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#define N 100                                   /* number of slots in the buffer */
typedef int semaphore;                          /* semaphores are a special kind of int */
semaphore mutex = 1;                            /* controls access to critical region */
semaphore empty = N;                            /* counts empty buffer slots */
semaphore full = 0;                             /* counts full buffer slots */

void producer(void)
{
     int item;

     while (TRUE) {                             /* TRUE is the constant 1 */
          item = produce_item( );               /* generate something to put in buffer */
          down(&empty);                         /* decrement empty count */
          down(&mutex);                         /* enter critical region */
          insert_item(item);                    /* put new item in buffer */
          up(&mutex);                           /* leave critical region */
          up(&full);                            /* increment count of full slots */
     }
}


void consumer(void)
{
     int item;

     while (TRUE) {                             /* infinite loop */
          down(&full);                          /* decrement full count */
          down(&mutex);                         /* enter critical region */
          item = remove_item( );                /* take item from buffer */
          up(&mutex);                           /* leave critical region */
          up(&empty);                           /* increment count of empty slots */
          consume_item(item);                   /* do something with the item */
     }
}
```

Fig. 2-24. The producer-consumer problem using semaphores.