

OS ASSIGNMENT 7

1. Simulate the Producer Consumer code discussed in the class.

Logic: We have a buffer of fixed size. A producer can produce an item and can place it in the buffer. A consumer can pick items and can consume them. We need to ensure that when a producer is placing an item in the buffer, then at the same time the consumer should not consume any item. Also, the logical and natural constraints will be, the producer cannot produce if the buffer is full and the consumer cannot consume if the buffer is empty. In this problem, the buffer is the critical section.

In this code, the `pthread_mutex` has been used to acquire locks whenever the producer is producing an item and incrementing the count or the consumer is consuming an item and decrementing a count. This is done to ensure that the context switching doesn't happen at inappropriate times which could lead to unexpected behaviour.

Code:

```
#include <pthread.h>
#include <semaphore.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>

#define MaxItems 3 // Maximum items a producer can produce or a consumer can
consume
#define BufferSize 5 // Size of the buffer
sem_t empty;
sem_t full;
int in = 0;
int out = 0;
int buffer[BufferSize];
pthread_mutex_t mutex;
void *producer(void *pno)
{
    int item;
    for (int i = 0; i < MaxItems; i++)
    {
        item = rand() % 10; // Produce a random item
        sem_wait(&empty);
```

```

    pthread_mutex_lock(&mutex);
    buffer[in] = item;
    printf("Producer %d: Insert Item %d at %d\n", *((int *)pno),buffer[in],in);
    in = (in+1)%BufferSize;
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&mutex);
    sem_post(&full);
}

}

void *consumer(void *cno)
{

    for (int i = 0; i < MaxItems; i++)
    {
        sem_wait(&full);
        pthread_mutex_lock(&mutex);
        int item = buffer[out];
        printf("Consumer %d: Remove Item %d from %d\n",*((int *)cno),item, out);
        out = (out+1)%BufferSize;
        pthread_mutex_unlock(&mutex);
        sem_post(&empty);
    }

}

int main()
{

    pthread_t pro[5],con[5];
    pthread_mutex_init(&mutex, NULL);
    sem_init(&empty,0,BufferSize);
    sem_init(&full,0,0);
    int a[5] = {1,2,3,4,5}; //Just used for numbering the producer and consumer
    for(int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
        pthread_create(&pro[i], NULL, (void *)producer, (void *)&a[i]);
    }
    for(int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
        pthread_create(&con[i], NULL, (void *)consumer, (void *)&a[i]);
    }
    for(int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {

```

```

        pthread_join(pro[i], NULL);
    }
    for(int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
        pthread_join(con[i], NULL);
    }
    pthread_mutex_destroy(&mutex);
    sem_destroy(&empty);
    sem_destroy(&full);
    return 0;
}

```

Output ss:

```

mihir@mihir-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/OS/Lab/week7$ gcc producer_consumer.c -lpthread
mihir@mihir-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/OS/Lab/week7$ ./a.out
Producer 2: Insert Item 3 at 0
Producer 2: Insert Item 3 at 1
Producer 1: Insert Item 6 at 2
Producer 3: Insert Item 7 at 3
Consumer 2: Remove Item 3 from 0
Producer 4: Insert Item 5 at 4
Consumer 3: Remove Item 3 from 1
Consumer 1: Remove Item 6 from 2
Producer 2: Insert Item 5 at 0
Consumer 5: Remove Item 7 from 3
Producer 1: Insert Item 6 at 1
Producer 1: Insert Item 2 at 2
Consumer 1: Remove Item 5 from 4
Consumer 4: Remove Item 5 from 0
Consumer 2: Remove Item 6 from 1
Consumer 3: Remove Item 2 from 2
Producer 4: Insert Item 1 at 3
Producer 4: Insert Item 7 at 4
Consumer 1: Remove Item 1 from 3
Consumer 5: Remove Item 7 from 4
Producer 3: Insert Item 9 at 0
Producer 3: Insert Item 0 at 1
Producer 5: Insert Item 2 at 2
Producer 5: Insert Item 9 at 3
Producer 5: Insert Item 3 at 4
Consumer 2: Remove Item 9 from 0
Consumer 4: Remove Item 0 from 1
Consumer 4: Remove Item 2 from 2
Consumer 3: Remove Item 9 from 3
Consumer 5: Remove Item 3 from 4
mihir@mihir-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/OS/Lab/week7$

```

2. Extend the producer consumer simulation in Q1 to sync access of critical data using Peterson's algorithm.

Logic: Given 2 processes i and j, we need to write a program that can guarantee mutual exclusion between the two without any additional hardware support. There can be multiple ways to solve this problem, but most of them require additional hardware support. The simplest and the most popular way to do this is by using Peterson's Algorithm for mutual Exclusion. It was developed by Peterson in 1981 though the initial work in this direction was done by Theodorus Jozef Dekker who came up with Dekker's algorithm in 1960, which was later refined by Peterson and came to be known as Peterson's Algorithm.

Basically, Peterson's algorithm provides guaranteed mutual exclusion by using only the shared memory. It uses two ideas in the algorithm:

1. Willingness to acquire lock.
2. Turn to acquire lock.

The idea is that first a thread expresses its desire to acquire a lock and sets `flag[self] = 1` and then gives the other thread a chance to acquire the lock. If the thread desires to acquire the lock, then, it gets the lock and passes the chance to the 1st thread. If it does not desire to get the lock then the while loop breaks and the 1st thread gets the chance.

