Module 11

Synchronization

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Overview

- Objectives
- Relevance

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Process Synchronization

Signals	kill(2) sigaction(2)	Sends a signal. Catches a signal.
Record locking	fcntl(2)	Locks part of a file. Exclusive read and write locks provided can be blocking or non-blocking.
System V semaphores	semget(2) semctl(2) semop(2)	Gets a semaphore ID. Sets a semaphore explicitly. Performs a set of semaphore operations (raise, lower, and wait).



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Process Synchronization

Mechanism	Comment
mutex lock	For mutual exclusion; simple and fast.
reader-writer lock	Multiple-reader single-writer lock; useful when writes are fast and infrequent compared to reads.
semaphore	Pure Dijkstra semaphore.
condition variable	Useful in producer-consumer situations.

Thread Synchronization

- Coordination
- Single-thread processes
- Multithreaded processes
- Locking mechanisms
- Test and Set

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Types of Synchronization Mechanisms

- Mutual exclusion lock
- Multiple-reader single-writer lock
- Semaphore
- Condition variable

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Thread Synchronization Within a Process

- Multithreaded POSIX mutex locks
- Rwlocks and shared data structures
- Semaphores regulating bank teller resources
- Condition variables and a threadsafe stack



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mutex.c

1	/*************
2	This program demonstrates the use of a POSIX thread
3	mutex to coordinate access to a shared resource.
4	Two threads are created, both of which access a
5	common counter. Delays are used to cause contention to prove that the mutexes really work.
6	
7	This program operates in two modes. With no
8	commandline arguments, the program operates without
9	synchronization and the threads fall all over
10	themselves. With argument "sync" passed on the
11	commandline, synchronization is used and the
12	program operates correctly.
13	
14	/**************
15	
16	<pre>#include <sys types.h="">/* For general. */</sys></pre>
17	#include catdio h /* Standard TO Library */

18 #include <pthread.h>/* Posix threads. */
19 #include <errno.h>/* Error definitions. */

```
20
   #include "utils.h"/* for fractSleep() and printWithTime(). */
22
23 #define LOOP MAX 20/* Each thread counts up this many
iterations.*/
24
25
26
27
    /* Global stuff. */
28
29
    /* Common counter incremented by all threads. */
30
   int commonCounter= 0;
31
   /* mutex lock. Note the initializer can be used only
33 in this form of declaration. */
34 pthread mutex t mutex = PTHREAD MUTEX INITIALIZER;
35
   /* Delay to cause contention. */
37 double delay = 0.2;
38
39
   /* Synchronized flag. */
40 boolean t synchronized = B FALSE;
```

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```
41
   /* Forward references. */
  void * threadMain(void *);
44
   45
   main(int argc, char *argv[])
   /**************
   Main program. Get commandline arguments and spawn threads.
   /****************
50
51
    /* Define two threads. */
52
    pthread t threadID 1;
53
    pthread t threadID 2;
    /* We have an argument and it is "sync": run in
synchronized mode.*/
56
    if ((argc > 1) && (!(strcmp(argv[1], "sync"))))
57
      synchronized = B TRUE;
58
59
60
    printf ("\n%s running with sync %s\n\n",argv[0],
       (synchronized)?"Enabled": "Disabled");
```

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```
62
     /* Create threads. */
63
64
     if ((pthread create( &threadID 1, NULL,
65
        threadMain, NULL)) ||
66
        (pthread create ( &threadID 2, NULL,
67
        threadMain, NULL))) {
68
       perror ("Error starting thread(s)");
69
       exit (errno);
70
71
72
     /* Wait for threads to finish. */
73
     pthread join(threadID 1, (void **)NULL);
74
     pthread join(threadID 2, (void **)NULL);
75
76
   void * threadMain(void *dummv) {
   /***************
   This is the main for each thread. Get counter
81 value from global, hold it for a while to cause
   contention, then replace it with an incremented
83 value. While it is held, another thread tries to
```



```
get it and increment it as well.
   When running in synchronized mode, get the mutex
87 lock before accessing the global, and release it
   only after we are done with the global. This causes
   other threads to wait for the global until we are
   finished with it.
    92
93
     int loopCount; /* Loop counter. */
94
     int temp; /* Used in modification delay. */
     char buffer[80];/* For writing status. */
95
96
97
     for (loopCount = 0; loopCount < LOOP MAX;
98
       loopCount++) {
99
       /* Get mutex lock if running in synchronized
100
101
          mode. */
102
       if (synchronized)
          pthread mutex lock(&mutex);
103
104
105
```



```
/* Now that we have the lock, we can safely
106
107
           increment the counter without worry that the
           other thread accesses it at the same time. */
108
109
        /* Print out initial value. */
110
111
        sprintf (buffer, "Common counter incremented "
            "from %d to ", commonCounter);
112
113
        write(STDOUT FILENO, buffer, strlen(buffer));
114
115
        /* Modify common counter. Take a long time to
116
        do it to cause contention. */
117
        temp = commonCounter;
118
        fractSleep(delay);
119
        commonCounter = temp + 1;
120
121
        /* Update status output. */
122
        sprintf (buffer, "%d\n", commonCounter);
123
        write(STDOUT FILENO, buffer, strlen(buffer));
124
125
        /* Release mutex lock if running in
126
        synchronized mode. */
127
        if (synchronized) {
```

