

- 1- Write the program implementing the above pseudo-code for the readers-writers problem. Run the program. Reader repeat count is set at 60 and writer repeat count is 30. Measure the waiting times of the readers and writers. Find the minimum, maximum, and average of the waiting times. Does your implementation have a starvation problem? Briefly explain your answer. That is, explain why you concluded that there is starvation or no starvation.

Answer: Yes, my implementation does have a starvation problem where the writers are starving because:

- When I run the code, the output is as follows:

```
Current target value 3000
There are 1 readers currently
Current target value 3000
There are 1 readers currently
Minimum waiting time for readers is: 0.001000 milliseconds
Maximum waiting time for readers is: 0.061000 milliseconds
Average waiting time for readers is: 0.009676 milliseconds
Minimum waiting time for the writers is: 35.026001 milliseconds
Maximum waiting time for the writers is: 99.054001 milliseconds
Average waiting time for the writers is: 72.363503 milliseconds
selsay4@lab1-5:~/ECSE427/assignment_2$
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- As you can see the writers' average waiting time is a lot larger than the readers' average waiting time which proves that the writers are starving.

2-If there is no starvation, rerun the tests with different parameters so that starvation shows up. If it is not possible to run into starvation, explain why it is not possible to run into starvation.

Answer: My preliminary implementation already presented a writers' starvation problem. It is shown in the c file a2_part1.c that I submitted.

3- Modify the program so that starvation problem is solved. Remember in this version of the readers-writers problem we can have writers starving. So, you create modification to the pseudo-code provided here to solve the starvation problem.

Answer: It is shown in the c file a2_part2.c that I submitted.

4. Repeat the above tests and show that the starvation problem is solved.

Answer: After I modified the program the output is as follows:

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There are 1 readers currently
Minimum waiting time for readers is: 0.002000 milliseconds
Maximum waiting time for readers is: 0.073000 milliseconds
Average waiting time for readers is: 0.010064 milliseconds
Minimum waiting time for the writers is: 0.009000 milliseconds
Maximum waiting time for the writers is: 0.075000 milliseconds
Average waiting time for the writers is: 0.036300 milliseconds
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- As shown above, the waiting average times of both readers and writers are now relatively close to each other. Which proves that the starvation problem of the writers is now solved.