CS162
Operating Systems and Systems Programming
Lecture 6

Readers/Writers Problem, Working in Teams

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Goals for Today

- Recap:
  - Locks, again
  - Mesa monitors: Why use "while()"?
- Readers/Writers problem
- Tips for Programming in a Project Team

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More Recap: Locks

- A thread needs to wait if another one in critical section
- A critical section can be arbitrary long
- Don't want to spin-lock while waiting; want to sleep!

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lock.Acquire();
 …
 critical section;
 …
lock.Release();
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```
int value = FREE;
Acquire() {
  if (value == BUSY) {
    put thread on wait-queue;
    go to sleep();
  } else {
    value = BUSY;
  }
}
```

```
Release() {
 if anyone on wait queue {
    take thread off wait queue
    place on ready queue;
  } else {
    value = FREE;
  }
```

Both bodies of Acquire () and Release() should be critical section. Why?

More Recap: Locks

- Acquire() and Release() themselves need to be critical sections

```
int guard = 0;
int value = FREE;
Acquire() {
  while(test&set(guard));
  if (value == BUSSY) {
    put thread on wait-queue;
    go to sleep()& guard = 0;
  } else {
    value = BUSSY;
    guard = 0;
  }
}
```

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 …
 critical section;
 …
lock.Release();
```

```
Release() {
  while (test&set(guard));
  if anyone on wait queue {
    take thread off wait-queue;
    Place on ready queue;
  } else {
    value = FREE;
  }
  guard = 0;
}
```

spin-lock (but critical section very small!)

Mesa Monitor: Why "while()"?

- Why do we use "while()" instead of "if() with Mesa monitors?
  - Example illustrating what happens if we use "if()", e.g.,

```
if (queue.isEmpty()) {
  dataready.wait(&lock); // If nothing, sleep
}
```

- We'll use the synchronized (infinite) queue example

```
AddToQueue(item) {
  lock.Acquire();
  queue.enqueue(item);
  dataready.signal();
  lock.Release();
}
```

```
RemoveFromQueue() {
  lock.Acquire();
  if (queue.isEmpty()) {
    dataready.wait(&lock);
  }
  item = queue.dequeue();
  lock.Release();
  return(item);
}
```

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Mesa: Replace "while" with "if"

Mesa Monitor: Why "while()"?

App. Shared State: queue

Monitor: lock: FREE; dataready queue → NULL

CPU State: Running: T1; Ready queue → NULL; …

T1 (Running)

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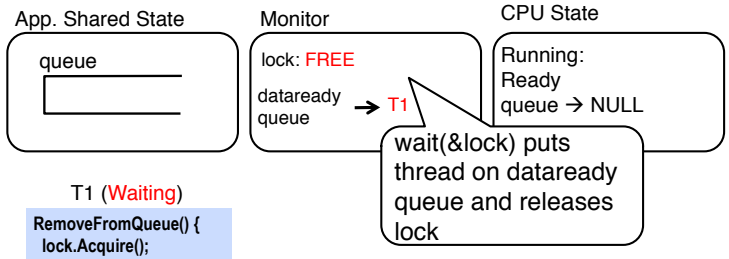

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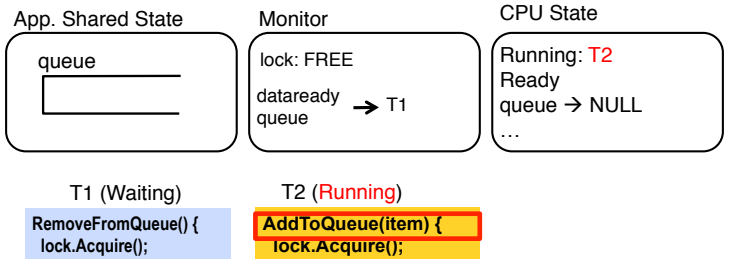

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T2 (Running)

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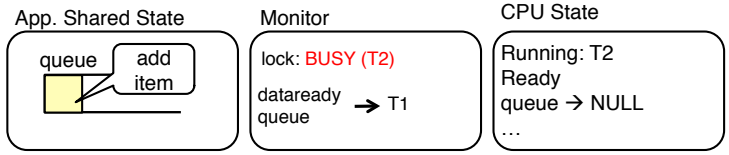

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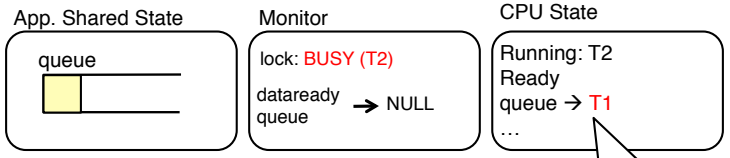

