COMP 304- Operating Systems: Assignment 2

Due: April 16, due 2.30 pm (Lecture Time)

Notes: This is an individual assignment. No late assignment will be accepted. You are required submit your answers through blackboard. A scanned copy is ok however make sure the copy is readable. Please submit your printed/hard copy to me at lecture time or to the mailboxes designated for the OS course. This assignment is worth 3% of your total grade.

Problem 1

(20 points) Consider the following set of processes, with the length of the CPU-burst time given in milliseconds:

Process	Burst Time	Priority
P1	8	3
P2	5	1
P3	3	3
P4	1	4
P5	10	2

The processes are assumed to have arrived in the order P1, P2, P3, P4, P5, all at time 0.

a) Draw four Gantt charts illustrating the execution of these processes using FCFS, SJF, a non- preemptive priority (a smaller priority number implies a higher priority), and RR (quantum = 4 ms) scheduling.

b) If the context-switch overhead is 1 ms, calculate the waiting time of each process for each of the scheduling algorithms in part (a). Which of the schedules results in the minimal average waiting time?

c) Calculate average turnaround time for each of the scheduling algorithms in part (a).

Assume no context-switch overhead.

Problem 2

(20 points) Now assume that the context-switching overhead is equivalent to 0.5 ms. Calculate the CPU utilisation for all four scheduling algorithms in Problem 1.

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//PROBLEM 3

#define MAX_CONNECTIONS 5000
int available_connections = MAX_CONNECTIONS;

/* When a thread wishes to establish a connection with the server,
it invokes the connect() function:*/

int connect() {
   if (available_connections < 1)
        return -1;
   else
       available_connections--;
   return 0;
}

/* When a thread wishes to drop a connection with the server,
it invokes disconnect() */
int disconnect() {
   available_connections++;
   return 0;
}
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Problem 3

(20 points) Consider the code example above that creates threads for opening connections at a server.
a) Identify the race condition(s) in the provided program.
b) If you have identified any race conditions, use locks to prevent the race condition(s). Provide the code snippet.
c) To prevent race condition(s), could we replace the integer variable available_connections with atomic integer, which allows atomic update of a variable of this type? Explain your answer.
atomic_t available_connections = MAX_CONNECTIONS;

Problem 4

(20 points) A hotel management would like to use online reservation system for their rooms. The hotel has M rooms available for online reservation. If all the rooms are occupied, the hotel will not accept any more customers until a room becomes available again (a party leaves the hotel).
Give an algorithm for the hotel using semaphore primitives to limit the number of reserved rooms so that it does not exceed M. Note that a room can accommodate up to 4 customers. If a party more than 4 customers arrives, multiple rooms may be needed. If the required number of rooms is not available, the room request for the entire party will be declined. Provide a pseudo-code and briefly explain your algorithm in a short paragraph.

Problem 5

(20 points) Suppose processes P and Q share data item d_1, processes Q and R share data item d_2, and processes R and S share data item d_3. Show how these processes can use semaphores to coordinate access to data items d_1, d_2, and d_3 so that critical section problem does not occur. Show the codes for four processes, and explain the semaphores that you use and their initial values.