15-410

"...misbehave(7)..."

Project 2
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Synchronization

P2 (et seq.) partners

- Everybody is registered
- Thanks!

Please make sure you've discussed

- How many late days?
- Project *schedule* in other classes
  - *Write down* a joint project schedule
- Auditing or pass/fail? Target 410 grade?
- Prior experience
- Interviews

Outline

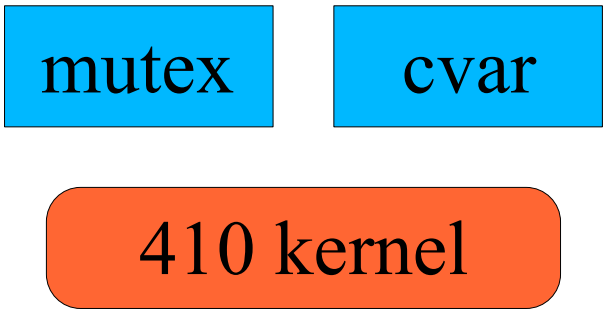
What you'll build

- Mutex, condition variable
- Thread library
- Supplemental library routines
- Tests

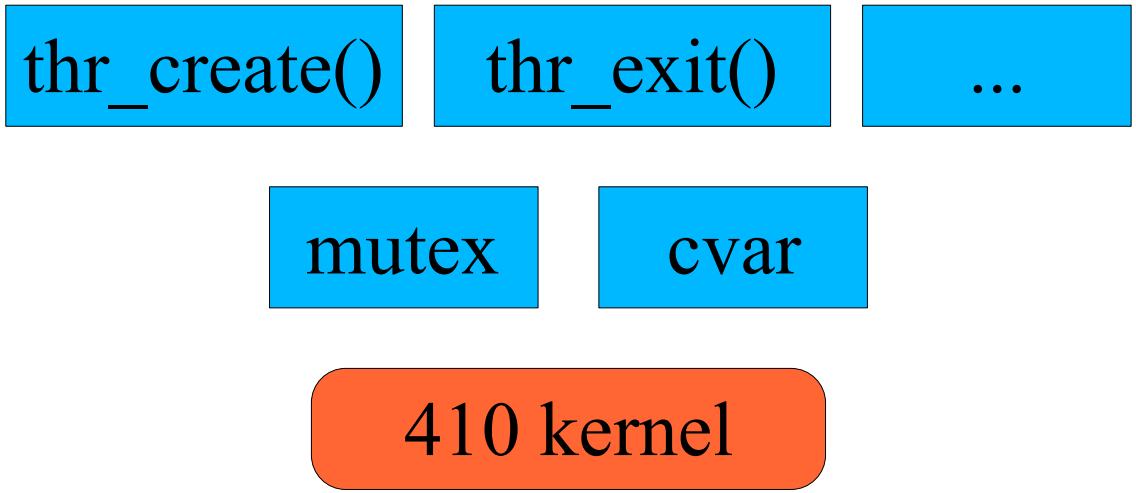
How the pieces fit together

- A picture is worth 1000 words
- You'll need to read the handouts too
  - (two, each >1000 words)
  - kspec – specifies our kernel for P2, your kernel for P3
  - thr_lib – specifies thread library