Code:

```
#include <pthread.h>
#include <semaphore.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <time.h>

#define BufferSize 5 // Size of the buffer
#define prod 0
#define cons 1

int in = 0;
int out = 0;
int buffer[BufferSize];
int flag[2]={0,0};
int turn;

void *producer(void *pno)
{
```

```

    int item;
    flag[prod]=1;
    turn = cons;
    while (flag[cons] == 1 && turn == cons);
    item = rand()%10; // Produce an random item
    buffer[in] = item;
    printf("Producer Insert Item %d at %d\n",buffer[in],in);
    in = (in+1)%BufferSize;
    flag[prod]=0;
}

void *consumer(void *cno)
{
    flag[cons]=1;
    turn = prod;
    while (flag[prod] == 1 && turn == prod);
    int item = buffer[out];
    printf("Consumer Remove Item %d from %d\n",item, out);
    out = (out+1)%BufferSize;
    flag[cons]=0;
}

int main()
{
    srand(time(0));
    pthread_t pro[5],con[5];
    for(int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
        pthread_create(&pro[i], NULL, (void *)producer, NULL);
        pthread_create(&con[i], NULL, (void *)consumer, NULL);
    }
    for(int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
        pthread_join(pro[i], NULL);
        pthread_join(con[i], NULL);
    }
    return 0;
}

```

Output ss:

```
mihir@mihir-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/OS/Lab/week7$ gcc prod_cons_peterson.c -lpthread
mihir@mihir-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/OS/Lab/week7$ ./a.out
Producer Insert Item 5 at 0
Consumer Remove Item 5 from 0
Producer Insert Item 7 at 1
Producer Insert Item 9 at 2
Consumer Remove Item 7 from 1
Producer Insert Item 6 at 3
Consumer Remove Item 9 from 2
Producer Insert Item 3 at 4
Consumer Remove Item 6 from 3
Consumer Remove Item 9 from 2
mihir@mihir-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/OS/Lab/week7$
```

3. Dictionary Problem: Let the producer set up a dictionary of at least 20 words with three attributes (Word, Primary meaning, Secondary meaning) and let the consumer search for the word and retrieve its respective primary and secondary meaning.

Logic: The dictionary problem is a classical case of readers writers problem. The producer can be imagined as the writer of the dictionary struct and the consumer can be used to look for the search element. The use of semaphores prevents the consumer from obstructing when the producer is setting up a dictionary.

Here, readers have higher priority than writers. If a writer wants to write to the resource, it must wait until there are no readers currently accessing that resource.

Here, we use :- one mutex m and a semaphore w.

1. An integer variable read_count :- used to maintain the number of readers currently accessing the resource.
2. The variable read_count is initialized to 0.
3. A value of 1 is given initially to m and w.
4. Instead of having the process to acquire lock on the shared resource, we use the mutex m to make the process to acquire and release locks whenever it is updating the read_count variable.

a. Writer Process :

Writer requests the entry to the critical section.

If allowed i.e. wait() gives a true value, it enters and performs the write. If not allowed, it keeps on waiting. It exits the critical section.

b. Reader Process :

Reader requests the entry to the critical section.

If allowed:

- i. it increments the count of the number of readers inside the critical section. If this reader is the first reader entering, it locks the w semaphore to restrict the entry of writers if any reader is inside.
- ii. It then, signals mutex as any other reader is allowed to enter while others are already reading.
- iii. After performing reading, it exits the critical section. When exiting, it checks if no more reader is inside, it signals the semaphore w as now, the writer can enter the critical section. If not allowed, it keeps on waiting.

Code:

```
#include <pthread.h>
#include <semaphore.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
sem_t wrt; char search[100];
pthread_mutex_t mutex;
int numreader = 0; int k=0; int flag;
typedef struct
{
    char word[100];
    char primary[1000];
    char secondary[100];
} dict;
dict dictionary[5];
void *writer(void *wno)
{
    sem_wait(&wrt);
    flag=1;
    printf("Enter word:\n");
    scanf("%s",search);
    int i;
```

```

for(i=0;i<5;i++)//duplicacy check
{
    if(strcmp(dictionary[i].word,search)==0)
    {
        printf("Word already present.\n");
        flag=0;
        break;
    }
}
if(flag==1)
{
    strcpy(dictionary[k].word,search);
    printf("Enter meaning:\n");
    scanf("%s",dictionary[k].primary);
    printf("Enter secondary meaning:\n");
    scanf("%s",dictionary[k].secondary);
    printf("Writer added a word %s.\n",dictionary[k].word);k++;
}
sem_post(&wrt);
}
void *reader(void *rno)
{
    // Reader acquire the lock before modifying numreader
    pthread_mutex_lock(&mutex);
    numreader++;
    if(numreader == 1)
    {
        sem_wait(&wrt); // If this id the first reader, then it will block the writer
    }
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&mutex);
    // Reading Section
    int i;
    printf("Enter word you wanna search: \n");
    scanf("%s",search);
    int low=0;
    int high=4;
    while(low<=high)
    {
        int mid=(low+high)/2;
        if (strcmp(search,dictionary[mid].word)==0)

