

Concurrent Programming: JR Language

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JR

- ▶ JR — academic programming language for concurrency
- ▶ Extension of Java
- ▶ Advantage: Adds many expressive message passing primitives
- ▶ Disadvantage: Java is already complicated, JR is even more
- ▶ Lab 3 is based on JR

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};
```

Save to Hello.jr

```
$ jr Hello  
Hello, world!
```

Compilation issues

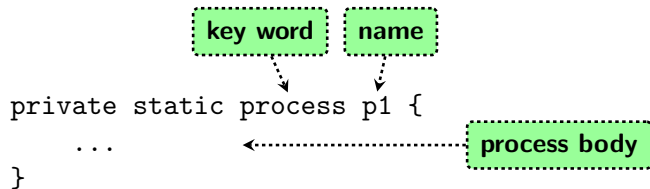
- ▶ JR compiles all *.jx files in your directory.
- ▶ Their contents must match their file names.

Processes

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    ...  
}
```

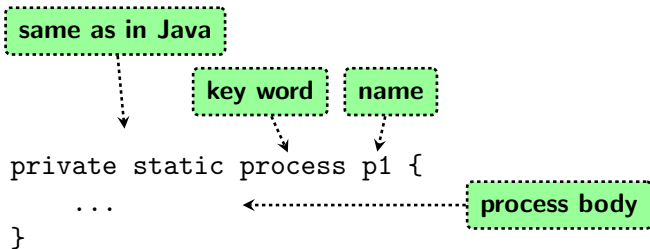
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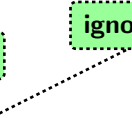
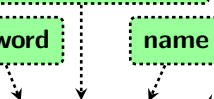
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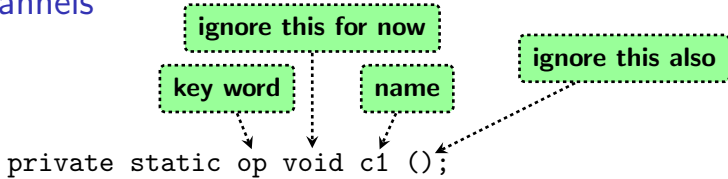
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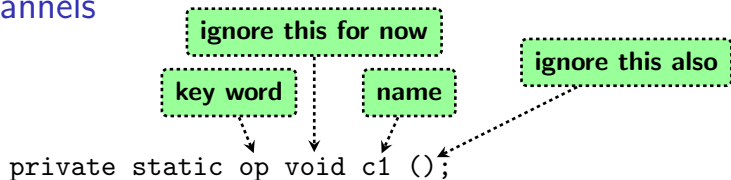


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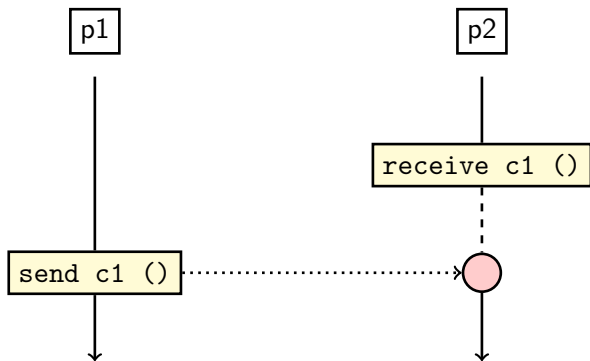
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```

