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1 // This illustrates how a barrier would be implemented (both a "buggy" version
2 // and a good one).
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5 #include <iostream>
6 #include "pthread.h"
7
8 using namespace std;
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10 // Implement a "buggy" barrier for illustration
11 class BuggyBarrier {
12 public:
13     BuggyBarrier(int P0);    // P is the total number of threads
14     void Enter(int);          // Enter the barrier, don't exit till all there
15 private:
16     int P;
17     int count;                // Number of threads presently in the barrier
18     int FetchAndIncrementCount();
19     pthread_mutex_t countMutex;
20
21 };
22
23 BuggyBarrier::BuggyBarrier(int P0)
24     : P(P0), count(0)
25 {
26     // Initialize the mutex used for FetchAndIncrement
27     pthread_mutex_init(&countMutex, 0);
28 }
29
30 void BuggyBarrier::Enter(int)
31 { // This is buggy! Why?
32     // Also, we include the "int" parameter, but it's not needed for this
33     // implementation. It is needed for the GoodBarrier, so we add a
34     // dummy parameter to make switching between the good and buggy one
35     // easier.
36     int myCount = FetchAndIncrementCount();
37     if (myCount == (P - 1))
38     { // All threads have entered, reset count and exit
39         count = 0;
40     }
41     else
42     { // Spin until all threads entered
43         while(count != 0) { } // Spin waiting for others
44     }
45 }
46
47 int BuggyBarrier::FetchAndIncrementCount()
48 { // We don't have an atomic FetchAndIncrement, but we can get the
49     // same behavior by using a mutex
50     pthread_mutex_lock(&countMutex);
51     int myCount = count;
52     count++;
53     pthread_mutex_unlock(&countMutex);
54     return myCount;
55 }
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57 // Implement a "good" barrier. This is called the "sense reversing" barrier
58 class GoodBarrier {
59 public:
60     GoodBarrier(int P0);    // P is the total number of threads
61     void Enter(int myId);  // Enter the barrier, don't exit till all there
62 private:
63     int P;
64     int count;              // Number of threads presently in the barrier
65     int FetchAndDecrementCount();
66     pthread_mutex_t countMutex;
67     bool* localSense;       // We will create an array of bools, one per thread
68     bool globalSense;       // Global sense
69 };
70
71 GoodBarrier::GoodBarrier(int P0)
72 : P(P0), count(P0)
73 {
74     // Initialize the mutex used for FetchAndIncrement
75     pthread_mutex_init(&countMutex, 0);
76     // Create and initialize the localSense array, 1 entry per thread
77     localSense = new bool[P];
78     for (int i = 0; i < P; ++i) localSense[i] = true;
79     // Initialize global sense
80     globalSense = true;
81 }
82
83 void GoodBarrier::Enter(int myId)
84 { // This works. Why?
85     localSense[myId] = !localSense[myId]; // Toggle private sense variable
86     if (FetchAndDecrementCount() == 1)
87     { // All threads here, reset count and toggle global sense
88         count = P;
89         globalSense = localSense[myId];
90     }
91     else
92     {
93         while (globalSense != localSense[myId]) { } // Spin
94     }
95 }
96
97
98 int GoodBarrier::FetchAndDecrementCount()
99 { // We don't have an atomic FetchAndDecrement, but we can get the
100 // same behavior by using a mutex
101     pthread_mutex_lock(&countMutex);
102     int myCount = count;
103     count--;
104     pthread_mutex_unlock(&countMutex);
105     return myCount;
106 }
107
108 int main( int argc, char** argv)
109 {
110     // Create the good barrier
111     barrier = new GoodBarrier(nThreads + 1);
112     // Create some threads here. Each thread enter the barrier

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113 // when it has completed the assigned task.
114 // Enter the barrier and wait for
115 // all threads to enter the same barrier
116 barrier->Enter(nThreads);
117 cout << "All threads finished pass 1" << endl;
118 }
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