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**ABSTRACT**

The Process Synchronization Simulator is an educational and practical tool designed to simulate, visualize, and analyse core operating system concepts, specifically focusing on process synchronization, deadlock detection, deadlock prevention, and resource allocation strategies. This simulator provides an interactive graphical environment built using Python’s Tkinter GUI toolkit and optionally utilizes matplotlib for data visualization. The aim of this project is to enhance conceptual understanding and practical insights into how operating systems handle resource sharing and process management.

The simulator features multiple modules to illustrate different aspects of deadlock handling. The Banker’s Algorithm Visualizer allows users to simulate safe and unsafe resource allocation scenarios. Users can input the number of processes, resources, and define allocation, maximum, and available matrices. The system then calculates the Need matrix and simulates process execution to determine whether the system is in a safe state. The process flow is visually represented, and color-coded feedback helps users understand each step of execution and decision-making.

The Resource Allocation Graph (RAG) module offers a graphical representation of processes and resources, illustrating request and allocation edges. This module is essential for detecting deadlocks through cycle detection in directed graphs. Similarly, the Wait-for Graph module focuses on visualizing inter-process dependencies and highlights cycles where processes are waiting for each other’s resources — a key symptom of deadlock.

In addition to detection and visualization, the project also includes a Deadlock Resolution Module, enabling users to simulate process termination or resource preemption to resolve deadlocks. This module maintains an event timeline and renders a dynamic chart using matplotlib, helping users track actions and system changes over time.

Together, these modules provide a comprehensive learning platform for students, educators, and professionals to explore critical operating system mechanisms. The simulator emphasizes real-time visualization, modular design, and ease of use, making it ideal for labs, demonstrations, and independent study. It also serves as a prototype for building more advanced system-level simulators.

This project reinforces theoretical knowledge with hands-on experimentation and encourages exploration of edge cases and resolution strategies. By integrating algorithmic logic with visual feedback, it bridges the gap between theory and practice in operating system education.

# INTRODUCTION

In modern computing environments, process synchronization and resource management are fundamental aspects of operating system design. Multiple processes often need access to limited shared resources, such as memory, files, or I/O devices. Without proper coordination, this concurrent access can lead to inconsistent states or system failure. One of the most critical issues arising from improper resource allocation is a deadlock, where processes become stuck in a cycle, each waiting for resources held by others. Understanding and resolving such problems is essential for building robust and efficient systems.

This project, titled Process Synchronization Simulator (Deadlock Detection and Prevention), aims to provide a comprehensive simulation platform for visualizing and analyzing the behavior of processes in resource-constrained environments. Built using Python, the simulator leverages Tkinter for graphical interfaces and matplotlib for timeline plotting, enabling users to interact with and observe various synchronization scenarios in real time.

The simulator consists of several key modules. The Banker’s Algorithm Visualizer allows users to input matrices representing resource allocation and maximum demands, and then simulate the system’s behaviour to determine if it is in a safe or unsafe state. The visualization highlights which processes can safely execute and in what sequence, providing a clear demonstration of the safety check logic.

To address deadlock detection, the simulator includes both a Resource Allocation Graph (RAG) and a Wait-for Graph (WFG) module. These graph-based tools visually represent the relationships between processes and resources. The RAG illustrates how resources are requested and allocated, while the WFG shows direct process-to-process dependencies. Both tools incorporate cycle detection algorithms to identify potential deadlocks, with the affected processes and resources visually marked for clarity.

Moreover, the simulator offers a Deadlock Resolution module, where users can simulate real-world recovery strategies such as resource preemption and process termination. This component tracks user actions and visualizes the resolution process on a timeline graph, providing insights into how system state evolves post-recovery.

By integrating multiple techniques — prevention, detection, and resolution — this simulator serves as an educational and experimental tool for students, educators, and developers. It provides a hands-on approach to learning difficult operating system concepts, making abstract ideas more accessible and interactive. The modular design also allows for future expansion into other synchronization problems, such as starvation, race conditions, and semaphore-based control mechanisms.

