

# Project 6: Banker's Algorithm

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## 1 Banker's Algorithm

### 1.1 Requirements

For this project, we are required to write a program that implements the banker's algorithm discussed in Section 8.6.3 in textbook. Customers request and release resources from the bank. The banker will grant a request only if it leaves the system in a safe state. A request that leaves the system in an unsafe state will be denied. Although the code examples that describe this project are illustrated in C, you may also develop a solution using Java.

The banker will consider requests from  $n$  customers for  $m$  resources types, as outlined in Section 8.6.3. The banker will keep track of the resources using `available`, `allocation`, `maximum` and `need` arrays. The banker will grant a request if it satisfies the safety algorithm outlined in Section 8.6.3.1 in textbook. If a request does not leave the system in a safe state, the banker will deny it. Function prototypes for requesting and releasing resources are as follows.

```
1 int request_resources(int customer_id, int request[]);
2 void release_resources(int customer_id, int request[]);
```

The `request_resources()` function should return 0 if successful and  $-1$  if unsuccessful. We need to implement the following functions.

- Use instruction `*` to output the values of the different tracking arrays.
- Use instruction `RQ ...` to request the resources;
- Use instruction `RL ...` to release the resources;
- Use instruction `exit` to exit the banker program.

### 1.2 Methods

Here are some specific methods of the program.

- We use the Banker's Algorithm to implement the full program. We use `available`, `allocation`, `maximum` and `need` arrays to keep track of the resources.
- For every request, we first suppose that we grant the request. Then we will use the banker-algorithm based safe-unsafe checking algorithm to check whether the state is safe. If the state is safe, we will grant the request and update the arrays; if the state is unsafe, we will deny the request. We also need to check some special cases of the input to prevent invalid inputs.
- For every release operation, we will release the resources immediately, unless the release instruction is invalid.
- For every printing operation (`*`), we will print the arrays in the screen immediately.
- For exit operation, we will exit the program.
- You need to put the maximum data in the `maximum.txt`, and put available data in the arguments to start the program. If the data is invalid, the program will terminate automatically.

## 1.3 Implementation

Here is the specific implementation of the program (`banker.c`).

```
1 # include <stdio.h>
2 # include <stdlib.h>
3 # include <string.h>
4 # include <unistd.h>
5
6 # define MAX_LINE_BUF 500
7 # define TRUE 1
8
9 // resource number
10 int resource_num;
11
12 // customer number
13 int customer_num;
14
15 // the available amount of each resource
16 int * available;
17 // the maximum demand of each customer
18 int ** maximum;
19 // the amount currently allocated to each other
20 int ** allocation;
21 // the remaining need of each customer
22 int ** need;
23 // current capacity
24 int cur_capacity;
25
26
27 void initialize(int argc, char *argv[]);
28 void print_state(int op);
29 void destroy(void);
30 int parse(char *buf, char *op, int *arg, int * argn);
31 void upd_need(int ** need, int ** maximum, int ** allocation);
32 int check_initial_safe(void);
33 int request_resources(int customer_id, int request[]);
34 void release_resources(int customer_id, int release[]);
35
36
37 int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
38     initialize(argc, argv);
39
40     print_state(0);
41
42     int res = check_initial_safe();
43     if (res) {
44         fprintf(stdout, "[Err] Initial state is unsafe! Process will end.\n");
45         exit(1);
46     }
47 }
```

