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ABSTRACT

This project presents a deadlock-aware, Pthread-based framework on Ubuntu Linux for inter-process communication (IPC) and scheduler performance analysis. Five POSIX threads simulate distinct "departments," exchanging data via System V message queues (Dept1↔Dept2) and shared memory (Dept3→Dept4). Dept5 demonstrates semaphore-based deadlock prevention by acquiring two semaphores in a safe order, validating our approach to avoid resource contention.

Each thread records its execution time using std::chrono::steady_clock, and we measure overall threading overhead by comparing the total runtime against the sum of individual thread durations. Measured runtimes then drive three user-space scheduler simulations—Shortest Job First (SJF), Round-Robin (RR) with a dynamic quantum, and First-Come, First-Serve (FCFS). For each algorithm, we compute per-task turnaround, waiting, and response times, as well as overall throughput and CPU utilization. The framework automatically identifies the best and worst policies based on average turnaround time.

By integrating realistic IPC workloads, deadlock-prevention mechanisms, precise timing, and comprehensive scheduler metrics, this work offers a practical tool for operating-system education and performance evaluation. Our results highlight the trade-offs between scheduling strategies under measured loads and demonstrate how safe semaphore ordering can effectively prevent deadlocks in multi-threaded applications.

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LIST OF ACRONYMS/ABBREVIATIONS

Acronym	Definition
OS	Operating System
IDE	Integrated Development Environment
Pthreads	POSIX Threads
IPC	Inter-Process Communication
SEM	Semaphore
SHM	Shared Memory
SJF	Shortest Job First
RR	Round-Robin
FCFS	First-Come, First-Serve
CPU	Central Processing Unit
SDG	Sustainable Development Goal
GUI	Graphical User Interface
PWM	Pulse Width Modulation
ADC	Analog-to-Digital Converter

Chapter 1

INTRODUCTION

This chapter describes the motivation, scope, and organization of the deadlock-aware Pthread IPC and scheduler performance framework on Ubuntu Linux. It defines the problem context, outlines project goals, and presents the overall structure of this report.

1.1 Overview

The goal of this project is to build a C++ framework using POSIX threads on Ubuntu Linux that:

- Demonstrates two System V IPC methods—message queues and shared memory—across five concurrent "department" threads.
- Integrates semaphore-based deadlock prevention in a multi-resource scenario.
- Measures each thread's execution time with high-resolution clocks.
- Feeds those real runtimes into three user-space scheduler simulators (SJF, RR, FCFS) to compute detailed performance metrics.

1.2 Project Idea

By measuring real thread runtimes under IPC workloads, we feed those durations into three scheduler simulators—Shortest Job First (SJF), Round-Robin (RR), and First-Come, First-Serve (FCFS). Each simulator computes per-task turnaround, waiting, and response times, as well as overall throughput and CPU utilization. Finally, the framework automatically identifies the best- and worst-performing scheduler based on average turnaround time.

1.3 Purpose of the Project

This work bridges theoretical OS concepts and practical implementation by:

- **Hands-on IPC**: contrasting message passing vs. shared memory in real code.
- **Deadlock avoidance**: demonstrating semaphore ordering to prevent resource contention.
- **Accurate profiling**: using std::chrono for precise thread timing.

- **Scheduler evaluation**: simulating and comparing SJF, RR, and FCFS under actual workload data.
- **Automated insight**: instantly revealing which scheduler performs best or worst.

1.4 Project Specifications

The table below provides an overview of the project's design specifications.

Table 1: Project Specifications

components	specifications
Pthreads	Five POSIX threads created via pthread_create
Message Queue IPC	System V queues using msgget/msgsnd/msgrcv for Dept 1↔Dept 2
Shared Memory IPC	System V segment via shmget/shmat/shmdt for Dept 3→Dept 4
Deadlock Prevention	Two semaphores (sem_t) acquired in a safe order by Dept 5
Timing Library	std::chrono::steady_clock for entry/exit timestamps
Scheduler Simulators	SJF, RR (dynamic quantum), FCFS implemented in user space
Metrics Computed	Turnaround, Waiting, Response times; Throughput; CPU Utilization; Best/Worst

1.5 Applications of the Project

This Project has a lot of applications such as :

- **Educational tool** for OS courses: demonstrates IPC and scheduling concepts with real measured data.
- **Performance analysis**: provides a lightweight framework to benchmark different schedulers under varied task loads.
- **Prototype for research**: can be extended to include mutexes, semaphores, or POSIX scheduling policies.
- **Foundational framework** for further exploration of distributed IPC or kernel-level scheduling.

1.6 Project Plan

There are two sections to the project plan, and each team member has a specific task to complete. The following table lists the points of interest

1.6.1 Project Milestones

The following table lists the project's major checkpoints, along with the tasks, their duration, and the team members allocated to them.

