

## 1. SOLUTION OVERVIEW

- Uses shared memory for data storage
- Uses semaphores for synchronization
- Implements circular buffer pattern
- Uses separate processes for producer and consumer

## 2. COMPONENTS

### A. Shared Memory Structure:

```
struct shared_data {  
    int producer_index; // Write position  
    int consumer_index; // Read position  
    int buffer[10];      // Data storage  
}
```

### B. Semaphores (4 total):

```
semid[0] = 10 // Empty slots counter  
semid[1] = 0  // Full slots counter  
semid[2] = 1  // Producer mutex  
semid[3] = 1  // Consumer mutex
```

## 3. IMPLEMENTATION FLOW

### A. Initialization (create.c):

- Creates shared memory segment
- Initializes indices to 0
- Creates and initializes semaphores
- Sets up initial environment

### B. Producer Process (producer.c):

- Waits for empty slot (P(empty))
- Gets exclusive access (P(prod\_mutex))
- Writes data to buffer
- Updates producer\_index

- Releases mutex ( $V(\text{prod\_mutex})$ )
- Signals slot filled ( $V(\text{full})$ )

#### C. Consumer Process (consumer.c):

- Waits for full slot ( $P(\text{full})$ )
- Gets exclusive access ( $P(\text{cons\_mutex})$ )
- Reads data from buffer
- Updates `consumer_index`
- Releases mutex ( $V(\text{cons\_mutex})$ )
- Signals slot emptied ( $V(\text{empty})$ )

### 4. SYNCHRONIZATION MECHANISM

#### A. Empty/Full Management:

- Empty semaphore (`semid[0]`) prevents buffer overflow
- Full semaphore (`semid[1]`) prevents reading empty buffer

#### B. Mutual Exclusion:

- Producer mutex (`semid[2]`) protects producer operations
- Consumer mutex (`semid[3]`) protects consumer operations

### 5. SEQUENCE OF OPERATIONS

#### Producer:

```
P(empty)           // Wait for space
P(prod_mutex)       // Enter critical section
write_data()        // Modify buffer
V(prod_mutex)       // Exit critical section
V(full)             // Signal data available
```

#### Consumer:

```
P(full)           // Wait for data
P(cons_mutex)     // Enter critical section
read_data()       // Access buffer
V(cons_mutex)     // Exit critical section
V(empty)          // Signal space available
```

## 6. KEY FEATURES

- Circular buffer implementation
- Safe concurrent access
- No buffer overflow/underflow
- Proper resource management
- Automatic cleanup with SEM\_UNDO

## 7. USAGE

```
# Compile
gcc create.c -o create
gcc producer.c -o producer
gcc consumer.c -o consumer

# Execute (in separate terminals)
./create
./producer
./consumer
```

## 8. IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

- Create process must run first
- Semaphore operations must maintain proper order
- Buffer indices must wrap around correctly
- Shared data access must be protected
- Resource limits must be respected