CSE113: Parallel Programming

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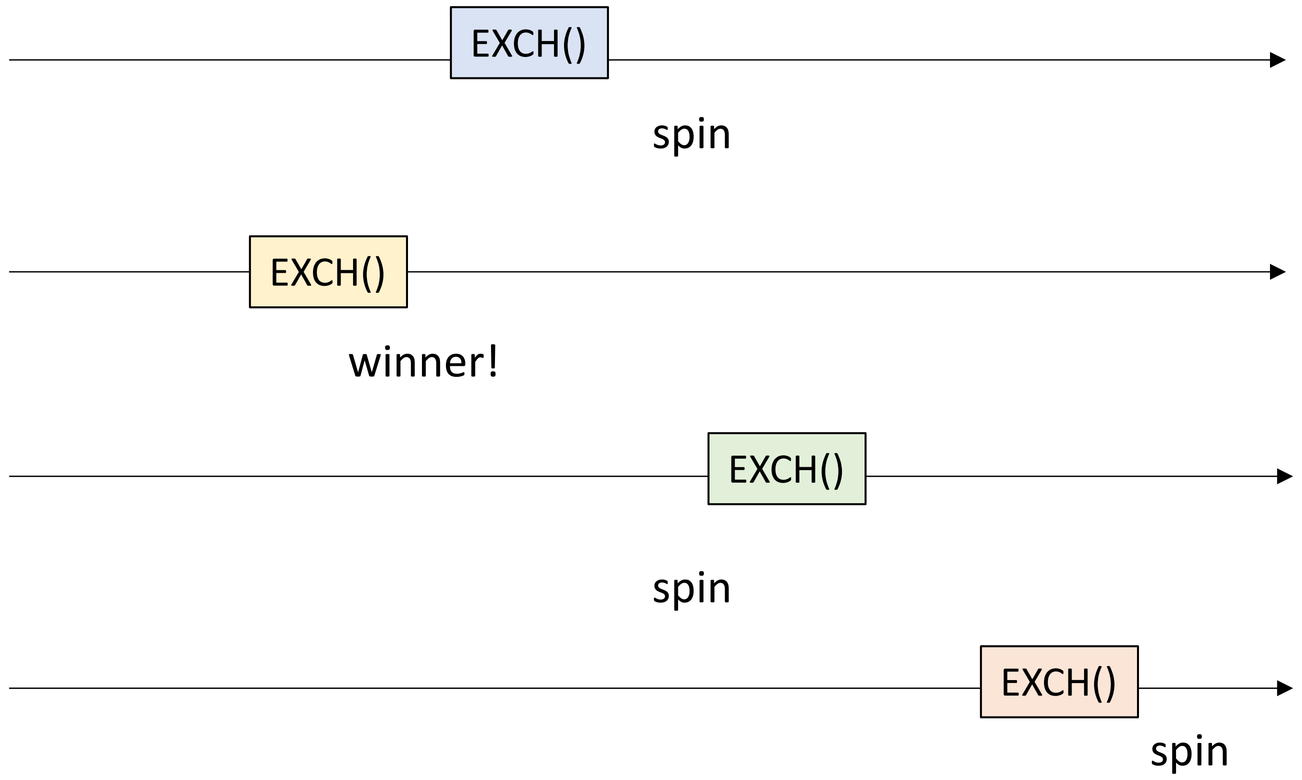
- **Topics**:
  - RMW mutex implementations
    - Fairness
    - Relaxed Peeking
    - Backoff



Announcements

- We are starting to grade HW 1, expect grades by the time HW 2 is due (potentially sooner)
  - Ask about issues early
  - If you believe you were wrongly deducted points, please let us know; performance issues can be tricky to grade at this scale!

- Homework 2 was released on Monday
  - Hoping to get through all material to get through all of it by today!
  - If you have questions about the throughput output of the autograder, please let us know

- Ask for help in office hours or piazza if needed

Previous quiz

What happens when two atomic store operations write to the same location at the same time with different values?

- ○ This is a data conflict and should be avoided
- ○ It is undefined behavior and the memory location is allowed to contain any possible value
- ○ The value from one of the threads will be stored in the location
- ○ Each thread will store their value in their cache and they will be able to read this value later on

Previous quiz

What does a C++ RMW operation return?

- ○ a boolean indicating whether it succeeded or not
- ○ the value after the modification
- ○ the value before the modification
- ○ nothing, however it is guaranteed that the modification occurred atomically (indivisibly) in memory

Previous quiz

What is the difference between an atomic exchange and an atomic compare and swap?

Previous quiz

Discuss a few trade-offs between RMW mutexes and the simpler load/store mutexes (e.g. peterson's lock).

Review

Peterson's 2 threaded mutex

```
void lock() {
  int j = thread_id == 0 ? 1 : 0;
  flag[thread_id].store(1);
  victim.store(thread_id);
  while (victim.load() == thread_id
         && flag[j] == 1);
}
```

j is the other thread

Mark ourself as interested

volunteer to be the victim in case of a tie

Spin only if:
there was a tie in wanting the lock,
and I won the volunteer raffle to spin

```
void unlock() {
  int i = thread_id;
  flag[i].store(0);
}
```