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```
149
150 /* Delay. */
151 nanosleep (&timeSpec, NULL);
152 }
```



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```
pthread mutex unlock (&mutex);
128
129
130
131
       /* Delay for half as long as the increment
132
       delay, to cause contention. */
133
       fractSleep(delay/2.0);
134
135
136 /******************************
137 void fractSleep(float time) {
138 /*************************
    Routine to delay for fractions of a second.
   *******************************
141
142 static struct timespec timeSpec;
144 /* Truncate fraction in int conversion. */
145 timeSpec.tv sec = (time t)time;
146
147 /* Load fraction. */
148 timeSpec.tv nsec = (int)((time - timeSpec.tv sec)*
1000000000);
```

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rw.c

```
32
   /* Multiple Reader Single Writer lock. */
     pthread_rwlock_t rwlock =
           PTHREAD RWLOCK INITIALIZER;
124 /*****************************
125 This the main for the writer thread. Get the
126 appropriate lock, do the read or write, and then
127 release the lock. Note that trying to get either
128 lock can force the thread to block if the lock is
129 unavailable.
130 /******************************
131 void * writerMain(void *arg) {
     int loopCount;
132
133
134
     for (loopCount = 0; loopCount < LOOP MAX;
135
        loopCount++) {
```



```
136
137
        /* Get either the rwlock or the mutex.
        depending on the mode. */
138
139
        if (userwlock) {
140
         pthread rwlock wrlock(&rwlock);
141
142
         pthread mutex lock(&mutex);
143
144
145
       doWrite();
146
147
        /* Release the lock. */
148
       if (userwlock) {
149
         pthread rwlock unlock (&rwlock);
150
151
         pthread mutex unlock(&mutex);
152
153
154
155
156 /**************************
157 This is the main for the reader threads. Get the
```

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```
158 locks as for the writer threads, except specify
159 that this is a reader and not a writer when getting
160 the multiple reader single writer lock.
161 /******************************
162 void * readerMain(void * idArg) {
      int id = (int)idArg; /* Arg is thread ID number. */
      int loopCount;
165
166
      for (loopCount = 0; loopCount < LOOP MAX;
167
         loopCount++) {
168
169
        /* Get either the rwlock or the mutex,
170
           depending on the mode. */
171
        if (userwlock)
          pthread rwlock rdlock(&rwlock);
172
173
174
          pthread mutex lock(&mutex);
175
176
177
        doRead();
178
179
        /* Release the lock. */
```

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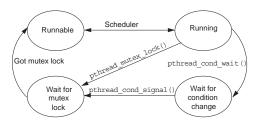
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Thread Synchronization Within a Process

Condition Variables





stack.c

```
/***************
   This module exemplifies a threadsafe stack. It uses
   a mutex to coordinate access to shared data. It
   also demonstrates the use of condition variables by
   which threads wait for the shared data to change,
   and by which threads notify/resume each other when
   the state has changed.
   9
   #include <pthread.h>/* Posix threads. */
11
12
   #include "stack.h"/* Stack function definitions. */
   #include "utils.h"/* for printWithTime(). */
13
14
15
   #define STACK SIZE 3/* Define a small stack size to
16
          cause contention. */
17
18
   /* Define the data structure shared between the
     threads. */
19
20
```

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```
21 static char buffer[STACK SIZE];/* Stack's buffer */
   static int index = 0: /* Stack's index. */
23
   /* Mutex lock for exclusive data access. */
   static pthread mutex t mutex =
          PTHREAD MUTEX INITIALIZER:
26
   /* Condition var for coordinating threads. */
   static pthread cond t conditionVar =
          PTHREAD COND INITIALIZER;
29
30
   void push(char oneChar) {
   /************
   Push a character onto the stack. Return in the
   second argument the stack index corresponding to
   where the character is pushed.
37
   /***********************************
38
     char string[25];
39
     /* Get the lock before accessing the shared data
```

