CS162 Operating Systems and Systems Programming Lecture 6

Semaphores, Conditional Variables, Deadlocks

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Review: Monitors

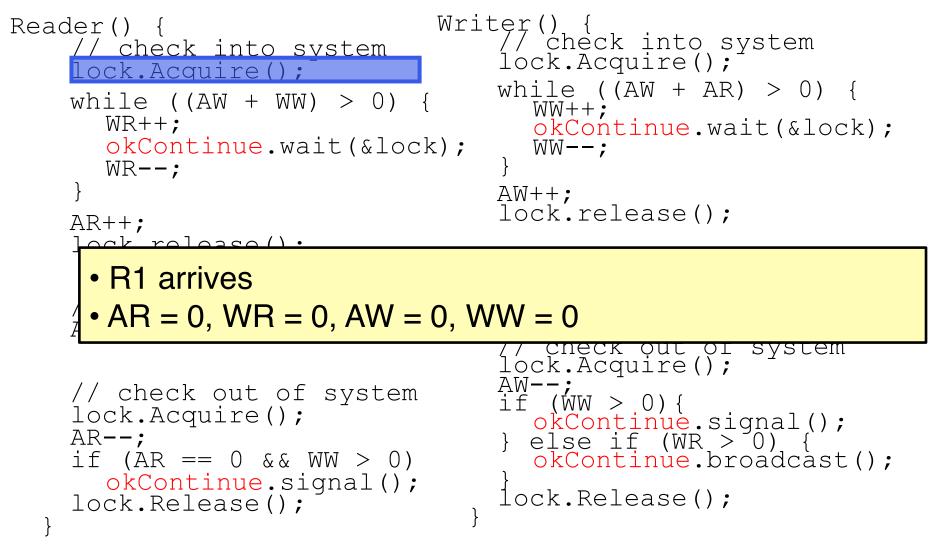
- Monitor: a lock and zero or more condition variables for managing concurrent access to shared data
- Monitor are dual purpose:
 - Both mutual exclusion and scheduling constraints
 - Use *locks* for mutual exclusion and *condition variables* for scheduling constraints
- Lock: provides mutual exclusion to shared data:
 - Always acquire before accessing shared data structure
 - Always release after finishing with shared data
- Condition Variable: a queue of threads waiting for something *inside* a critical section
 - Key idea: allow sleeping inside critical section by atomically releasing lock at time we go to sleep
 - Contrast to semaphores: Can't wait inside critical section

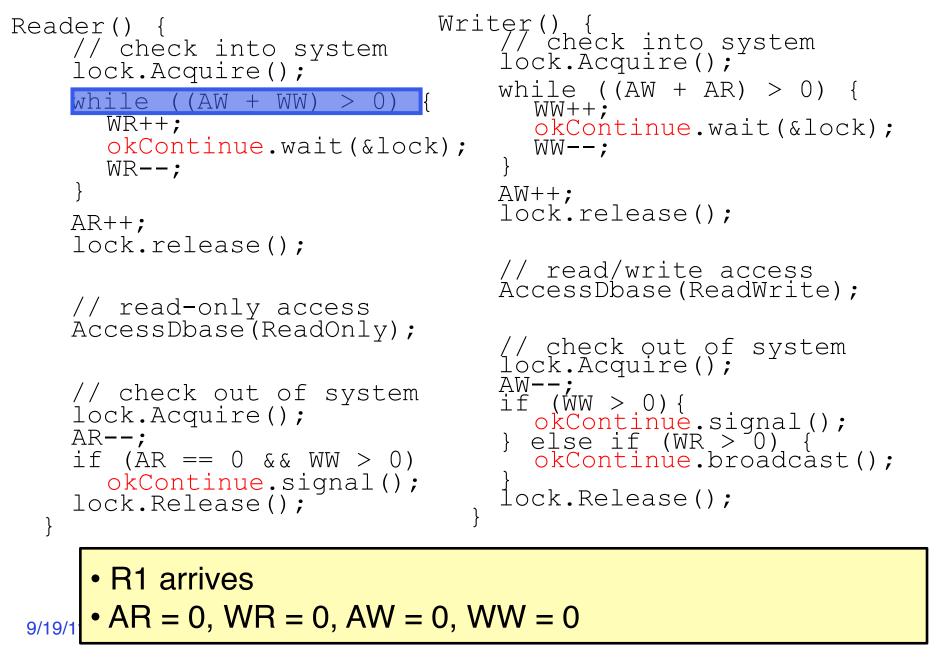
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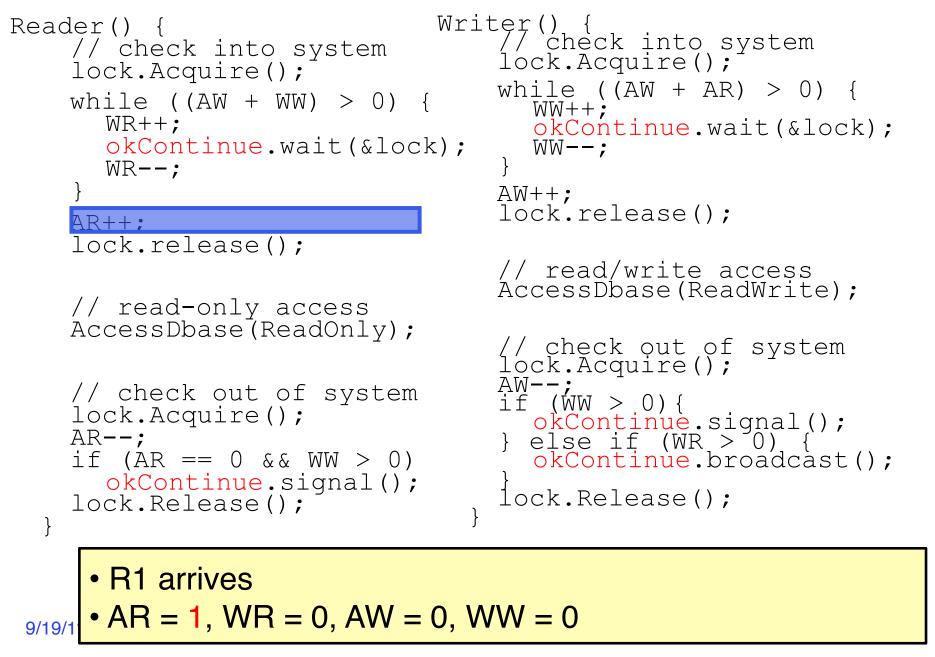
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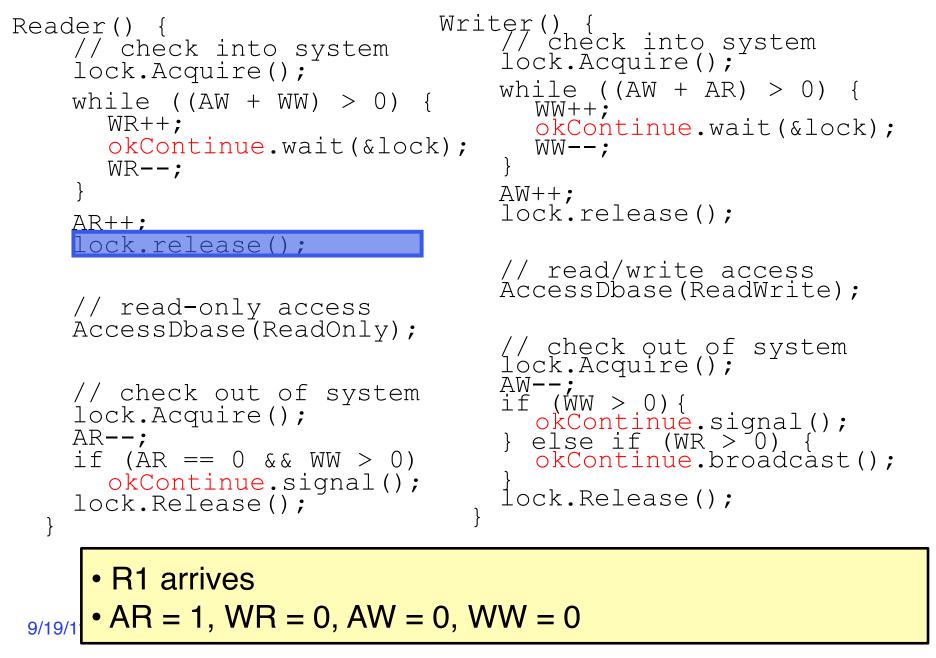
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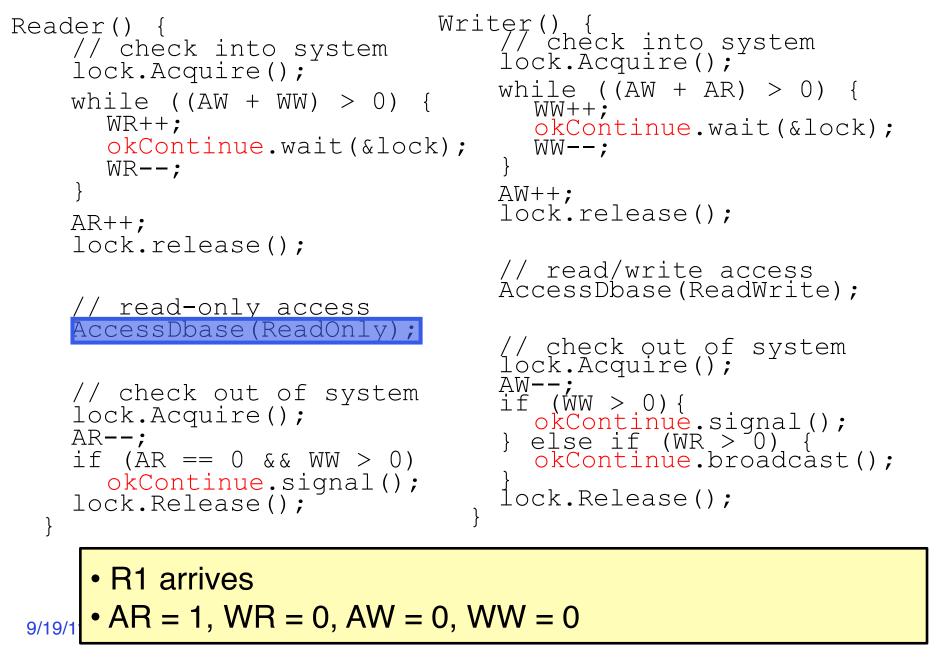
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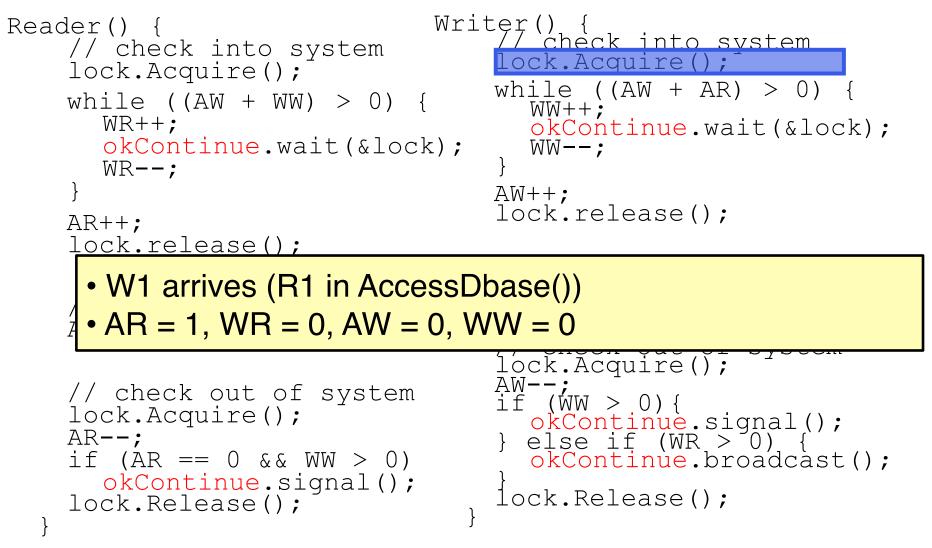