```



```

        {
            printf("Meaning: %s\n", dictionary[mid].primary);
            printf("Secondary Meaning: %s\n", dictionary[mid].secondary);
            exit(0);
        }

        else if(strcmp(search,dictionary[mid].word)>0)
        {
            high=high;
            low=mid+1;
        }

        else
        {
            low=low;
            high=mid-1;
        }
    }

    printf("Word not found\n");
    // Reader acquire the lock before modifying numreader
    pthread_mutex_lock(&mutex);
    numreader--;
    if(numreader == 0)
        sem_post(&wrt); // If this is the last reader, it will wake up the writer.
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&mutex);
}

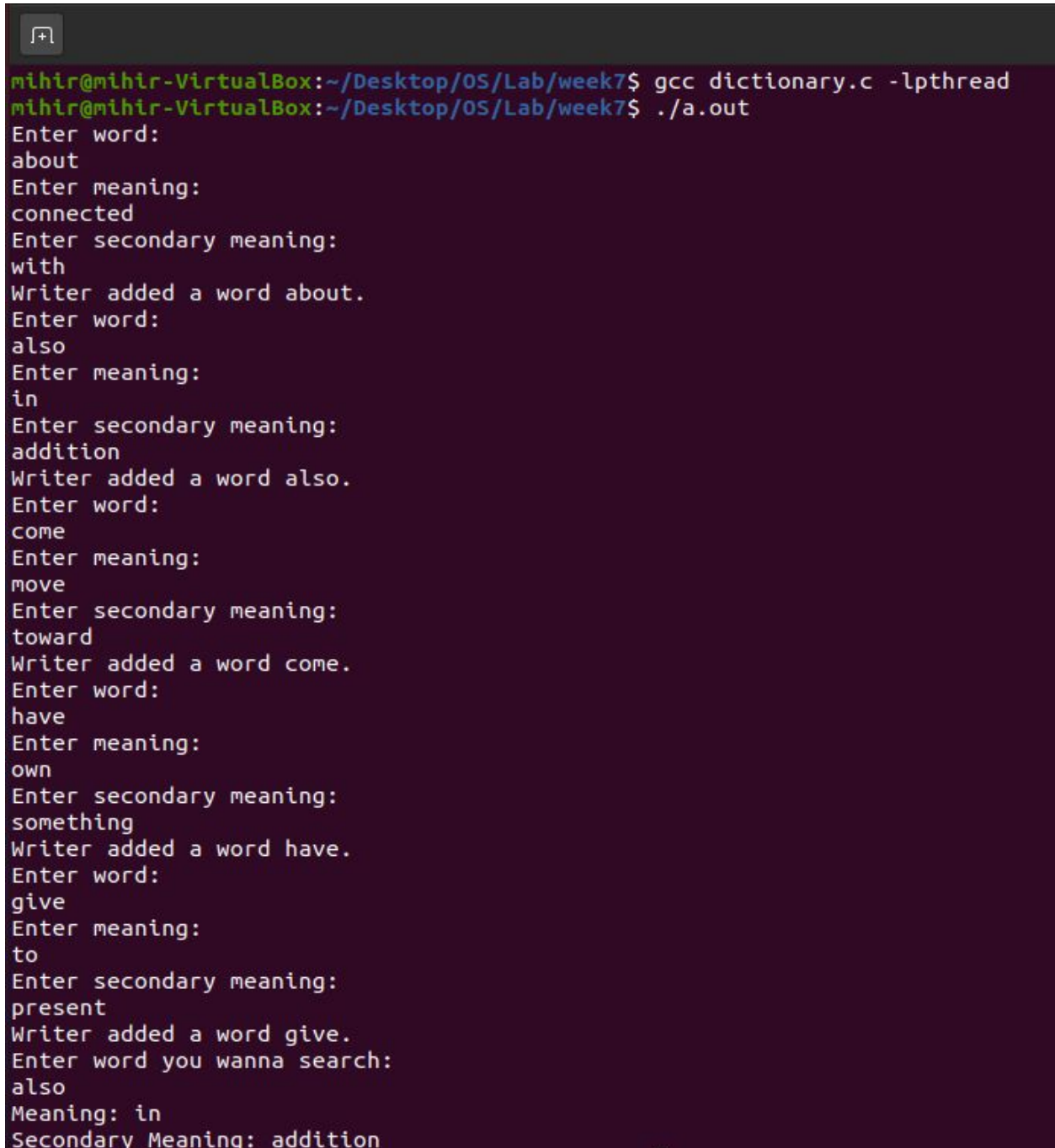
int main()
{
    pthread_t read,write[5];
    pthread_mutex_init(&mutex, NULL);
    sem_init(&wrt,0,1);
    for(int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
        pthread_create(&write[i], NULL, (void *)writer, NULL);
    }
    pthread_create(&read, NULL, (void *)reader, NULL);
    pthread_join(read, NULL);
    for(int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
        pthread_join(write[i], NULL);
    }
}

```

```
pthread_mutex_destroy(&mutex);
sem_destroy(&wrt);
return 0;
}
```

Output ss:

(Output shown only for a few words. This can be extended to 20 words too)



```
mihir@mihir-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/OS/Lab/week7$ gcc dictionary.c -lpthread
mihir@mihir-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/OS/Lab/week7$ ./a.out
Enter word:
about
Enter meaning:
connected
Enter secondary meaning:
with
Writer added a word about.
Enter word:
also
Enter meaning:
in
Enter secondary meaning:
addition
Writer added a word also.
Enter word:
come
Enter meaning:
move
Enter secondary meaning:
toward
Writer added a word come.
Enter word:
have
Enter meaning:
own
Enter secondary meaning:
something
Writer added a word have.
Enter word:
give
Enter meaning:
to
Enter secondary meaning:
present
Writer added a word give.
Enter word you wanna search:
also
Meaning: in
Secondary Meaning: addition
```

Non-Mandatory (Extra credits):

4. Extend Q3 to avoid duplication of dictionary entries and implement an efficient binary search on the consumer side in a multithreaded fashion.

Logic: The logic is the same as in the previous question. The only change is in the binary search snippet which has been modified to handle duplicate entries.

Code:

```
#include <pthread.h>
#include <semaphore.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

sem_t wrt; char search[100];
pthread_mutex_t mutex;
int numreader = 0; int k=0; int flag;

typedef struct
{
    char word[100];
    char primary[1000];
    char secondary[100];
} dict;

dict dictionary[5];

void *writer(void *wno)
{
    sem_wait(&wrt);
    flag=1;
    printf("Enter word:\n");
    scanf("%s",search);
    int i;

    for(i=0;i<5;i++)//duplicacy check
    {
        if(strcmp(dictionary[i].word,search)==0)
```

```

        {
            printf("Word already present.\n");
            flag=0;
            break;
        }
    }

    if(flag==1)
    {
        strcpy(dictionary[k].word,search);
        printf("Enter meaning:\n");
        scanf("%s",dictionary[k].primary);
        printf("Enter secondary meaning:\n");
        scanf("%s",dictionary[k].secondary);
        printf("Writer added a word %s.\n",dictionary[k].word);k++;
    }
    sem_post(&wrt);
}

void *reader(void *rno)
{
    // Reader acquire the lock before modifying numreader
    pthread_mutex_lock(&mutex);
    numreader++;
    if(numreader == 1)
    {
        sem_wait(&wrt); // If this id the first reader, then it will block the writer
    }

    pthread_mutex_unlock(&mutex);
    // Reading Section
    int i;
    printf("Enter word you wanna search: \n");
    scanf("%s",search);
    int low=0;
    int high=4;

    while(low<=high)
    {
        int mid=(low+high)/2;

