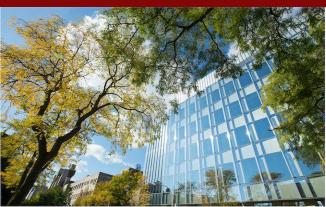
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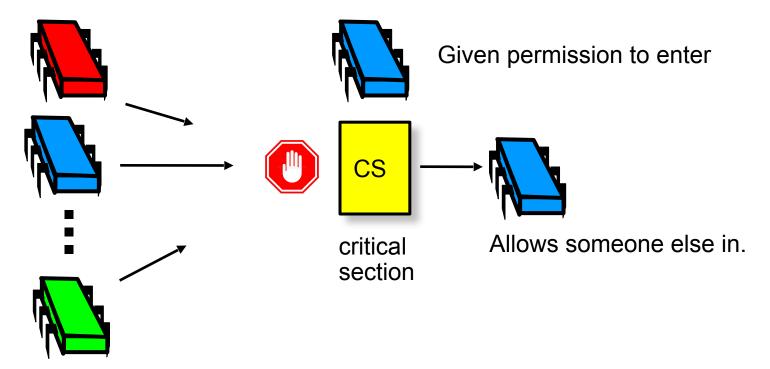






M3 Objective

 How we are going to ensure determinism when threads want to enter in the critical section?



Principles of Mutual Exclusion

Formalizing Concurrent Computation

Two types of formal properties in asynchronous computation:

- Safety Properties:
 - Nothing bad happens ever
 - For example a traffic light never displays green in all directions, even if power fails.
- Liveness Properties:
 - States that a particular "good" thing will happen.
 - For example a red light will eventually turn green.

Formalizing Critical Sections

- Synchronization primitives need to adhere to the following properties and principles about critical sections in order to be correct:
 - Mutual Exclusion Property:
 - Critical sections of different threads do not overlap. Only one thread is executing a critical section at a time
 - Guarantees that a computation's results are correct.
 - This is a safety property.
 - Deadlock-freedom property:
 - If multiple threads simultaneously request to enter a critical section, then it must allow one to proceed
 - Threads outside the critical section have no say in which thread can proceed into the critical section, only those currently waiting have influence.
 - It implies the system never "freezes".
 - This is a liveness property.

Formalizing Critical Sections

Starvation-freedom property:

- Every thread that attempts to acquire the lock eventually succeeds.
- Many mutual exclusive algorithms in practice are not starvation free because its less likely starvation will occur in those algorithms.
- There is no guarantee on how long thread will wait to acquire the lock.
- Also known as lockout freedom or bounded-waiting
- This is a liveness property.

Fairness Principle:

- A thread who just left the critical section cannot immediately re-enter the critical section if other threads have already requested to enter the critical section.
- Some algorithms place bounds on how long a thread can wait.

Implementing Locks Two-Thread vs *n*-Thread Solutions

- 2-thread solutions first
 - Illustrate most basic ideas
 - Fits on one slide
- Then n-thread solution
- You will never use these protocols
 - Get over it
- You are advised to understand them
 - The same issues show up everywhere
 - Except hidden and more complex



Two-Thread Conventions

```
class ... implements Lock {
    ...
    // thread-local index, 0 or 1
    public void lock() {
        int i = ThreadID.get();
        int j = 1 - i;
    ...
    }
}
```



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    }
}
```

Henceforth: i is current thread, j is other thread



```
class LockOne implements Lock {
private boolean[] flag = new boolean[2];
public void lock() {
  int i = ThreadID.get();
  int j = 1 - i;
  flag[i] = true;
  while (flag[j]) {}
public void unlock() {
  int i = ThreadID.get();
  flag[i] = false;
```



```
class LockOne implements Lock {
private boolean[] flag = new boolean[2];

public void lock() {
  flag[i] = true;
  while (flag[j]) {}
}
Each thread has flag
```





```
class LockOne implements Lock {
private boolean[] flag = new boolean[2];
public void lock() {
   flag[i] = true;
   while (flag[j]) {}

Wait for other flag to become
```

false



Deadlock Freedom

- LockOne Fails deadlock-freedom
 - Concurrent execution can deadlock

```
flag[i] = true; flag[j] = true;
while (flag[j]){} while (flag[i]){}
```

Sequential executions OK



```
public class LockTwo implements Lock {
  private int victim;
  public void lock() {
    int i = ThreadID.get();
    int j = 1 - i;
    victim = i;
    while (victim == i) {};
  }
  public void unlock() {}
}
```



```
public class LockTwo implements Lock {
  private int victim;
    public void lock() {
    victim = i;
    while (victim == i) {};
  }
  public void unlock() {}
}
```





```
public class Lock2 implements Lock {
  private int victim;
  public void lock() {
    victim = i;
    while (victim == i) {};
  }

public void unlock() {}
```



LockTwo Claims

public void LockTwo() {

while (victim == i) {};

victim = i;

- Satisfies mutual exclusion
 - If thread i in critical section
 - Then victim == j
 - Cannot be both 0 and 1
- Not deadlock free
 - Sequential execution deadlocks
 - Concurrent execution does not

```
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```
public void lock() {
  int i = ThreadID.get();
  int j = 1 - i;
  flag[i] = true;
  victim = i;
  while (flag[j] \&\& victim == i) {};
public void unlock() {
 flag[i] = false;
```



Announce I'm interested

```
public void lock() {
  flag[i] = true;
  victim = i;
  while (flag[j] && victim == i) {};
}
public void unlock() {
  flag[i] = false;
}
```



```
Announce I'm
                             interested
  aq[i] = true;
                             Defer to other
 victim
 while (flag[j] \&\& victim == i) {};
public void unlock() {
flag[i] = false;
```



```
Announce I'm
                              interested
         = true;
                              Defer to other
  ictim
 while (flag[j] && victim ==
public void unlock()
                           Wait while other
 flag[i] = false;
                         interested & I'm the
                                victim
```



```
Announce I'm
                              interested
          = true;
                               Defer to other
  ictim
                && victim ==
 while (flag[j]
public void unlock()
                           Wait while other
         = false;
                         interested & I'm the
           No longer
                                victim
           interested
```



- Satisfies mutual exclusion & deadlock freedom properties
 - Uses both lock-one and locktwo strategies
- Downside: only works for two threads



- N-threaded locking algorithm
- Provides First-Come-First-Served
- How?
 - Take a "number"
 - Wait until lower numbers have been served
- Lexicographic order
 - -(a,i) > (b,j)
 - If a > b, or a = b and i > j



```
class Bakery implements Lock {
   boolean[] flag;
   Label[] label;
  public Bakery (int n) {
    flag = new boolean[n];
    label = new Label[n];
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
       flag[i] = false; label[i] = 0;
```



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       flag[i] = false; label[i]
```









Take increasing



```
class Bakery implements Lock {
  boolean flag[n];
                         Someone is
  int label[n];
                         interested ...
 public void lock()
  flag[i] = true;
  label[i] = max()
                           , ..., label[n-1]) + 1;
  while

k flag[k]

                (label i ,i)
                            > (label[k],k)
```

... whose (label,i) in lexicographic order is lower



```
class Bakery implements Lock {
    ...

public void unlock() {
    flag[i] = false;
}
```



```
class Bakery implements Lock {
    No longer interested

public void unlock {
    flag[i] = false;
    }
}

labels are always increasing
```



- Has no deadlock and adheres to mutual exclusion property
- There is always one thread with earliest label
- Is there a problem with the labeling portion of the algorithm?



Deep Philosophical Question

- The Bakery Algorithm is
 - Succinct,
 - Elegant, and
 - Fair.
- Q: So why isn't it practical?
- A: Well, you have to read N distinct variables



Practical Implementation of Locks

Mutex in Go

- Go has a package called sync that provides basic synchronization primitives such as mutual exclusion locks.
 - The sync package Go's provides mutual exclusion with sync.Mutex and its two methods:
 - m.Lock(): locks m. If the lock is already in use, the calling goroutine blocks until the mutex is available.
 - m.Unlock(): Unlock unlocks m. It is a run-time error if m is not locked on entry to Unlock.
- Now let's take a look at how locks are implemented behind the scenes.

What Should you do if you can't get a lock?

- Keep trying
 - "spin" or "busy-wait"
 - When spinning, a thread repeatedly tests a condition, but, effectively, does no useful work until the condition has the appropriate value.
 - Can be very wasteful of CPU cycles.
 - Can also be unreliable if compiler optimization is turned on.
 - Good if delays are short
- Give up the processor
 - Good if delays are long
 - Always good on uniprocessor

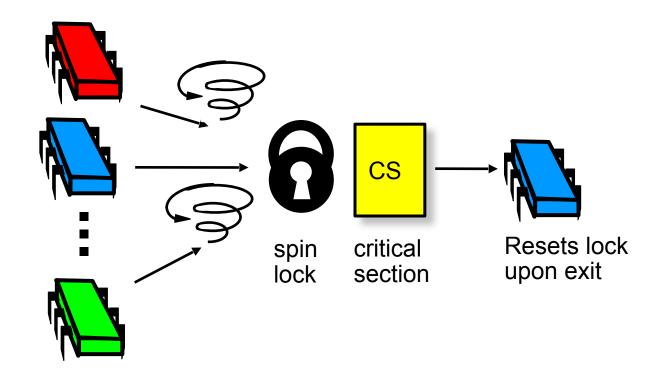


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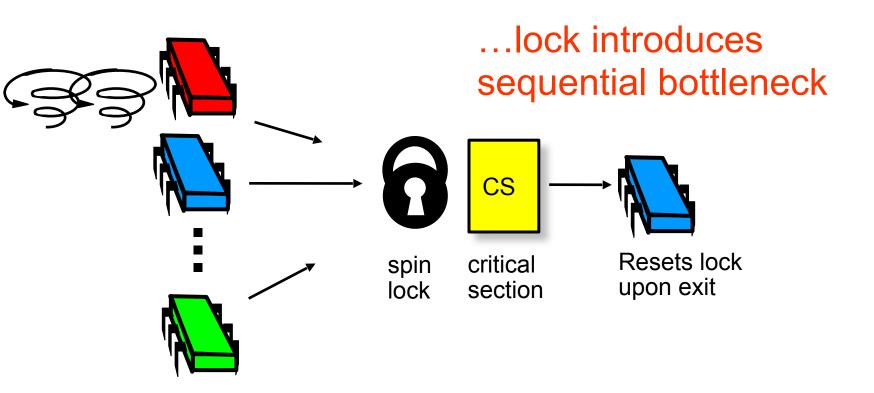
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our focus



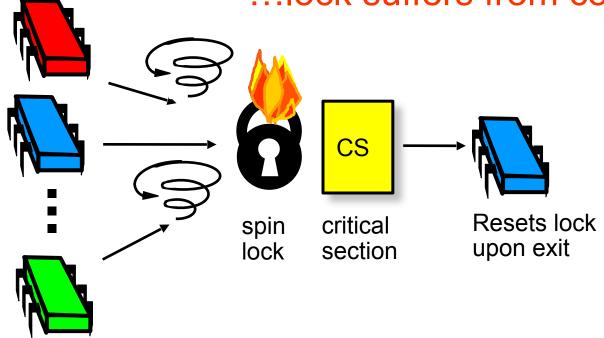






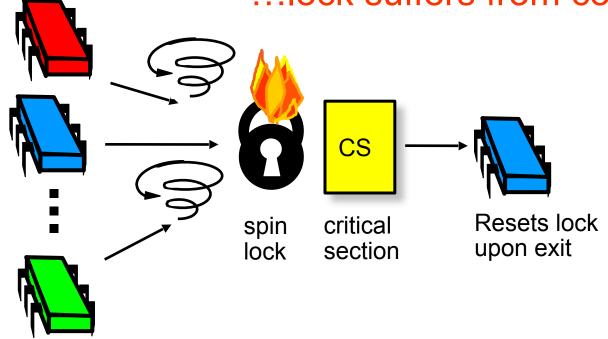


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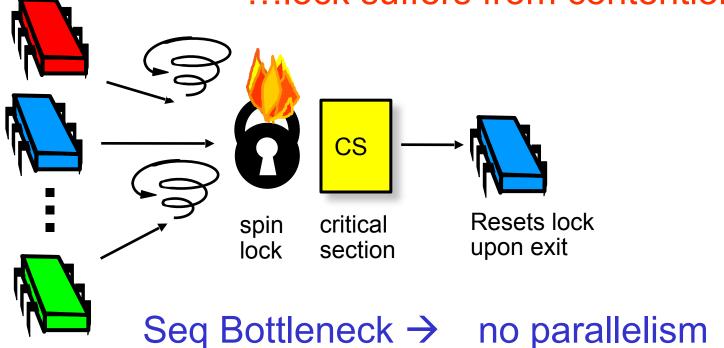


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- Boolean value
- Test-and-set (TAS)
 - Swap true with current value
 - Return value tells if prior value was true or false
- Can reset just by writing false
- TAS aka "getAndSet"



- Locking
 - Lock is free: value is false
 - Lock is taken: value is true
- Acquire lock by calling TAS
 - If result is false, you win
 - If result is true, you lose
- Release lock by writing false



```
public class AtomicBoolean {
  boolean value;

public synchronized boolean
  getAndSet(boolean newValue) {
   boolean prior = value;
   value = newValue;
   return prior;
  }
}
```



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  }
}
```

Swap old and new values





Swapping in true is called "testand-set" or TAS



```
class TASlock {
AtomicBoolean state =
  new AtomicBoolean (false);
void lock() {
 while (state.getAndSet(true)) { }
void unlock() {
  state.set(false);
 } }
```



```
class TASlock
AtomicBoolean state =
 new AtomicBoolean (false);
void lock() {
 while (state.getAndSet(true)) {}
void unlock() {
 Lock state is AtomicBoolean
```



```
class TASlock {
AtomicBoolean state =
 new AtomicBoolean (false);
 while (state.getAndSet(true)) {}
void unlock() {
 Keep trying until lock acquired
```



```
class TA:
           Release lock by resetting
AtomicBe
                  state to false
  new Ato
void lock() {
                      dSet(true)) {}
 while (state.getZn
  state.set(false);
```



Space Complexity

- TAS spin-lock has small "footprint"
- N thread spin-lock uses O(1) space
- As opposed to O(n) Peterson/Bakery

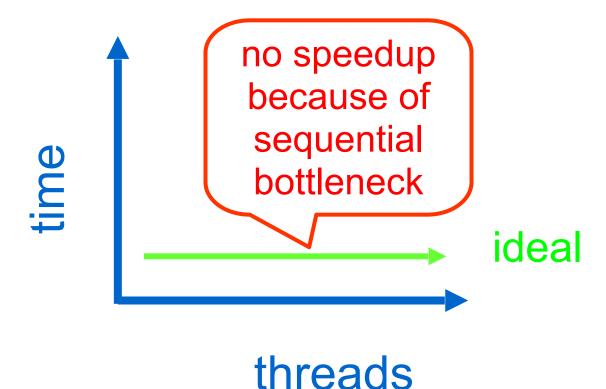


Performance

- Experiment
 - n threads
 - Increment shared counter 1 million times
- How long should it take?
- How long does it take?



Graph





Mystery #1 TAS lock time What is going threads on?



Test-and-Test-and-Set Locks

- Lurking stage
 - Wait until lock "looks" free
 - Spin while read returns true (lock taken)
- Pouncing state
 - As soon as lock "looks" available
 - Read returns false (lock free)
 - Call TAS to acquire lock
 - If TAS loses, back to lurking



Test-and-test-and-set Lock

```
class TTASlock {
AtomicBoolean state =
 new AtomicBoolean (false);
void lock() {
 while (true) {
   while (state.get()) {}
   if (!state.getAndSet(true))
    return;
```



Test-and-test-and-set Lock

```
class TTASlock {
AtomicBoolean state =
  new AtomicBoolean (false);
void lock() {
  while (true) {
   while (state.get())
   11 (!state.getAndSgt(true))
    return;
            Wait until lock looks free
```

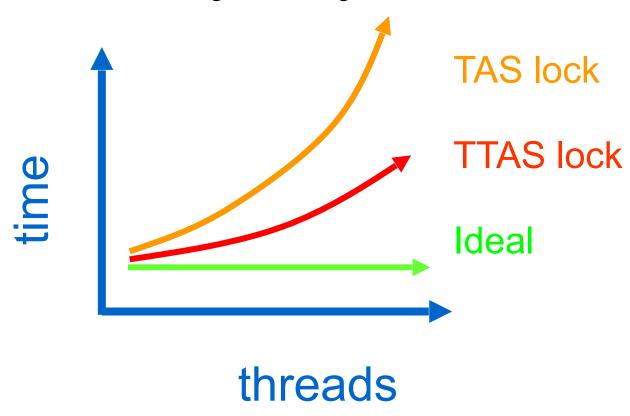


Test-and-test-and-set Lock

