

Q1: Implement a distributed task scheduler that uses shared memory and pipes for communication between the scheduler and worker processes. **[30 marks]**

Problem Statement:

You need to write a program that functions as a task scheduler. This scheduler will:

1. Use shared memory to maintain a queue of tasks.
2. Use pipes for communication between the scheduler and worker processes.
3. Each worker process should pick a task from the shared memory queue, execute it, and report the result back to the scheduler through pipes until there is no task left in queue.
4. The scheduler should collect the results from the pipes and update the task status in shared memory.

Detailed Steps:

1. Create shared memory for the task queue including 10 tasks in total. (1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10). **5 marks**
2. Use fork() to create 3 worker processes.
3. Each worker process will read a task number from **shared memory**, prints **task number** assigned to it and write **"0"** in queue at its place. All process will be executed in **parallel**. **10 marks**
4. Each process will also use **pipes** to send a "Success" message to the parent process. **5 Marks**
5. After receiving required number of "success" messages i.e. 10, parent process will check shared queue to recheck there is not task left and print a message before exiting itself. **5 marks**
6. Use semaphores to synchronize access to the task queue. **5 marks**

Note: Ensure proper synchronization and error handling.

Q2: Imagine you are tasked with designing a program to simulate a multiplayer gaming server. The idea is to allow multiple players to join, organize them into game rooms, and keep the game rooms running smoothly. Players will join and leave dynamically, and the system needs to handle these operations using both threads and processes. **[30 Marks]**

Here's what the program should do:

1. When the server starts, it should **initialize** a setup that shows all of **4 game rooms are available** now. **2 marks**
2. There are **10 players** in total; the server should create **a child process to represent each player**. **5 marks**

3. In a child process the player will tell which game room he wants to join (A hard code value Between 1 to 4). Depending upon that specific thread will be called. **Hint: Use Cases. 5 marks**
4. If that room is free it will be assigned to that player else he has to wait. **10 marks**
5. Each game room will have a **room manager thread**. The thread will handle **periodic game updates** (every 2 seconds) this could be a simple terminal message to show the status. A room manager should keep running as long as there are players in the room. **5 marks**
6. Players don't stay forever—they play for a **random amount of time** (somewhere between 3 and 7 seconds). After this, the player will leave the game, freeing up their slot for another player. **3 marks**

Your task is to implement this system. You must use semaphores for synchronization to make sure there are no race conditions when managing shared resources, like the game room queue or player count. Proper cleanup of threads and processes is crucial when players leave or the server shuts down.

You must demonstrate:

1. Use of fork() to create player processes.
2. Use of threads to manage game rooms.
3. Synchronization using semaphores to avoid race conditions.

Write clean, readable code with comments to explain your thought process.

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