

## Review

- What is Pthreads
- The Thread ID
- The Thread Creation
- The thread Termination
- The pthread\_join() function
- Mutex
- The pthread\_cancel function
- The pthread\_cleanup\_push() function
- The pthread\_cleanup\_pop() function

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## Preview

- The **pthread\_detach()**
- Condition Variable
  - pthread\_cond\_destroy()
  - pthread\_cond\_init()
  - pthread\_cond\_timedwait()
  - pthread\_cond\_wait()
  - pthread\_cond\_broadcast()
  - pthread\_cond\_signal

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## The pthread\_detach()

```
#include <pthread.h>
int pthread_detach(pthread_t thread);
```

- The **pthread\_detach()** function indicates that system resources for the specified *thread* should be **reclaimed when the thread ends**.
- If the thread is already ended, resources are reclaimed immediately.
- If *thread* does not represent a valid undetached thread, **pthread\_detach()** will return ESRCH

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## Functions for a process vs. a thread

Process	Thread
fork()	pthread_create()
exit()	pthread_exit()
waitip()	pthread_join()
getpid()	pthread_self()
abort()	pthread_cancel()

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## Thread Synchronization

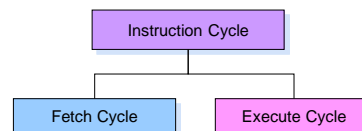
- If multiple threads uses variables that each thread can read and write, we need to synchronize the threads to ensure that they don't see and invalid value.
- In one processor system, the modification of a variable takes more than one memory patch cycle.

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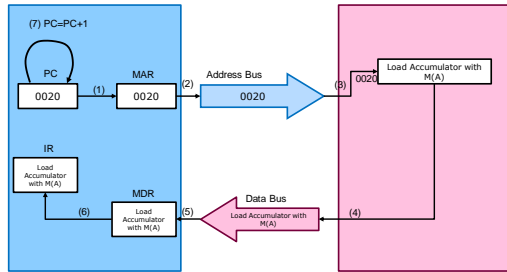
- Instruction cycle in the one processor system



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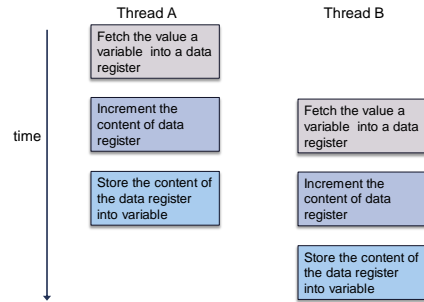
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## Thread Synchronization

- We can protect our data and ensure access by only one thread at a time by using mutex.
- The mutex variable is represented by the **pthread\_mutex\_t** data type.
- Before use **pthread\_mutex\_t** data type, we need initiate by
  - Calling a function `pthread_mutex_init()`
  - Initiated by `PTHREAD_MUTEX_INITIALIZER`

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## Thread Synchronization

```
#include <pthread.h>
int pthread_mutex_lock(pthread_mutex_t *mutex);
int pthread_mutex_trylock(pthread_mutex_t *mutex);
int pthread_mutex_unlock(pthread_mutex_t *mutex);
```

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## Condition Variable

- The condition variable mechanism allows threads to suspend execution and relinquish the processor until some condition is true. (block state)
- A condition variable is a variable of type **pthread\_cond\_t**.
- The condition itself need to be protected by **mutex**.
- A thread must first lock the **mutex** to change the condition state.
- Other threads will not notice the change until they acquire the **mutex**.