```
class TTASlock {
AtomicBoolean state =
  new AtomicBoolean (false);
                             Then try to
void lock() {
                             acquire it
  while (true) {
   while (state.get()
   if (!state.getAndSet(true))
    return;
```



Mystery #2





Mystery

- Both
 - TAS and TTAS
 - Do the same thing (in our model)
- Except that
 - TTAS performs much better than TAS
 - Neither approaches ideal

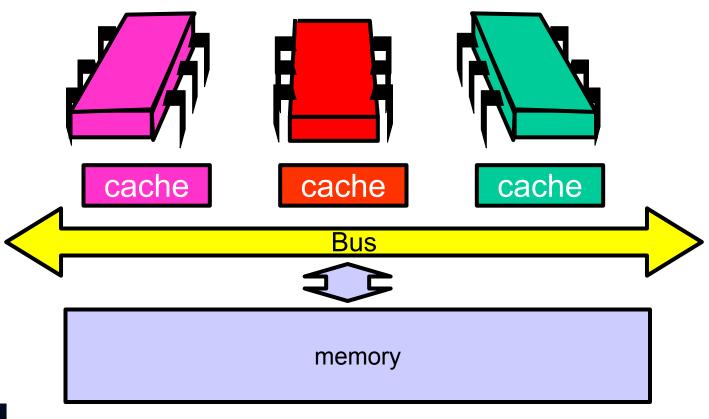


Opinion

- Our memory abstraction is broken
- TAS & TTAS methods
 - Are provably the same (in our model)
 - Except they aren't (in field tests)
- Need a more detailed model ...

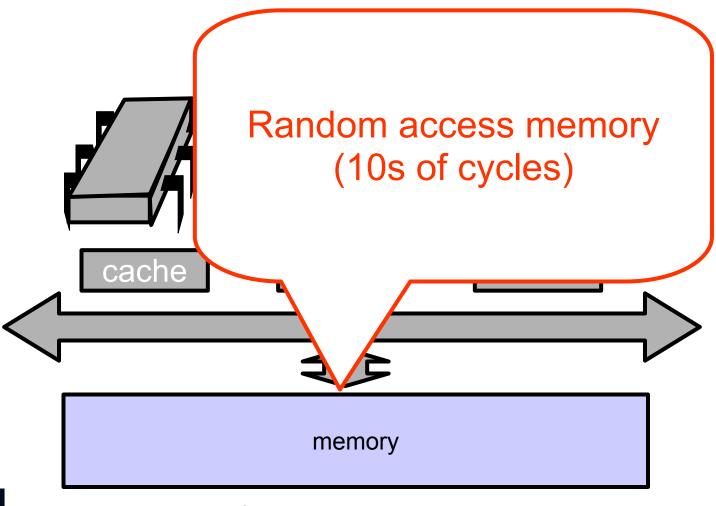


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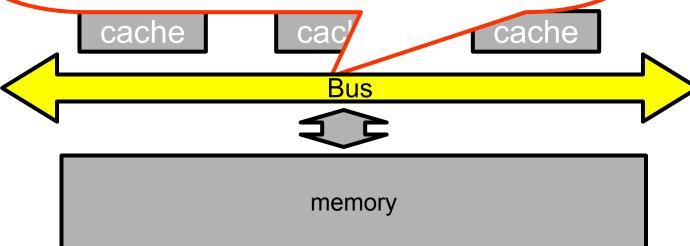




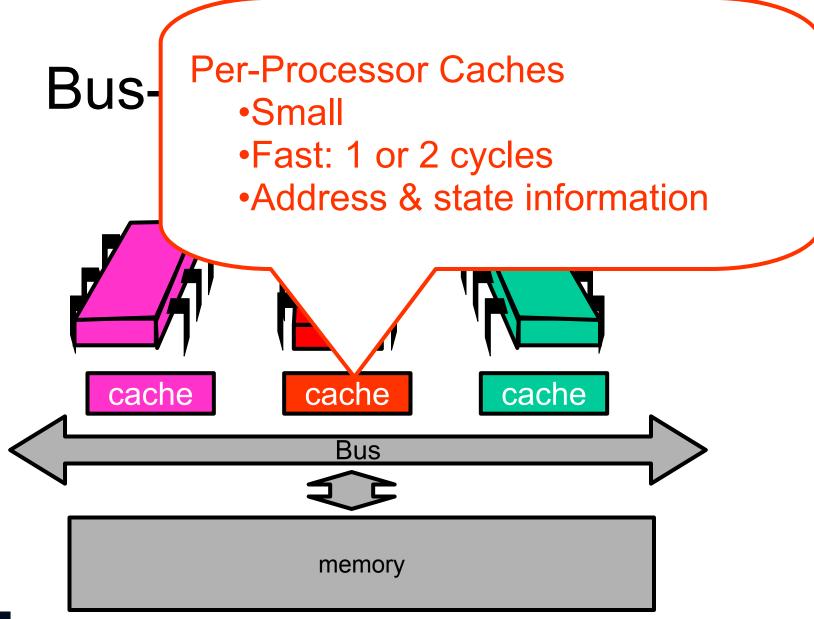
Bus-Based Architectures

Shared Bus

- Broadcast medium
- One broadcaster at a time
- Processors and memory all "snoop"









Mutual Exclusion

- What do we want to optimize?
 - Bus bandwidth used by spinning threads
 - Release/Acquire latency
 - Acquire latency for idle lock



Simple TASLock

- TAS invalidates cache lines
- Spinners
 - Miss in cache
 - Go to bus
- Thread wants to release lock
 - delayed behind spinners

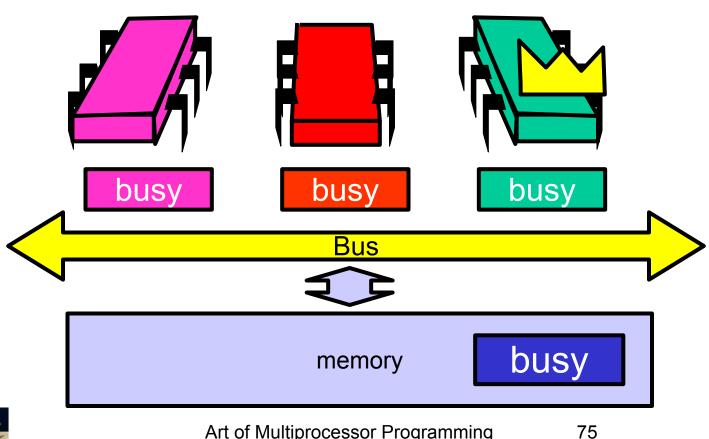


Test-and-test-and-set

- Wait until lock "looks" free
 - Spin on local cache
 - No bus use while lock busy
- Problem: when lock is released
 - Invalidation storm ...

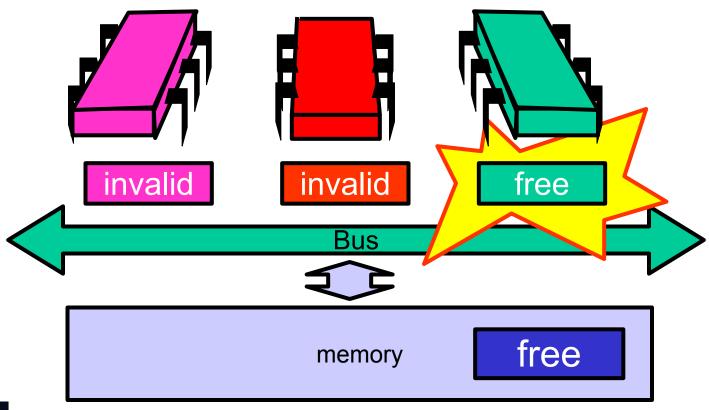


Local Spinning while Lock is Busy





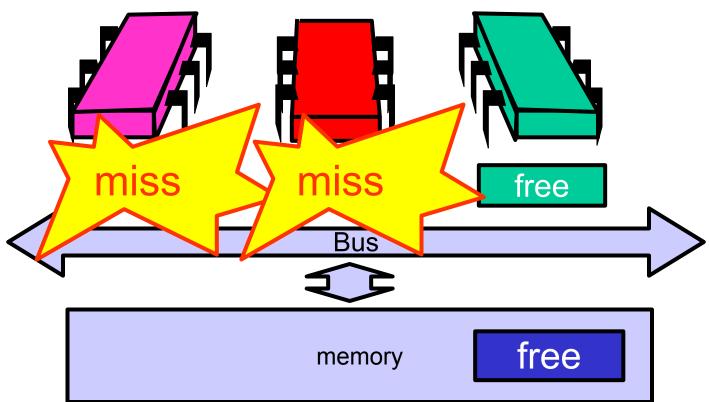
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On Release

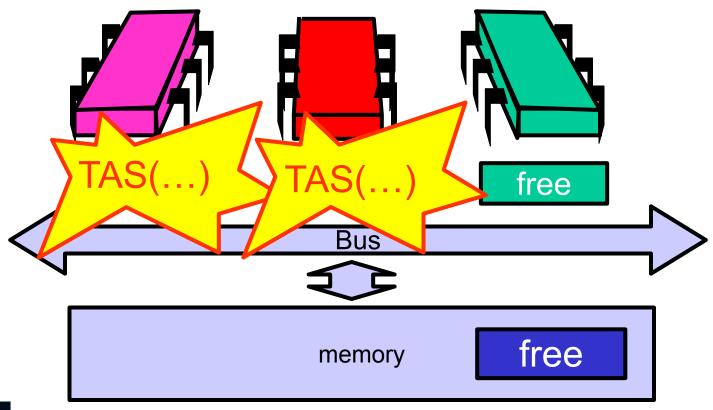
Everyone misses, rereads





On Release

Everyone tries TAS



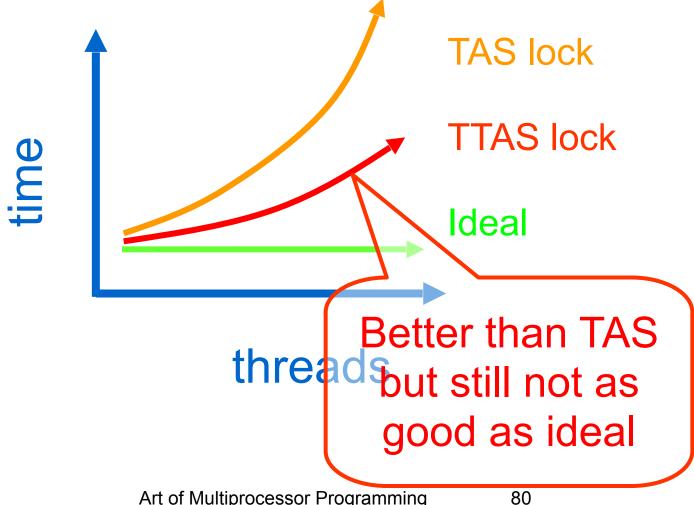


Problems

- Everyone misses
 - Reads satisfied sequentially
- Everyone does TAS
 - Invalidates others' caches



Mystery Explained

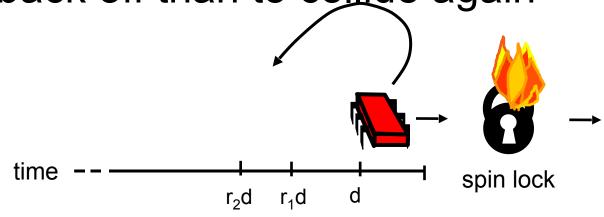




Solution: Introduce Delay

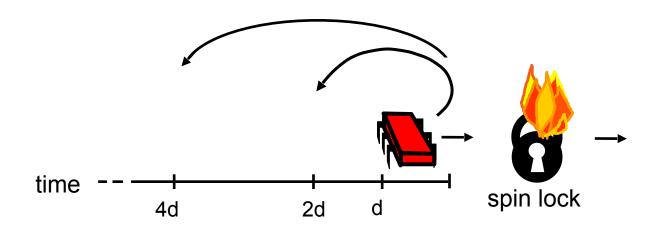
- If the lock looks free
 - But I fail to get it
- There must be contention

Better to back off than to collide again





Dynamic Example: Exponential Backoff



If I fail to get lock

- wait random duration before retry
- Each subsequent failure doubles expected wait



```
public class Backoffimplements lock {
 public void lock() {
  int delay = MIN DELAY;
  while (true) {
   while (state.get()) {}
   if (!lock.getAndSet(true))
    return;
   sleep(random() % delay);
   if (delay < MAX DELAY)
    delay = 2 * delay;
 } } }
```



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    return;
   sleep(random() % delay
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 } } }
                     Fix minimum delay
```



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  while (state.get()) {}
   if (!lock.getAndSet(true))
    return;
   sleep(random() % dela
   if (delay < MAX DELAY)
    delay = 2 * delay;
 } } }
              Wait until lock looks free
```



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public class Backoffimplements lock {
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  while (true) {
   while (state.get())
   if (!lock.getAndSet(true))
    return;
   sleep(random() % d
   if (delay < MAX DELAY)
    delay = 2 * delay;
                        If we win, return
 } } }
```



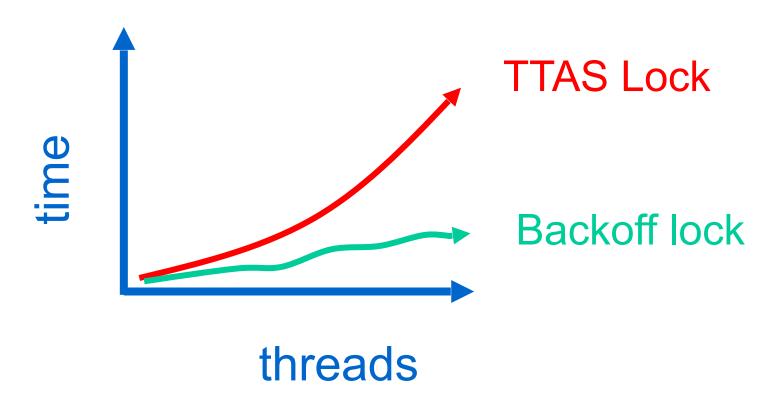
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public class Backoffimplements lock {
 public Back off for random duration
  int delay = MIN DELAY;
  while (true) {
   while (state.get()
   if (!lock.getAnd2et(true))
    return.
   sleep(random() % delay);
    f (delay < MAX DELAY)
    delay = 2 * delay;
 } } }
```



