CS 2200 Systems and Networking

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Project 4 - Process Scheduling & Threading

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Project 4: Process Scheduling Simulation

1 Overview

In this project, you will implement a multiprocessor operating system simulator using a popular threading library for Linux called pthreads. The framework for the multiprocessor OS simulator is nearly complete, but missing one critical component: the process scheduler! Your task is to implement the process scheduler and three different scheduling algorithms.

The simulated operating system supports only one thread per process making it similar to the systems that we discussed in Chapter 6. However, the simulator itself will use a thread to represent each of the CPUs in the simulated hardware. This means that the CPUs in the simulator will appear to operate concurrently.

Note: Multiple CPU cores need to be enabled for this to work correctly. The CS 2200 Docker container should already be configured to run with 4 cores. Please see a TA if you are running into any problems.

We have provided you with source files that constitute the framework for your simulator. You will only need to modify answers.txt and student.c. However, it is in your best interest to read and understand the other files, and it will make it much easier to implement the functions in student.c.

We have provided you the following files:

- 1. os-sim.c Code for the operating system simulator which calls your CPU scheduler.
- 2. os-sim.h Header file for the simulator.
- 3. process.c Descriptions of the simulated processes.
- 4. process.h Header file for the process data.
- 5. student.c This file contains stub functions for your CPU scheduler.
- 6. student.h Header file for your code to interface with the OS simulator. Also contains the ready queue struct definition.
- 7. answers.txt This is a text file that you should use to write your answers to the questions listed throughout the PDF.

Reminder: The only files that you need to edit are student.c and answers.txt. If you edit any other files, your code may fail the autograder!

1.1 Scheduling Algorithms

For your simulator, you will implement the following three CPU scheduling algorithms:

- 1. **First Come, First Serve (FCFS)** Runnable processes are kept in a ready queue. FCFS is non-preemptive; once a process begins running on a CPU, it will continue running until it either completes or blocks for I/O. The process with the earliest **arrival time** in the ready queue will be the next process selected. It is highly recommended to read the textbook section on FCFS before starting.
- 2. **Round-Robin** Similar to FCFS, except preemptive. Each process is assigned a timeslice when it is scheduled. At the end of the timeslice, if the process is still running, the process is preempted and

moved to the tail of the ready queue. It is highly recommended to read the textbook section on Round Robin before starting.

3. Preemptive Priority Scheduling with Aging - Processes with higher priority get to run first and processes with lower priority get preempted for a process with higher priority. There is a caveat, though. Our priority scheduler factors in the age of a process when determining priority.

1.2 Process States

In our OS simulation, there are five possible states for a process. These states are listed in the process_state_t enum in os-sim.h:

- 1. NEW The process is being created, and has not yet begun executing.
- 2. READY The process is ready to execute, and is waiting to be scheduled on a CPU.
- 3. RUNNING The process is currently executing on a CPU.
- 4. WAITING The process has temporarily stopped executing, and is waiting for an I/O request to complete.
- 5. TERMINATED The process has completed.

There is a field named state in the PCB, which must be updated with the current state of the process. The simulator will use this field to collect statistics.

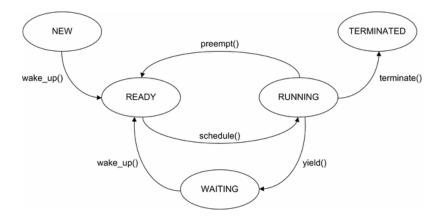


Figure 1: Process States

1.3 The Ready Queue

On most systems, there are a large number of processes that need to share the resources of a small number of CPUs. When there are more processes ready to execute than CPUs, processes must wait in the READY state until a CPU becomes available. To keep track of the processes waiting to execute, we keep a ready queue of the processes in the READY state.

Since the ready queue is accessed by multiple processors, which may add and remove processes from the ready queue, the ready queue must be protected by some form of synchronization. For this project, you will use a mutex lock that we have provided called ready_mutex.

1.4 Scheduling Processes

schedule() is the core function of the CPU scheduler. It is invoked whenever a CPU becomes available for running a process. schedule() must search the ready queue, select a runnable process, and call the context_switch() function to switch the process onto the CPU.

Note that in a multiprocessor environment, we cannot mandate that the currently running process be at the head of the ready queue. There is an array (one entry for each CPU) that will hold the pointer to the PCB currently running on that CPU.

