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Lab 3 - XV6 Threads

Video Demo Link: https://youtu.be/2ZpMW1UNk6g

All Modified Files

- Kernel/ files
    - Syscall.h
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    - Thread.h
    - Thread.c
- Makefile

Change Explanations and Screenshots

- Syscall.h
  - Syscall number
  - ```
    23  #define SYS_clone 22 //edited
    ```
- Syscall.c
  - System call function prototype
  - ```
    104  extern uint64 sys_clone(void); //edited
    ```
  - Syscall number to array mapping
  - ```
    130  [SYS_clone]   sys_clone, //edited
    ```
- Sysproc.c
  - Helper function to call syscall
  - ```
    30  uint64
    31  sys_clone(void) //edited
    32  {
    33    uint64 addr;
    34    addr = myproc()->kstack;
    35    //argaddr(0, &addr);
    36    return clone((void*)addr);
    37  }
    ```
- Proc.c
  - Clone system call to create a new thread in a process. Similar to fork(). Calls allocproc_thread to create a child thread, sets the trapframe to the stack argument, shares the parents pagetable, maps the trapframe, and sets the state as runnable. Returns child pid to the calling process and returns 0 to child thread.

```
392  int //edited
393  clone(void* stack)
394  {
395    int i, pid;
396    struct proc *np;
397    struct proc *p = myproc();
398
399    // Each process has at most 20 threads
400    if (p->threadCounter > 20) {
401      return -1;
402    }
403
404    // Allocate thread
405    if((np = allocproc_thread()) == 0){
406      return -1;
407    }
408
409    if(stack == 0){
410      return -1;
411    }
412
413    np->trapframe->sp = (uint64)stack;
414    np->pagetable = p->pagetable;
415    np->sz = p->sz;
416
417    if(mappages(np->pagetable, TRAPFRAME - (PGSIZE * np->thread_id), PGSIZE,
418                (uint64)(np->trapframe), PTE_R | PTE_W) < 0){
419      uvmunmap(np->pagetable, TRAMPOLINE, 1, 0);
420      uvmfree(np->pagetable, 0);
421      return -1;
422    }
423
424    // copy saved user registers.
425    *(np->trapframe) = *(p->trapframe);
426
427    // Cause fork to return 0 in the child.
428    np->trapframe->a0 = 0;
```

```
428   // increment reference counts on open file descriptors.
429   for(i = 0; i < NOFILE; i++)
430     if(p->ofile[i])
431       np->ofile[i] = filedup(p->ofile[i]);
432   np->cwd = idup(p->cwd);
433
434   safestrcpy(np->name, p->name, sizeof(p->name));
435
436   pid = np->pid;
437
438   release(&np->lock);
439
440   acquire(&wait_lock);
441   np->parent = p;
442   release(&wait_lock);
443
444   acquire(&np->lock);
445   np->state = RUNNABLE;
446   release(&np->lock);
447
448   // Return the thread id to the parent process, return 0 to the child
449   if(p->thread_id == 0) {
450     return pid;
451   }
452
453   return 0;
454 }
```

- Allocproc_thread to allocate the page and begin running the new thread. Mostly the same as allocproc() except it does not allocate a separate page table.

```
350  static struct proc*
351  allocproc_thread(void)
352  {
353    struct proc *p;
354
355    for(p = proc; p < &proc[NPROC]; p++) {
356      acquire(&p->lock);
357      if(p->state == UNUSED) {
358        goto found;
359      } else {
360        release(&p->lock);
361      }
362    }
363    return 0;
364
365  found:
366    p->pid = allocpid();
367    p->state = USED;
368
369    // Allocate a trapframe page.
370    if((p->trapframe = (struct trapframe *)kalloc()) == 0){
371      freeproc(p);
372      release(&p->lock);
373      return 0;
374    }
375
376    // Set up new context to start executing at forkret,
377    // which returns to user space.
378    memset(&p->context, 0, sizeof(p->context));
379    p->context.ra = (uint64)forkret;
380    p->context.sp = p->kstack + PGSIZE;
381
382    // Assign the thread id and increment the thread counter.
383    p->thread_id = threadCounter++;
384
385    return p;
386  }
```

