

#1 Review: Consumer-Producer practice question

Consumer-Producer uses a fixed size ring buffer. s1 is initialized to 256 and s2 is initialized to zero. There are 50 producer threads & 50 consumer threads.

- i) Can it deadlock, if so, under what conditions?
- ii) Is underflow possible? (underflow=Able to read/write before the start e.g. dequeue succeeds even though the data structure is empty)
- iii) Is overflow possible? (overflow=Able to read/write after the end e.g. enqueue succeeds even though data structure is full)

Consider the following attempt. Assume buffer has 256 entries.

enqueue(value)	dequeue()
mutex_lock(m)	sem_wait(s2)
sem_wait(s1)	sem_post(s1)
sem_post(s2)	mutex_lock(m)
buffer[(in++) & 255] = value	result=buffer[(out++) & 255]
mutex_unlock(m)	mutex_unlock(m)
	return result

#2 Review: pthread practice question. What can the following code print? Assume puts is atomic.

```
void* funcA(void* ptr) { pthread_exit(((char*)ptr) + 1); }
void* funcB(void* ptr) { puts(ptr); }
```

```
int main() {
  pthread_create(&tidA, NULL, funcA, "ABC");
  pthread_create(&tidB, NULL, funcB, "XYZ");
  pthread_join(tidA, &result);
  puts(result);
  // pthread_exit(NULL)
}
```

#3 Would your answer change if main also called pthread_exit(NULL) ?

#4 Working with errors: errno, strerror, perror

What is `errno` and when is it set?

What about multiple threads?

#5 Working with `errno` and `strerror`

When is `errno` set to zero?

- ① program / thread start
- ② "`errno = 0`"

What are the gotchas of using `errno`?

```
signal(SIGINT, f) → f() {
  int prev = errno;
  write("...");
  errno = prev;
}
```

write may fail, which changes errno so we need to remember errno

How can you print out the string message associated with a particular error number?

```
perror("abc")
||
fprintf(stderr, "%s : %s", "abc", strerror(errno))
```

What are the gotchas of using `strerror`?

```
strerror_r(int errno, char * buffer)
```

#6 Interrupted system calls. AKA Correctly Handling EINTR

What is EINTR? What does it mean for `sem_wait`? `read`? `write`? `sleep`?

#7 Restarting interrupted sleep calls

e.g. SIGCHLD interrupted the sleeping parent!

```
01  ssize_t sleep_restart(int seconds) {
02  //unsigned int remain = sleep(seconds)
03
04
```

8. Correctly using write (IMPORTANT FOR NETWORKING)

i) May not send all bytes for slow devices (=network)

ii) May return -1 and errno is EINTR

```
01  ssize_t write_all(int fd, void*buffer, size_t len) {
02  //Can't just call write(fd, buffer, len);
03  size_t total = 0
04  while (total < len) {
    ssize_t r = write(fd, buffer + total, len - total)
    if (r > 0) {
        total += r
        continue
    }
    if (r == -1 && errno == EINTR) {
        continue
    }
    if (r == -1) {
        return -1
    }
}
```

9. Network concepts

What is IP4? ^{Same!} uses 4 octets (bytes)

What is 127.0.0.1?

local host

What is a port? 16 bits

Can my programs listen on any port?

port < 1024 are special ← cannot listen unless program has root

What is UDP? When is it used?

usergram Data

What is TCP? When is it used?

Transmission control Protocol