

# CSE 333 - OPERATING SYSTEMS

## PROJECT #3

### “MULTI-THREADED PROGRAM”

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This program gets four arguments like as:

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$ ./<executable_name> "-d" <txt file name> "-n" <read thread number> <upper thread number>  
<replace thread number> <write thread number>
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Reader threads read one first non-readed line and keep this line on array. Reader threads can run simultaneously so we keep indexes on global for this read and store operations. We must protect this shared variables. `readIndexMutex` is protect the read index and `storeIndexMutex` protect the store index for array.

Upper threads and replace threads are wait until added the lines to array. `replaceSemaphore` for control the number of elements that have not been replaced in the array and `upperSemaphore` for control the number of elements that have not been uppered in the array. Both threads are run simultaneously but must run on different indexes. So we control the index for this operations and we not allow for simultaneously replace and upper operation same index at same time. `replaceIndexMutex` and `upperIndexMutex` protect global index variables and mutexes in the `indexChangeMutex` array is not allowed one more than process same index at the same time.

Writer threads are wait until upper and replace process done for at least one index. `replaceWriteSemaphore` for control the number of the elements which replaced already. `upperWriteSemaphore` for control the number of the elements which uppered already

There could be only one writer Thread the can write to the file. So we protect all parts of write process. `writeReadMutex` is provides it.

Readers can not enter if any running writer process and vice versa. But reader can enter if any running reader process. So we must keep counter of currently run reader process on global and we must protect this variable. `readerCountMutex` is protect this variable. And we apply classical reader writer problem solution for this problem. When Reader is request check the counter of readers if there are no reader inside wait the `writeReadMutex`. When Reader exit check again counter of reader. if there are no reader inside signal to `writeReadMutex`.

First of all we checked the arguments with `checkArguments` function which we call beginning of the main function. This function checks whether the user's input is correct. First check the count of

argument. It must be equal 8. After find the index of -n -d options. If there is no any of these terminate program. After that, check the index of this options. If index of -d and -n location is not appropriate display an error message and terminate the program. After all check the file is exist and given thread numbers.

If inputs are correct then assigns the txt name and thread counts to global variables.

We created structure for each thread to keep information about threads. In these structures, we have kept the index of threads and lines as a lineData type. Also lineData is a structure which we created to keep information about lines. In the main function we created array of these structure for each type of threads. We used these arrays in the create threads function for every threads. In general, we have assigned an index for the thread and created the number of threads as many as the given number of inputs in the thread creation functions. Finally we called the functions that the threads do their tasks inside the pthread\_create.

In the [readFile](#) function read thread start reading the txt file and keep the data in the lines array which we created this array in the global. But threads should not read the same line. Because of that this part critical section. To prevent thread from reading the same line we used the mutex. We wrote readIndexMutex mutex in the global. Where we increased the line number to be read, we locked this mutex and then unlocked it. After specifying the line number to read called readSpecificLine function. The task of this function is to find and return that line in the txt according to the line number to be read. Thread prints the information of the job on the screen after reading the line returned from this function. The read line should be stored in the lines array after the reading event ends. But threads should not store in the same index in the array. To prevent this we created storeIndexMutex mutex in the global. Where we increased the index number which stored in array, we locked this mutex and then unlocked it. Read threads after finishing the task joinReadThreads function is called to wait for read threads to terminate. At the end of read process add one to replaceSemaphore and upperSemaphore.

[runUpper](#) wait the upperSemaphore and get index from global with mutex. After decide index convert the string on array depend on this index. Conversion part is just protect with replaceIndexMutex. So threads run simultaneously for different indexes. At the end of conversion add one the upperWriteSemaphore with sem\_post.

[runReplace](#) works with exactly same idea with runUpper method. Wait the replaceSemaphore and at the end of upper process add one the replaceWriteSemaphore with sem\_post.

[runWrite](#) wait the both replaceWriteSemaphore and upperWriteSemaphore. After that takes index from global and update the file depend on this index.

After finishing upper and replace threads jobs txt file data should be updated with using the final version of the lines array. For the write part we created createWriteThreads function in the main. This function creates the write threads according to write thread number which is taken input from user. Inside this function, we have assigned write thread indexes that we hold in the writeThreadData structure. Also we used pthread\_create function to create a thread inside this function and called the \*runWrite function for all write threads. Each write thread should read the data in the different index from the lines array and write it to the correct line in the txt file. To prevent threads from reading the same index from array we created writeIndexMutex mutex in the global. In the section where the index of the array to be read is determined and increased, we locked the mutex

and then we unlocked it.

After deciding the index of the array to be read in the runWrite function, we called the writeFileSpecificIndex function to write to txt. Inside the writeFileSpecificIndex prevent write threads from updating to the same line in the txt file. For this we used writeFileMutex which we created in the global. This mutex must be locked at the beginning of the writeFileSpecificIndex function and unlocked at the end. In general, this function takes the desired lines as parameter and makes the change with using fseek and fprintf functions. This period is repeated until the write threads change all lines. Write threads after finishing the task joinWriteThreads function is called to wait for read threads to terminate.

