

Operating Systems

Assignment 3

Part 1

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Description of your code and how you implemented the function -

We have used semaphores to implement the reader-writer problem. The semaphore wait and signal functions are used for the same and the value of mutex is incremented or decremented accordingly.

The code consists of two functions :

- Reader() -
 - The readers make sure that no writer is writing to the file.
 - Then, multiple readers can access the file and read the required data.
- Writer() -
 - The writer checks that no reader is reading the file or that no writer is writing to it.
 - The writer takes message to be written by it as input from the user.
 - Once it is free to write, it writes the message to the file.

The inputs the user should give -

- The user is asked to input whether he wants to add a writer or reader. (integer n)
- When n=1, a writer is added.
 - The writer is now asked to input the message he wants to write as the writer.
 - When he inputs a single word message, it is written by a single writer.
 - When he inputs a multiple word message separated by spaces, each word is written by a different writer sequentially. Thus, no two writers can write at the same time.
- When n=2, a reader is added.

- The reader reads the messages written to the file.

Expected output (and how to interpret it) -

- The output states the sequence in which reading and writing takes place.

Error values and how to interpret them -

- File error
 - When the message is not written to read from the file.
- Input error
 - When the user inputs an incorrect choice.