NCTU OS HW2 report 2018

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Q1.

Briefly describe about your design for the problem "Sum Checker" and total num of threads you used in your code.

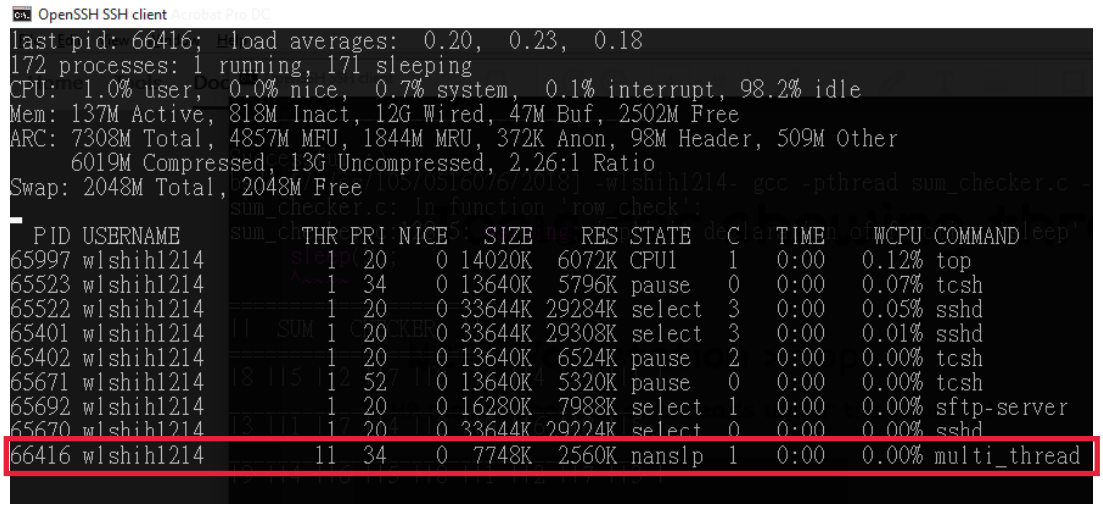
A1.

In this problem, 11 threads were used. One for row checking, one for row checking, and 9 for each sub-gird. Each thread compute the sum and compare with a checker, which is a global variable and the value can be updated when the first sum is computed.

Q2.

Show your thread info screenshots while "Sum Checker" code running.

A2.



The process name is "multi_thread", using 11 threads.

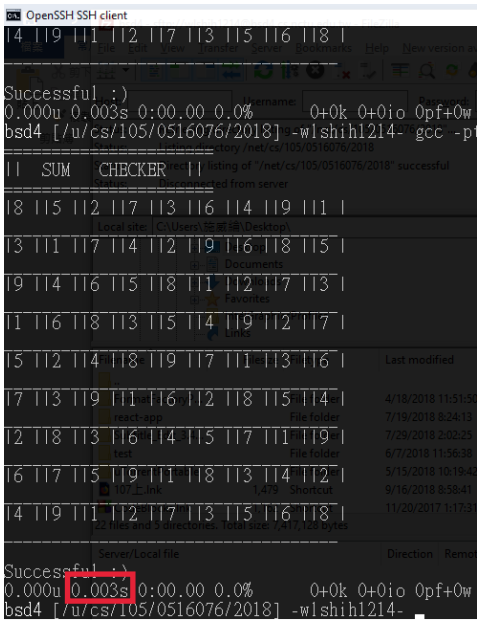
Q3.

Compare the time between Single-thread and Multi-thread.

A3.

Single-thread: 0.003s
Multi-thread: 0.004s

The result is not as expected. Multi-threaded sum checker used 11 threads, but the time wasn't 11 times faster. Maybe the algorithm was fast enough compare to the time to create and join threads.



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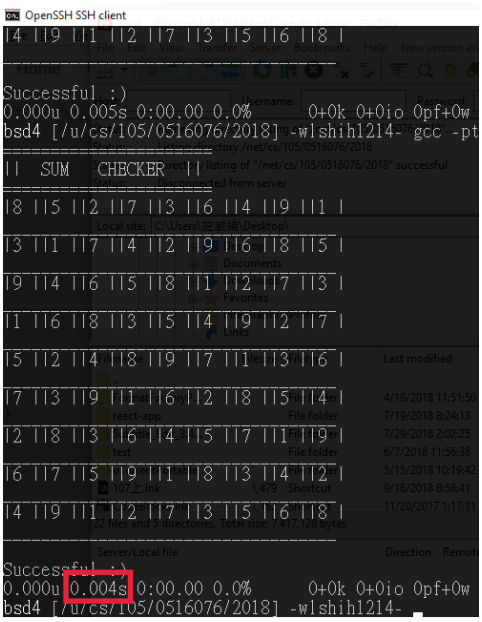

multi

Q4.

What you learned from doing OS hw2 or some improvements you want to say to TAs.

A4.

After this assignment, I have a better understanding of how multi-threaded process work. But actually, we are only using the APIs provided by other developers. What I've really learnt is to use pointers and types in the right way in C.