

2INC0 Operating Systems practical

Assignment 2

schedule practical

week	Wed afternoon (7+8)	Fri morning (3+4)
1	Linux, C helloworld	C pointers
2	explain assignment 1	C structs + memory alloc
3	C arrays + strings	
4	explain assignment 2	C bit operations
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6	explain assignment 3	
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threaded application



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LejoPGtliTs>

threaded_basics.c

- source code for:
 - creating a new thread
 - passing parameters to a thread (and back)
 - synchronize threads
 - bit operations on integers
- our advice:
 - study the syntax
 - study the library calls

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PTHREAD_CREATE(3)      Linux Programmer's Manual      PTHREAD_CREATE(3)

NAME
    pthread_create - create a new thread

SYNOPSIS
    #include <pthread.h>

    int pthread_create(pthread_t *thread, const pthread_attr_t *attr,
        void *(*start_routine) (void *), void *arg);

    Compile and link with -pthread.

DESCRIPTION
    The pthread_create() function starts a new thread in the calling
    process. The new thread starts execution by invoking start_routine();
    arg is passed as the sole argument of start_routine().

    The new thread terminates in one of the following ways:

    * It calls pthread_exit(3), specifying an exit status value that is
      available to another thread in the same process that calls
      pthread_join(3).

    * It returns from start_routine(). This is equivalent to calling
      pthread_exit(3) with the value supplied in the return statement.
```

Central flipping structure: uint128_t buffer[N]



Small example

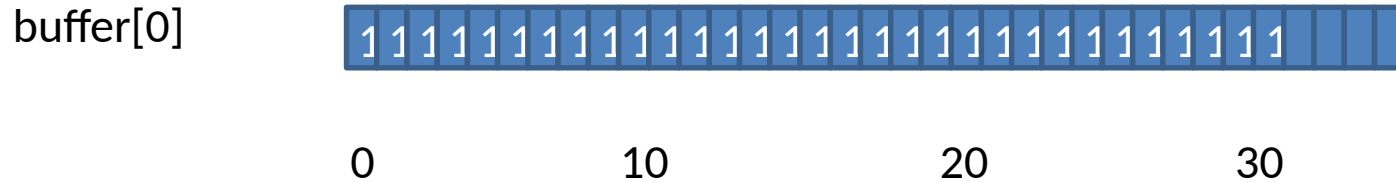
```
#define NROF_PIECES 30
```

```
#define NROF_THREADS 2
```

buffer[0]

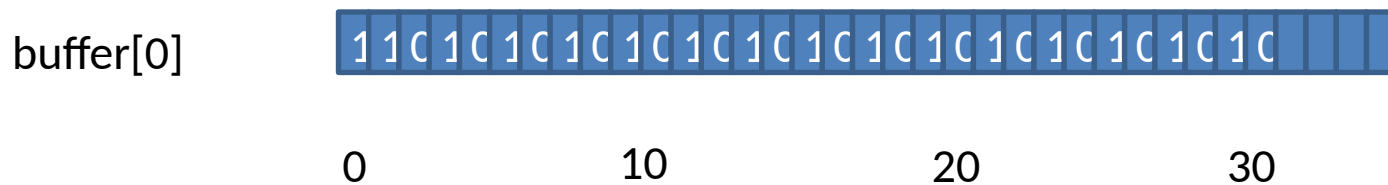
0 10 20 30

All pieces are black




Thread (parameter = 2) flips all multiples of 2

```
#define NROF_PIECES 30
```




Thread_1 (parameter = 2) flips all multiples of 2

buffer[0] 

0 10 20 30


Thread_2 (parameter = 3) flips all multiples of 3

#define NROF_THREADS 2

buffer[0] 

0 10 20 30

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buffer[0] 

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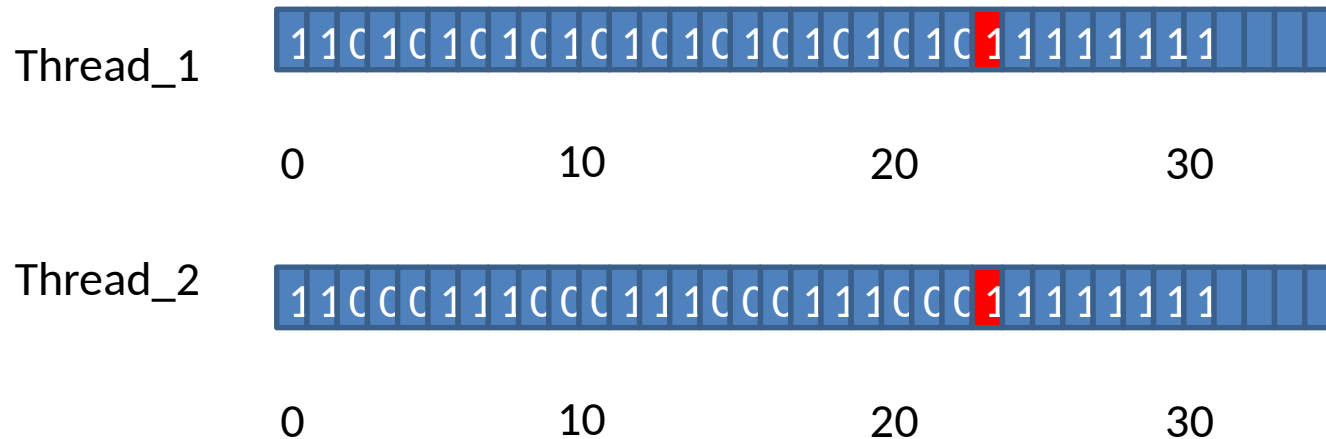
How does flipping work?

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if (BIT_IS_SET( buffer[0], 10))
{
    BIT_CLEAR( buffer[0], 10);
}
else
{
    BIT_SET( buffer[0], 10);
}
```


Both threads are executed in parallel:

Thread_1 (parameter = 2) flips all multiples of 2

Thread_2 (parameter = 3) flips all multiples of 3



Both threads wants to flip number 24 at the same time. What happens?

Solution: use mutex for the critical section

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