POSIX pthreads and Concurrency Management

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Outline

- The IEEE POSIX Standard for threads: POSIX
- POSIX Threads and Attributes
- POSIX Mutexes and Attributes
- POSIX Condition Variables and Attributes

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Major Linux Subsystems



- User Applications -- the set of applications in use on a particular Linux system
- O/S Services -- services that are typically considered part of the operating system (a windowing system, command shell, etc.);
- also, the programming interface to the kernel (compiler tool and library) is included in this subsystem.
- Linux Kernel -- the kernel abstracts and mediates access to the hardware resources, including the CPU.
- Hardware Controllers -- this subsystem is comprised of the possible physical devices in a Linux installation; for example, the CPU, memory hardware, hard disks, and network hardware are all members of this subsystem



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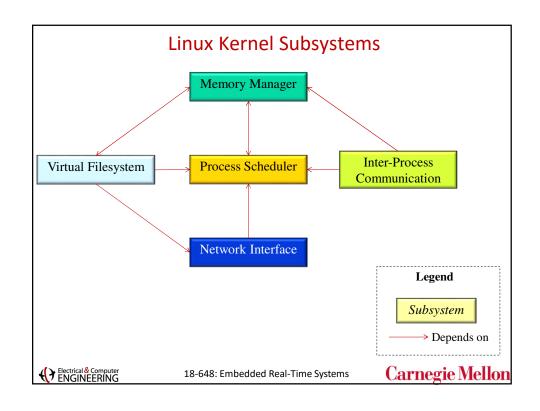
Linux Kernel Subsystems

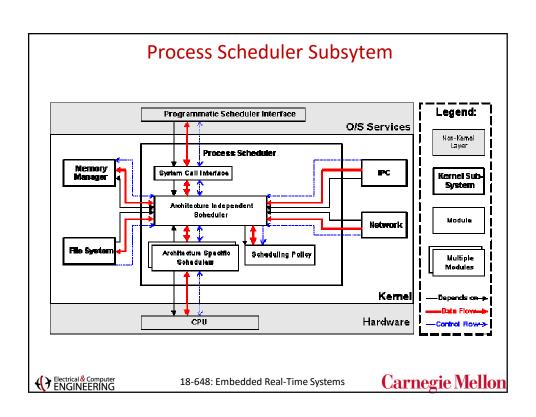
The Linux kernel is composed of five main subsystems:

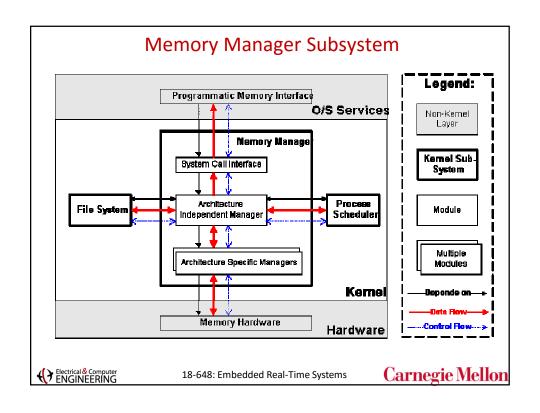
- The Process Scheduler (SCHED) is responsible for controlling process access to
 the CPU. The scheduler enforces a policy that ensures that processes will have
 fair access to the CPU, while ensuring that necessary hardware actions are
 performed by the kernel on time.
- The Memory Manager (MM) permits multiple process to securely share the machine's main memory system. In addition, the memory manager supports virtual memory that allows Linux to support processes that use more memory than is available in the system. Unused memory is swapped out to persistent storage using the file system then swapped back in when it is needed.
- The Virtual File System (VFS) abstracts the details of the variety of hardware devices by presenting a common file interface to all devices. In addition, the VFS supports several file system formats that are compatible with other operating systems.
- The Network Interface (NET) provides access to several networking standards and a variety of network hardware.
- The Inter-Process Communication (IPC) subsystem supports several mechanisms for process-to-process communication on a single Linux system.

