

# Simulating DAG Scheduling Algorithms with SimDAG

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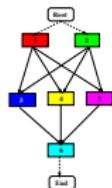
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# What is a DAG Scheduling Study?

X DAGs



X

Y platforms



X

Z Heuristics

```
For each task do
  Select resource
  Schedule task
end do
```

## Agenda of this tutorial

1. How to describe DAGs?
2. How to describe resources?
3. How to write scheduling heuristics?

## Objective

- ▶ Write a (simple) functional simulator step-by-step

## Resources

- ▶ <http://simgrid.gforge.inria.fr/tutorials/simdag-101/exercises/>
- ▶ <http://simgrid.gforge.inria.fr/tutorials/simdag-101/solutions/>

# Before Starting to Code Anything

- ▶ `#include "simdag/simdag.h"` is mandatory
- ▶ Start by initializing the SimDag stuff
- ▶ End by cleaning this stuff neatly

```
#include "simdag/simdag.h"

int main(int argc, char **argv){
    SD_init(&argc, argv);

    /* Insert your code here */

    SD_exit();

    return 0;
}
```

- ▶ Get this basic skeleton in `exercises/ex1-2_template.c`
- ▶ Open it with your favorite editor

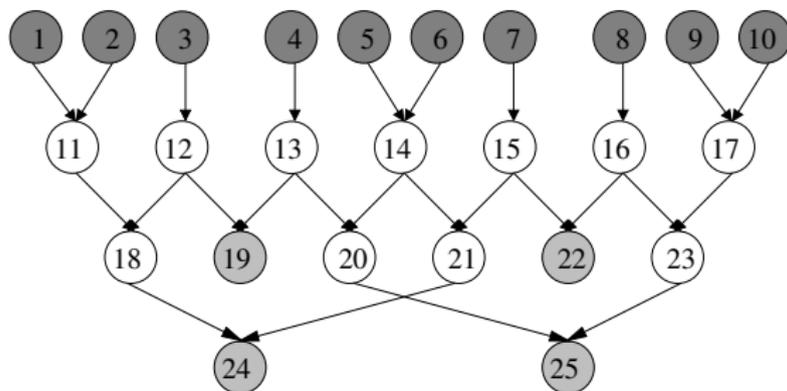
# Agenda

- How to describe DAGs?
  - Definition
  - Manual Description
  - External Description and Automatic Load
- How to Describe Resources?
- How to Write Scheduling Heuristics?
- Conclusion

# Definition of a DAG

## Directed Acyclic Graph $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$

- ▶  $\mathcal{V} = \{v_i \mid i = 1, \dots, V\}$ 
  - ▶ A set of vertices representing **tasks**
- ▶  $\mathcal{E} = \{e_{i,j} \mid (i,j) \in \{1, \dots, V\} \times \{1, \dots, V\}\}$ 
  - ▶ A set of edges representing **precedence constraints** and/or **data movements** between tasks



# Representing Vertices/Tasks

## Sequential computation

- ▶ Use a `SD_task_t` of type `SD_TASK_COMP_SEQ`
- ▶ Constructor: `SD_task_create_comp_seq(name, data, amount)`
  - ▶ `name`: the name of the task, as given by the user
  - ▶ `data`: some user data attached to the task
    - ▶ Useful for scheduling attributes
  - ▶ `amount`: the number of `flops` computed by this task
- ▶ Destructor: `SD_task_destroy(task)`
- ▶ Can be used with any model compound handled by SURF
  - ▶ see `--help-models` for details

## [Advanced] Parallel computation

- ▶ No type (`SD_TASK_NOT_TYPED`), `default` kind of `SD_task_t`
- ▶ Constructor: `SD_task_create(name, data, amount)`
  - ▶ `amount`: represents the sequential cost of the task
- ▶ Restricted to the `ptask_L07` model

# Representing Edges/Dependencies

## Control flow dependency

- ▶ a.k.a precedence constraint
- ▶ Goal: Force SimDAG to wait for the completion of ● to start ●
- ▶ Create a `SD_task_dependency`
  - ▶ `SD_task_dependency_add (name, data, ●, ●)`



# Representing Edges/Dependencies

## Data flow dependency

- ▶ a.k.a passing data from a task to another
- ▶ Need to create a transfer ■ task between ● and ●
  - ▶ Add `SD_task_dependency` accordingly
  - ▶ `SD_task_dependency_add (name, data, ●, ■)`
  - ▶ `SD_task_dependency_add (name, data, ■, ●)`



## Question

- ▶ How to declare a transfer task?

# How to Represent Transfer Tasks

## End-to-end communications

- ▶ If **both** source and destination are **sequential** tasks
- ▶ Use a task of type **SD\_TASK\_COMM\_E2E**
- ▶ Constructor: **SD\_task\_create\_comm\_e2e(name, data, amount)**
  - ▶ **name**: the name of the task, as given by the user
  - ▶ **data**: some user data attached to the task
  - ▶ **amount**: the number of **bytes** transferred by this task

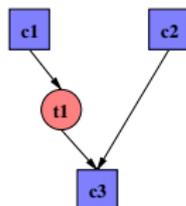
## [Advanced] $M \times N$ data redistributions

