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Raymond's algorithm

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Raymond's Algorithm is a lock based algorithm for [mutual exclusion](#) on a [distributed system](#). It imposes a logical structure (a [K-ary tree](#)) on distributed resources. As defined, each node has only a single parent, to which all requests to attain the token are made.

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Nodal Properties [\[edit\]](#)

- Each node has only one parent to whom received requests are forwarded
- Each node maintains a [FIFO](#) queue of requests each time that it sees the token;
- If any node is forwarding privilege to other node and has non-empty queue then it forwards a request message along

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- If a node *i* wishes to receive the token in order to enter into its [critical section](#), it sends a request to its parent, node *j*.
 - If node *j* FIFO is empty, node *j* shifts *i* into the its FIFO queue; *j* then issues a request to its parent, *k*, that it desires the token
 - If node *j* FIFO queue is *not* empty, it simply shifts *i* into the queue
- When node *j* receives the token from *k*, it forwards the token to *i* and *i* is removed from the queue of *j*
 - If the queue of *j* is not empty after forwarding the token to *i*, *j* must issue a request to *i* in order to get the token back

Note: If *j* wishes to request a token, and its queue is *not* empty, then it places itself into its own queue. Node *j* will utilize the token to enter into its critical section **if** it is at the head of the queue when the token is received.

Complexity [\[edit\]](#)

Raymond's algorithm is guaranteed to be $O(\log n)$ per critical section entry if the processors are organized into a *K*-ary tree. Additionally, each processor needs to store at most $O(\log n)$ bits because it must track $O(1)$ neighbors.^[1]

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- [Ricart-Agrawala algorithm](#)
- [Lamport's Bakery Algorithm](#)
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