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CS6413 - OPERATING SYSTEM LAB

Lab Exercise 10

Application using threads

1. Write a multithreaded program in C that calculates various statistical values for a given list of numbers. The input to the program is an array of integers passed in the command line. You have to create five separate worker threads in the program. One thread will determine the average of the numbers, the second will determine the maximum value, the third - the minimum value, fourth - median and the fifth thread will calculate the standard deviation.

For example, suppose the input to your program is

90 81 78 95 79 72 85

The program will report as output

The average value is ____
The minimum value is ____
The maximum value is ____
Median is ____
Standard Deviation is ____

The variables representing the average, minimum, and maximum values, median and standard deviation will be stored globally. The worker threads will do the calculation and update these values and the parent thread will output the values once the workers have exited.

Note:

Compile the program as

cc file.c -pthread

Example:

Main thread creates a thread to find the summation of given 'n' and another thread to find max of the given 'n'

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#include <pthread.h>
#include <stdio.h>
int sum, max; /* this data is shared by the thread(s) */
void *worker_sum(void *p); /* threads call this function */
void *worker_max(void *p);

struct input
{
char **data;
int count;
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}in;
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
pthread_t tid,tid1,tid2; /* the thread identifier */
pthread_attr_t attr; /* set of thread attributes */

/* get the default attributes */
pthread_attr_init(&attr);
/* create the thread */
in.data=argv;
in.count=argc;
pthread_create(&tid,&attr,worker_sum,&in);
pthread_create(&tid1,&attr,worker_max,&in);

/* wait for the thread to exit */
pthread_join(tid,NULL);
pthread_join(tid1,NULL);

printf("sum = %d\n",sum);
printf("max = %d\n",max);
}

/* The thread will begin control in this function */
void *worker_sum(void *param)
{
struct input *t=(struct input *)param;
int i;
sum = 0;
for (i = 0; i < t->count; i++)
sum += atoi(t->data[i]);
pthread_exit(0);
}

void *worker_max(void *param)
{
struct input *t=(struct input *)param;
int i;
max = 0;
for (i = 0; i < t->count; i++)
if (atoi(t->data[i])>max)
max=atoi(t->data[i]);
pthread_exit(0);
}

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Reference:

<https://computing.llnl.gov/tutorials/threads/>