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48 char buf[MAX_LINE_BUF], op[MAX_LINE_BUF];
49 int *arg = (int *) malloc (sizeof(int) * (1 + resource_num)), argn;
50
51 while(TRUE) {
52     fprintf(stdout, "Banker >> ");
53     fgets(buf, MAX_LINE_BUF, stdin);
54
55     int err = parse(buf, op, arg, &argn);
56     if (err) {
57         fprintf(stdout, "[Err] Invalid instruction. This instruction will be ignored
58             .\n");
59         continue;
60     }
61
62     if (strcmp(op, "exit") == 0 && argn == 0) break;
63     else if (strcmp(op, "*") == 0 && argn == 0) print_state(2);
64     else if (strcmp(op, "RQ") == 0 && argn == resource_num + 1) {
65         if (request_resources(arg[0], arg + 1) == -1) fprintf(stdout, "[Log] Request
66             command denied.\n");
67         else fprintf(stdout, "[Log] Request command accepted.\n");
68     }
69     else if (strcmp(op, "RL") == 0 && argn == resource_num + 1) release_resources(
70         arg[0], arg + 1);
71     else {
72         fprintf(stdout, "[Err] Invalid instruction. This instruction will be ignored
73             .\n");
74         continue;
75     }
76 }
77
78 free(arg);
79
80 destroy();
81 return 0;
82 }
83
84 // Initialize the arrays according to the input
85 void initialize(int argc, char *argv[]) {
86     // read the initial available resource from the arguments
87     resource_num = argc - 1;
88     if (resource_num == 0) {
89         fprintf(stderr, "Error: no resource!\n");
90         exit(1);
91     }
92
93     available = (int *) malloc (sizeof(int) * resource_num);
94
95     for (int i = 1; i < argc; ++ i)
96         available[i - 1] = atoi(argv[i]);

```

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94
95 // initial array
96 customer_num = 0;
97 cur_capacity = 100;
98 maximum = (int **) malloc (sizeof(int *) * cur_capacity);
99
100 // read the maximum demand data from file 'maximum.txt'
101 FILE *fp = fopen("maximum.txt", "r");
102 static int dat;
103 while(~fscanf(fp, "%d", &dat)) {
104     // if already full, then double the array.
105     if (customer_num == cur_capacity) {
106         int ** tem;
107         tem = (int **) malloc (sizeof(int *) * cur_capacity * 2);
108         for (int i = 0; i < cur_capacity; ++ i) {
109             tem[i] = (int *) malloc (sizeof(int) * resource_num);
110             for (int j = 0; j < resource_num; ++ j)
111                 tem[i][j] = maximum[i][j];
112             free(maximum[i]);
113         }
114         free(maximum);
115         maximum = tem;
116         cur_capacity <=<= 1;
117     }
118     // read the data
119     maximum[customer_num] = (int *) malloc (sizeof(int) * resource_num);
120     maximum[customer_num][0] = dat;
121     for (int i = 1; i < resource_num; ++ i) {
122         fscanf(fp, ",%d", &dat);
123         maximum[customer_num][i] = dat;
124     }
125     customer_num ++;
126 }
127 fclose(fp);
128
129 // allocate the array
130 allocation = (int **) malloc (sizeof(int *) * cur_capacity);
131 for (int i = 0; i < customer_num; ++ i)
132     allocation[i] = (int *) malloc (sizeof(int) * resource_num);
133 need = (int **) malloc (sizeof(int *) * cur_capacity);
134 for (int i = 0; i < customer_num; ++ i)
135     need[i] = (int *) malloc (sizeof(int) * resource_num);
136
137 // initialize the array
138 for (int i = 0; i < customer_num; ++ i)
139     for (int j = 0; j < resource_num; ++ j)
140         allocation[i][j] = 0;
141
142 upd_need(need, maximum, allocation);
143 }