# METHODOLOGY

The development of the Process Synchronization Simulator followed a structured and modular approach to effectively simulate process synchronization, deadlock detection, and prevention mechanisms. The methodology is divided into six key phases, each focusing on a core aspect of the system.

**1. System Design and Requirement Analysis**

The project began with identifying the key operating system concepts to be simulated — specifically process synchronization, resource allocation, deadlock detection, deadlock prevention, and resolution. Requirements were gathered to determine how users would interact with the system and what data they would input. A basic architectural blueprint was drafted that outlined the division of the system into functional modules: Banker's Algorithm Visualizer, Resource Allocation Graph (RAG), Wait-for Graph (WFG), and Deadlock Resolver. The focus was on building a user-friendly GUI while maintaining correctness of the algorithms.

**2. Data Structure Design for Processes and Resources**

Appropriate data structures were chosen to model the system components. Each process is represented as an object containing its allocated, maximum, and needed resources. Resources are tracked with total and available quantities. Python lists and dictionaries were used to manage matrices like Allocation, Maximum, and Available. For graph-based modules, adjacency lists and dictionaries were employed to represent directed edges between nodes (processes and resources). These foundational structures enabled consistent data flow across modules.

**3. Implementation of Banker's Algorithm for Deadlock Avoidance**

This module simulates the classic Banker's Algorithm. Users input the allocation matrix, maximum demand matrix, and available resources. The system computes the Need matrix and applies the Banker's safety algorithm to determine if the system is in a safe state. Processes are visually rendered, and color-coded transitions indicate whether a process can execute or is blocked. The safe sequence is displayed upon completion, reinforcing conceptual understanding through animated feedback.

**4. Graph-Based Deadlock Detection Using RAG and WFG**

Two graph-based models were implemented for detecting deadlocks:

* **Resource Allocation Graph (RAG)**: Represents process-resource relationships using edges for requests and allocations. A depth-first search (DFS) is used to detect cycles.
* **Wait-for Graph (WFG)**: Focuses on process-to-process dependencies. If one process is waiting for a resource held by another, an edge is created. A cycle in this graph confirms a deadlock.

Both graphs are drawn dynamically in the GUI, highlighting any cycles (deadlocks) in red for easy identification.

**5. Deadlock Resolution Mechanism**

A dedicated module enables users to resolve deadlocks through process termination or resource preemption. Each action updates the system state and is logged in a timeline for review. This module uses event-driven programming to update the GUI in real-time. matplotlib is integrated to generate a timeline graph that visually represents the sequence of actions taken, allowing users to analyze the impact of resolution strategies.

**6. Testing, Debugging, and Visualization Enhancement**

The final phase involved rigorous testing of each module using edge cases, such as complete deadlock scenarios, no deadlock, and circular waits. GUI elements were refined for clarity and accessibility. Scrollable frames, tooltips, and color-coded states were added for better visualization. Consistency checks were included to validate user input and prevent runtime errors.

# OBJECTIVES

The Process Synchronization Simulator is designed to help users understand and interact with key operating system concepts such as process synchronization, resource allocation, deadlock detection, prevention, and resolution. The primary goal of this project is to create a functional, interactive, and educational simulation environment that visually demonstrates how operating systems manage concurrent processes and shared resources. The specific objectives of the project are outlined as follows:

* **Simulate Process Synchronization and Resource Allocation**To build a system that models the allocation and request of resources by multiple processes in a shared environment. This simulation reflects how real operating systems allocate finite resources while maintaining process independence and safety.
* **Implement Banker's Algorithm for Safe State Detection**To apply the Banker's Algorithm to assess whether a given resource allocation leads to a safe or unsafe state. This includes calculating the Need matrix, checking for possible execution sequences, and identifying blocked processes.
* **Visualize Resource Allocation Graphs (RAG)**  
  To construct a graphical representation of the system using Resource Allocation Graphs that clearly illustrate how processes are requesting or holding resources. This helps in understanding the interdependencies between system components.
* **Detect Deadlocks Using Wait-for Graphs**  
  To implement Wait-for Graphs for direct visualization of inter-process dependencies and to detect cycles in the graph, which indicate a deadlock. This module provides insights into how deadlocks form in real-time systems.
* **Provide Deadlock Resolution Mechanisms**  
  To offer options such as process termination and resource preemption as methods to resolve deadlocks once detected. These options reflect strategies used in real-world operating systems to recover from deadlock scenarios.
* **Enhance Learning through Visualization**  
  To develop a user-friendly GUI using Tkinter and matplotlib that enables students, educators, and professionals to visually observe the system state, deadlock conditions, and resolution processes step by step.

# FLOW OF EXECUTION

**Flow Program of Process Synchronization simulator with deadlock detection and prevention**

1. **Start Program**

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## 2. Setup Server

* + **Initialize socket**
  + **Bind to host and port**
  + **Start listening for incoming connections**

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**3.Accept Client Connections**

* + **Accept client socket**

**- Spawn a new thread for each client request**

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**4.** **Thread Handler**

* + **Read client request**
  + **Parse HTTP or data request**
  + **Check Cache:**

• **If** **data is cached → proceed to Step 6**

**• Else → forward request to the target server**

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**5.Update Cache**

* + **Store new data in cache**
  + **If cache is full:**

**• Use LRU (Least Recently Used) policy to evict the oldest entry**

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**6. Respond to Client**

**- Send the response (from cache or fetched) back to the client**

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**7.End Program**

# IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAM

**Code:**

**main.py**

import tkinter as tk

import subprocess

# Module launch functions

def open\_bankers():

    subprocess.Popen(["python", "BankersAlgorithm.py"])

def open\_rag():

    subprocess.Popen(["python", "module3\_rag\_cycle.py"])

def open\_wait\_for\_graph():

    subprocess.Popen(["python", "waitforgraphs.py"])

def open\_deadlock\_resolver():

    subprocess.Popen(["python", "deadlock\_resolver.py"])

# Create main window

root = tk.Tk()

root.title("🧠 OS Algorithm Visualizer")

root.attributes('-fullscreen', True)

root.configure(bg="#f8f9fa")

# Exit fullscreen on Escape

root.bind("<Escape>", lambda e: root.attributes('-fullscreen', False))

# Title label

tk.Label(

    root,

    text="🧠 OS Algorithms Visualizer Hub",

    font=("Helvetica", 32, "bold"),

    bg="#f8f9fa",

    fg="#2c3e50"

).pack(pady=50)

# Button container

btn\_frame = tk.Frame(root, bg="#f8f9fa")

btn\_frame.pack(pady=20)

# Utility to create buttons

def create\_button(text, command, bg):

    return tk.Button(

        btn\_frame,

        text=text,

        command=command,

        font=("Arial", 16, "bold"),

        width=35,

        height=2,

        bg=bg,

        fg="white",

        activebackground="#2c3e50",

        activeforeground="white",

        bd=0,

        relief="raised",

        cursor="hand2"

    )

# Add styled buttons

create\_button("💡 Banker's Algorithm Visualizer", open\_bankers, "#4CAF50").pack(pady=15)

create\_button("🧮 RAG Deadlock Detector", open\_rag, "#2196F3").pack(pady=15)

create\_button("🔗 Wait-For Graph Visualizer", open\_wait\_for\_graph, "#9C27B0").pack(pady=15)

create\_button("🛡️ Deadlock Resolver & Timeline", open\_deadlock\_resolver, "#FF7043").pack(pady=15)

# Footer

tk.Label(

    root,

    text="Press ESC to exit fullscreen | Made by Varshitha © 2025",

    font=("Arial", 11),

    bg="#f8f9fa",

    fg="#7f8c8d"

).pack(side="bottom", pady=20)

root.mainloop()