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receive c1 ();
```

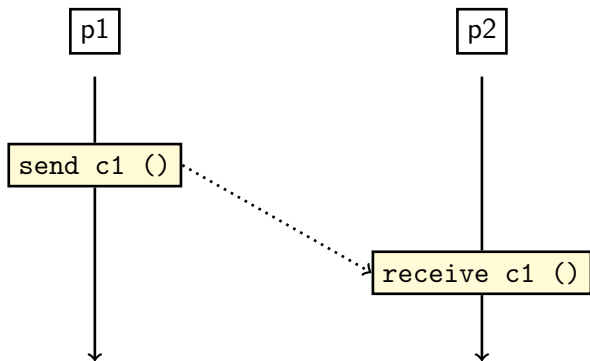
By the way

In JR use `JR.nap()` instead of `Thread.sleep()`.

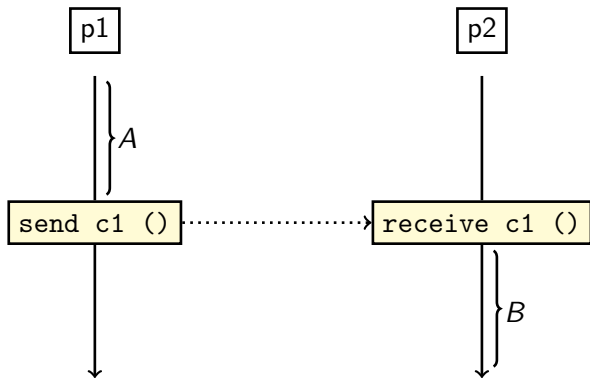
Message send



Message send (cont.)



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- ▶ Send and receive ensure that actions in *A* are executed before actions in *B*.

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- ▶ JR has deadlock detection.
- ▶ When deadlock occurs, your program will exit.

Summary

- ▶ Hello, compilation (and issues)
- ▶ Channels
- ▶ Sending and receiving messages
- ▶ Deadlock detection

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- ▶ Same thing!
- ▶ Channels, channel references, etc.

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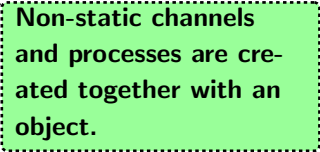
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```
public static void main (String[] args) {  
    send c1 ();  
}
```

non-static operation `op void c1()`
cannot be referenced from a static context

Static, non-static (cont.)

```
public class Static {  
    private op void c1 ();  
  
    private process p1 {  
        // ...  
    }  
  
    public static void main (String[] args) {  
        Static s = new Static ();  
        send s.c1 ();  
    }  
};
```



**Non-static channels
and processes are cre-
ated together with an
object.**

Static, non-static (cont.)

When does a non-static process start running?

Static, non-static (cont.)

```
public class Static {  
    private op void c1 ();  
  
    private process p1 {  
        // ...  
    }  
}
```

Process p1 starts running as soon as the object's constructor has finished.

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}  
};
```

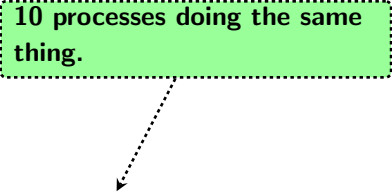
Non-static channels and processes are created together with an object.

Array of processes

```
private static process p1 ((int i = 0; i < 10; ++i)) {  
    // ...  
}
```

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10 processes doing the same thing.



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- ▶ Recommended: Create an object with exactly one non-static process

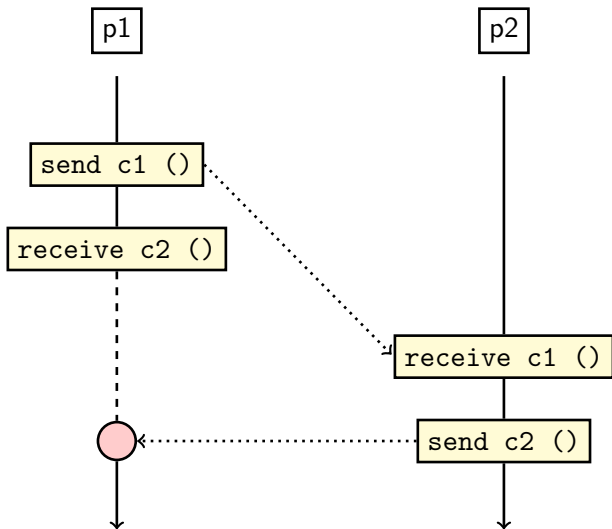
Rendez-vous

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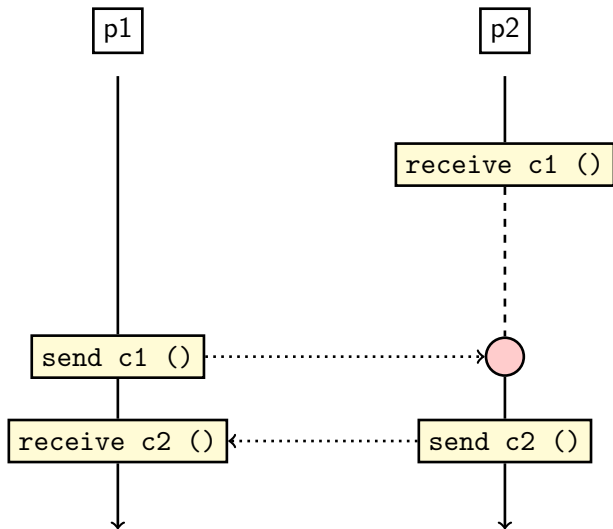
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    // some code  
    send c1 ();  
    receive c2 ();  
    // more code  
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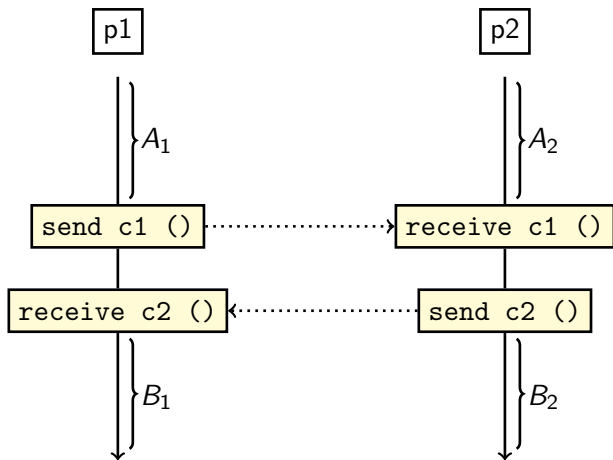
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- ▶ This pattern ensures that actions from A_1 occur before actions from B_2 and actions from A_2 occur before actions from B_1 .

Rendez-vous (cont.)

- ▶ It is possible to implement rendez-vous (RDV) using asynchronous send and two channels.
- ▶ JR provides also direct support for rendez-vous.

Call