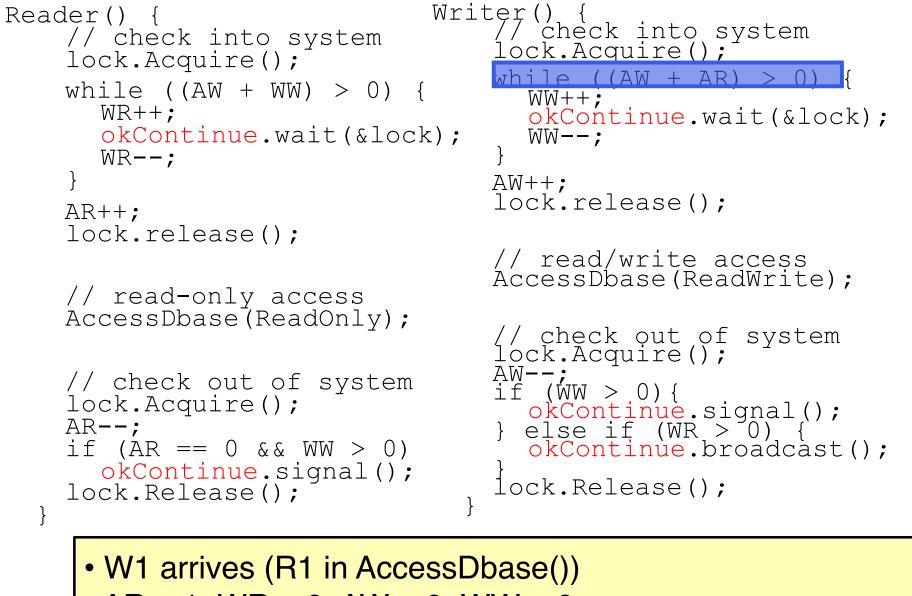




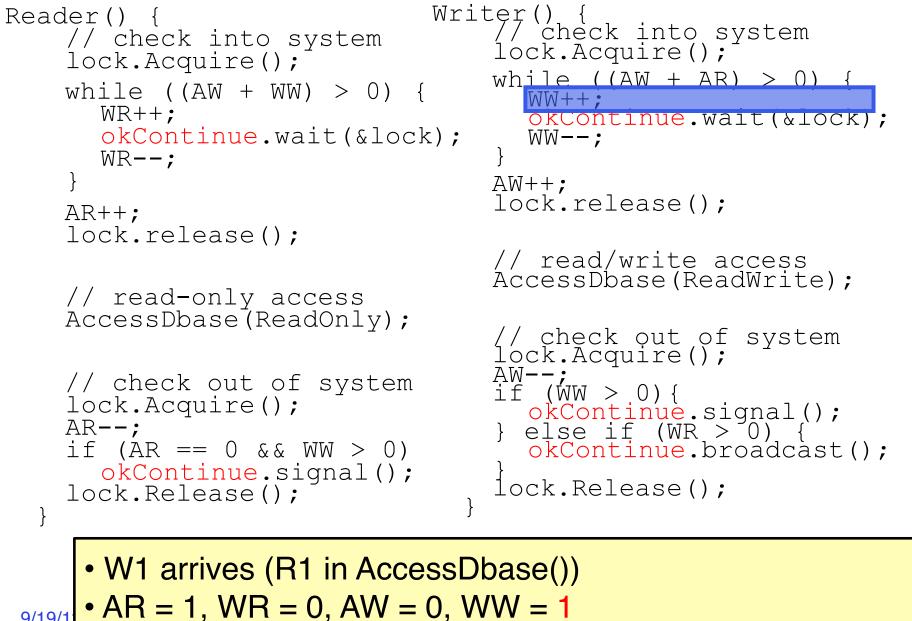


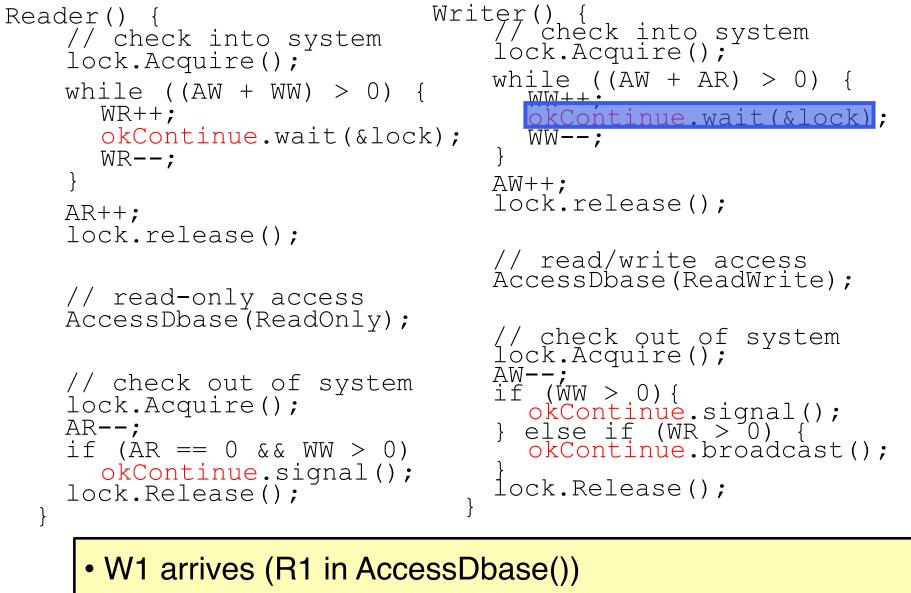




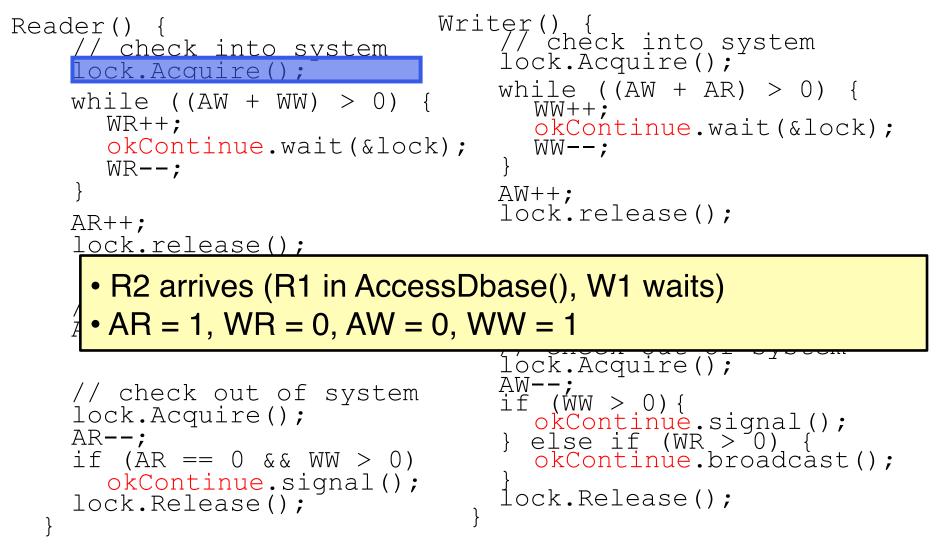


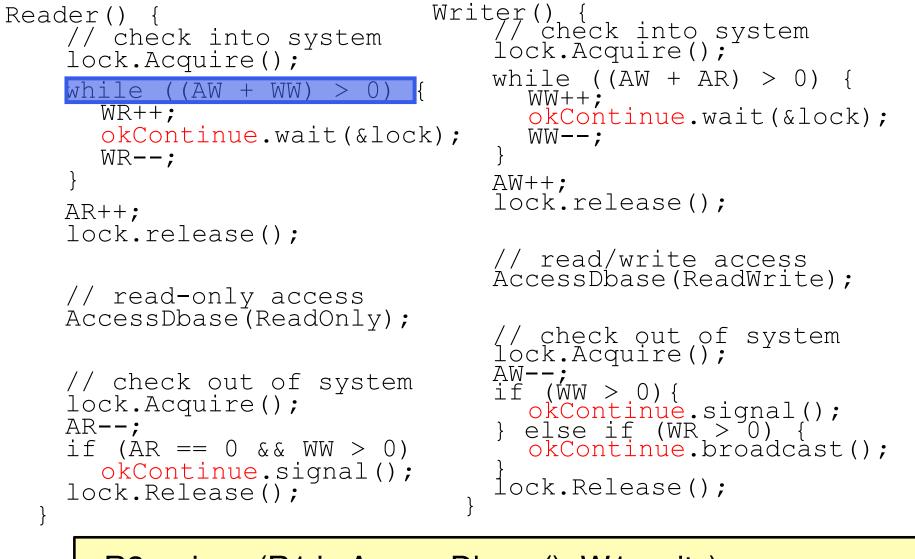
