# Deadlock: Resource Allocation Graph (RAG)





## System Develop

Resources

can be:

- ✓ physical (eg. Printers)
- ✓ logical (eg. A record in a database)

a process may utilize a resource in only the following order:

- Request: if the request cannot be granted immediately, then the requesting process must wait until it can acquire the resource.
- Use: the process can operate on the resource
- Release: the process releases the resource

**∀**partitioned into several

 $R_1, R_2, \ldots, R_m$ 

each consisting of some number of identical instances.

Deadlock

a state when every process in the set of processes is waiting for an event that can be caused only by another process in the set.



### Deadlock Characterization

#### Types of Edges, E



Request eage: directed eage  $P_i \rightarrow R_i$ 



Assignment edge: directed edge  $R_i \rightarrow P_i$ 

can arise if four conditions hold simultaneously:

- ✓ <u>Mutual exclusion</u>: only one process at a time can use a resource
- ✓ Hold and wait: a process holding at least one resource
  is waiting to acquire additional resources held by
  other processes
- No preemption: a resource can be released only voluntarily by the process holding it, after that process has completed its task
- ✓ Circular wait: there exists a set  $\{P_0, P_1, ..., P_n\}$  of waiting processes such that P0 is waiting for a resource that is held by  $P_1$ ,  $P_1$  is waiting for a resource that is held by  $P_2$ , ...,  $P_{n-1}$  is waiting for a resource that is held by  $P_n$ , and  $P_n$  is waiting for a resource that is held by  $P_0$ .

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