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Thread Sync

Consider the following scenario:

1) Dr. Evil has an array with n numbers in it and he wants to create a multi-threaded program to print them out. Every thread prints one word at a time and is not allowed to go again until all the other threads have had a chance to print a word. He can only create m threads, with $m < n$, and he wrote the following implementation. Unfortunately for him, he accidentally activated his Bomb Lab protections and obfuscated some of his code. Can you fix it for him?

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#define m 5
#define n 10
sem_t mutexes[m];           //Array of mutexes with mutexes[i] corresponding with the mutex of thread i
pthread_t thread_ids[m];    //Array of thread ids
volatile int word_loc = 0;   //Counter to current word to print
int words[n];               //Array of numbers to print out

void *thread_print(void* thread_id);

void P(sem_t *sem)
{
    sem_wait(sem);
}

void V(sem_t *sem)
{
    sem_post(sem);
}

int main(void)
{
    for (long i = 0; i < n; i++)
    {
        words[i] = i;
    }
    for (long i = 0; i < m; i++)
    {
        sem_init(&mutexes[i], 0, 0);
        pthread_create(&thread_ids[i], NULL, thread_print, (void*)i);
    }
    V(&mutexes[0]);
    for (long i = 0; i < m; i++)
    {
        pthread_join(&thread_ids[i], NULL);
    }
    return 0;
}

void *thread_print(void* tid)
{
    1. long thread_id = (long)tid;
    2. while(word_loc != n)
    {
        3. P( ); //Grab A Mutex
        4. printf("%d \n", words[word_loc]);
        5. ; //Move to next word
        6. if(word_loc == n) break; //Termination Condition
        7. V( ); //Release A Mutex
    }
    8. exit(1);
}
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2) Complete the shared variable analysis below. Use y for 'Yes' and n for 'No'. Case does not matter. Assume that $m > 2$.

Referenced by	Thread 0?	Thread $m-1$?
mutexes[0]		
mutexes[1]		
mutexes[$m-1$]		
word_loc		

3) Will this program always terminate?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No