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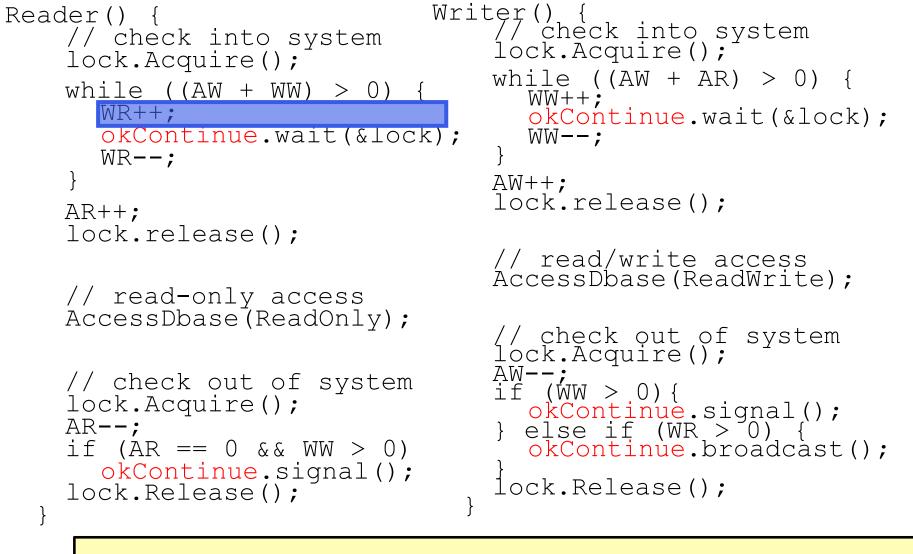


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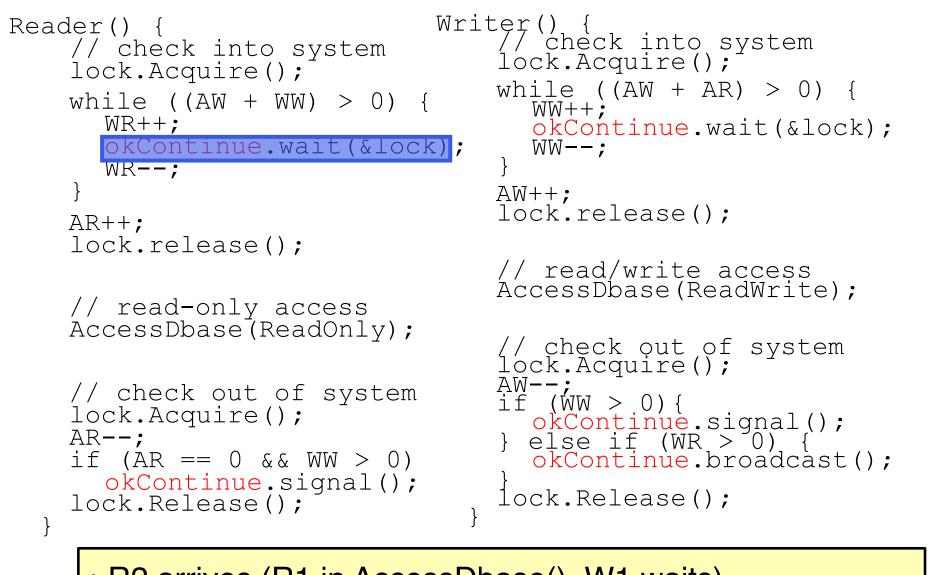




