

# Little Book of Semaphores, Chapter 2

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## Semaphore notation

```
fred = Semaphore()  
fred.increment()  
fred.decrement()
```

```
fred = Semaphore()  
fred.signal()  
fred.wait()
```

```
fred = Semaphore()  
fred.V()  
fred.P()
```

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