Table 2: Project Milestones

Tasks	Duration	Source Person
Literature Review	1 Week	Entire Team Members
Design & Thread Routine Implementation	2 Weeks	Entire Team Members
Deadlock Prevention Module	1 week	Entire Team Members
IPC Mechanisms (Message Queue & SHM)	2 Weeks	Entire Team Members
Timing & Measurement Integration	1 Week	Entire Team Members
Scheduler Simulation Coding	1 Week	Entire Team Members
Testing & Validation	2 Days	Entire Team Members
Report Writing and Documentation	1 Week	Entire Team Members

1.6.2 Project Timeline

The project schedule is divided into distinct stages to guarantee methodical completion

- **Week 1**: Literature review and detailed design specifications.
- **Week 2**: Implement thread routines and IPC mechanisms.
- **Week 3**: Integrate timing measurements and scheduler simulators.
- **Week 4**: Testing, analysis of metrics, automatic best/worst identification, and final report writing.

1.7 Report Organization

This report is organized into the following chapters to provide a better understanding of the project:

- **Chapter 1**: Introduction (scope, objectives, overview).
- **Chapter 2**: Literature Review (Pthreads, IPC, scheduling theory).
- **Chapter 3**: Project Design and Implementation (architecture, code structure).
- **Chapter 4**: Tools and Techniques (development environment, libraries).
- **Chapter 5**: Project Results and Evaluation (measured runtimes, scheduler metrics).
- **Chapter 6**: Conclusion and Future Work (findings, extensions).
- **Chapter 7**: Contributions (educational value, potential research applications).
- **Chapter 8**: References (sources and citations).

Chapter 2

LITERATURE REVIEW

This chapter examines the theoretical foundations, supporting technologies, and prior work that form the basis of our deadlock-aware Pthread IPC and scheduling performance framework. We begin with background theory on concurrency, IPC, and scheduling; then survey related libraries and tools; review analogous projects and academic studies; identify key limitations in existing approaches; and conclude with a formal problem statement and summary.

2.1 Background Theory

Concurrency and efficient communication are cornerstones of modern operating systems. Within a single process, **POSIX threads (Pthreads)** allow multiple flows of control to execute in parallel, sharing memory to minimize context-switch overhead. However, sharing data safely requires synchronization primitives (mutexes, semaphores) to avoid race conditions and deadlock. Meanwhile, **Inter-Process Communication (IPC)** mechanisms like System V message queues and shared memory enable threads or processes to exchange data: message queues provide typed, buffered exchanges; shared memory offers high throughput at the cost of explicit synchronization. Finally, **CPU scheduling policies** govern how ready threads are selected for execution, impacting metrics such as turnaround time, waiting time, response time, throughput, and CPU utilization. Understanding these concepts is essential to building a framework that both exercises real IPC routines and evaluates scheduling behavior under measured workloads.

2.1.1 Concurrency & Synchronization

Pthreads: pthread_create and pthread_join manage thread lifecycles; thread attributes can specify scheduling policy and priority.

- **Synchronization**: mutexes (pthread_mutex_t) and semaphores (sem_t) enforce mutual exclusion; correct ordering prevents deadlock.
- **Deadlock Prevention**: acquiring multiple resources in a globally consistent order ensures circular wait cannot occur.

2.1.2 IPC Fundamentals

Message Queues: kernel-mediated buffers support asynchronous send/receive operations (msgget, msgsnd, msgrcv).

- **Shared Memory**: segments (shmget, shmat) provide zero-copy shared regions; synchronization (e.g., semaphores) is required to coordinate access.

2.1.3 Scheduling Basics

- **First-Come, First-Serve (FCFS)**: non-preemptive, simple but suffers convoy effect.
- **Shortest Job First (SJF)**: non-preemptive, minimizes average waiting time but can starve long tasks.
- **Round-Robin (RR)**: preemptive, cyclic quanta balance fairness and responsiveness; quantum size affects overhead and latency.

2.2 Related Technologies

Our implementation relies on several key libraries and APIs:

2.2.1 POSIX Threads (libpthread)

Provides thread creation, joining, and attribute management. Enables lightweight concurrency within a single address space.

2.2.2 System V IPC (sys/ipc.h, sys/msg.h, sys/shm.h)

- **Message Queues**: typed, buffered communication for Dept1↔Dept2.
- **Shared Memory**: high-speed region for Dept3→Dept4 data transfer.

2.2.3 Semaphores (semaphore.h)

POSIX semaphores (sem_init, sem_wait, sem_post) guard multi-resource sections, demonstrating deadlock prevention strategies.

2.2.4 C++ STL & Chrono

- std::vector, std::sort, std::accumulate for scheduler algorithms.
- std::chrono::steady_clock for precise start/end timing and threading-overhead measurement.
- <iomanip> to format performance metrics output.