mark ourselves as uninterested

RMWs for mutexes

CAS lock

```
void lock() {
  bool e = false;
  int acquired = false;
  while (acquired == false) {
    acquired = atomic_compare_exchange_strong(&flag, &e, true);
    e = false;
  }
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Check if the mutex is free, if so, take it.

compare the mutex to free (false), if so, replace it with taken (true). Spin while the thread isn’t able to take the mutex.

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Unlock is simple! Just store false back

Schedule

- **Fairness of RMW locks**
- Optimization of RMW locks
- RW mutexes

Starvation

- Are these RMW locks fair?

Analysis

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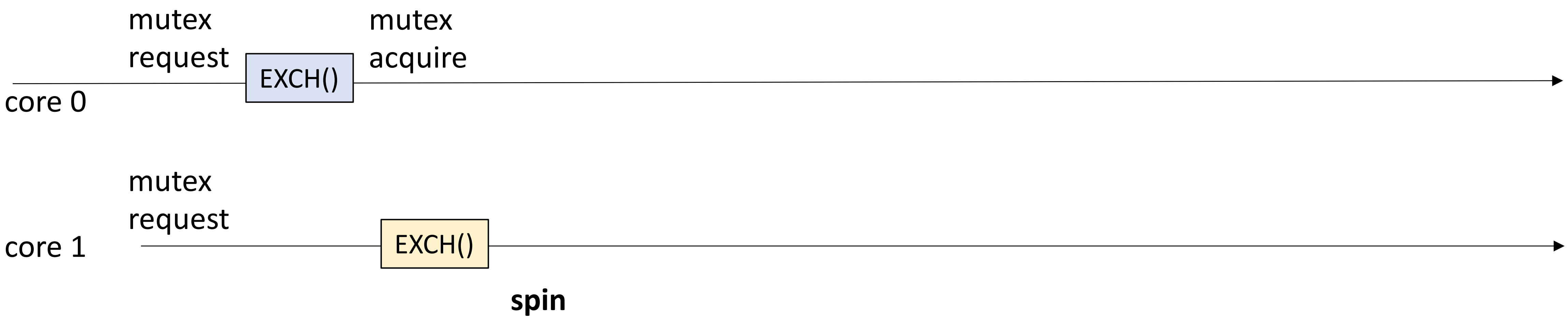

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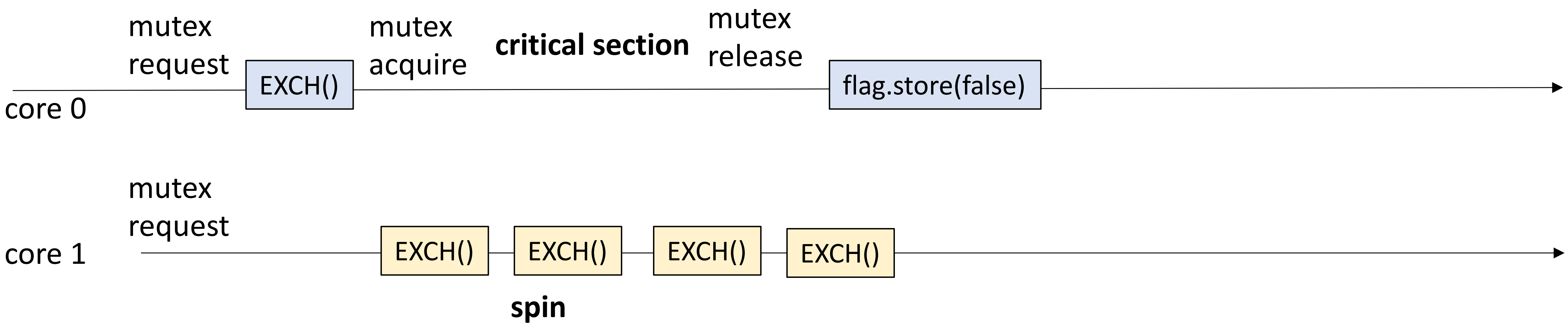

