## Operating System Assignment 6 Design Document

The files we changed are:

- Thread.h
- Thread.c
- Signal.h
- Signal.c

//

Firstly the following data structures were changed in the pre existing thread.c and thread.h files. The thread structure was changed and following fields were added:

tid t ppid; //parent threads pid

int chld; //total number of children of a thread

int rem; //number of children alive

int lifetime; //for counting the waiting + running ticks of a thread

unsigned short mask; //for signal mask of each thread defining which signals to

//ignore and which signals should call their default signal

//handlers

Some new functions were also introduced to help out in signal.c :

struct thread \* thread\_foreach2(tid\_t ); //iterates over all threads alive and finds the // //thread object given its unique pid.

void thread\_exit2 (struct thread \*t) NO\_RETURN; //to exit a particular thread object

A macro to determine the max lifetime of threads was also defined in thread.h file: #define MAXLIFE 500

Now, coming to thread.c file:

The following functions were added apart from thread\_exit2 and thread\_foreach2 as explained in the above section :

```
int alive(tid t p)
      {
       struct list elem *e;
       for (e = list begin (&all list); e != list end (&all list);
          e = list next (e))
          struct thread *t = list entry (e, struct thread, allelem);
          if(t->tid == p)
           return 1;
       return 0;
void setlifetime(struct thread* t) {
        t->lifetime=MAXLIFE;
The following functions were modified in thread.c:
thread init():
                          //Initialising the signal list defined in signal.h
      list init (&signal list);
      printf("Signal list initialised\n");
thread ticks():
                          //To increment the life ticks of all threads
       struct list elem *e;
        for (e = list begin (&all list); e != list end (&all list);
           e = list next (e))
          {
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struct thread *t1 = list entry (e, struct thread, allelem);
           if(t1->lifetime > 0 && t1 != idle thread) t1->lifetime--;
          }
thread exit2():
                           //To add the SIG CHLD signals
       if(alive(thread current()->ppid))
          signal *s=(signal *)malloc(sizeof(signal));
          s->sig=SIG CHLD;
          s->pid=thread current()->ppid;
          s->cid=thread current()->tid;
          list push back(&signal list,&(s->signal elem));
         }
thread schedule tail():
                           //To call the signal handlers, it ensures that the signal
                           //handlers(default) are called after each context switch after
interrupt enables
       struct thread *t=thread current();
        if (t->lifetime ==0) {
         if( (t->mask%2 )==0) SIG CPU handler(cur);
        handler(t);
Init thread ():
                           //initialising new elements of the thread structure
        t->mask=0;
        setlifetime(t);
```

The functions and data structures for signal.h and signal.c are defined as below along with their design flows

The contents of signal.h are as follows:
A structure for signal, sigset and a signal list

```
void handler(struct thread *);
                                        //default all-signal handler which later calls other
handlers
void SIG CPU handler(struct thread *); //SIG CPU default handler
void SIG KILL handler(struct thread *,signal *); //SIG KILL default handler
void SIG USR handler(signal *);
                                         //
                                               default handler for SIG USR
void SIG CHLD handler(struct thread *,signal *);// default handler for SIG CHLD
void SIG UNBLOCK handler(signal * );
                                               //
                                                      default handler for SIG NBLOCK
int Signal(enum sigtype ,enum action ); //sets the signal mask of current thread
int kill(enum sigtype ,tid t );
                                  II
                                         function to pass signal to other thread
                                  //
int sigemptyset(sigset t*);
                                         initialising mask to empty
int sigfillset(sigset_t *);
                                  //
                                         initialising mask to full
int sigaddset(sigset t *,enum sigtype);
                                                      //adding signal to mask
int sigdelset(sigset t *,enum sigtype);
                                                      //deleting signal from the mask
int sigprocmask(enum how,sigset_t *, sigset_t *);
                                                      //
                                                             function for setting mask
```

For handling the signals we are calling the handler function in the end of schedule\_tail() function.

The handler function traverses the global signal list and finds all the signals to be delivered to the current thread. It then calls the corresponding signal handlers for that signals. Here before calling the signals the mask value is checked that may be set by Signal() function or sigprocmask() function to find out whether the signal is blocked for the current process or not.

The corresponding signal handlers are:

SIG\_CHLD\_handler: it will print the id of thread exited, no. of threads created by the parent thread and number of threads alive at that time

SIG\_USR\_handler: it will print the id of the thread to which the signal is sent and the id of the thread who sent the signal

SIG\_KILL\_handler: it will print which thread sent the kill signal and will then call thread exit2() to kill the thread.

SIG\_CPU\_handler: it will print that the lifetime of thread expired and then kill the thread by calling thread exit2()

SIG\_UNBLOCK\_handler: this handler will be called for each SIG\_UNBLOCK signal irrespective of which thread it is meant for. The handler will first assert that the thread is blocked and if it is blocked it will call thread unblock() to unblock it.

Other functions added are:

Signal(enum sigtype a,enum action b): this function will set the action b for signal type a for the thread calling. B can be SIG IGN OR SIG DFL.

kill(enum sigtype a,tid\_t b): kill() is used to send a signal to other thread. The a signal will be sent to thread with id b by the running thread.

For signal masking we created a sigset\_t structure that contained a unsigned short int whose bits we used to check masking.

Whenever a sigaddset() or sigdelset() is called the mask of the process is changed according to the new sigset\_t structure passed. sigaddset() required or-ing with a particular bit stream while sigdelset() required first and of new set with existing mask and then xor of result with existing mask.

For sigemptyset() the short int is initialised to 0 while for sigfillset() the short int is initialised to 255;

For the sigprocmask() the existing mask is modified to the set passed according to the mode passed which can be SIG BLOCK, SIG UNBLOCK and SIG SET.

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