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Answer Questions 1 and any two others

Question 1 is worth 40 marks, all the rest are worth 30.

1

a) Given the following arrival times and CPU time for 4 processes determine the average turnaround time for:

- i. A Round Robin schedule algorithm with a time slice of 6 ms (4 marks)
- ii. *The Shortest Remaining Time.* (4 marks)

| Arrival Time   | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|
| Job            | A | B | C | D |
| CUP cycle time | 8 | 4 | 9 | 5 |

b) What are the four conditions that are required for Deadlock to occur? (4 marks)

c) Explain, using a suitable example, the steps required to push a node onto a stack. (8 marks)

d) Explain, using suitable examples, the steps required to add a node to an ordered linked list. (10 marks)

e) Will the following code delete nodes from a queue with 2 nodes in the queue to a non-empty queue? Clearly explain your reasoning. (10 marks)

The function call and the parameters passed to the enqueue function are:

```
QueueNode* headPtr = NULL; // initialize headPtr
QueueNode* tailPtr = NULL; // initialize tailPtr
char item; // char input by user

// if queue is not empty
if (headPtr != NULL) {
    item = dequeue(&headPtr, &tailPtr);
}
printQueue(headPtr);
break;
```

The code for the dequeue function is:

```
// remove node from queue head
char dequeue(QueueNode* *hPtr, QueueNode* *tPtr)
{
    char value = (*hPtr)->data;

    QueueNode* tempPtr = *hPtr;
    hPtr = (*hPtr)->nextPtr;

    // if queue is empty
    if (*hPtr == NULL) {
        *tPtr = NULL;
    }

    free(tempPtr);

    return value;
}
```

a) Briefly describe the elements of a process control block (PCB) (4 marks)

b) In Linux a process is created using the *fork()*, *wait()* and *exec()* command. Explain, how the *fork()* command and *wait()* command produce a child process in the following code: (9 marks)

```

denis.manley@apollo: ~/CT2/week7
int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    printf("--beginning of program\n");
    int counter = 0;
    int second;

    pid_t pid = fork();

    if (pid == 0)
    {
        int max_c = atoi(argv[1]);

        int i,x;
        for (i = 0; i < 5; ++i)
        {
            printf("child process: counter=%d\n", ++counter);
            for(x=0; x<max_c;x++);
        }
    }
    else if (pid > 0)
    {
        int j,x, status;
        int max_p = atoi(argv[2]);

        pid = wait(&status);
        for (j=0; j < 5; ++j)
        {
            printf("parent process: counter=%d\n", ++counter);
            for (x=0;x<max_p;x++);
        }
    }
    else
    {
        // fork failed
        printf("fork() failed!\n");
        return 1;
    }
    printf("--end of program--\n");
    return 0;
}

```

c) In the code from part b what is the purpose of the command line arguments: 1000 and 10000? (5 marks)

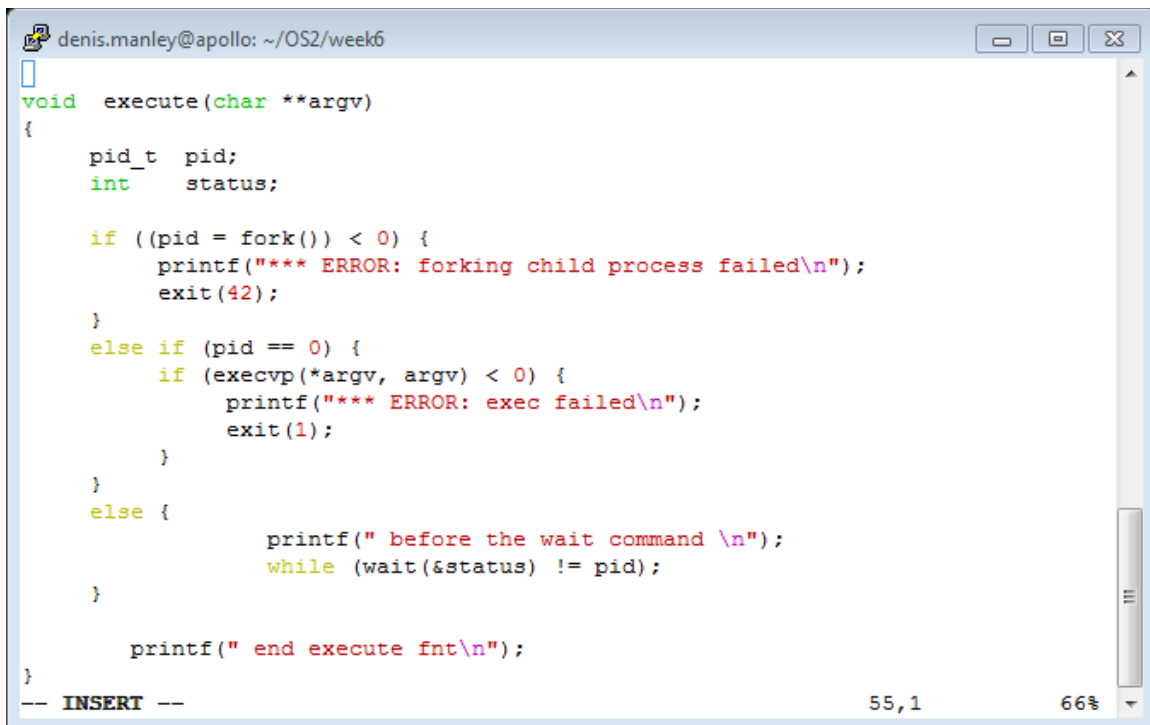
d) The `execvp` linux command has the following function prototype format

