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*Readers/Writers Problem,
Ver. 4*

Original Controller's code

```
1 void controller()
2 {
3     while (true)
4     {
5         if (count > 0) {
6             if (!empty (finished)) {
7                 receive (finished,msg);
8                 count++;
9             }
10            else if (!empty (writerequest)) {
11                receive (writerequest,msg);
12                writer_id = msg.id;
13                count = count - 100;
14            }
15            else if (!empty (readrequest)) {
16                receive (readrequest,msg);
17                count--;
18                send (mbox[msg.id],"OK to proceed");
19            }
20        }
21        if (count == 0) {
22            send (mbox[writer_id],"OK to proceed");
23            receive (finished,msg);
24            count = 100;
25        }
26        while (count < 0) {
27            receive (finished,msg)
28            count++;
29        }
30    }
31 }
```

```
$ cat -n rdr_wrt_msg_v5.pml | expand
```

```
1  #define NRDRS      5
2  #define NWRTS      2
3  #define TOTALT     20
4
5  chan readrequest   = [NRDRS] of { byte }
6  chan writerequest  = [NWRTS] of { byte }
7  chan finished      = [NRDRS+NWRTS] of { byte }
8  chan mbox[NRDRS+NWRTS] = [1] of { bool }
9
10 mtype = { reader, writer }
11 byte start[NRDRS+NWRTS]
12 byte nr = 0, nw = 0
13 byte t = 0
14
```

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```
15  proctype ReaderWriter(byte i; mtype who) {
16      chan ch
17
18      atomic {
19          if
20              :: who == reader -> ch = readrequest
21              :: else -> ch = writerequest
22          fi
23          (start[i] <= t)
24          ch ! i
25          mbox[i] ? _
26          printf("t=%d: %e %d\n",t,who,i)
27          if
28              :: who == reader -> nr++
29              :: else -> nw++
30          fi
31          t++
32      }
```

...

```
...
33     assert(nw < 2)
34     assert((nw > 0 && nr == 0) || (nw == 0 && nr > 0))
35     atomic {
36         if
37             :: who == reader ->
38                 (t >= start[i]+2)
39                 nr--
40             :: else ->
41                 (t >= start[i]+5)
42                 nw--
43         fi
44         finished ! i
45     }
46 }
47
...
```

...

```
48  proctype Controller() {
49      byte r, w, rdrcount=0
50
51  end:
52      do
53          :: nempty(finished) || nempty(writerequest) || nempty(readrequest)
54          if
55              :: nempty(finished) ->
56                  atomic {
57                      finished ? r
58                      printf("t=%d: finished Reader %d\n",t,r)
59                      rdrcount--
60                  }
61              :: empty(finished) && nempty(writerequest) ->
62                  atomic {
63                      writerequest ? w
64                      printf("t=%d: request from Writer %d\n",t,w)
65                  }
```

...

```
...
66      do
67      :: rdrcount == 0 -> break
68      :: else ->
69          atomic {
70              finished ? r
71              printf("t=%d: finished Reader %d\n",t,r)
72              rdrcount--
73          }
74      od
75      atomic {
76          mbox[w] ! true
77          printf("t=%d: OK to Writer %d\n",t,w)
78      }
79      atomic {
80          finished ? w
81          printf("t=%d: finished Writer %d\n",t,w)
82      }
...
```

```
...
83      :: empty(finished) && empty(writerequest) &&
      nempty(readrequest) ->
84          atomic {
85              readrequest ? r
86              printf("t=%d: request from Reader %d\n",t,r)
87              rdrcount++
88          }
89          atomic {
90              mbox[r] ! true
91              printf("t=%d: OK to Reader %d\n",t,r)
92          }
93      fi
94  od
95 }
96
...
```



```
...
  97  proctype Idle() {
  98      do
  99          :: atomic {
100              timeout ->
101                  if
102                      :: t >= TOTALT || _nr_pr == 3 -> break
103                      :: else ->
104                          printf("t: %d -> %d\n",t,t+1)
105                          t++
106                  fi
107          }
108      od
109  }
110
...
```

```
...
111  init {
112      byte i
113
114      atomic {
115          run Controller()
116          for (i : 0 .. NRDRS+NWRTS-1) { /* R0,R1,W2,R3,R4,W5,R6 */
117              if
118                  :: i == 2 || i == 5 ->
119                      run ReaderWriter(i,writer)
120                  :: else ->
121                      run ReaderWriter(i,reader)
122              fi
123              start[i] = i
124          }
125      }
126      run Idle()
127      (_nr_pr == 2)
128  }
```

Random simulation (1/4)

```
$ spin rdr_wrt_msg_v5.pml | expand
    t=0: request from Reader 0
    t=0: OK to Reader 0
        t=0: reader 0
    t=1: request from Reader 1
    t=1: OK to Reader 1
        t=1: reader 1
    t=2: finished Reader 0
    t=2: request from Writer 2
timeout
                                                    t: 2 -> 3
    t=3: finished Reader 1
    t=3: OK to Writer 2
        t=3: writer 2
timeout
                                                    t: 4 -> 5
timeout
                                                    t: 5 -> 6
timeout
                                                    t: 6 -> 7
...

```

Random simulation (2/4)

...

t=7: finished Writer 2

t=7: request from Writer 5

t=7: OK to Writer 5

t=7: writer 5

timeout

t: 8 -> 9

timeout

t: 9 -> 10

t=10: finished Writer 5

t=10: request from Reader 3

t=10: OK to Reader 3

t=10: reader 3

t=11: finished Reader 3

t=11: request from Reader 4

t=11: OK to Reader 4

t=11: reader 4

t=12: finished Reader 4

t=12: request from Reader 6

t=12: OK to Reader 6

t=12: reader 6

t=13: finished Reader 6

Random simulation (3/4)

...

timeout

t: 13 -> 14

timeout

t: 14 -> 15

timeout

t: 15 -> 16

timeout

t: 16 -> 17

timeout

t: 17 -> 18

timeout

t: 18 -> 19

timeout

t: 19 -> 20

timeout

timeout

#processes: 2

queue 1 (readrequest):

queue 2 (writerequest):

queue 3 (finished):

...

Random simulation (4/4)

...

```
queue 4 (mbox[0]):  
queue 5 (mbox[1]):  
queue 6 (mbox[2]):  
queue 7 (mbox[3]):  
queue 8 (mbox[4]):  
queue 9 (mbox[5]):  
queue 10 (mbox[6]):  
start[0] = 0  
start[1] = 1  
start[2] = 2  
start[3] = 3  
start[4] = 4  
start[5] = 5  
start[6] = 6  
nr = 0  
nw = 0  
t = 20
```

```
305:      proc  1 (Controller:1) rdr_wrt_msg_v5.pml:52 (state 37) <valid end state>  
305:      proc  0 (:init::1) rdr_wrt_msg_v5.pml:128 (state 20) <valid end state>  
10 processes created
```

Verification: 0 error

```
$ spin -run rdr_wrt_msg_v5.pml | expand
```

```
(Spin Version 6.4.6 -- 2 December 2016)
  + Partial Order Reduction
```

```
Full statespace search for:
```

```
  never claim           - (none specified)
  assertion violations   +
  cycle checks          - (disabled by -DSAFETY)
  invalid end states    +
```

```
State-vector 196 byte, depth reached 205, errors: 0
```

```
  5333 states, stored
```

```
 13968 states, matched
```

```
19301 transitions (= stored+matched)
```

```
18461 atomic steps
```

```
hash conflicts:          0 (resolved)
```

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...
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