

CS 420

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT H3

1. Multi-Threaded programming – Race Hazard – 1.

Write a Java application that creates two threads that share access to a single instance of the `Resource` class shown below. Each thread should repeatedly get the value of the `value` attribute and then change it. One thread should increment it by one and the other should decrement it by one. In order to simulate the way in which race hazards can arise, one thread should sleep a random time between getting and setting the value, while the other thread should sleep a random time after setting the value. Be sure to get the current value just before setting a new value. The `Resource` object will report a mismatch resulting from a race condition occurring. The user can terminate the program by typing `ctl-c` at the command line. Your code should use random sleep times between 10 and 200 milliseconds.

Submission: name your file `race1.java`

```
// A shared resource. Its value attribute should only
// be adjusted by +1 or -1 via setValue().
// Used to illustrate race hazards.

class Resource {
    private volatile int value;

    public int getValue(){
        return value;
    }

    // Value should only be changed by 1
    public void setValue(int v){
        if(Math.abs(value-v) != 1){
            System.out.println("Mismatch: "+value+" "+v);
        }
        value = v;
    }
}
```

2. Multi-Threaded programming – Race Hazard – 2.

The random sleeping in the first exercise above is only necessary to show a race hazard if the thread scheduling is not done using a round-robin algorithm. Remove the calls to `sleep()` and explain your observation of how the program operates with respect to the scheduling done by the JVM being used.

Submission: name your file `race2.java`

3. Multi-Threaded programming – Race Hazard – 3.

Assume that the `getValue()` and `setValue()` methods are declared as synchronized methods. Explain what this would do to prevent the race hazard. Demonstrate the operation of the modified `Resource` class with the application in exercise 1.

Submission: name your file race3.java

4. Multi-Threaded programming – Race Hazard – 4.

Modify the `Resource` class used above to implement a single synchronized method used by threads to alter the `value` attribute. Explain what this would do to prevent the race hazard. Demonstrate the operation of the modified `Resource` class with the application in exercise 1.

Submission: name your file race4.java

5. Process Scheduling – 1

Suppose that the following processes arrive for execution at the times shown in the following table. Each process' next CPU burst time is shown. Answer the following questions using non-preemptive scheduling and base all decisions only the information available at the time the decision must be made.

Process ID	Time of Arrival	Next CPU Burst Time
P _A	0.0	7
P _B	1.2	3
P _C	3.0	2

1. What is the average turnaround time for these processes with the FCFS scheduling algorithm?
2. What is the average turnaround time for these processes with the SJF scheduling algorithm?
3. The SJF algorithm is supposed to improve performance, but notice that we chose to run process P_A at time 0 because we did not know that two shorter processes would arrive soon. Compute what the average turnaround time will be if the CPU is left idle for the first 2 units of time, and then SJF scheduling is used. Remember that processes P_A and P_B are waiting during this idle time, so their waiting time may increase.

6. Process Scheduling – 2

The following processes are currently in the ready state, with the length of the CPU-burst time given

in milliseconds. The processes are assumed to have arrived all at the same time in the order P_A, P_B, P_C, P_D, P_E.

Process ID	Next CPU Burst Time	Process Priority (1=highest)
P _A	12	4
P _B	2	2
P _C	3	4
P _D	2	6
P _E	7	3

1. Draw Gantt charts that illustrate the execution of these processes using SJF, FCFS, non-preemptive priority, and RR (quantum = 1) scheduling.
2. Compute the turnaround time of each process for each of the scheduling algorithms above.
3. Compute the waiting time of each process for each of the scheduling algorithms above.
4. Which of the four schedules above results in the smallest average waiting time for this set of processes?

7. Process Scheduling – 3

One reason for using a quantum to interrupt a running process after a “reasonable” period is to allow the operating system to regain the processor and dispatch the next process. Suppose that a system does not have an interrupting clock and the only way a process can lose the processor is to relinquish it voluntarily. Suppose also that no dispatching mechanism is provided in the operating system.

- (1) Describe how a group of user processes could cooperate among themselves to implement a user-controlled dispatching mechanism.
- (2) What potential dangers are inherent in this scheme?
- (3) What are the advantages to the users over a system-controlled dispatching mechanism?

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- First four problems receive 70% of the total score for the assignment..
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- Homework submissions will be clearly marked with the student’s name, date and assignment identification at the top of the first page.
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Programming Instructions:

- Put a block of comments at the beginning of every physical file containing program source code that includes your name, the course name and number, information identifying what functions the program is designed to perform, and instructions how to execute the program. (required)
- Submit only one zip file with your entire assignment: including your java files, and a document file (word or pdf) for the explanations questions.
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