```
public class Backoffimplements lock {
 put Double max delay, within reason
  int delay = MIN DELAY;
  while (true) {
   while (state.get
   if (!lock.getAndSet(true))
    return;
   sleep(random() /% delay);
   if (delay < MAX DELAY)
    delay = 2 * delay;
```



Spin-Waiting Overhead





Backoff: Other Issues

- Good
 - Easy to implement
 - Beats TTAS lock
- Bad
 - Must choose parameters carefully
 - Not portable across platforms



Parallel Performance

Performance Theory

In this course, the main goal for parallelization is to improve performance. But what does "performance" mean? Usually it's one of the following

- Reducing the latency, which is the total time for a program/ task to compute a single result.
- Increasing throughput, which is the rate at which results are computed.
- Reducing the power consumption of a computation
- Also the distinct of reducing costs or adding resources to meet a deadline.

All of these are valid interpretations of "performance".

Speedup

- One important metric related to performance and parallelism is speedup
 - A ratio between the latency of solving a task with one processing unit versus solving the same problem with multiple processing units in parallel.
 - Linear speedup a algorithm runs P times faster on P processors
 - Very rare in practice due to the extra work disturbing tasks to processors and coordinating them. (Amdahl's Law)

 Limit on speedup - Amdahl's law sometimes called strong scalability which considers speedup as n-threads vary the problem size stays the same.

Speedup=

1-thread execution time

n-thread execution time

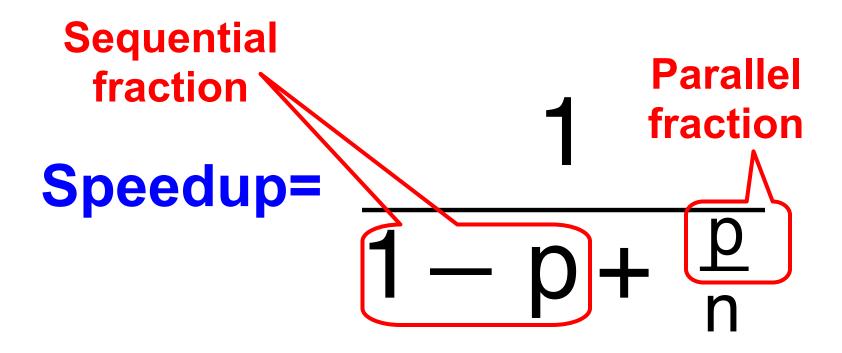


Speedup=
$$\frac{1}{1 - p + \frac{p}{n}}$$

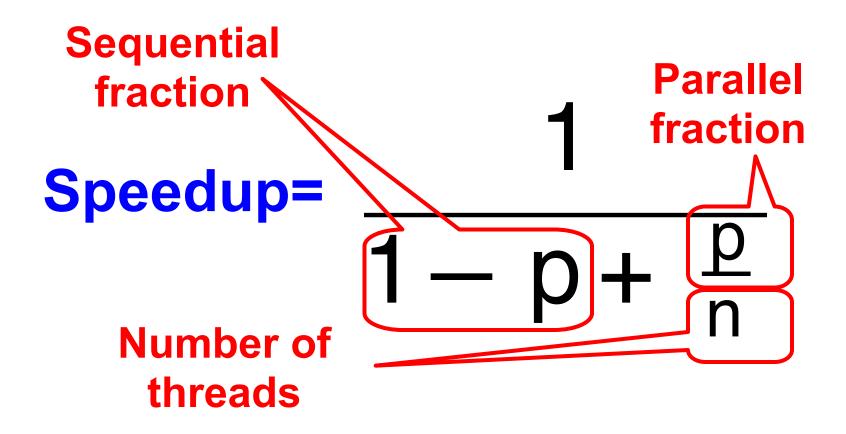


Speedup=
$$\frac{1 \text{ fraction}}{1 - p + p}$$











- Ten processors
- 60% concurrent, 40% sequential
- How close to 10-fold speedup?



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Speedup = 2.17=
$$\frac{1}{1-0.6+\frac{0.6}{10}}$$



- Ten processors
- 80% concurrent, 20% sequential
- How close to 10-fold speedup?



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Speedup =
$$3.57 = \frac{1}{1 - 0.8 + \frac{0.8}{10}}$$



- Ten processors
- 90% concurrent, 10% sequential
- How close to 10-fold speedup?



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Speedup = 5.26=
$$\frac{1}{1-0.9+\frac{0.9}{10}}$$



- Ten processors
- 99% concurrent, 1% sequential
- How close to 10-fold speedup?

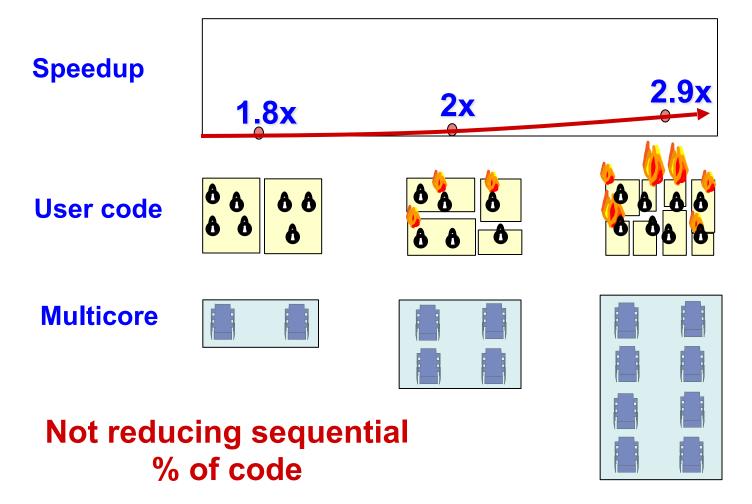


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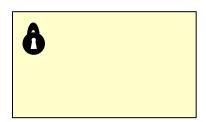
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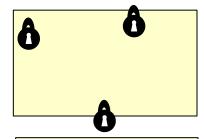
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Coarse Grained

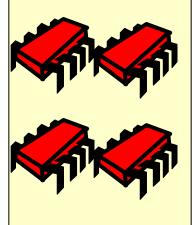


Fine Grained

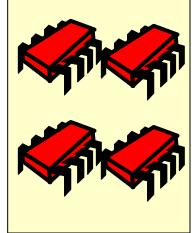
25% Shared



25% **Shared**



75% **Unshared**



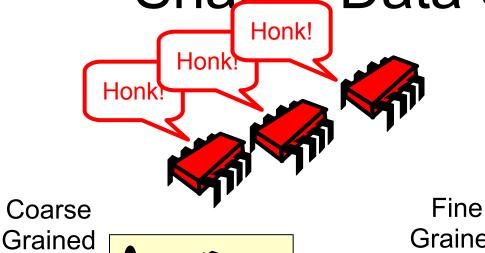
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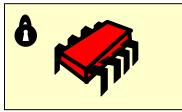


Shared Data Structures Honk! Honk! Why only 2.9 speedup Honk! Fine Coarse Grained Grained 25% 25% Shared **Shared** 75% 75% **Unshared Unshared**

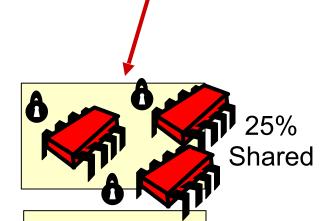
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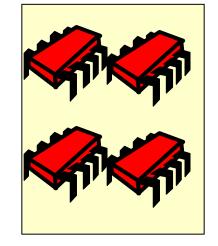


Why fine-grained parallelism maters

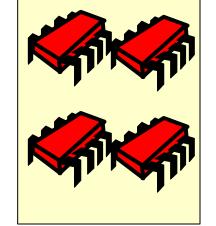


Grained 25% Shared





75% Unshared



75% Unshared

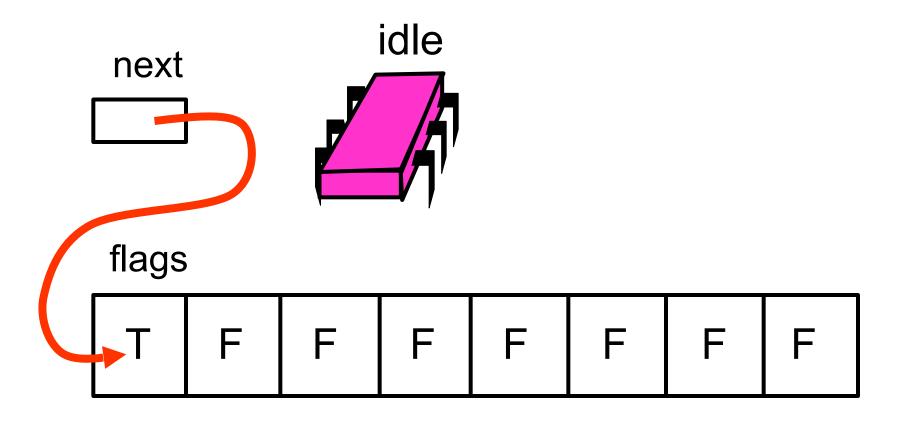


Fairness and Efficient Locks

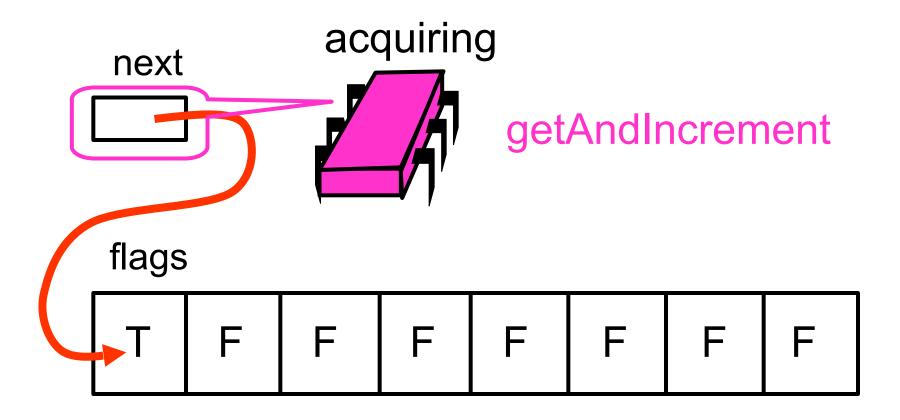
Idea

- Avoid useless invalidations
 - By keeping a queue of threads
- Each thread
 - Notifies next in line
 - Without bothering the others
 - Fairness when it comes to who should get lock next based on who arrived first.

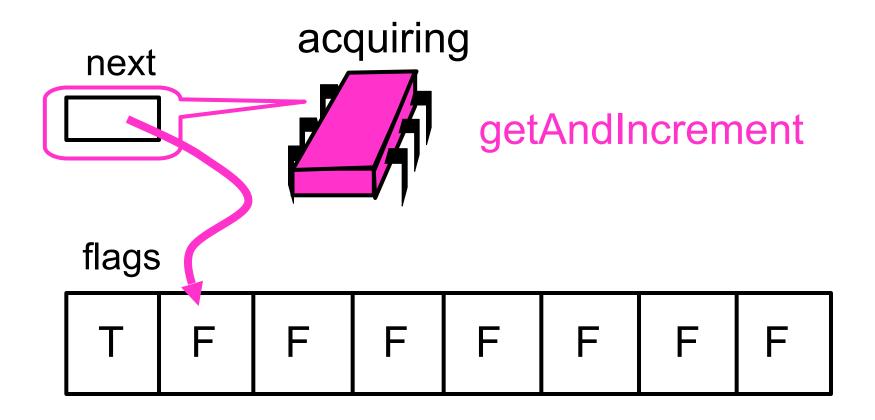




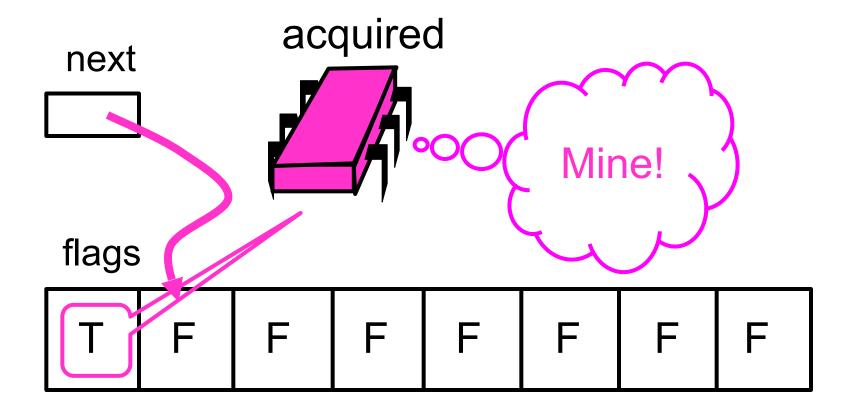




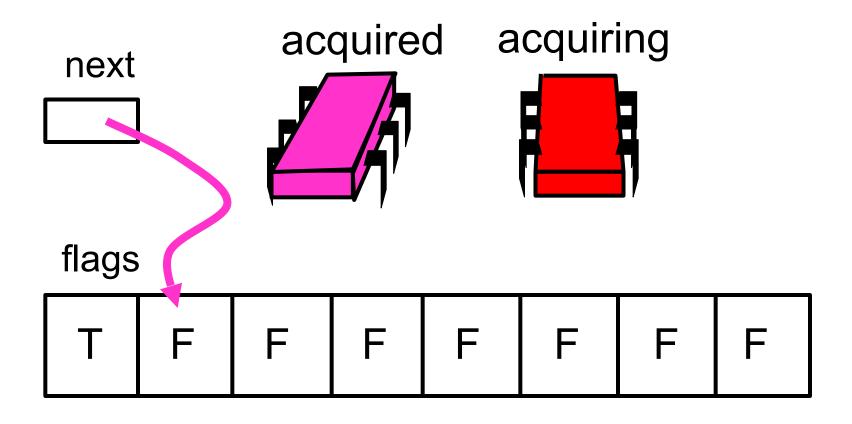




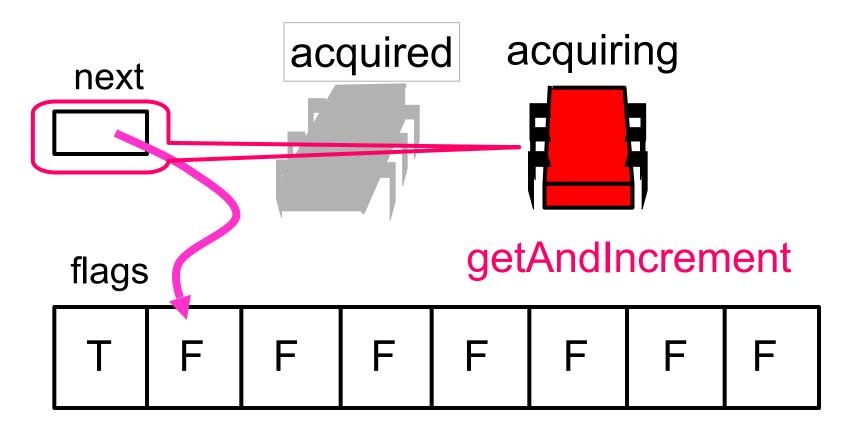




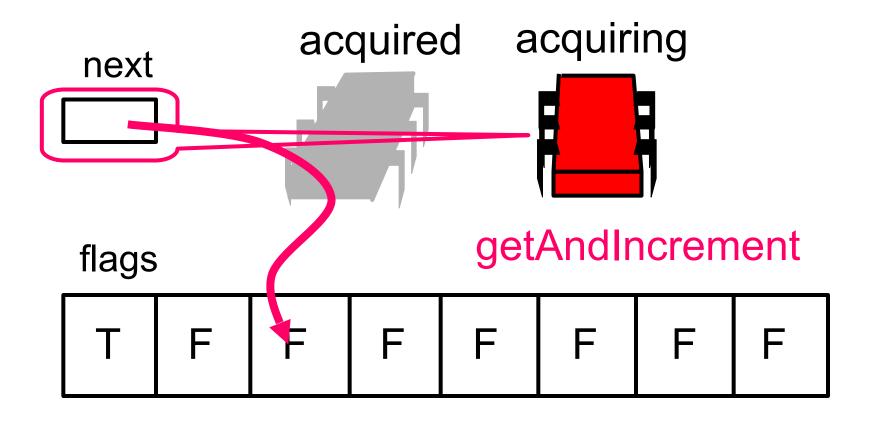




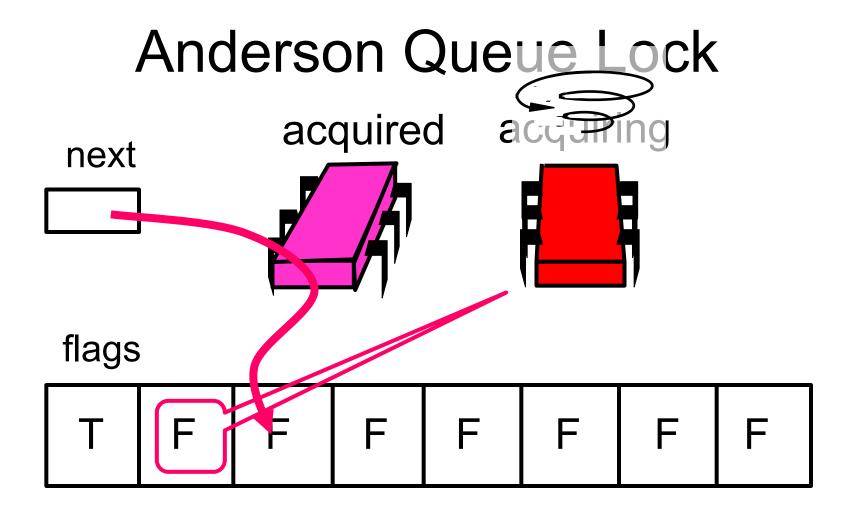




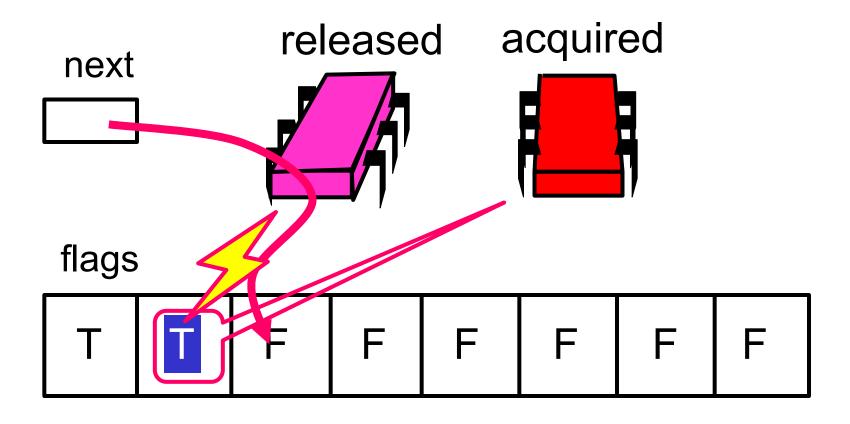




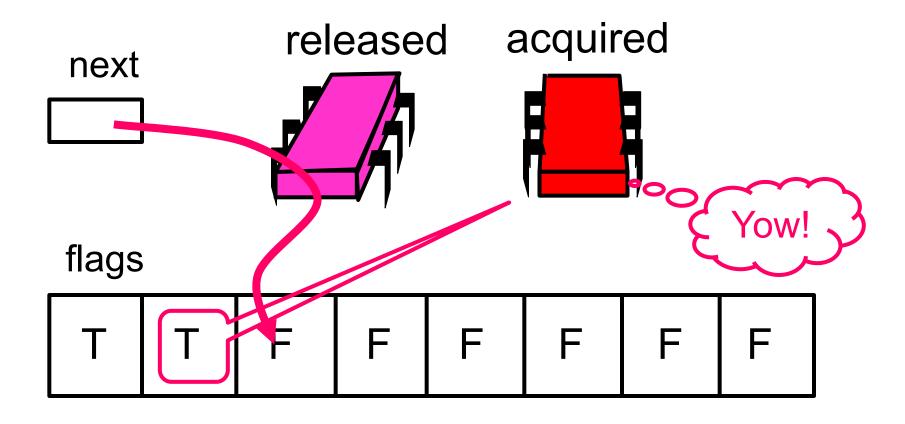














