

## Synchronization

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## Synchronization: Critical Sections & Semaphores

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## The Critical Section Problem: Example 1

```

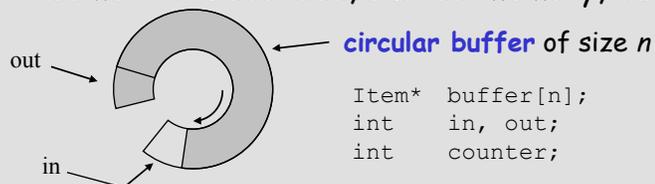
void echo() {
    input(in, keyboard);
    out := in;
    output(out, display);
}
char in; /* shared variables */
char out;
    
```

	Thread 1	Thread 2
Operation	<b>echo()</b>	<b>echo()</b>
Interleaved execution	... <b>input</b> (in, keyboard); out = in; ...	... ... ...
	... ... ...	<b>input</b> (in, keyboard); out = in; <b>output</b> (out, display);
	<b>output</b> (out, display);	...

**Race condition !**

## The Critical Section Problem: Example 2

Producer-Consumer with bounded, shared-memory, buffer.



**Producer:**

```

void deposit(Item * next) {
    while (counter == n) no_op;
    buffer[in] = next;
    in = (in+1) MOD n;
    counter = counter + 1;
}
    
```

**Consumer:**

```

Item * remove() {
    while (counter == 0) no_op;
    next = buffer[out];
    out = (out+1) MOD n;
    counter = counter - 1;
    return next;
}
    
```

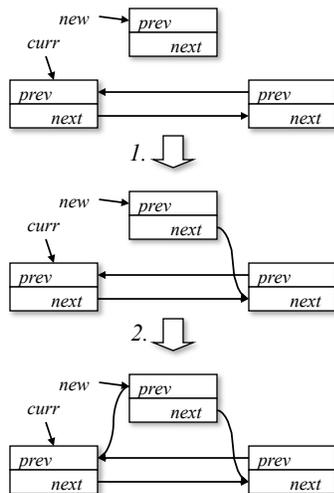
## This Implementation is not Correct!

	Producer	Consumer
Operation	<code>counter = counter+1;</code>	<code>counter = counter-1;</code>
on CPU	<code>reg<sub>1</sub> = counter;</code> <code>reg<sub>1</sub> = reg<sub>1</sub> + 1;</code> <code>counter = reg<sub>1</sub>;</code>	<code>reg<sub>2</sub> = counter;</code> <code>reg<sub>2</sub> = reg<sub>2</sub> - 1;</code> <code>counter = reg<sub>2</sub>;</code>
Interleaved execution	<code>reg<sub>1</sub> = counter;</code> <code>reg<sub>1</sub> = reg<sub>1</sub> + 1;</code>	
		<code>reg<sub>2</sub> = counter;</code> <code>reg<sub>2</sub> = reg<sub>2</sub> - 1;</code>
	<code>counter = reg<sub>1</sub>;</code>	
		<code>counter = reg<sub>2</sub>;</code>

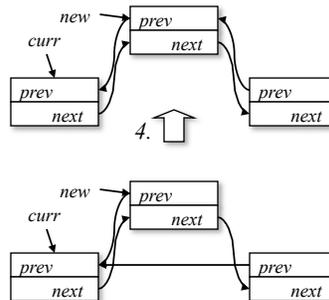
Race condition !

## Critical Section Problem: Example 3

Insertion of an element into a list.



```
void insert(new, curr) {
    /*1*/ new.next = curr.next;
    /*2*/ new.prev = curr;
    /*3*/ curr.next = new;
    /*4*/ new.next.prev = new;
}
```



## Interleaved Execution causes Errors!

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<p><b>Thread 1</b></p> <pre> new1.next = curr.next; new1.prev = curr; ... ... ... curr.next = new1; new1.next.prev = new1;                     </pre>	<p><b>Thread 2</b></p> <pre> ... ... new2.next = curr.next; new2.prev = curr; curr.next = new2; new2.next.prev = new2; ... ...                     </pre>
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**Must guarantee mutually exclusive access to list data structure!**

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## Critical Sections

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- Execution of **critical section** by threads must be **mutually exclusive**.
- Typically due to manipulation of shared variables.
- Need protocol to **enforce mutual exclusion**.

```
while (TRUE) {  
    enter section;  
    critical section;  
    exit section;  
    remainder section;  
}
```

