

How can we perform conditional synchronization with semaphores in a similar way as condition variables?

Since semaphores are (special!) counting (shared) variables, the "trick" is to count the number of waiting active entities.

MUTEX & CONDITION VARIABLES		SHARED MEMORY & SEMAPHORES
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// INITIALIZATION:

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// mutex:
pthread_mutex_t mtx;
mutex_init(&mtx, NULL);

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// condition variable:
pthread_cond_t cvar;
cond_init(&cvar, NULL);

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// Binary semaphore with initial value 1:
int mtx_id = psemget(semkey, 1, 0600 | IPC_CREAT | IPC_EXCL);
psem_up(mtx_id, 0);

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// Integer semaphore with initial value 0:
int cvar_id = psemget(key, 1, 0600 | IPC_CREAT | IPC_EXCL);

// Shared integer variable (in shared memory!):
int shmid = pshmget(shmkey, sizeof(int), 0600 | IPC_CREAT | IPC_EXCL);
int* cvar_waiters = pshmat(shmid, NULL, 0); // before fork(s)
*cvar_waiters = 0;
...
pshmdt(cvar_waiters); // at the end, after all wait[pid]

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// WAIT:

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mutex_lock(&mtx);
while (!condition)
{
    cond_wait(&cvar, &mtx);
}
...
mutex_unlock(&mtx);

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// wait (assumes cvar_waiters attached):
psem_down(mtx_id, 0); // lock
while (!condition)
{
    (*cvar_waiters)++;
    psem_up(mtx_id, 0); // unlock
    psem_down(cvar_id, 0); // wait
    psem_down(mtx_id, 0); // lock
}
...
psem_up(mtx_id, 0); // unlock

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// BROADCAST:

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mutex_lock(&mtx);
...
cond_broadcast(&cvar);
mutex_unlock(&mtx);

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// broadcast (assumes cvar_waiters attached):
psem_down(mtx_id, 0); // lock
...
while ((*cvar_waiters) > 0)
{
    psem_up(cvar_id, 0); // signal one
    (*cvar_waiters)--;
}
psem_up(mtx_id, 0); // unlock

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// SIGNAL:

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mutex_lock(&mtx);
...
cond_signal(&cvar);
mutex_unlock(&mtx);

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// signal (assumes cvar_waiters attached):
psem_down(mtx_id, 0); // lock
...
if ((*cvar_waiters) > 0)
{
    psem_up(cvar_id, 0); // signal one
    (*cvar_waiters)--;
}
psem_up(mtx_id, 0); // unlock

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