- ▶ Same as for parallel computations
- ▶ No type (**SD\_TASK\_NOT\_TYPED**)
- ▶ Constructor: **SD\_task\_create(name, data, amount)**
  - ▶ **amount**: represents the **total number of bytes**
  - ▶ Communication scheme defined **at scheduling time**
- ▶ Restricted to the **ptask\_L07** model

# Exercise 1

## Describe the following graph

- ▶ Three **sequential compute** tasks
  - ▶ c1 computes  $1e9$  flops
  - ▶ c2 computes  $5e9$  flops
  - ▶ c3 computes  $2e9$  flops
- ▶ One **end-to-end transfer** task
  - ▶ t1 sends  $5e8$  bytes
- ▶ Don't forget the **dependencies!**
- ▶ Use template from `exercises/ex1-2_template.c`



# Solution to Exercise 1

```
#include "simdag/simdag.h"

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    SD_task_t c1, c2, c3, t1;
    SD_init(&argc, argv);

    c1 = SD_task_create_comp_seq("c1", NULL, 1E9);
    c2 = SD_task_create_comp_seq("c2", NULL, 5E9);
    c3 = SD_task_create_comp_seq("c3", NULL, 2E9);

    t1 = SD_task_create_comm_e2e("t1", NULL, 5e8);

    SD_task_dependency_add ("c1-t1", NULL, c1, t1);
    SD_task_dependency_add ("t1-c3", NULL, t1, c3);
    SD_task_dependency_add ("c2-c3", NULL, c2, c3);

    SD_exit();
    return 0;
}
```

- ▶ Get solution in `solutions/ex1-2.c`

# Manage Your Set of Tasks

## Use a Dynamic Array

- ▶ One out of the many useful data structures from the eXtended Bundle of Tools (XBT)
  - ▶ Requires `#include "xbt.h"`
- ▶ Dynars are dynamically sized vectors which may contain any type of variables
  - ▶ `xbt_dynar_t`
- ▶ Mandatory subset of functions
  - ▶ `my_dynar = xbt_dynar_new (elm_size, free_method)`
  - ▶ `xbt_dynar_free_container (&my_dynar)`
    - ▶ Free the dynar but not its content
  - ▶ `xbt_dynar_push (my_dynar, &element)`
  - ▶ `xbt_dynar_pop(my_dynar, &element)`
  - ▶ `xbt_dynar_foreach(my_dynar, ctr, element)`
    - ▶ Loop over elements in the array
  - ▶ `xbt_dynar_length(my_dynar)`
  - ▶ `xbt_dynar_is_empty(my_dynar)`
- ▶ For more information: [http://simgrid.gforge.inria.fr/simgrid/3.9/doc/group\\_\\_XBT\\_\\_dynar.html](http://simgrid.gforge.inria.fr/simgrid/3.9/doc/group__XBT__dynar.html)

# Retrieve Information on Tasks

## Parameters of the constructor

- ▶ `SD_task_get_name(task)`
  - ▶ Can also be modified with `SD_task_set_name(task, "new_name")`
- ▶ `SD_task_get_data(task)`
  - ▶ Returns a `(void*)`, has to be casted by the user
  - ▶ Data can be attached at any time: `SD_task_set_data(task, (void*) data)`
- ▶ `SD_task_get_amount(task)` (non modifiable)
- ▶ `SD_task_get_kind(task)` (non modifiable )

## Dependencies of task T

- ▶ Tasks on which T depends: `SD_task_get_parents(T)`
- ▶ Tasks depending on T: `SD_task_get_children(T)`
- ▶ Both functions return a `xbt_dynar_t`

## Get everything

- ▶ `SD_task_dump(task)`

## Exercise 2

- ▶ Get the solution of Exercise 1 in `exercises/ex1-2.c`
- ▶ Create a dynar of `SD_task_t`
- ▶ Push all the tasks in the dynar
- ▶ Browse the dynar
  - ▶ Dump information about each task
  - ▶ and destroy the task
- ▶ Destroy the dynar

## Solution to Exercise 2

```
#include "simdag/simdag.h"
#include "xbt.h"

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    SD_task_t c1, c2, c3, t1, tmp;
    unsigned int ctr;
    xbt_dynar_t tasks = xbt_dynar_new(sizeof(SD_task_t), &xbt_free);
    SD_init(&argc, argv);

    c1 = SD_task_create_comp_seq("c1", NULL, 1E9);
    c2 = SD_task_create_comp_seq("c2", NULL, 5E9);
    c3 = SD_task_create_comp_seq("c3", NULL, 2E9);
    t1 = SD_task_create_comm_e2e("t1", NULL, 5e8);
    SD_task_dependency_add ("c1-t1", NULL, c1, t1);
    SD_task_dependency_add ("t1-c3", NULL, t1, c3);
    SD_task_dependency_add ("c2-c3", NULL, c2, c3);

    xbt_dynar_push(tasks, &c1); xbt_dynar_push(tasks, &c2);
    xbt_dynar_push(tasks, &c3); xbt_dynar_push(tasks, &t1);

    xbt_dynar_foreach(tasks, ctr, tmp){
        SD_task_dump(tmp); SD_task_destroy(tmp);
    }
    xbt_dynar_free_container(&tasks);
    SD_exit();
    return 0;
}
```

# SimDag Comes With Two Loaders

## Common Features

- ▶ Creates all `tasks` and `dependencies` automatically
- ▶ Adds two special `dummy` tasks: `root` and `end`
- ▶ Returns a `xbt_dynar_t` of `typed SD_task_t`
  - ▶ `SD_TASK_COMP_SEQ` and `SD_TASK_COMM_E2E`

