

Tutorial 9 – Threads

1. Copy the following program into a cpp file and compile it (using “g++ -pthread -o outputName source.cpp”). Modify it so that SleepTime is called on a separate thread. **Ensure you add your join in the correct place.** Your first implementation will probably not work as expected (it should count in one second intervals from 0 to 4). Use a mutex so it behaves as expected.

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#include<cstdlib>
#include<iostream>
#include<unistd.h>
#include<pthread.h>
#include<sstream>

using namespace std;

pthread_mutex_t mutex = PTHREAD_MUTEX_INITIALIZER;

using namespace std;

void *SleepTime(void *timeToSleep)
{
    (*((int*)timeToSleep)++)++;
    sleep(0.1); //simulates race condition
    int duration = *((int*)timeToSleep);
    sleep(duration);
    cout << "Slept for " << duration << " seconds." << endl;

    return NULL;
}

int main()
{
    const int NUM_ITTS = 5;
    int time_sleep = 0;

    for (int i = 0; i < NUM_ITTS; i++)
    {
        SleepTime((void*)& time_sleep);
    }

    return 0;
}
```

2. Make sure you understand the conditional variable example from blackboard (CondVar.cpp).
3. A) Write a program that allows a user to enter a number that will then be processed to see if it is prime or not. To begin with write a single threaded version.

Pseudo code is as follows:

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For (int i=2; i<=test_num/2; i++) //test_num is number that is being tested.
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{
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    If(test_num%i == 0)
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        Return NOT_PRIME
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}
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Return PRIME.
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b) Update your code so that multiple threads will attempt to solve this. You will need to think about how you will activate your threads when a new number is given to be processed. You will need to think about how each thread will know what number it is responsible to test is a divisor or not. Is your method faster than the single threaded version?