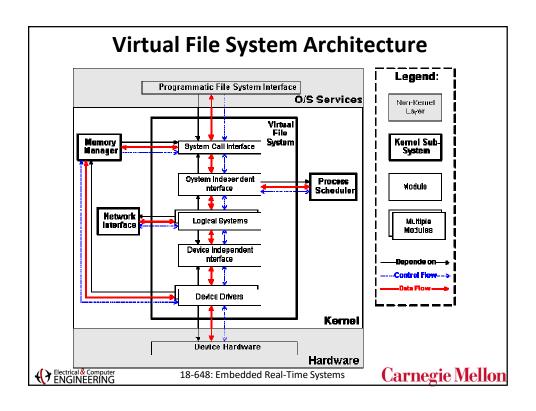
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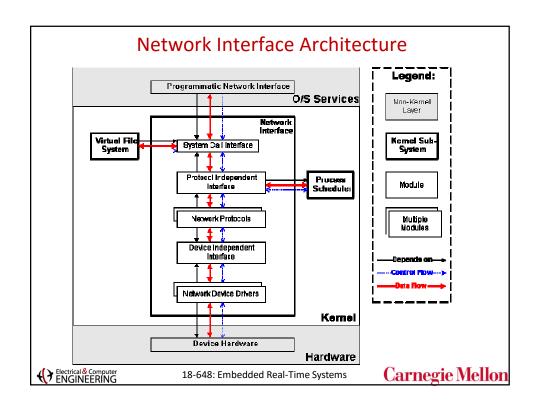
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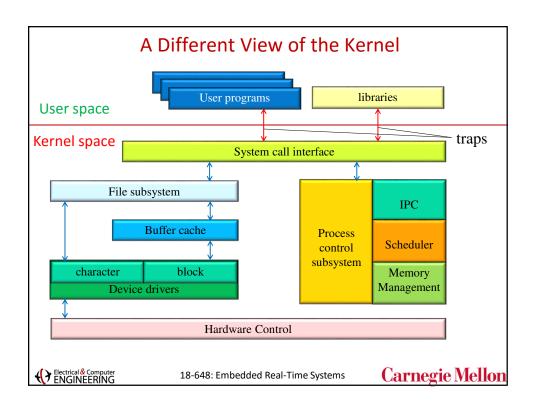












Why pthreads?

- The primary motivation for using pthreads is to realize potential program performance gains.
- When compared to the cost of creating and managing a process, a thread can be created with much less operating system overhead. Managing threads requires fewer system resources than managing processes.
 - A fork() is much costlier than a pthread_create()
- Programs having the following characteristics may be well-suited for pthreads:
 - Work that can be executed, or data that can be operated on, by multiple tasks simultaneously
 - Block for potentially long I/O waits
 - Use many CPU cycles in some places but not others
 - Must respond to asynchronous events
 - Some work is more important than other work (priority interrupts)
- pthreads can also be used for serial applications, to emulate parallel execution. A perfect example is the typical web browser, which for most people, runs on a single cpu desktop/laptop machine. Many things can "appear" to be happening at the same time.

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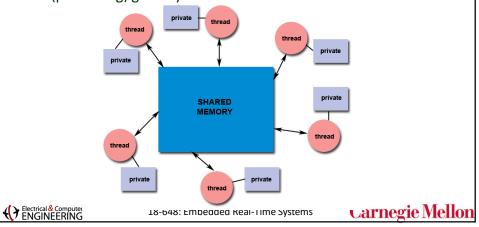
Common Models for Threaded Programs

- Manager/worker
 - A single thread, the manager assigns work to other threads, the workers.
 - Typically, the manager handles all input and parcels out work to the other tasks.
 - At least two forms of the manager/worker model are common: static worker pool and dynamic worker pool.
- **Pipeline**
 - A task is broken into a series of suboperations, each of which is handled in series, but concurrently, by a different thread.
 - An automobile assembly line best describes this model.
- Peers
 - Similar to the manager/worker model, but after the main thread creates other threads, it participates in the work.

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The Shared Memory Model of Threads

- All threads in a process have access to the same global, shared memory
- Threads also have their own private data
- Programmers are responsible for synchronizing access (protecting) globally shared data.

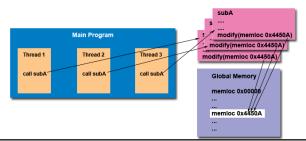


Thread Safety (1 of 2)

- Thread safety refers to an application's ability to execute multiple threads simultaneously without "clobbering" shared data or creating "race" conditions.
 - For example, suppose that your application creates several threads, each of which makes a call to the same library routine:
 - This library routine accesses/modifies a global location in memory.
 - As each thread calls this routine, it is possible that many threads may try to modify this global structure/memory location at the same time.
 - If the routine does not employ some sort of synchronization constructs to prevent data corruption, then it is not thread-safe.