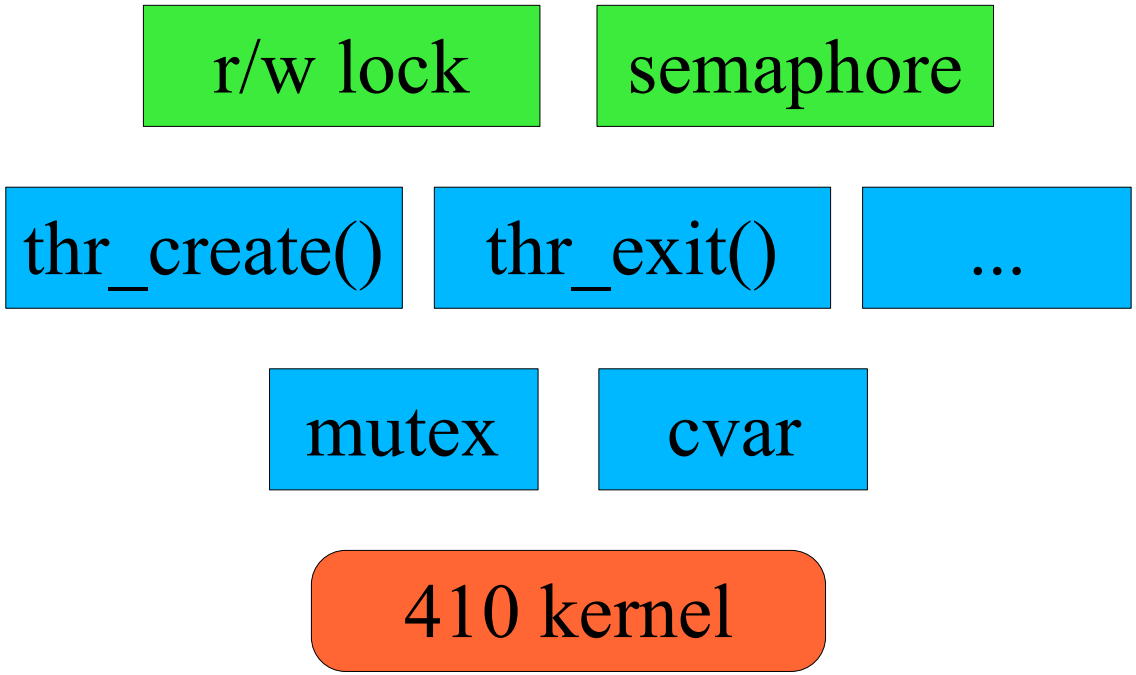
Mutex & Condition Variable



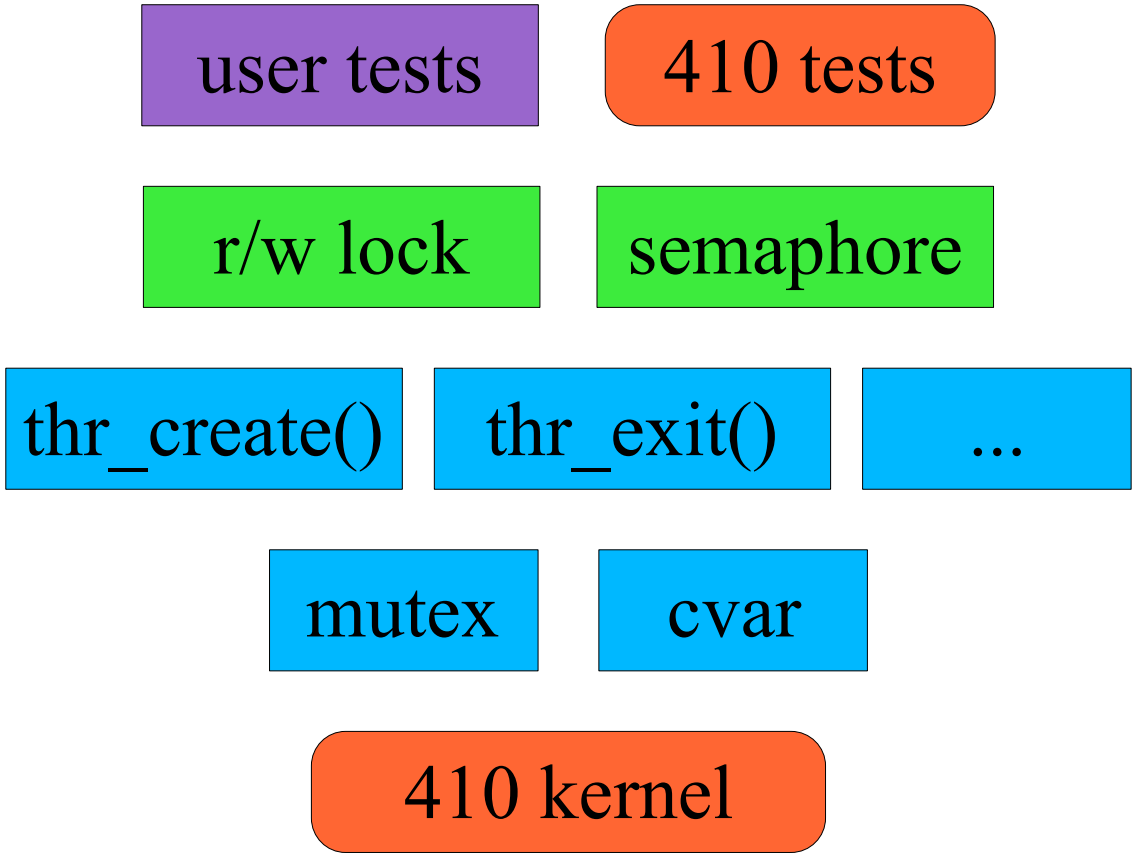
Remainder of Thread Library



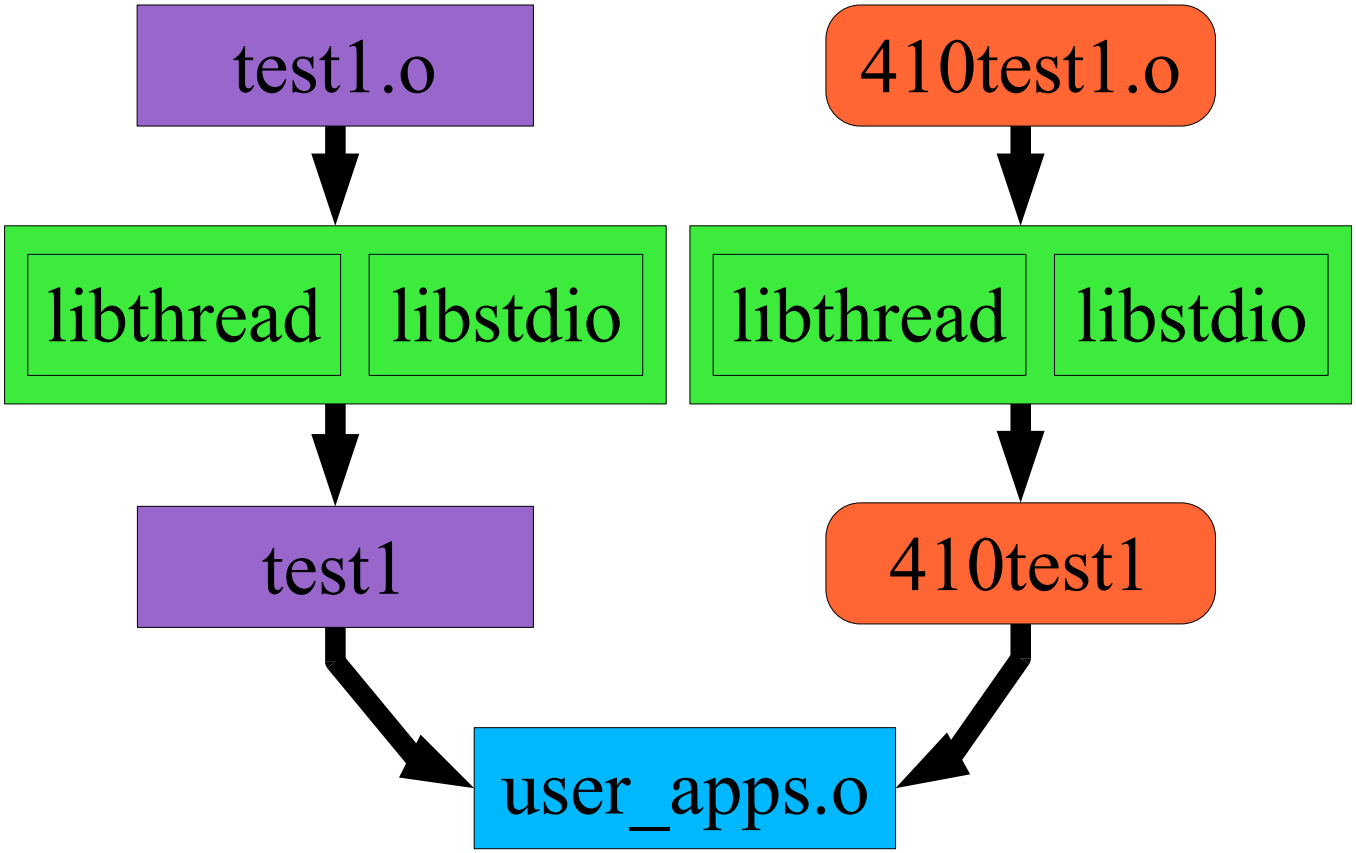
Supplemental Library Routines



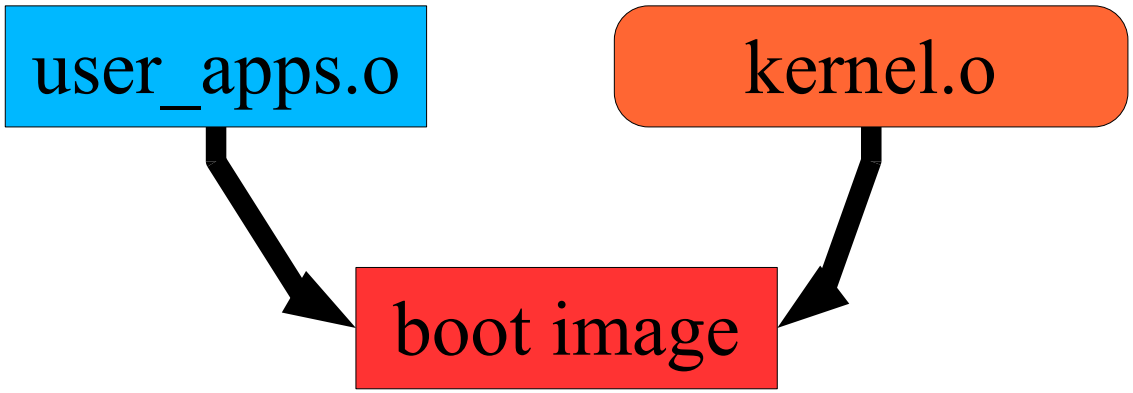
Tests (Yours & Ours)



Building a “RAM disk” image



Linking “RAM disk” to kernel



Misbehave

misbehave(int mode)

- Special debugging-support system call in our 410 kernel
- Adjusts "behavior" of system
  - Multiple legal behaviors (you will feel this during P3)
  - Each mode selects a particular mix
  - We will not document these
  - We expect you to not "document" them to classmates either
- Debug your thread library with one mode, then the next...