```

```

    if (strcmp(search,dictionary[mid].word)==0)
    {
        printf("Meaning: %s\n", dictionary[mid].primary);
        printf("Secondary Meaning: %s\n", dictionary[mid].secondary);
        exit(0);
    }

    else if(strcmp(search,dictionary[mid].word)>0)
    {
        high=high;
        low=mid+1;
    }

    else
    {
        low=low;
        high=mid-1;
    }
}

printf("Word not found\n");
// Reader acquire the lock before modifying numreader
pthread_mutex_lock(&mutex);
numreader--;
if(numreader == 0)
{
    sem_post(&wrt); // If this is the last reader, it will wake up the writer.
}
pthread_mutex_unlock(&mutex);
}

int main()
{
    pthread_t read,write[5];
    pthread_mutex_init(&mutex, NULL);
    sem_init(&wrt,0,1);
    for(int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
        pthread_create(&write[i], NULL, (void *)writer, NULL);
    }
    pthread_create(&read, NULL, (void *)reader, NULL);
}

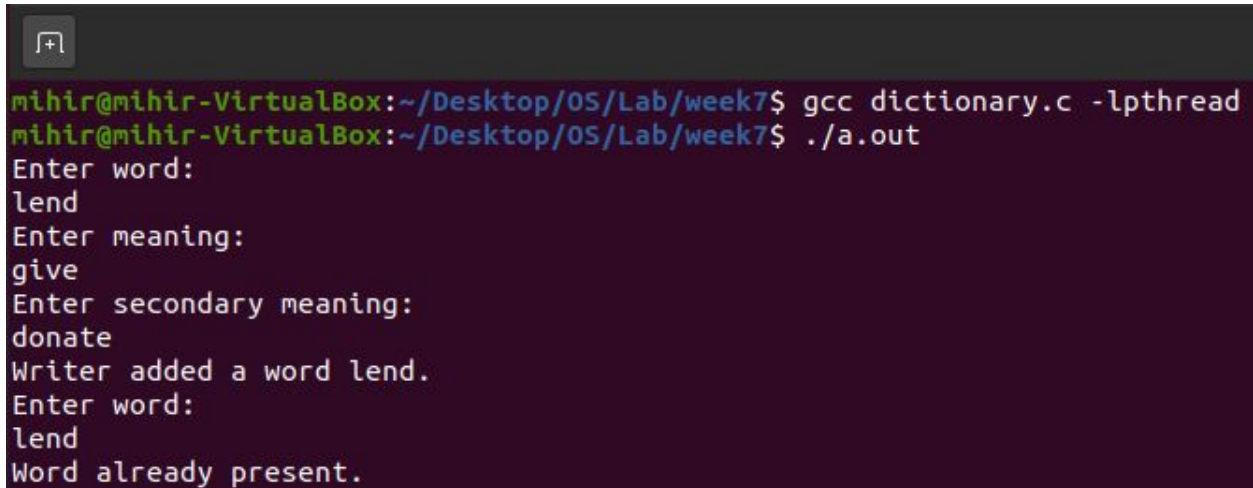
```

```

pthread_join(read, NULL);
for(int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
pthread_join(write[i], NULL);
}
pthread_mutex_destroy(&mutex);
sem_destroy(&wrt);
return 0;
}

```

Output ss:



```

mihir@mihir-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/05/Lab/week7$ gcc dictionary.c -lpthread
mihir@mihir-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/05/Lab/week7$ ./a.out
Enter word:
lend
Enter meaning:
give
Enter secondary meaning:
donate
Writer added a word lend.
Enter word:
lend
Word already present.

```

5. Dekker's Algorithm

To obtain such a mutual exclusion, bounded waiting, and progress there have been several algorithms implemented, one of which is Dekker's Algorithm. To understand the algorithm let's understand the solution to the critical section problem first.

A process is generally represented as :

```

do
{
    //entry section
    critical section
    //exit section
    remainder section
}

```

```
} while (TRUE);
```

Dekker's algorithm was the first provably-correct solution to the critical section problem. It allows two threads to share a single-use resource without conflict, using only shared memory for communication. It avoids the strict alternation of a naïve turn-taking algorithm, and was one of the first mutual exclusion algorithms to be invented.

Although there are many versions of Dekker's Solution, the final or 5th version is the one that satisfies all of the above conditions and is the most efficient of them all.

Dekker's Algorithm : Final and completed Solution – -Idea is to use favoured thread notion to determine entry to the critical section. Favoured thread alternates between the thread providing mutual exclusion and avoiding deadlock, indefinite postponement or lockstep synchronization.

ALGO/Trace

```
Main()
```

```
{
```

```
    // to denote which thread will enter next
```

```
    int favouredthread = 1;
```

```
    // flags to indicate if each thread is in
```

```
    // queue to enter its critical section
```

```
    boolean thread1wantstoenter = false;
```

```
    boolean thread2wantstoenter = false;
```

```
    startThreads();
```

```
}
```

```
Thread1()
```

```
{
```

```
    do
```

```
    {
```

```
        thread1wantstoenter = true;
```

```
        // entry section
```

```
        // wait until thread2 wants to enter
```

```
        // its critical section
```

```
        while (thread2wantstoenter == true) {
```

```
            // if 2nd thread is more favored
```

```

        if (favaouredthread == 2) {
            // gives access to other thread
            thread1wantstoenter = false;
            // wait until this thread is favored
        while (favouredthread == 2)
            ;
        thread1wantstoenter = true;
    }
}

```

// critical section

// favor the 2nd thread
favouredthread = 2;

// exit section
// indicate thread1 has completed
// its critical section
thread1wantstoenter = false;

// remainder section

```

    } while (completed == false)
}

```

Thread2()

```

{
do {
    thread2wantstoenter = true;
    // entry section

    // wait until thread1 wants to enter
    // its critical section

    while (thread1wantstoenter == true) {
        // if 1st thread is more favored
        if (favaouredthread == 1) {
            // gives access to other thread
            thread2wantstoenter = false;
            // wait until this thread is favored
        }
    }
}
}

```



```

        while (favouredthread == 1)
        ;thread2wantstoenter = true;
        }
    }

    // critical section

    // favour the 1st thread
    favouredthread = 1;

    // exit section
    // indicate thread2 has completed
    // its critical section
    thread2wantstoenter = false;

    // remainder section

    } while (completed == false)
}

```

This version guarantees a complete solution to the critical solution problem.