## DAX format

- ▶ Format of workflow used by Pegasus (<http://pegasus.isi.edu/>)
- ▶ `SD_daxload(filename)`: loader for DAX files

## DOT format

- ▶ Well-known format of the `graphviz` tool suite
- ▶ `SD_dotload(filename)`

# DAX Format (1/2)

## Header

- ▶ Name space and schema declaration (from Pegasus)
- ▶ Name of the DAX
- ▶ Number of jobs: `jobCount`
- ▶ Number of control dependencies: `childCount`

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<adag xmlns="http://pegasus.isi.edu/schema/DAX"
      xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
      xsi:schemaLocation="http://pegasus.isi.edu/schema/DAX
                          http://pegasus.isi.edu/schema/dax-2.1.xsd"
      version="2.1" count="1" index="0" name="smalldax"
      jobCount="3" fileCount="0" childCount="1">
...

```

# DAX format (2/2)

## Job description

- ▶ Described by: `id`, `name`, `runtime`, `input` and `output` files
  - ▶ Only computations are described ( $\text{amount} = \text{runtime} \times 4.2e9$ )
  - ▶ Output of `task1` is an input of `task2`  $\Rightarrow$  Transfer task + data flow dependency

```
<job id="1" namespace="SG" name="c1" version="1.0" runtime="10">
  <uses file="i1" link="input" register="true" transfer="true"
    optional="false" type="data" size="1000000"/>
  <uses file="o1" link="output" register="true" transfer="true"
    optional="false" type="data" size="1000000"/>
</job>
```

## Control flow dependencies

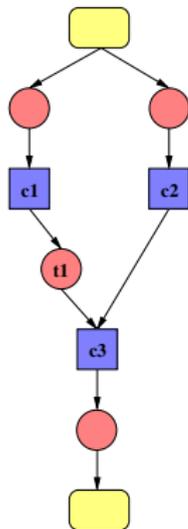
- ▶ `task3` cannot start before the completion of `task2`
  - ▶ While there is no data flow dependency

```
<child ref="3">
  <parent ref="2"/>
</child>
```

## Exercise 3

Describe the following graph in a DAX file

- ▶ Three sequential compute tasks
  - ▶ c1 runs for 10 seconds
    - ▶ Requires an input file of 2e8 bytes
    - ▶ Produces an output file of 5e8 bytes
  - ▶ c2 runs 50 seconds
    - ▶ Requires an input file of 1e8 bytes
  - ▶ c3 runs for 20 seconds
    - ▶ Requires an input file of 5e8 bytes
    - ▶ Produces an output file of 2e8 bytes
- ▶ Start from this skeleton:  
exercises/ex3\_template.xml



## Solution to Exercise 3

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<adag xmlns="http://pegasus.isi.edu/schema/DAX"
      xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
      xsi:schemaLocation="http://pegasus.isi.edu/schema/DAX
                          http://pegasus.isi.edu/schema/dax-2.1.xsd"
      version="2.1" count="1" index="0" name="smalldax"
      jobCount="3" fileCount="0" childCount="1">
  <job id="1" namespace="SG" name="c1" version="1.0" runtime="10">
    <uses file="i1" link="input" register="true" transfer="true"
          optional="false" type="data" size="2e8"/>
    <uses file="o1" link="output" register="true" transfer="true"
          optional="false" type="data" size="5e8"/>
  </job>
  <job id="2" namespace="SG" name="c2" version="1.0" runtime="50">
    <uses file="i2" link="input" register="true" transfer="true"
          optional="false" type="data" size="1e8"/>
  </job>
  <job id="3" namespace="SG" name="c3" version="1.0" runtime="20">
    <uses file="o1" link="input" register="true" transfer="true"
          optional="false" type="data" size="5e8"/>
    <uses file="o3" link="output" register="true" transfer="true"
          optional="false" type="data" size="2e8"/>
  </job>
  <child ref="3">
    <parent ref="2"/>
  </child>
</adag>
```

► Get solution in solutions/ex3.xml

# DOT Format

## Task Description

- ▶ Described by an `id` and a `size`
  - ▶ The size correspond to the `amount` parameter of the task creator
  - ▶ Expressed in `flops`

## Dependency Description

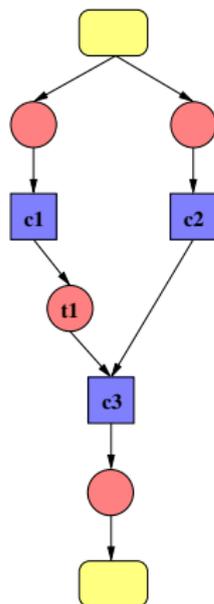
- ▶ Described by `src→dst` and a `size`
  - ▶ The size also corresponds to `amount`
  - ▶ A `negative` size indicates a `control` dependency
  - ▶ Expressed in `bytes`
- ▶ Dependencies from `root` and to `end` have to be explicit

```
digraph G {  
  c1 [size="1e9"];  
  root->c1 [size="1e8"];  
  c1->end [[size="2e8"]];  
}
```