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  return(item);
}
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T2 (Running)

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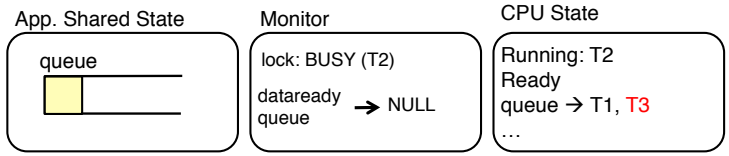

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AddToQueue(item) {
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}
```

T3 (Ready)

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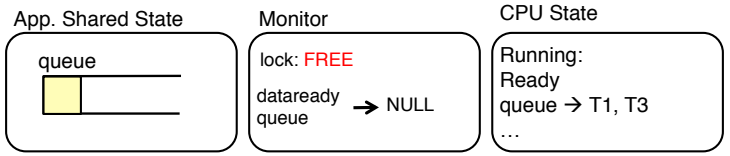

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T2 (Terminate)

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AddToQueue(item) {
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}
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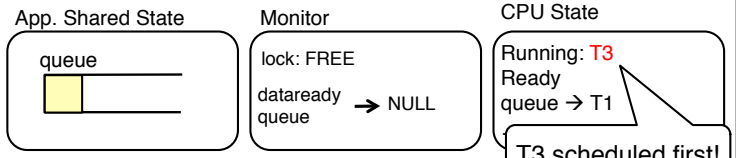

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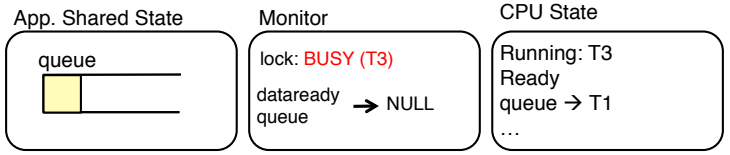

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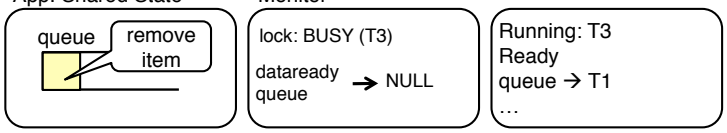

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  lock.Release();
  return(item);
}
```

T3 (Finished)

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RemoveFromQueue() {
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  if (queue.isEmpty()) {
    dataready.wait(&lock);
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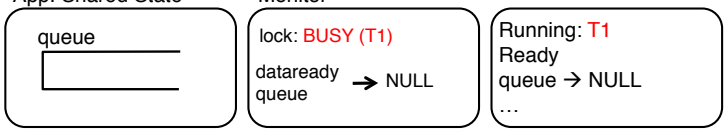

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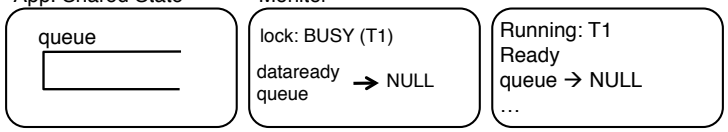

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  return(item);
}
```

ERROR: Nothing in the queue!

Mesa Monitor: Why "while()"?

App. Shared State: queue

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CPU State: Running: T1; Ready queue → NULL; …

T1 (Running)

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  lock.Acquire();
  while (queue.isEmpty()) {
    dataready.wait(&lock);
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  return(item
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Replace "if" with "while"

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  }
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  lock.Release();
  return(item);
}
```

Check again if empty!

Mesa Monitor: Why "while()"?

App. Shared State: queue

Monitor: lock: FREE; dataready queue → T1

CPU State: Running: T1; Ready queue → NULL; …

T1 (Waiting)

```
RemoveFromQueue() {
  lock.Acquire();
  while (queue.isEmpty()) {
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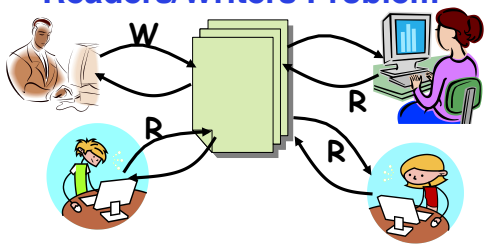
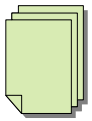
Readers/Writers Problem



- Motivation: Consider a shared database
  - Two classes of users:
    - » Readers – never modify database
    - » Writers – read and modify database
  - Is using a single lock on the whole database sufficient?
    - » Like to have many readers at the same time
    - » Only one writer at a time

Basic Readers/Writers Solution



- Correctness Constraints:
  - Readers can access database when no writers
  - Writers can access database when no readers or writers
  - Only one thread manipulates state variables at a time
- Basic structure of a solution:
  - **Reader()**
    ```
    Wait until no writers
    Access database
    Check out - wake up a waiting writer
    ```
  - **Writer()**
    ```
    Wait until no active readers or writers
    Access database
    Check out - wake up waiting readers or writer
    ```
  - State variables (Protected by a lock called "lock"):
    - » int AR: Number of active readers; initially = 0
    - » int WR: Number of waiting readers; initially = 0
    - » int AW: Number of active writers; initially = 0
    - » int WW: Number of waiting writers; initially = 0
    - » Condition okToRead = NIL
    - » Condition okToWrite = NIL

Code for a Reader