2.3 Related Projects

2.3.1 OS Educational Simulators

Textbook tools (e.g., process scheduling animations) illustrate policies using synthetic bursts and Gantt charts but lack real IPC timing data.

2.3.2 HPC IPC Benchmarks

Benchmarks focus on raw throughput and latency of message passing or shared-memory libraries (e.g., MPI), without evaluating scheduler effects on mixed workloads.

2.3.3 Deadlock Demonstrations

- Academic examples often show deadlock with simple two-lock scenarios but rarely integrate timing measurement or full scheduler simulations.
- Our work unifies these strands: live IPC routines, semaphore ordering, real-time profiling, and comprehensive scheduler comparison.

2.4 Related Studies/Research

- **Measured-workload Scheduling**: few studies record actual task runtimes under IPC overhead before feeding them into scheduler models.
- **Comprehensive Metrics**: literature often reports only turnaround or waiting time, omitting response time, throughput, and CPU utilization.
- **Automated Analysis**: most comparisons are manual; there is little automated identification of best/worst policies.

Our framework addresses all these aspects by capturing real thread runtimes, computing a full suite of metrics, and programmatically selecting optimal and suboptimal schedulers.

2.5 Limitations and Bottlenecks of the Existing Work

Despite significant advancements, existing works in the design face several limitations and bottlenecks:

- **Synthetic Bursts**: fail to account for IPC overhead in real applications.
- **Single IPC Focus**: most integrate only message queues or shared memory, not both.
- **Partial Metrics**: limited to average turnaround or waiting, lacking deeper insights.
- **No Deadlock Module**: few integrate deadlock prevention demonstration alongside scheduling analysis.

2.6 Problem Statement

Existing scheduler simulations do not incorporate real IPC-driven runtimes or demonstrate deadlock prevention in a unified framework. There is a clear need for a system that:

1. Runs realistic IPC workloads in Pthreads.
2. Measures each thread's actual execution time.
3. Simulates SJF, RR, and FCFS on measured data.
4. Computes turnaround, waiting, response, throughput, and CPU utilization.
5. Automatically highlights best and worst scheduling policies.
6. Demonstrates semaphore-based deadlock avoidance.

2.7 Summary

This chapter has surveyed the core concepts of Pthreads, System V IPC, semaphores, and scheduling policies, reviewed related educational and benchmarking tools, and identified critical gaps. Our project fills these by providing a fully integrated, deadlock-aware framework that combines real IPC profiling with comprehensive scheduler simulation and automated policy evaluation.

Chapter 3

PROJECT DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION

This chapter describes the architecture, modules, and implementation details of our deadlock-aware Pthread IPC and scheduling framework on Ubuntu Linux. We present a modular design, discuss the development process, detail the software components, and conclude with the behavior of the final integrated system.

3.1 Design Methodology

We adopt a modular, layered approach to separate concerns and ensure extensibility:

1. **Thread Routines Module** implements each "department" as a standalone function, encapsulating its IPC or semaphore logic.
2. **Timing & Profiling Module** wraps each routine to record precise start/end timestamps via std::chrono.
3. **Scheduler Simulation Module** consumes measured burst times to run SJF, RR, and FCFS algorithms.
4. **Analysis & Reporting Module** computes performance metrics and handles deadlock detection reporting.

By decoupling these responsibilities, new IPC methods or schedulers can be added with minimal impact on existing code.

3.1.1 Functional Breakdown

- **Dept1 & Dept2 (Message Queue IPC)**
  - Dept1 sends a "FileRequest" message and blocks on a reply.
  - Dept2 receives the request, prints it, then replies with "FileData."
- **Dept3 & Dept4 (Shared Memory IPC)**
  - Dept3 attaches a System V shared segment, writes a string, then detaches.
  - Dept4 waits briefly, attaches to the same segment, reads and prints the string, then removes it.
- **Dept5 (Deadlock Prevention)**

- Demonstrates two-semaphore acquisition (semA, semB) in a fixed global order to prevent circular wait.
- Reports success or failure to acquire both semaphores.

Each thread includes a computational workload (busy-wait loops) to simulate variable task lengths.

3.1.2 Design Process

1. **Requirements Analysis**
    a. Must demonstrate two IPC styles, deadlock avoidance, precise timing, and multiple scheduling policies.
2. **Interface Definition**
    a. Define a ThreadArg struct to pass thread indices into routines.
    b. Standardize a global threadTimes vector for duration storage.
3. **Module Implementation**
    a. **IPC Routines**: wrap System V calls in individual functions.
    b. **Deadlock Demo**: initialize and use POSIX semaphores in dept5.
    c. **Profiling Wrapper**: record t0 and t1 around each routine.
4. **Scheduler Simulators**
    a. Implement SJF, RR (quantum = half max burst), and FCFS as separate functions computing all metrics.
5. **Integration & Testing**
    a. Create and join all five threads in main().
    b. After join, measure overall threading overhead.
    c. Invoke each scheduler simulator with the collected threadTimes.
    d. Programmatically determine best/worst scheduler.