```
private static op void c1 ();
```

```
private static process p1 {  
    // some code  
    call c1 ();  
    // more code  
}
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private static process p2 {  
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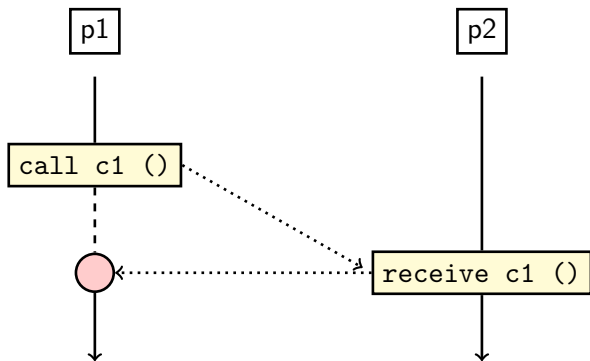
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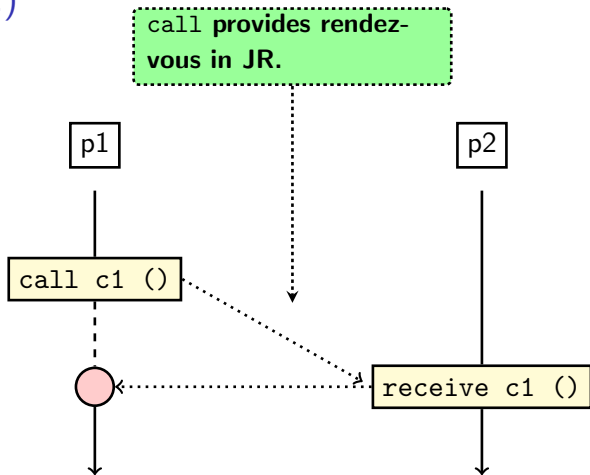
**call will wait until the
other process performs
the receive.**

```
private static process p2 {  
    // some code  
    receive c1 ();  
    // more code  
}
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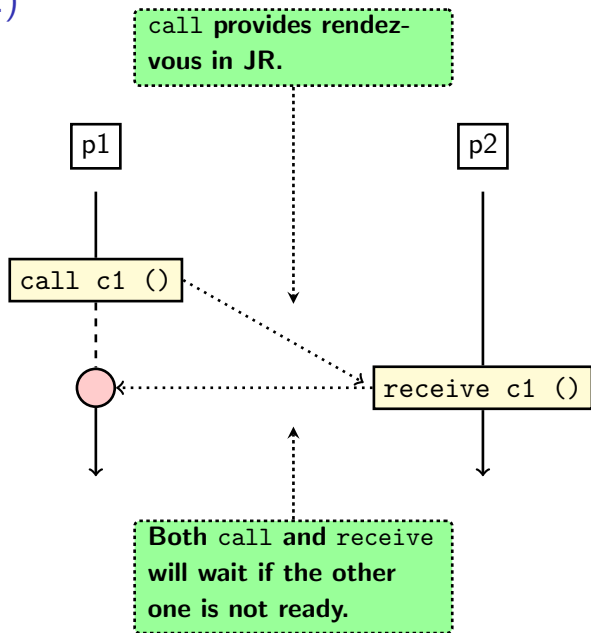

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Summary

- ▶ Static/non-static channels (and processes)
- ▶ Arrays of processes
- ▶ Rendez-vous using two messages
- ▶ The `call` statement (gives us RDV directly)

Puzzle

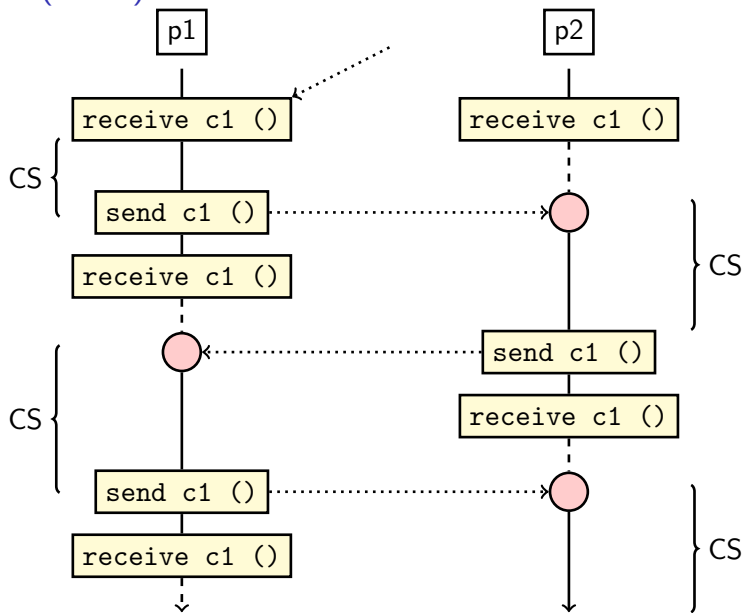
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    send c1 ();
}
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Puzzle (cont.)



Semaphore notation

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private static process p1 {
    for (int i = 0; i < 10; ++i) {
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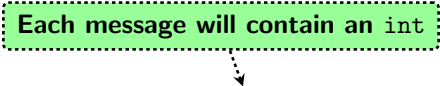
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private static op void c1 (int);
```

```
private static process p1 {  
    send c1 (5);  
}
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private static process p2 {  
    int a;  
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Sending 5 over the channel

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private static process p2 {  
    int a;  
    receive c1 (a);  
    System.out.println ("Received message: " + a);  
