

REPORT

In homework, we were asked to find a solution to an ordinary news source-subscriber problem. I use processes for all news-sources and subscribers. Every process is a news-source or a subscriber byself. I use published process-id instead of published data, it is storing at a shared memory space. The shared memory space and the data type can be changeable.

There are two functions one is read_news() and the other one is publish(). read_news() function will called by subscribers and publish() function will called by news sources. I want to examine functions one by one.

Firstly for publish() function, things we are asked to pay attention to:

--> There exist a published data, which is still in process? The new news-source should wait until the previous data is read by each subscriber.

- To solve turquoise problem, we need to use a semaphore for mutual exclusion.
- To solve green problem, we need to use a semaphore for synchronization, the publish() function should wait all subscribers to finish, before giving a finish signal for mutex.

Secondly, for read_news() function, things we are asked to pay attention to:

--> If there is no published data, it will wait.

--> Every subscriber fetch a copy only one time.

- To solve yellow problem, we need to use a semaphore for synchronization, the read_news() function should wait until the new news-source published.

- To solve **green problem**, we need to use a shared memory space and a variable. They is used for understanding the processes that reached the news-source before. Since every process has its own variables, the variable will be different for every subscriber.

To summarize in one piece:

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void read_news(){  
  
    p(read_sem, 1); //waiting the news-source  
  
    if (the_subscriber_did_not_receive_the_published_data_before){  
  
        print_the_received_data;  
        the_subscriber_receive_the_published_data;  
  
        v(publisher_sem, 1); //signal for the news-source  
    }  
    else {  
        v(read_sem, 1); //incrementing because it will already reach  
    }  
}
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void publish(){  
  
    p(publish_mutex, 1); //mutex between news-source  
  
    publishing_data_to_the_shared_memory_space;  
    clearing_the_received_subscriber_shared_memory_space;  
  
    v(read_sem, n); //signal for the subscribers  
    p(publisher_sem, n); //waiting to finish all subscribers  
  
    v(publish_mutex, 1); //mutex between news-source  
}
```