## Exercise 4

Describe the following graph in a DOT file

- ▶ Three sequential compute tasks
  - ▶ c1 computes  $1e9$  flops
    - ▶ Requires an input file of  $2e8$  bytes
    - ▶ Produces an output file of  $5e8$  bytes
  - ▶ c2 computes  $5e9$  flops
    - ▶ Requires an input file of  $1e8$  bytes
  - ▶ c3 computes  $2e9$  flops
    - ▶ Requires an input file of  $5e8$  bytes
    - ▶ Produces an output file of  $2e8$  bytes
- ▶ Get Template in `exercises/ex4_template.dot`



## Solution to Exercise 4

```
digraph G {  
  c1 [size="1e9"];  
  c2 [size="5e9"];  
  c3 [size="2e9"];  
  
  root->c1 [size="2e8"];  
  root->c2 [size="1e8"];  
  c1->c3 [size="5e8"];  
  c2->c3 [size="-1."];  
  c3->end [size="2e8"];  
}
```

- ▶ Get solution in `solutions/ex4.dot`

## Exercise 5

Use the DAX (or DOT) loader (use a new source file)

- ▶ Call the loader
- ▶ Dump information of all tasks
- ▶ Destroy each task

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## Solution to Exercise 5

```
#include "simdag/simdag.h"
#include "xbt.h"

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    unsigned int cpt;
    SD_task_t task;
    xbt_dynar_t dag;
    SD_init(&argc, argv);

    dag = SD_daxload(argv[1]);

    xbt_dynar_foreach(dag, cpt, task){
        SD_task_dump(task);
        SD_task_destroy(task);
    }
    SD_exit();
    return 0;
}
```

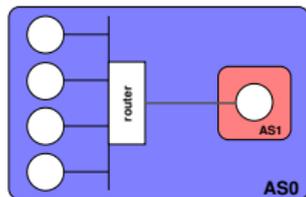
# Agenda

- How to describe DAGs?
- How to Describe Resources?
  - Available Types of Resources
  - Creating an Experimental Environment
  - Attach User Data
- How to Write Scheduling Heuristics?
- Conclusion

# Available Types of Resources

## Types of resources

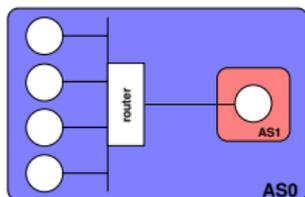
- ▶ Single Hosts: `id` and `power`
- ▶ Links: `id`, `latency` and `bandwidth`
- ▶ Clusters
  - ▶ `id` and name (`prefix radical suffix`)
  - ▶ `power`
  - ▶ private link latency (`lat`) and bandwidth (`bw`)
  - ▶ backbone latency (`bb_lat`) and bandwidth (`bb_bw`)
  - ▶ `router`
- ▶ routes: `src` and `dst`
- ▶ Resources grouped in Autonomous Systems (`AS`)
- ▶ Description in an XML `platform file`
- ▶ From a SimDag point of view:
  - ▶ A Host and (some) link(s) are grouped to form a `workstation`
  - ▶ `SD_workstation_t` data structure



## Exercise 6

### Describe the following platform

- ▶ One cluster
  - ▶ Named `my_cluster`
  - ▶ Four homogeneous hosts running at  $4.2e9$  flop/s
    - ▶ Named `c-x.me`, with  $x \in [1 - 4]$
  - ▶ Four private links
    - ▶ Latency:  $5e-5$  seconds
    - ▶ Bandwidth:  $1.25e8$  bytes/s
  - ▶ One backbone
    - ▶ Latency:  $5e-4$  seconds
    - ▶ Bandwidth:  $2.25e9$  bytes/s
- ▶ One host in its own AS
  - ▶ Named `host1` and running at  $4.2e9$  flop/s
- ▶ One link connecting both ASes
  - ▶ Latency:  $0.01$  seconds
  - ▶ Bandwidth:  $1e5$  bytes/s
- ▶ Start from skeleton in `exercices/ex6_template.xml`



## Solution to Exercise 6

cluster\_and\_one\_host.xml

```
<?xml version='1.0'?>
<!DOCTYPE platform SYSTEM "http://simgrid.gforge.inria.fr/simgrid.dtd">
<platform version="3">
  <AS id="AS0" routing="Full">
    <cluster id="my_cluster" prefix="c-" suffix=".me" radical="1-4"
      power="4.2e9" bw="125000000" lat="5E-5"
      bb_bw="2250000000" bb_lat="5E-4"
      router_id="router1"/>

    <AS id="AS1" routing="Full">
      <host id="host1" power="1000000000"/>
    </AS>

    <link id="link1" bandwidth="100000" latency="0.01"/>

    <ASroute src="my_cluster" dst="AS1" gw_src="router1" gw_dst="host1">
      <link_ctn id="link1"/>
    </ASroute>
  </AS>
</platform>
```

- ▶ Get the platform file in solutions/ex6.xml

# Creating the Environment

## Loading the Platform File

- ▶ Use the `SD_create_environment` function
  - ▶ Takes a `filename` as input
  - ▶ Creates an `array` of `SD_workstation_t`
  - ▶ No need for deployment file in SimDag

## Getting all the workstations

- ▶ Number of workstations: `SD_workstation_get_number()`
- ▶ Array of workstations: `SD_workstation_get_list()`