Additional Problems:

1. Dining Philosophers Problem

The dining philosophers problem states that there are 5 philosophers sharing a circular table and they eat and think alternatively. There is a bowl of rice for each of the philosophers and 5 chopsticks. A philosopher needs both their right and left chopstick to eat. A hungry philosopher may only eat if there are both chopsticks available. Otherwise a philosopher puts down their chopstick and begins thinking again.

The dining philosopher is a classic synchronization problem as it demonstrates a large class of concurrency control problems.

Solution of Dining Philosophers Problem

A solution of the Dining Philosophers Problem is to use a semaphore to represent a chopstick. A chopstick can be picked up by executing a wait operation on the semaphore and released by executing a signal semaphore.

The structure of the chopstick is shown below –
semaphore chopstick [5];

Initially the elements of the chopstick are initialized to 1 as the chopsticks are on the table and not picked up by a philosopher.

The structure of a random philosopher i is given as follows –

```
do {  
wait( chopstick[i] );  
wait( chopstick[ (i+1) % 5] );  
..  
. EATING THE RICE  
.signal( chopstick[i] );  
signal( chopstick[ (i+1) % 5] );  
..  
. THINKING  
..  
} while(1);
```

Code:

```
#include <pthread.h>  
#include <semaphore.h>  
#include <stdio.h>  
#include <unistd.h>  
  
#define N 5 //no. of philosophers  
#define THINKING 2  
#define HUNGRY 1  
#define EATING 0  
#define LEFT (phnum + 4) % N  
#define RIGHT (phnum + 1) % N  
  
int state[N];  
int phil[N] = { 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 };  
sem_t mutex;
```

```

sem_t S[N];

void test(int phnum)
{
    if (state[phnum] == HUNGRY && state[LEFT] != EATING && state[RIGHT] !=
EATING) {
        // state that eating
        state[phnum] = EATING;
        sleep(2); //eating time
        printf("Philosopher %d takes fork %d and %d\n",
phnum + 1, LEFT + 1, phnum + 1);
        printf("Philosopher %d is Eating\n", phnum + 1);
        sem_post(&S[phnum]);
    }
}

// take up chopsticks
void take_fork(int phnum)
{
    sem_wait(&mutex);
    // state that hungry
    state[phnum] = HUNGRY;
    printf("Philosopher %d is Hungry\n", phnum + 1);
    // eat if neighbours are not eating
    test(phnum);
    sem_post(&mutex);
    // if unable to eat wait to be signalledsem_wait(&S[phnum]);
    sleep(1);
}

// put down chopsticks
void put_fork(int phnum)
{
    sem_wait(&mutex);
    // state that thinking
    state[phnum] = THINKING;
    printf("Philosopher %d putting fork %d and %d down\n",
phnum + 1, LEFT + 1, phnum + 1);
    printf("Philosopher %d is thinking\n", phnum + 1);
    test(LEFT);
}

```

```

    test(RIGHT);
    sem_post(&mutex);
}

void* philosopher(void* num)
{
    while (1) {
        int* i = num;
        sleep(1);
        take_fork(*i);
        sleep(0); //immediately drops fork after eating
        put_fork(*i);
    }
}

int main()
{
    int i;
    pthread_t thread_id[N];
    // initialize the semaphores
    sem_init(&mutex, 0, 1);
    for (i = 0; i < N; i++)
        sem_init(&S[i], 0, 0);
    for (i = 0; i < N; i++) {
        // create philosopher processes
        pthread_create(&thread_id[i], NULL,
            philosopher, &phil[i]);
        printf("Philosopher %d is thinking\n", i + 1);
    }
    for (i = 0; i < N; i++)
        pthread_join(thread_id[i], NULL);
}

```

Output ss:

```
mihir@mihir-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/OS/Lab/week7$ gcc dining_philo.c -lpthread
mihir@mihir-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/OS/Lab/week7$ ./a.out
Philosopher 1 is thinking
Philosopher 2 is thinking
Philosopher 3 is thinking
Philosopher 4 is thinking
Philosopher 5 is thinking
Philosopher 1 is Hungry
Philosopher 4 is Hungry
Philosopher 3 is Hungry
Philosopher 5 is Hungry
Philosopher 5 takes fork 4 and 5
Philosopher 5 is Eating
Philosopher 2 is Hungry
Philosopher 2 takes fork 1 and 2
Philosopher 2 is Eating
Philosopher 1 putting fork 5 and 1 down
Philosopher 1 is thinking
Philosopher 4 putting fork 3 and 4 down
Philosopher 4 is thinking
Philosopher 3 putting fork 2 and 3 down
Philosopher 3 is thinking
Philosopher 5 putting fork 4 and 5 down
Philosopher 5 is thinking
Philosopher 3 is Hungry
Philosopher 5 is Hungry
Philosopher 5 takes fork 4 and 5
Philosopher 5 is Eating
Philosopher 1 is Hungry
Philosopher 4 is Hungry
Philosopher 2 putting fork 1 and 2 down
Philosopher 2 is thinking
Philosopher 3 takes fork 2 and 3
Philosopher 3 is Eating
Philosopher 3 putting fork 2 and 3 down
Philosopher 3 is thinking
Philosopher 1 putting fork 5 and 1 down
Philosopher 1 is thinking
Philosopher 4 putting fork 3 and 4 down
Philosopher 4 is thinking
Philosopher 5 putting fork 4 and 5 down
Philosopher 5 is thinking
Philosopher 3 is Hungry
Philosopher 3 takes fork 2 and 3
Philosopher 3 is Eating
```

2. Readers Writers Problem:

The readers-writers problem relates to an object such as a file that is shared between multiple processes. Some of these processes are readers i.e. they only want to read the data from the object and some of the processes are writers i.e. they want to write into the object.

The readers-writers problem is used to manage synchronization so that there are no problems with the object data. For example - If two readers access the object at the same time there is no problem. However if two writers or a reader and writer access the object at the same time, there may be problems.