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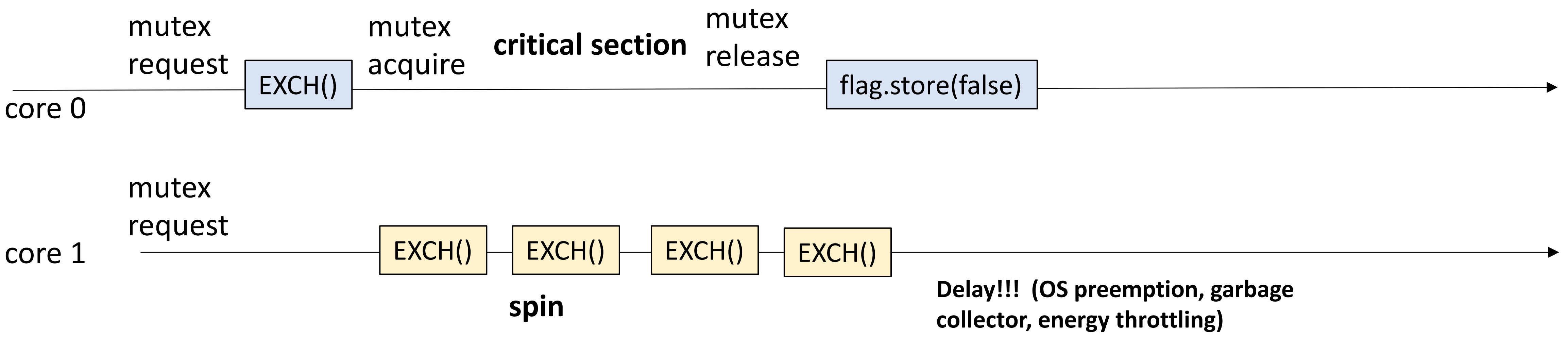

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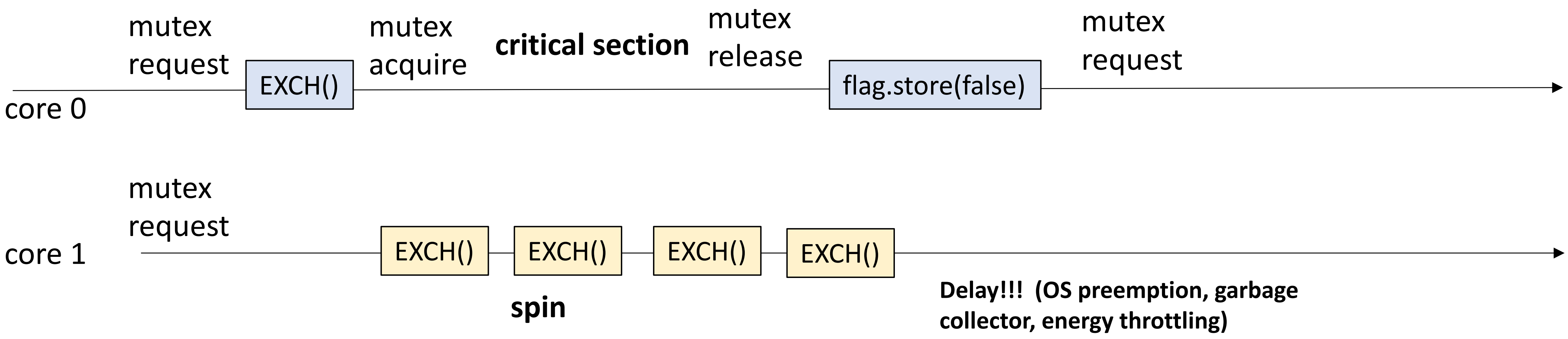

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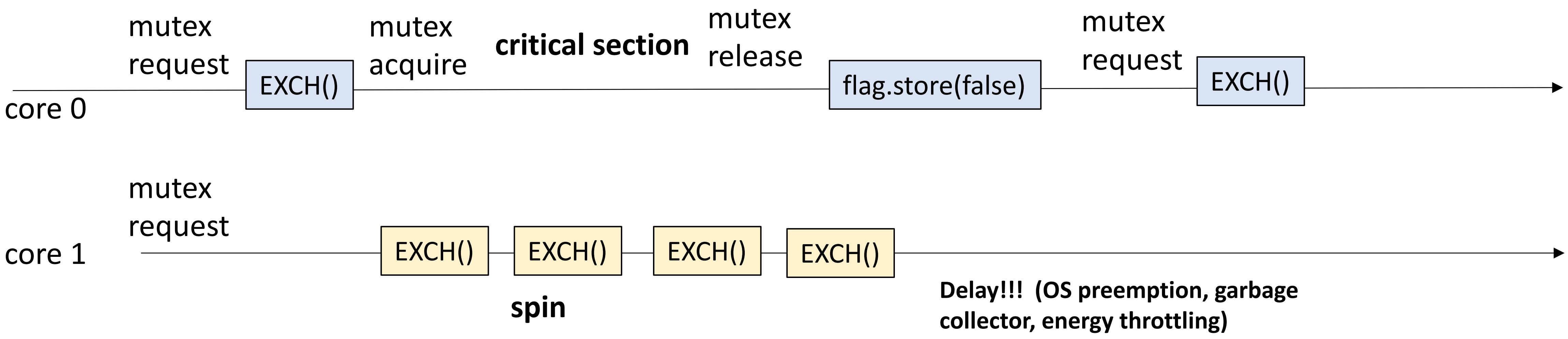

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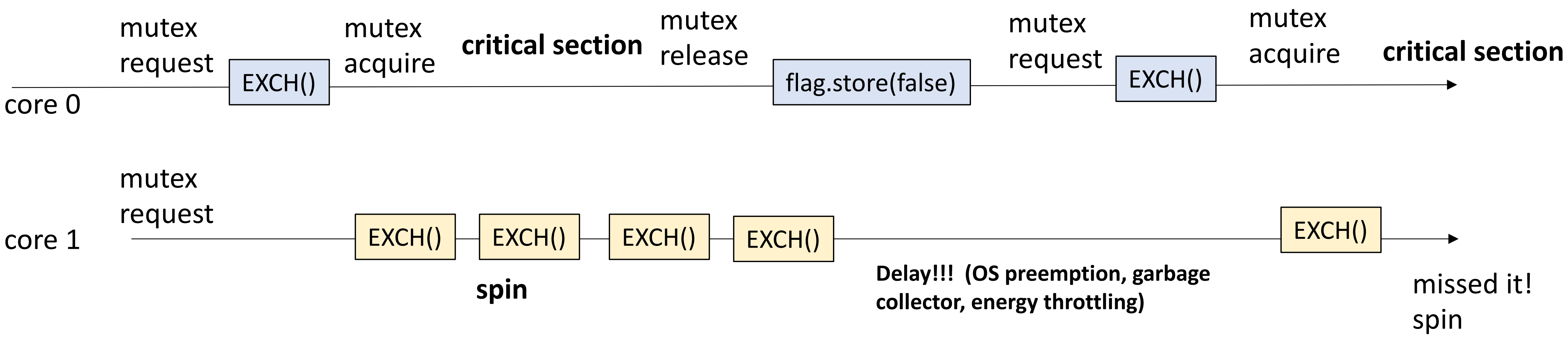

How about in practice?

- Code demo

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like at Zoccoli's!

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Get a unique number

Spin while your number isn't being served

To release, increment the number that's currently being served.

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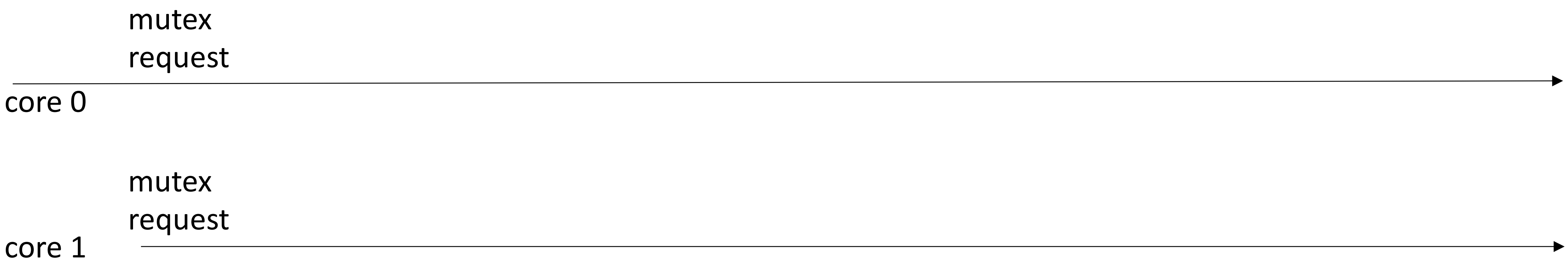

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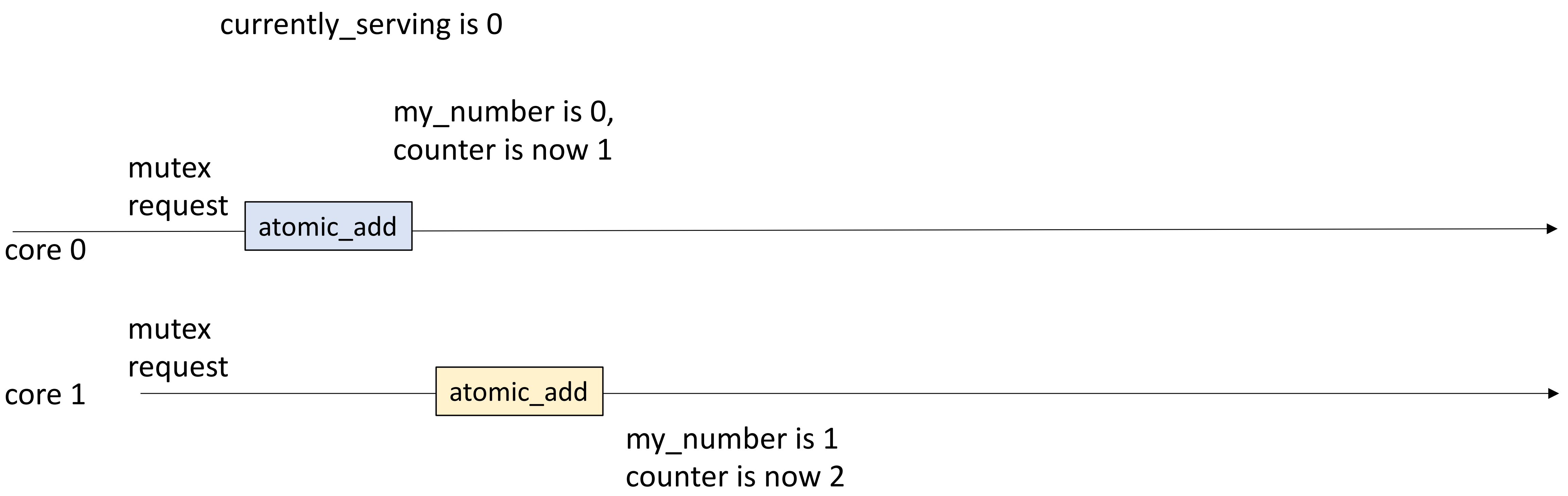