## Workstation specific information

- ▶ `SD_workstation_get_name(workstation)` (non modifiable)
- ▶ `SD_workstation_get_power(workstation)` (non modifiable)
- ▶ `SD_workstation_get_data(workstation)`
  - ▶ Returns a `(void*)`, has to be casted by the user
  - ▶ Data can be attached at any time
    - `SD_task_set_data(workstation, (void*) data)`
- ▶ Get everything: `SD_workstation_dump(workstation)`

# Retrieving Information About Network

## Getting all the links

- ▶ `SD_link_get_number()` returns the number of links
- ▶ `SD_link_get_list()` returns the list of links

## Link specific information

- ▶ `SD_link_get_name(link)` (non modifiable)
- ▶ `SD_link_get_data(workstation)`
  - ▶ Returns a `(void*)`, has to be casted by the user
  - ▶ Data can be attached at any time: `SD_link_set_data(link, (void*) data)`
- ▶ `SD_link_get_sharing_policy (link)`
  - ▶ May this link cause contention or not

## Route specific information

- ▶ `SD_route_get_size (src_workstation, dst_workstation)`
  - ▶ Returns the number of links on the route between two workstations
- ▶ `SD_route_get_list (src_workstation, dst_workstation)`
  - ▶ Returns the list of links on the route between two workstations

## Exercise 7

- ▶ Use the source code of Exercise 5
- ▶ Load the platform file from Exercise 6
- ▶ Get the number of workstations
- ▶ Get the list of workstations
- ▶ Dump information about each workstation

## Solution to Exercise 7

```
#include "simdag/simdag.h"
#include "xbt.h"

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    unsigned int cpt;
    int nworkstations;
    const SD_workstation_t * workstations;
    SD_task_t task;
    xbt_dynar_t dag;
    SD_init(&argc, argv);

    dag = SD_daxload(argv[1]);

    xbt_dynar_foreach(dag, cpt, task)
        SD_task_dump(task);
    xbt_dynar_foreach(dag, cpt, task)
        SD_task_destroy(task);

    SD_create_environment(argv[2]);
    nworkstations = SD_workstation_get_number();
    workstations = SD_workstation_get_list();
    for (cpt = 0; cpt < nworkstations; cpt++)
        SD_workstation_dump(workstations[cpt]);

    SD_exit();
    return 0;
}
```

# Attach User Data to Workstations

- ▶ This can be useful for scheduling
- ▶ Examples
  - ▶ When is a workstation available to execute a new task?
    - ▶ `double available_at /* a time */`
  - ▶ What is the last task scheduled on a workstation?
    - ▶ `SD_task_t last_scheduled_task`
- ▶ Principle:
  - ▶ Create a data structure comprising all needed information
    - ▶ Allocation and destruction functions
  - ▶ Write access functions (set/get)
    - ▶ Use the `data` field of a workstation (same is true for `SD_task_t`)

```
typedef struct _WorkstationAttribute {
    double available_at;
    SD_task_t last_scheduled_task;
} *WorkstationAttribute;

static double SD_workstation_get_available_at(SD_workstation_t ws) {
    WorkstationAttribute attr = (WorkstationAttribute) SD_workstation_get_data(ws);
    return attr->available_at;
}

static void SD_workstation_set_available_at(SD_workstation_t ws, double time) {
    WorkstationAttribute attr = (WorkstationAttribute) SD_workstation_get_data(ws);
    attr->available_at = time;
    SD_workstation_set_data(ws, attr);
}
```

## Exercise 8

- ▶ Write a `SD_workstation_allocate_attribute` function
  - ▶ Allocate the data structure
  - ▶ Attach it the workstation given as input
- ▶ Write a `SD_workstation_free_attribute` function
  - ▶ Free the data structure
  - ▶ Reset the data field
- ▶ Write the access functions for the `last_scheduled_task` attribute
  - ▶ Use the functions for the `available_at` attribute

## Solution to Exercise 8

```
static void SD_workstation_allocate_attribute(SD_workstation_t ws){
    void *data = calloc(1, sizeof(struct _WorkstationAttribute));
    SD_workstation_set_data(ws, data);
}

static void SD_workstation_free_attribute(SD_workstation_t ws) {
    free(SD_workstation_get_data(ws));
    SD_workstation_set_data(ws, NULL);
}

static SD_task_t SD_workstation_get_last_scheduled_task(SD_workstation_t ws){
    WorkstationAttribute attr = (WorkstationAttribute) SD_workstation_get_data(ws);
    return attr->last_scheduled_task;
}

static void SD_workstation_set_last_scheduled_task(SD_workstation_t ws, SD_task_t task){
    WorkstationAttribute attr = (WorkstationAttribute) SD_workstation_get_data(ws);
    attr->last_scheduled_task=task;
    SD_workstation_set_data(ws, attr);
}
```

- ▶ Get solution in solutions/ex8.c
- ▶ ...and copy the contents in solutions/ex5-7.c

# Agenda

- How to describe DAGs?
- How to Describe Resources?
- How to Write Scheduling Heuristics?
  - General Information
  - A Simple Static Round-Robin Scheduler
  - The Min-Min List Scheduling Algorithm
- Conclusion

# Definition of DAG Scheduling

## Basic principle

- ▶ For each **task**
  - ▶ **Assign** a (set of) resource(s) for execution
  - ▶ Define an **execution order**
- ▶ **Respect** the precedence constraints
  - ▶ A task cannot start before all its predecessors have completed