To solve this situation, a writer should get exclusive access to an object i.e. when a writer is accessing the object, no reader or writer may access it. However, multiple readers can access the object at the same time.

This can be implemented using semaphores. The codes for the reader and writer process in the reader-writer problem are given as follows –

Reader Process

The code that defines the reader process is given below –

```
wait (mutex);
rc ++;
if (rc == 1)
wait (wrt);
signal(mutex);
.
. READ THE OBJECT
.
wait(mutex);
rc --;
if (rc == 0)
signal (wrt);
signal(mutex);
```

In the above code, mutex and wrt are semaphores that are initialized to 1. Also, rc is a variable that is initialized to 0. The mutex semaphore ensures mutual exclusion and wrt handles the writing mechanism and is common to the reader and writer process code.

Code:

```
#include <iostream>
#include <pthread.h>
#include <unistd.h>

using namespace std;

class monitor {
private:
    int rcnt;
    int wcnt;
    int waitr;
    int waitw;
    pthread_cond_t canread; pthread_cond_t canwrite;
    pthread_mutex_t condlock;
public:
    monitor()
    {
        rcnt = 0;
        wcnt = 0;
        waitr = 0;
        waitw = 0;
        pthread_cond_init(&canread, NULL);
        pthread_cond_init(&canwrite, NULL);
        pthread_mutex_init(&condlock, NULL);
    }

    void beginread(int i)
    {
        pthread_mutex_lock(&condlock);
        if (wcnt == 1 || waitw > 0) {
            waitr++;
            pthread_cond_wait(&canread, &condlock);
            waitr--;
        }

        rcnt++;
        cout << "reader " << i << " is reading\n";
        pthread_mutex_unlock(&condlock);
        pthread_cond_broadcast(&canread);
    }
};
```

```
}
```

```
void endread(int i)
```

```
{
```

```
    pthread_mutex_lock(&condlock);
```

```
    if (--rcnt == 0)
```

```
        pthread_cond_signal(&canwrite);
```

```
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&condlock);
```

```
}
```

```
void beginwrite(int i)
```

```
{
```

```
    pthread_mutex_lock(&condlock);
```

```
    if (wcnt == 1 || rcnt > 0) {
```

```
        ++waitw;
```

```
        pthread_cond_wait(&canwrite, &condlock);
```

```
        --waitw;
```

```
    }
```

```
    wcnt = 1;
```

```
    cout << "writer " << i << " is writing\n"; pthread_mutex_unlock(&condlock);
```

```
}
```

```
void endwrite(int i)
```

```
{
```

```
    pthread_mutex_lock(&condlock);
```

```
    wcnt = 0;
```

```
    // if any readers are waiting, threads are unblocked
```

```
    if (waitr > 0)
```

```
        pthread_cond_signal(&canread);
```

```
    else
```

```
        pthread_cond_signal(&canwrite);
```

```
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&condlock);
```

```
}
```

```
}M; //object
```

```
void* reader(void* id)
```

```
{
```

```
    int c = 0;
```

```
    int i = *(int*)id;
```

```
    while (c < 5) {
```



```

        usleep(1);
        M.beginread(i);
        M.endread(i);
        c++;
    }

    pthread_exit(0);
}

void* writer(void* id)
{
    int c = 0;
    int i = *(int*)id;
    while (c < 5) {
        usleep(1);
        M.beginwrite(i);
        M.endwrite(i);
        c++;
    }

    pthread_exit(0);
}

int main()
{
    pthread_t r[5], w[5];
    int id[5];

    for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
        id[i] = i; pthread_create(&r[i], NULL, &reader, &id[i]);
        pthread_create(&w[i], NULL, &writer, &id[i]);
    }

    for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
        pthread_join(r[i], NULL);
    }

    for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
        pthread_join(w[i], NULL);
    }
}

```

Output ss:

```
mihir@mihir-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/OS/Lab/week7$ g++ reader_writer.cpp -lpthread
mihir@mihir-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/OS/Lab/week7$ ./a.out
reader 0 is reading
reader 2 is reading
reader 1 is reading
writer 0 is writing
writer 2 is writing
writer 0 is writing
reader 0 is reading
writer 1 is writing
writer 3 is writing
writer 0 is writing
reader 1 is reading
reader 2 is reading
writer 2 is writing
writer 1 is writing
reader 0 is reading
writer 3 is writing
reader 4 is reading
reader 1 is reading
reader 2 is reading
writer 2 is writing
writer 3 is writing
writer 1 is writing
writer 0 is writing
reader 2 is reading
reader 3 is reading
writer 3 is writing
reader 0 is reading
writer 2 is writing
reader 1 is reading
writer 0 is writing
writer 3 is writing
reader 4 is reading
reader 0 is reading
reader 2 is reading
writer 1 is writing
writer 1 is writing
reader 1 is reading
writer 4 is writing
reader 4 is reading
reader 3 is reading
writer 2 is writing
reader 4 is reading
writer 4 is writing
reader 3 is reading
reader 4 is reading
reader 3 is reading
writer 4 is writing
```

3. Santa Claus Problem:

Santa's code is pretty straightforward. Remember that it runs in a loop.

```
santaSem.wait()
mutex.wait()
if reindeer == 9:
    prepareSleigh()
    reindeerSem.signal(9)
else if elves == 3:
    helpElves()
mutex.signal()
```

When Santa wakes up, he checks which of the two conditions holds and either deals with the reindeer or the waiting elves. If there are nine reindeer waiting, Santa invokes prepareSleigh, then signals reindeerSem nine times, allowing the reindeer to invoke getHitched. If there are elves waiting, Santa just invokes helpElves. There is no need for the elves to wait for Santa; once they signal santaSem, they can invoke getHelp immediately.

Here is the code for reindeer:

```
mutex.wait()
reindeer += 1
if reindeer == 9:
    santaSem.signal()
mutex.signal()
reindeerSem.wait()
getHitched()
```

The ninth reindeer signals Santa and then joins the other reindeer waiting on reindeerSem. When Santa signals, the reindeer all execute getHitched. The elf code is similar, except that when the third elf arrives it has to bar subsequent arrivals until the first three have executed getHelp.

