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Identification

Create_hardcore_segs R. L. Rappaport

Purpose

Create_hardcore_segs is one of the procedures of the Process Creation module. Its purpose is to create the needed hardcore ring private data bases of the new process.

Discussion

In order for a new process to be able to begin execution in the hardcore ring, the creator process must provide three data segments for the new process. The segments are:

- 1. A process data segment (pds, see Section BJ.1.03).
- 2. A process definition segment (pdf, see Section BJ.1.06).
- 3. A known segment table (kst. see Section BG.1).

In addition, under certain conditions (see below) create_ hardcore_segs will also create a user group directory for the user group of the new process.

The calling sequence for create_hardcore_segs is:

call create_hardcore_segs (id, dir_pathname, user_id);

where:

id is the process identification of the new process.

dir_pathname is the path name of the new process directory.

user id

is the user group to which this new process will belong. This argument is also passed as a character string. This argument is ordinarily the null character string in which

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case the new process is put in the same group as its creator. Only privileged processes can specify a user id other than the creator's id. If a privileged process does specify a user id other than the creator's user id, create_hardcore_segs will cause a new user group directory to be created by calling subroutine create_user_dir (see Section BJ.8.06).

Create_hardcore_segs first creates each of the three specified segments by copying a template copy of each into the directory specified in the calling sequence. The copying is done by subroutine copy_seg (see Section BJ.8.05). Once the three templates are copied, several data items in the various segments, which are process dependent, must be initialized.

In the pds of the new process, only one data item, item processid, must be set to the id of the new process. In the pdf of the new process, two data items must be initialized: The account id and the user group id. The account id of the new process can be found in the accounting segment placed in the new process directory by subroutine create_proc (see Section BJ.8.01). The user group id is, of course, passed in the calling sequence to create_hardcore_ segs. Finally, the initial kst of the new process has no process dependent information and the template copy is sufficient for the process. Therefore, at this point, create_hardcore_segs returns to its caller.