Thread Safety (2 of 2)

- If you are *not* 100% certain functions in a library which you use are thread-safe, then you take your chances with problems that could arise
 - at the most inopportune time *Murphy*
 - Be careful if your application uses libraries or other objects that do not explicitly guarantee thread-safety.
 - If in doubt, assume that they are not thread-safe until proven otherwise.
 - "Serialize" calls to the potentially "unsafe" routine, etc.



Compiler/Linker Command in Linux

prompt>gcc -pthread

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POSIX API Categories

• Thread management functions:

- work directly on threads creating, detaching, joining, etc.
- include functions to set/query thread attributes (joinable, scheduling etc.)

Mutexes:

- deal with synchronization, called a "mutex", which is an abbreviation for "mutual exclusion".
- functions provide for creating, destroying, locking and unlocking mutexes.
- supplemented by mutex attribute functions that set or modify attributes associated with mutexes.

• Condition variables:

- address communications between threads that share a mutex.
- based upon programmer-specified conditions.
- includes functions to create, destroy, wait and signal based upon specified variable values.
- functions to set/query condition variable attributes are also included.



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POSIX Threads (pthreads)

What are pthreads?

- A standardized programming interface for programming threads.
- Historically, hardware vendors implemented their own proprietary versions of threads.
 - These implementations differed substantially from each other.
- For UNIX systems, the POSIX standard interface has been specified by the IEEE POSIX 1003.1c standard
 - Implementations which adhere to this standard are referred to as POSIX threads, or pthreads.
- pthreads are defined as a set of C language programming types and procedure calls, implemented with a pthread.h header/include file and a thread library though this library may be part of another library, such as libc.

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Routine Prefix	Functional Group
pthread_	Threads themselves and miscellaneous subroutines
pthread_attr_	Thread attributes objects
pthread_mutex_	Mutexes
pthread_mutexattr	Mutex attributes objects
pthread_cond_	Condition variables
pthread_condattr_	Condition attributes objects
pthread_key_	Thread-specific data keys

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POSIX Thread Management

Creating and Terminating Threads

Routines:

- pthread_create (thread, attr, start_routine, arg)
- pthread_exit (status)
- pthread_attr_init (attr)
- pthread_attr_destroy (attr)

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Example Code - Pthread Creation & Termination

```
#include <pthread.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#define NUM_THREADS
void *PrintHello(void *threadid)
  long tid;
  tid = (long)threadid;
  printf("Hello World! It's me, thread #%ld!\n", tid);
  pthread_exit(NULL);
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
   pthread_t threads[NUM_THREADS];
  int rc;
   long t;
  for (t = 0; t < NUM\_THREADS; t++) {
   printf("In main: creating thread %ld\n", t);
     rc = pthread_create(&threads[t], NULL, PrintHello, (void *)t);
      printf("ERROR; return code from pthread_create() is %d\n", rc);
       exit(-1);
  pthread_exit(NULL);
```

```
Thread Argument Passing (Example 2)
    This example shows how to setup/pass multiple arguments via a structure.
    struct thread_data{
      int thread_id;
       int sum;
      char *message;
    struct thread_data thread_data_array[NUM_THREADS];
   void *PrintHello(void *threadarg)
      struct thread_data *my_data;
      my_data = (struct thread_data *) threadarg;
      taskid = my_data->thread_id;
       sum = my_data->sum;
      hello_msg = my_data->message;
   int main (int argc, char *argv[])
      thread_data_array[t].thread_id = t;
      thread_data_array[t].sum = sum;
      thread_data_array[t].message = messages[t];
rc = pthread_create(&threads[t], NULL, PrintHello, (void *) &thread_data_array[t]);
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```

Joining and Detaching Threads • Routines: pthread_join(threadid, status) pthread_detach(threadid, status) pthread_attr_setdetachstate(attr, detachstate) pthread_attr_getdetachstate(attr, detachstate) Master pthread_create() pthread_join() ___ **Thread** Worker **Thread** pthread_exit() DO WORK Worker • Joining: - One way to accomplish synchronization between threads. The pthread_join() subroutine blocks the calling thread until the specified threadid thread terminates. Carnegie Mellon Electrical & Computer ENGINEERING 18-648: Embedded Real-Time Systems

pthread Joining #include <pthread.h> for (t = 0; t < $NUM_THREADS$; t++) { printf("Main: creating thread %ld\n", t); rc = pthread_create(&thread[t], &attr, BusyWork, (void *)t); #include <stdio.h> #include <stdlib.h> #define NUM_THREADS 4 if (rc) { printf("ERROR; return code from pthread_create() is %d\n", rc); void *BusyWork(void *t) exit(-1); long tid; double result=0.0; tid = (long)t; /* Free attribute and wait for threads */printf("Thread %ld starting...\n",tid); pthread_attr_destroy(&attr); for (t = 0; t < NUM_THREADS; t++) {</pre> for (i = 0; i < 1000000; i++) { result = result + sin(i) * tan(i);</pre> rc = pthread_join(thread[t], &status); if (rc) { printf("Thread %ld done. Result = %e\n",tid, result); printf("ERROR; return code from pthread_join() is %d\n", rc); pthread_exit((void*) t); exit(-1);printf("Main: completed join with thread %ld having a status of %ld\n", t,(long)status); int main (int argc, char *argv[]) pthread_t thread[NUM_THREADS]; pthread_attr_t attr; int rc; long t; void *status; printf("Main: program completed. Exiting. $\n"$); pthread_exit(NULL); /* Initialize/set thread detached attr */ pthread_attr_init(&attr); pthread_attr_setdetachstate(&attr, PTHREAD_CREATE_JOINABLE);

Stack Management

· Routines:

```
pthread_attr_getstacksize (attr,
stacksize)
    pthread_attr_setstacksize (attr,
stacksize)
    pthread_attr_getstackaddr (attr,
stackaddr)
    pthread_attr_setstackaddr (attr,
stackaddr)
```

- · Preventing Stack Problems:
 - The POSIX standard does *not* dictate the size of a thread's stack.
 - This is implementation-dependent and varies.

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Stack Management Example

```
#include <pthread.h>
                                       pthread_t threads[NTHREADS];
#include <stdio.h>
                                       size t stacksize;
#define NTHREADS 4
                                       int rc; long t;
#define N
              1000
#define MEGEXTRA 1000000
                                       pthread_attr_init(&attr);
                                       pthread_attr_t attr;
                                       printf("Default stack size = %li\n",
                                         stacksize);
void *dowork(void *threadid)
                                       stacksize = sizeof(double)*N*N+MEGEXTRA;
                                       double A[N][N];
  int i,j; long tid;
                                       size_t mystacksize;
                                       tid = (long)threadid;
  pthread_attr_getstacksize (&attr,
                                       for (t = 0; t < NTHREADS; t++) {
  &mystacksize);
                                       rc = pthread_create(&threads[t],
  printf("Thread %ld: stack size = %li
bytes \n", tid, mystacksize);
                                         &attr, dowork, (void *)t);
                                        if (rc){
  for (i = 0; i < N; i++)
                                         printf("ERROR; return code from
pthread_create() is %d\n", rc);
    for (j = 0; j < N; j++)
     A[i][j] = ((i*j)/3.452) + (N-i);
                                            exit(-1);
  pthread_exit(NULL);
                                       printf("Created %ld threads.\n", t);
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
                                       pthread_exit(NULL);
                                    }
```

Miscellaneous Routines

- pthread_self()
 - returns the unique, system assigned thread ID of the calling thread.
- pthread_equal(thread1, thread2)
 - compares two thread IDs. If the two IDs are different 0 is returned, otherwise a non-zero value is returned.
 - do not use == for comparing thread ids!
- pthread_once(once_control, init_routine)
 - executes the init_routine exactly once in a process.
 - The first call to this routine by any thread in the process executes the given init_routine, without parameters. Any subsequent call will have no effect.

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Mutexes

- Mutex is an abbreviation for "mutual exclusion".
 - A mutex variable is one of the primary means of implementing thread synchronization and for protecting shared data when multiple writes occur.
- A mutex serves as a "lock" protecting access to shared data or resource.
- Only one thread can lock (or own) a mutex variable at any given time. Even if several threads try to lock a mutex, only one thread succeeds. No other thread can own the mutex until the owning thread unlocks that mutex.
 - Threads must "take turns" accessing protected data.

Thread 1	Thread 2	Balance
Read balance: \$1000		\$1000
	Read balance: \$1000	\$1000
	Deposit \$200	\$1000
Deposit \$200		\$1000
Update balance \$1000+\$200		\$1200
	Update balance \$1000+\$200	\$1200

- In the above example, a mutex should be used to lock the variable Balance while a thread is using this shared data resource.
- The shared variable(s) being updated belong to a "critical section".

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Creating and Destroying Mutexes

Routines:

- pthread_mutex_init(mutex, attr)
 - attr object is used to establish properties for the mutex object, and must be of type pthread_mutexattr_t if used (may be specified as NULL to accept defaults). The Pthreads standard defines three optional mutex attributes:
 - Protocol: Specifies the protocol used to prevent priority inversions for a mutex.
 - Prioceiling: Specifies the priority ceiling of a mutex.
 - Process-shared: Specifies the process sharing of a mutex.
- Note: Not all implementations may provide the three optional mutex attributes.
- pthread_mutex_destroy(mutex)
 - Used to free a mutex object which is no longer needed.