**BankersAlgorithm.py**

import tkinter as tk

from tkinter import messagebox

import threading

import time

class ScrollableFrame(tk.Frame):

    def \_\_init\_\_(self, master):

        super().\_\_init\_\_(master)

        canvas = tk.Canvas(self, height=800, width=1280)

        scrollbar = tk.Scrollbar(self, orient="vertical", command=canvas.yview)

        self.scrollable\_frame = tk.Frame(canvas)

        self.scrollable\_frame.bind(

            "<Configure>",

            lambda e: canvas.configure(scrollregion=canvas.bbox("all"))

        )

        canvas.create\_window((0, 0), window=self.scrollable\_frame, anchor="nw")

        canvas.configure(yscrollcommand=scrollbar.set)

        canvas.pack(side="left", fill="both", expand=True)

        scrollbar.pack(side="right", fill="y")

class ProMaxBankersVisualizerScrollable:

    def \_\_init\_\_(self, master):

        self.master = master

        self.master.title("Banker's Algorithm - Pro Max Visualization (Scrollable)")

        self.scroll\_frame = ScrollableFrame(master)

        self.scroll\_frame.pack(fill="both", expand=True)

        self.process\_boxes = []

        self.entries\_allocation = []

        self.entries\_maximum = []

        self.entries\_available = []

        self.num\_processes = 0

        self.num\_resources = 0

        self.setup\_ui()

    def setup\_ui(self):

        frame = self.scroll\_frame.scrollable\_frame

        tk.Label(frame, text="Processes:", font=("Arial", 12)).grid(row=0, column=0)

        self.proc\_entry = tk.Entry(frame, width=5)

        self.proc\_entry.grid(row=0, column=1)

        tk.Label(frame, text="Resources:", font=("Arial", 12)).grid(row=0, column=2)

        self.res\_entry = tk.Entry(frame, width=5)

        self.res\_entry.grid(row=0, column=3)

        tk.Button(frame, text="Next", command=self.create\_input\_matrices, bg="#4CAF50", fg="white").grid(row=0, column=4)

        self.canvas = tk.Canvas(frame, width=1200, height=400, bg="white", highlightthickness=2, highlightbackground="black")

        self.canvas.grid(row=1, column=0, columnspan=10, pady=20)

        self.available\_label = tk.Label(frame, text="", font=("Arial", 14, "bold"))

        self.available\_label.grid(row=2, column=0, columnspan=10)

        self.status\_text = tk.Text(frame, height=10, width=150, font=("Consolas", 10))

        self.status\_text.grid(row=3, column=0, columnspan=10, pady=10)

        self.result\_label = tk.Label(frame, text="", font=("Arial", 16, "bold"))

        self.result\_label.grid(row=4, column=0, columnspan=10, pady=10)

    def create\_input\_matrices(self):

        frame = self.scroll\_frame.scrollable\_frame

        try:

            self.num\_processes = int(self.proc\_entry.get())

            self.num\_resources = int(self.res\_entry.get())

        except:

            messagebox.showerror("Input Error", "Please enter valid integers.")

            return

        self.entries\_allocation = []

        self.entries\_maximum = []

        self.entries\_available = []

        tk.Label(frame, text="Allocation Matrix", font=("Arial", 10, "bold")).grid(row=5, column=0, columnspan=5)

        for i in range(self.num\_processes):

            row = []

            for j in range(self.num\_resources):

                e = tk.Entry(frame, width=4)

                e.grid(row=6 + i, column=j)

                row.append(e)

            self.entries\_allocation.append(row)

        tk.Label(frame, text="Maximum Matrix", font=("Arial", 10, "bold")).grid(row=5, column=6, columnspan=5)

        for i in range(self.num\_processes):

            row = []

            for j in range(self.num\_resources):

                e = tk.Entry(frame, width=4)

                e.grid(row=6 + i, column=6 + j)

                row.append(e)

            self.entries\_maximum.append(row)

        tk.Label(frame, text="Available:", font=("Arial", 10, "bold")).grid(row=6 + self.num\_processes, column=0)

        for j in range(self.num\_resources):