  - A dazzling array of flavors
  - 0...63
  - maybe even more
  - -1
- You will not be required to implement misbehave() in P3

threadinfo

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simics> tidinfo 11
REGISTER DUMP FOLLOWS
 CS = 0x00000043, EFLAGS = 0x00010246, SS = 0x0000004b
 EIP = 0x0100004a, ESP = 0xffffffa0, EBP = 0xffffffcc
 EDI = 0x00000000, ESI = 0x00000000, EAX = 0x31337000
 EBX = 0x00000000, ECX = 0x00000000, EDX = 0x01000c0a
```

Cool, what is it?

- Debugging information about thread 11
- The last instruction it executed in user space

Why would I want that?

- It might help with certain hard problems

Plea – Conceptual

This code is *tricky*

- Most of you have already written multi-threaded code
  - That can be tricky enough
- Writing the internals is harder
  - Get a part 99% done
  - Discover a "bug"...
  - ...which is really a misconception...
  - *Totally new design* to fix it

Make sure core parts are *solid*

- Better to skip readers/writers locks if not

Plea – Time

The first 90% will take the first 90% of the time

- The last 10% will take the *second 90% of the time*

"Code complete"

- Plan to spend *at least three days* debugging based on the tests we release
- If your thread library doesn't pass `cyclone` and `agility_drill` it won't pass a bunch of our tests either
  - Resultant grade is unlikely to exceed a C

"You should be here" guidance in handout

- Based on bitter experiences of former students