- pthread_mutexattr_init(attr)
 - Used to create mutex attribute objects
- pthread_mutexattr_destroy(attr)
 - Used to destroy mutex attribute objects



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Locking and Unlocking Mutexes

- pthread_mutex_lock(mutex)
 - used by a thread to acquire a lock on the specified mutex variable. If the mutex is already locked by another thread, this call will block the calling thread until the mutex is unlocked.
- pthread_mutex_trylock(mutex)
 - will attempt to lock a mutex. However, if the mutex is already locked, the routine will return immediately with a "busy" error code.
- pthread_mutex_unlock(mutex)
 - will unlock a mutex if called by the owning thread. Calling this routine is required after a thread has completed its use of protected data if other threads are to acquire the mutex for their work with the protected data.



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Typical Mutex Usage Sequence

- Create and initialize a mutex variable
- Several threads attempt to lock the mutex
- Only one succeeds and that thread owns the mutex
- The owner thread performs some set of actions
- The owner unlocks the mutex
- Another thread acquires the mutex and repeats the process
- Finally the mutex is destroyed.



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Example void *dot

```
#include <pthread.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
                                                                                                                                      void *dotprod(void *arg)
                                                                                                                                            /\!\!^* Define and use local variables for convenience ^*/\!\!^{}
                                                                                                                                         int i, start, end, len;
long offset;
double mysum, *x, *y;
offset = (long)arg;
          The following structure contains the necessary information to allow the function "dotprod" to access its input data and place its output into the structure. */
typedef struct
                                                                                                                                            start = offset*len;
end = start + len;
                                                                                                                                           end = start
x = dotstr.a;
y = dotstr.b;
      double to, double sum; int veclen;
       double
                                                                                                                                           /* Perform the dot product and assign result to the
appropriate variable in the structure. */
  } DOTDATA;
 /* Define globally accessible variables and a mutex */
                                                                                                                                            mysum = 0;
for (i = start; i < end; i++) {
    mysum += (x[i] * y[i]);
#define NUMTHRDS 4
#define VECLEN 100
DOTDATA dotstr;
pthread_t callThd[NUMTHRDS];
pthread_mutex_t mutexsum;
                                                                                                                                         /* Lock a mutex prior to updating the value in the
    shared structure, and unlock it upon updating.
                                                                                                                                            pthread_mutex_lock (&mutexsum);
/*
The function dotprod is activated when the thread is created. All input to this routine is obtained from a structure of type DOTDATA and all output from this function is written into this structure. The benefit of this approach is apparent for the multi-threaded program: when a thread is created we pass a single argument to the activated function - typically this argument is a thread number. */
                                                                                                                                         dotstr.sum += mysum;
pthread_mutex_unlock (&mutexsum);
                                                                                                                                           pthread_exit((void*) 0);
```

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Example: Using Mutexes