#### Example Outputs:

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A part of output for 50 line test.txt file

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Ridvan:project3 rgulcu1$ ./a.out -d test.txt -n 2 7 6 4
Read_2      Read_2 read the line 1 which is "This is the first line.
Read_1      Read_1 read the line 2 which is "This is the second line.
Replace_1    Replace_1 read index 1 and converted "This is the first line." to "This_is_the_first_line."
Replace_2    Replace_2 read index 2 and converted "This is the second line." to "This_is_the_second_line."
Upper_5      Upper_5 read index 1 and converted "This_is_the_first_line." to "THIS_IS_THE_FIRST_LINE."
Read_1      Read_1 read the line 3 which is "This is the third line.
Read_2      Read_2 read the line 4 which is "This is the fourth line.
Upper_4      Upper_4 read index 2 and converted "This_is_the_second_line." to "THIS_IS_THE_SECOND_LINE."
Replace_3    Replace_3 read index 3 and converted "This is the third line." to "This_is_the_third_line."
Replace_4    Replace_4 read index 4 and converted "This is the fourth line." to "This_is_the_fourth_line."
Upper_6      Upper_6 read index 3 and converted "This_is_the_third_line." to "THIS_IS_THE_THIRD_LINE."
Upper_7      Upper_7 read index 4 and converted "This_is_the_fourth_line." to "THIS_IS_THE_FOURTH_LINE."
Writer_1     Writer_1 write line 1 back which is "THIS_IS_THE_FIRST_LINE."
Writer_2     Writer_2 write line 2 back which is "THIS_IS_THE_SECOND_LINE."
Read_2      Read_2 read the line 5 which is "This is the fifth line.
Read_1      Read_1 read the line 6 which is "This is the sixth line.
Upper_1      Upper_1 read index 5 and converted "This is the fifth line." to "THIS IS THE FIFTH LINE."
Replace_5    Replace_5 read index 5 and converted "THIS IS THE FIFTH LINE." to "This_is_the_fifth_line."
Replace_6    Replace_6 read index 6 and converted "This is the sixth line." to "This_is_the_sixth_line."
Writer_4     Writer_4 write line 3 back which is "THIS_IS_THE_THIRD_LINE."
Upper_3      Upper_3 read index 6 and converted "This is the sixth line." to "THIS_IS_THE_SIXTH_LINE."
Writer_3     Writer_3 write line 4 back which is "THIS_IS_THE_FOURTH_LINE."
Read_2      Read_2 read the line 7 which is "This is the seventh line.
Read_1      Read_1 read the line 8 which is "This is the eighth line.
Replace_1    Replace_1 read index 7 and converted "This is the seventh line." to "This_is_the_seventh_line."
Writer_1     Writer_1 write line 5 back which is "THIS_IS_THE_FIFTH_LINE."
Upper_2      Upper_2 read index 7 and converted "This_is_the_seventh_line." to "THIS_IS_THE_SEVENTH_LINE."
Replace_2    Replace_2 read index 8 and converted "This is the eighth line." to "This_is_the_eighth_line."
Read_2      Read_2 read the line 9 which is "This is the ninth line.
Upper_5      Upper_5 read index 8 and converted "This_is_the_eighth_line." to "THIS_IS_THE_EIGHTH_LINE."
Upper_4      Upper_4 read index 9 and converted "This is the ninth line." to "THIS IS THE NINTH LINE."
Writer_2     Writer_2 write line 6 back which is "THIS_IS_THE_SIXTH_LINE."
Replace_3    Replace_3 read index 9 and converted "THIS IS THE NINTH LINE." to "THIS_IS_THE_NINTH_LINE."
Writer_4     Writer_4 write line 7 back which is "THIS_IS_THE_SEVENTH_LINE."
Read_2      Read_2 read the line 11 which is "This is the eleventh line.
Read_1      Read_1 read the line 10 which is "This is the tenth line.
Writer_3     Writer_3 write line 8 back which is "THIS_IS_THE_EIGHTH_LINE."
Replace_4    Replace_4 read index 10 and converted "This is the eleventh line." to "This_is_the_eleventh_line."
Replace_5    Replace_5 read index 11 and converted "This is the tenth line." to "This_is_the_tenth_line."
Upper_6      Upper_6 read index 10 and converted "This_is_the_eleventh_line." to "THIS_IS_THE_ELEVENTH_LINE."
Upper_7      Upper_7 read index 11 and converted "This_is_the_tenth_line." to "THIS_IS_THE_TENTH_LINE."
Writer_1     Writer_1 write line 9 back which is "THIS_IS_THE_NINTH_LINE."
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