

Lab 3: Memory Consistency and OpenMP

Download and unzip the file `lab3.zip` from D2L. You'll see a `lab1` directory with some program files.

An Exercise on Memory Consistency Models

Consider the following two groups of threads. Assume that all variables have an initial value of 0 when the execution starts.

Group A:

P1: P2: P3:
 `a = 1` `x = a` `y = b`
 `b = 1` `z = a`

Group B:

P1: P2:
 `a = 1` `x = a`
 `y = b` `b = 1`
 `synch` `synch`
 `z = a`

Decide which of the value combinations are possible at the end of the execution: (a) Group A under the sequential consistency (SC) model. (b) Group B under the weak consistency (WC) model.

x	y	z	Possible?
0	0	0	
0	0	1	
0	1	0	
0	1	1	

x	y	z	Possible?
1	0	0	
1	0	1	
1	1	0	
1	1	1	

OpenMP Exercises

- Consider the following OpenMP program (in `demo.c`):

```
int main() {
    int x = 2;
    #pragma omp parallel num_threads(2) shared(x)
    {
        if (omp_get_thread_num() == 0)
            x = 5;
        else
            printf("1: Thread %d: x = %d\n", omp_get_thread_num(), x);
        #pragma omp barrier
        printf("2: Thread %d: x = %d\n", omp_get_thread_num(), x);
    }
    return 0;
}
```

- What do you think the two `printf` statements will print?

- (b) Compile and run the program to confirm your answer.
- 2. Parallelizing the following programs by adding OpenMP directives. If there are multiple ways of parallelizing the program, try several different versions. Compile and test the resulting programs.
 - (a) `arraysum.c` — a simple array sum program.
 - (b) `mtxmul.c` — a matrix-multiplication program.