

Board examples - critical sections, race
conditions, worked @ the
whiteboard

chaps

Race Condition (Find it)

int balance = 50;

```
1 void withdraw (int amount) {  
2     if (balance > amount) {  
3         cout << "approved";  
4         balance -= amount;  
5     }  
}
```

2 threads start w balance \$50

Thread T1 withdraw 40 } 65 > 50!
Thread T2 withdraw 25 }

balance after

50	T1 starts gets to 3 (past the if)
50	preempted by T2,
25	T2 runs to end
-15	T1 switched back or finishes

Race Condition

- when program output depends on what gets here first, tough to reproduce & debug

ex:

int global = 2;

⑦

```
void func1() {  
    if (global == 0)  
        doZero(); ③  
    else  
        doNotZero(); ④  
}
```

critical
section {

①

```
int main() {  
    optional thread myt (func1);  
    global = 0;  
}
```

race condition,

if ① happens before 2

then ③

else ④

who's gonna win?

{ PSA - you may see
code that "solves"
this with delays.
{ sleep-for(), sleep-until()
This is a non-scalable
solution.

a critical section is an area of code where only 1 thread can be @ a time ①

Question: if I launch no threads, do you have CS's?

```
void fun() {  
    g++;  
    int gi = 0;  
  
    int main() {  
        Thread t1(fun);  
        int i = gi;  
        i = i + 1;  
        gi = i;  
        t1.join();  
    }
```

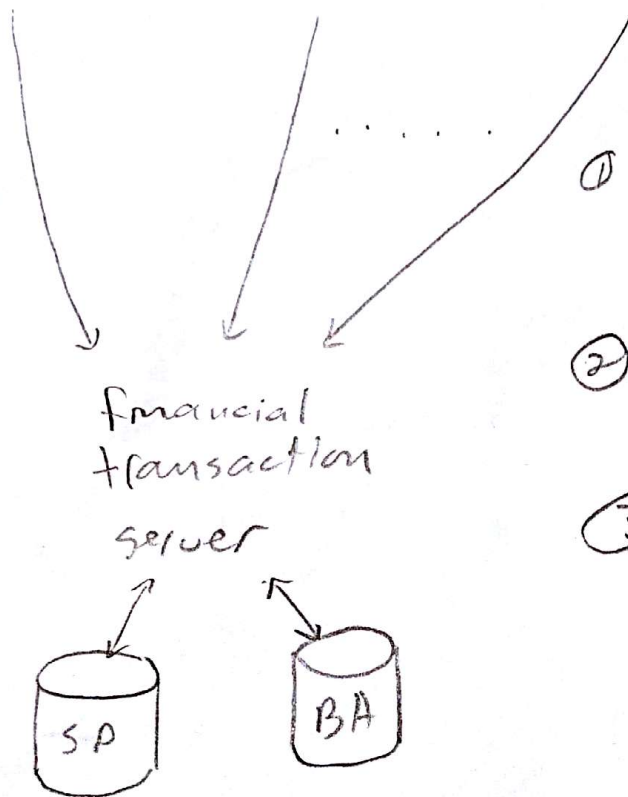
← where is crit sec.?

if no. Thread?

if Thread does not access global?

if Thread does access global?

client 1 client 2 client n



① $cost = stockprice * shares$

② $m = getmoney(acct, cost)$

③ $buystock(sym, m, acct)$

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// global
int transactions = 0;

getmoney(acct, cost) {

return m;

buystock(sym, m, acct)

// record transactions
transactions++;

}

① start w 1, 2, 3
global cost

② put ① ② ③ in func
no globals
(stack frame local vars)

③ explore getmoney buystock

④ add global transactions