```
/* The main program creates threads which do all the work and then print out result upon completion. Before creating the threads, the input data is created. Since all threads update a shared a structure, we need a mutex for mutual exclusion. The main thread needs to wait for all threads to complete, it waits for each one of the threads. We specify a thread attribute value that allow the main thread to join with the threads it creates. Note also that we free up handles when they are no longer needed.
 int main (int argc, char *argv[])
         pthread_attr_t attr;
         /* Assign storage and initialize values */
         a = (double*) malloc
(NUMTHRDS*VECLEN*sizeof(double));
         b = (double*) malloc
(NUMTHRDS*VECLEN*sizeof(double));
         for (i = 0; i < VECLEN*NUMTHRDS; i++) {
   a[i] = 1.0;
   b[i] = a[i];</pre>
         dotstr.veclen = VECLEN;
         dotstr.a = a;
dotstr.b = b;
```

```
pthread mutex init(&mutexsum, NULL);
   /* Create threads to perform the dotproduct */
pthread_attr_init(&attr);
   for (i = 0; i < NUMTHRDS; i++) {
   /* Bach thread works on a different set of data.
   The offset is specified by 'i'. The size of
   the data for each thread is indicated by
   VECLEN.</pre>
    pthread_create(&callThd[i], &attr, dotprod,
   (void *)i);
   pthread_attr_destroy(&attr);
   /* Wait on the other threads */
for (i = 0; i < NUMTHRDS; i++) {
    pthread_join(callThd[i], &status);
}
  /\ast After joining, print out the results and cleanup \ast/
   printf ("Sum = %f \n", dotstr.sum);
   free(a);
free(b);
   pthread_mutex_destroy(&mutexsum);
   pthread_exit(NULL);
```

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Condition Variables

- Condition variables provide another way for threads to synchronize.
 - Mutexes implement synchronization by controlling thread access to data
 - Condition variables allow threads to synchronize based upon the actual value of data.

Main Thread

- o Declare and initialize global data/variables which require synchronization (such as "count")
- $\circ\,$ Declare and initialize a condition variable object
- Declare and initialize an associated mutex
- o Create threads A and B to do work

Thread A

- o Do work up to the point where a certain condition must occur (such as "count" must reach a specified value)
- o Lock associated mutex and check value of a global variable
- Call pthread_cond_wait() to perform a blocking wait for signal from Thread-B. Note that a call to pthread_cond_wait() automatically and atomically unlocks the associated mutex variable so that it can be used by Thread-B.
- o When signalled, wake up. Mutex is automatically and atomically locked.
- Explicitly unlock mutex Continue

Main Thread Join / Continue

Thread B

- O Do work
- o Lock associated mutex
- o Change the value of the global variable that Thread-A is waiting upon.
- o Check value of the global Thread-A wait variable. If it fulfills the desired condition, signal Thread-A.
- O Unlock mutex.
- o Continue

Creating and Destroying Condition Variables

pthread_cond_init (condition,attr)

- Condition variables must be declared with type pthread_cond_t, and must be initialized before use. Two ways to initialize a condition variable:
 - Statically, when it is declared. For example: pthread_cond_t myconvar = PTHREAD_COND_INITIALIZER;
 - Dynamically, with the pthread_cond_init() routine. The ID of the created condition variable is returned to the calling thread through the condition parameter.
 - The optional attr object is used to set condition variable attributes. There is only one
 attribute defined for condition variables: process-shared, which allows the condition
 variable to be seen by threads in other processes.

pthread_cond_destroy (condition)

- used to free a condition variable that is no longer needed.

pthread_condattr_init (attr)

- used to create condition variable attribute objects.

pthread condattr destroy (attr)

- used to destroy condition variable attribute objects.
- Note that *not* all implementations may provide the process-shared attribute.
- The pthread_condattr_init() and pthread_condattr_destroy() routines are for init and destruction.



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Waiting and Signaling on Condition Variables

- pthread_cond_wait(condition, mutex)
 - blocks the calling thread until the specified condition is signalled. This routine should be called while mutex is locked, and it will automatically release the mutex while it waits.
 - After signal is received and thread is awakened, mutex will be automatically locked for use by the thread. The programmer is then responsible for unlocking mutex when the thread is finished with it.
- pthread_cond_signal (condition)
 - used to signal (or wake up) another thread which is waiting on the condition variable. It should be called after *mutex* is locked, and must unlock *mutex* in order for pthread_cond_wait() routine to complete.
- pthread_cond_broadcast (condition)
 - Used instead of pthread_cond_signal() if more than one thread is in a blocking wait state.

It can be a logical error to call pthread_cond_signal() before calling
 pthread_cond_wait().

- Proper locking and unlocking of the associated mutex variable is essential when using these routines.
 - Failing to lock the mutex before calling pthread_cond_wait() may cause it NOT to block.
 - Failing to unlock the mutex after calling pthread_cond_signal() may not allow a
 matching pthread_cond_wait() routine to complete (and it will remain blocked).

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Example: Using Condition Variables (1 of 2)