## Types of scheduling

- ▶ **Offline**
  - ▶ Take all decisions **beforehand** and then simulate
- ▶ **Online**
  - ▶ Take the decisions **as the simulation goes**

# Running the Simulation

## Static Schedules

- ▶ Build the complete schedule **before** running the simulation
  - ▶ Call a `SD_task_schedule*` function for **each** task
- ▶ Then call `SD_simulate(-1.)`
  - ▶ It will stop when all the work has been done
  - ▶ Or if no more tasks are reachable

## Dynamic Schedules

- ▶ Build the schedule **during** the simulation
- ▶ Two options
  - ▶ Hold the simulation every  $X$  seconds to take more decisions: `SD_simulate(X)`
  - ▶ Add **watchpoints** on the state of tasks
    - ▶ `SD_task_watch (task, state)`
    - ▶ The simulation will be hold each time a watch point is reached
    - ▶ For in time when a task goes from `SD_TASK_RUNNING` to `SD_TASK_DONE`
- ▶ This requires to add an outer loop
- ▶ Dynamic rescheduling is possible with `SD_task_unschedule`

## What You Can Get After the Simulation

- ▶ When the task did actually **start**
  - ▶ `SD_task_get_start_time (task)`
- ▶ When the task did actually **finish**
  - ▶ `SD_task_get_finish_time (task)`
- ▶ **How many** workstation were used to execute a task
  - ▶ `SD_task_get_workstation_count (task)`
- ▶ And **which** ones
  - ▶ `SD_task_get_workstation_list (task)`
- ▶ Plot a Gantt chart and analyze performance metrics
  - ▶ Using either Jecure or Pajé built-in instrumentation

# A Simple Static Round-Robin Scheduler

- ▶ When scheduling DAGs
  - ▶ Compute tasks run on one host only
  - ▶ Data transfers are point-to-point communications
- ▶ **Typed tasks** ⇒ Get rid off all the **complexity** of parallel tasks
  - ▶
- ▶ Creation
  - ▶ `compute_task = SD_task_create_comp_seq(name, data, amount)`
  - ▶ `transfer_task = SD_task_create_comm_e2e(name, data, amount)`
- ▶ Scheduling
  - ▶ `SD_task_schedulev(task, workstation_nb, workstation_list)`
  - ▶ `SD_task_schedulel(task, workstation_nb, ...)`
  - ▶ `amount` will be directly used
- ▶ Transfers are **auto-scheduled**

## Exercise 9

- ▶ Start from the solution of exercise 8 in `solutions/ex8.c`
  - ▶ **Important:** Remove the line that destroy all the tasks
- ▶ **Allocate attributes** for each workstation
- ▶ Code the following (dummy) heuristic
  - ▶ For each **compute** task, i.e., whose kind is `SD_TASK_COMP_SEQ`
    - ▶ Schedule it on a workstation in a **round robin** fashion
    - ▶ Update the `last_scheduled_task` attribute
- ▶ Call the main **simulation** function
- ▶ **Print** value of the `last_scheduled_task` attribute, **dump** information and **destroy attributes** for each workstation
- ▶ **Dump** information for and **destroy** each task
- ▶ Print **simulation time**
  - ▶ Use the `SD_get_clock()` function

## Solution to Exercise 9 (1/2)

```
int main(int argc, char **argv){
    unsigned int cpt, cpt2;
    int nworkstations;
    const SD_workstation_t * workstations;
    SD_task_t task;
    xbt_dynar_t dag;

    SD_init(&argc, argv);

    dag = SD_daxload(argv[1]);

    xbt_dynar_foreach(dag, cpt, task)
        SD_task_dump(task);

    SD_create_environment(argv[2]);

    nworkstations = SD_workstation_get_number();
    workstations = SD_workstation_get_list();

    for (cpt = 0; cpt < nworkstations; cpt++){
        SD_workstation_dump(workstations[cpt]);
        SD_workstation_allocate_attribute(workstations[cpt]);
    }

    ...
}
```

## Solution to Exercise 9 (2/2)

```
...
cpt=0;
xbt_dynar_foreach(dag, cpt2, task)
    if (SD_task_get_kind(task) == SD_TASK_COMP_SEQ){
        SD_task_schedule1(task, 1, workstations[cpt]);
        SD_workstation_set_last_scheduled_task(workstations[cpt++], task);
    }
SD_simulate(-1);

for (cpt = 0; cpt < nworkstations; cpt++){
    printf("Last scheduled task on %s is %s\n",
        SD_workstation_get_name(workstations[cpt]),
        SD_task_get_name(SD_workstation_get_last_scheduled_task(workstations[cpt])));
    SD_workstation_dump(workstations[cpt]);
    SD_workstation_free_attribute(workstations[cpt]);
}

xbt_dynar_foreach(dag, cpt, task){
    SD_task_dump(task);
    SD_task_destroy(task);
}
printf("Simulation time: %f seconds\n", SD_get_clock());
SD_exit();
return 0;
}
```

- ▶ Get solution in `solutions/ex9.c`

# A Complete Scheduling Simulator Example

## The Min-Min List Scheduling Algorithm

- ▶ For each ready task
  - ▶ get the workstation that minimizes the completion time
- ▶ select the task that has the minimum completion time on its best workstation
  - ▶ And schedule it there
- ▶ Full code available at  
[\\$SIMGRID\\_HOME/examples/simdag/scheduling/minmin\\_test.c](#)