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## Condition Variable

- Creating/Destroying a condition variable

```
#include <pthread.h>
int pthread_cond_destroy(pthread_cond_t *cond);
int pthread_cond_init(pthread_cond_t *restrict cond,
                     const pthread_condattr_t *restrict attr);
pthread_cond_t cond = PTHREAD_COND_INITIALIZER;
```

- The `pthread_cond_destroy()` function shall destroy the given condition variable specified by `cond`;
- The `pthread_cond_init` function initiate a condition variable pointed by `cont` with an attribute pointed by `att`

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## Condition Variable

### Restricted type pointer

- More than one pointer can access the same chunk of memory and modify it during the execution of a program.
- The restrict type qualifier is an indication to the compiler that, if the memory addressed by the restrict - qualified pointer is modified, no other pointer will access that same memory.**

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## Condition Variable

### Waiting on condition

```
#include <pthread.h>
int pthread_cond_timedwait(pthread_cond_t *restrict cond,
pthread_mutex_t *restrict mutex,
const struct timespec *restrict abstime);
int pthread_cond_wait(pthread_cond_t *restrict cond,
pthread_mutex_t *restrict mutex);
```

- Both functions shall block on a condition variable. They shall be called with mutex locked by the calling thread or undefined behavior results.
- These functions automatically release mutex and cause the calling thread to block on the condition variable cond
- Both function shall be equivalent except that an error is returned if the absolute time specified by abstime passes

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## Condition Variable

```
struct timespec {
time_t tv_sec /* seconds*/
long tv_nsec /* nanoseconds */
};
```

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## Condition Variable

### Waking thread based on condition:

```
#include <pthread.h>
int pthread_cond_broadcast(pthread_cond_t *cond);
int pthread_cond_signal(pthread_cond_t *cond);
```

- The pthread\_cond\_broadcast() function shall unblock all threads currently blocked on the specified condition variable cond.
- The pthread\_cond\_signal() function shall unblock at least one of the threads that are blocked on the specified condition variable cond

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```
.....
condition.c: demonstrate condition variable with functions
pthread_cond_wait(), pthread_cond_signal()
.....
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <pthread.h>
/* Initiate mutex and condition variable */
pthread_mutex_t count_mutex = PTHREAD_MUTEX_INITIALIZER;
pthread_mutex_t condition_mutex = PTHREAD_MUTEX_INITIALIZER;
pthread_cond_t condition_cond = PTHREAD_COND_INITIALIZER;

void *functionCount1(); /* a function for a thread */
void *functionCount2(); /* a function for a thread */
void err_sys(char *, int); /* error function */
int count = 0;
#define COUNT_DONE 10
#define COUNT_HALF1 3
#define COUNT_HALF2 6

int main()
{
int rc;
pthread_t thread1, thread2;

/* Create two thread */
if (!rc) pthread_create(&thread1, NULL, &functionCount1, NULL) != 0)
err_sys("ERROR: return code from pthread_create() is", rc);
if (!rc) pthread_create(&thread2, NULL, &functionCount2, NULL) != 0)
err_sys("ERROR: return code from pthread_create() is", rc);

if (!rc) pthread_join(&thread1, NULL) != 0)
err_sys("ERROR: return code from pthread_join() is", rc);
if (!rc) pthread_join(&thread2, NULL) != 0)
err_sys("ERROR: return code from pthread_join() is", rc);

exit(0);
}
.....
```

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```
.....
void *functionCount1()
{
for(;;)
{ /*lock the mutex for a conditional variable */
pthread_mutex_lock(&condition_mutex);
while( count >= COUNT_HALF1 && count <= COUNT_HALF2 )
{ /* waiting for a signal*/
pthread_cond_wait(&condition_cond, &condition_mutex);
}
pthread_mutex_unlock(&condition_mutex);
/*lock the mutex for shared variable count */
pthread_mutex_lock(&count_mutex);
count++;
printf("Counter value functionCount1: %d\n", count);
pthread_mutex_unlock(&count_mutex);
if(count >= COUNT_DONE) return(NULL);
}
}

void *functionCount2()
{
for(;;)
{ /*lock the mutex for a conditional variable */
pthread_mutex_lock(&condition_mutex);
if( count < COUNT_HALF1 || count > COUNT_HALF2 )
{
pthread_cond_signal(&condition_cond);
}
pthread_mutex_unlock(&condition_mutex);
pthread_mutex_lock(&count_mutex);
count++;
printf("Counter value functionCount2: %d\n", count);
pthread_mutex_unlock(&count_mutex);
if(count >= COUNT_DONE) return(NULL);
}
}
.....
```

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