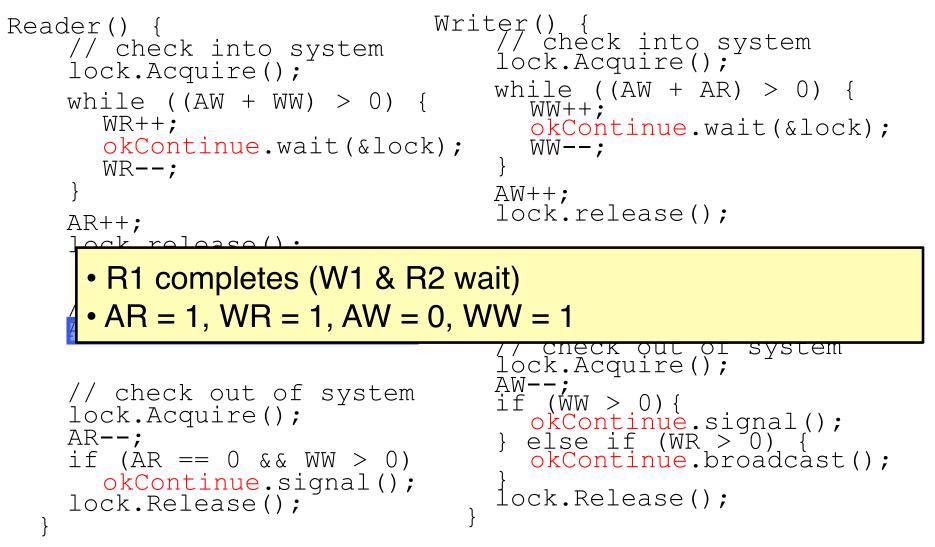
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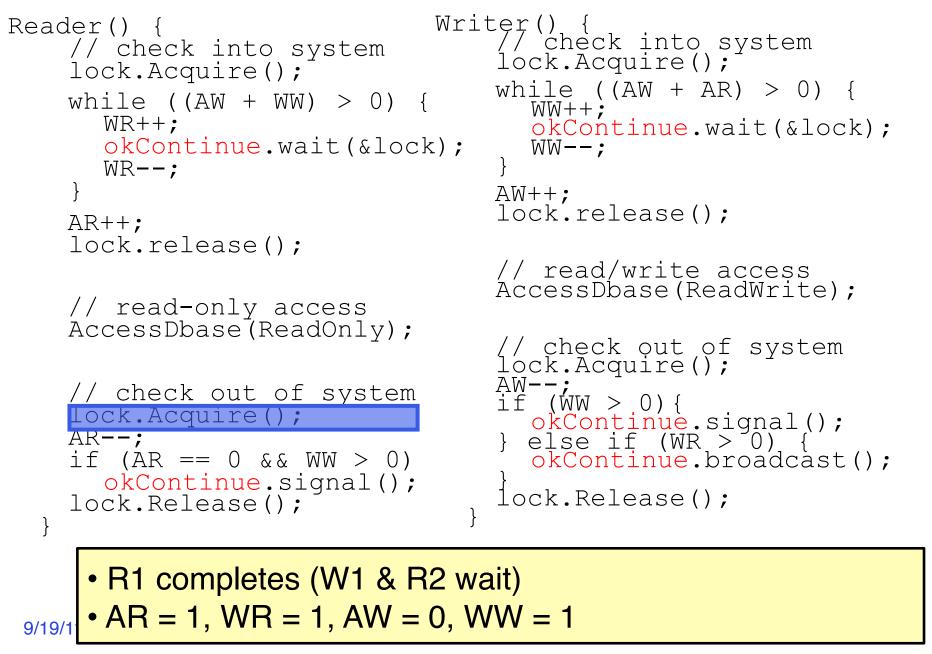


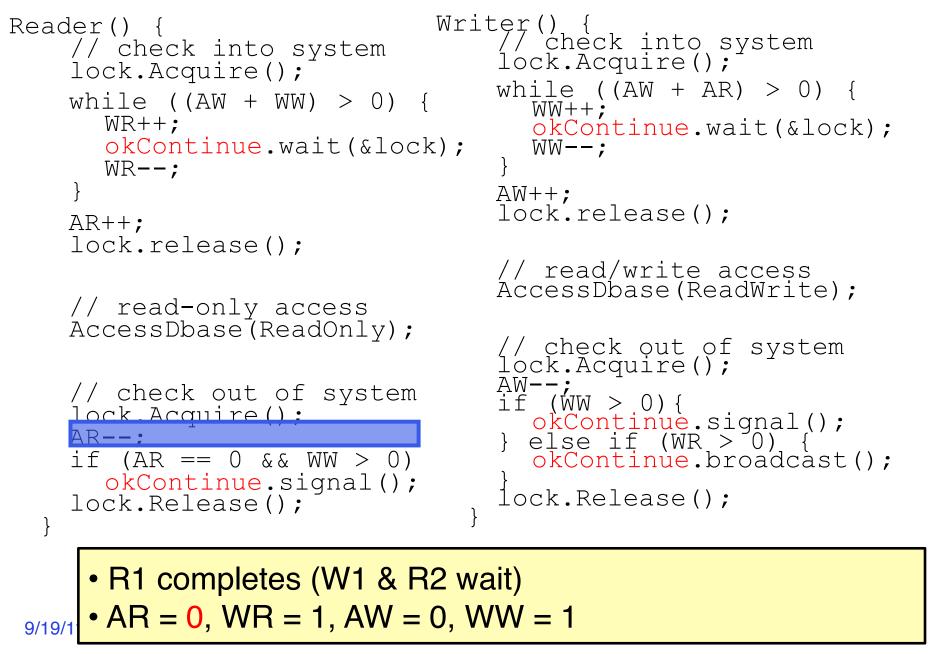
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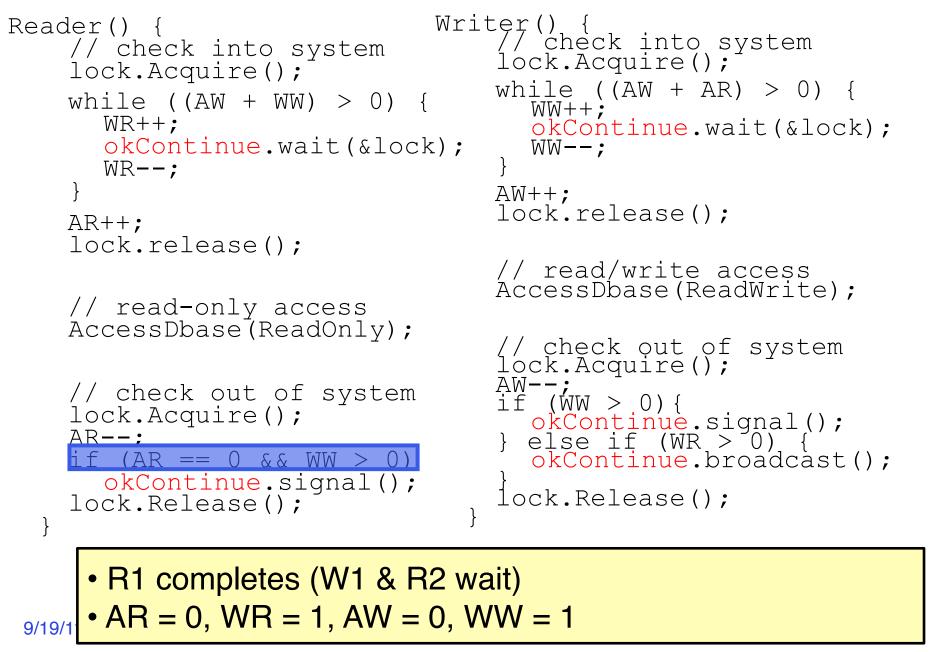


