# Assignment Title: Multithreaded C/C++ Application

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The code implements a **multithreaded C++ application** for concurrent processing of data from two input **files** (data/source_1.txt and data/source_2.txt). The goal is to calculate the sum of integers in each file concurrently using at least two threads, demonstrating efficient multithreading and basic synchronization without relying on standard mutexes. The final sum is then displayed as the output.

Code -

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#include <iostream>

#include <fstream>
#include <vector>
#include <algorithm>
#include <numeric>
#include <windows.h>
#include <atomic>
#include <ctime>

std::atomic<int> sum(0);

void processDataFromFile(int threadId, const std::string& filename, int
iterations) {
    try {
        std::ifstream inputFile(filename);
        if (!inputFile.is_open()) {
            throw std::ifstream::failure("Failed to open file: " + filename);
        }

        std::vector<int> data(iterations);
        for (int& value : data) {
            inputFile >> value;
        }

        // Simulate processing without threading
        int result = std::accumulate(data.begin(), data.end(), 0);

        // Use atomic operation to update the shared sum
        InterlockedExchangeAdd(reinterpret_cast<volatile LONG*>(&sum), result);

        std::cout << "Thread " << threadId << " finished processing file: " <<
filename << std::endl;
```

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    } catch (const std::ifstream::failure& e) {
        std::cerr << "Thread " << threadId << " encountered an error: " <<
e.what() << std::endl;
    }
}

int main() {
    // Set seed for random number generation
    std::srand(static_cast<unsigned int>(time(nullptr)));

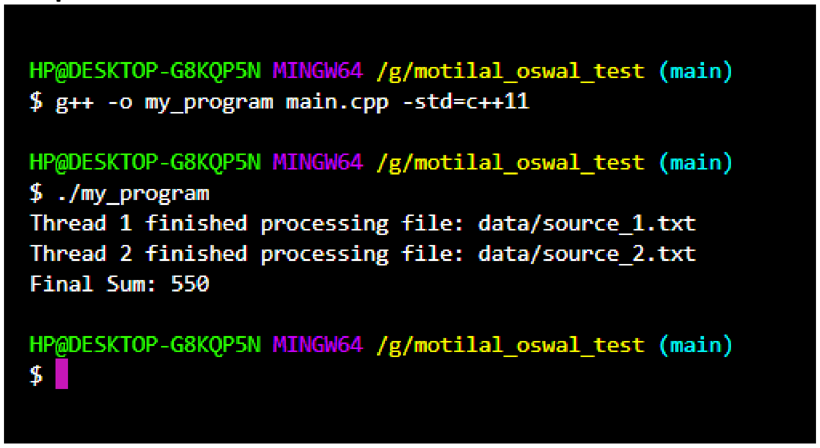
    // Number of iterations for each file
    int iterations = 5;

    // Process files sequentially
    processDataFromFile(1, "data/source_1.txt", iterations);
    processDataFromFile(2, "data/source_2.txt", iterations);

    // Display the final sum
    std::cout << "Final Sum: " << sum << std::endl;

    return 0;
}
```

**Output**



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HP@DESKTOP-G8KQP5N MINGW64 /g/motilal_oswal_test (main)
$ g++ -o my_program main.cpp -std=c++11

HP@DESKTOP-G8KQP5N MINGW64 /g/motilal_oswal_test (main)
$ ./my_program
Thread 1 finished processing file: data/source_1.txt
Thread 2 finished processing file: data/source_2.txt
Final Sum: 550

HP@DESKTOP-G8KQP5N MINGW64 /g/motilal_oswal_test (main)
$
```

Explanation of Design Choices:

**Atomic Variable (sum):**

**std::atomic<int>** is used to ensure atomic updates to the shared `sum` variable. Atomic operations help prevent race conditions when multiple threads access and modify the variable concurrently.

**Threaded File Processing:**

Each file is processed in a separate thread (**processDataFromFile** function) to demonstrate multithreading. The **InterlockedExchangeAdd** function is used to safely update the shared sum.

**Error Handling:**

The code uses exception handling to capture and report errors when opening input files. File opening failures are caught, and an error message is displayed on the standard error stream.

**Performance Optimization:**

The use of atomic operations is a basic form of synchronization to achieve thread safety without relying on standard mutexes. While mutexes offer more flexibility, atomic operations can be more efficient for simple operations like updating a sum.

## Synchronization Mechanism

The code ensures safe sharing of data between threads using atomic operations. Specifically, the `std::atomic<int>` type is used for the shared variable `sum`. The Windows-specific function `InterlockedExchangeAdd` ensures that updates to `sum` happen atomically, avoiding conflicts when multiple threads are involved. This basic form of synchronization maintains data integrity without the need for more complex locking mechanisms.