## Criteria for a Solution of the C.S. Problem

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1. **Only one** thread at a time can enter the critical section.
  2. A thread that halts **in non-critical section** cannot prevent other processes from entering the critical section.
  3. A thread requesting to enter a critical section should **not be delayed indefinitely**.
  4. When no thread is in a critical section, any thread that requests to enter the critical section should be permitted to **enter without delay**.
  5. Make no assumptions about the relative speed of processors (or their number).
  6. A thread remains within a critical section for a finite time only.
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## A (Wrong) Solution to the C.S. Problem

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- Two threads  $T_0$  and  $T_1$
- `int turn; /* turn == i :  $T_i$  is allowed to enter c.s. */`

```
 $T_i$ : while (TRUE) {  
    while (turn != i) no_op;  
    critical section;  
    turn = j;  
    remainder section;  
}
```

## Another Wrong Solution (check & set)

```
bool flag[2]; /* initialize to FALSE */
/* flag[i] == TRUE : Ti intends to enter c.s.*/
```

```
Ti: while (TRUE) {
    while (flag[j]) no_op;
    flag[i] = TRUE;

    critical section;

    flag[i] = FALSE;

    remainder section;
}
```

## Yet Another Wrong Solution (set & check)

```
bool flag[2]; /* initialize to FALSE */
/* flag[i] == TRUE : Ti intends to enter c.s.*/
```

```
Ti: while (TRUE) {
    flag[i] = TRUE;
    while (flag[j]) no_op;

    critical section;

    flag[i] = FALSE;

    remainder section;
}
```

## A Combined Solution (Petersen)

```
int turn;
bool flag[2]; /* initialize to FALSE */
```

```
Ti: while (TRUE) {
    flag[i] = TRUE;
    turn = j;
    while (flag[j]) && (turn == j) no_op;

    critical section;

    flag[i] = FALSE;

    remainder section;
}
```

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## Hardware Support For Synchronization

- Approach 1: **Disallow interrupts**
  - simplicity
  - widely used
  - problem: interrupt service latency
  - problem: what about multiprocessors?
  
- Better Approach: **Atomic operations**
  - Operations that check and modify memory areas **in a single step** (i.e. operation can not be interrupted)
    - **Test-And-Set**
    - **Exchange, Swap, Compare-And-Swap**

## Test-And-Set

```

bool TestAndSet(bool & var) {
    bool temp;
    temp = var;
    var = TRUE;
    return temp;
}

```

atomic!

Mutual Exclusion with  
Test-And-Set →

```

bool lock; /* init to FALSE */
while (TRUE) {
    while (TestAndSet(lock)) no_op;

    critical section;

    lock = FALSE;

    remainder section;
}

```

## Exchange (Swap)

```
void Exchange(bool & a, bool & b){
```

```
    bool temp;
    temp = a;
    a     = b;
    b     = temp;
}
```

↑  
atomic!  
↓

Mutual Exclusion with  
Exchange →

```
bool lock; /*init to FALSE */
```

```
while (TRUE) {
```

```
    dummy = TRUE;
    do Exchange(lock, dummy);
    while (dummy);
```

```
    critical section;
```

```
    lock = FALSE;
```

```
    remainder section;
```

```
}
```

## Compare-And-Swap

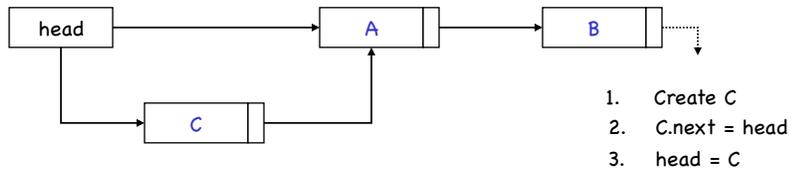
```
bool Compare&Swap (Type * x, Type old, Type new) {
    if *x == old {
        *x = new;
        return TRUE;
    } else {
        return FALSE
    }
}
```

↑  
atomic!  
↓

## Some Fun with Compare-and-Swap: Lock-Free Concurrent Data Structures

Example: **Shared Stack**

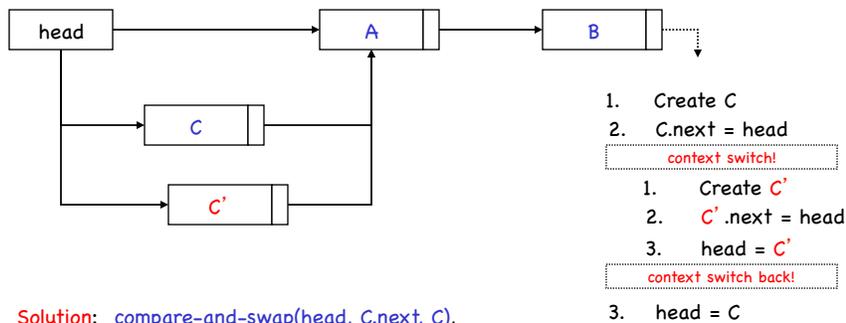
PUSH element **C** onto stack:



## Some Fun with Compare-and-Swap: Lock-Free Concurrent Data Structures

Example: **Shared Stack**

PUSH element **C** onto stack: **What can go wrong?!**



**Solution:** compare-and-swap(head, C.next, C),  
i.e. compare and swap head, new value C, and expected value C.next.  
If fails, go back to step 2.

## Simple Locking in POSIX: Mutex Locks

```
#include <pthread.h>

int pthread_mutex_init(pthread_mutex_t * mutex,
                      const pthread_mutexattr_t * attr);
```

```
pthread_mutex_t mutex = PTHREAD_MUTEX_INITIALIZER;
```

**EAGAIN:** System lacks non-memory resources to initialize \*mutex  
**ENOMEM:** System lacks memory resources to initialize \*mutex  
**EPERM:** Caller does not have appropriate privileges

```
int pthread_mutex_destroy(pthread_mutex_t *mutex);
```

```
int pthread_mutex_lock(pthread_mutex_t *mutex);
int pthread_mutex_trylock(pthread_mutex_t *mutex);
int pthread_mutex_unlock(pthread_mutex_t *mutex);
```

**EINVAL:** mutex configured with priority-ceiling on, and caller's priority is higher than mutex's current priority ceiling.  
**EBUSY:** another thread holds the lock (returned to mutex\_trylock)

## Mutex Locks: Operations

- Use mutex locks to: **preserve critical sections** or **obtain exclusive access** to resources.

```
pthread_mutex_t mylock = PTHREAD_MUTEX_INITIALIZER;

pthread_mutex_lock(&mylock);
/* critical section */
pthread_mutex_unlock(&mylock);
```

- **Hold mutexes for short periods of time only!**
- “Short periods”?!
  - For example, changes to shared data structures.
- Use **Condition Variables** (see later) when waiting for events!

## Uses for Mutex Locks: Unsafe Library Functions

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Def: **Thread-safe** function: Exhibits no race conditions in multithreaded environment.

- Many library functions are not thread-safe!
- Can be made thread-safe with mutexes.

```
#include <pthread.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

static pthread_mutex_t lock = PTHREAD_MUTEX_INITIALIZER;

int randsafe(int * result) {
    int error;

    if (error = pthread_mutex_lock(&lock))
        return error;
    *result = rand();
    return pthread_mutex_unlock(&lock);
}
```

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## Semaphores

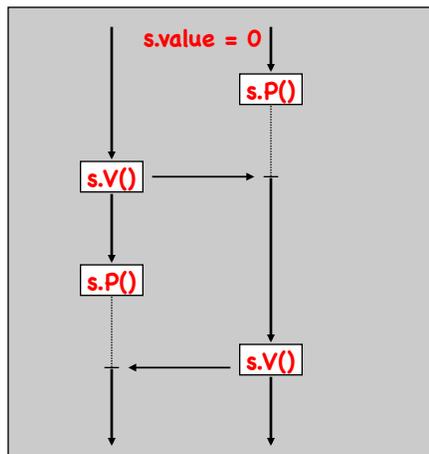
A Semaphore variable has two operations:

```
Semaphore::P();
/* Decrement value of semaphore by 1. If the value becomes
negative, the thread invoking the P operation is blocked. */
```

```
Semaphore::V();
/* Increment value of semaphore by 1. If value is not
positive, then a thread blocked by a P() is unblocked*/
```

## Effect of Semaphores

- Synchronization using semaphores:



- Mutual Exclusion with semaphores:

```
Semaphore s(1);
/* init to 1 */

while (TRUE) {
    s.P();

    critical section;

    s.V();

    remainder section;
}
```

## Implementation (with busy waiting)

• **Lock (“Mutex”) Semaphore:**

```
class Mutex {
    bool lock = FALSE; // shared

    Lock() {
        dummy = TRUE; // on stack
        do exchange(lock, dummy);
        while (dummy == TRUE);
    }

    Unlock() {
        lock = FALSE;
    }
};
```

