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Lab 6: Process Synchronization

### **Lab 6 - Report**

#### **Semaphore version**

```
30  int lock = semget(IPC_PRIVATE,1,0666 | IPC_CREAT); // mutex lock
31  int agent = semget(IPC_PRIVATE,1,0666 | IPC_CREAT);
32  int smoker_match = semget(IPC_PRIVATE,1,0666 | IPC_CREAT);
33  int smoker_paper = semget(IPC_PRIVATE,1,0666 | IPC_CREAT);
34  int smoker_tobacco = semget(IPC_PRIVATE,1,0666 | IPC_CREAT);
35
36  sem_create(lock, 1);
37  sem_create(agent, 1);
38  sem_create(smoker_match, 0);
39  sem_create(smoker_paper, 0);
40  sem_create(smoker_tobacco, 0);
```

I use 5 semaphores, and generally the code follows the pseudo code given. Lock is the mutex lock, agent wakes up or puts agent process to sleep. The three smoker semaphores allow agent to wake the specific smoker process up, when its ingredients are available.

```

59     printf("Agent's Pid: %d\n",getpid());
60     N=NumOfAgentPlaceIngre;
61     for(i=1;i<=N; i++) {
62         P(lock);
63         printf("Agent has %d attempts left\n", (N - i + 1));
64         randNum = rand()%3+1; // Pick random num from range 1 to 3
65
66         if ( randNum == 1) {
67             // Put tobacco on table
68             // Put paper on table
69             printf("Agent puts tobacco on table\n");
70             printf("Agent puts paper on table\n");
71             V( smoker_match ); // Wake up smoker with match
72         } else if ( randNum == 2) {
73             // Put tobacco on table
74             // Put match on table
75             printf("Agent puts tobacco on table\n");
76             printf("Agent puts match on table\n");
77             V( smoker_paper ); // Wake up smoker with paper
78         } else {
79             // Put match on table
80             // Put paper on table
81             printf("Agent puts match on table\n");
82             printf("Agent puts paper on table\n");
83             V( smoker_tobacco ); // Wake up smoker with tobacco
84         }
85
86         V(lock);
87         P(agent); // Agent sleeps
88         sleep(rand()%(sleepTime)+1);
89     }

```

The agent process (just like the pseudo code, but runs N times only). It locks the process, and randomly selects the ingredients and wakes up the appropriate smoker process, then unlocks and goes to sleep.

```

118     printf("Smoker with tobacco's Pid: %d\n",getpid());
119
120     while(TRUE) {
121         P(smoker_tobacco);
122         P(lock);
123
124         fp3 = fopen("agentDone.txt", "r+"); //Dad successfully got hold of the ATM.
125         fscanf(fp3, "%d", &isAgentDone);
126         fclose(fp3);
127
128         if (isAgentDone == TRUE) {
129             V(lock);
130             exit(0);
131         }
132
133         // Pick up smoker_match
134         printf("Smoker with tobacco picks up match.\n");
135         // Pick up smoker_paper
136         printf("Smoker with tobacco picks up paper.\n");
137
138         V(agent);
139         V(lock);
140
141         // Smoke (but don't inhale).
142         sleep(rand()%(sleepTime)+1);
143     }

```

All the smoker processes are relatively the same. First the smoker waits for the agent to wake it up. Then it locks the process, it then checks the agentDone file for the value of isAgentDone, it exits if agent is done (I explain in further in the next section). The smoker then wakes agent, and unlocks.

### How do all the processes exit?

Since, our program is not infinite like the pseudo code, I had to find a way to exit all the processes once the agent was done.

```

94     P(lock);
95
96     fp2 = fopen("agentDone.txt","w+");
97     isAgentDone = TRUE;
98     fprintf(fp2, "%d\n", isAgentDone);
99     fclose(fp2);
100
101     // this allows smoker process waiting to exit
102
103     V( smoker_match );
104     V( smoker_tobacco );
105     V( smoker_paper );
106
107     V(lock);

```

This section of code runs after agent process loop is complete. It first locks the process, it sets the agentDone.txt file value to TRUE (we create this file at the start of the code). Then it wakes up every smoker process, because they could be waiting for the agent. And unlocks.

Every smoker process checks the agentDone.txt, file and if its TRUE it will unlock the smoker process and exit the process.

This allows all the process to exit once agent process is done.