- Freeproc deallocation of child resources after the wait system call. Unmapping the thread based on its location in the stack and decreasing the counter since the thread is free'd.

```
163  static void
164  freeproc(struct proc *p)
165  {
166    if (p->trapframe) {
167      kfree((void*)p->trapframe);
168    }
169    p->trapframe = 0;
170    if (p->thread_id == 0) {
171      if(p->pagetable) {
172        proc_freepagetable(p->pagetable, p->sz);
173      }
174      p->pagetable = 0;
175    }
176    else {
177      // Free the thread trapframe page and decrement the thread counter
178      uvmunmap(p->pagetable, TRAPFRAME - (PGSIZE * p->thread_id), 1, 0);
179      p->threadCounter--;
180    }
181
182    p->sz = 0;
183    p->pid = 0;
184    p->parent = 0;
185    p->name[0] = 0;
186    p->chan = 0;
187    p->killed = 0;
188    p->xstate = 0;
189    p->state = UNUSED;
190  }
```

- Allocproc initializing thread count and thread id

```
150    // Set up new context to start executing at forkret,
151    // which returns to user space.
152    memset(&p->context, 0, sizeof(p->context));
153    p->context.ra = (uint64)forkret;
154    p->context.sp = p->kstack + PGSIZE;
155    p->threadCounter = 0;
156    p->thread_id = p->threadCounter++;
157
158    return p;
159  }
```

- Defs.h
  - System call function header

```
88   int             clone(void*); //edited
```

- Proc.h

- Thread id for each process control block and thread counter
- ```
  94    int thread_id; //thread id for clone
  95    int threadCounter; //thread counter for clone
  ```

- Trampoline.s
  - Changed original code to code provided in lab
  - ```
    11          .section trampsec
    12    .globl trampoline
    13    trampoline:
    14    .align 4
    15    .globl uservec
    16    uservec:
    17          #
    18          # trap.c sets stvec to
    19          # traps from user space
    20          # in supervisor mode, b
    21          # user page table.
    22          #
    23          # sscratch points to wh
    24          # mapped into user spac
    25          #
    26
    27          # swap a0 and sscratch
    28          # so that a0 is TRAPFRA
    29          csrrw a0, sscratch, a0
    30
    31          # save the user registe
    32          sd ra, 40(a0)
    33          sd sp, 48(a0)
    34          sd gp, 56(a0)
    35          sd tp, 64(a0)
    36          sd t0, 72(a0)
    37          sd t1, 80(a0)
    38          sd t2, 88(a0)
    39          sd s0, 96(a0)
    40          sd s1, 104(a0)
    41          sd a1, 120(a0)
    42          sd a2, 128(a0)
    43          sd a3, 136(a0)
    44          sd a4, 144(a0)
    45          sd a5, 152(a0)
    46          sd a6, 160(a0)
    47          sd a7, 168(a0)
    48          sd s2, 176(a0)
    49          sd s3, 184(a0)
    50          sd s4, 192(a0)
    51          sd s5, 200(a0)
    52          sd s6, 208(a0)
    53          sd s7, 216(a0)
    54          sd s8, 224(a0)
    55          sd s9, 232(a0)
    56          sd s10, 240(a0)
    57          sd s11, 248(a0)
    58          sd t3, 256(a0)
    59          sd t4, 264(a0)
    60          sd t5, 272(a0)
    61          sd t6, 280(a0)
    ```

```
64          csrr t0, sscratch
65          sd t0, 112(a0)
66
67          # restore kernel stack po
68          ld sp, 8(a0)
69
70          # make tp hold the curren
71          ld tp, 32(a0)
72
73          # load the address of use
74          ld t0, 16(a0)
75
76          # restore kernel page tab
77          ld t1, 0(a0)
78          csrw satp, t1
79          sfence.vma zero, zero
80
81          # a0 is no longer valid,
82          # table does not speciall
83
84          # jump to usertrap(), whi
85          jr t0
86
87  .globl userret
88  userret:
89          # userret(TRAPFRAME, page
90          # switch from kernel to u
91          # usertrapret() calls her
92          # a0: TRAPFRAME, in user
93          # a1: user page table, fo
94
95          # switch to the user page
96          csrw satp, a1
97          sfence.vma zero, zero
98
99          # put the saved user a0 i
100         # can swap it with our a0
101         ld t0, 112(a0)
102         csrw sscratch, t0
```

