POSIX Threads

IEEE 1003.1c The standard for writing portable threaded programs.
The threads package it defines is called Pthreads,
including over 60 function calls, supported by most UNIX
systems.

Some of the Pthreads function calls

Thread call	Description
pthread_create	Create a new thread
pthread_exit	Terminate the calling thread
pthread_join	Wait for a specific thread to exit
pthread_yield	Release the CPU to let another thread run
pthread_attr_init	Create and initialize a thread's attribute structure
pthread_attr_destroy	Remove a thread's attribute structure