Operating Systems CT-353

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Lab 05: Process Synchronization

• Readers-Writers Problem:

```
#include <semaphore.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <pthread.h>
sem_t x, y;
pthread t writerthreads[100], readerthreads[100];
int readercount = 0;
void *reader(void *param)
                     // Lock the reader count
  sem_wait(&x);
  readercount++;
  if (readercount == 1) // First reader locks the writer
    sem_wait(&y);
  sem post(&x);
                          // Release the reader count lock
  printf("%d reader is inside\n", readercount);
                       // Simulate reading
  usleep(3);
  sem_wait(&x);
                         // Lock the reader count
  readercount--;
  if (readercount == 0) // Last reader releases the writer
    sem post(&y);
                          // Release the reader count lock
  sem post(&x);
  printf("%d Reader is leaving\n", readercount + 1); // Corrected print
  return NULL;
}
```

```
void *writer(void *param)
{
  printf("Writer is trying to enter\n");
                           // Lock writer access
  sem wait(&y);
  printf("Writer has entered\n");
  sem post(&y);
                           // Release writer lock
  printf("Writer is leaving\n");
  return NULL;
}
int main()
{
  int n2, i;
  printf("Enter the number of readers:\n");
  scanf("%d", &n2);
  // Initialize semaphores
  sem init(&x, 0, 1); // Mutex for reader count
  sem_init(&y, 0, 1); // Semaphore for writer access
  // Create reader and writer threads
  for (i = 0; i < n2; i++)
        pthread create(&readerthreads[i], NULL, reader, NULL); // Create reader
thread
     pthread create(&writerthreads[i], NULL, writer, NULL); // Create writer thread
  }
  // Wait for threads to finish
  for (i = 0; i < n2; i++)
     pthread join(readerthreads[i], NULL);
     pthread join(writerthreads[i], NULL);
  }
  // Destroy semaphores
  sem destroy(&x);
  sem destroy(&y);
  return 0;
}
```

Output:

```
Enter the number of readers:

1 reader is inside
3 Reader is leaving
Writer is trying to enter
Writer is trying to enter
2 reader is inside
2 Reader is leaving
Writer is trying to enter
3 reader is inside
1 Reader is leaving
Writer has entered
Writer has entered
Writer is leaving
Writer has entered
Writer is leaving
Writer is leaving
Writer is leaving
```