```

```

144
145 // Print the current state
146 // op = 0: just output available & maximum; op = 1: also output allocation; op =
    2: also output allocation & need
147 void print_state(int op) {
148     fprintf(stdout, "[Log] Current State: \n");
149     fprintf(stdout, " Customer Number = %d\n Resource Number = %d\n", customer_num,
        resource_num);
150     fprintf(stdout, " Available = [");
151     for (int i = 0; i < resource_num; ++ i)
152         fprintf(stdout, "%d%c%c", available[i], (i == resource_num - 1) ? ']' : ', ', (
            i == resource_num - 1) ? '\n' : ' ');
153
154     fprintf(stdout, " Maximum = [\n");
155     for (int i = 0; i < customer_num; ++ i) {
156         fprintf(stdout, "    [");
157         for (int j = 0; j < resource_num; ++ j)
158             fprintf(stdout, "%d%c%c", maximum[i][j], (j == resource_num - 1) ? ']' :
                ', ', (j == resource_num - 1) ? '\n' : ' ');
159     }
160     fprintf(stdout, " ]\n");
161
162     if (op >= 1) {
163         fprintf(stdout, " Allocation = [\n");
164         for (int i = 0; i < customer_num; ++ i) {
165             fprintf(stdout, "    [");
166             for (int j = 0; j < resource_num; ++ j)
167                 fprintf(stdout, "%d%c%c", allocation[i][j], (j == resource_num - 1) ? ']'
                    : ', ', (j == resource_num - 1) ? '\n' : ' ');
168         }
169         fprintf(stdout, " ]\n");
170     }
171
172     if (op >= 2) {
173         fprintf(stdout, " Need = [\n");
174         for (int i = 0; i < customer_num; ++ i) {
175             fprintf(stdout, "    [");
176             for (int j = 0; j < resource_num; ++ j)
177                 fprintf(stdout, "%d%c%c", need[i][j], (j == resource_num - 1) ? ']' : ', ',
                    (j == resource_num - 1) ? '\n' : ' ');
178         }
179         fprintf(stdout, " ]\n");
180     }
181 }
182
183 // De-allocate the array
184 void destroy(void) {
185     free(available);
186     for (int i = 0; i < customer_num; ++ i) {
187         free(maximum[i]);

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```

188     free(allocation[i]);
189     free(need[i]);
190 }
191 free(maximum);
192 free(allocation);
193 free(need);
194 }
195
196 // Parse the buffer
197 int parse(char * buf, char * op, int * arg, int * argn) {
198     int hv, tmp, opcnt = 0;
199     hv = 0; tmp = 0;
200     (*argn) = -1;
201     for (int i = 0; buf[i]; ++ i) {
202         if (buf[i] == ' ' || buf[i] == '\t' || buf[i] == '\n') {
203             if (!hv) continue;
204             hv = 0;
205             if (*argn != -1) {
206                 if (*argn == resource_num + 1) return 1;
207                 arg[*argn] = tmp;
208                 tmp = 0;
209             }
210             (*argn) ++;
211         } else {
212             hv = 1;
213             if(*argn == -1) op[opcnt ++] = buf[i];
214             else {
215                 if (buf[i] >= '0' && buf[i] <= '9') tmp = tmp * 10 + buf[i] - '0';
216                 else return 1;
217             }
218         }
219     }
220     op[opcnt] = 0;
221     if(hv) {
222         if (*argn != -1) {
223             if (*argn == resource_num + 1) return 1;
224             arg[*argn] = tmp;
225             tmp = 0;
226         }
227         (*argn) ++;
228     }
229     return 0;
230 }
231
232
233 // Update the need matrix
234 void upd_need(int ** need, int ** maximum, int ** allocation) {
235     for (int i = 0; i < customer_num; ++ i)
236         for (int j = 0; j < resource_num; ++ j)
237             need[i][j] = maximum[i][j] - allocation[i][j];

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238 }
239
240 // Check whether the initial state is safe
241 int check_initial_safe(void) {
242     // |-- if maximum > initial available, unsafe.
243     for (int i = 0; i < customer_num; ++ i)
244         for (int j = 0; j < resource_num; ++ j)
245             if(maximum[i][j] > available[j]) return 1;
246     // |-- otherwise, safe.
247     return 0;
248 }
249
250 // Request the resources
251 int request_resources(int customer_id, int request[]) {
252     int * available_t, * served;
253
254     // |-- Check special cases.
255     for (int i = 0; i < resource_num; ++ i)
256         if (request[i] > need[customer_id][i]) {
257             fprintf(stdout, "[Err] The request should not be greater than need. This
                request will be ignored.");
258             return -1;
259         }
260     for (int i = 0; i < resource_num; ++ i)
261         if (request[i] > available[i]) {
262             fprintf(stdout, "[Log] Request CANNOT be granted, because there is not
                enough available resources.\n");
263             return -1;
264         }
265
266     // |-- Suppose we grant the request, then check the state.
267     available_t = (int *) malloc (sizeof(int) * resource_num);
268     served = (int *) malloc (sizeof(int) * customer_num);
269     for (int i = 0; i < customer_num; ++ i)
270         served[i] = 0;
271     for (int i = 0; i < resource_num; ++ i) {
272         available_t[i] = available[i] - request[i];
273         allocation[customer_id][i] += request[i];
274     }
275     upd_need(need, maximum, allocation);
276
277     // |-- Implement the situation.
278     int res = 1;
279     for (int step = 0; step < customer_num; ++ step) {
280         // |---- Find a unserved, feasible customer.
281         int pos = -1;
282         for (int i = 0; i < customer_num; ++ i) {
283             if (served[i]) continue;
284             int flag = 1;
285             for (int j = 0; j < resource_num; ++ j)

