

Starvation-free reader writers problem

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This repo contains pseudocode for starvation free reader writer problem implemented for assignment of CSN-232: Operating Systems

Documentation

- Global Variables:

```
semaphore accessMutex;    // Initialized to 1
semaphore readersMutex;   // Initialized to 1
semaphore orderMutex;     // Initialized to 1

unsigned int readers = 0;  // Number of readers accessing the resource
```

- Readers algorithm pseudocode:

```
Wait(orderMutex);          // Remember our order of arrival

Wait(readersMutex);        // We will manipulate the readers counter
if (readers == 0)          // If there are currently no readers (we came first)...
    Wait(accessMutex);     // ...requests exclusive access to the resource for readers
readers++;                 // Note that there is now one more reader

Signal(orderMutex);        // Release order of arrival semaphore (we have been served)
Signal(readersMutex);      // We are done accessing the number of readers for now

ReadResource();            // Here the reader can read the resource at will

Wait(readersMutex);        // We will manipulate the readers counter
readers--;                 // We are leaving, there is one less reader
if (readers == 0)          // If there are no more readers currently reading...
    Signal(accessMutex);   // ...release exclusive access to the resource
Signal(readersMutex);      // We are done accessing the number of readers for now
```

- Writers algorithm pseudocode:

```
Wait(orderMutex);          // Remember our order of arrival
Wait(accessMutex);         // Request exclusive access to the resource
Signal(orderMutex);        // Release order of arrival semaphore (we have been served)

WriteResource();           // Here the writer can modify the resource at will

Signal(accessMutex);       // Release exclusive access to the resource
```