```
class ALock implements Lock {
  boolean[] flags={true, false,..., false};
  AtomicInteger next
  = new AtomicInteger(0);
  ThreadLocal<Integer> mySlot;
```



```
class ALock implements Lock {
  boolean[] flags={true, false, ..., false};
  AtomicInteger next
  = new AtomicInteger(0);
  ThreadLocal<Integer> mySlot;
```

One flag per thread



```
class ALock implements Lock {
  beclean[] flags={true, false, ..., false};
AtomicInteger next
  = new AtomicInteger(0);
ThreadLocal<Integer> mySlot;
```

Next flag to use



```
class ALock implements Lock {
boolean[] flags={true, false, ..., false};
AtomicInteger next
  = new AtomicInteger(0);
ThreadLocal<Integer> mySlot;
           Thread-local variable
```



```
public lock() {
  mySlot = next.getAndIncrement();
  while (!flags[mySlot % n]) {};
  flags[mySlot % n] = false;
}

public unlock() {
  flags[(mySlot+1) % n] = true;
}
```



```
public lock() {
 mySlot = next.getAndIncrement();
 while (!flags[mySlot % n])
 flags[mySlot % n] = false;
public unlock() {
 flags[(mySlot+1) % n] = true;
                        Take next slot
```



```
public lock() {
 mySlot = next.getAndIncrement();
 while (!flags[mySlot % n]) {};
 flags[mySlot % n] = false;
public unlock() {
 flags[(mySlot+1) % n] = thue;
                 Spin until told to go
```



```
public lock() {
 myslot = next.getAndIncrement();
 while (!flags[myslot % n]) {};
 flags[myslot % n] = false;
public unlock() {
 flags[(myslot+1) % n] = true;
               Prepare slot for re-use
```

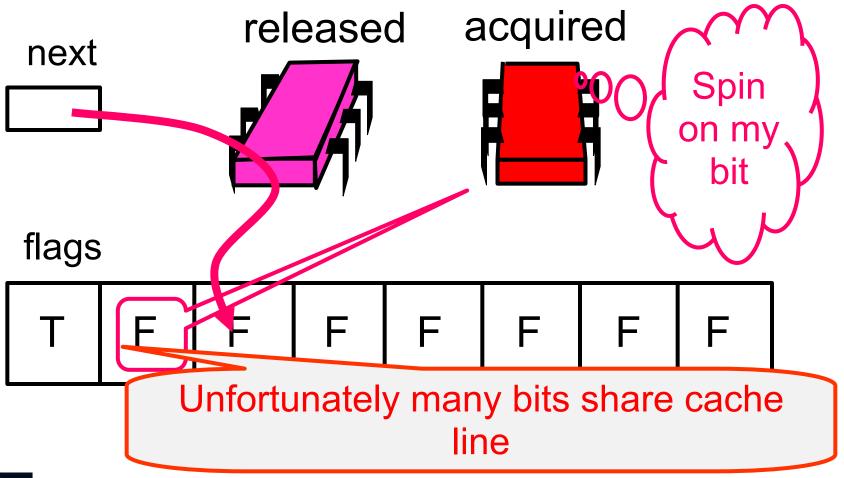


```
public lock() { Tell next thread to go
  mySlot = next.getAndIncrement();
  while (!flags[mySlot % n]) { };
  flags[mySlot % n] = false
}

public unlock() {
  flags[(mySlot+1) % n] = true;
}
```

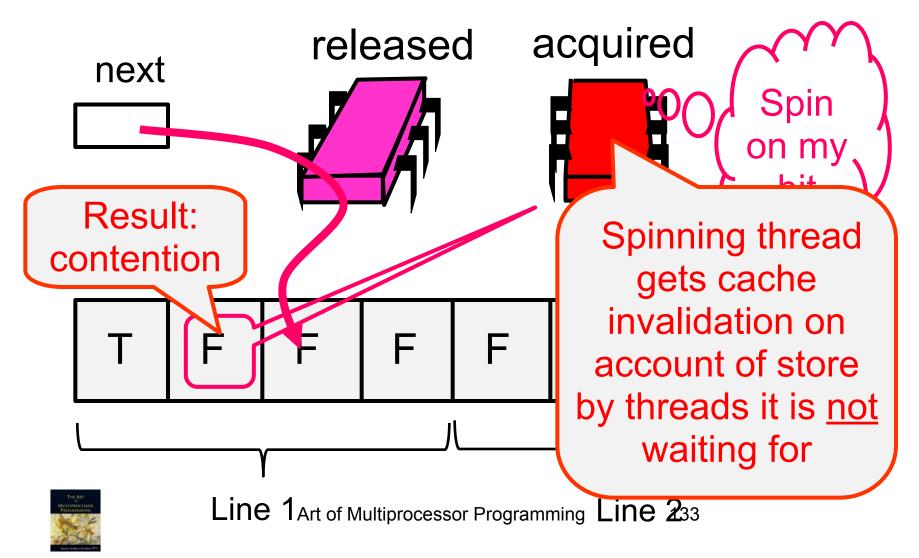


Local Spinning

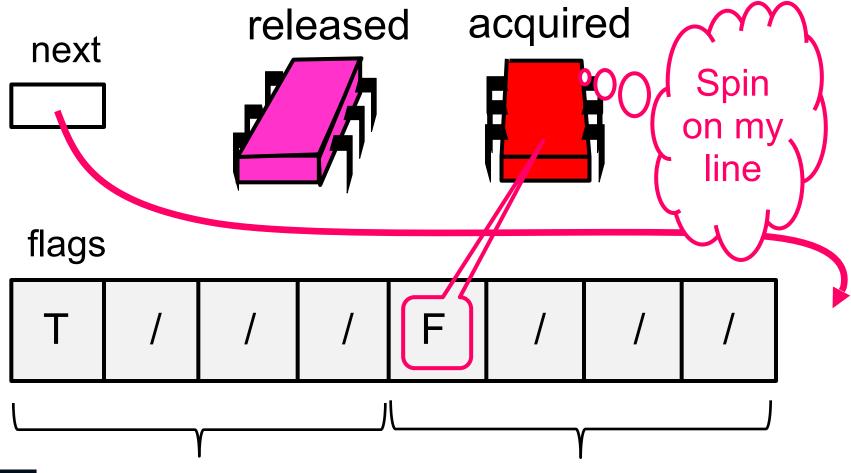




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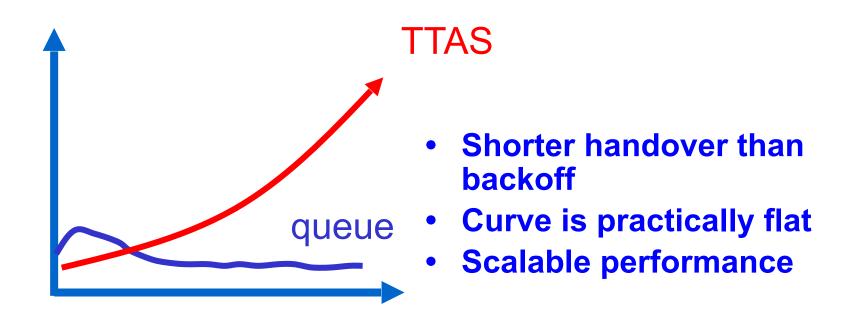


The Solution: Padding





Performance





Good

- First truly scalable lock
- -Simple, easy to implement
- –Back to FIFO order (like Bakery)



Bad

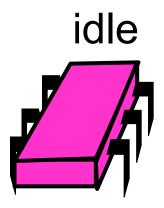
- –Space hog...
- One bit per thread → one cache line per thread
 - What if unknown number of threads?
 - What if small number of actual contenders?

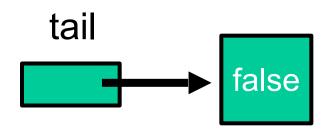


CLH Lock

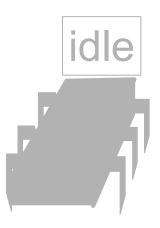
- FIFO order
- Small, constant-size overhead per thread

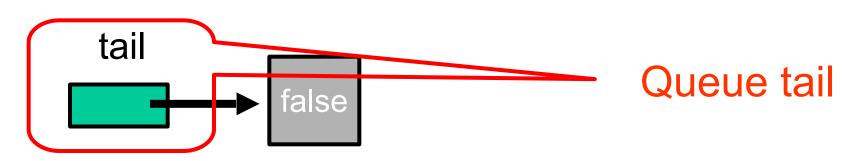




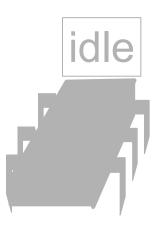


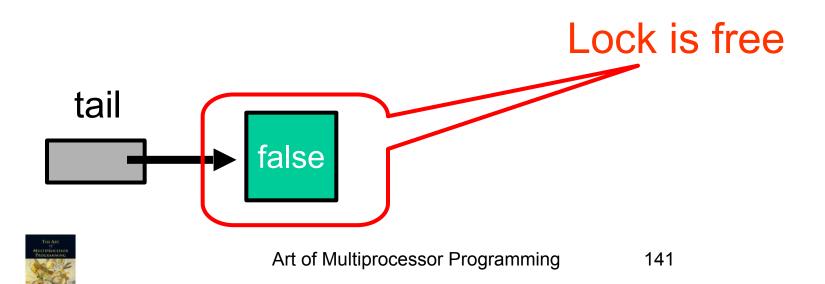




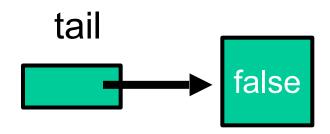








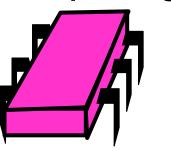


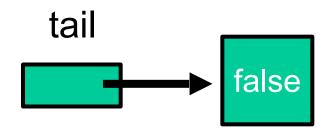




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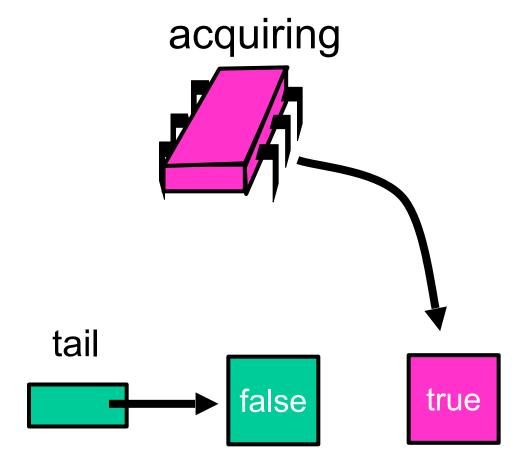
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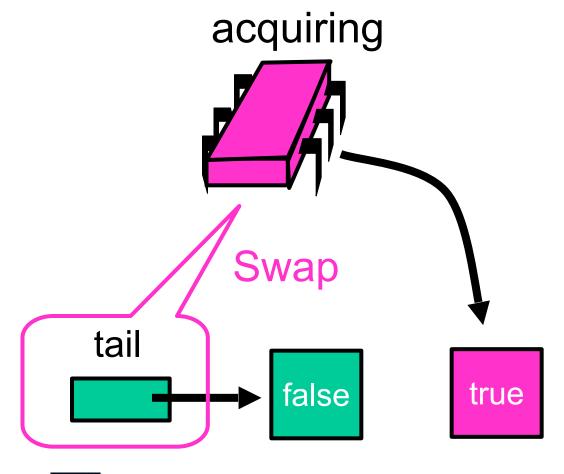


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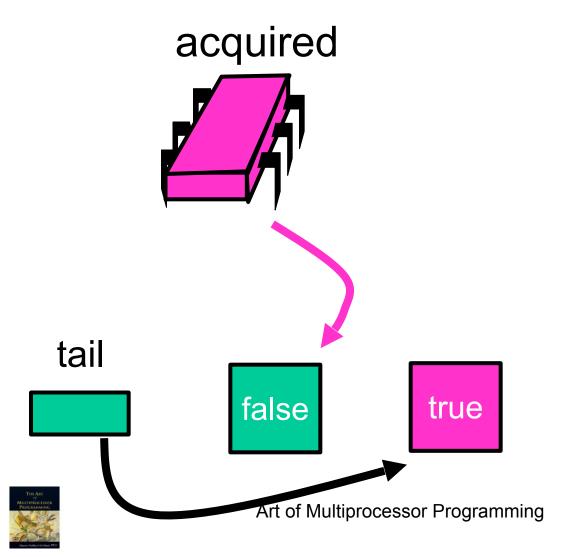


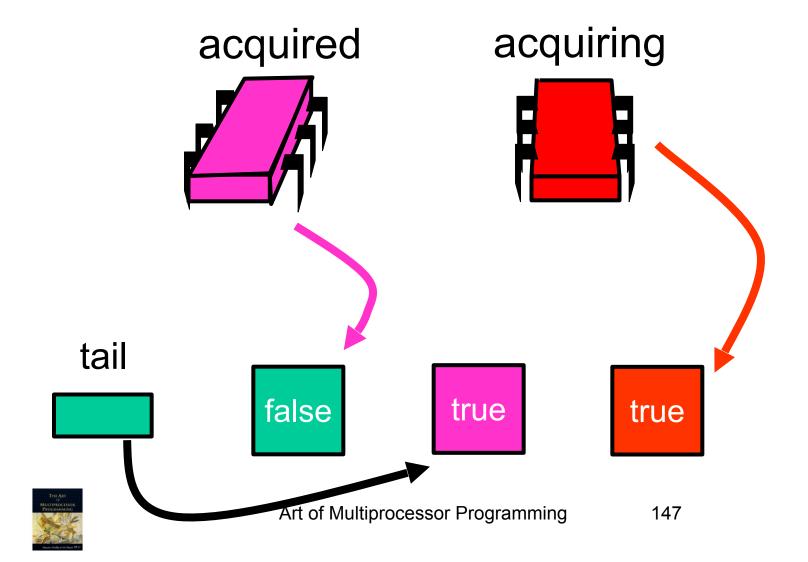
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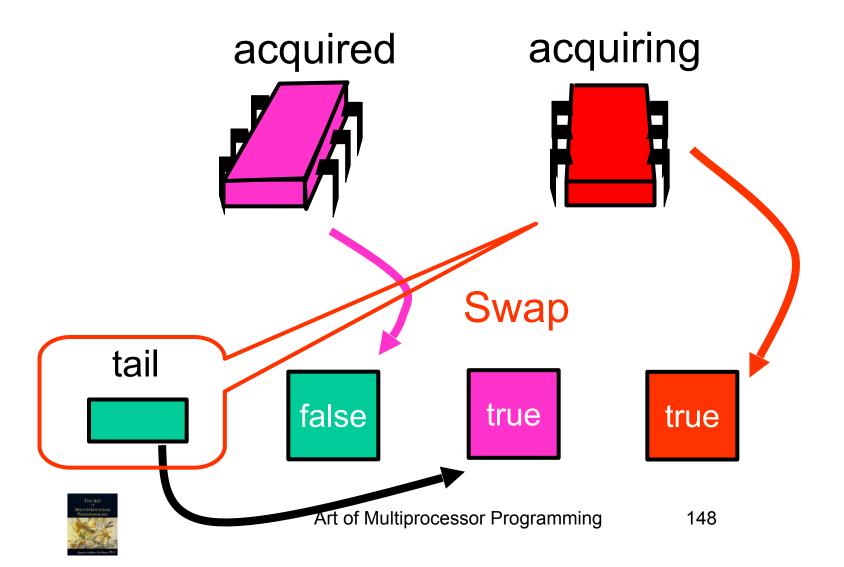


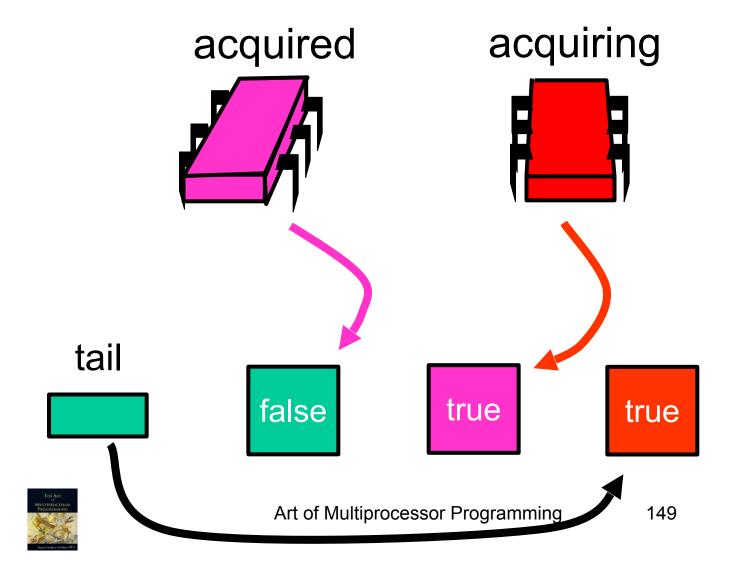


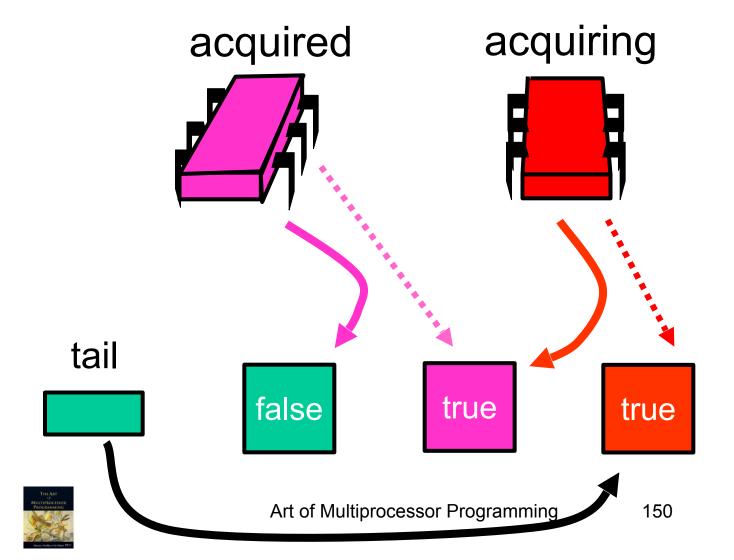
Purple Has the Lock

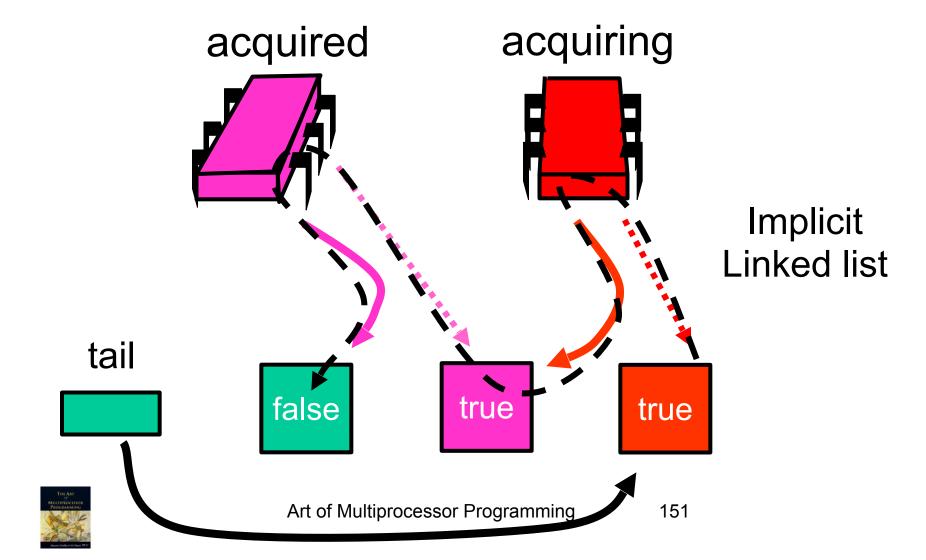


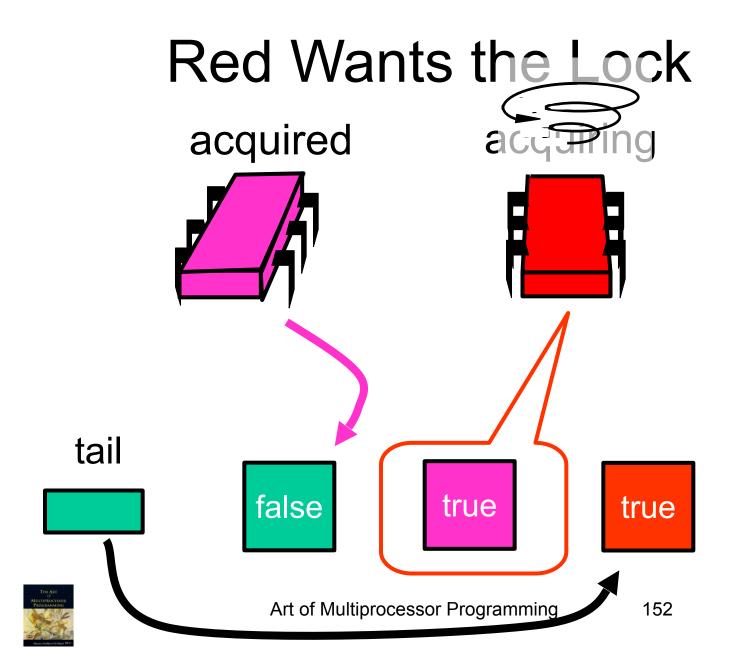


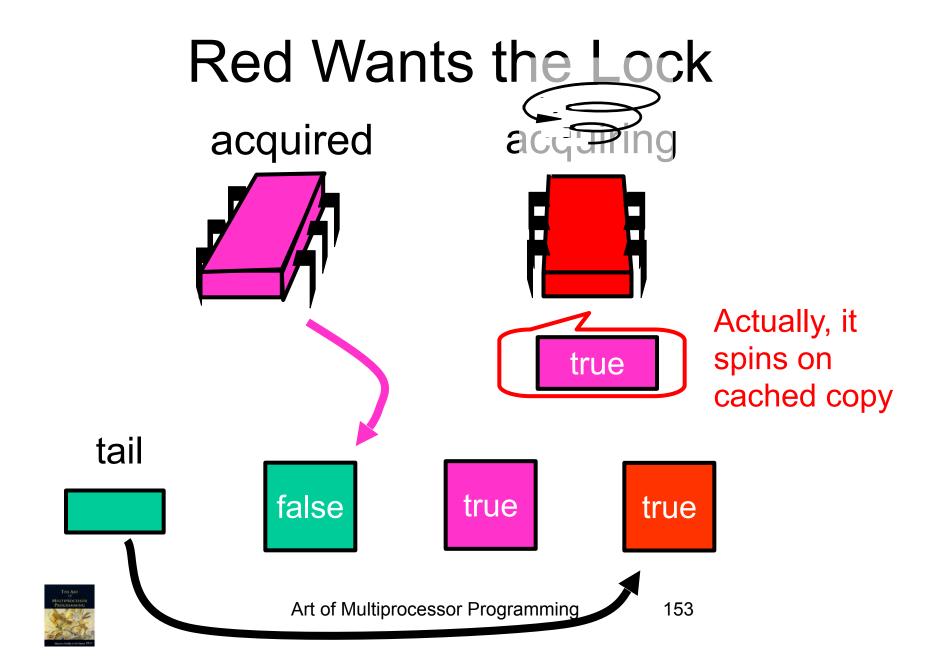




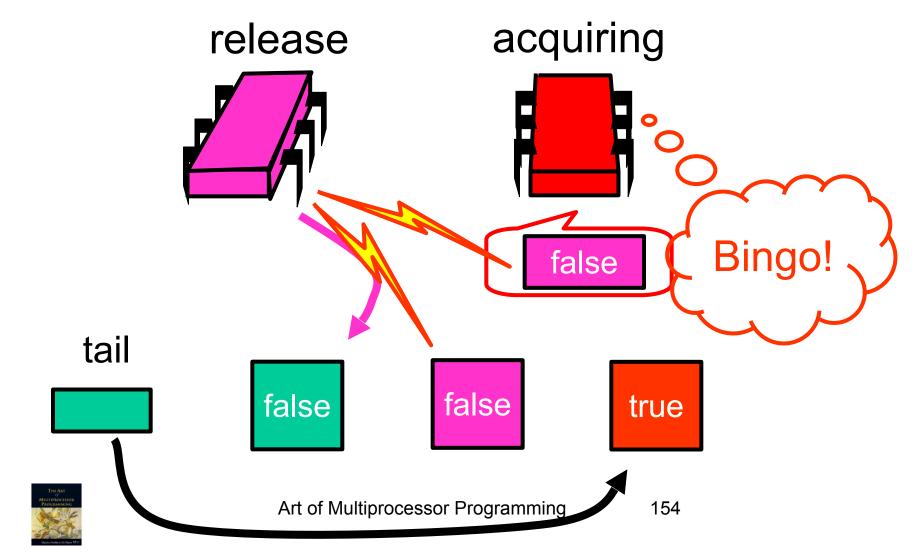






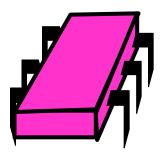


Purple Releases

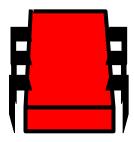


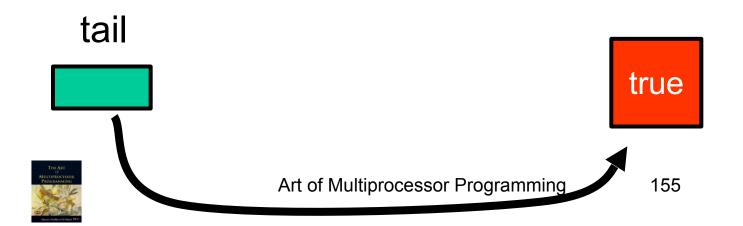
Purple Releases

released



acquired





Space Usage

- Let
 - L = number of locks
 - -N = number of threads
- ALock
 - -O(LN)
- CLH lock
 - -O(L+N)



