

8 C++: Threads & Locks

A mutex from `std::mutex` can be lock and unlock. We can make a **scoped lock** with a *destructor*:

```
1 class ScopedLock {
2     ScopedLock(std::mutex& mtx) : mtx_(mtx) {
3         mtx_.lock();
4     }
5     // End of lifetime, not GC:
6     ~ScopedLock() { mtx_.unlock(); }
7 };
```

Also impl as `std::scoped_lock<std::mutex>`. This is **Resource Acquisition as Initialisation (RAII)**.

A **race condition** is **non-deterministic** behaviour. A **data race** occurs when (1) distinct threads access a memloc, (2) at least one is a write, (3) at least one is atomic, (4) not ordered by synchronisation. This is **undefined behaviour** - program has no semantics.

A `std::unique_lock` similar to scoped, but allows **relocking**, **deferred locking** and **ownership transfer**. A **condition variable**:

```
1 #include <condition_variable>
2 std::condition_variable cond_;
3 cond_.notify_one(); // Wake one thread
4 cond_.notify_all(); // Wake all threads
```

To wait on a **condition variable**:

- 1. Associate a **mutex** with the condvar.
- 2. Lock mutex with `std::unique_lock`.
- 3. Call `wait(mutex, predicate)`.

For example, a locking queue:

```
1 class LockedQueue {
2     LockedQueue(size_t s) { contents_.resize(s); }
3     void enq(int element) {
4         std::unique_lock<std::mutex> lock(mtx_);
5         not_full_.wait(lock, [this]() -> bool {
6             return count_ < contents_.size(); });
7         contents_[tail_] = element;
8         tail_ = (tail_ + 1) % contents_.size();
9         count_++;
10        not_empty_.notify_one(); // Notify waiting dep
11    }
12    int dep() {
13        std::unique_lock<std::mutex> lock(mtx_);
14        not_empty_.wait(lock, [this]() -> bool {
15            return count_ > 0; });
16        int result = contents_[head_];
17        head_ = (head_ + 1) % contents_.size();
18        count--;
19        not_full_.notify_one(); // Notify waiting enq
20    }
21 };
```

9 C++: Atomics

We can perform **RMWs** on atomics:

```
1 #include <atomic>
2 void store(T value); // Atomic store
3 T load(); // Atomic load
4 T exchange(T value) // Atomic RMW
5 bool compare_exchange_strong(T& exp, T desired);
6 bool compare_exchange_weak(T& exp, T desired);
```

Weak version may fail spuriously (behave as if compare failed even if it succeeded). There is also `T fetch_{add,sub,or,xor}(T value)`.

We can use a **memory order** in store/load:

- `memory_order_relaxed`: allow **store buffering**.
- `memory_order_release`: only **stores**.
- `memory_order_acquire`: only **loads**.
- `memory_order_seq_cst`: **sequential consistency**.

Under `release-acquire`, SB flushed only when loading with pending stores on same location.

10 C++: Spinlocks

```
1 class ExpBackoffSpinlock {
2     public:
3         ExpBackoffSpinlock() : lock_bit_(false) {}
4         void lock() {
5             const int kMinBackoffIters = 4;
6             const int kMaxBackoffIters = 1 << 10;
7             int it = kMinBackoffIters;
8             while (lock_bit_.exchange(true, mem_ord_acq)) {
9                 do {
10                     for (int i = 0; i < it; i++)
11                         __mm_pause(); // CPU Pause
12                     it = std::min(it * 2, kMaxBackoffIters);
13                 } while (lock_bit_.load(mem_ord_rel));
14             }
15         }
16         void unlock() { lock_bit_.store(false, mem_ord_rel); }
17     private:
18         std::atomic<bool> lock_bit_;
19 };
```

Ticket lock avoids starvation by serving tickets in order:

```
1 class TicketLock {
2     public:
3         TicketLock() : next_(0), now_serving_(0) {}
4         void lock() {
5             const unsigned my_ticket = next_.fetch_add(1);
6             while (now_serving_.load() != my_ticket);
7         }
8         void unlock() {
9             now_serving_.store(now_serving_.load() + 1);
10        }
11    private:
12        std::atomic<unsigned> next_;
13        std::atomic<unsigned> now_serving_;
14    };
```

11 C++: Futexes

The **futex** syscall works on userspace data:

- `futex_wait(int *p, int v)` returns if $*p \neq v$, otherwise adds thread to a wait queue p .
- `futex_wake(int *p, int n)` wakes n threads waiting on queue p .

