# **COMP1521** Week 10

(Week 3 of) Intro to Operating Systems + Revision

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# What is the difference between concurrency and parallelism?

- Concurrency refers to the general concept of there being multiple "threads" of execution, which can swapped between to give the illusion of multiple programs running at the same time.
- Parallelism is a subset of concurrency where several threads run at the exact same time.
- Parallelism is only possible on machines with multiple cores, or with CPUs that can perform the same operation on multiple pieces of data at once (these are called SIMD instructions).

#### Concurrency in C

- We generally use POSIX threads, as they are quite widely supported.
- #include <pthread.h>
- You also need to compile with the pthread flag:
  - o dcc -pthread program.c -o program
- Run "man 7 posix pthread.h" in a terminal for more info.

## What can go wrong with concurrent code?



