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Operating Systems and Concurrency

Lecture 11: Concurrency + Revision

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- <https://powcoder.com>
- Writers before readers
- Past exam questions

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The Readers – Writers Problem

Solution 3: Writers First

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- Solution 2 (readers before writers): unless `iReadCount` reaches 0, **writing will not happen**
 - The writer can easily **starve** if there are **multiple readers**
- Solution 3 gives priority to **writers** and uses:
 - `iReadCount`, `iWriteCount` to keep track of the number of readers/writers
 - `sRead/sWrite` to synchronise the **reader's/writer's critical section**
 - `sReadTry` to stop readers when there is a writer waiting
 - `sResource` to **synchronise** the resource for **reading/writing**

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            sem_post(&sResource);
        sem_post(&sRead);
    }
}
```

```
void * writer(void * arg)
{
    while(1)
    {
        sem_wait(&sWrite);
        iWriteCount++;
        if(iWriteCount == 1)
            sem_wait(&sReadTry);
        sem_post(&sWrite);

        sem_wait(&sResource);
        printf("writing\n");
        sem_post(&sResource);

        sem_wait(&sWrite);
        iWriteCount--;
        if(iWriteCount == 0)
            sem_post(&sReadTry);
        sem_post(&sWrite);
    }
}
```

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The Readers – Writers Problem

Solution 3: Writers First

```
void * reader(void * arg)
```

```
{
    while(1)
    {
        sem_wait(&sReadTry);
        sem_wait(&sRead);
        iReadCount++;
        if(iReadCount == 1)
            sem_wait(&sResource);
        sem_post(&sRead);
        sem_post(&sReadTry);

        printf("reading\n");

        sem_wait(&sRead);
        iReadCount--;
        if(iReadCount == 0)
            sem_post(&sResource);
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    }
}
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    while(1)
    {
        sem_wait(&sWrite);
        iWriteCount++;
        if(iWriteCount == 1)
            sem_wait(&sReadTry);
        sem_post(&sWrite);

        sem_wait(&sResource);
        printf("writing\n");
        sem_post(&sResource); // 0=>1

        sem_wait(&sWrite);
        iWriteCount--;
        if(iWriteCount == 0)
            sem_post(&sReadTry);
        sem_post(&sWrite);
    }
}
```

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{
    while(1)
    {
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        sem_wait(&sRead);
        iReadCount++;
        if(iReadCount == 1)
            sem_wait(&sResource);
        sem_post(&sRead);
        sem_post(&sReadTry);

        printf("reading\n");

        sem_wait(&sRead);
        iReadCount--;
        if(iReadCount == 0)
            sem_post(&sResource);
        sem_post(&sRead);
    }
}
```

```
void * writer(void * arg)
```

```
{
    while(1)
    {
        sem_wait(&sWrite);
        iWriteCount++;
        if(iWriteCount == 1)
            sem_wait(&sReadTry);
        sem_post(&sWrite);

        sem_wait(&sResource);
        printf("writing\n");
        sem_post(&sResource);

        sem_wait(&sWrite); // if > 0
        iWriteCount--;
        if(iWriteCount == 0)
            sem_post(&sReadTry);
        sem_post(&sWrite);
    }
}
```

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Solution 3: Writers First

```
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{
    while(1)
    {
        sem_wait(&sReadTry);
        sem_wait(&sRead);
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        if(iReadCount == 1)
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        sem_post(&sRead);
        sem_post(&sReadTry);

        printf("reading\n");

        sem_wait(&sRead);
        iReadCount--;
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        iWriteCount++;
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        sem_post(&sWrite);

        sem_wait(&sResource);
        printf("writing\n");
        sem_post(&sResource);

        sem_wait(&sWrite);
        iWriteCount--; // 1=>0
        if(iWriteCount == 0)
            sem_post(&sReadTry);
        sem_post(&sWrite);
    }
}
```

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The Readers – Writers Problem

Solution 3: Writers First

```
void * reader(void * arg)
```

```
{
    while(1)
    {
        sem_wait(&sReadTry); // wakeup
        sem_wait(&sRead);
        iReadCount++;
        if(iReadCount == 1)
            sem_wait(&sResource);
        sem_post(&sRead);
        sem_post(&sReadTry);

        printf("reading\n");

        sem_wait(&sRead);
        iReadCount--;
        if(iReadCount == 0)
            sem_post(&sResource);
        sem_post(&sRead);
    }
}
```

```
void * writer(void * arg)
```

```
{
    while(1)
    {
        sem_wait(&sWrite);
        iWriteCount++;
        if(iWriteCount == 1)
            sem_wait(&sReadTry);
        sem_post(&sWrite);

        sem_wait(&sResource);
        printf("writing\n");
        sem_post(&sResource);

        sem_wait(&sWrite);
        iWriteCount--;
        if(iWriteCount == 0)
            sem_post(&sReadTry); // -1=>0
        sem_post(&sWrite);
    }
}
```

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The Readers – Writers Problem

Solution 3: Writers First

```
void * reader(void * arg)
{
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    {
        sem_wait(&sReadTry);
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        sem_post(&sWrite); // 0=>1
    }
}
```

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- Readers/writers problem
 - Solution with **minimum parallelism**
 - Solution with **priority for the readers**
 - Solution with **priority for the writers**

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Question 1

Comprehension

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*"Describe how, in your opinion, **recent developments in computer architecture and computer design** have **influenced operating system design**. Include aspects on **processes management, memory management, file system design, and disks**. "* [10 marks]

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Question 2

Comprehension

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“Keeping in mind the implementation differences between threads and processes on an operating system level, explain **why thread creation and switching are faster than process creation and switching**.” [3 marks]

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Question 2

Comprehension

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“In which situations would you **favour user level threads**? In which situations would you **favour kernel level threads**. Explain your answer.” [2 marks]

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Question 2

Comprehension

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"Round Robin is said to favour CPU bound processes over I/O bound processes. Explain why this may be the case (if this is the case at all) [2 marks]?"

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Question 2

Application

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"Illustrate the use of round robin, shortest job first, and priority queues for the processes given below (all processes arrive at the same time)."

- Give the **order** in which the processes are scheduled, together with the times at which they will start/end/are interrupted. You can assume a **time slice of 15 milliseconds** for the round robin algorithm. You can illustrate your answer using Gantt charts if you prefer [3 marks].
- What is the **average response time** for each of the algorithms above [3 marks].
- What is the **average turnaround time** for each of the algorithms above [3 marks].

Question 2

Application

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	FCFS Position	CPU burst time	Priority
Process A	1	31	1 (high)
Process B	2	57	1 (high)
Process C	3	11	2 (low)
Process D	4	15	2 (low)

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Question 4

Knowledge

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"Describe the principle behind address relocation. Why is it necessary and why is it useful?" [4 marks]

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Question 4

Comprehension

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“Out of the following four scheduling algorithms, which one(s) can lead to starvation: **FCFS**, **shortest job first**, **round robin**, **highest priority first**? Explain your answer.” [2 marks]

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Recap

Take-Home Message

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- Writers before Readers
- Exam Questions
- Next lecture: Memory Management (Isaac Triguero)

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