


TCSS 422: OPERATING SYSTEMS

Condition Variables, Concurrency Problems

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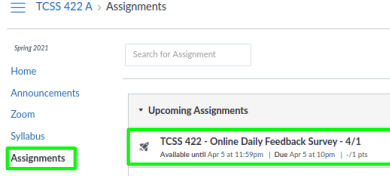
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Quiz Instructions

Question 1 0.5 pts

On a scale of 1 to 10, please classify your perspective on material covered in today's class:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Mostly Review to Me				Equal New and Review					Mostly New to Me

Question 2 0.5 pts

Please rate the pace of today's class:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
slow			Just right						fast

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MATERIAL / PACE

- Please classify your perspective on material covered in today's class (24 respondents):
- 1-mostly review, 5-equal new/review, 10-mostly new
- **Average – 5.81 (no change - previous 5.81)**
- Please rate the pace of today's class:
- 1-slow, 5-just right, 10-fast
- **Average – 5.40 (↓ - previous 5.46)**

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FEEDBACK

- **Assignment 1 FAQ - Discussion Forum**
- Posted on CANVAS at:
https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1484473/discussion_topics/6763128
- Responses to several questions posted

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TUTORIAL 2

- Pthread Tutorial
- Practice using:
 - pthreads
 - Locks
 - Condition variables
- Generate and visualize prime number generation in parallel
- To be posted in next couple of days

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CHAPTER 30 – CONDITION VARIABLES

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CONDITION VARIABLES

- There are many cases where a thread wants to wait for another thread before proceeding with execution
- Consider when a precondition must be fulfilled before it is meaningful to proceed ...

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CONDITION VARIABLES - 2



- Support a signaling mechanism to alert threads when preconditions have been satisfied
- Eliminate busy waiting
- Alert one or more threads to "consume" a result, or respond to state changes in the application
- Threads are placed on **(FIFO) queue** to **WAIT** for signals
- Signal**: wakes one thread (thread waiting longest)
broadcast wakes all threads (ordering by the OS)

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CONDITION VARIABLES - 3

- Condition variable**

```
pthread_cond_t c;
```

 - Requires initialization
- Condition API calls**

```
pthread_cond_wait(pthread_cond_t *c, pthread_mutex_t *m); // wait()
pthread_cond_signal(pthread_cond_t *c); // signal()
```
- wait() accepts a mutex parameter**
 - Releases lock, puts thread to sleep, thread added to FIFO queue
- signal()**
 - Wakes up thread, awakening thread acquires lock

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CONDITION VARIABLES - QUESTIONS

- Why would we want to put waiting threads on a queue? why not use a stack?**
 - Queue (FIFO), Stack (LIFO)
- Why do we want to not busily wait for the lock to become available?**
 - Using condition variables eliminates busy waiting by putting threads to "sleep" and yielding the CPU.
- A program has 10-threads, where 9 threads are waiting. The working thread finishes and broadcasts that the lock is available. **What happens next?**
 - All threads woken up in FIFO order - based on when started to wait

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MATRIX GENERATOR

Matrix generation example

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 signal.c

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MATRIX GENERATOR

- The worker thread produces a matrix
 - Matrix stored using shared global pointer
- The main thread consumes the matrix
 - Calculates the average element
 - Display the matrix
- What would happen if we don't use a condition variable to coordinate exchange of the lock?
- Example program: "nosignal.c"

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ATTEMPT TO USE CONDITION VARIABLE WITHOUT A WHILE STATEMENT

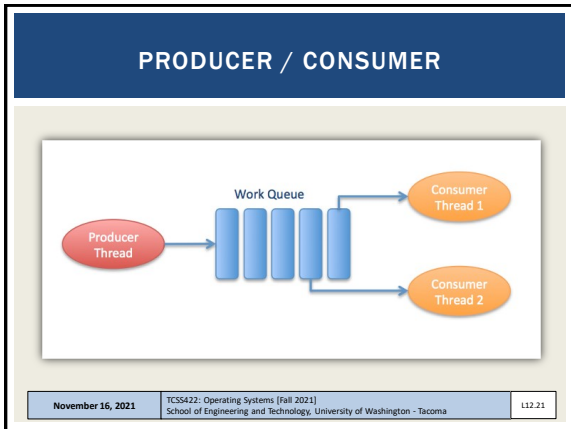
```

1  void thr_exit() {           ← Child calls
2      done = 1;
3      pthread_cond_signal(&c);
4  }
5
6  void thr_join() {         ← Parent calls
7      if (done == 0)
8          pthread_cond_wait(&c);
9  }
```