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```
41
      in any way. */
42
      pthread mutex lock (&mutex);
43
44
      /* Test the data while under mutex protection, to
45
         see if the stack is pushable. Don't change the
46
         data yet as the mutex lock is given up if
         pthread cond wait() is called; a free lock
47
48
         implies consistent data. */
49
      while (index == STACK SIZE) {
50
51
        printWithTime ("push sleeping...\n");
        pthread cond wait(&conditionVar, &mutex);
52
53
54
55
      /* Stack is pushable. Push the data. */
56
       buffer[index++] = oneChar;
57
58
      sprintf (string, "Pushed: \tchar %c\tindex %d\n",
59
          oneChar, index-1);
60
      printWithTime(string);
61
62
      /* Notify waiting threads (poppers in this case)
```



```
that the stack has changed and, due to the
63
      operation just completed, there is now
64
65
      something to pop. */
    pthread cond signal (&conditionVar);
67
68
    /* Release the mutex. All done with shared data
69
      access. */
70
    pthread mutex unlock (&mutex);
71
72
73
   /************
   Pop a character from the stack. Return in the
   second argument the stack index corresponding to
   where the character is popped.
   80
    char toReturn:
81
    char string[25]:
82
    /* Get the lock before accessing the shared data
83
84
      in any way. */
```



```
85
      pthread mutex lock(&mutex);
86
87
      /* Test the data while under mutex protection
        to see if the stack is pushable. Don't change
88
89
        the data yet as the mutex lock is given up if
        pthread cond wait() is called; a free lock
90
91
        implies consistent data. */
92
93
      while (index == 0) {
94
        printWithTime ("pop sleeping...\n");
95
        pthread cond wait (&conditionVar, &mutex);
96
97
      /* Stack is poppable. Pop the data. */
98
99
      toReturn = buffer[--index];
100
101
      sprintf (string, "Pop:\tchar %c\tindex %d\n",
102
          toReturn, index);
      printWithTime(string);
103
104
105
      /* Notify waiting threads (pushers in this case)
106
        that the stack has changed and, due to the
```

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```
107
        operation just completed, there is now something
108
        to push. */
109
      pthread cond signal (&conditionVar);
110
111
      /* Release the mutex. All done with shared data
112
        access. */
113
      pthread mutex unlock (&mutex);
114
115
      return toReturn;
116
```

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```
proc_sem.c
```



```
/* Initialize semaphore to manage NUM TELLERS
      quantity of a resource. Set up so that only
      threads of this process can use it. */
      if (sem init (&bankLine, THREADS OF THIS PROCESS,
            NUM TELLERS)) {
83
        perror ("Error initializing semaphore");
84
        exit (errno);
85
      /* This is one of those rushed clients. */
130
      if (inaHurry) {
131
     /* See if a teller is available. If not,
         sem trywait returns EAGAIN. */
133
        if ((sem trywait(&bankLine) == -1)
            && (errno == EAGAIN))
```



```
/* If get here, there is a teller available right
146
         away. Drop thru and do business. */
147
      } else {
148
149 #if REPORT NUM SEM FREE
          sem getvalue(&bankLine, &availableTellers);
          pthread mutex unlock (&semMutex);
151
152
          sprintf (string,
153
            "Client %d is in a hurry and got a
            teller. Count is now %d\n",
            whoAmI, availableTellers);
154
155
          printWithTime(string);
156 #else
157
          sprintf (string,
158
            "Client %d%c is in a hurry and got a
            teller.\n", whoAmI);
159
          printWithTime(string);
160 #endif
161
162
```

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```
/* Not in a hurry. */
163
164
      } else {
165
        /* Wait for next available teller. */
166
167 #if REPORT NUM SEM FREE
168
169
      /* Calling sem trywait() in a loop until we get
        the lock, and sleeping on the condition
170
171
        variable if the lock is unavailable is
        necessary to prevent deadlock, since we have
        the mutex. */
172
173
        while ((sem trywait(&bankLine) == -1)
            && (errno == EAGAIN))
          pthread cond wait (&semCond, &semMutex);
174
175
176
        sem getvalue(&bankLine, &availableTellers);
        sprintf (string, "Client %d got a teller.
177
            Count is now %d\n", whoAmI,
            availableTellers);
178
        printWithTime(string);
179
```