## What is needed ?

- ▶ Functions to
  - ▶ Estimate the **Earliest Finish Time** of a task on a workstation
  - ▶ Find the workstation that minimizes this EFT
  - ▶ Get the list of ready tasks
- ▶ The main scheduling function
  - ▶ That dynamically take decisions each time a task completes
    - ▶ Thanks to **watchpoints**
    - ▶ Call **SD\_simulate** several times

# Some Useful Prediction Functions

## Sequential Computation and End-to-End Communications

- ▶ `SD_workstation_get_computation_time (workstation, amount)`
- ▶ `SD_route_get_communication_time (src, dst, amount)`
- ▶ These functions **do not** take concurrent executions into account

## Routes and workstations

- ▶ `SD_route_get_current_bandwidth (src, dest)`
- ▶ `SD_route_get_current_latency (src, dest)`
- ▶ `SD_workstation_get_available_power(workstation)`

## [Advanced] Default Parallel Tasks

- ▶ `SD_task_get_execution_time`
  - ▶ Workstation list
  - ▶ Array of computation amounts
  - ▶ Communication matrix
- ▶ `SD_task_get_remaining_amount`
  - ▶ The simulation is hold, how much computation remains for this task?

## Exercise 10

- ▶ Start again from the solution of exercise 8 in `solutions/ex8.c`
  - ▶ **Important:** Remove the line that destroy all the tasks
  - ▶ **Allocate attributes** for each workstation
- ▶ Write a function `double finish_on_at(SD_task_t task, SD_workstation_t workstation)` that
  - ▶ Estimate when the **last incoming data** (if any) may arrive on **workstation**
    - ▶ Got to know the *grand parent* of the task to know the **transfer source**
    - ▶ Got to know the *parent* of the task to know the **transfer size**
  - ▶ Estimate when **task** can actually start
    - ▶ Maximum of arrival of last data and availability time of **workstation**
  - ▶ Estimate the **execution time** of **task** on **workstation**
  - ▶ Add both values and return the result

## Solution to Exercise 10 (1/2)

```
double finish_on_at(SD_task_t task, SD_workstation_t workstation){
    double result, data_available = 0., last_data_available, redistrib_time = 0;
    unsigned int i;
    SD_task_t parent, grand_parent;
    xbt_dynar_t parents, grand_parents;
    SD_workstation_t *grand_parent_workstation_list;

    parents = SD_task_get_parents(task);

    if (!xbt_dynar_is_empty(parents)) {
        last_data_available = -1.0;
        xbt_dynar_foreach(parents, i, parent) {
            if (SD_task_get_kind(parent) == SD_TASK_COMM_E2E) { /* normal case */
                grand_parents = SD_task_get_parents(parent);

                xbt_dynar_get_cpy(grand_parents, 0, &grand_parent);
                grand_parent_workstation_list = SD_task_get_workstation_list(grand_parent);

                /* Estimate the redistribution time from this parent */
                redistrib_time = SD_route_get_communication_time(grand_parent_workstation_list[0],
                                                                workstation, SD_task_get_amount(parent));
                data_available = SD_task_get_finish_time(grand_parent) + redistrib_time;

                xbt_dynar_free_container(&grand_parents);
            }
        }
        ...
    }
}
```

## Solution to Exercise 10 (2/2)

```
...  
  
    if (SD_task_get_kind(parent) == SD_TASK_COMP_SEQ) { /* no transfer: control dep. */  
        data_available = SD_task_get_finish_time(parent);  
    }  
  
    if (last_data_available < data_available)  
        last_data_available = data_available;  
}  
  
xbt_dynar_free_container(&parents);  
  
result = MAX(SD_workstation_get_available_at(workstation), last_data_available) +  
           SD_workstation_get_computation_time(workstation, SD_task_get_amount(task));  
} else {  
    xbt_dynar_free_container(&parents);  
  
    result = SD_workstation_get_available_at(workstation) +  
            SD_workstation_get_computation_time(workstation, SD_task_get_amount(task));  
}  
return result;  
}
```

- ▶ Get source of code of this function in `solutions/ex10.c`

## Exercise 11

- ▶ Write a function `SD_workstation_t SD_task_get_best_workstation(SD_task_t task)` that
  - ▶ For each workstation, estimate the time at which `task` would finish
  - ▶ Keep the workstation that leads to the `minimum` value
  - ▶ Return this workstation
- ▶ Write a function `xbt_dynar_t get_ready_tasks(xbt_dynar_t dag)` that
  - ▶ Create a dynamic array of tasks
  - ▶ Browse the dag and `push` in the array all the tasks that are
    - ▶ A computation
    - ▶ And in the `SD_SCHEDULABLE` state (all `compute ancestors` are `SD_DONE`)
  - ▶ Return the built array