- Subtle race condition introduced
- Parent** thread calls **thr_join()** and executes comparison (line 7)
- Context switches to the child
- The **child** runs **thr_exit()** and signals the parent, but the parent is not waiting yet. (*parent has not reached line 8*)
- The signal is lost !**
- The parent deadlocks

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PRODUCER / CONSUMER

- Producer**
 - Produces items – e.g. child the makes matrices
 - Places them in a buffer
 - Example: the buffer size is only 1 element (single array pointer)
- Consumer**
 - Grabs data out of the buffer
 - Our example: parent thread receives dynamically generated matrices and performs an operation on them
 - Example: calculates average value of every element (integer)
- Multithreaded web server example
 - Http requests placed into work queue; threads process

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PRODUCER / CONSUMER - 2

- Producer / Consumer is also known as **Bounded Buffer**
- Bounded buffer
 - Similar to piping output from one Linux process to another
 - grep pthread signal.c | wc -l
 - Synchronized access: sends output from grep → wc as it is produced
 - File stream

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PUT/GET ROUTINES

- Buffer is a one element shared data structure (int)
- Producer "puts" data, Consumer "gets" data
- "Bounded Buffer" shared data structure requires **synchronization**

```

1  int buffer;
2  int count = 0; // initially, empty
3
4  void put(int value) {
5      assert(count <= 0);
6      count = 1;
7      buffer = value;
8  }
9
10 int get() {
11     assert(count >= 1);
12     count = 0;
13     return buffer;
14 }
```

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PRODUCER / CONSUMER - 3

- Producer adds data
- Consumer removes data (busy waiting)
- Without synchronization:**
 - Producer Function
 - Consumer Function

```

1 void *producer(void *arg) {
2     int i;
3     int loops = (int) arg;
4     for (i = 0; i < loops; i++) {
5         put(i);
6     }
7 }
8
9 void *consumer(void *arg) {
10    int i;
11    while (1) {
12        int tmp = get(i);
13        printf("%d\n", tmp);
14    }
15 }
    
```

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PRODUCER / CONSUMER - 3

- The shared data structure needs synchronization!

```

1 cond_t cond;
2 mutex_t mutex;
3
4 void *producer(void *arg) {
5     int i;
6     for (i = 0; i < loops; i++) {
7         pthread_mutex_lock(&mutex);
8         if (count == 1)
9             pthread_cond_wait(&cond, &mutex);
10        put(i);
11        pthread_cond_signal(&cond);
12        pthread_mutex_unlock(&mutex);
13    }
14 }
15
16 void *consumer(void *arg) {
17    int i;
18    for (i = 0; i < loops; i++) {
19        pthread_mutex_lock(&mutex);
    
```

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PRODUCER/CONSUMER - 4

```

20 if (count == 0)
21     pthread_cond_wait(&cond, &mutex);
22 int tmp = get(i);
23 pthread_cond_signal(&cond);
24 pthread_mutex_unlock(&mutex);
25 printf("%d\n", tmp);
26 }
27 }
    
```

- This code as-is works with just:
 - Producer
 - Consumer
- PROBLEM:** no while. If thread wakes up it **MUST** execute
- If we scale to (2+) consumer's it fails
 - How can it be fixed ?

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EXECUTION TRACE: NO WHILE, 1 PRODUCER, 2 CONSUMERS

Two threads

T _{c1}	State	T _{c2}	State	T _p	State	Count	Comment	
c1	Running				Ready	0		
c2	Running				Ready	0		
c3	Sleep				Ready	0	Nothing to get	
	Sleep				p1	Running	0	
	Sleep				p2	Running	0	
	Sleep				p4	Running	1	Buffer now full
	Ready				p5	Running	1	T _{c1} awoken
	Ready				p6	Running	1	
	Ready				p1	Running	1	
	Ready				p2	Running	1	
	Ready				p3	Sleep	1	Buffer full: sleep
	Ready	c1	Running		Sleep	1	T _{c2} sneaks in ...	
	Ready	c2	Running		Sleep	1		
	Ready	c4	Running		Sleep	0	...and grabs data	
	Ready	c5	Running		Ready	0	T _p awoken	
	Ready	c6	Running		Ready	0		
c4	Running				Ready	0	Oh sh! No data	

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PRODUCER/CONSUMER SYNCHRONIZATION