            e = tk.Entry(frame, width=4)

            e.grid(row=7 + self.num\_processes, column=j)

            self.entries\_available.append(e)

        tk.Button(frame, text="Start Visualization", command=self.start\_visualization\_thread, bg="#2196F3", fg="white").grid(row=8 + self.num\_processes, column=0, columnspan=5)

    def start\_visualization\_thread(self):

        threading.Thread(target=self.visualize).start()

    def visualize(self):

        try:

            allocation = [[int(e.get()) for e in row] for row in self.entries\_allocation]

            maximum = [[int(e.get()) for e in row] for row in self.entries\_maximum]

            available = [int(e.get()) for e in self.entries\_available]

        except:

            messagebox.showerror("Error", "All fields must be filled with valid integers.")

            return

        need = [[maximum[i][j] - allocation[i][j] for j in range(self.num\_resources)] for i in range(self.num\_processes)]

        finish = [False] \* self.num\_processes

        safe\_sequence = []

        work = available[:]

        self.canvas.delete("all")

        self.status\_text.delete("1.0", tk.END)

        self.process\_boxes.clear()

        x, y = 40, 40

        for i in range(self.num\_processes):

            box = self.canvas.create\_rectangle(x, y, x+180, y+130, fill="#e0e0e0")

            text = self.canvas.create\_text(x+90, y+65, text=f"P{i}\nAlloc: {allocation[i]}\nNeed: {need[i]}", font=("Arial", 9))

            self.process\_boxes.append((box, text))

            x += 200

        time.sleep(1)

        step = 0

        while step < self.num\_processes:

            allocated = False

            for i in range(self.num\_processes):

                if not finish[i]:

                    self.canvas.itemconfig(self.process\_boxes[i][0], fill="#FFF176")

                    self.status\_text.insert(tk.END, f"\n🔍 Checking P{i}...\n")

                    self.status\_text.insert(tk.END, f"   Need: {need[i]}\n   Available: {work}\n")

                    if all(need[i][j] <= work[j] for j in range(self.num\_resources)):

                        self.status\_text.insert(tk.END, f"✅ P{i} can execute.\n")

                        self.canvas.itemconfig(self.process\_boxes[i][0], fill="#81C784")

                        self.canvas.itemconfig(self.process\_boxes[i][1], text=f"P{i}\n✓ Done")

                        self.canvas.update()

                        time.sleep(1)

                        for j in range(self.num\_resources):

                            work[j] += allocation[i][j]

                        finish[i] = True

                        safe\_sequence.append(f"P{i}")

                        self.update\_available\_display(work)

                        allocated = True

                        step += 1

                        break

                    else:

                        for j in range(self.num\_resources):

                            if need[i][j] > work[j]:

                                self.status\_text.insert(tk.END, f"❌ Cannot allocate R{j}: Need {need[i][j]}, Available {work[j]}\n")

                        self.canvas.itemconfig(self.process\_boxes[i][0], fill="#EF5350")

                        self.canvas.itemconfig(self.process\_boxes[i][1], text=f"P{i}\nBlocked")

                        self.canvas.update()

                        time.sleep(1)

                        self.canvas.itemconfig(self.process\_boxes[i][0], fill="#e0e0e0")

                        self.canvas.itemconfig(self.process\_boxes[i][1], text=f"P{i}\nAlloc: {allocation[i]}\nNeed: {need[i]}")

            if not allocated:

                break

        if len(safe\_sequence) == self.num\_processes:

            self.result\_label.config(text="✅ SAFE STATE! Sequence: " + " → ".join(safe\_sequence), fg="green")

        else:

            self.result\_label.config(text="❌ NOT SAFE! System is in DEADLOCK", fg="red")

    def update\_available\_display(self, available):

        self.available\_label.config(text=f"📦 Available Resources: {available}", fg="blue")

        self.available\_label.update()

        time.sleep(1)

# Run the app

root = tk.Tk()

app = ProMaxBankersVisualizerScrollable(root)

root.mainloop()

# 

# Output:

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**CONCLUSION**

The Process Synchronization Simulator successfully demonstrates core operating system concepts such as process synchronization, deadlock detection, deadlock prevention, and resolution through an interactive and visual approach. By simulating realistic scenarios involving multiple processes and limited shared resources, the project brings to life the complexities and challenges of concurrent processing in a multi-user environment. It serves as both an educational aid and a practical tool for deepening the understanding of resource management and deadlock handling techniques in modern operating systems.