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```
180
        pthread mutex unlock (&semMutex);
181
182 #else
183
184
        sem wait(&bankLine);
        sprintf (string, "Client %d got a teller.\n",
185
            whoAmI);
186
        printWithTime(string);
187
188 #endif
189
190
191
      /* We've got a teller. Do our business. */
192
      doBusiness (whoAmI);
193
194 #if REPORT NUM SEM FREE
      pthread mutex lock(&semMutex);
195
196
197
      /* Done doing business. Teller is available. */
      sem post(&bankLine);
198
199
```



```
/* Get value of the semaphore to report back as a
         diagnostic. */
201
      sem getvalue(&bankLine, &availableTellers);
202
203
      pthread cond signal (&semCond);
      pthread mutex unlock (&semMutex);
205
206
      sprintf (string,
207
          "Client %d done doing business. Available"
208
          "teller count: %d\n", whoAmI, availableTellers);
209
      printWithTime(string);
210 #else
211
      /* Done doing business. Teller is available. */
213
      sem post (&bankLine);
```

Using Interprocess Synchronization

- Shared area setup
- Mutex lock initialization
- Cleanup

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```
29 void cleanup(int x) {
   /****************
31 Cleanup handler, called as a signal handler for ^C.
  Unlock the mutex before terminating.
   printf ("Cleaning up...\n");
    pthread mutex unlock(&globalArea->sharedMutex);
36
    exit(0):
37
48
    /* For interprocess mutex init. */
49
    pthread mutexattr t mutex attributes;
50
    /* True if we set up shared area. */
    boolean t createdHere = B FALSE;
```



```
52
      /* Open the shared area. Err out if it already
         exists (which means we are
         not the first process to use it, and thus not
         to be the creator if it. */
      shared fd = open(SHARED DATA FILE, (O RDWR
            O CREAT | O EXCL), 0777);
56
      /* Flag that we are the creator if we are, or
         just open the file otherwise. */
58
      if ((shared fd == -1) && (errno == EEXIST))
            shared fd = open(SHARED DATA FILE,
59
            O RDWR, 0777);
60
61
        createdHere = B TRUE;
62
63
64
      /* Some other error opening the file. */
65
      if (shared fd < 0) {
        perror ("Error opening shared mutex area");
67
        exit (errno);
68
```

```
69
      /* Expand the file to hold the shared data,
         before mmapping it. */
71
      if (createdHere)
72
        if (ftruncate(shared fd,
            sizeof(struct globalStuff))) {
73
          perror ("ftruncate");
74
          exit (errno);
75
76
77
78
      /* Mmap the file so all processes needing access
         to it can see it. */
79
      globalArea = (struct globalStuff *)mmap(
80
          NULL, sizeof(struct globalStuff), PROT READ
          PROT WRITE, MAP SHARED,
81
          shared fd, 0);
      if (globalArea == (struct globalStuff *)-1) {
83
        perror ("Error getting shared Mutex virtual
84
        exit (errno);
85
```

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```
86
87
      /* Set up cleanup handler for ^C. */
88
      signal(SIGINT, cleanup);
89
      /* Initialize mutex in shared region if we are
         the shared region creator. */
      if (createdHere) {
91
92
93
        /* Initialize mutex attributes list. */
        if (pthread mutexattr init(&mutex attributes)) {
94
95
          perror ("pthread mutexattr init");
96
          exit (errno);
97
98
        /* Reflect in the attributes that this is an
99
           interprocess shared mutex. */
100
        if (pthread mutexattr setpshared(
101
            &mutex attributes,
            PTHREAD PROCESS SHARED)) {
102
          perror ("pthread mutexattr setpshared");
103
          exit (errno);
104
```

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```
105
        /* Initialize the mutex in the mmapped area.
106
           with the attributes above. */
107
        if (pthread mutex init(&globalArea-
            >sharedMutex, &mutex attributes)) {
108
          perror ("pthread mutex init");
109
          exit (errno);
110
```



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System V IPC Semaphores

Command	Functionality	Argument	
IPC_RMID	Remove group	Ignored	
SETVAL	Set value of particular semaphore	int value*	
GETVAL	Get value of particular semaphore	Ignored**	
SETALL	Set value of each semaphore in group	ushort_t * array of values*	
GETALL	Get value of each semaphore in group	ushort_t * array of values*	

^{*} Interpretation of union semun argument.

