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## ALARM CLOCK

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---- DATA STRUCTURES ----

In (thread.h):

Add two new attributes to represent the remaining ticks before waking up the thread.

1. **sleepelem** is the list element for sleeping threads.
2. **remaining\_time\_to\_wake\_up** is ticks remaining from waking up, with an initial value 0.

```
struct thread
{
    /* Owned by thread.c. */
    tid_t tid; /* Thread identifier. */
    enum thread_status status; /* Thread state. */
    char name[16]; /* Name (for debugging purposes). */
    uint8_t *stack; /* Saved stack pointer. */
    int priority; /* Priority. */
    struct list_elem allelem; /* List element for all threads list. */

    struct list_elem sleepelem; /* List element for sleeping threads. */
    int64_t remaining_time_to_wake_up; /* Ticks remaining from waking up. */

    /* Shared between thread.c and synch.c. */
    struct list_elem elem; /* List element. */

#ifdef USERPROG
    /* Owned by userprog/process.c. */
    uint32_t *pagedir; /* Page directory. */
#endif

    /* Owned by thread.c. */
    unsigned magic; /* Detects stack overflow. */
};
```

---- ALGORITHMS ----

Another list is created to hold the sleeping threads and is initialized with thread init function as well as ready\_list and all\_list

```
void thread_init(void)
{
    ASSERT(intr_get_level() == INTR_OFF);

    lock_init(&tid_lock);
    list_init(&ready_list);
    list_init(&all_list);
    list_init(&sleeping_list);

    /* Set up a thread structure for the running thread. */
    initial_thread = running_thread();
    init_thread(initial_thread, "main", PRI_DEFAULT);
    initial_thread->status = THREAD_RUNNING;
    initial_thread->tid = allocate_tid();
}
```

When calling `timer_sleep(int64_t ticks)` function it had a busy waiting so it is removed and replaced with another function `thread_set_sleeping(ticks)` when a thread is put to sleep for a given number of ticks

before (busy waiting):

```
void
timer_sleep (int64_t ticks)
{
    int64_t start = timer_ticks ();

    ASSERT (intr_get_level () == INTR_ON);
    while (timer_elapsed (start) < ticks)
        thread_yield ();
}
```

after:

```
void timer_sleep(int64_t ticks)
{
    int64_t start = timer_ticks();

    ASSERT(intr_get_level() == INTR_ON);
    if(ticks<=0){
        return;
    }
    intr_disable();
    thread_set_sleeping(ticks);
    intr_set_level(INTR_ON);
}
```

when calling `thread_set_sleeping(int64_t ticks)` the thread is inserted in descending order w.r.t its priority into the sleeping\_list instead of push\_back so if there is 2 threads with (remaining\_time\_to\_wake\_up) =0

→ then the thread with the highest priority is unblocked first

```
void thread_set_sleeping(int64_t ticks)
{
    struct thread *cur = thread_current();
    cur->remaining_time_to_wake_up = ticks;
    enum intr_level old_level = intr_disable();
    list_insert_ordered(&sleeping_list, &cur->sleepelem, compare_threads_by_priority_sleeping, NULL);
    intr_set_level(old_level);
    thread_block();
}
```

This while loop is inserted in (thread\_tick) that is called in the (timer\_interrupt) handler

```
/* Iterate through all sleeping threads in SLEEPING LIST, decrease the
REMAINING TIME TO WAKE UP of these threads by 1. If any of them have a
zero REMAINING TIME TO WAKE UP, wake up these threads. */
struct list_elem *e = list_begin(&sleeping_list);
struct list_elem *temp;

while (e != list_end(&sleeping_list))
{
    struct thread *t = list_entry(e, struct thread, sleep_elem);
    temp = e;
    e = list_next(e);

    ASSERT(t->status == THREAD_BLOCKED);

    if (t->remaining_time_to_wake_up > 0)
    {
        t->remaining_time_to_wake_up--;
        if (t->remaining_time_to_wake_up <= 0)
        {
            thread_unblock(t);
            temp = list_remove(temp);
        }
    }
}
```

It iterates through all sleeping threads in sleeping\_list, decreases the REMAINING TIME TO WAKE UP of these threads by 1 with every tick. If any of them have a zero REMAINING TIME TO WAKE UP, wakes up this thread.

---- SYNCHRONIZATION ----

**How are race conditions avoided when a timer interrupt occurs during a call to `timer_sleep()`?**

With the interrupt disabled during the thread operation, this function is almost "atomic".

```
intr_disable();
```

```
...
```

```
intr_set_level(INTR_ON);
```

---- RATIONALE ----

I have thought about just making `all_list` to replace `sleeping_list`, because all alive threads are naturally in `all_list`, then if this design is taken, there will be no needs to insert put sleeping threads in another place.

But the iteration over `all_list` to find the sleeping thread and check the (`remaining_time_to_wake_up`) will be time consuming.

## PRIORITY SCHEDULING

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### ---- DATA STRUCTURES ----

>> B1: Copy here the declaration of each new or changed `struct` or  
>> `struct` member, global or static variable, `typedef`, or  
>> enumeration. Identify the purpose of each in 25 words or less.

>> B2: Explain the data structure used to track priority donation.  
>> Use ASCII art to diagram a nested donation. (Alternately, submit a  
>> .png file.)

### ---- ALGORITHMS ----

>> B3: How do you ensure that the highest priority thread waiting for  
>> a lock, semaphore, or condition variable wakes up first?

>> B4: Describe the sequence of events when a call to `lock_acquire()`  
>> causes a priority donation. How is nested donation handled?

>> B5: Describe the sequence of events when `lock_release()` is called  
>> on a lock that a higher-priority thread is waiting for.

### ---- SYNCHRONIZATION ----

>> B6: Describe a potential race in `thread_set_priority()` and explain  
>> how your implementation avoids it. Can you use a lock to avoid

>> this race?

---- RATIONALE ----

>> B7: Why did you choose this design? In what ways is it superior to

>> another design you considered?



## ADVANCED SCHEDULER

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### ---- DATA STRUCTURES ----

>> C1: Copy here the declaration of each new or changed `struct' or  
>> `struct' member, global or static variable, `typedef', or  
>> enumeration. Identify the purpose of each in 25 words or less.

### ---- ALGORITHMS ----

>> C2: Suppose threads A, B, and C have nice values 0, 1, and 2. Each  
>> has a recent\_cpu value of 0. Fill in the table below showing the  
>> scheduling decision and the priority and recent\_cpu values for each  
>> thread after each given number of timer ticks:

timer	recent_cpu	priority	thread
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ticks	A	B	C	A	B	C	to run
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0

4

8

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16

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>> C3: Did any ambiguities in the scheduler specification make values  
>> in the table uncertain? If so, what rule did you use to resolve  
>> them? Does this match the behavior of your scheduler?

>> C4: How is the way you divided the cost of scheduling between code  
>> inside and outside interrupt context likely to affect performance?

---- RATIONALE ----

>> C5: Briefly critique your design, pointing out advantages and  
>> disadvantages in your design choices. If you were to have extra  
>> time to work on this part of the project, how might you choose to  
>> refine or improve your design?

>> C6: The assignment explains arithmetic for fixed-point math in  
>> detail, but it leaves it open to you to implement it. Why did you  
>> decide to implement it the way you did? If you created an  
>> abstraction layer for fixed-point math, that is, an abstract data  
>> type and/or a set of functions or macros to manipulate fixed-point  
>> numbers, why did you do so? If not, why not?