There is a special process, the "idle" process, which is scheduled whenever there are no processes in the READY state. This process simply waits for something new to be added to the ready queue and then calls schedule().

1.5 CPU Scheduler Invocation

There are five events which will cause the simulator to invoke schedule():

- 1. yield() A process completes its CPU operations and yields the processor to perform an I/O request.
- 2. wake_up() A process that previously yielded completes its I/O request, and is ready to perform CPU operations. wake_up() is also called when a process in the NEW state becomes runnable.
- 3. preempt() When using a Round-Robin scheduling algorithm, a CPU-bound process may be preempted before it completes its CPU operations.
- 4. terminate() A process exits or is killed.
- 5. idle() Waits for a new process to be added to the ready queue. idle() contains the code that gets executed by the idle process. In the real world, the idle process puts the processor in a low-power mode and waits. For our OS simulation, you will use a pthread condition variable to block the thread until a process enters the ready queue.

1.6 The Simulator

We will use pthreads to simulate an operating system on a multiprocessor computer. We will use one thread per CPU and one thread as a 'supervisor' for our simulation. The supervisor thread will spawn new processes (as if a user started a process). The CPU threads will simulate the currently-running processes on each CPU, and the supervisor thread will print output.

Since the code you write will be called from multiple threads, the CPU scheduler you write must be threadsafe! This means that all data structures you use, including your ready queue, must be protected using mutexes.

The number of CPUs is specified as a command-line parameter to the simulator. For this project, you will be performing experiments with 1, 2, and 4 CPU simulations.

Also, for demonstration purposes, the simulator executes much slower than a real system would. In the real world, a CPU burst might range from one to a few hundred milliseconds, whereas in this simulator, they range from 0.2 to 2.0 seconds.

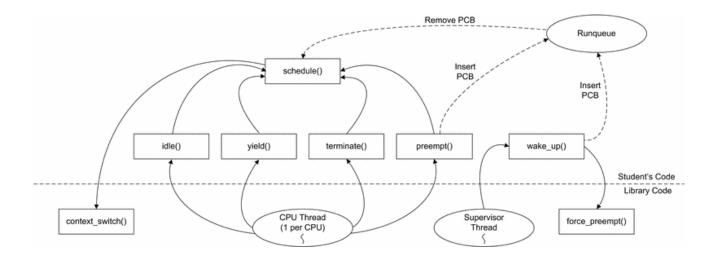


Figure 2: Simulator Function Calls

The above diagram should give you a good overview of how the system works in terms of the functions being called and PCBs moving around.

Below is a second diagram that shows the entire system overview and the code that you need to write is inside of the green cloud at the bottom. All of the items outside of the green cloud are part of the simulator and will not need to be modified by you.

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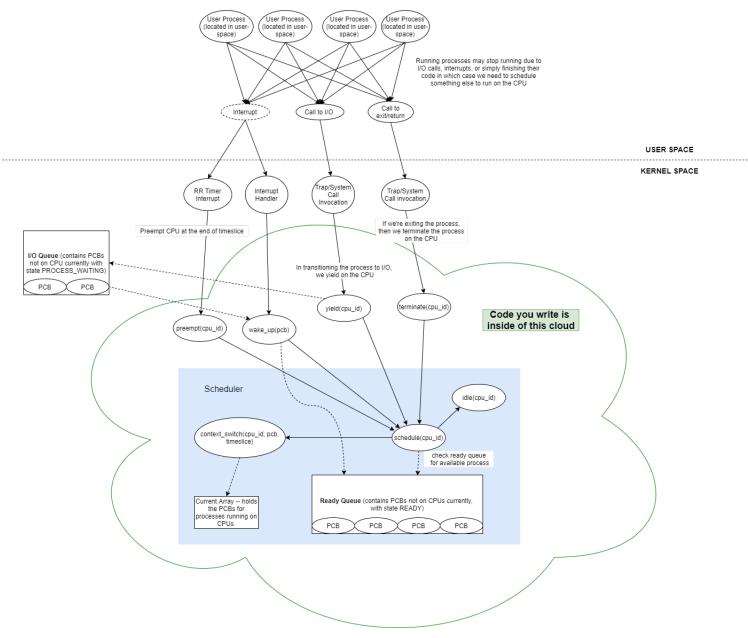