- When producer threads awake, they do not check if there is any data in the buffer...
 - Need "while" statement, "if" statement is **insufficient** ...
- What if T_p puts a value, wakes T_{c1} whom consumes the value
- Then T_p has a value to put, but T_{c1}'s signal on &cond wakes T_{c2}
- There is nothing for T_{c2} consume, so T_{c2} sleeps
- T_{c1}, T_{c2}, and T_p all sleep forever
- T_{c1} needs to wake T_p to T_{c2}

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EXECUTION TRACE: WHILE, 1 CONDITION, 1 PRODUCER, 2 CONSUMERS

T _{c1}	State	T _{c2}	State	T _p	State	Count	Comment	
c1	Running				Ready	0		
c2	Running				Ready	0		
c3	Sleep				Ready	0	Nothing to get	
	Sleep				Ready	0		
	Sleep	c1	Running		Ready	0		
	Sleep	c2	Running		Ready	0		
	Sleep	c3	Sleep		Ready	0	Nothing to get	
	Sleep		Sleep		p1	Running	0	
	Sleep		Sleep		p2	Running	0	
	Sleep		Sleep		p4	Running	1	Buffer now full
	Ready		Sleep		p5	Running	1	T _{c1} awoken
	Ready		Sleep		p6	Running	1	
	Ready		Sleep		p1	Running	1	
	Ready		Sleep		p2	Running	1	
	Ready		Sleep		p3	Sleep	1	Must sleep (full)
c2	Running		Sleep		Sleep	1	Recheck condition	
c4	Running		Sleep		Sleep	0	T _{c1} grabs data	
c5	Running		Sleep		Sleep	0	Oops! Wake T _{c2}	

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EXECUTION TRACE – 2

WHILE, 1 CONDITION, 1 PRODUCER, 2 CONSUMERS

- T_{c2} runs, no data to consume

T _{c1}	State	T _{c2}	State	T _p	State	Count	Comment
...	(cont)
c6	Running	...	Ready	...	Sleep	0	
c1	Running	...	Ready	...	Sleep	0	
c2	Running	...	Ready	...	Sleep	0	
c3	Sleep	...	Ready	...	Sleep	0	Nothing to get
c4	Sleep	...	Running	...	Sleep	0	
c5	Sleep	...	Sleep	...	Sleep	0	Everyone asleep ...

Legend

- c1/p1- lock
- c2/p2- check var
- c3/p3- wait
- c4- put()
- p4- get()
- c5/p5- signal
- c6/p6- unlock

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TWO CONDITIONS

- Required w/ multiple producer and consumer threads
- Use two condition variables: **empty & full**
 - One condition handles the producer
 - the other the consumer

```

1  cond_t empty, full;
2  mutex_t mutex;
3  ...
4  void *producer(void *arg) {
5      int i;
6      for (i = 0; i < loops; i++) {
7          pthread_mutex_lock(&mutex);
8          while (count == 1)
9              pthread_cond_wait(&empty, &mutex);
10             put(i);
11             pthread_cond_signal(&full);
12             pthread_mutex_unlock(&mutex);
13         }
14     }
15 }
    
```

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FINAL PRODUCER/CONSUMER

- Change buffer from int, to int buffer[MAX]
- Add indexing variables
- >> Becomes **BOUNDED BUFFER**, can store multiple matrices

```

1  int buffer[MAX];
2  int fill = 0;
3  int use = 0;
4  int count = 0;
5
6  void put(int value) {
7      buffer[fill] = value;
8      fill = (fill + 1) % MAX;
9      count++;
10 }
11
12 int get() {
13     int tmp = buffer[use];
14     use = (use + 1) % MAX;
15     count--;
16     return tmp;
17 }
    
```

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FINAL P/C - 2

```

1  cond_t empty, full;
2  mutex_t mutex;
3
4  void *producer(void *arg) {
5      int i;
6      for (i = 0; i < loops; i++) {
7          pthread_mutex_lock(&mutex);
8          while (count == MAX)
9              pthread_cond_wait(&empty, &mutex);
10             put(i);
11             pthread_cond_signal(&full);
12             pthread_mutex_unlock(&mutex);
13         }
14     }
15
16 void *consumer(void *arg) {
17     int i;
18     for (i = 0; i < loops; i++) {
19         pthread_mutex_lock(&mutex);
20         while (count == 0)
21             pthread_cond_wait(&full, &mutex);
22         int tmp = get(i);
    
```