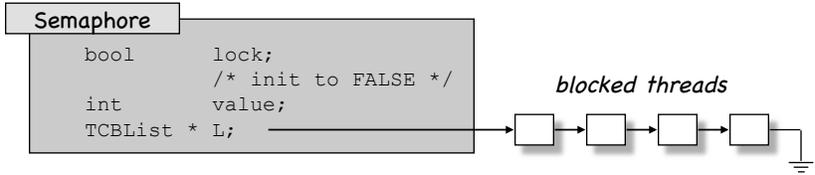
• **General Semaphore:**

```
class Semaphore {
    Mutex mutex /*FALSE*/
    Mutex delay /*TRUE*/
    int value = 0; // set in init

    P() {
        mutex.Lock();
        value--;
        if (value < 0)
            { mutex.Unlock(); delay.Lock(); }
        else mutex.Unlock();
    }

    V() {
        mutex.Lock();
        value++;
        if (value <= 0) delay.Unlock();
        mutex.Unlock();
    }
};
```

## Implementation (“without” busy waiting)



```
P() {
    while (TestAndSet(lock))
        no_op;
    value--;
    if (value < 0) {
        append(this_thread, s->L);
        lock = FALSE;
        sleep();
    } else {
        lock = FALSE;
    }
}
```

```
V() {
    while (TestAndSet(lock))
        no_op;
    value++;
    if (value <= 0) {
        PCB * p = remove(L);
        wakeup(p);
    }
    lock = FALSE;
}
```

## Semaphores POSIX Style?

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- We will talk about this later...
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## Classical Problems: Producer-Consumer

```
Semaphore n(0);      /* initialized to 0 */
Semaphore mutex(1); /* initialized to 1 */
```

### Producer:

```
while (TRUE) {
    produce item;
    mutex.P();
    deposit item;
    mutex.V();
    n.V();
}
```

### Consumer:

```
while (TRUE) {
    n.P();
    mutex.P();
    remove item;
    mutex.V();
    consume item;
}
```

## Classical Problems: Producer-Consumer with Bounded Buffer

```
Semaphore full(0); /* initialized to 0 */
Semaphore empty(n); /* initialized to n */
Semaphore mutex(1); /* initialized to 1 */
```

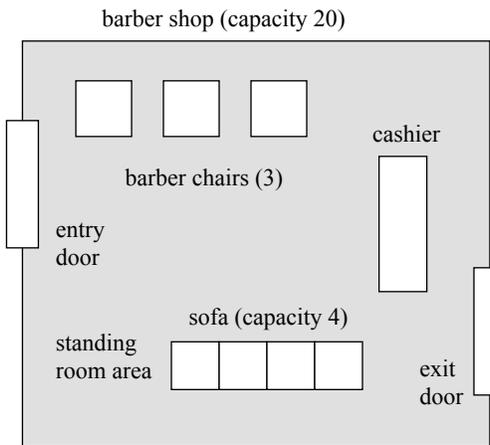
### Producer:

```
while (TRUE) {
    produce item;
    empty.P();
    mutex.P();
    deposit item;
    mutex.V();
    full.V();
}
```

### Consumer:

```
while (TRUE) {
    full.P();
    mutex.P();
    remove item;
    mutex.V();
    empty.V();
    consume item;
}
```

## Classical Problems: The Barbershop



```

Semaphore * max_capacity;
/* init to 20 */
Semaphore * sofa;
/* init to 4 */
Semaphore * barber_chair;
/* init to 3 */
Semaphore * coord;
/* init to 3 */
Semaphore * cust_ready;
/* init to 0 */
Semaphore * finished;
/* init to 0 */
Semaphore * leave_b_chair;
/* init to 0 */
Semaphore * payment;
/* init to 0 */
Semaphore * receipt;
/* init to 0 */
    
```

## The Barbershop (cont)

Process *customer*:

```

P(max_capacity);
<enter_shop>
P(sofa);
<sit_on_sofa>
P(barber_chair);
<get_up_from_sofa>
V(sofa);
<sit_in_barber_chair>
V(cust_ready);
P(finished);
<leave_barber_chair>
V(leave_b_chair);
<pay>
V(payment);
P(receipt);
<exit_shop>
V(max_capacity);
    
```

Process *cashier*:

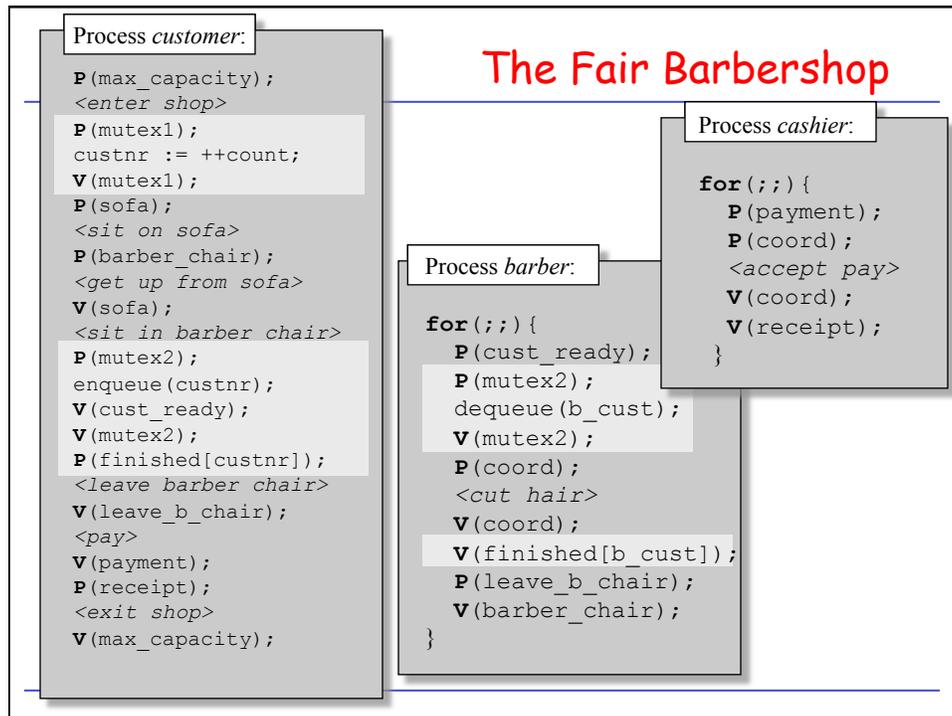
```

for(;;){
    P(payment);
    P(coord);
    <accept_pay>
    V(coord);
    V(receipt);
}
    
```

Process *barber*:

```

for(;;){
    P(cust_ready);
    P(coord);
    <cut_hair>
    V(coord);
    V(finished);
    P(leave_b_chair);
    V(barber_chair);
}
    
```



## Classical Problems: Readers/Writers

- Multiple **readers** can access data element **concurrently**.
- **Writers** access data element **exclusively**.

```

Semaphore * mutex, * wrt; /* initialized to 1 */
int nreaders; /* initialized to 0 */

```

### Reader:

```

P(mutex);
nreaders = nreaders + 1;
if (nreaders == 1) P(wrt);
V(mutex);

do the reading ....

P(mutex);
nreaders = nreaders - 1;
if (nreaders = 0) V(wrt);
V(mutex);

```

### Writer:

```

P(wrt);

do the writing ...

V(wrt);

```

## Reader/Writer Locks in POSIX: RWLocks

- R/W locks differentiate between exclusive (write) and shared (read) access.
- Reader vs. writer priority not specified in POSIX.

```
#include <pthread.h>
```

```
int pthread_rwlock_init( pthread_rwlock_t * rwlock,
                        const pthread_rwlockattr_t * attr);
```

```
EAGAIN: System lacks non-memory resources to initialize *rwlock
ENOMEM: Yada ... Yada ...
```

```
int pthread_rwlock_destroy(pthread_rwlock_t *rwlock);
```

```
int pthread_rwlock_rdlock (pthread_rwlock_t *rwlock);
int pthread_rwlock_tryrdlock(pthread_rwlock_t *rwlock);
int pthread_rwlock_wrlock (pthread_rwlock_t *rwlock);
int pthread_rwlock_trywrlock(pthread_rwlock_t *rwlock);
int pthread_rwlock_unlock (pthread_rwlock_t *rwlock);
```

## R/W Lock Example: Vanilla Shared Container

```
/* shared variable */
static pthread_rwlock_t listlock;
static int lockiniterror = 0;
```

```
int init_container(void){
    return pthread_rwlock_init(&listlock, NULL)
}
```