}
```

receive takes a variable
and binds it to the re-
ceived value

Channels with data (cont.)

```
private static op void c1 (type1, type2, ...);
```

Channels with data (cont.)

Possible to define a channel taking many values. Syntax — like method declaration.

```
private static op void c1 (type1, type2, ...);
```

Channels — queues

```
private static op void c1 (int);

public static void main (String[] args) {
    int a;
    send c1 (3);
    send c1 (4);
    send c1 (2);
    send c1 (7);
    for (int i = 0; i < 4; ++i) {
        receive c1 (a);
        System.out.println ("Received message: " + a);
    }
}
```

Summary

- ▶ Semaphores using message passing
- ▶ Channels with data
- ▶ Using channels as queues

op body

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op body (cont.)

- ▶ It is possible to write the declaration and definition of an op together.
- ▶ `call` on a channel serviced like this will wait until the method finishes.
- ▶ op bodies are not so useful (many instances can execute at the same time)

Return type

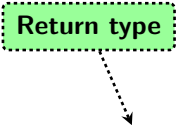
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```
private static int c1 (int x) {  
    return x + 1;  
}
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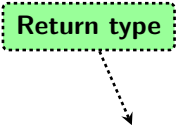
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Alternative notation to call



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Ways of calling

- ▶ `send + receive`: Asynchronous message
- ▶ `call + receive`: RDV, no return value
- ▶ `call + op body`: synchronous call, return value possible

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Yes — using `inni`, which is a (very large) extension of `receive`.

inni statement (cont.)

