

- Project related
 - Fork, thread, pipe, signal, socket
 - The basic concept of these functions
 - Under an example scenario, which ones are the best to use and “why”
 - May need to use multiple functions
 - There will be no question on thread specific behaviors, but combined with other functions
 - The behaviors of a program with these functions
 - Try out the behaviors if these functions are called differently
 - Projects 2 and 3
 - Basic designs
 - Thread synchronization and semaphore coding for Project 3
 - Different handling between the ready queue and terminal queue (how they are different and why)
 - Socket communication steps and select command
- Monitor solution
 - Using monitors to solve synchronization problems
 - Monitor implementation concepts and variations
 - Pros and cons for different implementations
 - Given a monitor code, understand whether it is correct and its behavior
 - Monitor states
 - State of the mutex for guarding the monitor
 - State of the condition variables and condition queues
 - State of other variables defined in the monitor
- Compare semaphore, monitor and lock
 - Analyze which ones would be most suitable for various situations
- Message passing primitives
 - Naming schemes, their powers and tradeoffs
 - BSBR versus NSBR versus NSNR, their powers and tradeoffs
 - Guarded communication
 - Socket and select communication
- Deadlock
 - Understand the difference between deadlock prevention, avoidance, and detection, understand their pros and cons
 - Follow the algorithms for deadlock prevention, avoidance, and detection
 - Linear ordering, avoid hold-and-wait, Banker’s algorithm, wait-for graph
 - Understand why the algorithms would work
 - Given example new algorithms and decide
 - Which mechanisms they belong to
 - Whether it will work, and pros and cons
 - Given example scenarios and decide which algorithms will work better

- Memory management
 - Simple memory management algorithms,
 - First fit, best fit, ... buddy
 - Simple paging
 - Physical address computation and access violations
 - Performance, fragmentation by the algorithms
- Virtual memory
 - Fully understand the concept of virtual memory
 - Understand demand paging, where pages are not brought in till it is needed and a page a program references may not be in memory
 - Memory hierarchy
 - Characteristics and average access latency
 - Page tables: 2-level, IPT, TLB
 - Understand the page table data structure and the pros and cons
 - Able to follow the scheme to perform addressing
 - What would be the access latency?
 - Which method is most suitable for a given scenario?
 - Swap space
 - What it is and its role in memory hierarchy
 - Memory access flow
 - Clearly know the entire flow
 - Understand when a page fault is raised and how it is handled
 - Check Project 2 Phase 1 and see how the registers will be impacted during a page fault
 - Working set management
 - What it is and the issues in setting the set size
 - Specific number of page faults with different working set size settings