

Exercise 9: Multithreading and Synchronization

Multithreading

Multithreading allows a process to manage two or more concurrent threads. Each thread can handle a task independently. For example, while one thread performs a complex calculation, another can update the user interface, preventing the application from freezing.

C# **Thread** class provides properties and methods to create and control threads. It is found in **System.Threading** namespace.

Creating Threads without using ThreadStart delegate

For example, if we want execute a function called **task1()** through Thread, we can create a Thread without **ThreadStart** as given below

```
Thread t1 = new Thread(task1);
```

So, the above thread instance creation statement is implicitly converted to the **ThreadStart** delegate instance.

Now a new Thread is created called t1, it must be activated through an explicit method call via **Start()** in order bring the thread under control of CPU thread scheduling.

```
t1.Start();
```

Additionally, **Join()** method can also be called to make the Main Thread to wait for the newly created threads.

```
using System;
using System.Threading;
class Program
{
    public static void task1()
    {
        for(int i=1; i <= 10;i++)
        {
            Console.WriteLine(i);
            if(i == 5)
            {
                Thread.Sleep(5000);
            }
        }
    }
    public static void task2()
    {
        for (int i = 100; i <= 110; i++)
        {
            Console.WriteLine(i);
        }
    }
    static void Main(string[] args)
    {
        Thread t1 = new Thread(task1);
        Thread t2 = new Thread(task2);
```

```

        t1.Start();
        t2.Start();
        t1.Join();
        t2.Join();
        Console.ReadKey();
    }
}

```

Synchronization in C#

One of the ways to achieve Synchronization in C# is by using the feature of lock, which locks the access to a block of code within the locked object. When a thread locks an object, no other thread can access the block of code within the locked object. Only when a thread releases the lock, then it is available for other threads to access it.

In C# Language, every object has a built-in lock. By using the feature of Synchronization, we can **lock** an object. Locking an object can be done by using the **lock** keyword, and the following is the syntax to use the lock.

```

lock(object)
{
    //Statement1
    //Statement2
    //And more statements to be synchronized
}

```

Complete All the Questions

1. Create a program to read a paragraph of text data and create 2 threads namely **word**, **vowel** and do the following operations with 2 seconds' delay.

A. **word** thread display each word one by one.

B. **vowel** thread prints each vowel one by one

2. Create a program to read 10 numbers and store in an array create 3 threads namely **even**, **odd** and do the following operations with 2 seconds' delay

A. **even** thread display all the even numbers in the array.

B. **odd** thread display all the odd numbers in the array.

Synchronization Question

3. Create a program to read three numbers as input and create 3 threads namely **table1**, **table2** and **table3** and display multiplication table without mixing any sequence with 2 seconds delay using Thread Synchronization.
