

Design of P2

1. I will use 1 thread for each customer and 1 thread for each clerk as well as the main thread
this means n customer threads + 2 clerk threads + main thread = $n + 3$ threads total.

2. Threads work independently.

3. 1 mutex for each queue which guards the length of the queue.

4. The main thread will:

- Initialize mutex and condition variables
- Read customer information from customers.txt
- Create clerk threads
- Create the customer threads
- Wait for customers to terminate
- Destroy mutex and condition variables
- Calculate average waiting time for all customers

5. Customers will be a

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struct customer {  
    int customer_id;  
    int arrival_time;  
    int service_time;  
}
```

6. By using mutex locks to prevent concurrent access to global variables (queue lengths).

7. 1 convvar for each queue

- a) Convar represents a clerk selecting a customer from the queue
- b) The mutex for each queue will be associated with the convar to ensure that the queue is not being added to when the clerk is selecting from it.
- c) Figure out which clerk woke up the customer and print out its id
Update the waiting time
usleep() for the service time of that customer
print out that service has ended
pthread_cond_signal() the clerk so that it can serve another customer
pthread_exit(NULL)
return NULL

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Customer thread:

- usleep() for the length of arrival time of this customer
- Print that the customer arrives
- select the shortest queue to enter
- pthread_mutex_lock() the selected queue
- print that the customer entered that queue

customer

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update the length of the selected queue
pthread_cond_wait(convar of selected queue, mutex of selected
queue)
pthread_mutex_unlock(mutex of selected queue)
Figure out which clerk woke the customer up
Update the waiting time
usleep() for the service time of that customer
print out that service has ended
pthread_cond_signal() the clerk so that it can serve another
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Clerk thread:

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pthread_exit(NULL)
return NULL
while(true)
    check the length of the queues to see if there are
    customers waiting
    select the queue with the longest length
    pthread_mutex_lock(mutex of longest queue)
    pthread_cond_signal(convar of longest queue) wake the
    customer at the head of the queue
    pthread_mutex_unlock(mutex of longest queue)
    pthread_cond_wait() wait until the customer is done being
    served
pthread_exit(NULL)
return NULL
```