Figure 3: System overview

Compile and run the simulator with ./os-sim 2. After a few seconds, hit Control-C to exit. You will see the output below:

	Time	Ru	Re	Wa	CPU 0	CPU 1	< I/O Queue <
				==			
	0.0	0	0	0	(IDLE)	(IDLE)	< <
	0.1	0	0	0	(IDLE)	(IDLE)	< <
	0.2	0	0	0	(IDLE)	(IDLE)	< <
	0.3	0	0	0	(IDLE)	(IDLE)	< <
	0.4	0	0	0	(IDLE)	(IDLE)	< <
	0.5	0	0	0	(IDLE)	(IDLE)	< <
	0.6	0	0	0	(IDLE)	(IDLE)	< <
	0.7	0	0	0	(IDLE)	(IDLE)	< <
	0.8	0	0	0	(IDLE)	(IDLE)	< <
	0.9	0	0	0	(IDLE)	(IDLE)	< <
	1.0	0	0	0	(IDLE)	(IDLE)	< <

Figure 4: Sample Output

The simulator generates a Gantt Chart, showing the current state of the OS at every 100ms interval. The leftmost column shows the current time, in seconds. The next three columns show the number of Running, Ready, and Waiting processes, respectively. The next two columns show the process currently running on each CPU. The rightmost column shows the processes which are currently in the I/O queue, with the head of the queue on the left and the tail of the queue on the right.

As you can see, nothing is executing. This is because we have no CPU scheduler to select processes to execute! Once you complete Problem 1 and implement a basic FCFS scheduler, you will see the processes executing on the CPUs.

2 Problem 0: The Ready Queue

We have provided simple implementations of queue_t, enqueue(), dequeue(), and is_empty() in student.c. The struct you have to implement will serve as your ready queue, and you should be using these helper functions to add and remove processes from the ready queue in the problems to follow.

2.1 Provided Queue

- The queue is backed by a linked list with each PCB acting as a node. There is a field in the PCB, next, which you may use to build linked lists of PCBs.
- enqueue() will add a process to the ready queue.
- dequeue() will find the next process to remove according to the scheduling algorithm, remove it from the queue, and return a pointer to it.
- NOTE: When using the ready queue helper functions in the following problems, make sure to call them in a thread-safe manner. Read up on how to use mutex locks and lock/unlock the mutex for the ready queue when you call these functions. You might need to modify the enqueue() and dequeue() function to support the different scheduling algorithms as you move forward in the project.

3 Problem 1: FCFS Scheduler

Implement the CPU scheduler using the FCFS scheduling algorithm. You may do this however you like, however, we suggest the following:

• Implement the yield(), wake_up(), and terminate() handlers. in student.c.

Checkout the hints in section 3.3, and note that preempt() is not necessary for this stage of the project.

• Implement idle().

idle() must wait on a condition variable that is signalled whenever a process is added to the ready queue.

• Implement schedule().

schedule() should extract the next process in the ready queue, then call context_switch() to select the process to execute. If there are no runnable processes, schedule() should call context_switch() with a NULL pointer as the PCB to execute the idle process.

3.1 Hints

- Be sure to update the state field of the PCB in all the methods above. The library will read this field to generate the RUNNING (Ru), READY (Re), and WAITING (Wa) columns, and to print the statistics at the end of the simulation.
- Four of the five entry points into the scheduler (idle(), yield(), terminate(), and preempt()) should cause a new process to be scheduled on the CPU. In your handlers, be sure to call schedule(), which will select a runnable process, and then call context_switch(). When these four functions return, the library will simulate the execution of the process selected by context_switch().
- context_switch() takes a timeslice parameter, which is used for preemptive scheduling algorithms. Since FCFS is non-preemptive, use -1 for this parameter to give the process an infinite timeslice.
- Make sure to use the helper functions in a thread-safe manner when adding and removing processes from the ready queue!
- The current[] array should be used to keep track of the process currently executing on each CPU. Since this array is accessed by multiple CPU threads, it must be protected by a mutex. current_mutex has been provided for you.