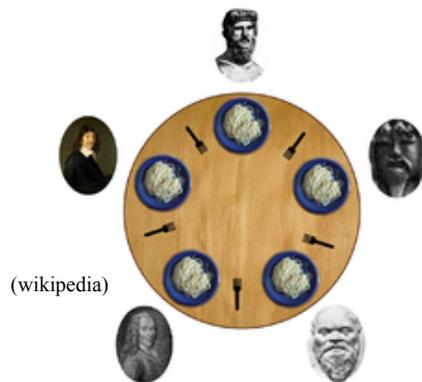
```
/* add an item */
int add_data_r(data_t data, key_t key) {
    int error;
    if (error = pthread_rwlock_wrlock(&listlock)) {
        errno = error;
        return -1;
    }
    add_data(data, key);
    if (error = pthread_rwlock_unlock(&listlock)) {
        errno = error;
        error = -1;
    }
    return error;
}
```

## R/W Lock Example: Vanilla Shared Container

```
/* shared variable */  
static pthread_rwlock_t listlock;  
static int lockiniterror = 0;
```

```
/* add an item */  
int get_data_r(key_t key, data_t * datap) {  
    int error;  
    if (error = pthread_rwlock_rdlock(&listlock)) {  
        errno = error;  
        return -1;  
    }  
    get_data(key, datap);  
    if (error = pthread_rwlock_unlock(&listlock)) {  
        errno = error;  
        error = -1;  
    }  
    return error;  
}
```

## In-Class Practice: Dining Philosopher's Problem



```
for(ever) {  
    <think>  
    <eat>  
}
```

## In-Class Practice: Dining Savages Problem

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- A tribe of savages eats communal dinners from a large pot that can hold  $M$  servings of stewed missionary. When a savage wants to eat, he/she helps him/herself from the pot, unless the pot is empty. If the pot is empty, the savage wakes up the cook and then waits until the cook has refilled the pot.
  - Any number of savage threads run the following code:

```
for(;;) { /* loop forever */
    getServingsFromPot();
    eat();
}
```
  - One cook thread runs this code:

```
for(;;) { /* forever cooking and serving */
    putServingsInPot(M);
}
```
- 

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## Higher-Level Synchronization Primitives: Monitors

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- Semaphores as the “GOTO” among the synchronization primitives.
    - very powerful, but tricky to use.
  - Need higher-abstraction primitives, for example:
    - Monitors
    - **synchronized** primitive in JAVA
    - Protected Objects (Ada95)
    - Conditional Critical Regions
    - ...
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## Monitors (Hoare / Brinch Hansen, 1973)

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Local variables accessible only through monitor's procedures.

Threads can enter monitor only by invoking monitor procedures.

**Only one thread can be active in monitor at any given time.**

- Safe and effective sharing of data structures among several threads.
  - Monitors can be modules, or classes, or objects.
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## Monitors (Hoare / Brinch Hansen, 1973)

- Additional synchronization through **conditions** (similar to semaphores)

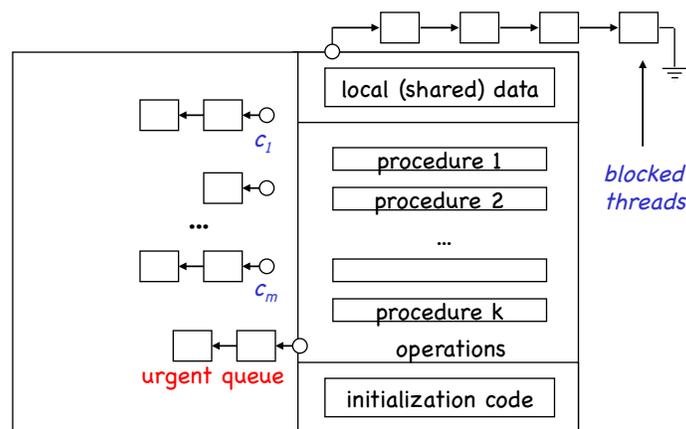
**Condition c;**

**c.wait()** : suspend execution of calling process and enqueue it on condition **c**. The monitor now is available for other processes.

**c.signal()** : resume a process enqueued on **c**. If none is enqueued, do nothing.

- **cwait/csignal** different from P/V: **cwait** always waits, **csignal** does nothing if nobody waits.