```

```

286         if (need[i][j] > available_t[j]) {
287             flag = 0;
288             break;
289         }
290         if (flag) {
291             pos = i;
292             break;
293         }
294     }
295     // |---- Not found, then unsafe.
296     if(pos == -1) {
297         res = 0;
298         break;
299     }
300     // |---- Serve the customer.
301     served[pos] = 1;
302     for (int i = 0; i < resource_num; ++ i)
303         available_t[i] += allocation[pos][i];
304 }
305
306 // |-- res = 1, then safe; res = 0, then unsafe.
307 if (res) {
308     fprintf(stdout, "[Log] Request is granted.\n");
309     for (int i = 0; i < resource_num; ++ i)
310         available[i] -= request[i];
311     free(available_t);
312     free(served);
313     return 0;
314 } else {
315     fprintf(stdout, "[Log] Request CANNOT be granted, or the system will become
316         unsafe.\n");
317     for (int i = 0; i < resource_num; ++ i)
318         allocation[customer_id][i] -= request[i];
319     upd_need(need, maximum, allocation);
320     free(available_t);
321     free(served);
322     return -1;
323 }
324
325 // Release the resources
326 void release_resources(int customer_id, int release[]) {
327     // |-- Check special cases.
328     for (int i = 0; i < resource_num; ++ i)
329         if (release[i] > allocation[customer_id][i]) {
330             fprintf(stdout, "[Err] The release should not be greater than allocation.
331                 This release will be ignored.\n");
332             return ;
333         }
334     // |-- Release the resources.

```



```

334     for (int i = 0; i < resource_num; ++ i) {
335         available[i] += release[i];
336         allocation[customer_id][i] -= release[i];
337     }
338     upd_need(need, maximum, allocation);
339     fprintf(stdout, "[Log] The resources are released.\n");
340     return ;
341 }

```

## 1.4 Testing

I write a `Makefile` file to help testing the program. We only need to enter the following instructions in the terminal and we can begin testing, where `...` stands for the `available` arguments. Remember to put the maximum data in the `maximum.txt` file.

```

1 make
2 ./banker ...

```

Here is a specific testing examples.

```

1 make
2 ./banker 10 6 9 7
3 RQ 0 6 4 7 3
4 *
5 RQ 1 5 2 2 2
6 RQ 1 4 2 2 2
7 RQ 4 0 0 0 2
8 RL 0 1 1 1 1
9 RQ 4 1 1 1 1
10 *
11 exit

```

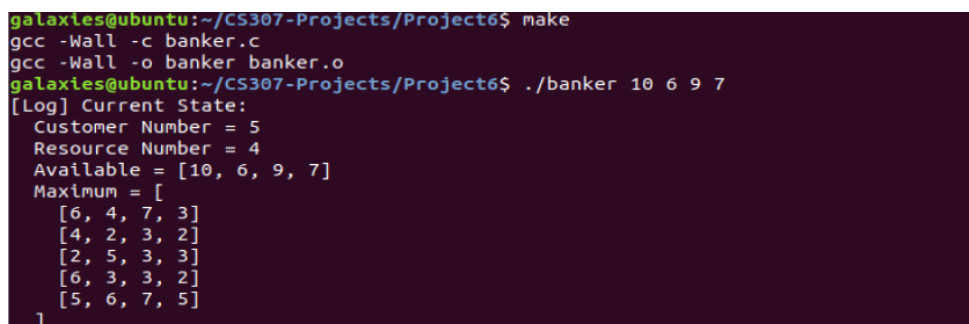
The data in the `maximum.txt` is displayed as follows.

```

1 6,4,7,3
2 4,2,3,2
3 2,5,3,3
4 6,3,3,2
5 5,6,7,5