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- ▶ More powerful receive
- ▶ Waits on many channels at the same time
- ▶ Can send a 'return message' to the calling process
- ▶ Has a non-blocking variant

inni statement syntax

```
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    return cntr;  
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Non-blocking receive

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inni statement with an else branch will check if there is a message in the queue (and receive it).

```
inni void c() {  
    received = true;  
} [] else {  
    // do nothing  
}
```

Summary

- ▶ Servicing channels with op body.
- ▶ `inni` statement
- ▶ Non-blocking receive

Reply statement

reply can occur only inside of an `inni` statement.

```
int x;
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**The reply will come before the
`inni` statement terminates.**

Forward statement

forward can also occur only inside of an inni statement.

```
int x;
```

```
inni int c1() {  
    forward c2(x);  
}
```

```
// ...
```

```
inni int c2(int z) {  
    return z+2;  
}
```

```
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```

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```

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}
```

forward calls channel c2 and continues immediately.

```
// ...
```

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}
```

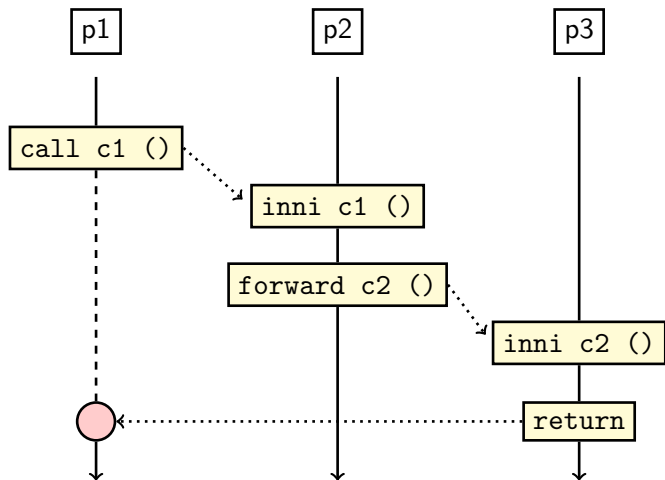
Channel c2 gets a message with a 'return address' still pointing at the original call.

```
// ...
```

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```

The reply from the second inni will arrive directly here.

Forward statement



Server process

```
process p1 {
  while (true) {
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    } [] bool c2 () {
      // ...
    } // ...
  }
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    try {
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        return take(n);
    } finally {
        lock.unlock();
    } }

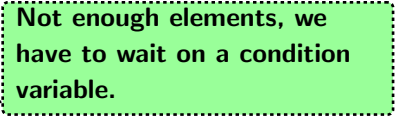
void release (int us) {
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    try {
        units += us;
        added.signalAll();
    } finally {
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    } }
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    lock.lock ();  
    try {  
        units += us;  
        added.signalAll();  
    } finally {  
        lock.unlock();  
    } }  
}
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Perhaps somebody is waiting; wake everyone up.

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We jump to the beginning of allocate here!.

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How much simpler it is!

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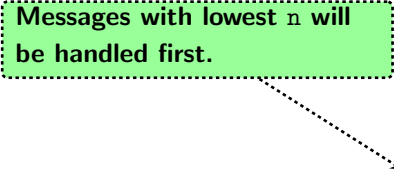
- ▶ reply statement
- ▶ forward statement
- ▶ Server processes
- ▶ st clauses

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Channel taking a channel reference.

Summary

- ▶ Message priorities
- ▶ Prioritising one channel over another
- ▶ Channel references
- ▶ reply statement
- ▶ forward statement

Tips for the lab

What you want to use

- ▶ `inni` statement
- ▶ `st` clauses
- ▶ `else` in the `inni` statement
- ▶ Channel references (very few places)
- ▶ Arrays of processes (probably not)

What you probably don't need

- ▶ `reply` statement
- ▶ `forward` statement
- ▶ Message priorities (by clauses)