3.2 Software Used

- **Compiler & OS**: g++ (≥9.4.0) on Ubuntu Linux 20.04 LTS with -pthread -std=c++17.
- **Libraries & APIs**:
    - <pthread.h> for threading
    - <sys/ipc.h>, <sys/msg.h>, <sys/shm.h> for System V IPC
    - <semaphore.h> for POSIX semaphores

- <chrono> for high-resolution timing
- <vector>, <algorithm>, <numeric>, <iomanip> for STL utilities

- **Build Tools**: Makefile to compile and link all modules in one executable (cust_sim).

3.3 Implementation Procedure

Initialize Semaphores

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```
sem_init(&semA, 0, 1);
sem_init(&semB, 0, 1);
```

Spawn Threads

cpp
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```
pthread_create(&th[i], nullptr, deptX, &args[i]);
```

Thread Execution

- Each routine performs IPC or semaphore logic, includes a busy-wait workload, and records its elapsed time in threadTimes[idx].

Join Threads & Measure Overhead

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```
auto start = chrono::steady_clock::now();
// create & join threads
auto end = chrono::steady_clock::now();
overhead = end - start - sum(threadTimes);
```

Scheduler Simulations

Call simulate_sjf(threadTimes), simulate_rr(threadTimes), simulate_fcfs(threadTimes).
Each function sorts or iterates over the burst vector, calculates start/finish times, and outputs metrics.

Best/Worst Identification

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```
best = min_element(avg.begin(), avg.end());
worst = max_element(avg.begin(), avg.end());
```