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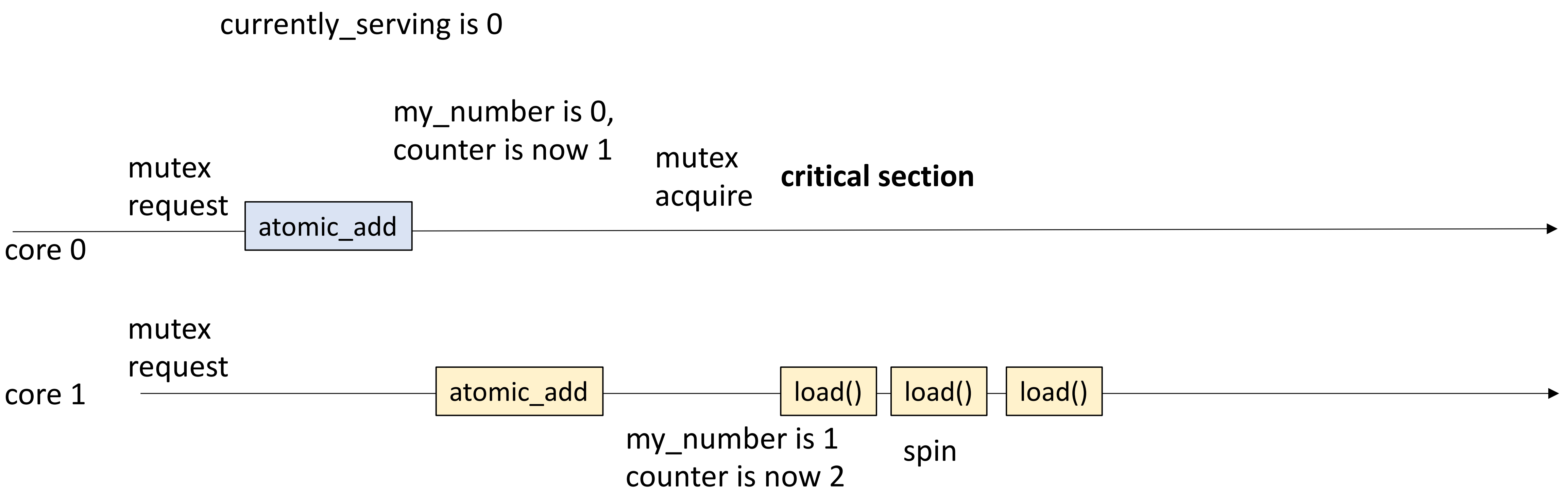

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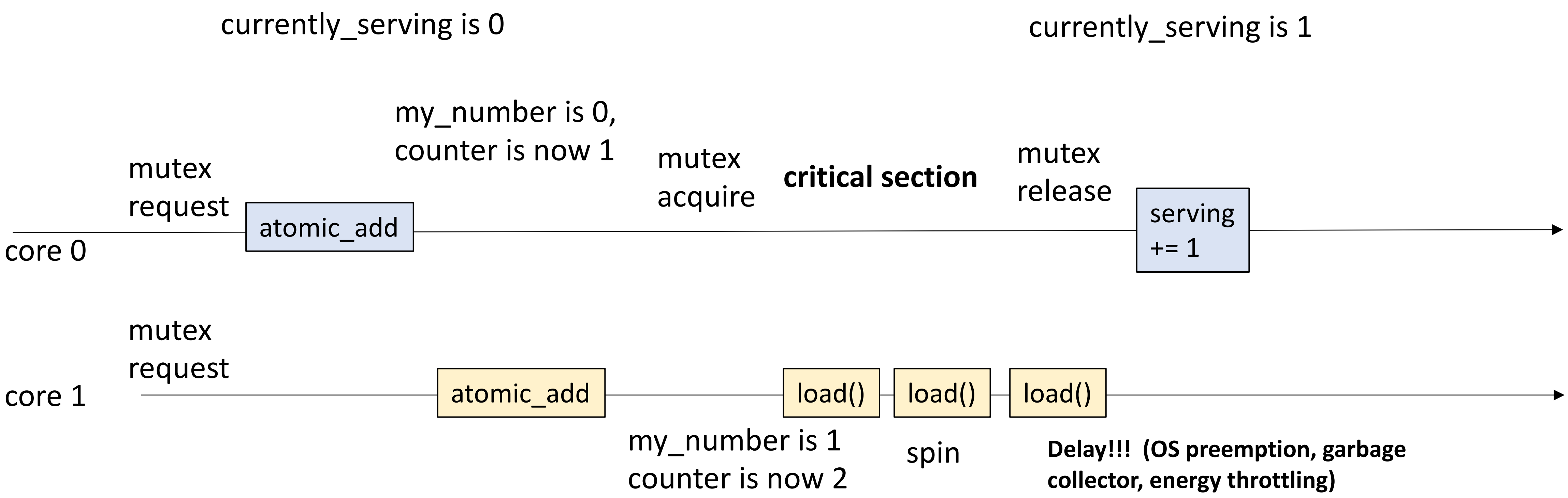

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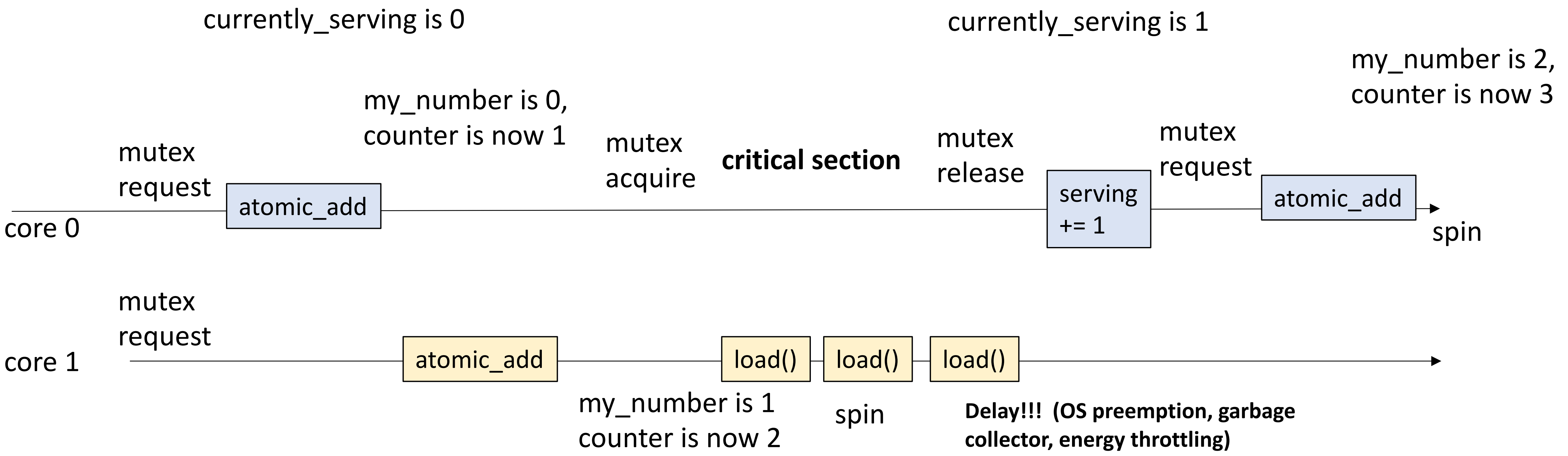

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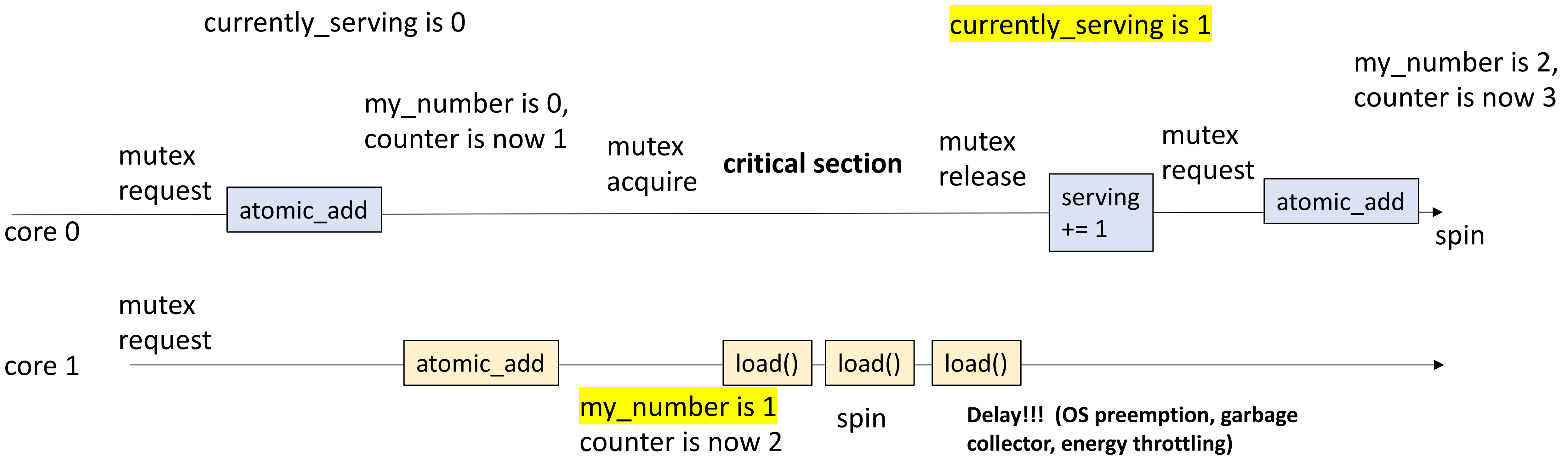

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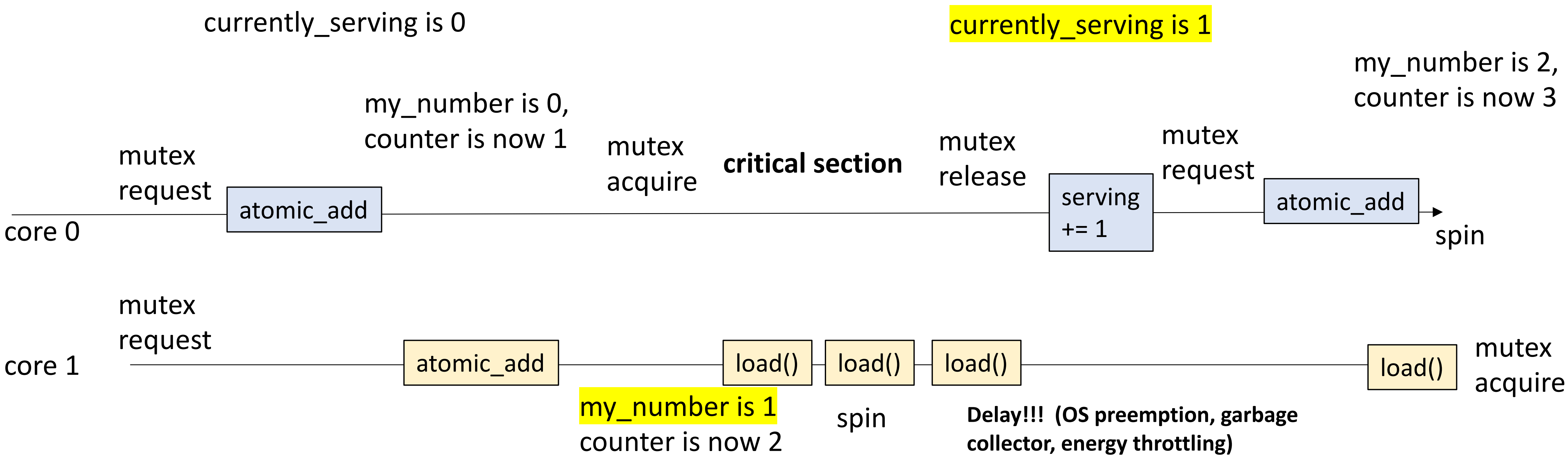

Fair but at what cost?

- Example

Schedule

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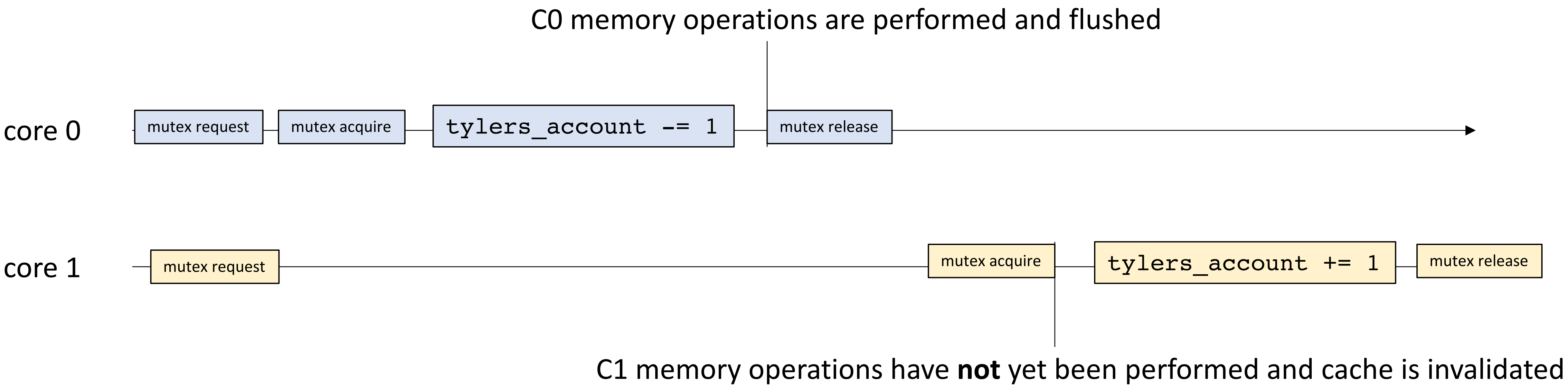

Relaxed atomics

- Enter expert mode!
  - explicit atomics with relaxed semantics
  - Beware! they do not provide a memory fence!
  - Only use when a memory fence is issued later before leaving your mutex implementation. Good for “peeking” before you actually execute your RMW.

