

Review Exam 2

CS 537: Introduction to Operating Systems

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Administrivia

- Project 5 due Tue Apr 2nd @ 11:59pm
- Exam 2, Wed, Mar 20th, 5:45-7:30pm
 - Bring ID and #2 Pencil, same format as Exam 1
 - Lec 001 (**1pm**) – Humanities 3650
 - Lec 002 (**9:30am**)– Humanities 2650
 - McBurney – 5:45-8pm, CS 1325

Major Concepts

- Processes and `fork()`
- Threads
 - What is shared between threads
 - Create and Join Threads
 - Pass parameters and return values
 - Race conditions
- Locks
 - Create and use locks
 - Lock implementation goals
 - Lock implementations and types (spin-wait, blocking)
 - Hardware support (`TestAndSet`, `xchg`, `CompareAndSwap`, `LoadLinked/StoreConditional`)
- Locked Data Structures
 - Big lock vs. more smaller locks
 - Counter, Approximate Counter, linked-list, queue, hash table

Major Concepts (cont.)

- Condition Variables
 - Create and use CV
 - Example use in thread join, producer/consumer
 - Program state
 - Hoare vs. Mesa semantics
 - Covering conditions and broadcast()
- Semaphores
 - Create and use Semaphores
 - replacing locks
 - replacing CV
 - Producer/Consumer problem with semaphores
 - Reader-Writer locks
 - Dining Philosophers
 - Building Semaphores with locks and CV
 - Zemaphores

Major Concepts (cont. . .)

- Concurrency Problems
 - Atomicity violations
 - Order violations
 - Deadlock
 - mutual exclusion, hold-and-wait, no preemption, circular wait
 - deadlock avoidance, recovery