```
Reader() {
  // First check self into system
  lock.Acquire();
  while ((AW + WW) > 0) {  // Is it safe to read?
    WR++;                  // No. Writers exist
    okToRead.wait(&lock);  // Sleep on cond var
    WR--;                  // No longer waiting
  }
  AR++;                    // Now we are active!
  lock.release();
  // Perform actual read-only access
  AccessDatabase(ReadOnly);
  // Now, check out of system
  lock.Acquire();
  AR--;                    // No longer active
  if (AR == 0 && WW > 0)   // No other active readers
    okToWrite.signal();    // Wake up one writer
  lock.Release();
}
```


Code for a Writer

```
Writer() {
  // First check self into system
  lock.Acquire();
  while ((AW + AR) > 0) {  // Is it safe to write?
    WW++;                  // No. Active users exist
    okToWrite.wait(&lock);  // Sleep on cond var
    WW--;                  // No longer waiting
  }
  AW++;                    // Now we are active!
  lock.release();
  // Perform actual read/write access
  AccessDatabase(ReadWrite);
  // Now, check out of system
  lock.Acquire();
  AW--;                    // No longer active
  if (WW > 0){             // Give priority to writers
    okToWrite.signal();    // Wake up one writer
  } else if (WR > 0) {     // Otherwise, wake reader
    okToRead.broadcast(); // Wake all readers
  }
  lock.Release();
}
```


Simulation of Readers/Writers Solution

- Use an example to simulate the solution
- Consider the following sequence of operators:
  - R1, R2, W1, R3
- Initially: AR = 0, WR = 0, AW = 0, WW = 0

Simulation of Readers/Writers Solution

- R1 comes along
- AR = 0, WR = 0, AW = 0, WW = 0

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    AccessDbase(ReadOnly);

    lock.Acquire();
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- R1 comes along
- AR = 1, WR = 0, AW = 0, WW = 0

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  }
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Simulation of Readers/Writers Solution

- R2 comes along
- AR = 1, WR = 0, AW = 0, WW = 0

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    lock.Acquire();
    AR--;
    if (AR == 0 && WW > 0)
      okToWrite.signal();
    lock.Release();
  }
```


Simulation of Readers/Writers Solution

- R2 comes along
- AR = 2, WR = 0, AW = 0, WW = 0

```
Reader() {
    lock.Acquire();
    while ((AW + WW) > 0) {  // Is it safe to read?
      WR++;                  // No. Writers exist
      okToRead.wait(&lock);  // Sleep on cond var
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    lock.Acquire();
    AR--;
    if (AR == 0 && WW > 0)
      okToWrite.signal();
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  }
```

Assume readers take a while to access database
Situation: Locks released, only AR is non-zero

Simulation of Readers/Writers Solution

- W1 comes along (R1 and R2 are still accessing dbase)
- AR = 2, WR = 0, AW = 0, WW = 0

```
Writer() {
    lock.Acquire();
    while ((AW + AR) > 0) {  // Is it safe to write?
      WW++;                  // No. Active users exist
      okToWrite.wait(&lock); // Sleep on cond var
      WW--;                  // No longer waiting
    }
    AW++;
    lock.release();

    AccessDbase(ReadWrite);

    lock.Acquire();
    AW--;
    if (WW > 0){
      okToWrite.signal();
    } else if (WR > 0) {
      okToRead.broadcast();
    }
    lock.Release();
  }
```


