CSC369 Week 3 Notes

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1 Synchronization

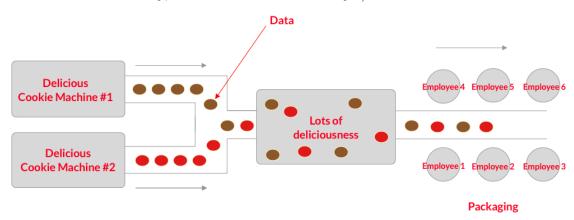
- Producer and Consumer Problem
 - Is also known as **bound-and-buffer** problem
 - Achieves synchronization
 - Has two types of processes

1. Producer

- * Produces data
- * Puts data into buffer

2. Consumer

- * Consumes data
- * Removes data from buffer, one piece at a time
- It's like kimchi factory, or delicious cookie factory:)





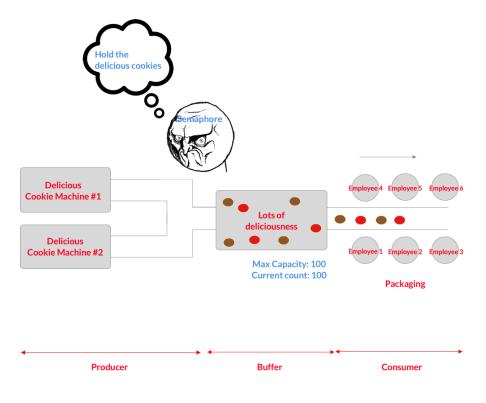
• Semaphore

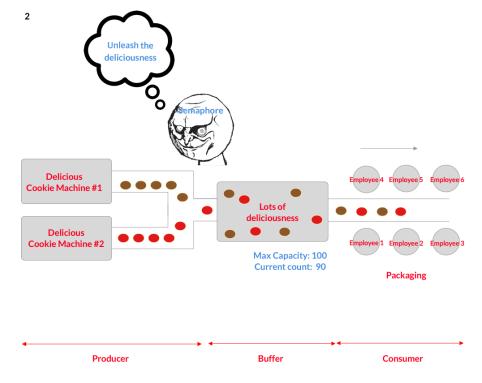
- Developed by Dijkstra in 1962.
- Provides synchronization
- Works like a signal
 - * Uses a non-negative integer variable that is shared between threads [Note: Need to come back later]
 - * Has two "atomic" operations
 - 1. Wait (Also called P, or decrement)
 - 2. Signal (Also called V, or increment)

• Types of Semaphores

1. Counting Semaphore

- count = $N \Rightarrow$ Max number of resources
- count \uparrow when resource added
- count \downarrow when resource used
- $count = 0 \Rightarrow \text{No resources available} \Rightarrow \text{Wait until } count > 0$





- 2. Mutex (Binary) Semaphore
 - works like a lock