

Reader Writer Synchronization Problem

Global Variables:

```
int nreaders = 0;           //initialize number of readers to zero
semaphore mutex(1);        //to establish mutual exclusion
semaphore writing(1);
```

Readers:

```
mutex.semtdown();           //grab mutex
nreaders++;                 //announcing the new Reader

if (nreaders == 1) {        //Check if this is the frist Reader
    if (writing.value <= 0) { //Check if a Writer exists
        long randNum = (random() + 20000) % 200000;
        usleep(randNum);
        writing.semtdown();
    }
}
mutex.up();
//do the reading
READ
//after reading is done

mutex.down();
nreaders--;
if (nreaders == 0) {        //If last R
    writing.up();            //Let W go
}
mutex.up();
```

Writers:

```
writing.down();
//do the writing.
WRITE
writing.up();
```