## Structure of Monitor



## Example: Mutex Lock

```

monitor MutexLock{

    bool        locked; /* Initialize to FALSE */
    condition  idle;

    entry void Lock() {
        if (locked) idle.cwait();
        locked = TRUE;
    }

    entry void Unlock() {
        locked = FALSE;
        idle.csignal();
    }
}

```

## Example: Bounded Buffer Producer/Consumer

```

monitor BoundedBuffer {
    Item    buffer[N];    /* buffer has N items */
    int    nextin;        /* init to 0 */
    int    nextout;       /* init to 0 */
    int    count;         /* init to 0 */
    condition notfull;    /* for synchronization */
    condition notempty;
}

```

```

void deposit(Item x) {
    if (count == N)
        notfull.cwait();
    buffer[nextin] = x;
    nextin = nextin + 1 mod N;
    count = count + 1;
    notempty.csignal();
}

```

```

void remove(Item & x) {
    if (count == 0)
        notempty.cwait();
    x = buffer[nextout];
    nextout = nextout + 1 mod N;
    count = count - 1;
    notfull.csignal();
}

```

## Incorrect Implementation of Readers/Writers

```

monitor ReaderWriter{
  int numberOfReaders = 0;
  int numberOfWriters = 0;
  boolean busy = FALSE;

  /* READERS */
  procedure startRead() {
    while (numberOfWriters != 0);
    numberOfReaders = numberOfReaders + 1;
  }
  procedure finishRead() {
    numberOfReaders = numberOfReaders - 1;
  }

  /* WRITERS */
  procedure startWrite() {
    numberOfWriters = numberOfWriters + 1;
    while (busy || (numberOfReaders > 0));
    busy = TRUE;
  };
  procedure finishWrite() {
    numberOfWriters = numberOfWriters - 1;
    busy = FALSE;
  };
};

```

## A Correct Implementation

```

monitor ReaderWriter{
  int numberOfReaders = 0;
  int numberOfWriters = 0;
  boolean busy = FALSE;
  condition okToRead, okToWrite;

  /* READERS */
  procedure startRead() {
    if (busy || (okToWrite.lqueue)) okToRead.wait;
    numberOfReaders = numberOfReaders + 1;
    okToRead.signal;
  }
  procedure finishRead() {
    numberOfReaders = numberOfReaders - 1;
    if (numberOfReaders = 0) okToWrite.signal;
  }

  /* WRITERS */
  procedure startWrite() {
    if (busy || (numberOfReaders > 0)) okToWrite.wait;
    busy = TRUE;
  };
  procedure finishWrite() {
    busy = FALSE;
    if (okToWrite.lqueue) okToWrite.signal;
    else okToRead.signal;
  };
};

```

## Monitors: Issues, Problems

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- What happens when the `x.csignal()` operation invoked by process P wakes up a suspended process Q?
    - Q waits until P leaves monitor?
    - P waits until Q leaves monitor?
    - `csignal()` vs `cnotify()`
  - Nested monitor call problem.
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## Monitors JAVA-Style: synchronized

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- **Critical sections:**
    - `synchronized` statement
  - **Synchronized methods:**
    - Only one thread can be in any synchronized method of an object at any given time.
    - Realized by having a single lock (also called `monitor`) per object.
  - **Synchronized static methods:**
    - One lock per class.
  - **Synchronized blocks:**
    - Finer granularity possible using `synchronized blocks`
    - Can use lock of any object to define critical section.
  - **Additional synchronization:**
    - `wait()`, `notify()`, `notifyAll()`
    - Realized as methods for all objects
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## Java Synchronized Methods: vanilla Bounded Buffer Producer/Consumer

```
public class BoundedBuffer {
    Object[] buffer;
    int     nextin;
    int     nextout;
    int     size;
    int     count;
}
```

```
synchronized public void deposit(Object x) {
    if (count == size) nextin.wait();
    buffer[nextin] = x;
    nextin = (nextin+1) mod N;
    count = count + 1;
    nextout.notify();
}
```

```
public BoundedBuffer(int n) {
    size = n;
    buffer = new Object[size];
    nextin = 0;
    nextout = 0;
    count = 0;
}
```

```
synchronized public Object remove() {
    Object x;
    if (count == 0) nextout.wait();
    x = buffer[nextout];
    nextout = (nextout+1) mod N;
    count = count - 1;
    nextin.notify();
    return x;
}
```