To implement a mutex, 3 states: 0 - lock free, 1 - locked no waiters, 2 - locked with waiters. On lock, compare exchange state 0 to 1:

- **On success**, lock is acquired and has no waiters.
- **On failure**, state either 1 or 2. Set to 2 and call `futex_wait`.

When unlocking, state is either 1 or 2:

- **If 1**, set to 0 and return.
- **If 2**, set to 0 and call `futex_wake`.

```
1 class MutexSmart {
2     public:
3         MutexSmart() : state_(0) {}
4         void lock() {
5             int old_value = compare_exchange(0, 1);
6             if (old_value == 0) return;
7             do {
8                 if (old_value == 2 || compare_exchange(1, 2)
9                     != 0) {
10                     syscall(SYS_futex, reinterpret_cast<int*>(&
11                         state_), FUTEX_WAIT, 2, nullptr, nullptr, 0);
12                     old_value = compare_exchange(0, 2);
13                 } while (old_value != 0);
14             }
15             void unlock() {
16                 if (state_.exchange(0) == 2) {
17                     syscall(SYS_futex, reinterpret_cast<int*>(&
18                         state_), FUTEX_WAKE, 1, nullptr, nullptr, 0);
19             }
20         }
21     private:
22         int compare_exchange(int exp, int desired) {
23             state_.compare_exchange_strong(exp, desired);
24             return expected;
25         }
26         std::atomic<int> state_;
```

12 Haskell Concurrency

An **MVar** is a **mutable variable** that is either **empty** (X) or **full** (O). All operations on MVar are atomic:

```
1 newMVar :: a -> IO (MVar a) -- Create full MVar
2 newEmptyMVar :: IO (MVar a) -- Create empty MVar
3 takeMVar -- Block till full, remove & return
4 putMVar -- Block till empty then write
5 readMVar -- Block till full then read
```

We can do a **thread join**:

```
1 printThenJoin s handle = do
2     print s
3     putMVar handle () -- Thread is done
4
5 main = do
6     hSetBuffering stdout NoBuffering
7     handle1 <- newEmptyMVar
8     handle2 <- newEmptyMVar
9     forkIO (printThenJoin "I am thread 1" handle1)
10    forkIO (printThenJoin "I am thread 2" handle2)
11    takeMVar handle1
12    takeMVar handle2
13    putStrLn "Both threads done"
14    return ()
```

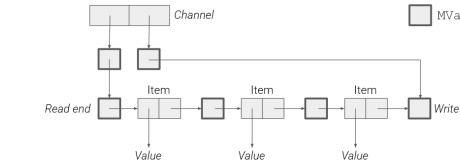
We can do a **mutex**:

```
1 thread :: ... -> MVar () ... -> IO ()
2 thread ... mutex ... = do
3     putMVar mutex () -- Lock
4     -- Critical section
5     takeMVar mutex -- Unlock
6 main = do
7     mutex <- newEmptyMVar
8     forkIO (thread ... mutex ...)
9     forkIO (thread ... mutex ...)
```

To replicate a monadic action n times we can do `replicateM`

:: Monad m => Int -> m a -> m [a].

13 Unbounded Channels



Consumers read from the **read end** and **producers** write to the **write end**.

```
1 data Channel a = Channel (MVar (Stream a)) (MVar (Stream a))
2 type Stream a = MVar (Item a)
3 data Item a = Item a (Stream a)
4
5 newChannel = do
6     emptyStream <- newEmptyMVar
7     readEnd <- newMVar emptyStream
8     writeEnd <- newMVar emptyStream
9     return (Channel readEnd writeEnd)
10    readChannel (Channel readEnd _) = do
11        readEndStream <- takeMVar readEnd
12        (Item value remainder) <- newMVar readEndStream
13        putMVar readEnd remainder
14        return value
15    writeChannel (Channel _ writeEnd) value = do
16        newEmptyStream <- newEmptyMVar
17        wEndStream <- takeMVar writeEnd
18        putMVar wEndStream (Item value newEmptyStream)
19        putMVar writeEnd newEmptyStream
```

14 Datarace Detection

The **vector clock** algorithm uses a vector clock, mapping $Tid \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ where each **logical clock** is an integer ≥ 0 incremented when thread releases a mutex. Algorithm state is given by $\langle C, L, R, W \rangle$ where:

- C : $Tid \rightarrow VC$ maps **threads** to their vector clocks.
- L : **Locks** $\rightarrow VC$ maps **locks** to their vector clocks.
- R : **Loc** $\rightarrow VC$ maps **mem locs** to the VC of their last **read**.
- W : **Loc** $\rightarrow VC$ maps **mem locs** to the VC of their last **write**.