```
class Qnode {
  AtomicBoolean locked =
   new AtomicBoolean(true);
}
```



```
Class Qnode {
   AtomicBoolean locked =
   new AtomicBoolean(true);
}
```

Not released yet



```
class CLHLock implements Lock {
AtomicReference<Qnode> tail;
 ThreadLocal < Qnode > myNode
    = new Qnode();
public void lock() {
  Qnode pred
    = tail.getAndSet(myNode);
  while (pred.locked) {}
 } }
```



```
class CLHLock implements Lock {
AtomicReference<Qnode> tail;
 ThreadLocal < Qnode >
                     myNode
    = new Qnode();
public void lock()
 Qnode pred
    = tail.getAndSet(myNode
 while (pred.locked) { }
```

Queue tail



```
class CLHLock implements Lock {
AtomicReference<Qnode> tail;
 ThreadLocal<Qnode> myNode
    = new Qnode();
 public void lock
  Qnode pred
    = tail.getAndSet(myNode);
 while (pred.locked)
```

Thread-local Qnode



```
class CLHLock implements Lock {
AtomicReference<Qnode> tail;
 ThreadLocal < Qnode > myNode
                           Swap in my node
    = new Onode();
public void lock() {
  Qnode pred
    = tail.getAndSet(myNode);
   Alie (pred.locked)
```



```
class CLHLock implements Lock {
AtomicReference<Qnode> tail;
 ThreadLocal < Qnode > myNode
    = new Qnode();
                         Spin until predecessor
                             releases lock
public void lock() {
  Qnode pred
    = tail.getAndSet(myN
 while (pred.locked) {
```



```
Class CLHLock implements Lock {
    ...
    public void unlock() {
       myNode.locked.set(false);
       myNode = pred;
    }
}
```



```
Class CLHLock implements Lock {
    ...
    public void unlock() {
        myNode.locked.set(false);
        myNode - pred;
    }
}
```

Notify successor



```
Class CLHLock implements Lock {
   ...
  public void unlock() {
    myNode.locked.set(false);
    myNode = pred;
  }
}
```

Recycle predecessor's node