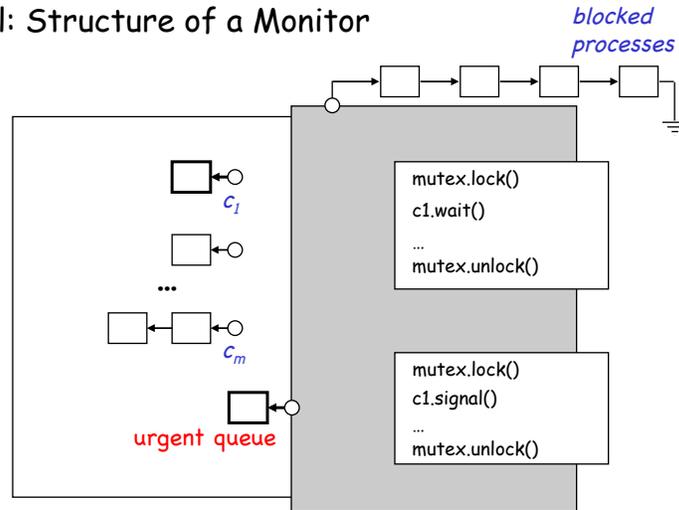
## Example: Synchronized Block

(D. Flanagan, *JAVA in a Nutshell*)

```
public static void SortIntArray(int[] a) {
    // Sort array a. This is synchronized so that
    // some other thread cannot change elements of
    // the array or traverse the array while we are
    // sorting it.
    // At least no other thread that protects their
    // accesses to the array with synchronized.
    // do some non-critical stuff here...
    synchronized (a) {
        // do the array sort here.
    }
    // do some other non-critical stuff here...
}
```

## Monitors POSIX-Style: Condition Variables

Recall: Structure of a Monitor



## POSIX Condition Variables

```
int pthread_cond_wait(pthread_cond_t * cond,
                     pthread_mutex_t * mutex);
```

The `pthread_cond_wait()` function atomically unlocks the `mutex` argument and waits on the `cond` argument. Before returning control to the calling function, `pthread_cond_wait()` re-acquires the `mutex`.

```
int pthread_cond_signal(pthread_cond_t *cond);
```

The `pthread_cond_signal()` function unblocks one thread waiting for the condition variable `cond`.

## Example: Thread-Safe Barrier Locks

```

/* shared variables */
static pthread_cond_t bcond = PTHREAD_COND_INITIALIZER;
static pthread_mutex_t bmutex = PTHREAD_MUTEX_INITIALIZER;
static int count = 0; /* how many threads are waiting? */
static int limit = 0;

```

```

/* initialize the barrier */
int initbarrier(int n) {

    pthread_mutex_lock(&bmutex)

    if (limit != 0) { /* don't initialize barrier twice! */
        pthread_mutex_unlock(&bmutex);
        return EINVAL;
    }
    limit = n;

    pthread_mutex_unlock(&bmutex);
    return 0;
}

```

This code does no error checking!

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/* wait at barrier until all n threads arrive */
int waitbarrier(void) {

    pthread_mutex_lock(&bmutex)

    if (limit <= 0) { /* barrier not initialized?! */
        pthread_mutex_unlock(&bmutex);
        return EINVAL;
    }
    count++;
    while (count < limit)
        pthread_cond_wait(&bcond, &bmutex);
    /* wake up everybody */
    pthread_cond_broadcast(&bcond);

    pthread_mutex_unlock(&bmutex);

    return 0;
}

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```

/* initialize the barrier */
int initbarrier(int n) {
    int error;
    if (error = pthread_mutex_lock(&bmutex))
        return error;
    if (limit != 0) { /* don't initialize barrier twice! */
        pthread_mutex_unlock(&bmutex);
        return EINVAL;
    }
    limit = n;
    return pthread_mutex_unlock(&bmutex);
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```

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/* wait at barrier until all n threads arrive */
int waitbarrier(void) {
    int berror = 0;
    int error;
    if (error = pthread_mutex_lock(&bmutex))
        return error;
    if (limit <= 0) { /* barrier not initialized?! */
        pthread_mutex_unlock(&bmutex);
        return EINVAL;
    }
    count++;
    while ((count < limit) && !berror)
        berror = pthread_cond_wait(&bcond, &bmutex);
    if (!berror) /* wake up everybody */
        berror = pthread_cond_broadcast(&bcond);
    error = pthread_mutex_unlock(&bmutex);
    if (berror)
        return berror;
    return error;
}

```

## Timed Wait on Condition Variables

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```
#include <pthread.h>

int pthread_cond_timedwait(    pthread_cond_t * cond,
                              pthread_mutex_t * mutex,
                              const struct timespec * abstime);
```

Example - wait for 5 sec:

```
pthread_mutex_lock(&mutex);
clock_gettime(CLOCK_REALTIME, &ts);
ts.tv_sec += 5;

rc = pthread_cond_timedwait(&cond, &mutex, &ts);
if (rc == ETIMEDOUT)
    printf("wait timed out!");
```