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FINAL P/C - 3

```

(Cont.)
23     pthread_cond_signal(&empty);
24     pthread_mutex_unlock(&mutex);
25     printf("kd\n", tmp);
26 }
27 }
    
```

- Producer: only sleeps when buffer is full
- Consumer: only sleeps if buffers are empty

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Using one condition variable, and no while loop is sufficient to synchronize access to a bounded buffer shared by:

- 1 Producer, 1 Consumer Thread
- 2 Consumers, 1 Producer Thread
- 2+ Producers, 2+ Consumer Threads
- All of the above
- None of the above

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Using one condition variable, with a while loop is sufficient to synchronize access to a bounded buffer shared by:

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Using two condition variables, and a while loop is sufficient to synchronize access to a bounded buffer shared by:

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COVERING CONDITIONS

- A condition that covers **all** cases (conditions):
- Excellent use case for **pthread_cond_broadcast**
- Consider memory allocation:
 - When a program deals with huge memory allocation/deallocation on the heap
 - Access to the heap must be managed when memory is scarce

PREVENT: Out of memory:
 - queue requests until memory is free

- Which thread should be woken up?

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COVERING CONDITIONS - 2

```

1 // how many bytes of the heap are free?
2 int bytesLeft = MAX_HEAP_SIZE;
3
4 // need lock and condition too
5 cond_t c;
6 mutex_t m;
7
8 void *
9 allocate(int size) {
10 pthread_mutex_lock(&m);
11 while (bytesLeft < size)
12     pthread_cond_wait(&c, &m);
13 void *ptr = ...; // get mem from heap
14 bytesLeft -= size;
15 pthread_mutex_unlock(&m);
16 return ptr;
17 }
18
19 void free(void *ptr, int size) {
20 pthread_mutex_lock(&m);
21 bytesLeft += size;
22 pthread_cond_signal(&c); // Broadcast
23 pthread_mutex_unlock(&m);
24 }
    
```

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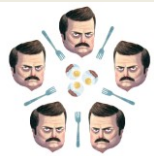
- Broadcast awakens all blocked threads requesting memory
- Each thread evaluates if there's enough memory: (bytesLeft < size)
 - Reject: requests that cannot be fulfilled- go back to sleep
 - Insufficient memory
 - Run: requests which **can** be fulfilled
 - with newly available memory!
- **Another use case:** coordinate a group of busy threads to gracefully end, to EXIT the program
- **Overhead**
 - Many threads may be awoken which can't execute

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CHAPTER 31: SEMAPHORES

- Offers a combined C language construct that can assume the role of a lock or a condition variable depending on usage
 - Allows fewer concurrency related variables in your code
 - Potentially makes code more ambiguous
 - For this reason, with limited time in a 10-week quarter, we do not cover
- **Ch. 31.6 – Dining Philosophers Problem**
 - Classic computer science problem about sharing eating utensils
 - Each philosopher tries to obtain two forks in order to eat
 - Mimics deadlock as there are not enough forks
 - Solution is to have one left-handed philosopher that grabs forks in opposite order



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CHAPTER 32 – CONCURRENCY PROBLEMS



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CONCURRENCY BUGS IN OPEN SOURCE SOFTWARE

- “Learning from Mistakes – A Comprehensive Study on Real World Concurrency Bug Characteristics”
 - Shan Lu et al.
 - Architectural Support For Programming Languages and Operating Systems (ASPLOS 2008), Seattle WA

Application	What it does	Non-Deadlock	Deadlock
MySQL	Database Server	14	9
Apache	Web Server	13	4
Mozilla	Web Browser	41	16
Open Office	Office Suite	6	2
Total		74	31

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NON-DEADLOCK BUGS

- Majority of concurrency bugs
- Most common:
 - Atomicity violation: forget to use locks
 - Order violation: failure to initialize lock/condition before use

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ATOMICITY VIOLATION - MYSQL

- Two threads access the `proc_info` field in `struct thd`
- `NULL` is 0 in C
- Mutually exclusive access to shared memory among separate threads is not enforced (e.g. non-atomic)
- Simple example: **`proc_info` deleted**

Programmer intended variable to be accessed atomically... →

```

1 Thread1:
2   if(thd->proc_info)
3     -
4     fputs(thd->proc_info, ...);
5     -
6     -
7   }
8 Thread2:
9   thd->proc_info = NULL;
```

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ATOMICITY VIOLATION - SOLUTION