```
/* Check the value of count and signal
  waiting thread when condition is
  reached. Note that this occurs
  while mutex is locked. */
#include <pthread.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
                                                  if (count == COUNT_LIMIT) {
#define NUM_THREADS
                                                    pthread_cond_signal(
                                                       &count_threshold_cv);
#define TCOUNT
                              10
                                                    printf("inc_count(): thread %ld,
    count = %d Threshold reached.
#define COUNT_LIMIT
                                                                     Threshold reached.\n",
                                                       *my_id, count);
         count = 0;
                                                 thread_ids[3] = \{0,1,2\};
pthread_mutex_t count_mutex;
                                                       count);
pthread_cond_t count_threshold_cv;
                                                 pthread_mutex_unlock(&count_mutex);
                                                  /* Do some "work" so threads can
   alternate on mutex lock */
void *inc_count(void *t)
                                                  sleep(1);
  int i:
  long my_id = (long)t;
                                                pthread_exit(NULL);
  for (i = 0; i < TCOUNT; i++) {
    pthread_mutex_lock(&count_mutex);
    count++;
```

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Example: Using Condition Variables (2 of 2)

```
void *watch_count(void *t)
                                                                    int main (int argc, char *argv[]) {
                                                                      int i, rc; long t1=1, t2=2, t3=3;
pthread_t threads[3]; pthread_attr_t attr;
   long my_id - (long)t;
  printf("Starting watch_count(): thread
    %ld\n", *my_id);
                                                                       /* Initialize mutex & condition variable objects
                                                                      pthread_mutex_init(&count_mutex, NULL);
  /* Lock mutex and wait for signal. Note that the pthread_cond_wait routine will automatically and atomically unlock mutex while it waits. Also, note that if COUNT_LIMIT is reached before this routine is run by the waiting thread, the loop will be skipped to prevent pthread_cond_wait from never returning.
                                                                      pthread_cond_init (&count_threshold_cv, NULL);
                                                                      /^{\star} For portability, explicitly create threads in joinable state ^{\star}/
                                                                      pthread_attr_init(&attr);
                                                                      pthread_attr_setdetachstate(&attr,
    PTHREAD_CREATE_JOINABLE);
                                                                      pthread_create(&threads[0], &attr, watch_count,
    (void *)t1);
   pthread mutex lock(&count mutex);
                                                                      pthread_create(&threads[1], &attr, inc_count,
   (void *)t2);
   if (count < COUNT_LIMIT) {
     pthread_cond_wait(&count_threshold_cv,
    &count_mutex);
                                                                      pthread_create(&threads[2], &attr, inc_count,
  (void *)t3);
     printf("watch_count(): thread %ld
  Condition signal received.\n", my_id);
                                                                       /* Wait for all threads to complete */
      count += 125;
     printf("watch_count(): thread %ld count
  now = %d.\n", my_id, count);
                                                                       for (i = 0; i < NUM_THREADS; i++) {
                                                                         pthread_join(threads[i], NULL);
                                                                      printf ("Main(): Waited on %d threads. Done.\n",
    NUM_THREADS);
   pthread_mutex_unlock(&count_mutex);
   pthread_exit(NULL);
                                                                       /* Clean up and exit */
                                                                      pthread attr destroy(&attr):
                                                                      pthread_mutex_destroy(&count_mutex);
                                                                       pthread_cond_destroy(&count_threshold_cv);
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Pthread Library Routines (1 of 6)

Pthread Functions	
Thread Management	<pre>pthread_create pthread_exit pthread_join pthread_once pthread_kill pthread_self pthread_equal pthread_yield pthread_detach</pre>
Thread-Specific Data	<pre>pthread_key_create, pthread_key_delete, pthread_getspecific, pthread_setspecific</pre>
Thread Cancellation	<pre>pthread_cancel, pthread_cleanup_pop, pthread_cleanup_push, pthread_setcancelstate, pthread_getcancelstate, pthread_testcancel</pre>
Thread Scheduling*	pthread_getschedparam, pthread_setschedparam
Signals	pthread_sigmask

