

Challenge 1: "Make a barrier using only one mutex lock() and unlock() call!"

"Impossible! Line 2 is a Critical Section, if a thread has locked the mutex..."

But here is an awful solution. (Why is this a 'poor' solution?)

```
01 void barrier() {
02     count ++
03     while( count != N) ?
04
05 }
```

2. When is disabling interrupts a solution to the Critical Section Problem?

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pthread_mutex_lock    => { disable interrupts on the CPU }
pthread_mutex_unlock => { enable interrupts on the CPU }
```

Are there limitations to this approach?

3. Challenge II: Create a barrier using each of the following lines once.  
All 5 threads must call barrier before they all continue.

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int remain =5;  earlier... sem_init(&s,0,___?)
void barrier() { ... Rearrange the following!
    sem_wait(&s);
    sem_post(&s);
    remain --;
    pthread_mutex_lock(&m);
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&m);
    if(remain)
}
```

4. Is there a Race condition?

pleaseStop = 1	while(!pleaseStop)
p_cond_broadcast(&cv)	p_cond_wait(&cv,&m)

5. Deadlock: " \_\_\_\_\_ "

Use two mutex locks and two threads to create an example of deadlock

Thread1:	Thread 2:
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Use three counting semaphores and three threads to deadlock 3 threads

thread #1:	thread #2:	thread #3:
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- Must deadlock involve threads? What about single-threaded processes?

6. What is the Resource Allocation Graph for deadlock detection?

## 7. The Reader Writer problem

A common problem in many different system applications

read_database(table, query) {...}	update_row(table, id, value) {...}
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cache_lookup(id) {...}	cache_modify(id, value) {...}
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8. ReaderWriter locks are useful primitives & included in the pthread library!

01 pthread_rwlock_t lock;	01 cache_lookup(id) {
02 p_rwlock_init	02 p...rdlock(...)
03 p_rwlock_wrlock	03 read from resource
04 p_rwlock_rdlock	04 p...unlock(...)
05 p_rwlock_unlock	05 return result
	06 }

CS241: synch. skills and the ability to *build* these! Along the way, also learn to reason about, develop and fix multi-threaded code

9. ~~ Welcome to the Reader Writer Game Show! ~~

Contestant #1

p_mutex_t *readlock,*writelock readlock=malloc(sizeof p_mutex_t) writelock=malloc(sizeof p_mutex_t) p_m_init(readlock,NULL) P_m_init(writelock,NULL)  read() { lock(readlock) // do read unlock(readlock) }	write() { lock(writelock) lock(readlock) // do writing unlock(readlock) unlock(writelock) }
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Is #1 a Solution? Problems?

Contestant #2

bool reading=0, writing=0

read() { while(writing) {}  reading = true // do reading here reading = false }	write() { while(reading  writing) { writing = true // do writing here writing = false }
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Is #2 a Solution? Problems?

Contestant #3

read(){ lock(&m) while (writing) cond_wait(cv,m)  reading++  /* Read here! */  reading-- cond_signal(cv) unlock(&m)	write(){ lock(&m) while (reading  writing) cond_wait(cv,m)  writing++  /* Write here! */  writing--; cond_signal(cv) unlock(&m)
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Is #3 a Solution? Problems?