Program **`fibo`** to compute Fibonacci numbers
    - Analyze execution time using **`/usr/bin/time`**
    - Analyze process memory layout
  - Due
    - Tuesday, April 13, 2010, 12:00pm (noon)

Assignment 2

- Discussion
  - Process creation, Context switch
- Project
  - Parallel Processes, Inter-Process Communication
    - Program **`fibo2`** to compute Fibonacci numbers
    - Create two parallel child processes
      - Child 1 computes Fibonacci(n-1)
      - Child 2 computes Fibonacci(n-2)
      - Parent waits for children and combines results
    - Communication via POSIX shared memory
    - Analyze and compare execution times
  - Due
    - Tuesday, April 20, 2010, 12:00pm (noon)

Processes

- *"Operating System Concepts", 8th Edition,* by A. Silberschatz, P. B. Galvin, G. Gagne, John Wiley & Sons, 2009.

- Chapter 3
  - Process concept
  - Process scheduling, context switch
  - Process creation and termination