# Multiprocessing: threads

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# **Announcements**

• Project 4 due Thursday, May 5

# Warm-up

• Q0: What are all possible outputs produced by this program?

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #include <stdlib.h>
3 #include <sys/wait.h>
4 #include <unistd.h>
  int main() {
5
       printf("A\n");
7
       int x = fork();
8
      if (x == 0) {
9
           int y = fork();
10
           if (y == 0) {
               printf("B\n");
11
12
           else {
13
14
               wait(NULL);
15
               printf("C\n");
           }
16
17
       else {
18
           wait(NULL);
19
20
           printf("D\n");
21
22
       printf("E\n");
23 }
```

## **Threads**

#### Example

```
void *thread1_main(void *arg) {
    int *x = (int *)arg;
    *x += 1;
    return NULL;
void *thread2_main(void *arg) {
    int *y = (int *)arg;
    *y += 2;
    return NULL;
}
int main() {
   int *z = malloc(sizeof(int));
   *z = 0;
   // Start thread running thread1_main(z)
   // Start thread running thread2_main(z)
   // Wait for threads to finish
   printf("z is %d\n", *z);
}
```

## Practice

Q1: What are all possible outputs produced by this program?

```
void *thread_main(void *arg) {
    char *id = (char *)arg;
    printf("I am thread %c\n", *id);
    return NULL;
}
int main() {
    char a = 'A';
    char b = 'B';
    // Start thread running thread_main(&a)
    // Start thread running thread_main(&b)
    // Wait for threads to finish
}
```

# Pthreads API

Q2: What are all possible outputs produced by this program?

```
1
   #include <pthread.h>
2
  void *printer(void *arg) {
3
        char *ch = (char*)arg;
        printf("I am %c\n", *ch);
4
5
        return NULL;
6
  }
7
   int main() {
        pthread_t thread1, thread2;
8
        char *ch1 = malloc(sizeof(char));
9
10
        *ch1 = 'X';
        char *ch2 = malloc(sizeof(char));
11
12
        *ch2 = 'Y';
13
        pthread_create(&thread1, NULL, &printer, ch1);
        pthread_create(&thread2, NULL, &printer, ch2);
14
        pthread join(thread1, NULL);
15
16
        pthread_join(thread2, NULL);
17 }
```

Q3: What are all possible outputs produced by this program?

```
1
   #include <pthread.h>
  void *printer(void *arg) {
2
3
        char *ch = (char*)arg;
        printf("I am %c\n", *ch);
5
        return NULL;
   }
6
7
    int main() {
        pthread_t thread1, thread2;
8
9
        char *ch = malloc(sizeof(char));
10
        *ch = 'P';
        pthread_create(&thread1, NULL, &printer, ch);
11
12
        pthread_join(thread1, NULL);
13
        *ch = 'Q';
        pthread_create(&thread2, NULL, &printer, ch);
14
15
        pthread_join(thread2, NULL);
16 }
```

# **Extra Practice**

QA: What are all possible outputs produced by this program?

```
void *procl_main(void *arg) {
    int *x = (int *)arg;
    *x += 1;
    return NULL;
void *proc2_main(void *arg) {
    int *y = (int *)arg;
    *y += 2;
    return NULL;
}
int main() {
    int z = 0;
    int pid = fork();
    if (pid == 0) {
        proc1_main(&z);
    } else {
        proc2_main(&z);
        wait(NULL);
    printf("z is %d\n", z);
}
```

QB: What are all possible outputs produced by this program?

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdib.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <sys/wait.h>
int main() {
    int pid = fork();
    if (pid == 0) {
        printf("Child\n");
        exit(22);
    } else {
        int status = 0;
        wait(&status);
        printf("Status %d\n", WEXITSTATUS(status));
        exit(44);
    }
}
```