- Add locks for all uses of: `thd->proc_info`

```

1 pthread_mutex_t lock = PTHREAD_MUTEX_INITIALIZER;
2
3 Thread1:
4 pthread_mutex_lock(&lock);
5 if(thd->proc_info){
6     -
7     fputs(thd->proc_info, ...);
8     -
9 }
10 pthread_mutex_unlock(&lock);
11
12 Thread2:
13 pthread_mutex_lock(&lock);
14 thd->proc_info = NULL;
15 pthread_mutex_unlock(&lock);
```

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ORDER VIOLATION BUGS

- Desired order between memory accesses is flipped
- E.g. something is checked before it is set
- Example:

```

1 Thread1:
2 void init(){
3     mThread = PR_CreateThread(mMain, ...);
4 }
5
6 Thread2:
7 void mMain(...){
8     mState = mThread->State
9 }
```

- What if `mThread` is not initialized?

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ORDER VIOLATION - SOLUTION

- Use condition & signal to enforce order

```

1 pthread_mutex_t mtLock = PTHREAD_MUTEX_INITIALIZER;
2 pthread_cond_t mtCond = PTHREAD_COND_INITIALIZER;
3 int mInit = 0;
4
5 Thread 1:
6 void init(){
7     -
8     mThread = PR_CreateThread(mMain,...);
9
10    // signal that the thread has been created.
11    pthread_mutex_lock(&mtLock);
12    mInit = 1;
13    pthread_cond_signal(&mtCond);
14    pthread_mutex_unlock(&mtLock);
15    -
16 }
17
18 Thread2:
19 void mMain(...){
20    -
```

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ORDER VIOLATION - SOLUTION - 2

- Use condition & signal to enforce order

```

21 // wait for the thread to be initialized ...
22 pthread_mutex_lock(&mtLock);
23 while(mInit == 0)
24     pthread_cond_wait(&mtCond, &mtLock);
25 pthread_mutex_unlock(&mtLock);
26
27 mState = mThread->State;
28 -
29 )
```

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NON-DEADLOCK BUGS - 1

- 97% of Non-Deadlock Bugs were
 - Atomicity
 - Order violations
- Consider what is involved in “spotting” these bugs in code
 - >> no use of locking constructs to search for
- Desire for automated tool support (IDE)

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NON-DEADLOCK BUGS - 2

- Atomicity
 - How can we tell if a given variable is shared?
 - Can search the code for uses
 - How do we know if all instances of its use are shared?
 - Can some non-synchronized, non-atomic uses be legal?
 - Legal uses: before threads are created, after threads exit
 - Must verify the scope
- Order violation
 - Must consider all variable accesses
 - Must know desired order

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DEADLOCK BUGS

- Presence of a cycle in code
- Thread 1 acquires lock L1, waits for lock L2
- Thread 2 acquires lock L2, waits for lock L1

```

Thread 1:   Thread 2:
lock(L1);   lock(L2);
lock(L2);   lock(L1);
                    
```

- Both threads can block, unless one manages to acquire both locks

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 - Deadlock prevention

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REASONS FOR DEADLOCKS

- Complex code
 - Must avoid circular dependencies – can be hard to find...
- Encapsulation hides potential locking conflicts
 - Easy-to-use APIs embed locks inside
 - Programmer doesn't know they are there
 - Consider the Java Vector class:


```

1 Vector v1, v2;
2 v1.addAll(v2);
                    
```
 - Vector is thread safe (synchronized) by design
 - If there is a v2.addAll(v1); call at nearly the same time deadlock could result

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CONDITIONS FOR DEADLOCK

- **Four conditions** are required for dead lock to occur

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PREVENTION – MUTUAL EXCLUSION

- Build wait-free data structures
 - Eliminate locks altogether
 - Build structures using CompareAndSwap atomic CPU (HW) instruction
- C pseudo code for CompareAndSwap
- Hardware executes this code atomically

```

1 int CompareAndSwap(int *address, int expected, int new){
2     if(*address == expected){
3         *address = new;
4         return 1; // success
5     }
6     return 0;
7 }
```

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PREVENTION – MUTUAL EXCLUSION - 2

- Recall atomic increment

```

1 void AtomicIncrement(int *value, int amount){
2     do{
3         int old = *value;
4     }while( CompareAndSwap(value, old, old+amount)==0);
5 }
```

- Compare and Swap tries over and over until successful
- CompareAndSwap is guaranteed to be atomic
- When it runs it is **ALWAYS** atomic (at HW level)

