



Operating System

Lab14 Tasks

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Task1:

Type the following and execute it.

Solution:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <pthread.h>

void *myThreadFun(void *vargp)
{
    sleep(1);
    printf("Printing GeeksQuiz from Thread \n");
    return NULL;
}

int main()
{
    pthread_t thread_id;
    printf("Before Thread\n");
    pthread_create(&thread_id, NULL, myThreadFun, NULL);
    pthread_join(thread_id, NULL);
    printf("After Thread\n");
    exit(0);
}

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[root@localhost ~]# gcc task1.c -o task1 -pthread
[root@localhost ~]# ./task1
Before Thread
Printing GeeksQuiz from Thread
After Thread
[root@localhost ~]#
```

CodeExplanation:**pthread_create:**

This function creates a new thread that runs the function myThreadFun. The thread will sleep for 1 second and then print "Printing GeeksQuiz from Thread".

pthread_join:

This waits for the newly created thread to finish its execution before moving on with the main function.

Output:

The program first prints "Before Thread", then the thread runs and prints "Printing GeeksQuiz from Thread", and finally, the main function prints "After Thread".

Task2:

Try to execute following code:

Solution:

```
void *myThreadFun(void *vargp)
{
    int myid = (int *)vargp; // Store the value argument passed to this thread
    static int s = 0;         // Static variable to observe its changes

    // Change static and global variables
    ++s;
    ++g;

    // Print the argument, static, and global variables
    printf("Thread ID: %d, Static: %d, Global: %d\n", myid, ++s, ++g);
    return NULL;
}

int main()
{
    int i;
    pthread_t tid;

    // Create three threads
    for (i = 0; i < 3; i++)
    {
        pthread_create(&tid, NULL, myThreadFun, (void *)&tid);
    }

    pthread_exit(NULL); // Wait for all threads to complete
    return 0;
}
```

This code creates three threads that each modify static and global variables and print their values:

- Global variable (g) is modified by all threads.
- Static variable (s) is local to the thread but retains its value between function calls within that thread.
- Each thread prints its unique ID along with the updated values of the global and static variables.

Task3:

Try to execute following code:

Modify pthread_create and convert it to for loop

and create three threads and show output. Also remove pthread_exit and see what happens.

Solution:**Code explanation:**

1. Header Files: The necessary libraries (stdio.h, stdlib.h, unistd.h, pthread.h) are included to handle input/output, memory allocation, threading, and other functions.
2. Worker Function: The workerThreadFunc prints a message identifying the thread's ID.
3. Main Function: A single thread is created using pthread_create and run the workerThreadFunc.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <pthread.h>

// Worker thread function
void *workerThreadFunc(void *tid) {
    long *myID = (long *)tid;
    printf("HELLO WORLD! THIS IS THREAD %ld\n", *myID);
    return NULL;
}

int main() {
    pthread_t tids[3]; // Array to store thread IDs
    for (long i = 0; i < 3; i++) {
        pthread_create(&tids[i], NULL, workerThreadFunc, (void *)&i);
    }
    // Removed pthread_exit
    return 0;
}
```

Observation Without pthread_exit:

- Without pthread_exit, the main program may terminate before all threads complete, depending on how the OS schedules threads.
- With pthread_exit, the main thread ensures that all threads complete before the program exits.

Task4:

Define POSIX thread and its working in your own words.

Solution:

POSIX Threads (commonly called Pthreads) are a standardized way to create and manage threads in operating systems that comply with the POSIX (Portable Operating System Interface) standard. A thread is a lightweight unit of execution within a process, and Pthreads provide a set of APIs (functions) to perform thread-related operations like creation, synchronization, and termination.

How Pthreads Work:**1. Creation:**

A thread is created using the `pthread_create` function. Each thread runs a specific function provided by the user.

2. Parallelism:

Multiple threads can execute concurrently, sharing the same memory space of the parent process. This enables efficient multitasking and parallel processing.

3. Synchronization:

To prevent issues like race conditions, Pthreads offer synchronization tools such as mutexes (mutual exclusion locks) and condition variables.

4. Termination:

A thread can finish execution by returning from its function or by explicitly being terminated using functions like `pthread_exit`.

5. Communication:

Since threads share the same memory space, they can communicate directly by accessing shared variables. However, proper synchronization is required to avoid data inconsistency.