```
104         # restore all but a0 fr
105         ld ra, 40(a0)
106         ld sp, 48(a0)
107         ld gp, 56(a0)
108         ld tp, 64(a0)
109         ld t0, 72(a0)
110         ld t1, 80(a0)
111         ld t2, 88(a0)
112         ld s0, 96(a0)
113         ld s1, 104(a0)
114         ld a1, 120(a0)
115         ld a2, 128(a0)
116         ld a3, 136(a0)
117         ld a4, 144(a0)
118         ld a5, 152(a0)
119         ld a6, 160(a0)
120         ld a7, 168(a0)
121         ld s2, 176(a0)
122         ld s3, 184(a0)
123         ld s4, 192(a0)
124         ld s5, 200(a0)
125         ld s6, 208(a0)
126         ld s7, 216(a0)
127         ld s8, 224(a0)
128         ld s9, 232(a0)
129         ld s10, 240(a0)
130         ld s11, 248(a0)
131         ld t3, 256(a0)
132         ld t4, 264(a0)
133         ld t5, 272(a0)
134         ld t6, 280(a0)
135
136         # restore user a0, and
137         csrrw a0, sscratch, a0
138
139         # return to user mode a
140         # usertrapret() set up
141         sret
```

- Trap.c
  - In usertrapret(), telling kernel trapframe locations of children
  - ```
    130     if(p->thread_id == 0) {
    131       ((void (*)(uint64,uint64))trampoline_userret)(TRAPFRAME, satp);
    132     }
    133     else {
    134       ((void (*)(uint64,uint64))trampoline_userret)
    135       (TRAPFRAME - (PGSIZE * p->thread_id), satp);
    136     }
    137   }
    ```
- Usys.pl
  - User system call wrapper entry
  - ```
    20    entry("clone"); # //edited
    ```
- User.h
  - Clone system call in user space
  - ```
    5    int clone(void*); //edited
    ```
- Lab3_test.c
  - Provided code to test the clone system call
    ```

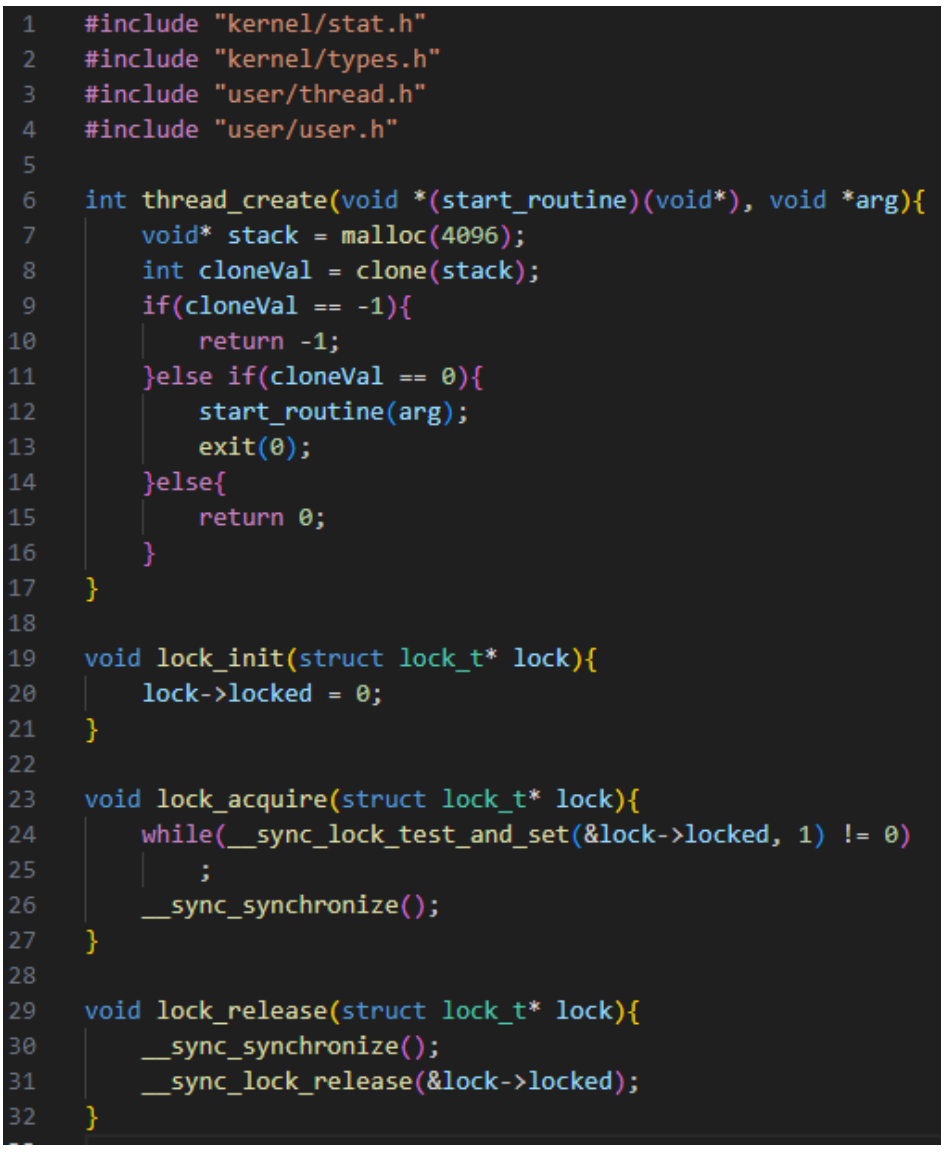
```c
#include "kernel/stat.h"
#include "kernel/types.h"
#include "user/thread.h"
#include "user/user.h"
struct lock_t lock;
int n_threads, n_passes, cur_turn, cur_pass;
void *thread_fn(void *arg) {
  int thread_id = (uint64)arg;
  int done = 0;
  while (!done) {
    lock_acquire(&lock);
    if (cur_pass >= n_passes)
      done = 1;
    else if (cur_turn == thread_id) {
      cur_turn = (cur_turn + 1) % n_threads;
      printf("Round %d: thread %d is passing the token to thread %d\n",
             ++cur_pass, thread_id, cur_turn);
    }
    lock_release(&lock);
    sleep(0);
  }
  return 0;
}
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
  if (argc < 3) {
    printf("Usage: %s [N_PASSES] [N_THREADS]\n", argv[0]);
    exit(-1);
  }
  n_passes = atoi(argv[1]);
  n_threads = atoi(argv[2]);
  cur_turn = 0;
  cur_pass = 0;
  lock_init(&lock);
  for (int i = 0; i < n_threads; i++) {
    thread_create(thread_fn, (void *)(uint64)i);
  }
  for (int i = 0; i < n_threads; i++) {
    wait(0);
  }
  printf("Frisbee simulation has finished, %d rounds played in total\n",
         n_passes);
  exit(0);
}
```