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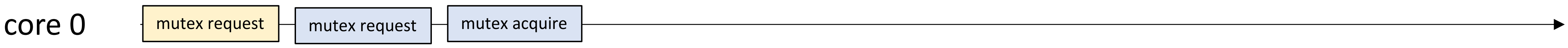

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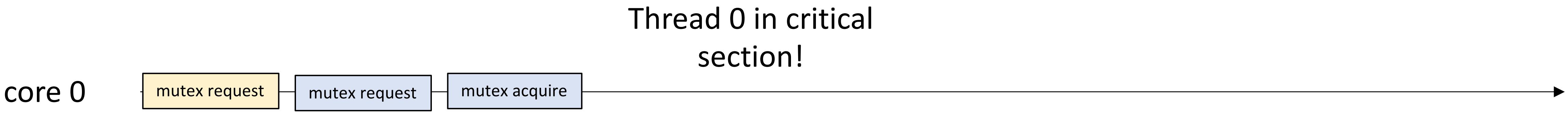

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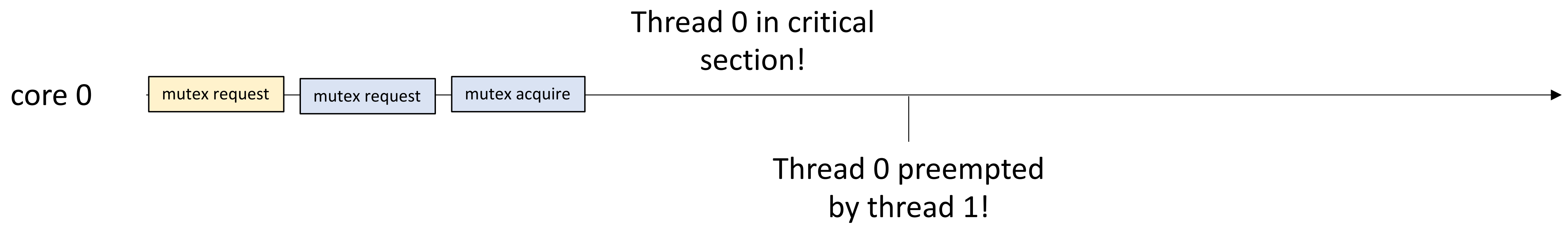

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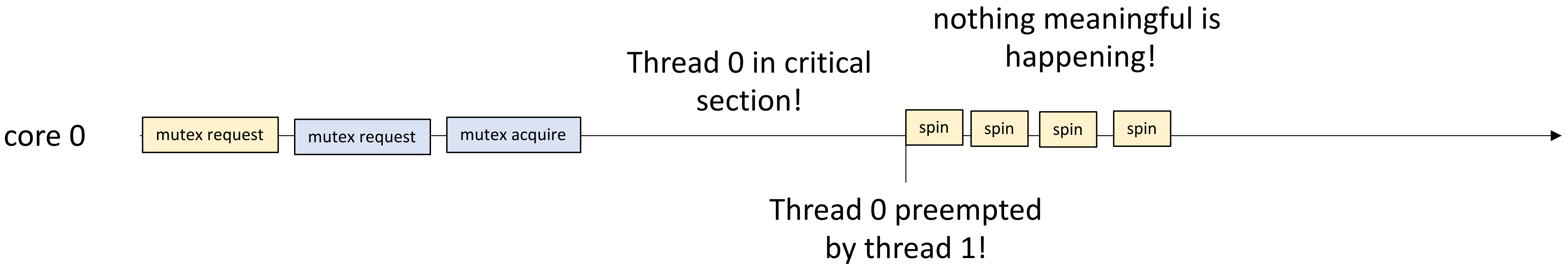

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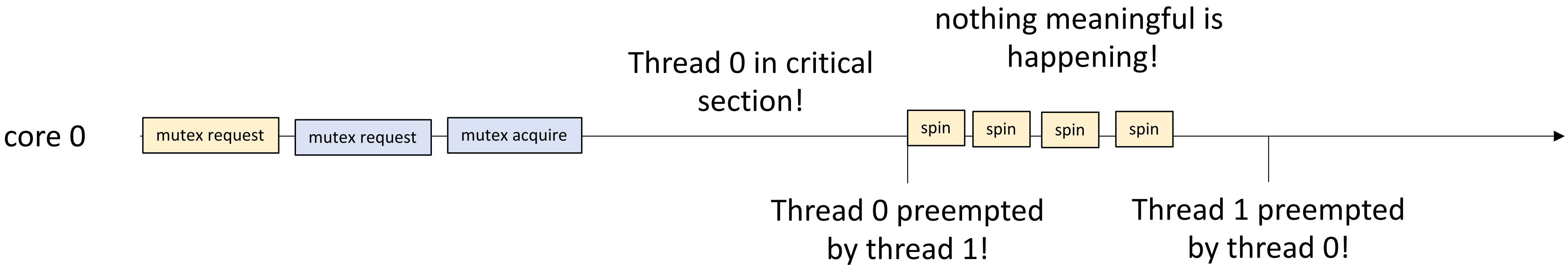

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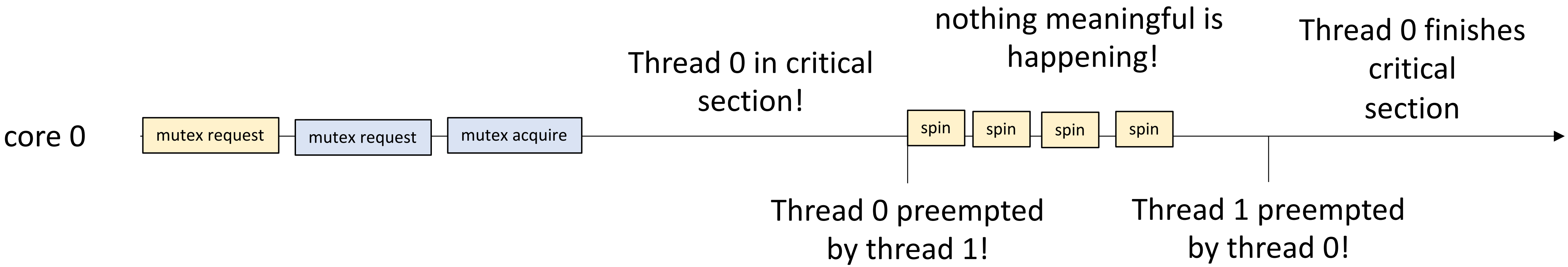

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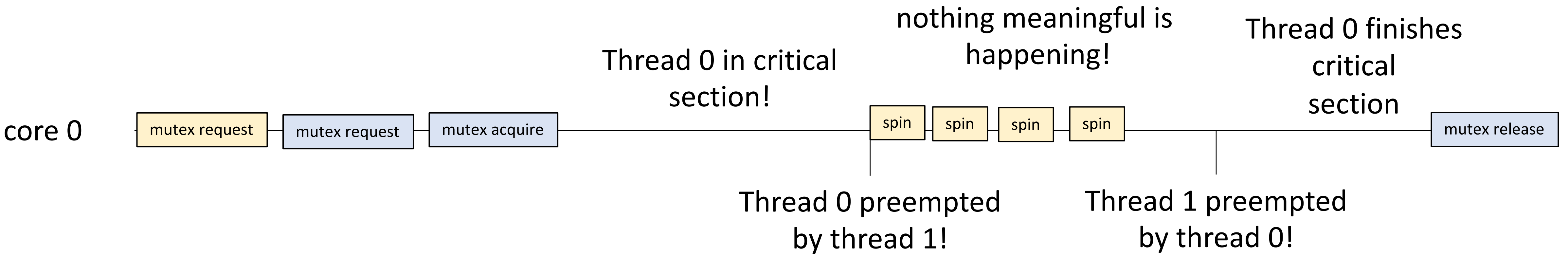

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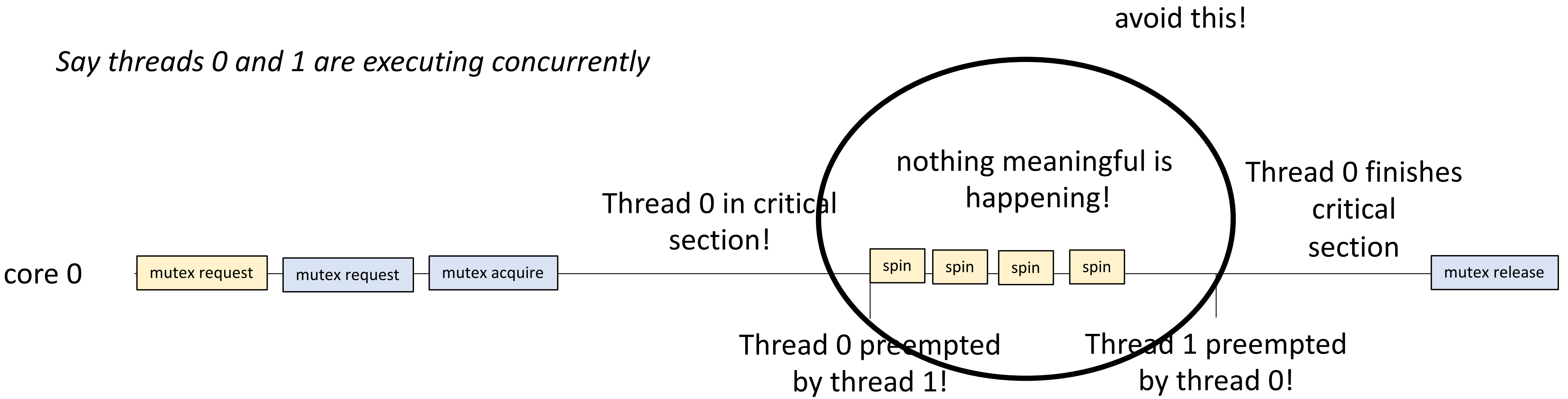

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where do we put it?

