

# Reader Writer problem

Solution 01 (Readers with higher priority)

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```
int readcount=0  
mutex read_mutex; //used for updating readcount var.  
Semaphore write-sem=1; //used to make sure that only one  
writer can write at a given time  
and make sure that writer cannot  
interfere with reader.
```

```
void reader() {  
while (true) {
```

```
    read_mutex.lock(); //we want to update the read count  
    readcount++;
```

```
    if (readcount==1)  
        sem_wait(write-sem); //to make sure no writer can  
enter while the current  
reader is inside the CS.  
    read_mutex.unlock();
```

```
    Read(); //we can do this because it is guaranteed  
that no writers are in CS.
```

```
    read_mutex.lock();
```

```
    readcount--;
```

```
    if (readcount==0) //no reader in CS
```

```
        sem_signal(write-sem); //writers can enter the CS
```

```
    read_mutex.unlock(); //reader leaves.
```

```
}
```

```
void writer() {  
    while (true) {  
        sem_wait(&writer-sem); //requests CS  
        write();  
        sem_signal(&writer-sem); //leaves CS.  
    }  
}
```

```
void main() {  
    readcount = 0;  
    parbegin(reader, writer);  
}
```

Solution 02 (Writers with higher priority)

```
int readcount;
```

```
int writecount;
```

```
mutex r-mutex, w-mutex; //used for updating readcount & write count.
```

```
Semaphore readblock=1, writeblock=1, writepending=1;
```

```
void writer - ( ) {
```

```
while (true) {
```

```
    w-mutex.lock();
```

```
    writercount++;
```

```
    if (writercount == 1)
```

```
        sem_wait(readblock);
```

```
    w-mutex.unlock();
```

```
    sem_wait(writeblock);
```

```
    Write();
```

```
    sem_signal(writeblock);
```

```
    w-mutex.lock();
```

```
    writecount--;
```

```
    if (writecount == 0)
```

```
        sem_signal(readblock);
```

```
    w-mutex.unlock();
```

```
}
```

```
void reader() {
```

```
while(true) {
```

```
sem_wait(writepending);
```

// If a reader is blocked at readblock then all the other subsequent readers are blocked at writepending semaphore.

```
sem_wait(readblock);
```

```
r_mutex.lock();
```

```
readcount++;
```

```
if (readcount == 1)
```

sem\_wait(writeblock); // first reader blocks ~~the~~ writers for other readers.

```
r_mutex.unlock();
```

```
sem_signal(readblock);
```

// releases readblock so that other readers or writers can use it

```
sem_signal(writepending);
```

// writepending = 1 again.

```
Read();
```

```
r_mutex.lock();
```

```
readcount--;
```

```
if (readcount == 0)
```

sem\_signal(writerblock); // If no other readers are available then writer block is released.

```
r_mutex.unlock();
```

```
}
```

```
void main() {
```

```
readcount, writecount = 0;
```

```
parbegin(reader, writer);
```

```
}
```