Code:

```
#include <pthread.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <assert.h>
```

```

#include <unistd.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdbool.h>
#include <semaphore.h>

pthread_t *CreateThread(void *(*f)(void *), void *a)
{
    pthread_t *t = malloc(sizeof(pthread_t));
    assert(t != NULL);
    int ret = pthread_create(t, NULL, f, a);
    assert(ret == 0);
    return t;
}

static const int N_ELVES = 10;
static const int N_REINDEER = 9; static int elves;
static int reindeer;
static sem_t santaSem;
static sem_t reindeerSem;
static sem_t elfTex;
static sem_t mutex;

void *SantaClaus(void *arg)
{
    printf("Santa Claus: Hoho, here I am\n");

    while (true)
    {
        sem_wait(&santaSem);
        sem_wait(&mutex);

        if (reindeer == N_REINDEER)
        {
            printf("Santa Claus: preparing sleigh\n");
            for (int r = 0; r < N_REINDEER; r++)
                sem_post(&reindeerSem);
            printf("Santa Claus: make all kids in the world happy\n");
            reindeer = 0;
        }
    }
}

```

```

        else if (elves == 3)
        {
            printf("Santa Claus: helping elves\n");
        }

        sem_post(&mutex);
    }
    return arg;
}

```

```

void *Reindeer(void *arg)
{
    int id = (int)arg;
    printf("This is reindeer %d\n", id);

    while (true)
    {
        sem_wait(&mutex);
        reindeer++;

        if (reindeer == N_REINDEER)
            sem_post(&santaSem);

        sem_post(&mutex);
        sem_wait(&reindeerSem);
        printf("Reindeer %d getting hitched\n", id);
        sleep(20);
    }

    return arg;
}

```

```

void *Elf(void *arg)
{
    int id = (int)arg; printf("This is elf %d\n", id);
    while (true)
    {
        bool need_help = random() % 100 < 10;

        if (need_help)

```

```

    {
        sem_wait(&elfTex);
        sem_wait(&mutex);
        elves++;

        if (elves == 3)
            sem_post(&santaSem);

        else
            sem_post(&elfTex);

        sem_post(&mutex);
        printf("Elve %d will get help from Santa Claus\n", id);
        sleep(10);
        sem_wait(&mutex);
        elves--;

        if (elves == 0)
            sem_post(&elfTex);

        sem_post(&mutex);
    }

    // Do some work
    printf("Elve %d at work\n", id);
    sleep(2 + random() % 5);
}

return arg;
}

int main(int ac, char **av)
{
    elves = 0;
    reindeer = 0;

    sem_init(&santaSem, 0, 0);
    sem_init(&reindeerSem, 0, 0);
    sem_init(&elfTex, 0, 1);
    sem_init(&mutex, 0, 1);

```

```
pthread_t *santa_claus = CreateThread(SantaClaus, 0);
pthread_t *reindeers[N_REINDEER];

for (int r = 0; r < N_REINDEER; r++)
    reindeers[r] = CreateThread(Reindeer, (void *)r + 1);

pthread_t *elves[N_ELVES];

for (int e = 0; e < N_ELVES; e++)
    elves[e] = CreateThread(Elve, (void *)e + 1);

int ret = pthread_join(*santa_claus, NULL);
assert(ret == 0);
}
```

Output ss:



```
mihir@mihir-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/OS/Lab/week7$ ./a.out
```

Santa Claus: Hoho, here I am

This is reindeer 1

This is reindeer 4

This is reindeer 6

This is reindeer 8

This is reindeer 5

This is reindeer 9

This is reindeer 3

This is reindeer 2

This is elfe 3

Elve 3 at work

This is elfe 4

This is elfe 2

Elve 2 at work

Elve 4 at work

This is elfe 6

Elve 6 at work

This is elfe 8

Elve 8 at work

This is reindeer 7

This is elfe 1

Elve 1 at work

This is elfe 5

Elve 5 at work

This is elfe 7

Elve 7 at work

This is elfe 9

Elve 9 at work

This is elfe 10

Elve 10 at work

Santa Claus: preparing sleigh

Santa Claus: make all kids in the world happy

Reindeer 4 getting hitched

Reindeer 6 getting hitched

Reindeer 8 getting hitched

Reindeer 7 getting hitched

Reindeer 3 getting hitched

Reindeer 2 getting hitched

Reindeer 9 getting hitched

Reindeer 5 getting hitched

Reindeer 1 getting hitched

Elve 4 at work

Elve 3 at work

Elve 9 at work

Elve 10 at work

Elve 7 at work

Elve 8 at work

Elve 1 at work

4. Building H₂O Problem

Initially hydroQueue and oxyQueue are locked. When an oxygen thread arrives it signals hydroQueue twice, allowing two hydrogens to proceed. Then the oxygen thread waits for the hydrogen threads to arrive.

Oxygen code

```
mutex.wait()
oxygen += 1
if hydrogen >= 2:
    hydroQueue.signal(2)
    hydrogen -= 2
    oxyQueue.signal()
    oxygen -= 1
else:
    mutex.signal()
    oxyQueue.wait()
    bond()
    barrier.wait()
    mutex.signal()
```

As each oxygen thread enters, it gets the mutex and checks the scoreboard. If there are at least two hydrogen threads waiting, it signals two of them and itself and then bonds. If not, it releases the mutex and waits. After bonding, threads wait at the barrier until all three threads have bonded, and then the oxygen thread releases the mutex. Since there is only one oxygen thread in each set of three, we are guaranteed to signal mutex once. The code for hydrogen is similar:

Hydrogen code

```
mutex.wait()
hydrogen += 1
if hydrogen >= 2 and oxygen >= 1:
    hydroQueue.signal(2)
    hydrogen -= 2
    oxyQueue.signal()
    oxygen -= 1
else:
    mutex.signal()
    hydroQueue.wait()
    bond()
```

```
barrier.wait()
```