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Demo

- Example in terminal

Optimizations: backoff

- Other backoff strategies: sleeping
  - `this_thread::sleep_for(10ms);`
  - Finer control over sleep time
- Exponential backoff:
  - Every time the thread wakes up, sleep for 2x as long
- Tuned sleep time:
  - Keep track of a sleep time.
  - Every time you spin, increase the sleep time (remember for next spin)
  - If you acquire, reduce the sleep time

Optimizations: when to use them

- **Spinning** is useful for short waits on non-oversubscribed systems

- **Sleeping** is useful for regular tasks
  - tasks occur at set frequencies
  - critical sections take roughly the same time
  - In these cases, sleep times can be tuned

- **Yielding** is useful for oversubscribed systems, with irregular tasks
  - On modern systems, yield is usually sufficient!

Optimizations: when to use them

- When to use what optimization?
  - Start with C++ mutex, then
  - microbenchmark
  - profile
- Sometimes we want our own custom backoff strategies.
  - We can optimize around existing mutexes!

try_lock

- another common mutex API method: try_lock()
- one-shot mutex attempt (implementation defined)
- You can then implement your own sleep/yield strategy around this

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bool try_lock() {
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try_lock

- straightforward with CAS and exchange mutex

- What about ticket lock?

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Example: UI refresh

- Screen refreshes operate at ~60 FPS.
- Assume a situation where there is mutex for the screen buffer. It can be updated by one thread, once per frame.
- We know that the sleep will be ~16ms

Example: UI refresh