# Solution to Exercise 11

```
SD_workstation_t SD_task_get_best_workstation(SD_task_t task) {
    int i, nworkstations = SD_workstation_get_number();
    double EFT, min_EFT = -1.0;
    const SD_workstation_t *workstations = SD_workstation_get_list();
    SD_workstation_t best_workstation;

    best_workstation = workstations[0];
    min_EFT = finish_on_at(task, workstations[0]);

    for (i = 1; i < nworkstations; i++) {
        EFT = finish_on_at(task, workstations[i]);
        if (EFT < min_EFT){
            min_EFT = EFT; best_workstation = workstations[i];
        }
    }
    return best_workstation;
}

xbt_dynar_t get_ready_tasks(xbt_dynar_t dag) {
    unsigned int i;
    xbt_dynar_t ready_tasks = xbt_dynar_new(sizeof(SD_task_t), NULL);
    SD_task_t task;

    xbt_dynar_foreach(dag, i, task)
        if (SD_task_get_kind(task)==SD_TASK_COMP_SEQ && SD_task_get_state(task)==SD_SCHEDULABLE)
            xbt_dynar_push(ready_tasks, &task);

    return ready_tasks;
}
```

## Exercise 12

- ▶ Start from solutions of `ex8.c`, `ex10.c`, and `ex11.c`
- ▶ Write the `main` function that
  - ▶ Load the environment
    - ▶ Allocate attributes for all workstations
  - ▶ Load the DAG
    - ▶ Add watchpoints on the `SD_DONE` state for all tasks
  - ▶ Schedule the `root` on the `first workstation`
  - ▶ While `SD_simulate` return tasks whose state changed
    - ▶ Get the `ready tasks`, if none exists, just continue
    - ▶ Get their best workstation
    - ▶ Compute their EFT on that workstation
    - ▶ Select the one finishing the earliest
    - ▶ Schedule it
  - ▶ Manage resource dependencies
  - ▶ Do some cleaning

## Solution to Exercise 12 (1/3)

```
int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    unsigned int cursor;
    double finish_time, min_finish_time = -1.0;
    SD_task_t task, selected_task = NULL, last_scheduled_task;
    xbt_dynar_t ready_tasks;
    SD_workstation_t workstation, selected_workstation = NULL;
    int total_nworkstations = 0;
    const SD_workstation_t *workstations = NULL;
    xbt_dynar_t dag, changed;

    SD_init(&argc, argv); /* initialization of SD */

    dag = SD_daxload(argv[1]); /* load the DAX file */

    xbt_dynar_foreach(dag, cursor, task) /* add watchpoint on task completion */
        SD_task_watch(task, SD_DONE);

    SD_create_environment(argv[2]); /* creation of the environment */

    /* Allocating the workstation attribute */
    total_nworkstations = SD_workstation_get_number();
    workstations = SD_workstation_get_list();

    for (cursor = 0; cursor < total_nworkstations; cursor++)
        SD_workstation_allocate_attribute(workstations[cursor]);

    ...
}
```

## Solution to Exercise 12 (2/3)

```
...
/* Schedule the DAX root first */
xbt_dynar_get_cpy(dag, 0, &task);
workstation = SD_task_get_best_workstation(task);
SD_task_schedule1(task, 1, workstation);

while (!xbt_dynar_is_empty((changed = SD_simulate(-1.0)))) {
    /* Get the set of ready tasks */
    ready_tasks = get_ready_tasks(dag);
    if (xbt_dynar_is_empty(ready_tasks)) {
        xbt_dynar_free_container(&ready_tasks);
        xbt_dynar_free_container(&changed);
        continue; /* there is no ready task, let advance the simulation */
    }
    xbt_dynar_foreach(ready_tasks, cursor, task) {
        workstation = SD_task_get_best_workstation(task);
        finish_time = finish_on_at(task, workstation);
        if (min_finish_time == -1. || finish_time < min_finish_time) {
            min_finish_time = finish_time;
            selected_task = task;
            selected_workstation = workstation;
        }
    }
}

SD_task_schedule1(selected_task, 1, selected_workstation);
...
```

## Solution to Exercise 12 (3/3)

```
...
/* Manage resource dependencies */
last_scheduled_task = SD_workstation_get_last_scheduled_task(selected_workstation);
if (last_scheduled_task && (SD_task_get_state(last_scheduled_task) != SD_DONE) &&
    (SD_task_get_state(last_scheduled_task) != SD_FAILED) &&
    !SD_task_dependency_exists(SD_workstation_get_last_scheduled_task(
        selected_workstation), selected_task))
    SD_task_dependency_add("resource", NULL, last_scheduled_task, selected_task);

SD_workstation_set_last_scheduled_task(selected_workstation, selected_task);
SD_workstation_set_available_at(selected_workstation, min_finish_time);

xbt_dynar_free_container(&ready_tasks);
xbt_dynar_free_container(&changed);
min_finish_time = -1.;    /* reset the min_finish_time for the next round */
}
xbt_dynar_foreach(dag, cursor, task)
    SD_task_destroy(task);
xbt_dynar_free_container(&dag);
xbt_dynar_free_container(&changed);

for (cursor = 0; cursor < total_nworkstations; cursor++)
    SD_workstation_free_attribute(workstations[cursor]);

SD_exit();
return 0;
}
```

# Conclusion

- ▶ This tutorial gives examples of the basic usage of most SimDag function
  - ▶ You should be able to code your own simulator now!
- ▶ Where to find more information on SimDag
  - ▶ in `$SIMGRID_HOME/examples/simdag`
  - ▶ in the contrib section of SimGrid
    - ▶ A set of implementations of classical DAG scheduling algorithms
    - ▶ `svn co svn://scm.gforge.inria.fr/svn/simgrid/contrib/trunk/DAGSched`
- ▶ Feel free to contribute to SimDag and the contrib section
  - ▶ And to ask questions on `simgrid-user@lists.gforge.inria.fr`