*SCHED_FIFO, SCHED_RR, or SCHED_SPORADIC

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Pthread Library Routines (2 of 6)

Pthread Attribute Functions	
Basic Management	pthread_attr_init, pthread_attr_destroy
Detachable or Joinable	pthread_attr_setdetachstate, pthread_attr_getdetachstate
Specifying Stack Information	<pre>pthread_attr_getstackaddr, pthread_attr_getstacksize, pthread_attr_setstackaddr, pthread_attr_setstacksize</pre>
Thread Scheduling Attributes	pthread_attr_getschedparam, pthread_attr_setschedparam, pthread_attr_getschedpolicy, pthread_attr_setschedpolicy, pthread_attr_setinheritsched, pthread_attr_getinheritsched, pthread_attr_setscope, pthread_attr_getscope

Pthread Library Routines (3 of 6)

Mutex Functions	
Mutex Management	<pre>pthread_mutex_init, pthread_mutex_destroy, pthread_mutex_lock, pthread_mutex_unlock, pthread_mutex_trylock</pre>
Priority Management	<pre>pthread_mutex_setprioceiling pthread_mutex_getprioceiling</pre>

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Pthread Library Routines (4 of 6)

Mutex Attribute Functions	
Basic Management	<pre>pthread_mutexattr_init pthread_mutexattr_destroy</pre>
Sharing	<pre>pthread_mutexattr_getpshared, pthread_mutexattr_setpshared</pre>
Protocol Attributes*	pthread_mutexattr_getprotocol pthread_mutexattr_setprotocol
Priority Management	<pre>pthread_mutexattr_setprioceiling pthread_mutexattr_getprioceiling</pre>

*PTHREAD_PRIO_NONE, PTHREAD_PRIO_INHERIT, PTHREAD_PRIO_PROTECT

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Pthread Library Routines (5 of 6) Condition Variable Functions Basic Management pthread_cond_init, pthread_cond_destroy, pthread_cond_signal, pthread_cond_broadcast, pthread_cond_wait,

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pthread_cond_timedwait,

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Pthread Library Routines (6 of 6)

Condition Variable Attribute Functions	
Basic Management	<pre>pthread_condattr_init, pthread_condattr_destroy</pre>
Sharing	<pre>pthread_condattr_getpshared, pthread_condattr_setpshared</pre>

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POSIX Real-Time Extensions

- POSIX 1003.1b, as well as 1003.1d and 1003.1j, define extensions useful for development of real-time systems.
- Bulk of the features defined in POSIX 1003.1b:
 - **Timers**: periodic timers, delivery is accomplished using POSIX signals
 - Priority scheduling: fixed priority preemptive scheduling with a minimum of 32 priority levels
 - Real-time signals: additional signals with multiple levels of priority
 - Semaphores: named and memory counting semaphores
 - **Memory queues**: message passing using named queues
 - Shared memory: named memory regions shared between multiple processes
 - Memory locking: functions to prevent virtual memory swapping of physical memory pages



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POSIX Thread Extensions

- Thread control: creation, deletion, and management of individual threads
- · Priority scheduling:
 - POSIX real-time scheduling extended to include scheduling on a perthread basis;
 - the scheduling scope is either done globally across all threads in all processes, or performed locally within each process
- Mutexes:
 - used to guard critical sections of code;
 - mutexes also include support for priority inheritance and priority ceiling protocols to help prevent priority inversions
- Condition variables: used in conjunction with mutexes, condition variables can be used to create a monitor synchronization structure
- Signals: ability to deliver signals to individual threads

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Summary

- POSIX is a standard set of interfaces for operating systems, standardized by the IEEE (IEEE POSIX 1003.1)
- pthreads is the set of POSIX interfaces for threads (IEEE 1003.1c)
- Supports interfaces for
 - Threads management, thread attributes
 - Mutex management, mutex attributes
 - Condition variable management, condition variable attributes
- Real-time scheduling policies to support RMS/RMA are included
- Real-time synchronization policies to support basic priority inheritance and priority ceiling protocols are included



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