

Problem 1 Solution Description:

Kernel Producer Consumer problem

My code has the following elements:

1. **Adding the syscall:** I have changed the `syscall_64.tbl` file present in the directory `linux-5.14.3/arch/x86/entry/syscalls` and added the name of the system calls as reader and writer at the end i.e (line 448,449 of the stock kernel).
2. **Mutex:** I have defined a global mutex(`myqueue_lock`) in the file `sys.c` present in the header file `linux/mutex.h`. This mutex is initialized using `DEFINE_MUTEX(name)` and this is used for synchronization in syscalls reader and writer. Both the system before performing any operation of queue locks the mutex using the function `mutex_lock()` and after performing operations releases the mutex using `mutex_unlock()`. Mutexes don't allow multiple threads and processes to access the same resource at same time.
3. **Working of queue:** I have implemented a circular queue using a char pointer array of fixed size(5) initialized as Null. Two integer variables `head`, `tail` are used to navigate the file. All the variables are initialized as global variables in file `sys.c` so both the system calls have their access.
4. **Writer:** first writer syscall gets access to the queue using mutexes. To enqueue data firstly memory is provided to the queue using `kmalloc()` with flag as `GFP_KERNEL` after which it copies the data provided by the user into the queue using `copy_from_user()` system call. All the data is enqueued at the tail and tail is updated is `(tail+1)% size` (this provides the functionality of circular queue).
5. **Reader:** first reader syscall gets access to the queue using mutexes. To dequeue data firstly data is copied in user level pointer using `copy_from_user()` system call and further the entry of the queue is initialized as null. All the data is dequeued from the head and head is updated is `(head+1)% size` (this provides the functionality of circular queue).

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