CSC3150 Assignment2

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1 What I Learnt From the task

1.1 -lpthread

Q: Why gcc does not link to the pthread by "#include<pthread.h>", while we must use "-lpthread" to compile the program Λ .

Having #include <pthread.h> in your code doesn't link in the library; it only includes the header for compilation. That allows the compiler to see the various structures, function declarations, etc. included. Having -lpthread actually causes the linking to be done by the linker. So the include tells the compiler what's available, and the -lpthread actually allows the program to call the functions within the library at runtime.

1.2 pthread_join

Q: Why do we use pthread_join in multiple thread programming A: