Homework 4 Documentation

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1 Introduction

This program is a multithreaded log analyzer that reads lines from a log file, processes them using multiple worker threads, and searches for a specific term. It demonstrates the use of synchronization mechanisms, signal handling, and efficient thread communication.

2 Code Explanation

2.1 Buffer Management Functions

- **buffer_init:** Initializes the buffer, setting up its size, locks, and condition variables.
- **buffer_add:** Adds a line to the buffer, ensuring thread-safe access and handling full buffer scenarios.
- **buffer_get:** Retrieves a line from the buffer, ensuring thread-safe access and handling empty buffer scenarios.
- **buffer_destroy:** Cleans up the buffer by freeing memory and destroying locks and condition variables.

2.2 Log Analyzer Functions

- manager_thread: Reads lines from the log file and adds them to the buffer. Signals workers when done.
- worker_thread: Retrieves lines from the buffer and searches for the specified term. Updates match counts.
- **sigint_handler:** Handles SIGINT signals to gracefully stop the program and wake up waiting threads.
- main: Sets up the buffer, creates threads, and coordinates their execution. Displays the final results.

3 Screenshots

```
abdu@abduPC: ~/System-Programing/hw4$ ./LogAnalyzer 20 4 logs/sample.log "ERROR"
Manager thread started.
[Thread 1] Worker exiting. Matches: 3969
[Thread 0] Worker exiting. Matches: 4072
[Thread 2] Worker exiting. Matches: 4072
[Thread 2] Worker exiting. Matches: 3705
Main: All worker threads joined.
===== Summary ====

Thread 0 matches: 3969
Thread 1 matches: 3969
Thread 2 matches: 4072
Total matches: 15722
Main: Cleanup finished. Exiting.
```

Figure 1: Program execution showing manager and worker threads.

```
abdu@abduPC:~/system-Programing/hw4$ ./LogAnalyzer 20 4 /var/log/syslog "ERROR"
Manager thread started.
^C
Received SIGINT, signaling stop...
[Thread 1] Worker exiting. Matches: 15
[Thread 2] Worker exiting. Matches: 18
[Thread 2] Worker exiting. Matches: 10
[Thread 6] Worker exiting. Matches: 15
Main: All worker threads joined.
===== Summary =====
Thread 0 matches: 15
Thread 1 matches: 15
Thread 2 matches: 15
Thread 2 matches: 18
Total matches: 68
Main: Cleanup finished. Exiting.
```

Figure 2: SIGINT signal handling and graceful termination.

```
abdu@abduPC:~/System-Programing/hw4$ valgrind ./LogAnalyzer 10 4 logs/sample.log "ERROR"

==22195== Memcheck, a memory error detector

==22195== Copyright (c) 2002-2017, and GNU GPL'd, by Julian Seward et al.

==22195== Using Valgrind-3.18.1 and LibVEX; rerun with -h for copyright info

==22195== Command: ./LogAnalyzer 10 4 logs/sample.log ERROR

==22195=

Manager thread started.

[Thread 0] Worker exiting. Matches: 4123

[Thread 2] Worker exiting. Matches: 3840

[Thread 1] Worker exiting. Matches: 3963

[Thread 3] Worker exiting. Matches: 3796

Main: All worker threads joined.

====== Summary ====

Thread 0 matches: 4123

Thread 1 matches: 3840

Thread 2 matches: 3840

Thread 3 matches: 3796

Total matches: 15722

Main: Cleanup finished. Exiting.

==22195==

==22195== in use at exit: 0 bytes in 0 blocks

==22195== total heap usage: 79,562 allocs, 79,562 frees, 7,230,414 bytes allocated

==22195== All heap blocks were freed -- no leaks are possible

==22195== For lists of detected and suppressed errors, rerun with: -s

==22195== ERROR SUMMARY: 0 errors from 0 contexts (suppressed: 0 from 0)
```

Figure 3: Program Execution with Valgrind

4 Conclusion

4.1 Challenges Faced

- Implementing thread synchronization and avoiding deadlocks.
- Handling SIGINT signals without leaving threads in a waiting state.

4.2 Solutions

- Used condition variables and mutexes to synchronize thread access to the buffer.
- Ensured all threads are woken up and terminated gracefully upon receiving a SIGINT signal.

4.3 Final Thoughts

This project provided valuable experience in multithreading, synchronization, and signal handling. The implementation successfully meets the requirements and handles edge cases effectively.