Simulation of Readers/Writers Solution

- W1 comes along (R1 and R2 are still accessing dbase)
- AR = 2, WR = 0, AW = 0, WW = 0

```
Writer() {
    lock.Acquire();
    while ((AW + AR) > 0) {  // Is it safe to write?
      WW++;                  // No. Active users exist
      okToWrite.wait(&lock); // Sleep on cond var
      WW--;                  // No longer waiting
    }
    AW++;
    lock.release();

    AccessDbase(ReadWrite);

    lock.Acquire();
    AW--;
    if (WW > 0){
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    } else if (WR > 0) {
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Simulation of Readers/Writers Solution

- W1 comes along (R1 and R2 are still accessing dbase)
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    while ((AW + AR) > 0) {  // Is it safe to write?
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    }
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    }
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    lock.Acquire();
    AW--;
    if (WW > 0){
      okToWrite.signal();
    } else if (WR > 0) {
      okToRead.broadcast();
    }
    lock.Release();
  }
```

W1 cannot start because of readers, so goes to sleep

Simulation of Readers/Writers Solution

- R3 comes along (R1, R2 accessing dbase, W1 waiting)
- AR = 2, WR = 0, AW = 0, WW = 1

```
Reader() {
    lock.Acquire();
    while ((AW + WW) > 0) {  // Is it safe to read?
      WR++;                  // No. Writers exist
      okToRead.wait(&lock);  // Sleep on cond var
      WR--;                  // No longer waiting
    }
    AR++;                    // Now we are active!
    lock.release();

    AccessDbase(ReadOnly);

    lock.Acquire();
    AR--;
    if (AR == 0 && WW > 0)
      okToWrite.signal();
    lock.Release();
  }
```


Simulation of Readers/Writers Solution

- R3 comes along (R1, R2 accessing dbase, W1 waiting)
- AR = 2, WR = 0, AW = 0, WW = 1

```
Reader() {
    lock.Acquire();
    while ((AW + WW) > 0) {  // Is it safe to read?
      WR++;                  // No. Writers exist
      okToRead.wait(&lock);  // Sleep on cond var
      WR--;                  // No longer waiting
    }
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    AccessDbase(ReadOnly);

    lock.Acquire();
    AR--;
    if (AR == 0 && WW > 0)
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  }
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Simulation of Readers/Writers Solution

- R3 comes along (R1, R2 accessing dbase, W1 waiting)
- AR = 2, WR = 1, AW = 0, WW = 1

```
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      WR--;                  // No longer waiting
    }
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    AccessDbase(ReadOnly);

    lock.Acquire();
    AR--;
    if (AR == 0 && WW > 0)
      okToWrite.signal();
    lock.Release();
  }
```


Simulation of Readers/Writers Solution

- R3 comes along (R1, R2 accessing dbase, W1 waiting)
- AR = 2, WR = 1, AW = 0, WW = 1

```
Reader() {
    lock.Acquire();
    while ((AW + WW) > 0) {  // Is it safe to read?
      WR++;                  // No. Writers exist
      okToRead.wait(&lock);  // Sleep on cond var
      WR--;                  // No longer waiting
    }
    AR++;                    // Now we are active!
    lock.release();

    AccessDbase(ReadOnly);

    lock.Acquire();
    AR--;
```

Status:
- R1 and R2 still reading
- W1 and R3 waiting on okToWrite and okToRead, respectively

Simulation of Readers/Writers Solution

- R2 finishes (R1 accessing dbase, W1, R3 waiting)
- AR = 2, WR = 1, AW = 0, WW = 1

```
Reader() {
    lock.Acquire();
    while ((AW + WW) > 0) {  // Is it safe to read?
      WR++;                  // No. Writers exist
      okToRead.wait(&lock);  // Sleep on cond var
      WR--;                  // No longer waiting
    }
    AR++;                    // Now we are active!
    lock.release();

    AccessDbase(ReadOnly);

    lock.Acquire();
    AR--;
    if (AR == 0 && WW > 0)
      okToWrite.signal();
    lock.Release();
  }
```


Simulation of Readers/Writers Solution

- R2 finishes (R1 accessing dbase, W1, R3 waiting)
- AR = 1, WR = 1, AW = 0, WW = 1

```
Reader() {
    lock.Acquire();
    while ((AW + WW) > 0) {  // Is it safe to read?
      WR++;                  // No. Writers exist
      okToRead.wait(&lock);  // Sleep on cond var
      WR--;                  // No longer waiting
    }
    AR++;                    // Now we are active!
    lock.release();

    AccessDbase(ReadOnly);

    lock.Acquire();
    AR--;
    if (AR == 0 && WW > 0)
      okToWrite.signal();
    lock.Release();
  }
```

Simulation of Readers/Writers Solution

- R2 finishes (R1 accessing dbase, W1, R3 waiting)
- AR = 1, WR = 1, AW = 0, WW = 1

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Reader() {
    lock.Acquire();
    while ((AW + WW) > 0) {  // Is it safe to read?
      WR++;                  // No. Writers exist
      okToRead.wait(&lock);  // Sleep on cond var
      WR--;                  // No longer waiting
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    AccessDbase(ReadOnly);

    lock.Acquire();
    AR--;
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      okToWrite.signal();
    lock.Release();
  }
```