```
Class CLHLock implements Lock {
    ...
    public void unlock() {
        myNode.locked.set(false);
        myNode = pred;
    }
}
```

(we don't actually reuse myNode. Code in book shows how it's done.)



CLH Lock

- Good
 - Lock release affects predecessor only
 - Small, constant-sized space
- Bad
 - Doesn't work for uncached NUMA architectures



CLH Lock

- Each thread spins on predecessor's memory
- Could be far away

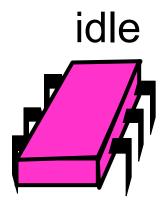


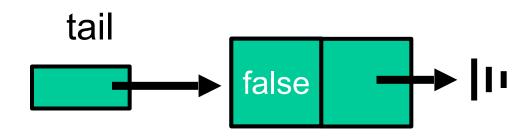
MCS Lock

- FIFO order
- Spin on local memory only
- Small, Constant-size overhead

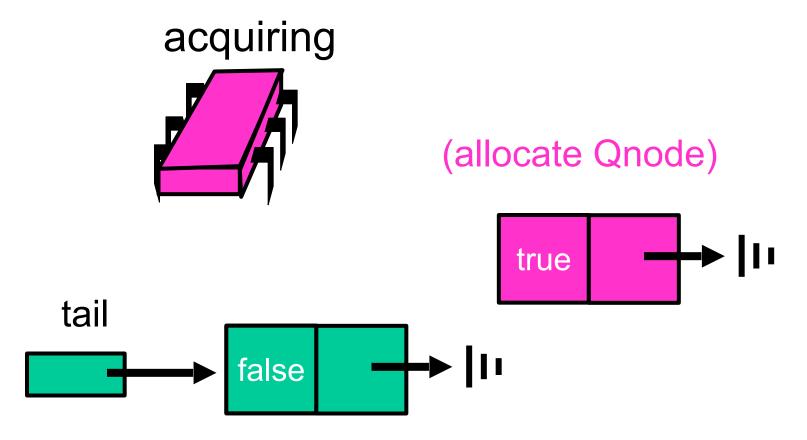


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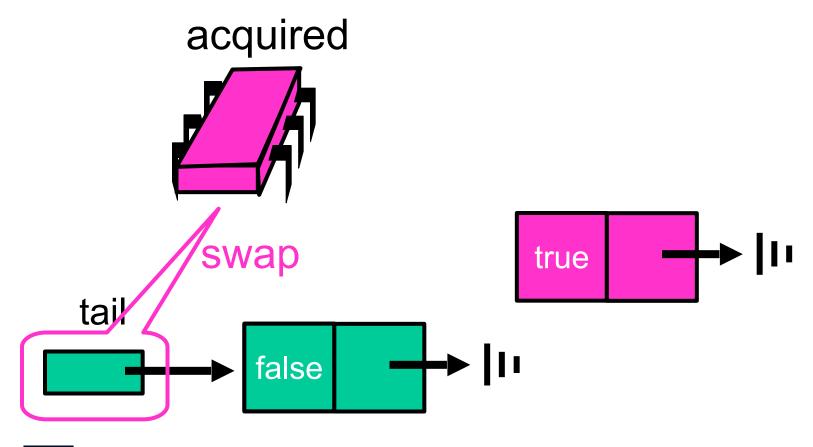




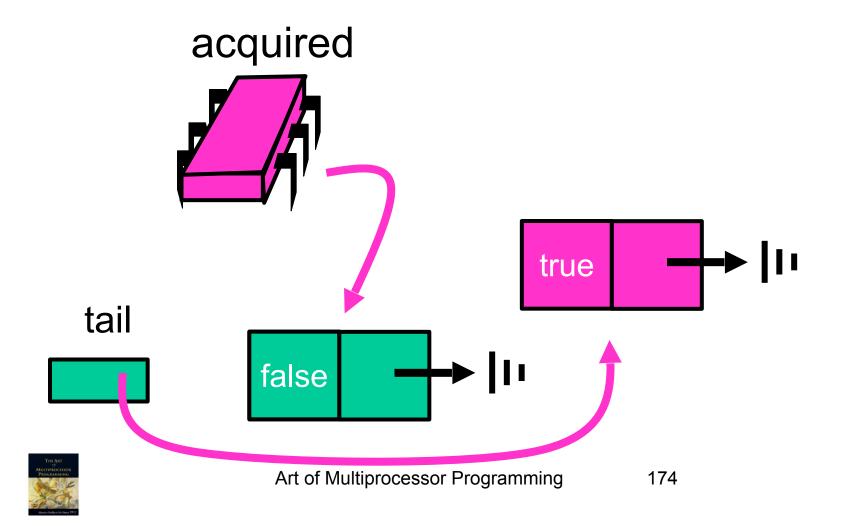




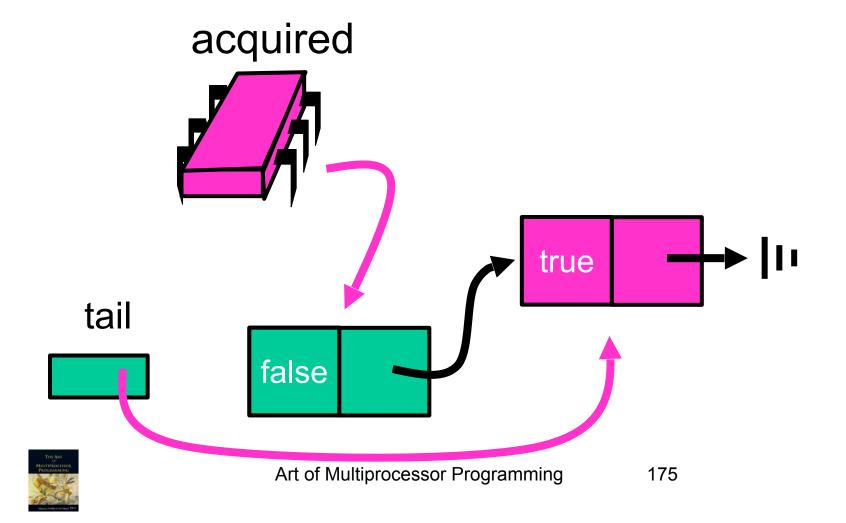


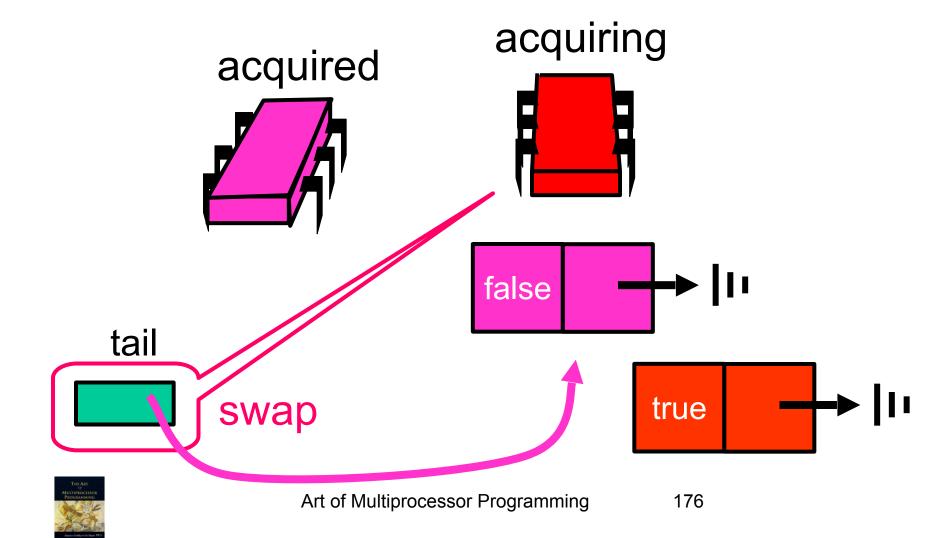


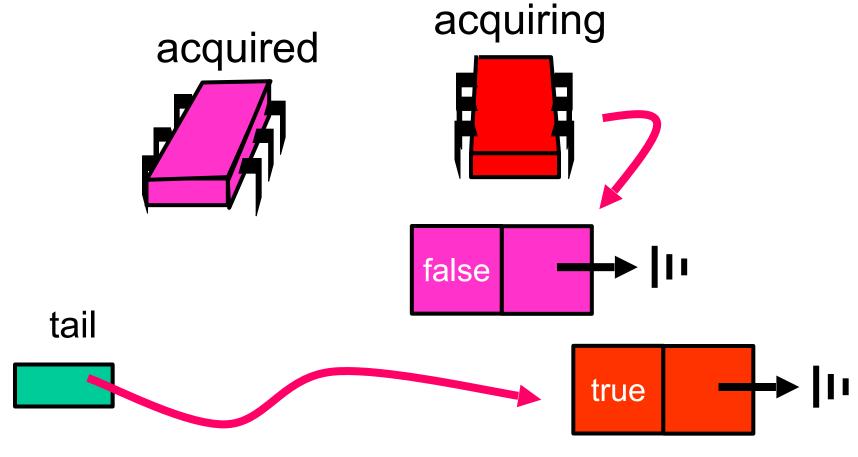




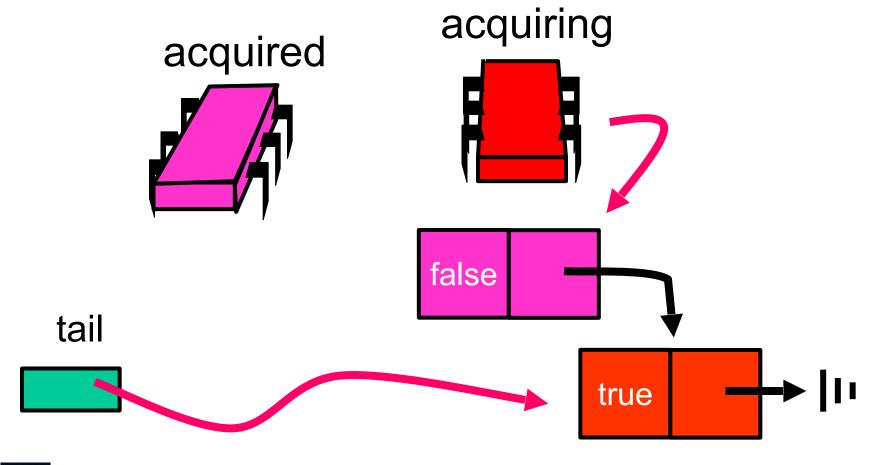
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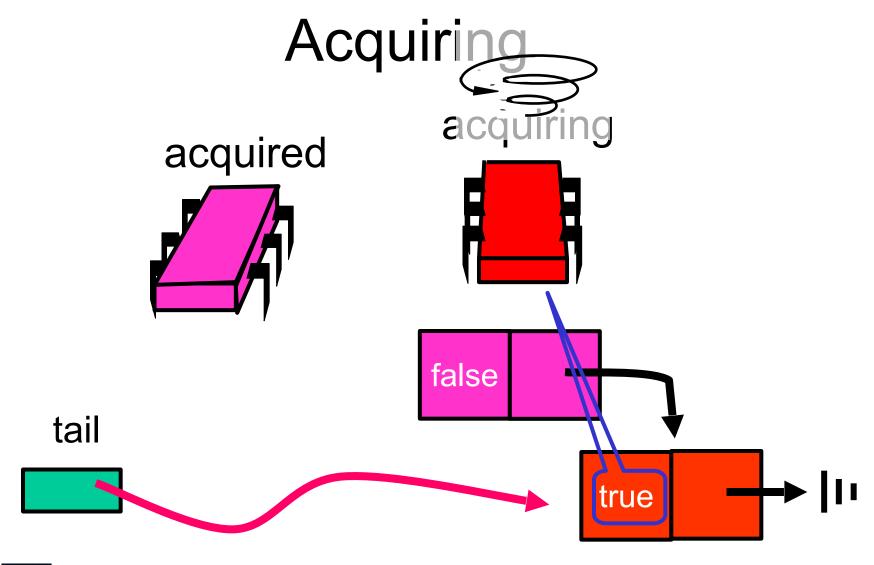




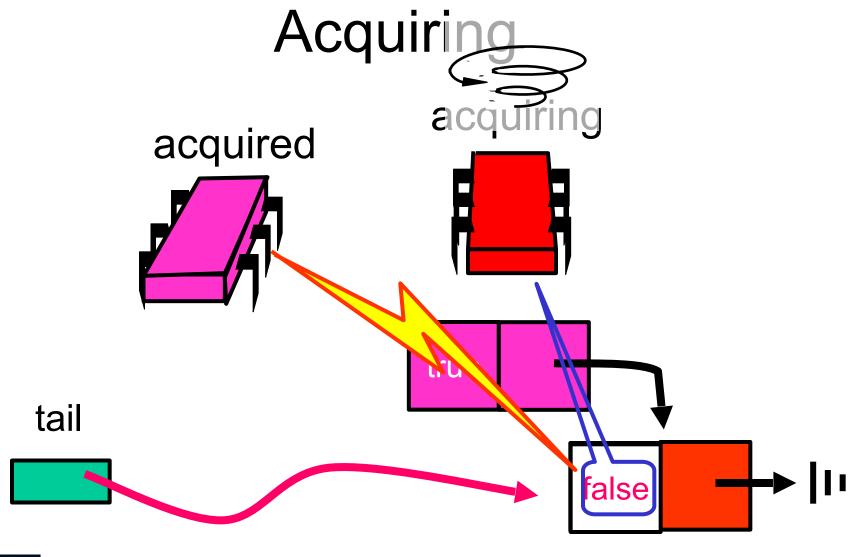






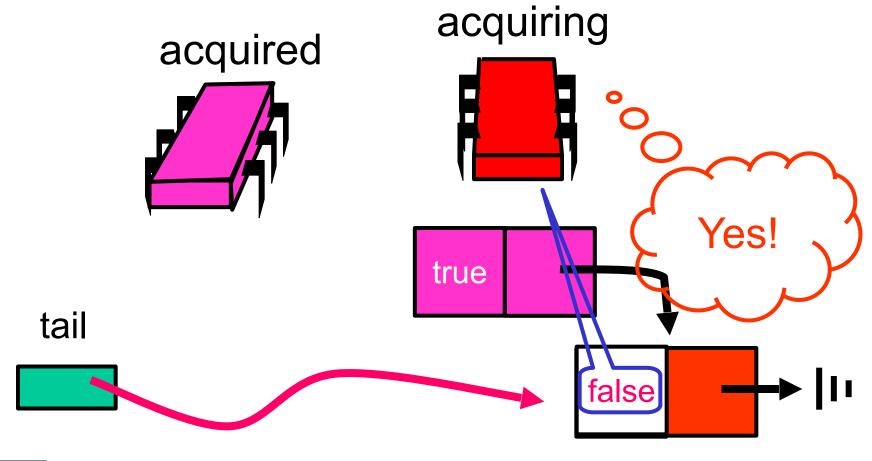








Acquiring





```
class Qnode {
  boolean locked = false;
  qnode next = null;
}
```



```
class MCSLock implements Lock {
AtomicReference tail;
public void lock() {
  Qnode qnode = new Qnode();
 Qnode pred = tail.getAndSet(qnode);
  if (pred != null) {
   qnode.locked = true;
   pred.next = qnode;
   while (qnode.locked) {}
  } } }
```



```
Make a
class MCSLock implements Lock {
AtomicReference tail;
                                   QNode
public void lock()
  Qnode qnode = new Qnode();
  Qnode pred = tail.getAndSet(qnode);
  if (pred != null) {
   qnode.locked = true;
   pred.next = qnode;
   while (qnode.locked) {}
  } } }
```



```
class MCSLock implements Lock {
AtomicReference tail;
public void lock() {
  Qnode qnode = new Qnode();
 Qnode pred = tail.getAndSet(qnode);
  11 (pred :- null)
   qnode.locked = true;
                        add my Node to
   pred.next = qnode;
                        the tail of queue
   while (qnode.locked)
  } } }
```



```
class MCSLock implements Lock
                            Fix if queue was
AtomicReference tail;
                               non-empty
public void lock() {
  Qnode qnode = new Qn
  Qnode pred = tail.getAndSet(qnode);
  i<del>f (pred != n</del>all) {
   qnode.locked = true;
   pred.next = qnode;
```



```
class MCSLock implements Lock {
                           Wait until
AtomicReference tail;
public void lock() {
                           unlocked
 Qnode qnode = new Qnode();
 Qnode pred = tail.getAndSet(qnode);
 if (pred != null) {
  qnode.locked = true
  pred.next = qnode;
  while (qnode.locked)
```



MCS Queue Unlock

```
class MCSLock implements Lock {
AtomicReference tail;
public void unlock() {
  if (qnode.next == null) {
   if (tail.CAS(qnode, null)
    return;
   while (qnode.next == null) {}
qnode.next.locked = false;
} }
```



```
class MCSLock implements Lock {
AtomicReference tail;
public void unlock() {
  if (qnode.next == nul
      (tail.CAS (qnode,
    return;
   while (qnode.next ==
                              Missing
 qnode.next.locked = false;
                            successor?
```



```
k {
  If really no successor,
          return
 if (qnode.next ==
  if (tail.CAS(qnode, null)
   return;
  while (qnode.next == null) {}
qnode.next.locked = false;
```

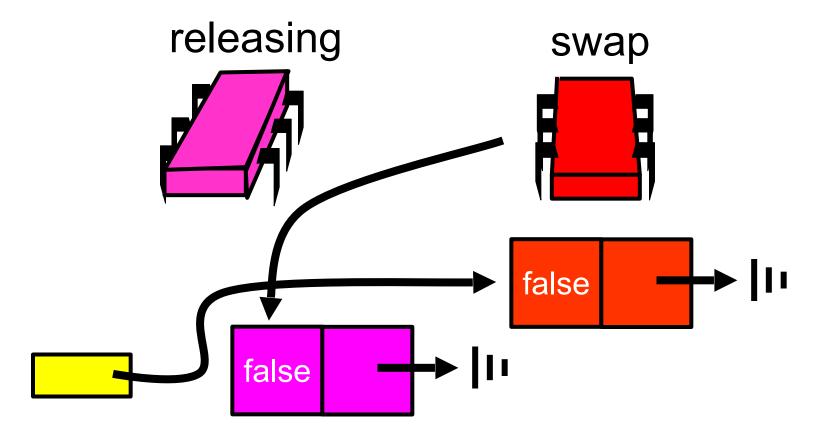


```
Otherwise wait for
  successor to catch up
 if (qnode.next == pull)
 if (tail.CAS(qnode,
   return;
 while (qnode.next == null)
qnode.next.locked = false;
```

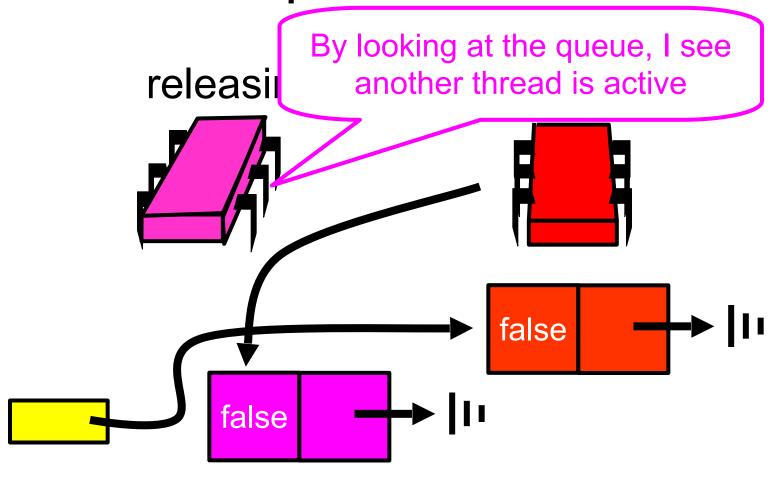