4 Problem 2: Round-Robin Scheduler

Add Round-Robin scheduling functionality to your code. Alter the provided enqueue() and dequeue() to support round robin. You should modify main() to add a command line option, -r, which selects the Round-Robin scheduling algorithm, and accepts a parameter, the length of the timeslice. For this project, timeslices are measured in tenths of seconds. E.g.:

```
./os-sim < \# CPUs > -r 5
```

should run a Round-Robin scheduler with timeslices of 500 ms. While:

```
./os-sim <# of CPUs>
```

should continue to run a FCFS scheduler. Note: you can use getopt(), which we used earlier in the semester or just parse the command line arguments passed into main using if statements.

Implement preempt().

preempt() should place the currently running process back in the ready queue, and call schedule() to select a new runnable process.

To specify a timeslice when scheduling a process, use the timeslice parameter of context_switch(). The simulator will simulate a timer interrupt to preempt the process and call your preempt() handler if the process executes on the CPU for the length of the timeslice without terminating or yielding for I/O.

5 Problem 3: Preemptive Priority Scheduling with Aging

Add Priority with Aging scheduling to your code. Alter the provided enqueue() and/or dequeue() to support priority with aging. Modify main() to accept the -p parameter to select the Priority Scheduling with Aging algorithm. The command line argument will follow this format. ./os-sim <num CPUs> -p <age weight>. Take a look at your homework 4 if you are struggling with this.

Implement the function priority_with_age(). Each process has a base priority, however, we need to factor in its age to give us the processes' functional priority. To do this, we must understand a few variables.

- 1. current_time is a running time function that tells us how long it has been since our simulator has been booted up. We can obtain this value by simply calling the function get_current_time().
- 2. enqueue_time is a value in the PCB that tells us when the process was put into the ready queue. We update this every time we enqueue a process.
- 3. age_weight is an argument that is passed in from the command line. This value determines how much priority a process gains per unit age.

To calculate our functional priority use the equation

```
functional\_priority = base\_priority + (current\_time - enqueue\_time) * age\_weight
```

We will calculate functional priority on every process in the ready queue and schedule the process with the highest priority. This means your ready queue does not have to stay in priority order, as you will need to iterate through and find the process with the highest functional priority, which will take O(n).

It's important that you use the functional priority to find the process to schedule next, but never actually override the priority field in the PCB. Doing so would cause exponential priority growth, which is not what we want.

When a process is awakened, and all CPU cores are currently occupied by running processes, we preempt the lowest priority process if its priority is lower than that of the newly awakened process. Subsequently, we add this preempted process to the ready queue.

NOTE: Contrary to modern operating systems, higher number means higher priority...

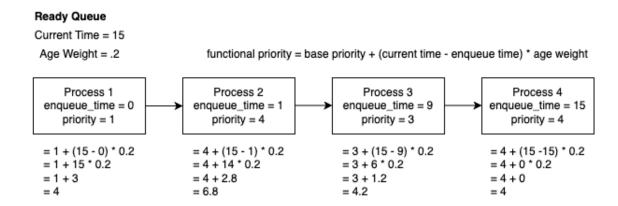


Figure 5: Example Ready Queue

The above ready queue is an example of our priority with aging algorithm. Our example simulator is at current time 15, has an age weight of .2, and four processes in its ready queue.

Notice the following:

- Process 1 is earlier in the queue than process 2, yet process 2 has a higher functional priority.
- Process 4 has a higher base priority than process 3, yet process 3 has a higher functional priority.
- Process 2 and 4 have the same base priority, yet process 2 has a much higher functional priority.
- We would schedule process 2 since it has a best mix of old age and high priority.

6 Problem 4: Short Answers

Please write your answers to the following questions in answers.txt.

6.1 FIFO Scheduler

Run your OS simulation with 1, 2, and 4 CPUs. Compare the total execution time of each. Is there a linear relationship between the number of CPUs and total execution time? Why or why not? Keep in mind that the execution time refers to the simulated execution time.

6.2 Round-Robin Scheduler

Run your Round-Robin scheduler with timeslices of 800ms, 600ms, 400ms, and 200ms. Use only one CPU for your tests. Compare the statistics at the end of the simulation. Is there a relationship between the total waiting time and timeslice length? If so, what is it? In contrast, in a real OS, the shortest timeslice possible is usually not the best choice. Why not?

6.3 Preemptive Priority Scheduler

Priority schedulers can sometimes lead to starvation among processes with lower priority. What is a way that operating systems can mitigate starvation in a priority scheduler?