Simulation of Readers/Writers Solution

- R2 finishes (R1 accessing dbase, W1, R3 waiting)
- AR = 1, WR = 1, AW = 0, WW = 1

```
Reader() {
    lock.Acquire();
    while ((AW + WW) > 0) {  // Is it safe to read?
      WR++;                  // No. Writers exist
      okToRead.wait(&lock);  // Sleep on cond var
      WR--;                  // No longer waiting
    }
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    AccessDbase(ReadOnly);

    lock.Acquire();
    AR--;
    if (AR == 0 && WW > 0)
      okToWrite.signal();
    lock.Release();
  }
```


Simulation of Readers/Writers Solution

- R1 finishes (W1, R3 waiting)
- AR = 1, WR = 1, AW = 0, WW = 1

```
Reader() {
    lock.Acquire();
    while ((AW + WW) > 0) {  // Is it safe to read?
      WR++;                  // No. Writers exist
      okToRead.wait(&lock);  // Sleep on cond var
      WR--;                  // No longer waiting
    }
    AR++;                    // Now we are active!
    lock.release();

    AccessDbase(ReadOnly);

    lock.Acquire();
    AR--;
    if (AR == 0 && WW > 0)
      okToWrite.signal();
    lock.Release();
  }
```


Simulation of Readers/Writers Solution

- R1 finishes (W1, R3 waiting)
- AR = 0, WR = 1, AW = 0, WW = 1

```
Reader() {
    lock.Acquire();
    while ((AW + WW) > 0) {  // Is it safe to read?
      WR++;                  // No. Writers exist
      okToRead.wait(&lock);  // Sleep on cond var
      WR--;                  // No longer waiting
    }
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    lock.release();

    AccessDbase(ReadOnly);

    lock.Acquire();
    AR--;
    if (AR == 0 && WW > 0)
      okToWrite.signal();
    lock.Release();
  }
```

Simulation of Readers/Writers Solution

- R1 finishes (W1, R3 waiting)
- AR = 0, WR = 1, AW = 0, WW = 1

```
Reader() {
    lock.Acquire();
    while ((AW + WW) > 0) {  // Is it safe to read?
      WR++;                  // No. Writers exist
      okToRead.wait(&lock);  // Sleep on cond var
      WR--;                  // No longer waiting
    }
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    lock.release();

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    lock.Acquire();
    AR--;
    if (AR == 0 && WW > 0)
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  }
```


Simulation of Readers/Writers Solution

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- AR = 0, WR = 1, AW = 0, WW = 1

```
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    lock.Acquire();
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      okToRead.wait(&lock);  // Sleep on cond var
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    lock.release();

    AccessDbase(ReadOnly);

    lock.Acquire();
    AR--;
    if (AR == 0 && WW > 0)
      okToWrite.signal();
    lock.Release();
  }
```

All reader finished, signal writer – note, R3 still waiting

Simulation of Readers/Writers Solution

- W1 gets signal (R3 still waiting)
- AR = 0, WR = 1, AW = 0, WW = 1

```
Writer() {
    lock.Acquire();
    while ((AW + AR) > 0) {  // Is it safe to write?
      WW++;                  // No. Active users exist
      okToWrite.wait(&lock); // Sleep on cond var
      WW--;                  // No longer waiting
    }
    AW++;
    lock.release();

    AccessDbase(ReadWrite);

    lock.Acquire();
    AW--;
    if (WW > 0){
      okToWrite.signal();
    } else if (WR > 0) {
      okToRead.broadcast();
    }
    lock.Release();
  }
```

Got signal from R1

Simulation of Readers/Writers Solution

- W1 gets signal (R3 still waiting)
- AR = 0, WR = 1, AW = 0, WW = 0

```
Writer() {
    lock.Acquire();
    while ((AW + AR) > 0) {  // Is it safe to write?
      WW++;                  // No. Active users exist
      okToWrite.wait(&lock); // Sleep on cond var
      WW--;                  // No longer waiting
    }
    AW++;
    lock.release();

    AccessDbase(ReadWrite);

    lock.Acquire();
    AW--;
    if (WW > 0){
      okToWrite.signal();
    } else if (WR > 0) {
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    }
    lock.Release();
  }
```

Simulation of Readers/Writers Solution

- W1 gets signal (R3 still waiting)
- AR = 0, WR = 1, AW = 0, WW = 0

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Simulation of Readers/Writers Solution