### **pthread version**

I used the same semaphores as used in the semaphore version, except the lock semaphore is done using pthread's builtin mutex.

```
156     sem_init(&agent, 0, 1);
157     sem_init(&smoker_match, 0, 0);
158     sem_init(&smoker_paper, 0, 0);
159     sem_init(&smoker_tobacco, 0, 0);
160
161     pthread_mutex_init(&buffer_mutex, NULL);
162     pthread_t agent_t, smoker_match_t, smoker_paper_t, smoker_tobacco_t;
163
```

In this version, we use threads, so I create a thread for agent and every smoker and call the appropriate function. Then use join to wait and wait for threads to finish.

```
161     pthread_mutex_init(&buffer_mutex, NULL);
162     pthread_t agent_t, smoker_match_t, smoker_paper_t, smoker_tobacco_t;
163
164     // create threads for smokers and agent
165
166     if (pthread_create(&agent_t, NULL, &agent_func, NULL) != 0)
167         perror("Failed to create agent thread");
168
169     if (pthread_create(&smoker_match_t, NULL, &smoker_match_func, NULL) != 0)
170         perror("Failed to create smoker match thread");
171
172     if (pthread_create(&smoker_paper_t, NULL, &smoker_paper_func, NULL) != 0)
173         perror("Failed to create smoker paper thread");
174
175     if (pthread_create(&smoker_tobacco_t, NULL, &smoker_tobacco_func, NULL) != 0)
176         perror("Failed to create smoker tobacco thread");
177
178
179     // join threads for smokers and agent
180
181     if (pthread_join(agent_t, NULL) != 0)
182         perror("Failed to join agent thread");
183     if (pthread_join(smoker_match_t, NULL) != 0)
184         perror("Failed to join smoker match thread");
185     if (pthread_join(smoker_paper_t, NULL) != 0)
186         perror("Failed to join smoker paper thread");
187     if (pthread_join(smoker_tobacco_t, NULL) != 0)
188         perror("Failed to join smoker tobacco thread");
189
```

```

34  for(i=1;i<=N; i++) {
35      pthread_mutex_lock(&buffer_mutex);
36      printf("Agent has %d attempts left\n", (N - i + 1));
37      randNum = rand()%3+1; // Pick random num from range 1 to 3
38
39      if ( randNum == 1) {
40          // Put tobacco on table
41          // Put paper on table
42          printf("Agent puts tobacco on table\n");
43          printf("Agent puts paper on table\n");
44          sem_post( &smoker_match ); // Wake up smoker with match
45      } else if ( randNum == 2) {
46          // Put tobacco on table
47          // Put match on table
48          printf("Agent puts tobacco on table\n");
49          printf("Agent puts match on table\n");
50          sem_post( &smoker_paper ); // Wake up smoker with paper
51      } else {
52          // Put match on table
53          // Put paper on table
54          printf("Agent puts match on table\n");
55          printf("Agent puts paper on table\n");
56          sem_post( &smoker_tobacco ); // Wake up smoker with tobacco
57      }
58
59      if (i == N) {
60          isAgentDone = TRUE;
61      }
62
63      pthread_mutex_unlock(&buffer_mutex);
64      sem_wait(&agent); // Agent sleeps
65      sleep(rand()%(sleepTime)+1);
66  }

```

I loop through the agent N times, where N is the number of times agent places ingredient on the table. Once agent is finished I call sem\_post for every smoker semaphore to make sure they all exit.

```

67  // wake up the smokers to make sure they quit
68  sem_post( &smoker_match ); // Wake up smoker with match
69  sem_post( &smoker_paper ); // Wake up smoker with paper
70  sem_post( &smoker_tobacco ); // Wake up smoker with tobacco
71  printf("Agent finished\n");
72  }

```

```

74 void* smoker_match_func() {
75     char* smoker_type = "match";
76     printf("Smoker with %s initialized thread\n", smoker_type);
77
78     while(TRUE) {
79         sem_wait(&smoker_match);
80         pthread_mutex_lock(&buffer_mutex);
81
82         if (isAgentDone == TRUE) {
83             pthread_mutex_unlock(&buffer_mutex);
84             break;
85         }
86
87         // Pick up smoker_tobacco
88         printf("Smoker with %s picks up tobacco.\n", smoker_type);
89         // Pick up smoker_paper
90         printf("Smoker with %s picks up paper.\n", smoker_type);
91
92         sem_post(&agent);
93         pthread_mutex_unlock(&buffer_mutex);
94
95         // Smoke (but don't inhale).
96         sleep(rand()%(sleepTime)+1);
97     }
98     printf("Smoker with %s finished\n", smoker_type);
99 }

```

The smoker works the same way as in the semaphore version, but now there is no need for a separate file, since all threads share the isAgentDone value, and exit when agent is done.