

# P2 - Looking for Group Synchronization

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Attempt 1



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## Specifications

This programming exercise will assess your understanding of process synchronization.

Consider the following synchronization problem:

Suppose you are tasked to create a solution that will manage the LFG (Looking for Group) dungeon queuing of an MMORPG.

- a) There are only  $n$  instances that can be concurrently active. Thus, there can only be a maximum  $n$  number of parties that are currently in a dungeon.
- b) A standard party of 5 is 1 tank, 1 healer, 3 DPS.
- c) The solution should not result in a deadlock.
- d) The solution should not result in starvation.
- e) It is assumed that the input values arrived at the same time.
- f) A time value (in seconds)  $t$  is randomly selected between  $t_1$  and  $t_2$ . Where  $t_1$  represents the fastest clear time of a dungeon instance and  $t_2$  is the slowest clear time of a dungeon instance. For ease of testing  $t_2 \leq 15$ .

## Input

The program accepts inputs from the user.

$n$  - maximum number of concurrent instances

$t$  - number of tank players in the queue

$h$  - number of healer players in the queue

$d$  - number of DPS players in the queue

$t_1$  - minimum time before an instance is finished

$t_2$  - maximum time before an instance is finished

## Output

The output of the program should show the following:

Current status of all available instances

If there is a party in the instance, the status should say "active"

If the instance is empty, the status should say "empty"

At the end of the execution there should be a summary of how many parties an instance have served and total time served.

## Deliverables

- 1) Source code
- 2) Video Demonstration (test cases to be provided later)
- 3) Source code + build/compilation steps
- 4) Slides containing the following:
  - Possible deadlock and starvation explanation
  - Synchronization mechanisms used to solve the problem

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