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Computer Systems B

COMS20012

Introduction to Operating Systems and Security

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Implementing semaphores

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OS161 code

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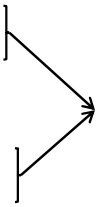

Check and Decrement counter under lock

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At a high level this is what this function does.
(see kern/thread/thread.c)

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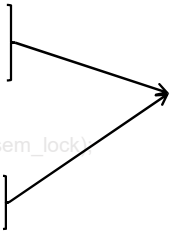

Increment counter under lock

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Wake one sleeping thread

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May be useful to help you build the condition variable primitive in lab 6

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Thank you

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