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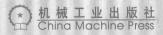
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近年,在全球信息化大潮的推动下,我国的计算机产业发展迅猛,对专业人才的需 求日益迫切。这对计算机教育界和出版界都既是机遇,也是挑战;而专业教材的建设 在教育战略上显得举足轻重。在我国信息技术发展时间较短的现状下,美国等发达国 家在其计算机科学发展的几十年间积淀的经典教材仍有许多值得借鉴之处。因此,引 讲一批国外优秀计算机教材将对我国计算机教育事业的发展起积极的推动作用、也是 与世界接轨、建设真正的世界一流大学的必由之路。

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"计算机科学丛书"的出版工作得到了国内外学者的鼎力襄助,国内的专家不仅提 供了中肯的选题指导,还不辞劳苦地担任了翻译和审校的工作,而原书的作者也相当 关注其作品在中国的传播,有的还专程为其书的中译本作序。迄今,"计算机科学丛书" 已经出版了近两百个品种、这些书籍在读者中树立了良好的口碑、并被许多高校采用 为正式教材和参考书籍。其影印版"经典原版书库"作为姊妹篇也被越来越多实施双 语教学的学校所采用。

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Preface

This book is intended to serve both as a textbook for a senior-level undergraduate course, and as a reference for practitioners.

Readers should know enough discrete mathematics to understand "big-O" notation, and what it means for a problem to be NP-complete. It is helpful to be familiar with elementary systems constructs such as processors, threads, and caches. A basic understanding of Java is needed to follow the examples. (We explain advanced language features before using them.) Two appendixes summarize what the reader needs to know: Appendix A covers programming language constructs, and Appendix B covers multiprocessor hardware architectures.

The first third covers the *principles* of concurrent programming, showing how to *think* like a concurrent programmer. Like many other skills such as driving a car, cooking a meal, or appreciating caviar, thinking concurrently requires cultivation, but it can be learned with moderate effort. Readers who want to start programming right away may skip most of this section, but should still read Chapters 2 and 3 which cover the basic ideas necessary to understand the rest of the book.

We first look at the classic *mutual exclusion* problem (Chapter 2). This chapter is essential for understanding why concurrent programming is a challenge. It covers basic concepts such as fairness and deadlock. We then ask what it means for a concurrent program to be correct (Chapter 3). We consider several alternative conditions, and the circumstances one might want to use each one. We examine the properties of *shared memory* essential to concurrent computation (Chapter 4), and we look at the kinds of synchronization primitives needed to implement highly concurrent data structures (Chapters 5 and 6).

We think it is essential that anyone who wants to become truly skilled in the art of multiprocessor programming spend time solving the problems presented in the first part of this book. Although these problems are idealized, they distill the kind of thinking necessary to write effective multiprocessor programs. Most

important, they distill the style of thinking necessary to avoid the common mistakes committed by nearly all novice programmers when they first encounter concurrency.

The next two-thirds describe the *practice* of concurrent programming. Each chapter has a secondary theme, illustrating either a particular programming pattern or algorithmic technique. At the level of systems and languages, Chapter 7 covers spin locks and contention. This chapter introduces the importance of the underlying architecture, since spin lock performance cannot be understood without understanding the multiprocessor memory hierarchy. Chapter 8 covers monitor locks and waiting, a common synchronization idiom, especially in Java. Chapter 16 covers work-stealing and parallelism, and Chapter 17 describes barriers, all of which are useful for structure concurrent applications.

Other chapters cover concurrent data structures. All these chapters depend on Chapter 9, and the reader should read this chapter before reading the others. Linked lists illustrate different kinds of synchronization patterns, ranging from coarse-grained locking, to fine-grained locking, to lock-free structures (Chapter 9). The FIFO queues illustrate the ABA synchronization hazard that arises when using atomic synchronization primitives (Chapter 10), Stacks illustrate an important synchronization pattern called *elimination* (Chapter 11), Hash maps show how an algorithm can exploit natural parallelism (Chapter 13), Skip lists illustrate efficient parallel search (Chapter 14), and priority queues illustrate how one can sometimes weaken correctness guarantees to enhance performance (Chapter 15).

Finally, Chapter 18 describes the emerging *transactional* approach to concurrency, which we believe will become increasingly important in the near future.

The importance of concurrency has not always been acknowledged. Here is a quote from a 1989 *New York Times* article on new operating systems for the IBM PC:

Real concurrency—in which one program actually continues to function while you call up and use another—is more amazing but of small use to the average person. How many programs do you have that take more than a few seconds to perform any task?

Read this book, and decide for yourself.

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