

RTOS Exercises in mutual exclusion II, semaphores and events

Exercise 1: Mutual exclusion

- a) Use a mutex to secure mutual access to the screen.
- b) Use a semaphore to secure mutual access to the screen.
- c) Use a CriticalSection to secure mutual access to the screen
- d) Try to use events to secure mutual access to the screen.

Exercise 2: Parking

Model cars as independent threads.

a)

Use a semaphore to control the access to a parking place with room for n cars.

A car outputs to the screen when it enters and leaves the parking place – preferably in a separate column on the screen. If you are lazy, then only make one car thread function using `car_number` as initialisation parameter.

b)

Now we have a parking cellar. A car is only allowed to enter if a free parking place is available. Furthermore, we only have one ramp (narrow road) for the up and down traffic in the parking cellar. Thus only one car is allowed at a time on this road inside. Model the cars as independent threads. A car outputs to the screen when it enters and leaves the parking place and when it enters and leaves the ramp inside the parking house – preferably in a separate column on the screen.

Use a combination of semaphores and mutexes to solve this problem.

c)

Now implement having two independent ramps for the parking cellar. If the first ramp is occupied, then a car must abandon the waiting after some time and try the other one instead.

Exercise 3 Calculator threads.

Make calculator threads. For the multiplication declare 3 global variables:

`mul_number_1`, `mul_number_2` and `mul_result`. The multiply thread multiply `mul_number_1` and `mul_number_2` and assigns the result to the variable `mul_result` in an endless loop.

Do the same for addition, subtraction and division.

Now make a new thread performing a calculation using the calculator threads - for instance doing $4*3-2+8/2$. This means it must assign 4 to `mul_number_1` and 3 to `mul_number_2`, and pick up the result from `mul_result`. Do $4*3$ and $8/2$ “in parallel”. Use windows events to handle the synchronization.