A thread's clock $C_t = C(t)$ represents what thread t knows about the logical clocks of other threads:

- $C_t(t)$ is **my clock, always positive**.
- $\forall u \neq t \in Tid. C_t(u)$ means I know u 's clock is $\geq C_t(u)$.
- **When locking, I get info on logical clocks of threads that previously held the lock.**

A lock's clock $L_m = L(m)$ means the last thread to release m knew t 's logical clock was $\geq L_m(t)$ when it released the mutex. A loc's clock $R_x = R(x)$ means the last thread to read x knew t 's logical clock was $\geq R_x(t)$ when it read. Initially, $\langle inc_0(\perp), \dots, inc_{N-1}(\perp), L_m \perp, Ax \perp, Ax \perp, Ax \perp \rangle$, then:

14.1 Shared Memory Rules

$$\frac{W_x \sqsubseteq C_t \quad R' = R[x \mapsto R_x[t \mapsto C_t(t)]]}{(C, L, R, W) \xrightarrow{rd(t,x)} (C, L, R', W)}$$

$$\frac{W_x \sqsubseteq C_t \quad R_x \sqsubseteq C_t \quad W' = W[x \mapsto W_x[t \mapsto C_t(t)]]}{(C, L, R, W) \xrightarrow{wr(t,x)} (C, L, R, W')}$$

14.2 Lock Rules

$$\frac{C' = C[t \mapsto (C_t \sqcup L_m)]}{(C, L, R, W) \xrightarrow{acq(t,m)} (C', L, R, W)}$$

$$\frac{L' = L[m \mapsto C_t] \quad C' = C[t \mapsto inc_t(C_t)]}{(C, L, R, W) \xrightarrow{rel(t,m)} (C', L', R, W)}$$

14.3 Datarace Rules

$$\frac{\exists u. W_x(u) > C_t(u)}{(C, L, R, W) \xrightarrow{rd(t,x)} \text{WriteReadRace}(u, t, x)}$$

$$\frac{\exists u. W_x(u) > C_t(u)}{(C, L, R, W) \xrightarrow{wr(t,x)} \text{WriteWriteRace}(u, t, x)}$$

- The **bottom VC** is $\perp = \{0, 0, \dots, 0\}$.
- There is a **partial order** on VC: $V_1 \sqsubseteq V_2 \Leftrightarrow \forall t. V_1(t) \leq V_2(t)$.
- To **join** VCs: $V_1 \sqcup V_2 = \{\forall t. \max(V_1(t), V_2(t))\}$.
- An **increment** function $inc_t(V) = V[t \mapsto V(t) + 1]$. Although this correct, it is **inefficient**. Better ones exist but aren't correct.

15 Rust Concurrency

Rust mutexes **own** their data. An **atomically referenced** (**Arc**) object has a **non-owning ref** to T and ref counter x:

- **Cloning** ARC points to the same obj, incrementing x.
- **Dropping** ARC decrements x. When $x=0$, obj dropped.
- x manipulated with atomics, so its thread safe.

```
1 let mut data = Vec::u32::new();
2 for i in 0..max { data.push(i); }
3 let arc_t1 = Arc::new(Mutex::new(data));
4 let arc_t2 = Arc::new(Mutex::new(data));
5 let res_arc = Arc::new(AtomicU32::new(0));
6 let res_arc_t1 = res_arc.clone();
7 let res_arc_t2 = res_arc.clone();
8 let t1 = thread::spawn(move || {
9     let mut r: u32 = 0;
10    for i in 0..(max / 2) { r += arc_t1.lock().unwrap(); }
11    for i in 0..(max / 2) { r += arc_t2.lock().unwrap(); }
12    res_arc_t1.fetch_add(r, Ordering::Relaxed);
13 });
14 let t2 = thread::spawn(move || {
15     let mut r: u32 = 0;
16     for i in 0..(max / 2) { r += arc_t2.lock().unwrap(); }
17     res_arc_t2.fetch_add(r, Ordering::Relaxed);
18 });
19 t1.join().unwrap();
20 t2.join().unwrap();
21 println!("{} ", res_arc.load(Ordering::Relaxed));
```