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MUTUAL EXCLUSION: LIST INSERTION

- Consider list insertion

```

1 void insert(int value){
2     node_t * n = malloc(sizeof(node_t));
3     assert(n != NULL);
4     n->value = value;
5     n->next = head;
6     head = n;
7 }
```

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MUTUAL EXCLUSION – LIST INSERTION - 2

- Lock based implementation

```

1 void insert(int value){
2     node_t * n = malloc(sizeof(node_t));
3     assert(n != NULL);
4     n->value = value;
5     lock(listlock); // begin critical section
6     n->next = head;
7     head = n;
8     unlock(listlock); //end critical section
9 }
```

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MUTUAL EXCLUSION – LIST INSERTION - 3

- Wait free (no lock) implementation

```

1 void insert(int value) {
2     node_t *n = malloc(sizeof(node_t));
3     assert(n != NULL);
4     n->value = value;
5     do {
6         n->next = head;
7     } while (CompareAndSwap(&head, n->next, n));
8 }
```

- Assign &head to n (new node ptr)
- Only when head = n->next

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PREVENTION LOCK – HOLD AND WAIT

- Problem: acquire all locks atomically
- Solution: use a "lock" "lock"... (like a *guard lock*)

```

1 lock(prevention);
2 lock(L1);
3 lock(L2);
4
5 unlock(prevention);
    
```

- Effective solution – guarantees no race conditions while acquiring L1, L2, etc.
- Order doesn't matter for L1, L2
- Prevention (GLOBAL) lock decreases concurrency of code
 - Acts Lowers lock granularity
- Encapsulation: consider the Java Vector class...

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PREVENTION – NO PREEMPTION

- When acquiring locks, don't BLOCK forever if unavailable...
- pthread_mutex_trylock() - try once
- pthread_mutex_timedlock() - try and wait awhile

```

1 top:
2   lock(L1);
3   if( tryLock(L2) == -1 ){
4     unlock(L1);
5     goto top;
6   }
    
```

NO STOPPING ANY TIME

- Eliminates deadlocks

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NO PREEMPTION – LIVELOCKS PROBLEM

- Can lead to livelock

```

1 top:
2   lock(L1);
3   if( tryLock(L2) == -1 ){
4     unlock(L1);
5     goto top;
6   }
    
```

- Two threads execute code in parallel → always fail to obtain both locks
- Fix: add random delay
 - Allows one thread to win the livelock race!



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PREVENTION – CIRCULAR WAIT

- Provide **total ordering** of lock acquisition throughout code
 - Always acquire locks in same order
 - L1, L2, L3, ...
 - Never mix: L2, L1, L3; L2, L3, L1; L3, L1, L2....
- Must carry out same ordering through entire program

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CONDITIONS FOR DEADLOCK

- If any of the following conditions **DOES NOT EXSIST**, describe why deadlock can not occur?

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The dining philosophers problem where 5 philosophers compete for 5 forks, and where a philosopher must hold two forks to eat involves which deadlock condition(s)?

Mutual Exclusion

Hold-and-wait

No preemption

Circular wait

All of the above

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DEADLOCK AVOIDANCE VIA INTELLIGENT SCHEDULING

- Consider a smart scheduler
 - Scheduler knows which locks threads use
- Consider this scenario:
 - 4 Threads (T1, T2, T3, T4)
 - 2 Locks (L1, L2)
- Lock requirements of threads:

	T1	T2	T3	T4
L1	yes	yes	no	no
L2	yes	yes	yes	no

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INTELLIGENT SCHEDULING - 2

- Scheduler produces schedule:

CPU 1

T3

T4

CPU 2

T1

T2

- No deadlock can occur
- Consider:

	T1	T2	T3	T4
L1	yes	yes	yes	no
L2	yes	yes	yes	no

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INTELLIGENT SCHEDULING - 3

- Scheduler produces schedule

CPU 1

T4

CPU 2

T1

T2

T3

- Scheduler must be conservative and not take risks
- Slows down execution – many threads
- There has been limited use of these approaches given the difficulty having intimate lock knowledge about every thread

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DETECT AND RECOVER

- Allow deadlock to occasionally occur and then take some action.
 - Example: When OS freezes, reboot...
- How often is this acceptable?
 - Once per year
 - Once per month
 - Once per day
 - Consider the effort tradeoff of finding every deadlock bug
- Many database systems employ deadlock detection and recovery techniques.

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QUESTIONS



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