Multiprocessing

Multiple CPUs, cores, or hyperthreads

Multiprogramming

Multiple jobs or processes

Multithreading

Multiple threads per process.

Properties of synchronization primitives

* for locks
  - ✓ Atomic, Correctness
  - ✓ Performance
  - ✓ Fairness
  - ✓ Minimize use of locks as much as possible
  - ✓ Hierarchical usage of locks.

Read-writes pattern

Scenario: There might be possible no: of readers and writer for a shared resource.
Only one writer is allowed at a time in critical section but there could be multiple readers. Example: Editing a table's particular row. Writer will be only accessing it. There could be multiple readers for entire table.
Issue: Application wants to know time.

Application uses multiple readers to read the time but kernel is the only one who writes the time.

Implement read-writer lock using semaphore

```
sid writer = semcreate(1); sid mutex = semcreate(1);
int reader_cnt = 0;
// WRITERS
lock_writer() {
        wait(writer);
}
// I'm writting
unlock_writer() {
        signal(writer);
}
// Readers
lock_readers() {
        wait(mutex)
        reader_cnt++;
        if (reader_cnt == 1) {
                wait(writer) }
        signal(mutex)
}
// I'm reading
unlock_reader() {
        wait(mutex);
```

→ we need to wait for writer semaphore.

→ leave the critical section.

```
        reader_cnt --;
        if (reader_cnt == 0) {
            signal (writer);
        signal (mutex);
    }
```

when we see there is no reader left anybody could go i.e reader and writer

Conditional variables

* Conditional variables are variables that represent certain conditions. Each conditional variables represent one condition.

* wait or cond_wait :
  - ↳ when a thread calls cond_wait : The caller is (always) put into the queue of that condition variable.
  (In semaphore if count > 0 we don't block, we use the resource, in this always the caller blocks)

* signal or cond_signal :
  - ↳ if queue has threads waiting then one of them is released
  - ↳ otherwise signal is lost.

* Works with monitor.

* If there are waiting threads, one of them will be released and as a result there

will are 2 threads executing within the monitor

- ✓ One of them is caller that triggers release and the other is one being released.
- ✓ There should be only one thread executing using mutex.

* Let a thread efficiently wait for a change to shared state that is protected by a lock.
* cond_wait()
  - ↳ caller is put into the CV queue
  - ↳ {a member of queue is released which changes the shared resource}
  - ↳ releases CV mutex.
* cond_signal()
  - ↳ if there are threads waiting in CV queue, one of them is released.
  - ↳ otherwise, CV signal is lost.