Banker's Algorithm Documentation

I solved this problem using the language C++ and the IDE Microsoft Visual Studio. After completion, I copied my source code into a test file on the wasp/hornet Kent State servers to ensure they also worked in that environment.

This program requires that a text file is given as a command line argument. I included the text file that is used that is in a working format.

I defined four functions, printMatrix(), getProcess(), rowIsLess(), getNewAvailable(). printMatrix() prints a full matrix passed, I used this function for readability.

getProcess() returns one desired row from a matrix and used for comparison.

rowIsLess() does the actual comparison mentioned above.

getNewAvailable() calculates the newAvailable value on a true evaluation within the main().

I used multidimensional arrays to represent matrices and I used vectors to represent a single row from a matrix.

I used a queue to keep track of processes that failed evaluation within the main(). This way the front item was also the first failed.

My main loop uses a while loop and compares an integer, initialized to zero to the number of allowed processes. After this loop ends there is a second while loop that checks for the queue of failed processes being empty, or a safety mechanism, evaluating to true. I used an integer, also initialized to zero and make sure it also always less than the number of processes for the safety mechanism.

There are a large number of comments within my program for further explanation if needed.