6.4 Priority Inversion

Consider a non-preemptive priority scheduler. Suppose you have a high-priority process (P1) that wants to display a window on the monitor. But, the window manager is a process with low priority and will be placed at the end of the ready queue. While it is waiting to be scheduled, new medium-priority processes are likely

to come in and starve the window manager process. The starvation of the window manager will also mean the starvation of P1 (the process with high priority), since P1 is waiting for the window manager to finish running.

If we want to keep our non-preemptive priority scheduler, what edits can we make to our scheduler to ensure that the P1 can finish its execution before any of the medium priority processes finish their execution? Explain in detail the changes you would make.

7 The Gradescope Environment

You will be submitting files to Gradescope, where they will be tested in a VM setup that runs through Gradescope. The specifications of this VM are that it runs Ubuntu 20.04 LTS (64-bit) and gcc 9.3.0, and so we expect that your files can run in such a setup. This means that when you are running your project locally, you will want to ensure you are using a VM/some setup that runs Ubuntu 20.04 LTS (64-bit) and gcc 9.3.0; this way, you can ensure that what occurs locally is what will occur when you submit to Gradescope.

IMPORTANT: Since we are dealing with different threads of execution, the result of each run in the simulation will be different. As a result, our gradescope autograder will accept a range of results for your simulation. In past semesters, we found that the range will start to **increase** the more computations you do in your enqueue/dequeue methods. If you find that you aren't passing the autograder but you believe that your code is right, it is likely that you need to trim down your enqueue/dequeue methods. We are planning to start our autograder with a tighter acceptable range, and if required, we will increase it.

8 Deliverables

NOTE: You need to upload student.c, and answers.txt to Gradescope, and an autograder will run to check if your scheduler is working. The autograder might take a couple of minutes to run. Remember to upload student.c, and answers.txt for every submission as your last submission would be one we will grade.

Keep your answers detailed enough to cover the question, including support from simulator results if appropriate. Don't write a book; but if you're not sure about an answer, give us more information.

9 How to Run / Debug Your Code – Debugging deadlocks and synchronization errors

9.1 Running

We have provided a Makefile that will run gcc for you. To compile your code with no optimizations (which you should do while developing, it will make debugging easier) and test with the FCFS algorithm and one CPU, run:

```
$ make debug
$./os—sim 1
```

To run the other algorithms, run with the flags you implemented for round robin and priority. Remember that round robin requires you to enter a time slice.

In case you encounter difficulties with Project 4 and are uncertain about the direction to take, various resources are available to assist you.

9.2 GDB

Let us investigate how to debug deadlocks through a basic example:

```
#include <pthread.h>
#include <unistd.h>
pthread_mutex_t lockl;
pthread_mutex_t lock2;
void *threadl(void *data)
    pthread mutex lock(&lock1);
    sleep(1):
    pthread_mutex_lock(&lock2);
    pthread mutex unlock(&lock2):
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&lock1);
void *thread2(void *data)
{
    pthread_mutex_lock(&lock2);
    sleep(1);
    pthread mutex lock(&lock1):
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&lock1);
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&lock2);
}
int main()
    pthread_t t1, t2;
    pthread_mutex_init(&lock1, NULL);
    pthread_mutex_init(&lock2, NULL);
    pthread_create(&t1, NULL, thread1, NULL);
    pthread_create(&t2, NULL, thread2, NULL);
    pthread_join(t1,NULL);
    pthread_join(t2,NULL);
```

Following the execution and compilation of the code, it appears to become unresponsive. To investigate the root cause of this issue, it is recommended to utilize the GNU Debugger (gdb) to identify the problem:

```
(gdb) r
Starting program: /mnt/c/Users/kevin/OneDrive/Desktop/GT/CS 2200/TA/deadlock-demo/deadlock
BFD: /usr/lib/debug/.build-id/45/87364908de169dec62ffa538170118c1c3a078.debug: unable to initialize decompress status for se ction .debug_aranges
BFD: /usr/lib/debug/.build-id/45/87364908de169dec62ffa538170118c1c3a078.debug: unable to initialize decompress status for se ction .debug_aranges
warning: File "/usr/lib/debug/.build-id/45/87364908de169dec62ffa538170118c1c3a078.debug" has no build-id, file skipped
[Thread debugging using libthread_db enabled]
Using host libthread_db library "/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libthread_db.so.1".
BFD: /usr/lib/debug/.build-id/18/78e6b475720c7c51969e69ab2d276fae6d1dee.debug: unable to initialize decompress status for se ction .debug_aranges
BFD: /usr/lib/debug/.build-id/18/78e6b475720c7c51969e69ab2d276fae6d1dee.debug: unable to initialize decompress status for se ction .debug_aranges
warning: File "/usr/lib/debug/.build-id/18/78e6b475720c7c51969e69ab2d276fae6d1dee.debug" has no build-id, file skipped
[New Thread 0x7ffff7da8700 (LWP 426)]
[New Thread 0x7ffff75a7700 (LWP 427)]
[New Thread 0x7ffff75a7700 (LWP 427)]
```