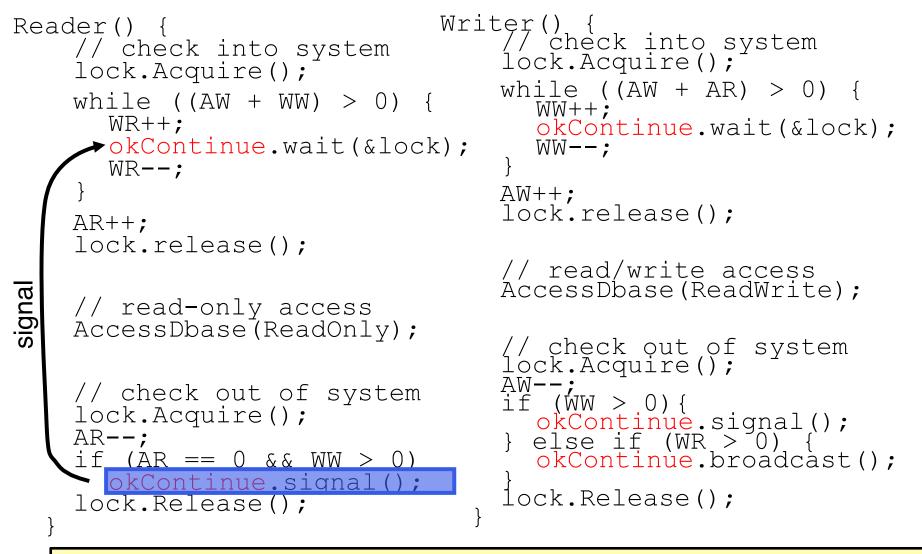
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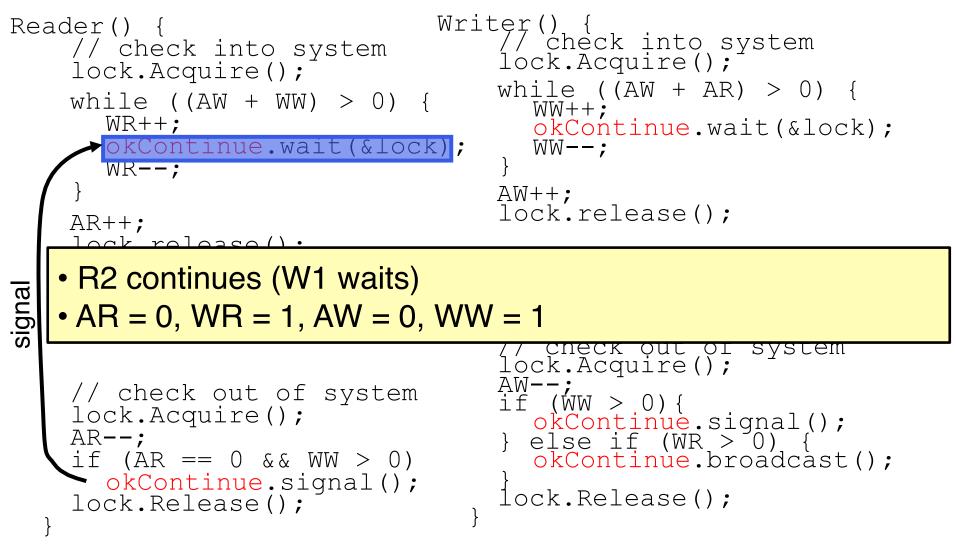


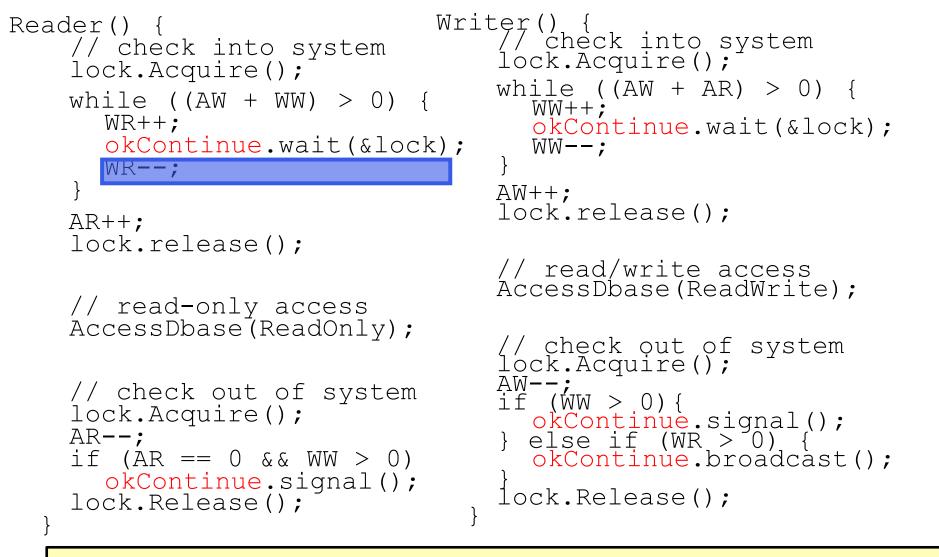






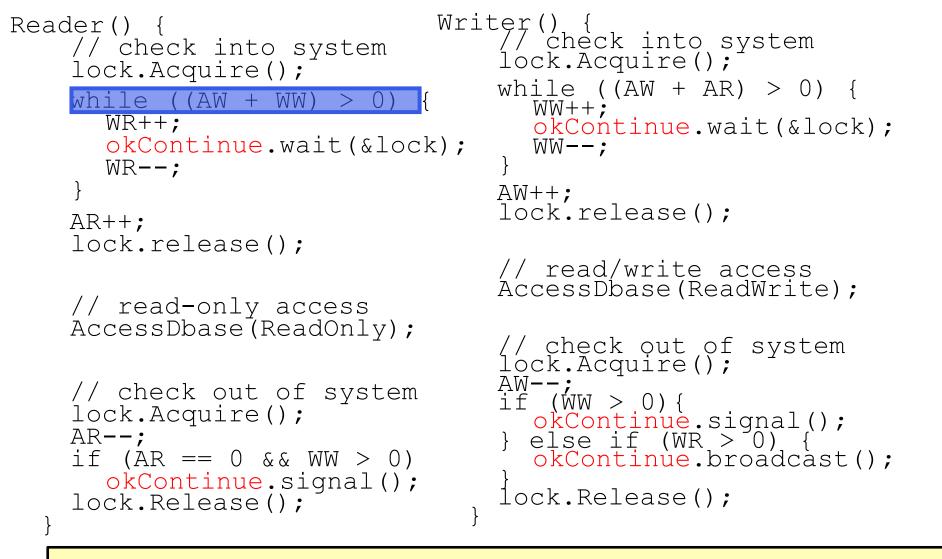
R1 signals; assume signal is delivered to R2 (W1 & R2 wait)
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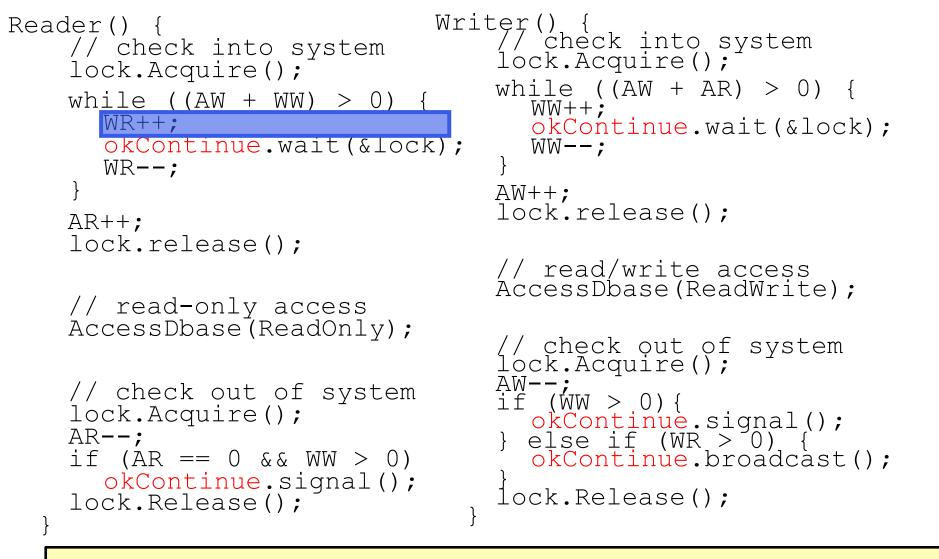