^{**} Ignored as value is returned in function return

ipcsem.c

```
/*****************
   This program demonstrates the use of an IPC semaphore
   in coordinating tasks which require simultaneous
   multiple resource allocations, each requesting more
    than one of the resource.
   Allocate a semaphore to represent the resources of a
6
   moving company with five trucks, 12 human movers,
   and an insurance policy of $1 Million to be spread
    across all concurrent jobs.
9
10 Jobs are done on a first come, first served basis.
11 A job goes only if there are an adequate number of
12 movers, trucks and insurance to cover the job.
13 after all other jobs are accounted for. If the job
14 is a go, decrement the resource count, so that all
    resources in use are accounted for when the next
    job is requested.
   /***********************************
16
```

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```
17 #include <sys/types.h>/* For general. */
   #include <sys/ipc.h>/* System 5 IPC defs. */
   #include <sys/sem.h> /* System 5 IPC semaphore
            defs.*/
   #include <pthread.h>/* Posix threads. */
   #include <stdlib.h>/* Needed for delay to work
            properly. */
22
    #include "utils.h" /* For fractSleep() and
            printWithTime(). */
24
    #define NUM THREADS 10/* Number of simultaneous
            requests. */
    #define TIME BTWN NEW THREADS 0.5/* Time between
            intro of new request. */
    #define RUNTIME RANGE 5.0/* Time of longest job. */
28
```

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```
29 /* These define a single semaphore group consisting
     of three semaphores. All the semaphores in a
31
      group can be modified together in a single atomic
      operation. The first semaphore represents the
      number of trucks available; the second: the
      number of movers available; the third: the amount
      of insurance in $1000 units available. */
34
    #define NUM SEMS IN GROUP 3
    #define TRUCK SEM 0
    #define MOVER SEM 1
    #define INSUR SEM 2
39
40 /* These are used to initialize semaphores with
       total resources managed. */
41 #define NUM TRUCKS 5
    #define NUM MOVERS 12
    #define AMT INSUR 1000
43
44
```



```
45 /* Flags passed thru sembuf structure; wait for
       resource. */
46
    #define WAIT 0
47
    #define STRING SIZE 80
49
    #define FALSE 0
    #define TRUE (!FALSE)
52
53
54
    /* Define some jobs here. This table specifies how
      many of each resource is requested per each job.
57
      The values in this table cause contention: for
      example, the first job uses 4 trucks out of 5
      available, making some of the others wait for a
60
      truck. */
61
```

```
62 struct job { int numTrucks; int numMovers;
            int amtInsurance; } jobTable[] = {
       4,5,250},/* Use many trucks */
63
       1,2,500},/* Normal amts. */
64
65
       3,5,1000},/* Lots of insur */
66
       2,8,250},/* Many movers. */
67
68
    /* Number of jobs in the table. */
   int numJobs = sizeof(jobTable) /
             sizeof (struct job);
71
72
   int semid; /* IPC semaphore identifier (semaphore
             accessed through this).*/
73
    extern int errno;
75
    void *threadMain(void *);
77
78
```

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```
80
   main() {
   /****************
   Main function. Allocate and initialize resources,
   then spawn threads.
   85
    /* Array of threads, one per request. */
86
87
    pthread t threads [NUM THREADS];
88
89
    /* Needed to convert constant for semctl call.*/
90
    int numTrucks = NUM TRUCKS;
91
    int numMovers = NUM MOVERS;
92
    int amtInsur= AMT INSUR:
93
94
    int count:
95
96
    /* Allocate a single semaphore group with three
97
      semaphores in it. */
```

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```
if ((semid = semget(IPC PRIVATE,
98
        NUM SEMS IN GROUP, IPC CREAT | 0600)) == -1){
99
100
        perror ("semget");
101
        exit (errno);
102
103
      /* Initialize each semaphore in the group.
104
105
          Could also have used SETALL. */
     if ((semctl(semid, TRUCK SEM, SETVAL,
106
            &numTrucks)) | | (semctl(semid,
107
            MOVER SEM, SETVAL, &numMovers)) ||
            (semctl(semid, INSUR SEM, SETVAL,
108
            &amtInsur))) {
109
        perror ("Error initializing semaphores");
110
        goto cleanup;
111
112
113 /* Initialize random number generator used for time
        delays. */
        srand48 (time (NULL));
114
115
```



```
/* Spawn the threads. The argument passed to
116
          threadMain is a job table index, so multiple
117
118
          requests can be made using the same table entry
119
          when the index wraps. Delay to model jobs being
120
          staggered instead of coming all at once. */
      for (count = 0; count < NUM THREADS; count++) {
121
122
        if (pthread create(
123
          &threads[count], NULL, threadMain,
124
          (void *)(count % numJobs))) {
125
        perror ("Error starting reader threads");
126
        goto cleanup;
127
128
      fractSleep(TIME BTWN NEW THREADS);
129
130
      /* Wait for threads to finish. */
      for (count = 0; count < NUM THREADS; count++)
133
        pthread join(threads[count], (void **)NULL);
134
135
```

```
136 cleanup:
137
138
    /* Delete the semaphore. This is not done
139
       automatically by the system. */
    if (semctl(semid, 0, IPC RMID, NULL)) {
140
141
     perror ("semctl IPC RMID:");
142
143
144
145
147
    void *threadMain(void * arg) {
    **************
148
    Here is where a thread starts executing. A
    thread in executing this function represents a
    task for the moving company, and requests the
    resources it needs.
154
```