- Thread.h
  - Header file with lock structure and function prototypes.

```c
struct lock_t {
    uint locked;
};


int thread_create(void *(start_routine)(void*), void *arg);
void lock_init(struct lock_t* lock);
void lock_acquire(struct lock_t* lock);
void lock_release(struct lock_t* lock);

```

- Thread.c
    - Lock function implementations and thread creation by passing stack. Lock init begins locked. Acquire holds the lock in place and syncs it. Release syncs and releases the lock. The return pid will be 0 for the child and the routine starts and exits for the child. The parent receives the childs pid
    - 

```c
#include "kernel/stat.h"
#include "kernel/types.h"
#include "user/thread.h"
#include "user/user.h"

int thread_create(void *(start_routine)(void*), void *arg){
    void* stack = malloc(4096);
    int cloneVal = clone(stack);
    if(cloneVal == -1){
        return -1;
    }else if(cloneVal == 0){
        start_routine(arg);
        exit(0);
    }else{
        return 0;
    }
}

void lock_init(struct lock_t* lock){
    lock->locked = 0;
}

void lock_acquire(struct lock_t* lock){
    while(__sync_lock_test_and_set(&lock->locked, 1) != 0)
        ;
    __sync_synchronize();
}

void lock_release(struct lock_t* lock){
    __sync_synchronize();
    __sync_lock_release(&lock->locked);
}
```

- Makefile
    - Added lab3_test into programs

- ```
  135     $U/_lab3_test\
  ```
- Thread for the thread library
- ```
  90    ULIB = $U/ulib.o $U/usys.o $U/printf.o $U/umalloc.o $U/thread.o
  ```

Description of XV6 Source Code

The default XV6 code supports process creation, but it does not support threads. In this lab, we implement the clone system call to support thread creation. The clone system call allocates a thread for the calling process and returns the child pid to the parent and 0 to the child. We also implemented a user level thread library to clone child threads with user stacks. The thread library also uses a lock that can be acquired and released. The thread create function creates a stack the size of a page, passes it to the clone function, and begins the thread execution until it finishes and exits. The test begins in the user space by calling the thread create function. Then the thread create function calls the clone function and begins the thread execution. Once the clone function is called, the system call is identified in the user space and control is transferred over to the kernel space. The clone call allocates the thread, does the required mappings and proc assignments, and returns the child thread pid to the parent process.

Summary of Contributions

Jordan implemented the thread library, trampoline, trap code, allocproc_thread() and clone(). Anthony also worked on the clone() system call, helped debug some important “panic: “ type errors, and wrote the report.