

Operating Systems Lab

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## **Experiment Title:** Implementing the Bakery Algorithm in Python

### **Lab Title:** Mutual Exclusion with the Bakery Algorithm in Python

#### **Objective:**

- Understand the Bakery Algorithm for achieving mutual exclusion.
- Implement the algorithm in Python to simulate process synchronization.
- Explore alternatives to busy waiting using Python's threading constructs.

#### **Prerequisites:**

- Basic understanding of threading and synchronization in operating systems.
- Familiarity with Python programming and multithreading.

#### **Theory:**

The Bakery Algorithm is a software-based solution for mutual exclusion, ensuring that multiple threads (or processes) can safely access a shared resource without conflicts. The algorithm simulates a bakery where each customer (thread) takes a numbered ticket and waits for their turn. The thread with the smallest ticket number gets access to the critical section first.

#### **Characteristics of the Bakery Algorithm:**

1. Fairness: Every process will eventually get its turn.
2. No Deadlock: Processes will not get stuck indefinitely waiting for each other.
3. Busy Waiting: Threads actively wait by repeatedly checking conditions, which can be inefficient.

#### **Task 1: Implementing the Bakery Algorithm with Busy Waiting Step-by-Step Guide:**

1. Step 1: Define the BakeryLock class with flag[] and label[] arrays to manage lock acquisition.
2. Step 2: Implement the lock() and unlock() methods using busy waiting.
3. Step 3: Simulate a critical section using multiple threads and a shared resource (e.g., a counter).
4. Step 4: Track the execution order of the threads.

**Code:-**

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import threading

class BakeryLock:
    def __init__(self, n):
        self.n = n
        self.flag = [False] * n
        self.label = [0] * n

    def lock(self, thread_id):
        self.flag[thread_id] = True;
        self.label[thread_id] = max(self.label) + 1
        while any(self.flag[j] and (self.label[j], j) < (self.label[thread_id],
thread_id) for j in range(self.n) if j != thread_id):
            pass

    def unlock(self, thread_id):
        self.flag[thread_id] = False

counter = 0
lock = BakeryLock(3)
execution_order = []

def critical_section(thread_id):
    global counter
    lock.lock(thread_id)
    execution_order.append(thread_id)
    print(f"Thread {thread_id} is executing...")
    counter += 1
    lock.unlock(thread_id)

threads = []
for i in range(3):
    t = threading.Thread(target=critical_section, args=(i,))
    threads.append(t)
    t.start()

for t in threads:
    t.join()

print("\nFinal counter value:", counter)
print("Process execution order:", execution_order)
```

## Output:-

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Terminal
matlab@st318scope061:~$ cd Desktop
matlab@st318scope061:~/Desktop$ cd python
matlab@st318scope061:~/Desktop/python$ python3 bakery.py
Thread 0 is executing...
Thread 1 is executing...
Thread 2 is executing...

Final counter values: 3
Process execution order: [0, 1, 2]
matlab@st318scope061:~/Desktop/python$
```