```
class MCSLock implements Lock {
AtomicRefe
public voi Pass lock to successor
 if (qnode.next == nul
  if (tail.CAS(qnode, null)
    return;
  while (qnode.next
                     == null) {}
qnode.next.locked = false;
```

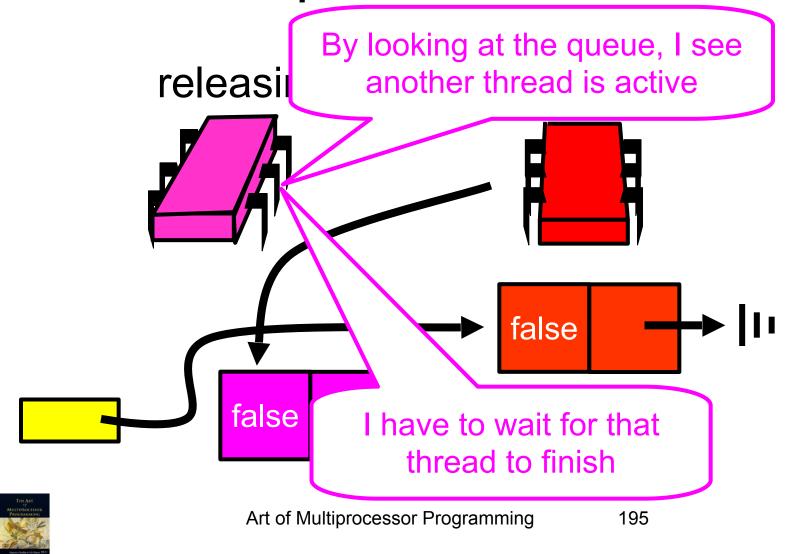


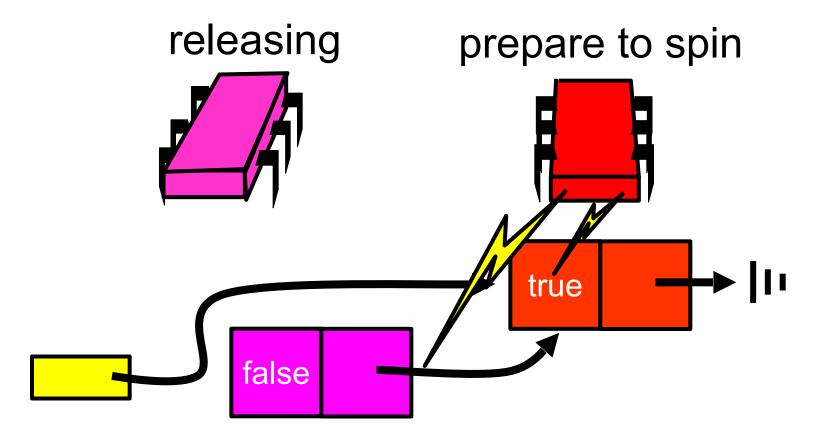




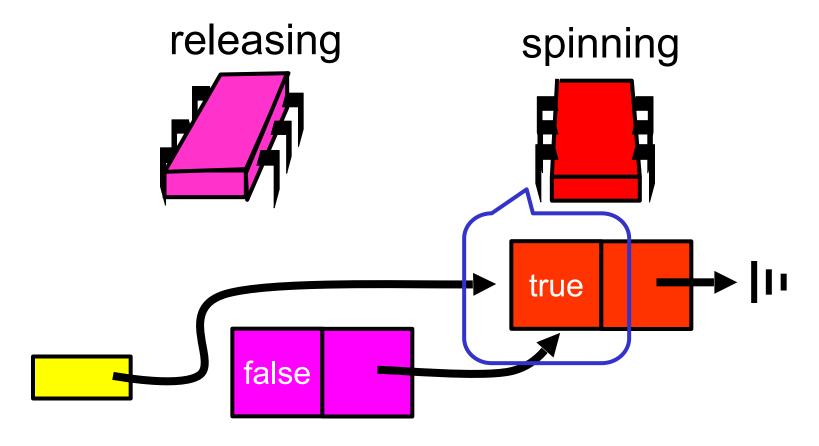




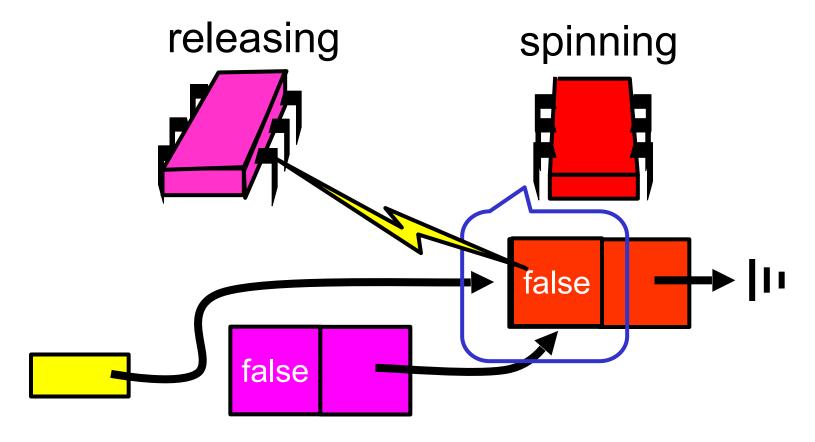




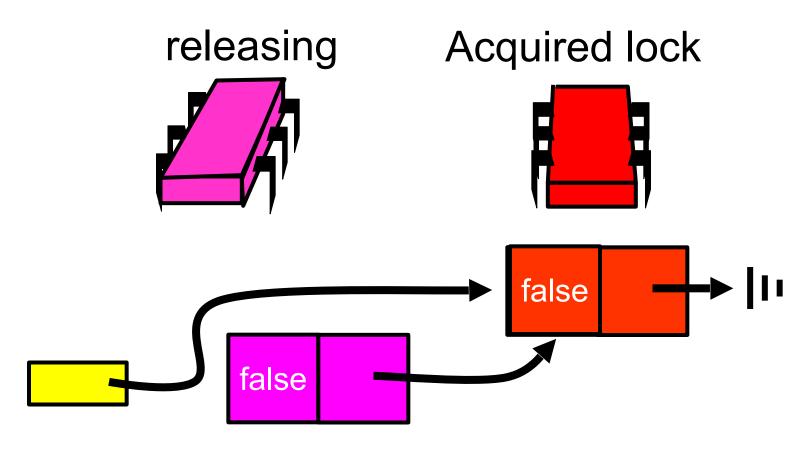














Abortable Locks

- What if you want to give up waiting for a lock?
- For example
 - Timeout
 - Database transaction aborted by user



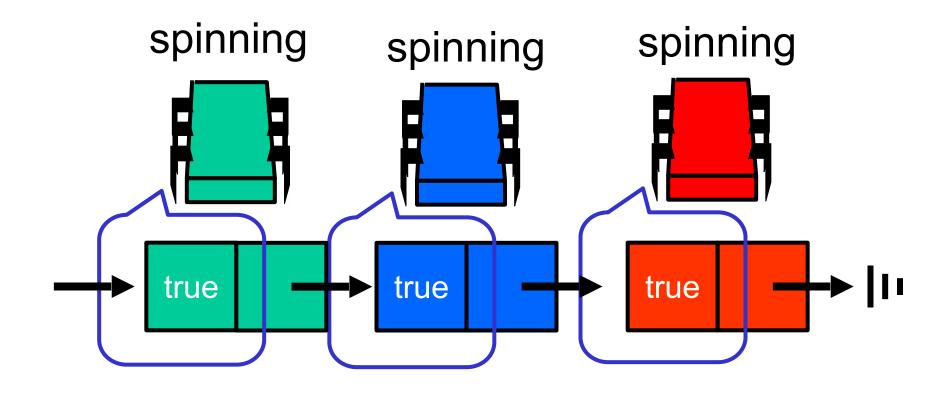
Back-off Lock

- Aborting is trivial
 - Just return from lock() call
- Extra benefit:
 - No cleaning up
 - Wait-free
 - Immediate return

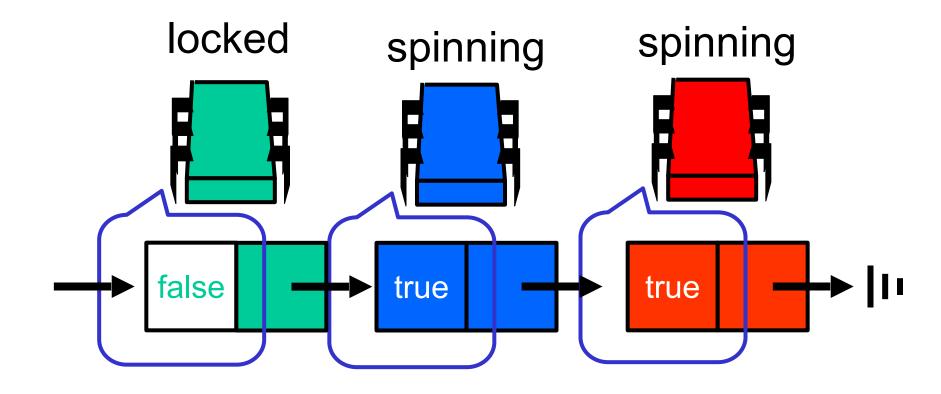


- Can't just quit
 - Thread in line behind will starve
- Need a graceful way out

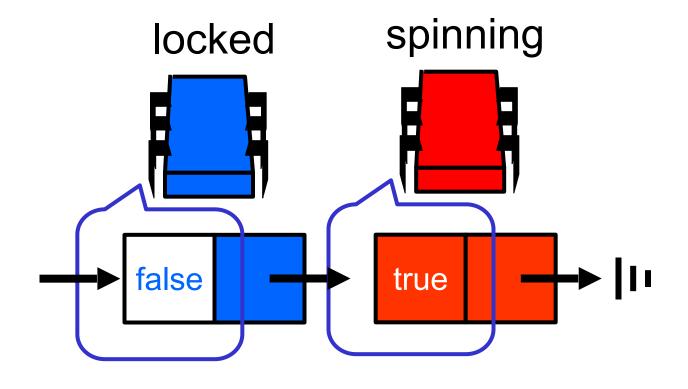




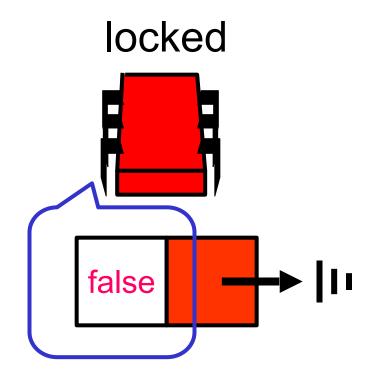




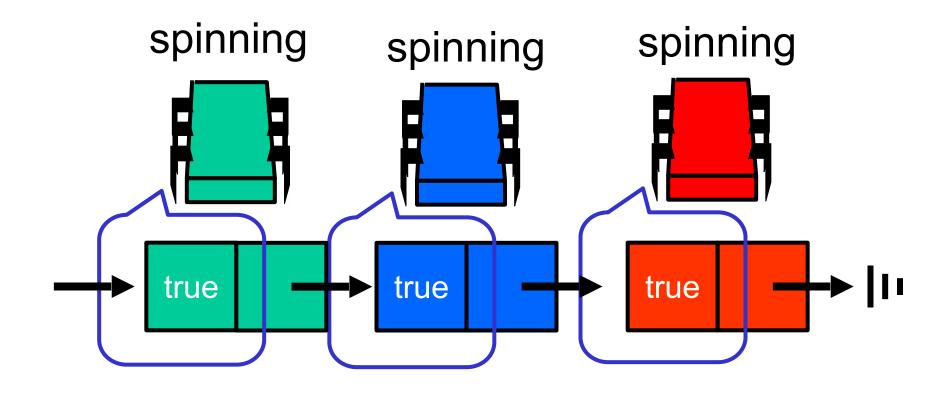




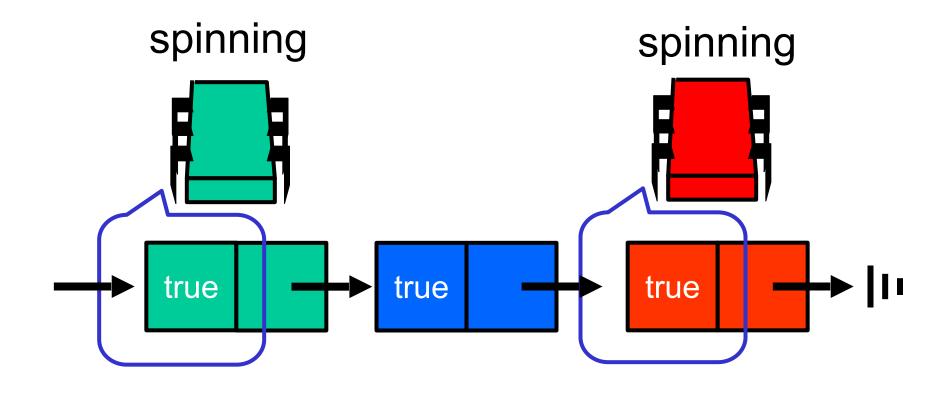




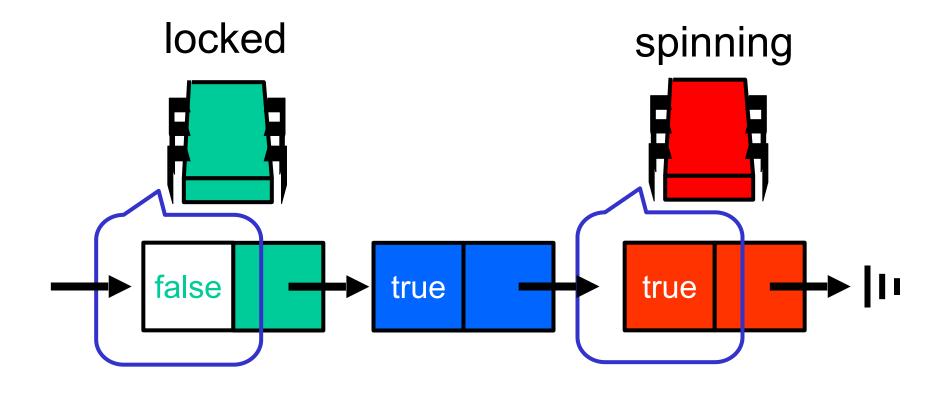




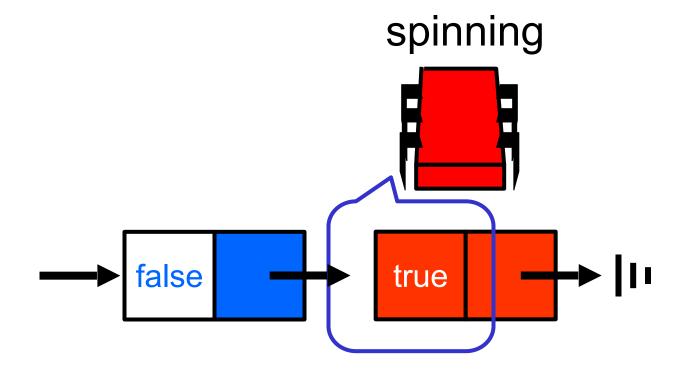




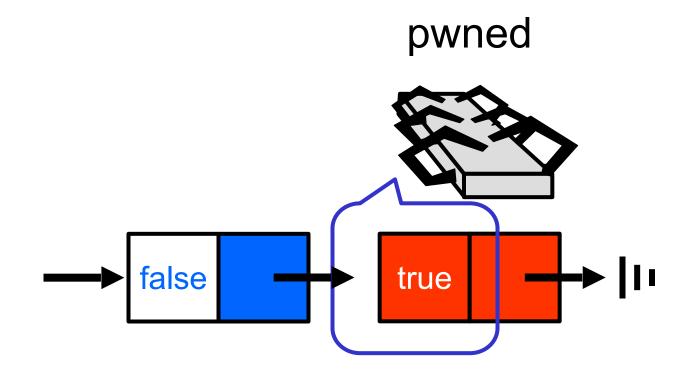












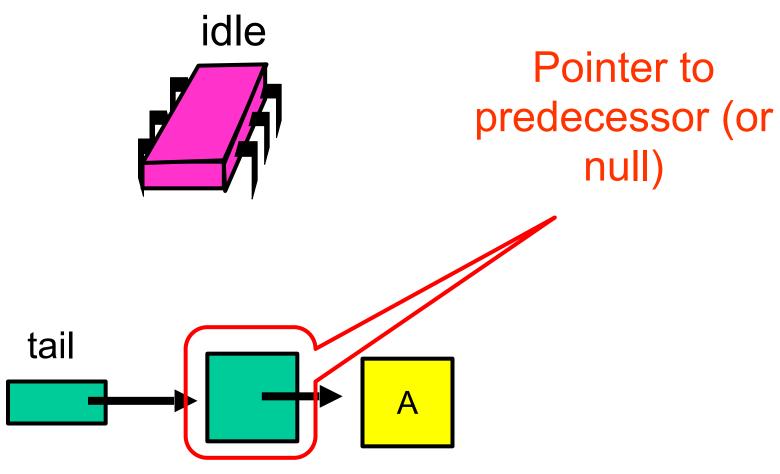


Abortable CLH Lock

- When a thread gives up
 - Removing node in a wait-free (non-locking) way is hard
- Idea:
 - let successor deal with it.

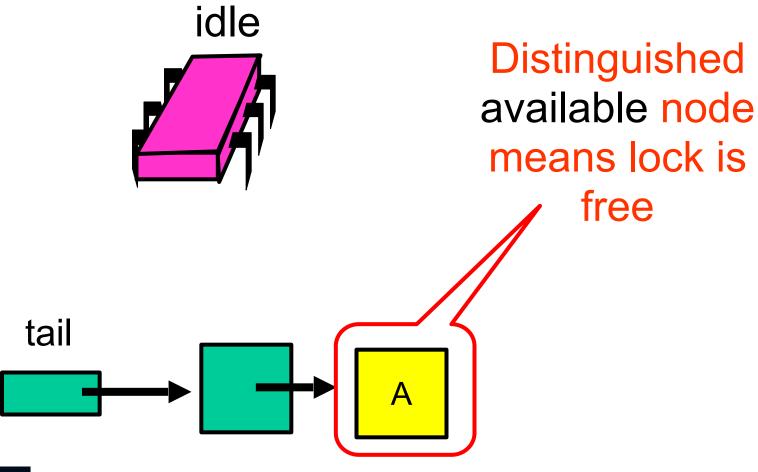


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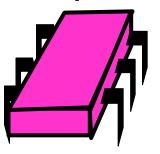
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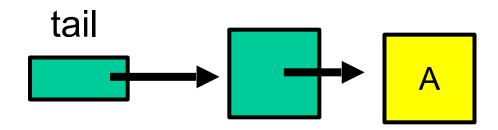




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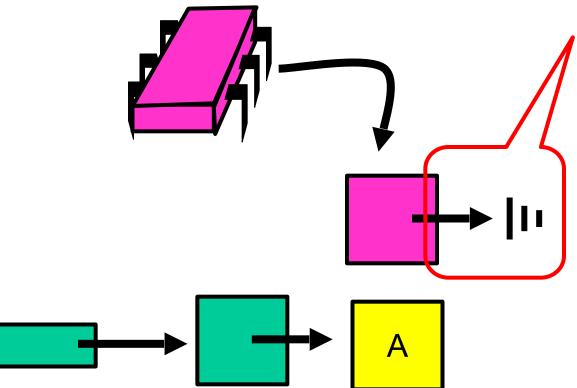
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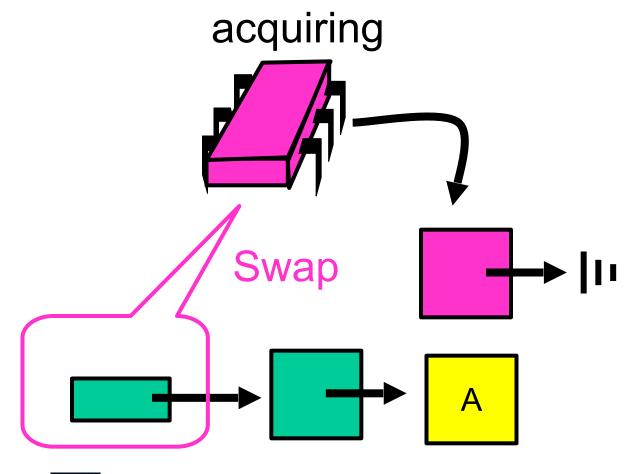


Acquiring Null predecessor means lock not acquiring released or aborted



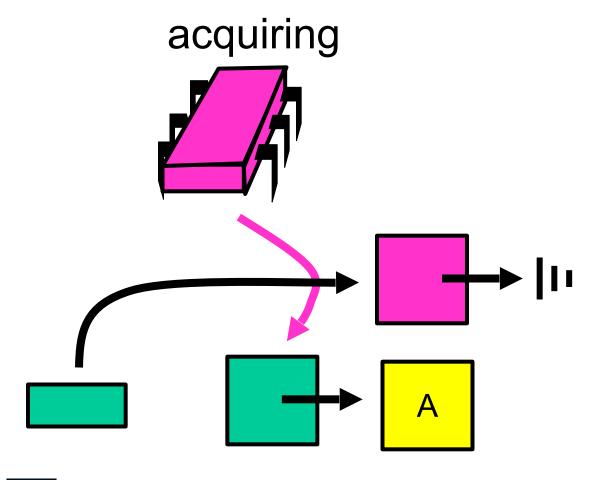


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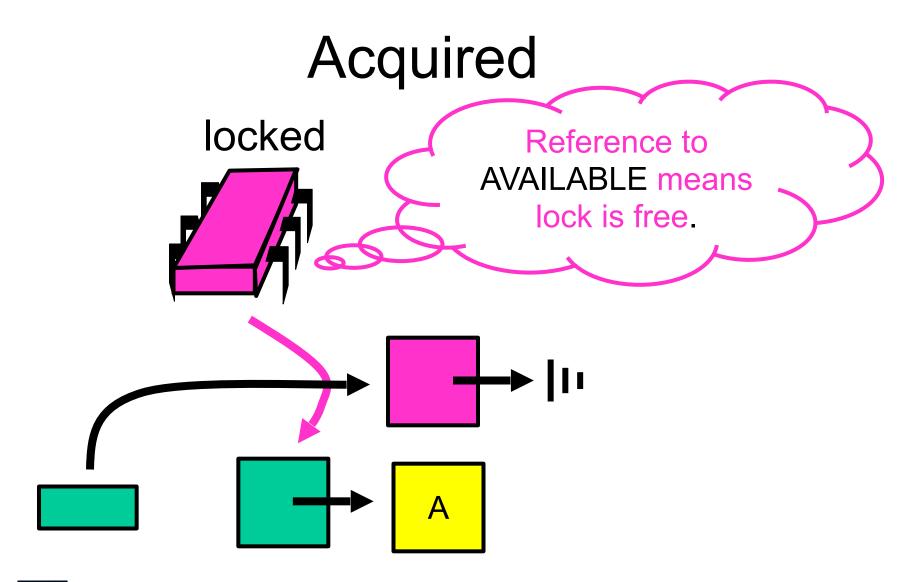




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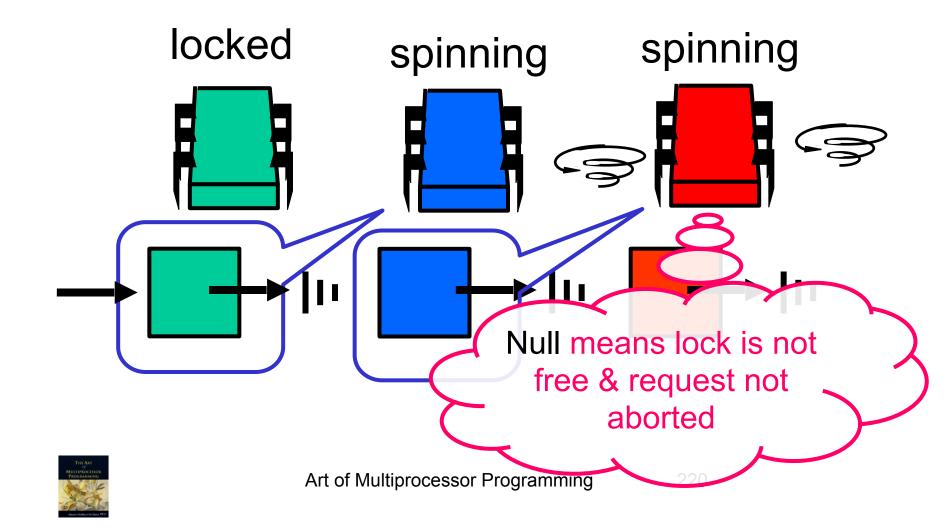




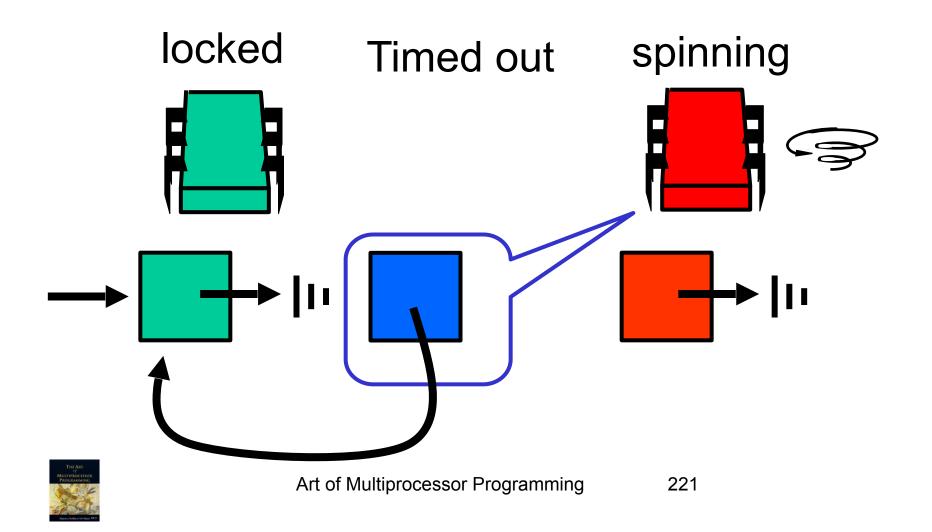




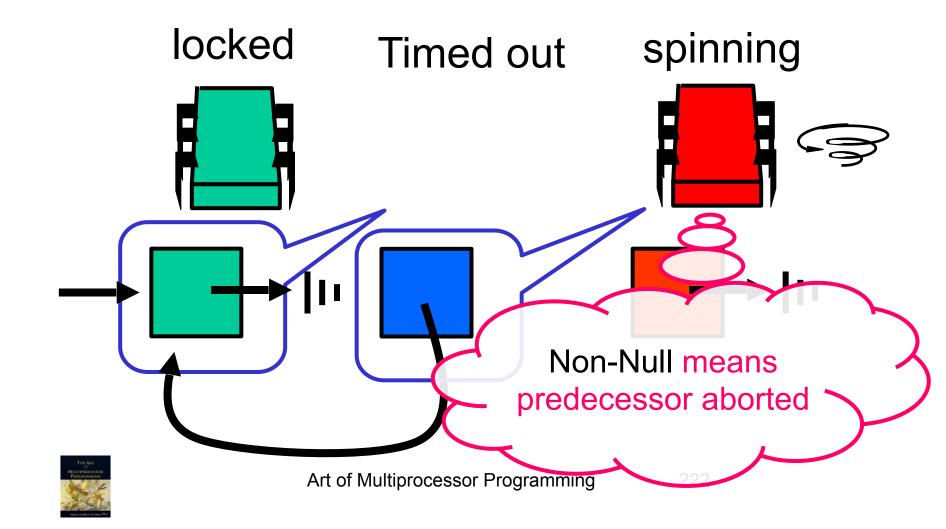
Normal Case



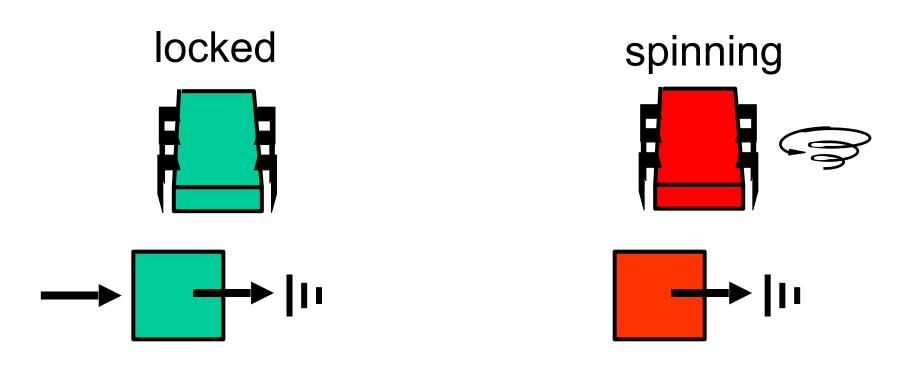
One Thread Aborts



Successor Notices

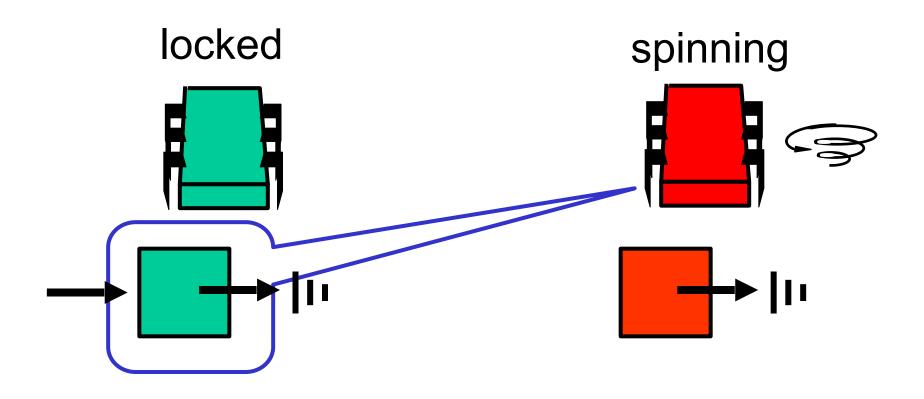


Recycle Predecessor's Node



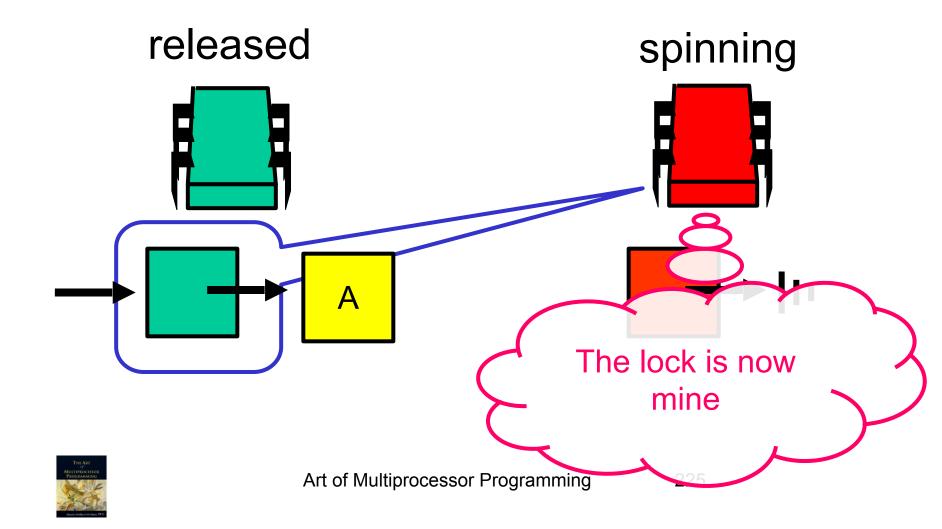


Spin on Earlier Node





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```
public class TOLock implements Lock {
   static Qnode AVAILABLE
   = new Qnode();
   AtomicReference<Qnode> tail;
   ThreadLocal<Qnode> myNode;
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AVAILABLE node signifies free lock



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  AtomicReference<Qnode> tail;
  <del>Threa</del>dLocal<<del>Qnode> myNode</del>,
        Tail of the queue
```



```
public class TOLock implements Lock {
  static Qnode AVAILABLE
    = new Qnode();
  AtomicReference<Qnode> tail;
  ThreadLocal<Qnode> myNode;
             Remember my node ...
```



```
public boolean lock(long timeout) {
  Qnode qnode = new Qnode();
  myNode.set(qnode);
  qnode.prev = null;
  Qnode myPred = tail.getAndSet(qnode);
  if (myPred== null
      || myPred.prev == AVAILABLE) {
      return true;
```



