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Author **Topic: Locking with priority**

adhanas Fri Feb 7 12:08

I've a trivial question on priority based locking.

Excerpt from the PA2 requirements, section 3:

"Acquiring a lock has the following meaning:

2. Lock is already acquired:

a. For READ:

If the requesting process has specified the lock type as READ and has sufficiently high priority (not less than the highest priority writer process waiting for the lock), it acquires the lock, else not."

I presume, when you mean "not less", it's strictly bigger. So, in case of a tie, the waiting writer proc would win and the asking reader proc would be placed in the wait list.

Correct me if I'm wrong.

adhanas Fri Feb 7 12:51

I missed out on the time difference part in case of equal waiting priorities. Sorry.

msriniv3 Sat Feb 8 12:14

Does "Priority" here refers to the process priority (assigned during process creation) or is it waiting priority??

bvdhotre Sat Feb 8 12:28

It is the process priority

bvdhotre Sat Feb 8 13:53

I am sorry for the misunderstanding. Its the waiting priority

msriniv3 Sat Feb 8 15:16

Yes even I think the same. But, it would be good if we can get the clarification for the same from one of the TAs.

Thanks,

hcnguye3 Sat Feb 8 15:58 

It's the waiting priority

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