Code:

```
#include <pthread.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <semaphore.h>
#include <unistd.h>

sem_t smutex,oxyQueue,hydroQueue;
int oxygen=0,hydrogen=0;
pthread_t oxyThread,hydroThread1,hydroThread2;

int bond()
{
    static int i=0;
    i++;if((i%3)==0)
        printf("*** Molecule no. %d created**\n\n",i/3);
    sleep(2);
    return(0);
}

void* oxyFn(void* arg)
{
    while(1)
    {
        sem_wait(&smutex);
        oxygen+=1;

        if(hydrogen>=2)
        {
            sem_post(&hydroQueue);
            sem_post(&hydroQueue);
            hydrogen-=2;
            sem_post(&oxyQueue);
            oxygen-=1;
        }

        else
        {
```

```

        sem_post(&smutex);
    }

    sem_wait(&oxyQueue);
    printf("Oxygen Bond\n");
    bond();
    sleep(3);
    sem_post(&smutex);
}
}

void* hydroFn(void* arg)
{
    while(1)
    {
        sem_wait(&smutex);
        hydrogen+=1;

        if(hydrogen>=2 && oxygen>=1)
        {
            sem_post(&hydroQueue);
            sem_post(&hydroQueue);
            hydrogen-=2;
            sem_post(&oxyQueue);
            oxygen-=1;
        }

        else
        {
            sem_post(&smutex);
        }

        sem_wait(&hydroQueue);printf("Hydrogen Bond\n");
        bond();
        sleep(3);
    }
}

int main()
{

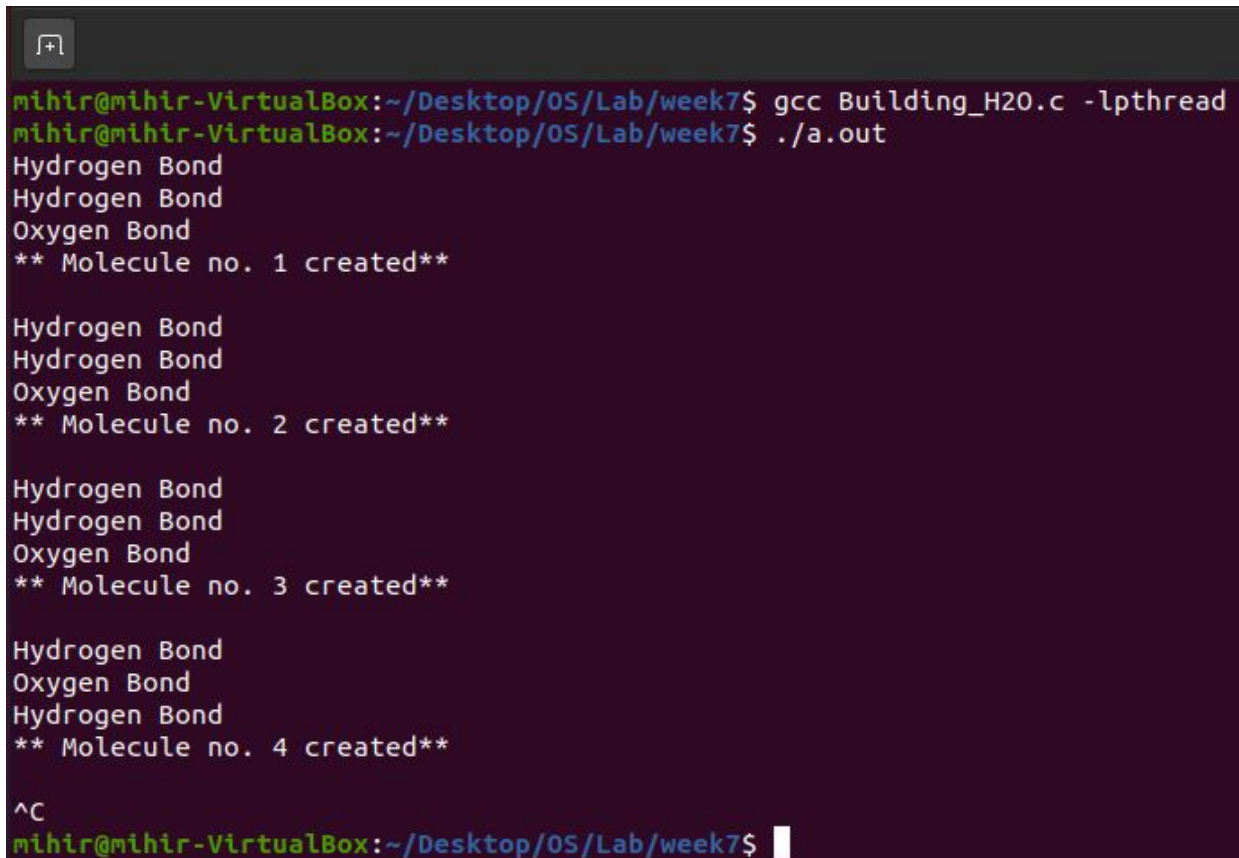
```

```

if(sem_init(&smutex,0,1)==-1){
    perror("error initilalizing semaphore\n");
}
if(sem_init(&oxyQueue,0,0)==-1){
    perror("error initilalizing semaphore\n");
}
if(sem_init(&hydroQueue,0,0)==-1){
    perror("error initilalizing semaphore\n");
}
sleep(2);
pthread_create(&oxyThread,0,oxyFn, NULL);
pthread_create(&hydroThread1,0,hydroFn, NULL);
pthread_create(&hydroThread2,0,hydroFn, NULL);
for(;;);
}

```

Output ss:



```

mihir@mihir-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/OS/Lab/week7$ gcc Building_H2O.c -lpthread
mihir@mihir-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/OS/Lab/week7$ ./a.out
Hydrogen Bond
Hydrogen Bond
Oxygen Bond
** Molecule no. 1 created**

Hydrogen Bond
Hydrogen Bond
Oxygen Bond
** Molecule no. 2 created**

Hydrogen Bond
Hydrogen Bond
Oxygen Bond
** Molecule no. 3 created**

Hydrogen Bond
Oxygen Bond
Hydrogen Bond
** Molecule no. 4 created**

^C
mihir@mihir-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/OS/Lab/week7$

```