```

Here are the execution results of the program (Fig. 1, Fig. 2 and Fig. 3).



```

galaxies@ubuntu:~/CS307-Projects/Project6$ make
gcc -Wall -c banker.c
gcc -Wall -o banker banker.o
galaxies@ubuntu:~/CS307-Projects/Project6$ ./banker 10 6 9 7
[Log] Current State:
Customer Number = 5
Resource Number = 4
Available = [10, 6, 9, 7]
Maximum = [
    [6, 4, 7, 3]
    [4, 2, 3, 2]
    [2, 5, 3, 3]
    [6, 3, 3, 2]
    [5, 6, 7, 5]
]

```

Figure 1: The execution result of the program (1)

```

Banker >> RQ 0 6 4 7 3
[Log] Request is granted.
[Log] Request command accepted.
Banker >> *
[Log] Current State:
  Customer Number = 5
  Resource Number = 4
  Available = [4, 2, 2, 4]
  Maximum = [
    [6, 4, 7, 3]
    [4, 2, 3, 2]
    [2, 5, 3, 3]
    [6, 3, 3, 2]
    [5, 6, 7, 5]
  ]
  Allocation = [
    [6, 4, 7, 3]
    [0, 0, 0, 0]
    [0, 0, 0, 0]
    [0, 0, 0, 0]
    [0, 0, 0, 0]
  ]
  Need = [
    [0, 0, 0, 0]
    [4, 2, 3, 2]
    [2, 5, 3, 3]
    [6, 3, 3, 2]
    [5, 6, 7, 5]
  ]
Banker >> RQ 1 5 2 2 2
[Err] The request should not be greater than need. This request will be ignored.
[Log] Request command denied.
Banker >> RQ 1 4 2 2 2
[Log] Request is granted.
[Log] Request command accepted.
Banker >> RQ 4 0 0 0 2
[Log] Request is granted.
[Log] Request command accepted.
Banker >> RL 0 1 1 1 1
[Log] The resources are released.
Banker >> RQ 4 1 1 1 1
[Log] Request CANNOT be granted, or the system will become unsafe.
[Log] Request command denied.

```

Figure 2: The execution result of the program (2)

```

Banker >> *
[Log] Current State:
  Customer Number = 5
  Resource Number = 4
  Available = [1, 1, 1, 1]
  Maximum = [
    [6, 4, 7, 3]
    [4, 2, 3, 2]
    [2, 5, 3, 3]
    [6, 3, 3, 2]
    [5, 6, 7, 5]
  ]
  Allocation = [
    [5, 3, 6, 2]
    [4, 2, 2, 2]
    [0, 0, 0, 0]
    [0, 0, 0, 0]
    [0, 0, 0, 2]
  ]
  Need = [
    [1, 1, 1, 1]
    [0, 0, 1, 0]
    [2, 5, 3, 3]
    [6, 3, 3, 2]
    [5, 6, 7, 3]
  ]
Banker >> exit
galaxies@ubuntu:~/CS307-Projects/Project6$

```

Figure 3: The execution result of the program (3)

## 2 Personal Thoughts

The project helps me understand the banker's algorithm better, and I also gain some knowledge about the banker-algorithm-based safe-unsafe checking algorithm. The project also trains our coding skills since we also need to implement parsing process except the algorithm. The implementation of the algorithm is a little bit complicated and it needs patience. I enjoy the process of writing this program.

By the way, you can find all the source codes in the "src" folder. You can also refer to [my github](#) to see my codes of this project, and they are in the **Project6** folder.