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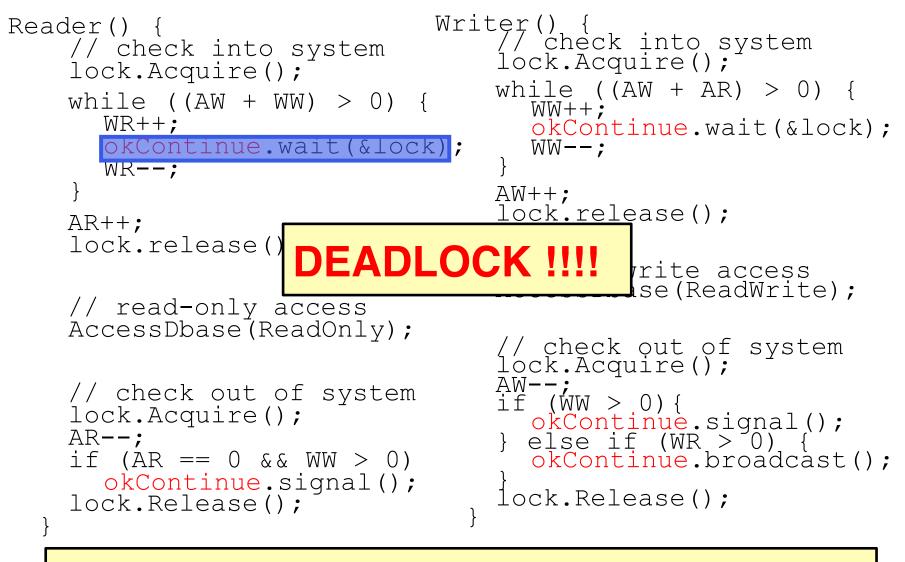
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R2 and W1 both wait!

• AR = 0, WR = 1, AW = 0, WW = 1

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  }
                          Need to change to broadcast!
                                  Does this work?
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```

Can we construct Monitors from Semaphores?

- Locking aspect is easy: Just use a mutex
- Can we implement condition variables this way?

```
Wait() { semaphore.P(); }
Signal() { semaphore.V(); }
```

• Does this work better?

```
Wait(Lock lock) {
    lock.Release();
    semaphore.P();
    lock.Acquire();
}
Signal() { semaphore.V(); }
```

Construction of Monitors from Semaphores Problem with previous try

- - P and V are commutative result is the same no matter what order they occur
 - Condition variables are NOT commutative
- Does this fix the problem?

```
Wait(Lock lock) {
   lock.Release();
   semaphore.P();
   lock.Acquire();
Signal() {
   if semaphore queue is not empty
      semaphore.V();
```

- Not legal to look at contents of semaphore queue
- There is a race condition signaler can slip in after lock release and before waiter executes semaphore.P()
- It is actually possible to do this correctly
 - Complex solution for Hoare scheduling in book
 - Can you come up with simpler Mesa-scheduled solution?

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Monitor Conclusion

- Monitors represent the logic of the program
 - Wait if necessary
 - Signal when change something so any waiting threads can proceed
- Basic structure of monitor-based program:

```
lock
while (need to wait) {
    condvar.wait();
}
unlock
do something so no need to wait
lock
condvar.signal();
unlock
```

C-Language Support for Synchronization

- C language: Pretty straightforward synchronization
 - Just make sure you know *all* the code paths out of a critical section

```
int Rtn() {
   lock.acquire();
   ...
   if (exception) {
      lock.release();
      return errReturnCode;
   }
   ...
   lock.release();
   return OK;
}
```

C++ Language Support for Synchronization

- Languages with exceptions like C++
 - Languages that support exceptions are problematic (easy to make a non-local exit without releasing lock)
 - Consider:

```
void Rtn() {
    lock.acquire();
    ...
    DoFoo();
    ...
    lock.release();
  }
  void DoFoo() {
    ...
    if (exception) throw errException;
    ...
  }
- Notice that an exception in DoFoo() will exit without releasing
the lock
```

C++ Language Support for Synchronization (con't)

- Must catch all exceptions in critical sections
 - Catch exceptions, release lock, and re-throw exception:

```
void Rtn()
  lock.acquire();
  try {
    DoFoo();
  } catch (...) { // catch exception
    lock.release(); // release lock
    throw; // re-throw the exception
  lock.release();
}
void DoFoo() {
  ...
  if (exception) throw errException;
}
```

Java Language Support for Synchronization

- Java has explicit support for threads and thread synchronization
- Bank Account example:

```
class Account {
   private int balance;
   // object constructor
   public Account (int initialBalance) {
      balance = initialBalance;
   }
   public synchronized int getBalance() {
      return balance;
   }
   public synchronized void deposit(int amount) {
      balance += amount;
   }
}
```

 Every object has an associated lock which gets automatically acquired and released on entry and exit from a synchronized method.

Java Language Support for Synchronization (con't)

• Java also has synchronized statements:

```
synchronized (object) {
    ...
}
```

- Since every Java object has an associated lock, this type of statement acquires and releases the object's lock on entry and exit of the code block
- Works properly even with exceptions:

```
synchronized (object) {
    ...
    DoFoo();
    ...
}
void DoFoo() {
    throw errException;
}
```

Java Language Support for Synchronization (2/2)

- In addition to a lock, every object has a single condition variable associated with it
 - How to wait inside a synchronization method of block:

```
» void wait();
```

» void wait(long timeout); // Wait for timeout

```
» void wait(long timeout, int nanoseconds); //variant
```

– How to signal in a synchronized method or block:

```
» void notify(); // wakes up oldest waiter
```

- » void notifyAll(); // like broadcast, wakes everyone
- Condition variables can wait for a bounded length of time. This is useful for handling exception cases:

```
t1 = time.now();
while (!ATMRequest()) {
  wait (CHECKPERIOD);
  t2 = time.new();
  if (t2 - t1 > LONG_TIME) checkMachine();
}
```

- Not all Java VMs equivalent!

» Different scheduling policies, not necessarily preemptive!

Summary: Semaphores and Cond. Variables

- Semaphores: Like integers with restricted interface
 - Two operations:
 - \gg P () : Wait if zero; decrement when becomes non-zero
 - » V () : Increment and wake a sleeping task (if exists)
 - » Can initialize value to any non-negative value
 - Use separate semaphore for each constraint
- Monitors: A lock plus one or more condition variables
 - Always acquire lock before accessing shared data
 - Use condition variables to wait inside critical section
 - » Three Operations: Wait(), Signal(), and Broadcast()
- Language support for synchronization:
 - Java provides synchronized keyword and one conditionvariable per object (with wait() and notify())

Announcements

- Project 1 initial design phase AND Project 1 individual part due: Tuesday, September 27 @ 11.59pm
- Midterm: Thursday, October 13, 5-6:30pm 155 Dwinell Hall
- Discussion sections update: could **not** get a second 6-7pm section, so we will maintain second 10-11am section
 - We've moved some groups consistent with their constraints
 - » 7 groups move to a better choice
 - » 2 groups from 1st to 2nd
 - » 1 group from 1st to 3rd
- CSUA Hackathon: September 23-24

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Resources

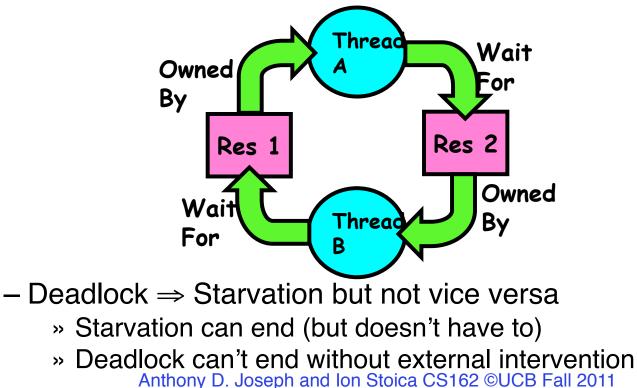
- Resources passive entities needed by threads to do their • work
 - CPU time, disk space, memory
- Two types of resources:
 - Preemptable can take it away
 - » CPU, Embedded security chip



- Non-preemptable must leave it with the thread
 - » Disk space, printer, chunk of virtual address space
 - » Critical section
- Resources may require exclusive access or may be sharable
 - Read-only files are typically sharable
 - Printers are not sharable during time of printing
- One of the major tasks of an operating system is to manage resources 9/19/11