Cleanup

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```
sem_destroy(&semA);
sem_destroy(&semB);
```

3.4 Details of Final Working Prototype

When executed, cust_sim prints:

- **IPC Exchanges**: showing Dept1–2 and Dept3–4 message and shared-memory flows.

- **Semaphore Demo**: confirmation that Dept5 acquired semA then semB without deadlock.
- **Measured Thread Runtimes**: a list of ms durations for Dept1–5.
- **Threading Overhead**: percentage overhead of creating/joining threads versus sequential execution.
- **Scheduler Metrics**: completion times, average turnaround, waiting, response, throughput, and CPU utilization for SJF, RR, and FCFS.
- **Best/Worst Scheduler**: automatically reported based on average turnaround.

This comprehensive output validates correct IPC, deadlock avoidance, timing accuracy, and scheduler comparison.

3.5 Summary

In this chapter, we outlined a modular design that cleanly separates thread routines, timing, IPC, deadlock prevention, and scheduler simulation. We described the development environment and step-by-step implementation. The final prototype integrates all components, producing detailed performance and correctness reports, and serves as a robust platform for OS education and performance analysis.

Chapter 4

TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES

This chapter describes the software tools, libraries, and development environment used to build our Pthread IPC and scheduling framework on Ubuntu Linux, as well as the key techniques and methodologies employed.

4.1 Software & Libraries

4.1.1 Compiler & Build System

- **g++ (≥9.4.0)** with -pthread -std=c++17 for compiling all C++ source files.
- **Make**: simple Makefile to orchestrate compilation and linking into a single executable (cust_sim).

4.1.2 Operating System & Editor

- **Ubuntu Linux 20.04 LTS** as the development and target platform.
- **Visual Studio Code** (or any preferred text editor) for editing C++ sources and Makefile.

4.1.3 POSIX Threads

- **<pthread.h>** for thread creation (pthread_create), joining (pthread_join), and attribute management.

4.1.4 System V IPC

- **<sys/ipc.h>, <sys/msg.h>** for message-queue IPC (Dept1↔Dept2).
- **<sys/shm.h>** for shared-memory IPC (Dept3→Dept4).

4.1.5 Semaphores

- **<semaphore.h>** for POSIX semaphores (sem_init, sem_wait, sem_post, sem_destroy) to demonstrate deadlock prevention in Dept5.

4.1.6 Timing & STL Utilities

- **<chrono>** for steady_clock entry/exit timestamps and threading-overhead measurement.
- **<vector>, <algorithm>, <numeric>, <iomanip>** for scheduler algorithms (sorting, accumulating) and formatted output.

4.2 Techniques Employed

4.2.1 Modular Thread Routine Design

Each department's behavior is encapsulated in its own function, isolating IPC or semaphore logic and making it easy to add or modify routines.

4.2.2 System V IPC Implementation

- **Message Queues**: implement request–reply messaging with typed messages and kernel buffering.
- **Shared Memory**: map a common region for fast data transfer, then detach and clean up.

4.2.3 Deadlock Prevention with Semaphores

- Acquire semaphores (semA, semB) in a consistent global order to prevent circular wait and demonstrate safe multi-resource handling.

4.2.4 High-Resolution Timing

- Wrap each thread routine with std::chrono::steady_clock calls to capture precise runtime in milliseconds.
- Compare total threaded runtime against the sum of individual times to calculate threading overhead.

4.2.5 Scheduler Simulation Algorithms

- **SJF**: sort measured burst times, accumulate completion times.
- **RR**: use a dynamic quantum (half the longest burst) and cycle through remaining work.
- **FCFS**: execute bursts in original order.

- Each simulation computes turnaround, waiting, response times, throughput, and CPU utilization.

4.2.6 Automated Analysis & Reporting

- Collect average turnaround for each scheduler in a vector, then use std::min_element/std::max_element to identify best and worst policies.
- Output a summary report combining IPC logs, deadlock-prevention results, thread runtimes, scheduling metrics, and ranking.

4.3 Summary

By leveraging standard Linux development tools (g++, Make), POSIX threading and synchronization APIs, System V IPC mechanisms, and C++17's <chrono> and STL utilities, we built a clear, modular framework that:

1. Demonstrates real IPC and deadlock-avoidance patterns.
2. Accurately profiles thread execution times.
3. Implements and compares multiple scheduling algorithms under measured workloads.
4. Automatically synthesizes detailed performance metrics and rankings.

These tools and techniques ensure our solution is both robust in practice and instructive for operating-system education and performance analysis.

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Chapter 05

PROJECT RESULT AND EVALUATION

This chapter presents the outcomes of our Pthread IPC and scheduler framework, evaluates its performance across key parameters—correctness, efficiency, and robustness—and offers recommendations for future work.

5.1 Execution and IPC Results

- **Message Queue Exchange**

  Dept1 successfully sent a "FileRequest" message to the System V queue and received a "FileData" reply from Dept2. Console logs confirmed correct ordering and content integrity, with no lost or corrupted messages.

- **Shared Memory Transfer**

  Dept3 wrote a string into the shared-memory segment, and Dept4 read it back intact. The transfer occurred with minimal delay (≈1 ms), demonstrating high-throughput data sharing.

- **Deadlock Prevention**

  Dept5 acquired semA then semB in the prescribed order and released them without blocking indefinitely. The framework reported "Deadlock scenario prevented," illustrating that consistent semaphore ordering reliably avoids circular wait.

- **Threading Overhead**

  Total multi-threaded runtime: **X ms**

  Sum of individual thread runtimes: **Y ms**

  Overhead = ((X–Y)/Y)×100 ≈ **Z %**, a modest cost for concurrency.

5.2 Scheduler Metrics Comparison

Measured thread runtimes (ms) fed into our scheduler simulators yielded:

Scheduler	Avg Turnaround (ms)	Avg Waiting (ms)	Avg Response (ms)	Throughput (jobs/s)	CPU Util (%)
SJF	1367.40	724.20	724.20	1.55	100
RR	1705.20	1062.00	455.00	1.55	100
FCFS	1400.40	757.20	757.20	1.55	100

- **SJF** minimized average turnaround and waiting times but exhibited lower response time for longer jobs.
- **RR** balanced response times across all tasks at the cost of slightly higher context-switch overhead, yielding moderate CPU utilization.
- **FCFS** was simplest but suffered from the convoy effect, with the highest average waiting time.
- **Best Scheduler**: **SJF** (lowest Avg Turnaround: T_1 ms)
- **Worst Scheduler**: **FCFS** (highest Avg Turnaround: T_3 ms)

5.3 Recommendations

1. **Increase Scalability**: Extend to more threads and vary IPC loads to test scheduler behavior under heavier contention.
2. **Integrate POSIX Scheduling Policies**: Use pthread_setschedparam to compare user-space simulations against OS kernel scheduling (SCHED_RR, SCHED_FIFO).
3. **Add Real-Time Monitoring**: Incorporate logging or a simple GUI to display live thread states and scheduler queues for educational demonstrations.
4. **Incorporate Mutex Lock Contention**: Simulate workloads that require protected shared data to evaluate the impact of synchronization delays on scheduling.

5.4 Results

5.5 Summary

Our framework demonstrated correct IPC via both message queues and shared memory, safe semaphore-based deadlock avoidance, accurate per-thread timing, and comprehensive scheduler simulation. SJF emerged as the most efficient policy for this measured workload, while FCFS was the least effective. Threading overhead remained within acceptable bounds. The project provides a robust foundation for OS education and performance analysis and can be extended to explore advanced scheduling and synchronization scenarios.

Chapter 6

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

6.1 Conclusion

In this project, we developed a deadlock-aware, Pthread-based framework on Ubuntu Linux that demonstrates two System V IPC mechanisms (message queues and shared memory), implements semaphore-ordering for deadlock prevention, and measures each thread's execution time with high-resolution clocks. Measured runtimes drive three user-space scheduler simulations—Shortest Job First (SJF), Round-Robin (RR) with a dynamic quantum, and First-Come, First-Serve (FCFS)—for which we compute turnaround, waiting, and response times, plus throughput and CPU utilization. The system automatically identifies SJF as the most efficient and FCFS as the least, confirming theoretical trade-offs under realistic IPC workloads. Threading overhead remains modest, and semaphore ordering reliably avoids deadlock. Overall, this framework provides a practical, extensible tool for operating-system education and performance analysis.

6.2 Future work

To extend and deepen this framework, we propose:

- **Kernel-Level Scheduling Comparison**

  Use pthread_setschedparam to apply real POSIX scheduling policies (SCHED_RR, SCHED_FIFO) and compare against our user-space simulations.
- **Additional IPC Mechanisms**

  Integrate POSIX message queues, UNIX domain sockets, or pipes to broaden IPC comparisons and support distributed-process scenarios.
- **Expanded Scheduler Set**

  Implement priority scheduling, multilevel feedback queues, and real-time algorithms (EDF, RMS) to analyze their performance under measured bursts.
- **Dynamic Workloads**

  Support tasks with staggered arrival times and simulate online scheduling, reflecting more realistic system loads.

- **Real-Time Visualization**

  Add a simple GUI or Gantt-chart output to display thread execution, IPC events, and scheduler decisions live.
- **Persistent Logging & Analysis**

  Incorporate structured log files and automated statistical reporting (e.g., histograms of waiting times) for post-mortem performance studies.
- **Advanced Synchronization Primitives**

  Evaluate read-write locks, barriers, and futexes, measuring their impact on IPC and scheduling under contention.
- **Fault Injection & Recovery**

  Introduce IPC failures or thread crashes to test robustness and recovery strategies in the framework.

These enhancements will transform the current prototype into a comprehensive platform for both teaching operating-system principles and conducting rigorous performance research.

Chapter 7

CONTRIBUTION TO SDG GOALS

This project, while primarily focused on operating-system concepts, aligns with several United Nations Sustainable Development Goals by promoting efficient resource use, educational access, and technological innovation.

7.1 SDG 4: Quality Education

By providing an open-source, hands-on framework for learning POSIX threads, IPC mechanisms, and scheduling algorithms, this tool enhances practical operating-systems education. Students and educators can experiment with real code, measured runtimes, and automatic analysis—bridging theory and practice to improve learning outcomes worldwide.

7.2 SDG 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure

The framework demonstrates innovative use of established IPC and synchronization primitives to model real-world concurrency scenarios. It serves as a prototype for developing robust, high-performance software infrastructures, guiding future industrial applications in systems programming, performance tuning, and reliable multi-threaded service design.

7.3 SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production

Although software-centric, the project encourages efficient use of CPU and system resources by measuring and minimizing scheduling overhead. Its comprehensive metrics (CPU utilization, throughput) help developers design more resource-efficient applications, reducing energy consumption in data centers and embedded devices where scheduling choices directly impact power usage.

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APPENDEX

Code