The implementation of the Banker’s Algorithm enables users to analyse system states and determine whether they are safe or unsafe based on current resource allocation. Through matrix-based inputs and step-by-step visualization, it provides clear feedback on how and when processes can safely execute. The visualization is designed to be intuitive, helping users trace execution paths and observe process behaviours dynamically.

The Resource Allocation Graph (RAG) and Wait-for Graph (WFG) modules offer robust deadlock detection capabilities. They visually represent process-resource and process-process relationships, respectively. By highlighting cycles in these graphs, the simulator effectively identifies potential deadlocks. These modules demonstrate how system-wide waiting scenarios can escalate into deadlocks, reinforcing the importance of designing proper synchronization mechanisms.

In addition to detection, the simulator provides deadlock resolution features through process termination and resource preemption. Users can simulate the impact of various recovery strategies and observe how the system state evolves post-resolution. The integration of event tracking and timeline visualization using matplotlib adds a powerful analytical component, enabling users to monitor and review actions over time.

The simulator’s modular and user-friendly design makes it ideal for use in academic environments, especially in operating systems labs and courses. It bridges the gap between theoretical learning and hands-on experience, allowing learners to experiment with different configurations, strategies, and edge cases.

In conclusion, the Process Synchronization Simulator not only reinforces critical concepts of deadlock detection and prevention but also fosters an interactive and experimental learning experience. By integrating algorithmic logic with real-time graphical feedback, it offers a comprehensive platform that can be further extended to cover advanced topics like semaphores, monitors, and distributed deadlock handling.

# FUTURISTIC SCOPE

The Process Synchronization Simulator developed in this project offers a strong foundation for simulating and visualizing key concepts in operating systems. While it currently covers critical aspects such as deadlock detection, prevention, and resolution using well-established algorithms and visualization tools, there is significant potential to expand and enhance the simulator in future iterations to meet the growing complexity and needs of modern computing systems.

One promising direction is the integration of advanced synchronization mechanisms such as semaphores, monitors, and mutex locks. These mechanisms are widely used in real-world operating systems and multithreaded applications. Incorporating them into the simulator would provide a deeper understanding of how mutual exclusion, critical sections, and inter-process communication are managed in concurrent environments.

Another area for expansion is support for distributed systems. In distributed computing environments, processes and resources exist across multiple machines, making synchronization and deadlock detection even more challenging. Extending the simulator to handle distributed deadlocks, token-based resource allocation, and message-passing models would significantly increase its relevance and educational value.

The simulator could also benefit from automated test case generation and real-time alerts. By implementing a testing module that generates edge cases—such as circular waits or starvation scenarios—the system could offer guided exploration, helping users learn through curated examples. Additionally, real-time monitoring and alerts for deadlock risks could simulate proactive operating system behaviour.

From a user experience perspective, the application could be enhanced by transitioning to web-based technologies using frameworks like Flask or Django, allowing users to access and interact with the simulator via a browser. This would improve accessibility and facilitate remote learning. Incorporating interactive tutorials, step-by-step walkthroughs, and gamification elements would make learning more engaging and effective.

Lastly, the simulator could integrate machine learning models to predict possible deadlock situations based on historical patterns of resource allocation. Such predictive capabilities would simulate how future intelligent systems might handle synchronization more efficiently.

In summary, the simulator offers a flexible and extensible platform. With the incorporation of advanced features, distributed system support, real-time prediction, and web accessibility, it holds immense potential to evolve into a comprehensive operating system lab suite for both educational and research purposes.

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