Create & initialize node



```
public boolean lock(long timeout) {
  Qnode qnode = new Qnode();
  myNode.set(qnode);
  anode prev = null:
  Qnode myPred = tail.getAndSet(qnode);
  if (myrred
      || myPred.prev ==
                        AVAILABLE)
      return true;
             Swap with tail
```



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  Qnode myPred = tail.getAndSet(qnode);
  if (myPred == null
      | | myPred.prev == AVAILABLE)
      return true;
```

If predecessor absent or released, we are done



```
spinning
                                            spinning
          Time-out Lo
long start = now();
while (now() - start < timeout) {</pre>
  Qnode predPred = myPred.prev;
  if (predPred == AVAILABLE) {
    return true;
  } else if (predPred != null) {
    myPred = predPred;
```



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long start = now();
while (now() - start < timeout)</pre>
  Qnode predrred = myPred.prev;
  if (predPred == AVAILABLE
    return true;
  } else if (predPred ! null) {
    myPred = predPred;
              Keep trying for a while ...
```



```
long start = now();
while (now() - start < timeout) {
 Qnode predPred = myPred.prev;
    return true;
  } else if (predPred !=
   myPred = predPred;
        Spin on predecessor's prev
                      field
```



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     (predPred == AVAILABLE)
    return true;
    else if (predPred !=
    myPred = predPred;
      Predecessor released lock
```



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  Qnode predPred = myPred.prev;
  if (predPred == AVAILABLE) {
    return true;
    else if (predPred != null)
   myPred = predPred;
              Predecessor aborted,
                    advance one
```



```
if (!tail.compareAndSet(qnode, myPred))
    qnode.prev = myPred;
    return false;
}
```

What do I do when I time out?



```
if (!tail.compareAndSet(qnode, myPred))
    qnode.prev = myPred;
    return false
}
```

Do I have a successor?

If CAS fails, I do.

Tell it about myPred



```
if (!tail.compareAndSet(qnode, myPred))
    qnode.prev = myPred;
    return false;
}
```

If CAS succeeds: no successor, simply return false



Time-Out Unlock

```
public void unlock() {
   Qnode qnode = myNode.get();
   if (!tail.compareAndSet(qnode, null))
      qnode.prev = AVAILABLE;
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If CAS failed: successor exists, notify it can enter



Timing-out Lock

```
public void unlock() {
    Qnode qnode = myNode.qet();
    if (!tail.compareAndSet(qnode, null))
        qnode.prev = AVAILABLE;
}
```

CAS successful: set tail to null, no clean up since no successor waiting



One Lock To Rule Them All?

- TTAS+Backoff, CLH, MCS, ToLock...
- Each better than others in some way
- There is no one solution
- Lock we pick really depends on:
 - the application
 - the hardware
 - which properties are important

