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SEMAPHORES

Semaphores are system variables used for process synchronization. You may think of a semaphore, *s*, as a variable maintained by the system. A semaphore can be obtained by a `semget()` system call. Its initial value can be set by the `semctl()` system call. There are two common operations that a process can perform on a semaphore, *s*, namely:

P(s) or wait(s) : If the value of *s* is greater than 0, then this operation decrements the value of *s* and the calling process continues. Otherwise, if *s* is 0, then the calling process is blocked on *s*.

V(s) or signal(s) : If any process is blocked on *s*, then this unblocks (wakes up) the earliest among the processes blocked on *s*. Otherwise, the value of the semaphore is incremented.

In UNIX/Linux, both P(s) and V(s) can be done with the `semop()` system call with appropriate parameters.

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#include <stdio.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/ipc.h>
#include <sys/sem.h> /* Include this to use semaphores */
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/* We will define the P(s) and V(s) operations in terms of the semop()
   system call. The syntax of semop is as follows:
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int semop ( int semid, struct sembuf *sops, unsigned nsops)
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where *semid* is the semaphore identifier returned by the `semget()` system call. The second parameter is a pointer to a structure which we must pass. The fields of this structure indicates whether we wish to perform a P(s) operation or a V(s) operation. Refer to the system manual for the third parameter -- we will always use 1 for this parameter.

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#define P(s) semop(s, &pop, 1) /* pop is the structure we pass for doing
                                the P(s) operation */
#define V(s) semop(s, &vop, 1) /* vop is the structure we pass for doing
                                the V(s) operation */
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main()
{
    int *a, *b;
    int i,j, count = 50, status;

    int semid1, semid2 ;
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struct sembuf pop, vop ;
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/* In the following system calls, the second parameter indicates the
   number of semaphores under this semid. Throughout this lab,
   give this parameter as 1. If we require more semaphores, we
   will take them under different semids through separate semget()
   calls.
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semid1 = semget(IPC_PRIVATE, 1, 0777|IPC_CREAT);
semid2 = semget(IPC_PRIVATE, 1, 0777|IPC_CREAT);
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/* The following system calls sets the values of the semaphores
   semid1 and semid2 to 0 and 1 respectively. */
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semctl(semid1, 0, SETVAL, 0);
semctl(semid2, 0, SETVAL, 1);
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/* We now initialize the sembufs pop and vop so that pop is used
   for P(semid) and vop is used for V(semid). For the fields
   sem_num and sem_flg refer to the system manual. The third
   field, namely sem_op indicates the value which should be added
   to the semaphore when the semop() system call is made. Going
   by the semantics of the P and V operations, we see that
   pop.sem_op should be -1 and vop.sem_op should be 1.
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pop.sem_num = vop.sem_num = 0;
pop.sem_flg = vop.sem_flg = 0;
pop.sem_op = -1 ; vop.sem_op = 1 ;
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/* We now illustrate a producer-consumer situation. The parent process
   acts as the producer and the child process acts as the consumer.
   Initially semid1 is zero, hence the consumer blocks. Since
   semid2 is one, the producer produces (in this case writes some
   values into the file). After this it wakes up the
   consumer through the V(semid1) call. The consumer reads the
   value and in turn performs V(semid2) to wake up the producer.
   Trace through the code and work out the values of the two
   semaphores and see how they synchronize the producer and the
   consumer to wait for each other.
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if (fork() == 0) {

    /* Child Process:: Consumer */
    FILE *fp;
    int data;

    while (count) {

        P(semid1);
        fp = fopen("datafile", "r");
        fscanf(fp, "%d", &data);
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        printf("\t\t\t\t Consumer reads %d\n",data);
        fclose(fp);
        V(semid2);
        count--;
    }

}
else {

    /* Parent Process:: Producer */
    FILE *fp;
    int data = 0;

    while (count) {

        sleep(1);

        P(semid2);
        fp = fopen("datafile","w");
        fprintf(fp, "%d\n", data);
        printf("Producer writes %d\n", data);
        data++;
        fclose(fp);
        V(semid1);
        count--;
    }
    wait(&status);

    /* Semaphores need to be
       deleted after they are used. In this case also,
       exactly one process should delete it after making
       sure that noone else is using it.
    */

    semctl(semid1, 0, IPC_RMID, 0);
    semctl(semid2, 0, IPC_RMID, 0);

}
}

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