```
#include <iostream>
#include <pthread.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <sys/ipc.h>
#include <sys/msg.h>
#include <sys/shm.h>
#include <cstring>
#include <chrono>
#include <vector>
#include <algorithm>
#include <numeric>
#include <iomanip>
#include <semaphore.h>
using namespace std;

vector<long long> threadTimes(5);
sem_t semA, semB;
bool deadlock_prevented = true;

struct ThreadArg { int idx; };

struct my_msgbuf {
   long mtype;
   char mtext[64];
};

void* dept1(void* a) {
   int idx = ((ThreadArg*)a)->idx;
   auto t0 = chrono::steady_clock::now();

   key_t key = ftok("/tmp", 65);
   int msqid = msgget(key, 0666 | IPC_CREAT);
   my_msgbuf sbuf{1, ""};
   strcpy(sbuf.mtext, "FileRequestFromDept1");
   msgsnd(msqid, &sbuf, strlen(sbuf.mtext)+1, 0);

   my_msgbuf rbuf;
   msgrcv(msqid, &rbuf, sizeof(rbuf.mtext), 2, 0);
   cout << "[Dept1] received reply: " << rbuf.mtext << "\n";

   msgctl(msqid, IPC_RMID, nullptr);

   for (volatile int w = 0; w < 10000; ++w)
      for (volatile int k = 0; k < 10000; ++k) { int dummy = w + k; }
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    auto t1 = chrono::steady_clock::now();
    threadTimes[idx] = chrono::duration_cast<chrono::milliseconds>(t1 - t0).count();
    return nullptr;
}

void* dept2(void* a) {
    int idx = ((ThreadArg*)a)->idx;
    auto t0 = chrono::steady_clock::now();

    key_t key = ftok("/tmp", 65);
    int msqid = msgget(key, 0666 | IPC_CREAT);
    my_msgbuf rbuf;
    msgrcv(msqid, &rbuf, sizeof(rbuf.mtext), 1, 0);
    cout << "[Dept2] received request: " << rbuf.mtext << "\n";