- W1 gets signal (R3 still waiting)
- AR = 0, WR = 1, AW = 1, WW = 0

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    AW--;
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Simulation of Readers/Writers Solution

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  }
```

Simulation of Readers/Writers Solution

- W1 gets signal (R3 still waiting)
- AR = 0, WR = 1, AW = 0, WW = 0

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    lock.Acquire();
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Simulation of Readers/Writers Solution

- W1 gets signal (R3 still waiting)
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    AccessDbase(ReadWrite);

    lock.Acquire();
    AW--;
    if (WW > 0){
      okToWrite.signal();
    } else if (WR > 0) {
      okToRead.broadcast();
    }
    lock.Release();
  }
```

No waiting writer, signal reader R3

Simulation of Readers/Writers Solution

- R1 finishes (W1, R3 waiting)
- AR = 0, WR = 1, AW = 0, WW = 0

```
Reader() {
    lock.Acquire();
    while ((AW + WW) > 0) {  // Is it safe to read?
      WR++;                  // No. Writers exist
      okToRead.wait(&lock); // Sleep on cond var
      WR--;                  // No longer waiting
    }
    AR++;                    // Now we are active!
    lock.release();

    AccessDbase(ReadOnly);

    lock.Acquire();
    AR--;
    if (AR == 0 && WW > 0)
      okToWrite.signal();
    lock.Release();
  }
```

Got signal from W1

Simulation of Readers/Writers Solution

- R1 finishes (W1, R3 waiting)
- AR = 0, WR = 0, AW = 0, WW = 0

```
Reader() {
    lock.Acquire();
    while ((AW + WW) > 0) {  // Is it safe to read?
      WR++;                  // No. Writers exist
      okToRead.wait(&lock); // Sleep on cond var
      WR--;                  // No longer waiting
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    lock.Acquire();
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    lock.Release();
  }
```

Simulation of Readers/Writers Solution

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- AR = 0, WR = 0, AW = 0, WW = 0

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    while ((AW + WW) > 0) {  // Is it safe to read?
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  }
```


Simulation of Readers/Writers Solution

- R1 finishes (W1, R3 waiting)
- AR = 1, WR = 0, AW = 0, WW = 0

```
Reader() {
    lock.Acquire();
    while ((AW + WW) > 0) {  // Is it safe to read?
      WR++;                  // No. Writers exist
      okToRead.wait(&lock);  // Sleep on cond var
      WR--;                  // No longer waiting
    }
    AR++;                    // Now we are active!
    lock.release();

    AccessDbase(ReadOnly);

    lock.Acquire();
    AR--;
    if (AR == 0 && WW > 0)
      okToWrite.signal();
    lock.Release();
  }
```


Simulation of Readers/Writers Solution

- R1 finishes (W1, R3 waiting)
- AR = 1, WR = 0, AW = 0, WW = 0

```
Reader() {
    lock.Acquire();
    while ((AW + WW) > 0) {  // Is it safe to read?
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      okToRead.wait(&lock);  // Sleep on cond var
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    lock.release();

    AccessDbase(ReadOnly);

    lock.Acquire();
    AR--;
    if (AR == 0 && WW > 0)
      okToWrite.signal();
    lock.Release();
  }
```

Simulation of Readers/Writers Solution

- R1 finishes (W1, R3 waiting)
- AR = 0, WR = 0, AW = 0, WW = 0

```
Reader() {
    lock.Acquire();
    while ((AW + WW) > 0) {  // Is it safe to read?
      WR++;                  // No. Writers exist
      okToRead.wait(&lock);  // Sleep on cond var
      WR--;                  // No longer waiting
    }
    AR++;                    // Now we are active!
    lock.release();

    AccessDbase(ReadOnly);

    lock.Acquire();
    AR--;
    if (AR == 0 && WW > 0)
      okToWrite.signal();
    lock.Release();
  }
```

DONE!

Read/Writer Questions

```
Reader() {
    // check into system
    lock.Acquire();
    while ((AW + WW) > 0) {
      WR++;
      okToRead.wait(&lock);
      WR--;
    }
    AR++;
    lock.release();

    // read-only
    AccessDbase(

    // check out
    lock.Acquire(
    AR--;
    if (AR == 0 && WW > 0)
      okToWrite.signal();
    lock.Release();
  }
```

What if we remove this line?