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```
/* The argument passed in is a table index. */
156
      int jobNum = (int)arg;
157
      /* Local string for message composition. */
158
159
      char string[STRING SIZE];
160
161
      sprintf (string,
          "Job # %d requesting %d trucks, %d people, '
162
163
          "$%d000 insurance...\n",
164
         jobNum, jobTable[jobNum].numTrucks,
165
         jobTable[jobNum].numMovers
166
         jobTable[jobNum].amtInsurance);
167
      printWithTime(string);
168
169
        /* Get the resources needed. Wait for them if
        necessarv. */
171
      if (reserve(semid, jobTable[jobNum])) {
172
        perror ("reserve");
173
        return (NULL);
174
175
```

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```
sprintf (string,
176
177
         "Job # %d got %d trucks, %d people"
         ", %d000 insurance and is running...\n",
178
         jobNum, jobTable[jobNum].numTrucks,
         jobTable[jobNum].numMovers,
179
180
         jobTable[jobNum].amtInsurance);
181
      printWithTime(string);
182
183
      /* Delay to simulate the time the resources are
        in use. */
184
185
      fractSleep(drand48() * RUNTIME RANGE);
186
187
      sprintf (string,
188
         "Job # %d done; returning %d "
         "trucks, %d people, %d000 insurance...\n",
189
         jobNum, jobTable[jobNum].numTrucks
         iobTable[iobNum].numMovers,
190
191
         iobTable[iobNum].amtInsurance);
192
      printWithTime(string);
193
```



```
/* Release resources. */
     if (release(semid, jobTable[jobNum])) {
195
196
      perror ("release");
197
198 }
199
202 int reserve(int semid, struct job thisJob) {
203 /*****************************
   Reserve resources required for a job. This
     wrapper function passes negative values into
     playWithSemaphores(), since negative values
     represent resource allocations.
   /***********************************
     return (playWithSemaphores(
        semid, -thisJob.numTrucks, -thisJob.numMovers,
210
        -thisJob.amtInsurance));
211
212
213
```



```
215 int release(int semid, struct job thisJob)
216 /***************************
    Release resources of a job completed. This
    wrapper function passes positive values into
218
    playWithSemaphores(), since positive values
    represent resource deallocations.
return (playWithSemaphores(
223
      semid, thisJob.numTrucks, thisJob.numMovers,
224
      thisJob.amtInsurance));
225 }
226
227
229 static int playWithSemaphores
    int semid, int numTrucks, int numMovers,
    int amtInsurance) {
232 /*****************************
   This is the workhorse function that allocates /
   deallocates resources from the semaphore group.
```

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```
236
237 /* There is one operation per semaphore for this
238
        example. This allocates an array of semaphore
        operations, all of which is carried out with a
239
240
        single atomic operation (system call to
        semop()).*/
241
242
      struct sembuf ops[NUM SEMS IN GROUP];
243
    /* One operation per semaphore. Note that a
245
        negative value to ops[x].sem op allocates a
246
        resource, while a positive value releases it. */
247
      ops[0].sem num = TRUCK SEM;
      ops[0].sem op = numTrucks;
      ops[1].sem num = MOVER SEM;
      ops[1].sem op = numMovers;
      ops[2].sem num = INSUR SEM
      ops[2].sem op = amtInsurance;
```

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```
255 /* All semaphore operations are to be handled in

256 the same way. */

257 ops[0].sem_flg = ops[1].sem_flg =

258 ops[2].sem_flg = WAIT;

259

260 /* "The call" that does the work. */

261 return (semop(semid, ops, NUM_SEMS_IN_GROUP));

262 }

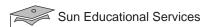
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