

Programming

- Top of every file in your program

 - Comment

 - Name, date, class, a#, description of code

- If you have multiple classes

 - One file per class

- Variables

 - Use sensible names

 - Types or classes start with a capital

 - Variables lowercase

- Add sensible comments to code

- Submit

 - Save files

 - Output that shows functionality

- Learn debugger

- All commands are in /bin or /user/bin

Motivation

- Most modern applications are multithreaded

- Threads run within application

- Multiple tasks with the application can be implemented by separate threads

 - Update display

 - Fetch data

 - Spell checking

 - Answer a network request

- Process creation is heavy weight while thread creation is light weight

- Can simplify code increase efficiency

- Kernels are generally multithreaded

Multithreaded server architecture

- Client

 - 1 request

 - Server

 - Creates new threads to service the request

 - Thread

 - Continues to listening

- Benefits

 - Responsiveness

 - Resources sharing

 - Economy

 - Scalability

Multicore programming

- Multicore or multiprocessor system putting pressure on programmers, challenges include

 - Dividing activities

 - Balance

 - Data splitting

 - Data dependency

 - Testing and debugging

- Parallelism

 - Implies a system can perform more than one task simultaneously

- Concurrency

 - Supports more than one task making progress

 - Single processor/core scheduler providing concurrency

Types of parallelism

Data parallelism

Distributes subsets of the same data across multiple cores, same operation on each

Task parallelism

Distributes threads across cores, each thread performing unique operation

As # of threads grows, so does architectural

Single and multithreaded processes

Stack

Store return addresses

Amdahl's law

Identifies performance gains from adding additional cores to an application that has both serial and parallel components

S is serial position

N processing cores

$$\text{Speedup} \leq 1/(S + ((1-S)/N))$$

That is if application is 75% parallel/ 25% serial moving from 1 to 2 cores results in speedup of 1.6 times

As n approaches infinity speedup approaches 1/S

Serial portion of an application has disproportionate effect on performance gained by adding additional cores

But does the law take into account contemporary multicore systems

User threads and kernel threads

User threads

Management done by user level threads

Multithreading

Many to one

Multiple user threads map to single kernel thread

One to one

Each user threads maps to single kernel thread

Many to many

Multiple user threads map to some number of kernel threads

Two level model

Some threads many to many others one to one