Starvation vs Deadlock

- Starvation vs. Deadlock
 - Starvation: thread waits indefinitely
 - » Example, low-priority thread waiting for resources constantly in use by high-priority threads
 - Deadlock: circular waiting for resources
 - » Thread A owns Res 1 and is waiting for Res 2 Thread B owns Res 2 and is waiting for Res 1





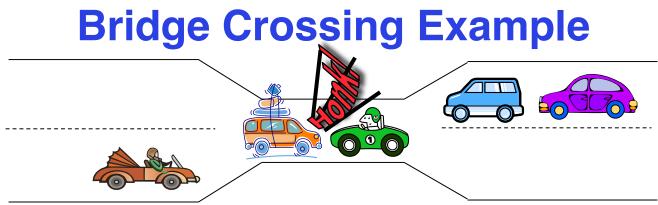
Conditions for Deadlock

• Deadlock not always deterministic – Example 2 mutexes:

Thread A	Thread B	Deadlock
x.P();	y.P();	A: x.P();
y.P();	x.P(); <	B: y.P();
•••		A: y.P();
y.V();	x.V();	B: x.P();
x.V();	y.V();	•••

- Deadlock won't always happen with this code

- » Have to have exactly the right timing ("wrong" timing?)
- Deadlocks occur with multiple resources
 - Means you can't decompose the problem
 - Can't solve deadlock for each resource independently
- Example: System with 2 disk drives and two threads
 - Each thread needs 2 disk drives to function
 - Each thread gets one disk and waits for another one

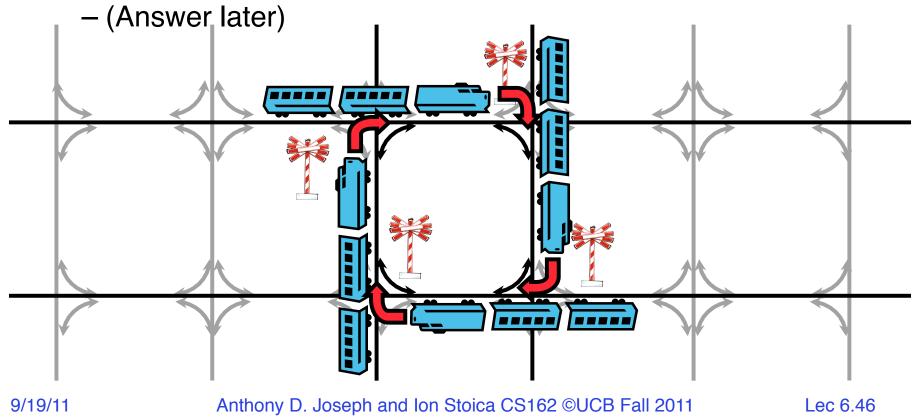


- Each segment of road can be viewed as a resource
 - Car must own the segment under them
 - Must acquire segment that they are moving into
- For bridge: must acquire both halves
 - Traffic only in one direction at a time
 - Problem occurs when two cars in opposite directions on bridge: each acquires one segment and needs next
- If a deadlock occurs, it can be resolved if one car backs up (preempt resources and rollback)
 - Several cars may have to be backed up
- Starvation is possible
 - East-going traffic really fast \Rightarrow no one goes west

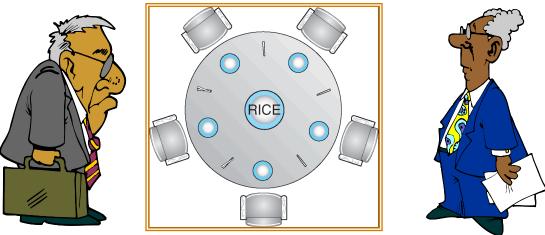
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Train Example

- Circular dependency (Deadlock!)
 - Each train wants to turn right
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 - Similar problem to multiprocessor networks
- Ho do you prevent deadlock?



Dining Philosopher Problem



- Five chopsticks/Five philosopher (really cheap restaurant)
 - Free-for all: Philosopher will grab any one they can
 - Need two chopsticks to eat
- What if all grab at same time?
 - Deadlock!
- How to fix deadlock?
 - Make one of them give up a chopstick (Hah!)
 - Eventually everyone will get chance to eat
- How to prevent deadlock?
- (Answer later) 9/19/11

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Four requirements for Deadlock

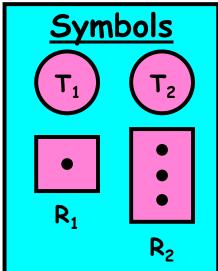
- Mutual exclusion
 - Only one thread at a time can use a resource.
- Hold and wait
 - Thread holding at least one resource is waiting to acquire additional resources held by other threads
- No preemption
 - Resources are released only voluntarily by the thread holding the resource, after thread is finished with it
- Circular wait
 - There exists a set $\{T_1, ..., T_n\}$ of waiting threads
 - » T_1 is waiting for a resource that is held by T_2
 - » T_2 is waiting for a resource that is held by T_3
 - » ...
 - » T_n is waiting for a resource that is held by T_1

Resource-Allocation Graph

- System Model
 - A set of Threads T_1, T_2, \ldots, T_n
 - Resource types R_1, R_2, \ldots, R_m CPU cycles, memory space, I/O devices
 - Each resource type R_i has W_i instances.
 - Each thread utilizes a resource as follows:

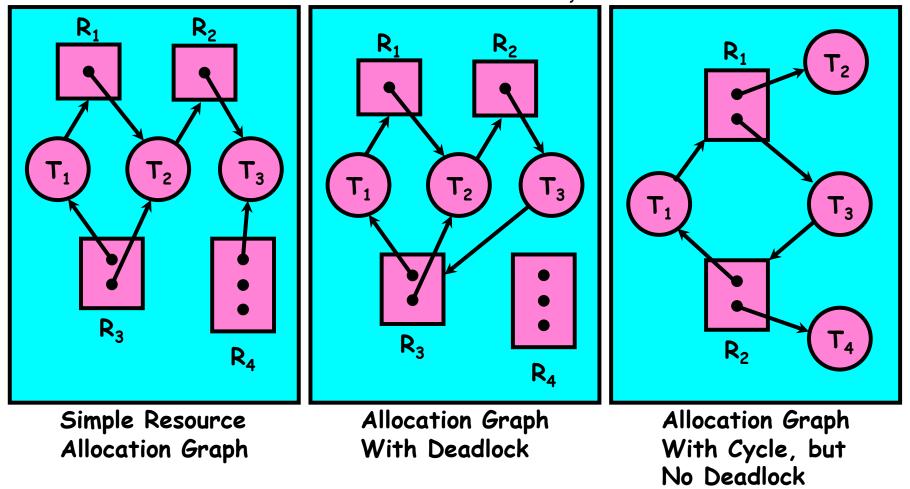
»Request() / Use() / Release()

- Resource-Allocation Graph:
 - V is partitioned into two types:
 - » $T = \{T_1, T_2, ..., T_n\}$, the set threads in the system.
 - » $R = \{R_1, R_2, ..., R_m\}$, the set of resource types in system
 - request edge directed edge $T_1 \rightarrow R_j$
 - assignment edge directed edge $R_i \rightarrow T_i$



Resource Allocation Graph Examples

- Recall:
 - request edge directed edge $T_1 \rightarrow R_i$
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Methods for Handling Deadlocks

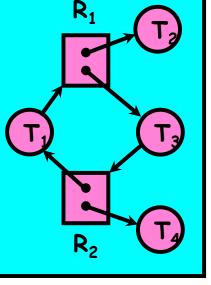


- Allow system to enter deadlock and then recover
 - Requires deadlock detection algorithm
 - Some technique for forcibly preempting resources and/or terminating tasks
- Ensure that system will *never* enter a deadlock
 - Need to monitor all lock acquisitions
 - Selectively deny those that *might* lead to deadlock
- Ignore the problem and pretend that deadlocks never occur in the system
 - Used by most operating systems, including UNIX