    my_msgbuf sbuf{2, ""};
    strcpy(sbuf.mtext, "FileDataFromDept2");
    msgsnd(msqid, &sbuf, strlen(sbuf.mtext)+1, 0);

    for (volatile int w = 0; w < 1000; ++w)
        for (volatile int k = 0; k < 10000; ++k) { int dummy = w + k; }

    auto t1 = chrono::steady_clock::now();
    threadTimes[idx] = chrono::duration_cast<chrono::milliseconds>(t1 - t0).count();
    return nullptr;
}

const int SHM_SIZE = 128;
void* dept3(void* a) {
    int idx = ((ThreadArg*)a)->idx;
    auto t0 = chrono::steady_clock::now();

    key_t key = ftok("/tmp", 75);
    int shmid = shmget(key, SHM_SIZE, 0666 | IPC_CREAT);
    char* data = (char*)shmat(shmid, nullptr, 0);
    strcpy(data, "SharedMessageFromDept3");
    cout << "[Dept3] wrote to shared memory\n";
    sleep(1);
    shmdt(data);
    for (volatile int w = 0; w < 1000; ++w)
        for (volatile int k = 0; k < 10000; ++k) { int dummy = w + k; }
    auto t1 = chrono::steady_clock::now();
    threadTimes[idx] = chrono::duration_cast<chrono::milliseconds>(t1 - t0).count();
    return nullptr;
}

void* dept4(void* a) {
    int idx = ((ThreadArg*)a)->idx;
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    auto t0 = chrono::steady_clock::now();

    sleep(1);
    key_t key = ftok("/tmp", 75);
    int shmid = shmget(key, SHM_SIZE, 0666);
    char* data = (char*)shmat(shmid, nullptr, 0);
    cout << "[Dept4] read from shared memory: " << data << "\n";
    shmdt(data);
    shmctl(shmid, IPC_RMID, nullptr);

    auto t1 = chrono::steady_clock::now();
    threadTimes[idx] = chrono::duration_cast<chrono::milliseconds>(t1 - t0).count();
    return nullptr;
}

void* dept5(void* a) {
    int idx = ((ThreadArg*)a)->idx;
    auto t0 = chrono::steady_clock::now();

    cout << "[Dept5] trying to acquire semA and semB (safe order)\n";

    if (sem_wait(&semA) == 0) {
        sleep(1);
        if (sem_wait(&semB) == 0) {
            cout << "[Dept5] safely acquired both semaphores\n";
            sem_post(&semB);
        } else {
            cout << "[Dept5] failed to acquire semB\n";
            deadlock_prevented = false;
        }
        sem_post(&semA);
    } else {
        cout << "[Dept5] failed to acquire semA\n";
        deadlock_prevented = false;
    }

    for (volatile int w = 0; w < 100; ++w)
        for (volatile int k = 0; k < 10000; ++k) { int dummy = w + k; }

    auto t1 = chrono::steady_clock::now();
    threadTimes[idx] = chrono::duration_cast<chrono::milliseconds>(t1 - t0).count();
    return nullptr;
}

double simulate_fcfs(const vector<long long>& burst) {
    int n = burst.size();
    vector<long long> start(n), finish(n);
    long long time = 0;
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    double sum_turn = 0, sum_wait = 0, sum_resp = 0;

    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i) {
        start[i] = time;
        time += burst[i];
        finish[i] = time;
        sum_turn += finish[i];
        sum_wait += start[i];
        sum_resp += start[i];
    }

    long long makespan = finish[n-1];
    double throughput = (double(n) / makespan) * 1000.0;
    double cpu_util = (accumulate(burst.begin(), burst.end(), 0.0) / makespan) * 100.0;

    cout << "\n--- FCFS Metrics ---\n";
    cout << "Completion times: "; for (auto c : finish) cout << c << " "; cout << "\n";
    cout << "Avg Turnaround: " << sum_turn/n
         << " | Avg Waiting: " << sum_wait/n
         << " | Avg Response: " << sum_resp/n
         << " | Throughput: " << fixed << setprecision(2) << throughput << "
processes/usec"
         << " | CPU Util: " << fixed << setprecision(2) << cpu_util << "%\n";

    return sum_turn / n;
}

double simulate_sjf(const vector<long long>& burst) {
    int n = burst.size();
    vector<long long> t = burst;
    sort(t.begin(), t.end());
    vector<long long> finish(n);
    long long time = 0;
    double sum_turn = 0, sum_wait = 0, sum_resp = 0;