*`int execvp(char *prog, char *argv[])`*

Explain, using an example, what this function will do and what would data be stored in the `prog` parameter and the `argv` parameter is the commandline `cp file.c file2.c`.  
(4 marks)

e)

The following code uses `fork()`, `wait()` and `exec()` functions. Explain what the code will do if the commandline arguments stored in `argv` contains `mv file1.c file2.c`. where `mv` is the linux rename function.  
(8 marks)



```
denis.manley@apollo: ~/OS2/week6
void execute(char **argv)
{
    pid_t pid;
    int status;

    if ((pid = fork()) < 0) {
        printf("*** ERROR: forking child process failed\n");
        exit(42);
    }
    else if (pid == 0) {
        if (execvp(*argv, argv) < 0) {
            printf("*** ERROR: exec failed\n");
            exit(1);
        }
    }
    else {
        printf(" before the wait command \n");
        while (wait(&status) != pid);
    }

    printf(" end execute fnt\n");
}
-- INSERT --
```

3

a) Distinguish between single and multi-threading processes. **(4 marks)**

b) In C, a thread is created using the following code:

```
int pthread_create(pthread_t *tidp, pthread_attr_t *attr, *start_rtn, void *arg)
```

Clearly explain what each of the arguments in the thread create function mean.

**(8 marks)**

c) Explain, in your own words, the following code: **(10 marks)**

```
#include<pthread.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include<stdlib.h>

int value;
void *my_thread(void *param);          /* the thread */

main (int argc, char *argv[])
{
    pthread_t tid;          /* thread identifier */
    int retcode;

    if (argc != 4) {
        printf ("program exiting: incorrect number of command line arguments\n");
        exit(0);
    }
    /*create Thread */
    retcode = pthread_create(&tid,NULL,my_thread,argv[3]);
    if (retcode != 0) {
        fprintf (stderr, "Unable to create thread\n");
        exit (1);
    }

    pthread_join(tid,NULL);

    printf("The value returned by the thread is %d",value);
    printf ("\nThe end of the program\n");

    pthread_exit(0);
}

/* explain that this thread does */
void *my_thread(void *param)
{
    int i = atoi(param);
    printf("I am the child thread passed the value %d \n",i);

    value = i*i*i*i;

    pthread_exit(0);
}
```

d) What would be the output of the code in part c if the following are input at the command prompt? **(6 marks)**

(a.) ./a.out

(b.) ./a.out 6 7 5

(c.) ./a.out 6 5 7

e) What would be the two outcomes in the above program if the *pthread\_join* command was removed and the command line input was *./a.out 6 5 7*? Explain the reason for your answer. **(2 marks)**

4:

a) Explain, using an example, why it is critical to ensure that concurrency is carefully controlled for processes accessing the same data item; in other words the *race* problem.

**(6 marks)**

b) Two ways to prevent the race problem are Test and Set and Wait and Signal.

Distinguish between each approach.

**(4 marks)**

c) Explain, in detail, what the following two threads are doing:

**(12 Marks)**

if

```
t-count =5  
count = 6
```

```
void *signal_fnt(void *t)  
{  
    int i;  
    long my_id = (long)t;  
  
    for (i=0; i < TCOUNT; i++) {  
        pthread_mutex_lock(&count_mutex);  
        count++;  
  
        if (count == COUNT_LIMIT) {  
            printf("inc_count(): thread %ld, count = %d Threshold reached. ",  
                my_id, count);  
            pthread_cond_signal(&count_threshold_cv);  
            printf("Just sent signal.\n");  
        }  
        printf("inc_count(): thread %ld, count = %d, unlocking mutex\n",  
            my_id, count);  
        pthread_mutex_unlock(&count_mutex);  
  
        sleep(1);  
    }  
    pthread_exit(NULL);  
}
```



```

void *wait_fnt(void *t)
{
    long my_id = (long)t;

    printf("Starting watch_count(): thread %ld\n", my_id);

    pthread_mutex_lock(&count_mutex);
    while (count < COUNT_LIMIT) {
        printf("thread %ld Going into wait...\n", my_id, count);

        pthread_cond_wait(&count_threshold_cv, &count_mutex);
        printf("thread %ld Condition signal received. Count= %d\n", my_id, count);
        printf("thread %ld Updating the value of count %ld...\n", my_id, count);

        count += 100;
        printf("watch_count(): thread %ld count now = %d .\n", my_id, count);
    }

    printf("watch_count(): thread %ld Unlocking mutex.\n", my_id);

    pthread_mutex_unlock(&count_mutex);
    pthread_exit(NULL);
}

```

d) If *main()* has the following thread create calls:

```

int i, rc;
long t1=1, t2=2, t3=3;
pthread_t threads[3];

//create Three threads one to use the wait function and two for the signal function
pthread_create(&threads[0], &attr, wait_fnt, (void *)t1);
pthread_create(&threads[1], &attr, signal_fnt, (void *)t2);
pthread_create(&threads[2], &attr, signal_fnt, (void *)t3);

/* Wait for all 3 threads to complete */
for (i = 0; i < NUM_THREADS; i++) {
    pthread_join(threads[i], NULL);
}
printf ("Main(): Waited and joined with %d threads. Final value of count = %d. Done.\n",
        NUM_THREADS, count);

```

Give a sample output of this multithread program and explain your reasoning.

**(8 marks)**