```
Writer() {
    // check into system
    lock.Acquire();
    while ((AW + AR) > 0) {
      WW++;
      okToWrite.wait(&lock);
      WW--;
    }
    AW++;
    lock.release();

    // read/write access
    AccessDbase(ReadWrite);

    // check out of system
    lock.Acquire();
    AW--;
    if (WW > 0){
      okToWrite.signal();
    } else if (WR > 0) {
      okToRead.broadcast();
    }
    lock.Release();
  }
```


Read/Writer Questions

```
Reader() {
    // check into system
    lock.Acquire();
    while ((AW + WW) > 0) {
      WR++;
      okToRead.wait(&lock);
      WR--;
    }
    AR++;
    lock.release();

    // read-only
    AccessDbase(

    // check out
    lock.Acquire
    AR--;
    if (AR == 0 && W > 0)
      okToWrite.broadcast();
    lock.Release();
  }
```

What if we turn signal to broadcast?

```
Writer() {
    // check into system
    lock.Acquire();
    while ((AW + AR) > 0) {
      WW++;
      okToWrite.wait(&lock);
      WW--;
    }
    AW++;
    lock.release();

    // read/write access
    AccessDbase(ReadWrite);

    // check out of system
    lock.Acquire();
    AW--;
    if (WW > 0){
      okToWrite.signal();
    } else if (WR > 0) {
      okToRead.broadcast();
    }
    lock.Release();
  }
```


Read/Writer Questions

```
Reader() {
    // check into system
    lock.Acquire();
    while ((AW + WW) > 0) {
      WR++;
      okContinue.wait(&lock);
      WR--;
    }
    AR++;
    lock.release();

    // read-only access
    AccessDbase(ReadOnly);

    // check out of system
    lock.Acquire();
    AR--;
    if (AR == 0 && WW > 0)
      okContinue.signal();
    lock.Release();
  }
```

```
Writer() {
    // check into system
    lock.Acquire();
    while ((AW + AR) > 0) {
      WW++;
      okContinue.wait(&lock);
      WW--;
    }
    AW++;
    lock.release();

    // read/write access
    AccessDbase(ReadWrite);

    // check out of system
    lock.Acquire();
    AW--;
    if (WW > 0){
      okContinue.signal();
    } else if (WR > 0) {
      okContinue.broadcast();
    }
    lock.Release();
  }
```

What if we turn okToWrite and okToRead into okContinue?

Read/Writer Questions

```
Reader() {
    // check into system
    lock.Acquire();
    while ((AW + WW) > 0) {
      WR++;
      okContinue.wait(&lock);
      WR--;
    }
    AR++;
    lock.release();

    // read-only access
    AccessDbase(ReadOnly);

    // check out of system
    lock.Acquire();
    AR--;
    if (AR == 0 && WW > 0)
      okContinue.signal();
    lock.Release();
}
```

```
Writer() {
    // check into system
    lock.Acquire();
    while ((AW + AR) > 0) {
      WW++;
      okContinue.wait(&lock);
      WW--;
    }
    AW++;
    lock.release();

    // read/write access
    AccessDbase(ReadWrite);

    // check out of system
    lock.Acquire();
    AW--;
    if (WW > 0){
      okContinue.signal();
    } else if (WR > 0) {
      okContinue.broadcast();
    }
    lock.Release();
}
```

- R1 arrives
- W1, R2 arrive while R1 still reading → W1 and R2 wait for R1 to finish
- R1 signals R2

Read/Writer Questions

```
Reader() {
    // check into system
    lock.Acquire();
    while ((AW + WW) > 0) {
      WR++;
      okContinue.wait(&lock);
      WR--;
    }
    AR++;
    lock.release();

    // read-only access
    AccessDbase(ReadOnly);

    // check out of system
    lock.Acquire();
    AR--;
    if (AR == 0 && WW > 0)
      okContinue.broadcast();
    lock.Release();
}
```

```
Writer() {
    // check into system
    lock.Acquire();
    while ((AW + AR) > 0) {
      WW++;
      okContinue.wait(&lock);
      WW--;
    }
    AW++;
    lock.release();

    // read/write access
    AccessDbase(ReadWrite);