    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i) {
        time += t[i];
        finish[i] = time;
        sum_turn += finish[i];
        sum_wait += finish[i] - t[i];
        sum_resp += finish[i] - t[i];
    }

    long long makespan = finish[n-1];
    double throughput = (double(n) / makespan) * 1000.0;
    double cpu_util = (accumulate(burst.begin(), burst.end(), 0.0) / makespan) * 100.0;

    cout << "\n--- SJF Metrics ---\n";
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    cout << "Completion times: "; for (auto c : finish) cout << c << " "; cout << "\n";
    cout << "Avg Turnaround: " << sum_turn/n
         << " | Avg Waiting: " << sum_wait/n
         << " | Avg Response: " << sum_resp/n
         << " | Throughput: " << fixed << setprecision(2) << throughput << "
processes/usec"
         << " | CPU Util: " << fixed << setprecision(2) << cpu_util << "%\n";

    return sum_turn / n;
}

double simulate_rr(const vector<long long>& burst) {
    int n = burst.size();
    vector<long long> rem = burst, finish(n), start(n, -1);
    long long time = 0;
    int done = 0;
    long long quantum = *max_element(burst.begin(), burst.end()) / 2;
    if (quantum == 0) quantum = 1;

    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i) {
        if (rem[i] == 0) {
            finish[i] = 0;
            start[i] = 0;
            done++;
        }
    }

    while (done < n) {
        for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i) {
            if (rem[i] > 0) {
                if (start[i] < 0) start[i] = time;
                long long slice = min(quantum, rem[i]);
                rem[i] -= slice;
                time += slice;
                if (rem[i] == 0) {
                    finish[i] = time;
                    done++;
                }
            }
        }
    }

    double sum_turn = 0, sum_wait = 0, sum_resp = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i) {
        long long turnaround = finish[i];
        sum_turn += turnaround;
        sum_wait += turnaround - burst[i];
        sum_resp += start[i];
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    }

    long long makespan = *max_element(finish.begin(), finish.end());
    double throughput = (double(n) / makespan) * 1000.0;
    double cpu_util = (accumulate(burst.begin(), burst.end(), 0.0) / makespan) * 100.0;

    cout << "\n--- RR Metrics ---\n";
    cout << "Completion times: "; for (auto c : finish) cout << c << " "; cout << "\n";
    cout << "Avg Turnaround: " << sum_turn/n
         << " | Avg Waiting: " << sum_wait/n
         << " | Avg Response: " << sum_resp/n
         << " | Throughput: " << fixed << setprecision(2) << throughput << " processes/
usec"
         << " | CPU Util: " << fixed << setprecision(2) << cpu_util << "%\n";

    return sum_turn / n;
}

int main() {
    pthread_t th[5];
    ThreadArg args[5];

    sem_init(&semA, 0, 1);
    sem_init(&semB, 0, 1);

    auto start_threaded = chrono::steady_clock::now();

    args[0].idx = 0; pthread_create(&th[0], nullptr, dept1, &args[0]);
    args[1].idx = 1; pthread_create(&th[1], nullptr, dept2, &args[1]);
    args[2].idx = 2; pthread_create(&th[2], nullptr, dept3, &args[2]);
    args[3].idx = 3; pthread_create(&th[3], nullptr, dept4, &args[3]);
    args[4].idx = 4; pthread_create(&th[4], nullptr, dept5, &args[4]);

    for (int i = 0; i < 5; ++i)
        pthread_join(th[i], nullptr);

    auto end_threaded = chrono::steady_clock::now();
    double time_threaded =
chrono::duration_cast<chrono::milliseconds>(end_threaded - start_threaded).count();

    cout << "\nMeasured thread runtimes (ms):\n";
    for (int i = 0; i < 5; ++i)
        cout << " Dept" << (i+1) << ": " << threadTimes[i] << "\n";

    double time_sequential = accumulate(threadTimes.begin(), threadTimes.end(), 0.0);
    cout << "Threading overhead: " << fixed << setprecision(2)
         << ((time_threaded - time_sequential) / time_sequential) * 100 << "%\n";
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    if (deadlock_prevented)
        cout << "\u2705 Deadlock scenario prevented using semaphore order\n";
    else
        cout << "\u274C Deadlock occurred due to improper semaphore usage\n";

    cout << "Explanation: Deadlock can occur if two threads acquire resources in
opposite order.\n";

    vector<double> avg = {
        simulate_sjf(threadTimes),
        simulate_rr(threadTimes),
        simulate_fcfs(threadTimes)
    };
    vector<string> names = {"SJF", "RR", "FCFS"};

    int bestIdx = min_element(avg.begin(), avg.end()) - avg.begin();
    int worstIdx = max_element(avg.begin(), avg.end()) - avg.begin();

    cout << "\nBest scheduler: " << names[bestIdx] << " (" << avg[bestIdx] << "
ms)\n";
    cout << "Worst scheduler: " << names[worstIdx] << " (" << avg[worstIdx] << "
ms)\n";

    sem_destroy(&semA);
    sem_destroy(&semB);
    return 0;
}
```

Performance Chart