As anticipated, the program continues to remain unresponsive when run within the gdb environment. To interrupt the program, press Ctrl + c. To analyze the various threads associated with the program, utilize the "info threads" command within gdb, which provides detailed information regarding each active thread:

Upon examining the running threads using the "info threads" command within gdb, we can observe that threads 2 and 3, which were created within the main() function, are currently situated within the ___lll_lock_wait function. To obtain the backtrace of these threads, we can use the "thread apply all" command along with the "backtrace" command, which can be abbreviated as "t a a bt".

```
(gdb) t a a bt
Thread 3 (Thread 0x7ffff75a7700 (LWP 427)):
#0 __lll_lock_wait (futex=futex@entry=0x555555558040 <lock1>, private=0) at lowlevellock.c:52
   0x00007ffff7fa90a3 in __GI___pthread_mutex_lock (mutex=0x555555558040 <lock1>) at ../nptl/pthread_mutex_lock.c:80
#2 0x0000555555555288 in thread2 (data=0x0) at deadlock.c:20
#3 0x00007ffff7fa6609 in start_thread (arg=<optimized out>) at pthread_create.c:477
#4 0x00007ffff7ecb133 in clone () from /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libc.so.6
Thread 2 (Thread 0x7ffff7da8700 (LWP 426)):
     _lll_lock_wait (futex=futex@entry=0x555555558080 <lock2>, private=0) at lowlevellock.c:52
                               _pthread_mutex_lock (mutex=0x5555555558080 <lock2>) at ../nptl/pthread_mutex_lock.c:80
   0x00007ffff7fa90a3 in __GI__
#1
#2 0x000055555555553b in thread1 (data=0x0) at deadlock.c:11
#3 0x00007ffff7fa6609 in start_thread (arg=<optimized out>) at pthread_create.c:477
#4 0x00007ffff7ecb133 in clone () from /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libc.so.6
Thread 1 (Thread 0x7fffff7da9740 (LWP 422)):
     pthread_clockjoin_ex (threadid=140737351681792, thread_return=0x0, clockid=<optimized out>, abstime=<optimized out>,
   block=<optimized out>) at pthread_join_common.c:145
   0x0000555555555532b in main () at deadlock.c:32
```

The backtrace command confirms that threads 2 and 3 are indeed stuck at the pthread_mutex_lock function. To gain a more in-depth understanding of the specific thread's state, we can utilize the gdb command "thread [thread number]" to switch to a particular thread and examine its current state.

```
(gdb) t 3
[Switching to thread 3 (Thread 0x7fffff75a7700 (LWP 427))]
#0 __lll_lock_wait (futex=futex@entry=0x555555558040 <lock1>, private=0) at lowlevellock.c:52
52     lowlevellock.c: No such file or directory.
(gdb) bt
#0 __lll_lock_wait (futex=futex@entry=0x555555558040 <lock1>, private=0) at lowlevellock.c:52
#1 0x00007ffff7fa90a3 in __GI___pthread_mutex_lock (mutex=0x555555558040 <lock1>) at ../nptl/pthread_mutex_lock.c:80
#2 0x0000555555555288 in thread2 (data=0x0) at deadlock.c:20
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#4 0x00007ffff7ecb133 in clone () from /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libc.so.6
(gdb) f 2
#2 0x0000555555555288 in thread2 (data=0x0) at deadlock.c:20
pthread_mutex_lock(&lock1);
```

By switching to thread 3 within gdb, we can identify the precise line of code where it has become deadlocked. Once we have identified the problematic line, we can utilize gdb's features, such as printing values or switching stack frames, to investigate further and gain a better understanding of the issue at hand. Read the gdb thread documentation here for more information.