    // check out of system
    lock.Acquire();
    AW--;
    if (WW > 0){
      okContinue.broadcast();
    } else if (WR > 0) {
      okContinue.broadcast();
    }
    lock.Release();
}
```

Need to change to broadcast!

5min Break

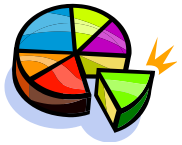
Tips for Programming in a Project Team

"You just have to get your synchronization right!"

- Big projects require more than one person (or long, long, long time)
  - Big OS: thousands of person-years!
- It's very hard to make software project teams work correctly
  - Doesn't seem to be as true of big construction projects
    - » Empire state building finished in one year: staging iron production thousands of miles away
    - » Or the Hoover dam: built towns to hold workers

Big Projects

- What is a big project?
  - Time/work estimation is hard
  - Programmers are eternal optimistics (it will only take two days)!
    - » This is why we bug you about starting the project early
- Can a project be efficiently partitioned?
  - Partitionable task decreases in time as you add people
  - But, if you require communication:
    - » Time reaches a minimum bound
    - » With complex interactions, time increases!
  - Mythical person-month problem:
    - » You estimate how long a project will take
    - » Starts to fall behind, so you add more people
    - » Project takes even more time!



Techniques for Partitioning Tasks

- Functional
  - Person A implements threads, Person B implements semaphores, Person C implements locks…
  - Problem: Lots of communication across APIs
    - » If B changes the API, A may need to make changes
    - » Story: Large airline company spent $200 million on a new scheduling and booking system. Two teams "working together." After two years, went to merge software. Failed! Interfaces had changed (documented, but no one noticed). Result: would cost another $200 million to fix.
- Task
  - Person A designs, Person B writes code, Person C tests
  - May be difficult to find right balance, but can focus on each person's strengths (Theory vs systems hacker)
  - Since Debugging is hard, Microsoft has *two* testers for *each* programmer
- Most CS162 project teams are functional, but people have had success with task-based divisions [poll]

Communication

- More people mean more communication
  - Changes have to be propagated to more people
  - Think about person writing code for most fundamental component of system: everyone depends on them!
- Miscommunication is common
  - "Index starts at 0? I thought you said 1!"
- Who makes decisions? [poll]
  - Individual decisions are fast but trouble
  - Group decisions take time
  - Centralized decisions require a big picture view (someone who can be the "system architect")
- Often designating someone as the system architect can be a good thing
  - Better not be clueless
  - Better have good people skills
  - Better let other people do work

Coordination

- More people ⇒ no one can make all meetings!
  - They miss decisions and associated discussion
  - Example from earlier class: one person missed meetings and did something group had rejected
  - Why do we limit groups to 5 people?
    - » You would never be able to schedule meetings otherwise
  - Why do we require 4 people minimum?
    - » You need to experience groups to get ready for real world
- People have different work styles
  - Some people work in the morning, some at night
  - How do you decide when to meet or work together?
- What about project slippage?
  - It will happen, guaranteed!
  - Ex: everyone busy but not talking. One person way behind. No one knew until very end – too late!
- Hard to add people to existing group
  - Members have already figured out how to work together

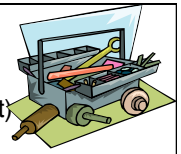
How to Make it Work?

- People are human. Get over it.
  - People will make mistakes, miss meetings, miss deadlines, etc. You need to live with it and adapt
  - It is better to anticipate problems than clean up afterwards.
- Document, document, document
  - Why Document?
    - » Expose decisions and communicate to others
    - » Easier to spot mistakes early
    - » Easier to estimate progress
  - What to document?
    - » Everything (but don't overwhelm people or no one will read)
  - Standardize!
    - » One programming format: variable naming conventions, tab indents,etc.
    - » Comments (Requires, effects, modifies)—javadoc?

Suggested Documents for You to Maintain

- Project objectives: goals, constraints, and priorities
- Specifications: the manual plus performance specs
  - This should be the first document generated and the last one finished
- Meeting notes
  - Document all decisions
  - You can often cut & paste for the design documents
- Schedule: What is your anticipated timing?
  - This document is critical!
- Organizational Chart
  - Who is responsible for what task?

Use Software Tools



- Source revision control software (CVS, SVN, git)
  - Easy to go back and see history
  - Figure out where and why a bug got introduced
  - Communicates changes to everyone (use RCS's features)
- Use an Integrated Development Environment
  - Structured development model
- Use automated testing tools
  - Write scripts for non-interactive software
  - Use "expect" for interactive software
  - Microsoft rebuilt Vista – Win8 kernels every night with the day's changes. Everyone ran/tested the latest software
- Use E-mail and instant messaging consistently to leave a history trail

Test Continuously

- Integration tests all the time, not at 11pm on due date!
  - Write dummy stubs with simple functionality
    - » Let's people test continuously, but more work
  - Schedule periodic integration tests
    - » Get everyone in the same room, check out code, build, and test.
    - » Don't wait until it is too late!
- Testing types:
  - Unit tests: white-/black-box check each module in isolation (use JUnit?)
  - Daemons: subject code to exceptional cases
  - Random testing: Subject code to random timing changes
- Test early, test later, test again
  - Tendency is to test once and forget; what if something changes in some other part of the code?

Conclusions

- Monitors, and Condition Variables
  - Higher level constructs that are harder to “screw up”
- Important to follow a good process
  - Document everything
  - Use software tools
  - Test continuously