

Exam Monitor-problem examples

Q2. (35 points)

Memory Allocation Monitor: suppose there are two operations: **request(amount)** and **release(amount)** where *amount* is a positive integer. When a process calls *request*, it delays until at least *amount* free pages of memory are available. Processes return *amount* pages to the free pool by calling *release*. Each time *amount* is generated randomly.

The memory has a capacity of *C* equal to 1024 pages. A process shouldn't require more than **allowed_limit** (initialized to 64) pages. If *amount* is greater than *allowed_limit*, then the process should execute a new **request(amount)**.

a) Develop a monitor to synchronize processes. You can use two methods named:

request(amount) and **release(amount)** (draw the monitor picture, give the thread execution pseudo-code, give service methods' pseudo-code, initialization, condition variables)

Use the concept of monitors: cond var have names, are implemented as queues with FIFO policy. You can use any of the two signal policies but specify which one you use. Don't use notifyAll.

Q3. (35 points) Monitors

3.1 Synchronization of automobile traffic through a one-way tunnel.

Suppose a two-way (two-lane) north-south road contains a one-lane tunnel. A southbound (or northbound) car can use the tunnel only if when arrives at the entrance of the tunnel, there are no oncoming cars in the tunnel. When a car approaches the tunnel, it notifies the controller computer by calling a method **northboundArrival** or **southboundArrival** depending on the direction of travel of the car. When a car exits the tunnel, it notifies the tunnel controller computer by calling a function named **depart**. The direction of the traffic should be mentioned.

a) Develop a monitor to synchronize the automobile traffic (draw the monitor picture, give the thread execution sequence, give service methods' pseudo-code, initialization, condition variables).

Use the concept of monitors: cond. var. have names, are implemented as queues with FIFO policy. You can use any of the two signal policies but specify which one you use. Don't use notifyAll. Briefly comment your implementation.

b) Is it possible for the pseudo-code of your service methods to support the other (not chosen) signal policy? If no, explain why not.

Q1: (35 points)

Modified Producer Consumer problem:

Assume one producer process and **n** consumer processes share a bounded buffer having **b** slots. The producer **deposits** messages in the buffer; consumers **fetch** them. Every message deposited by the producer is to be eventually received by all **n** consumers. Furthermore, each consumer is to receive the messages in the order they were deposited. However, consumers can receive messages at different times. For example, one consumer could receive up to **b** more messages than another if the second consumer is slow.

a) Develop a monitor to synchronize the two types of threads (draw the monitor picture, give the thread execution pseudo-code, give service methods' pseudo-code, initialization, condition variables). Extensively comment your implementation.

Use the concept of monitors: condition variables have names, are implemented as queues with FIFO policy. You can use any of the two signal policies but specify which one you use. Don't use notifyAll.

b) Is it possible for the pseudo-code of your service methods to support the other (not chosen) signal policy? If no, explain why not.