

Concurrency:
Multi-core Programming
& Data Processing

Lab 3

-- Atomic types & Peterson's algorithm --

Java Atomic data types

- `java.util.concurrent.atomic`
- Lock-free thread-safe programming on single variables
- Atomic equivalent for usual data types: `AtomicBoolean`, `AtomicInteger`, etc.
- Direct use of hardware primitives
- Operations:
 - main: `get()`, `set()`
 - conditional update: `compareAndSet()`
 - other utility functions: `getAndIncrement()`

Atomic vs. Volatile

- `get()` and `set()` -- same as operations on volatile variables
- ... but it extends Volatile semantics with conditional update primitives
- ... and introduces Atomic arrays (i.e., array elements can be manipulated in an atomic manner)
- Attention! Declaring an array `volatile`, doesn't make each element `volatile`!

Peterson's mutual exclusion

- Generalized mutual exclusion algorithm for n threads
- As follows...

Thread	1	2	3
Level	1	1	1

```
lock() {
  for (int L = 1; L < n; L++) {
    level[i] = L; 1. there exists a thread (k) and its not the current one (i) ...
    victim[L] = i;
    while (( exists k != i with level[k] >= L
      && victim [L] == i ) {}); 2. and that thread is at the same or bigger level(level[k]) than the current thread (L)
  } 3. and the victim at the level where the current thread is (victim[L]) is the current thread (i)
}
```

Legend:

n – total levels

L – current level

i – thread id

Variables:

n = 3

L = 1

i = 1,2,3

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lock() {
  for (int L = 1; L < n; L++) {
    level[i] = L;
    victim[L] = i;
    while (( exists k != i with level[k] >= L)
      && victim [L] == i ) {};
  }
}
```

Thread	1	2	3
Level	1	1	1
	level[1]=1	level[2]=1	level[3]=1

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lock() {  
  for (int L = 1; L < n; L++) {  
    level[i] = L;  
    victim[L] = i;  
    while (( exists k != i with level[k] >= L)  
      && victim [L] == i ) {};  
  }  
}
```

Thread	1	2	3
Level	1	1	1
	level[1]=1	level[2]=1 victim[1]=2	level[3]=1

Legend:

Variables:

n – total levels

n = 3

L – current level

L = 1

i – thread id

i = 2

```
lock() {
  for (int L = 1; L < n; L++) {
    level[i] = L;
    victim[L] = i;
    while (( exists k != i with level[k] >= L)
           && victim [L] == i ) {};
  }
}
```

Thread	1	2	3
Level	1	1	1
	level[1]=1	level[2]=1 victim[1]=2 Blocked!	level[3]=1

Legend:
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	victim[1]=1		


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  }
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	victim[1]=1 Blocked!		
Level		2	

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```

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Level	1	1	1
	level[1]=1	level[2]=1 victim[1]=2	level[3]=1
	victim[1]=1 Blocked!	↓	
			victim[1]=3
Level		2	

Legend:

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 L = 1
 i = 3

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  for (int L = 1; L < n; L++) {
    level[i] = L;
    victim[L] = i;
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      && victim [L] == i ) {};
  }
}
```

Thread	1	2	3
Level	1	1	1
	level[1]=1	level[2]=1 victim[1]=2	level[3]=1
	victim[1]=1		
	↓	↓	
Level	2	2	
			victim[1]=3 Blocked!

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 L – current level
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  for (int L = 1; L < n; L++) {
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Variables:

n = 3

L = 2

i = 1,2

Thread	1	2	3
Level	1	1	1
	level[1]=1	level[2]=1	level[3]=1
		victim[1]=2	
	victim[1]=1		
	↓	↓	
Level	2	2	
	level[1]=2	level[2]=2	
			victim[1]=3
			Blocked!

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lock() {
  for (int L = 1; L < n; L++) {
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Variables:

n = 3

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i = 2

Thread	1	2	3
Level	1	1	1
	level[1]=1	level[2]=1 victim[1]=2	level[3]=1
	victim[1]=1		
	↓	↓	
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	level[1]=2	level[2]=2 victim[2]=2	victim[1]=3 Blocked!

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Legend:

Variables:

n – total levels

n = 3

L – current level

L = 2

i – thread id

i = 2

Thread	1	2	3
Level	1	1	1
	level[1]=1	level[2]=1 victim[1]=2	level[3]=1
	victim[1]=1		
	↓	↓	
Level	2	2	
	level[1]=2	level[2]=2 victim[2]=2 Blocked!	victim[1]=3 Blocked!

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	victim[1]=1		
	↓	↓	
Level	2	2	
	level[1]=2	level[2]=2 victim[2]=2	
	victim[2]=1	Blocked!	
			victim[1]=3 Blocked!


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lock() {
  for (int L = 1; L < n; L++) {
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	victim[1]=1		
	↓	↓	victim[1]=3 Blocked!
Level	2	2	
	level[1]=2	level[2]=2 victim[2]=2	
	victim[2]=1 Blocked!	↓	
Level		CriticalSection	

Exercise: Atomic type application

- Last time: started threads manually, assigned static IDs, differentiated based on ID between master and workers
- **This time:** use thread pool, define different tasks for the master and workers
- But... ID was important for splitting the image between workers!
- Use atomic type primitives to generate a sequence of unique IDs for computing each slice, without depending on which thread executes the task
- Skeleton on Lab3/exercises (also code from lab2 – you can copy the master and worker code from there)