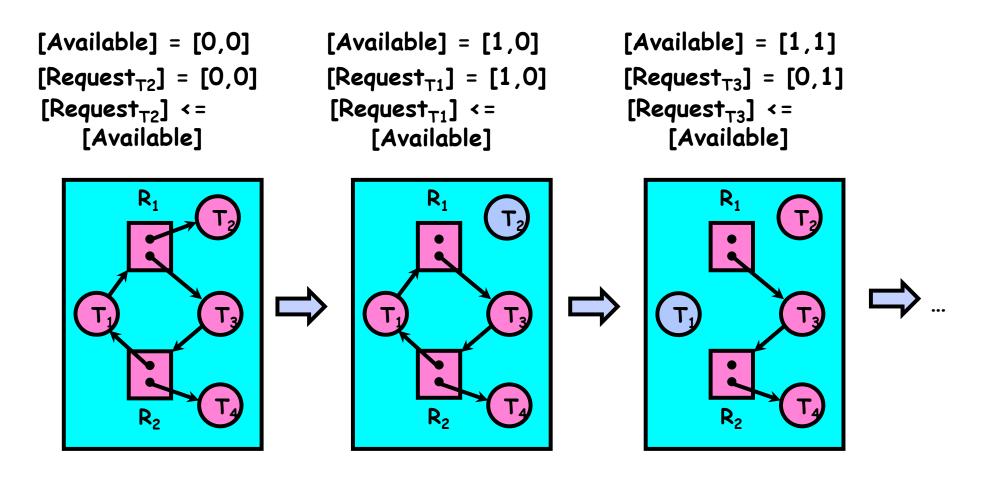
Deadlock Detection Algorithm

- Only one of each type of resource \Rightarrow look for loops
- More General Deadlock Detection Algorithm
 - Let [X] represent an m-ary vector of non-negative integers (quantities of resources of each type):
 - [FreeResources]:
 [Request_x]:
 [Alloc_x]:
 Current free resources each type
 Current requests from thread X
 Current resources held by thread X
 - See if tasks can eventually terminate on their own

```
[Avail] = [FreeResources]
Add all nodes to UNFINISHED
do {
    done = true
    Foreach node in UNFINISHED {
        if ([Request<sub>node</sub>] <= [Avail]) {
            remove node from UNFINISHED
        [Avail] = [Avail] + [Alloc<sub>node</sub>]
        done = false
        }
    }
    until(done)
- Nodes left in UNFINISHED ⇒ deadlocked
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Deadlock Detection Algorithm Example



Techniques for Preventing Deadlock

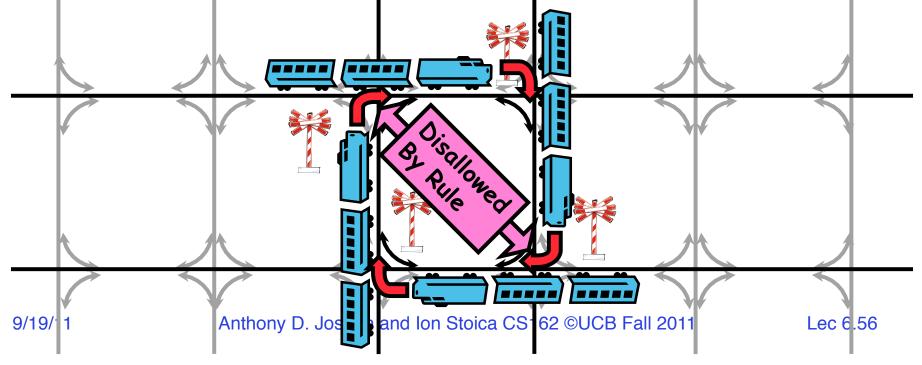
- Infinite resources
 - Include enough resources so that no one ever runs out of resources. Doesn't have to be infinite, just large
 - Give illusion of infinite resources (e.g. virtual memory)
 - Examples:
 - » Bay bridge with 12,000 lanes. Never wait!
 - » Infinite disk space (not realistic yet?)
- No Sharing of resources (totally independent threads) – Not very realistic
- Don't allow waiting
 - How the phone company avoids deadlock
 - » Call to your Mom in Toledo, works its way through the phone lines, but if blocked get busy signal
 - Technique used in Ethernet/some multiprocessor nets
 - » Everyone speaks at once. On collision, back off and retry

Techniques for Preventing Deadlock (con't)

- Make all threads request everything they'll need at the beginning
 - Problem: Predicting future is hard, tend to over-estimate resources
 - Example:
 - » If need 2 chopsticks, request both at same time
 - » Don't leave home until we know no one is using any intersection between here and where you want to go!
- Force all threads to request resources in a particular order preventing any cyclic use of resources
 - Thus, preventing deadlock
 - Example (x.P, y.P, z.P,...)
 - » Make tasks request disk, then memory, then...

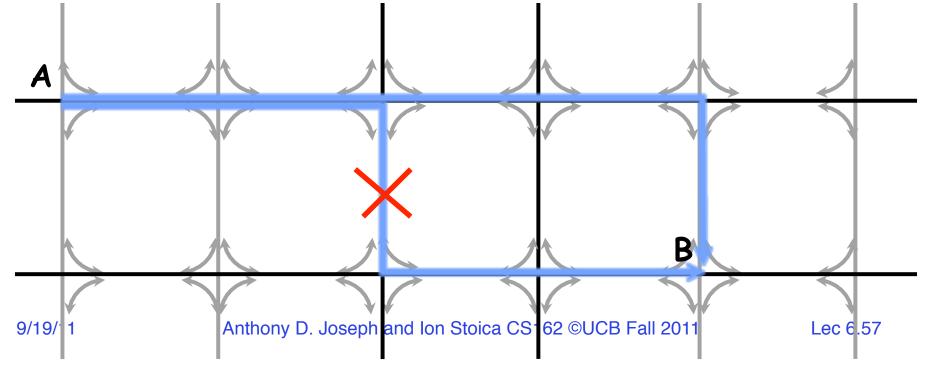
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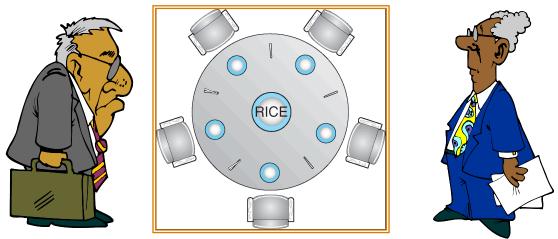


Banker's Algorithm for Preventing Deadlock

- Toward right idea:
 - State maximum resource needs in advance
 - Allow particular thread to proceed if:
 - (available resources #requested) ≥ max remaining that might be needed by any thread
- Banker's algorithm (less conservative):
 - Allocate resources dynamically
 - » Evaluate each request and grant if some ordering of threads is still deadlock free afterward
 - » Technique: pretend each request is granted, then run deadlock detection algorithm, substituting $([Max_{node}]-[Alloc_{node}] ≤ [Avail])$ for $([Request_{node}] ≤ [Avail])$ Grant request if result is deadlock free (conservative!)
 - » Keeps system in a "SAFE" state, i.e. there exists a sequence $\{T_1, T_2, ..., T_n\}$ with T_1 requesting all remaining resources, finishing, then T_2 requesting all remaining resources, etc..
 - Algorithm allows the sum of maximum resource needs of all current threads to be greater than total resources



Banker's Algorithm Example



- Banker's algorithm with dining philosophers
 - "Safe" (won't cause deadlock) if when try to grab chopstick either:
 - » Not last chopstick
 - » Is last chopstick but someone will have two afterwards
 - What if k-handed philosophers? Don't allow if:
 - » It's the last one, no one would have k
 - » It's 2nd to last, and no one would have k-1
 - » It's 3rd to last, and no one would have k-2



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Summary: Deadlock

- Starvation vs. Deadlock
 - Starvation: thread waits indefinitely
 - Deadlock: circular waiting for resources
- Four conditions for deadlocks
 - Mutual exclusion
 - » Only one thread at a time can use a resource
 - Hold and wait
 - » Thread holding at least one resource is waiting to acquire additional resources held by other threads
 - No preemption
 - » Resources are released only voluntarily by the threads
 - Circular wait
 - » \exists set { T_1 , ..., T_n } of threads with a cyclic waiting pattern
- Deadlock preemption
- Deadlock prevention (Banker's algorithm)