# Ex No: 8 PRODUCER CONSUMER USING SEMAPHORES

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#### Aim:

To write a C program to implement a solution to the Producer-Consumer problem using semaphores.

## Algorithm:

- 1. Initialize semaphores empty, full, and mutex.
- 2. Create two threads one for the producer and another for the consumer.
- 3. Use pthread create to create threads and pthread join to wait for them to finish.
- 4. In each thread, use sem\_wait() on empty and then on mutex before entering the critical section.
- 5. Produce or consume the item inside the critical section.
- 6. After the critical section, call sem\_post() on mutex and then full (producer) or empty (consumer).
- 7. Let the threads alternate based on buffer availability.
- 8. Exit the loop after 10 iterations for both producer and consumer.
- 9. Terminate the program.

### **Program Code:**

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

#include <semaphore.h>

#include <unistd.h>

#define SIZE 5

int buffer[SIZE];

int in = 0, out = 0, item = 0;

```
sem_t empty, full, mutex;
void* producer(void* arg) {
  for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
    sem_wait(&empty);
    sem_wait(&mutex);
    item++;
    buffer[in] = item;
    printf("Producer produces the item %d\n", item);
    in = (in + 1) % SIZE;
    sem post(&mutex);
    sem_post(&full);
    sleep(1);
  }
  return NULL;
}
void* consumer(void* arg) {
  for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
    sem_wait(&full);
    sem_wait(&mutex);
    int consumed_item = buffer[out];
    printf("Consumer consumes item %d\n", consumed_item);
    out = (out + 1) % SIZE;
```

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sem_post(&mutex);
    sem_post(&empty);
    sleep(1);
  }
  return NULL;
}
int main() {
  pthread_t prod, cons;
  sem_init(&empty, 0, SIZE);
  sem_init(&full, 0, 0);
  sem_init(&mutex, 0, 1);
  int choice;
  while (1) {
    printf("1. Producer\n2. Consumer\n3. Exit\nEnter your choice: ");
    scanf("%d", &choice);
    if (choice == 1) {
      pthread_create(&prod, NULL, producer, NULL);
      pthread_join(prod, NULL);
    } else if (choice == 2) {
      pthread_create(&cons, NULL, consumer, NULL);
      pthread_join(cons, NULL);
    } else {
      break;
    }
  }
```

```
sem_destroy(&empty);
sem_destroy(&full);
sem_destroy(&mutex);
return 0;
}
```

## **Sample Output:**

1. Producer

2. Consumer

3. Exit

Enter your choice: 1

Producer produces the item 1

Enter your choice: 2

Consumer consumes item 1

Enter your choice: 2

Buffer is empty!!

Enter your choice: 1

Producer produces the item 1

Enter your choice: 1

Producer produces the item 2

Enter your choice: 1

Producer produces the item 3

Enter your choice: 1

Buffer is full!!

Enter your choice: 3

### **Result:**

Thus, the Producer-Consumer problem was implemented successfully using semaphores in C, ensuring proper synchronization and avoiding race conditions.