9.3 Valgrind (Helgrind or DRD)

What about issues when accessing a shared resource? Valgrind has some handy tools to help detect such problems. You may use your 2110 docker or just look up "valgrind installation" online for download instructions. Let's modify the code from the previous section:

```
#include <pthread.h>
pthread_mutex_t lock;
int shared;
void *threadl(void *data)
{
    pthread_mutex_lock(&lock);
    shared = 1;
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&lock);
}
void *thread2(void *data)
{
    shared = 2;
}
int main()
{
    pthread_t t1, t2;
    pthread_mutex_init(&lock, NULL);
    pthread_create(&t1, NULL, thread1, NULL);
    pthread_create(&t2, NULL, thread2, NULL);
    pthread_join(t1,NULL);
    pthread_join(t2,NULL);
}
```

Lets run Helgrind with the command 'valgrind tool=helgrind cprogram>'. This is the result:

```
Lock at 0x10C040 was first observed
   at 0x4843D9D: pthread_mutex_init (in /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/valgrind/vgpreload_helgrind-amd64-linux.so)
  by 0x109262: main (deadlock.c:21)
Address 0x10c040 is 0 bytes inside data symbol "lock"
Possible data race during write of size 4 at 0x10C068 by thread #3
Locks held: none
  at 0x10922A: thread2 (deadlock.c:15)
   by 0x4842B1A: ??? (in /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/valgrind/vgpreload_helgrind-amd64-linux.so)
   by 0x4860608: start_thread (pthread_create.c:477)
   by 0x499A132: clone (clone.S:95)
This conflicts with a previous write of size 4 by thread #2
Locks held: 1, at address 0x10C040
   at 0x109205: thread1 (deadlock.c:9)
   by 0x4842B1A: ??? (in /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/valgrind/vgpreload_helgrind-amd64-linux.so)
   by 0x4860608: start thread (pthread create.c:477)
  by 0x499A132: clone (clone.S:95)
Address 0x10c068 is 0 bytes inside data symbol "shared"
```

Upon executing Valgrind's tool Helgrind, we can observe that it has successfully identified an issue within the program where thread2 is accessing a shared variable without acquiring a corresponding lock. Additionally, DRD (another tool within Valgrind) also provides comparable output, albeit with fewer error lines. It is essential to rectify these issues to ensure proper synchronization and avoid potential data race conditions. To compare, here is the same program run with DRD ('valgrind tool=drd crogram>'):

```
Thread 3:

Conflicting store by thread 3 at 0x0010c068 size 4

at 0x10922A: thread2 (deadlock.c:15)

by 0x48424BA: ??? (in /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/valgrind/vgpreload_drd-amd64-linux.so)

by 0x486C608: start_thread (pthread_create.c:477)

by 0x49A6132: clone (clone.S:95)

Allocation context: BSS section of /mnt/c/Users/kevin/OneDrive/Desktop/GT/CS 2200/TA/deadlock-demo/deadlock
Other segment start (thread 2)

(thread finished, call stack no longer available)

Other segment end (thread 2)

(thread finished, call stack no longer available)
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Valgrind and DRD are also able to debug other types of synchronization errors. You can read the documentation about Helgrind here and DRD here.

Credit to this video from an old class.

9.4 Tips and Tricks

The following are some tips and tricks to help you with approaching and debugging this project. These are not comprehensive, but perhaps a good starting point for you. If you have further questions, please come to office hours or post to Ed Discussion:

- 1. When implementing enqueue() and dequeue(), think about all the possible edge cases. For example, how would you handle a case where both the head and tail are pointing to the same process?
- 2. When you dequeue, remember to set the next pointer of the removed process to null.
- 3. If you are deadlocking, utilize GDB. Follow the instructions above to understand the current state of the threads and pinpoint the issues. Think about whether you are properly locking and unlocking threads at the correct points in time. Utilize backtrace.
- 4. Make sure you are setting the state based on the handler/function. Take a look at **Figure 1** to understand what state should be set when.
- 5. Make sure you are setting the enqueue_time whenever you enqueue a process.
- 6. In wake_up(), make sure your final decision on whether to force preempt is based on priority with age.
- 7. When unlocking/locking, don't mix up current_mutex and queue_mutex.
- 8. Utilize your approach for parsing command line arguments in HW 4 for Part 4.