```
void lock_refresh_rate(mutex m) {
  while (m.try_lock() == false) {
    this_thread::sleep_for(16ms);
  }
}
```

try_lock

- C++ provides a try_lock for their mutex operation
- We have now covered the entire C++ mutex object

Schedule

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- **RW mutexes**

Reader-Writer Mutex

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which of these operations can safely be executed concurrently?

Remember the definition of a data-conflict: at least one write

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int check_balance() {
    return tylers_account;
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Different actors accessing it concurrently

Credit monitors

Accountants

Personal

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No reason why this function can't be called concurrently. It only needs to be protected if another thread calls one of the other functions.

Reader-Writer Mutex

- different lock and unlock functions:
  - Functions that only read can perform a “read” lock
  - Functions that might write can perform a regular lock

  - regular locks ensures that the writer has exclusive access (from other reader and writers)

  - but multiple reader threads can hold the lock in reader state

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class rw_mutex {
 public:
  void reader_lock();
  void reader_unlock();
  void lock();
  void unlock();
};
```

Reader-Writer Mutex

Global variable: `int tylers_account`

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void buy_coffee() {
    tylers_account--;
}
```

```
void get_paid() {
    tylers_account++;
}
```

```
int check_balance() {
    return tylers_account;
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```

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int check_balance() {
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    return t;
}
```

Reader-Writer Mutex Implementation

- Primitives that we built the previous mutexes with:
  - atomic load, atomic store, atomic RMW

- We have a new tool!
  - Regular mutex!

Reader-Writer Mutex Implementation

- We will use a mutex internally.
- We will keep track of how many readers are currently “holding” the mutex.
- We will keep track of if a writer is holding the mutex.

```
class rw_mutex {
 public:
  rw_mutex() {
    num_readers = 0;
    writer = false;
  }

  void reader_lock();
  void reader_unlock();
  void lock();
  void unlock();

 private:
  mutex internal_mutex;
  int num_readers;
  bool writer;
};
```

Reader-Writer Mutex Implementation

- Reader locks

```
void reader_lock() {
  bool acquired = false;
  while (!acquired) {
    internal_mutex.lock();
    if (!writer) {
      acquired = true;
      num_readers++;
    }
    internal_mutex.unlock();
  }
}

void reader_unlock() {
  internal_mutex.lock();
  num_readers--;
  internal_mutex.unlock();
}
```

Reader-Writer Mutex Implementation

- Regular locks

```
void lock() {
  bool acquired = false;
  while (!acquired) {
    internal_mutex.lock();
    if (!writer && num_readers == 0) {
      acquired = true;
      writer = true;
    }
    internal_mutex.unlock();
  }
}

void unlock() {
  internal_mutex.lock();
  writer = false;
  internal_mutex.unlock();
}
```

Thread 0

```
void buy_coffee() {
    m.lock();
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```

Thread 1

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Thread 2

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int check_balance() {
    m.reader_lock();
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Thread 3

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int check_balance() {
    m.reader_lock();
    int t = tylers_account;
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    return t;
}
```

writer = false
num_readers = 0

Thread 0

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      writer = true;
    }
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  }
}

void unlock() {
  internal_mutex.lock();
  writer = false;
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}
```

writer = false
num_readers = 0

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void buy_coffee() {
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Thread 1

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Thread 2

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Thread 3

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writer = true
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writer = true
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Thread 0

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Thread 2

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Thread 3

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    return t;
}
```

```
void reader_lock() {
  bool acquired = false;
  while (!acquired) {
    internal_mutex.lock();
    if (!writer) {
      acquired = true;
      num_readers++;
    }
    internal_mutex.unlock();
  }
}

void reader_unlock() {
  internal_mutex.lock();
  num_readers--;
  internal_mutex.unlock();
}
```

writer = true
num_readers = 0

reset!

Thread 0

```
void buy_coffee() {
    m.lock();
    tylers_account--;
    m.unlock();
}
```

Thread 1

```
void get_paid() {
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Thread 2

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Thread 3

```
int check_balance() {
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    return t;
}
```

writer = False
num_readers = 0

Thread 0

```
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}
```

Thread 1

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    }
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  }
}

void reader_unlock() {
  internal_mutex.lock();
  num_readers--;
  internal_mutex.unlock();
}
```

writer = False
num_readers = 0

Thread 0

```
void buy_coffee() {
    m.lock();
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}
```

Thread 1

```
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Thread 2

```
int check_balance() {
    m.reader_lock();
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Thread 3

```
int check_balance() {
    m.reader_lock();
    int t = tylers_account;
    m.reader_unlock();
    return t;
}
```

writer = False
num_readers = 1

Thread 0

```
void buy_coffee() {
    m.lock();
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Thread 1

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Thread 3

```
int check_balance() {
    m.reader_lock();
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```

writer = False
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Thread 2

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Thread 3

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```

```
void reader_lock() {
  bool acquired = false;
  while (!acquired) {
    internal_mutex.lock();
    if (!writer) {
      acquired = true;
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    }
    internal_mutex.unlock();
  }
}

void reader_unlock() {
  internal_mutex.lock();
  num_readers--;
  internal_mutex.unlock();
}
```

writer = False
num_readers = 1

Thread 0

```
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}
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Thread 1

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Thread 2

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    return t;
}
```

Thread 3

```
int check_balance() {
    m.reader_lock();
    int t = tylers_account;
    m.reader_unlock();
    return t;
}
```

writer = False
num_readers = 2

Thread 0

```
void buy_coffee() {
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}
```

Thread 1

```
void get_paid() {
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Thread 2

```
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void unlock() {
  internal_mutex.lock();
  writer = false;
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}
```

writer = False
num_readers = 2

Thread 0

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void reader_lock() {
  bool acquired = false;
  while (!acquired) {
    internal_mutex.lock();
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void reader_unlock() {
  internal_mutex.lock();
  num_readers--;
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}
```

writer = False
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writer = False
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can we lock yet?

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void unlock() {
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```

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    internal_mutex.unlock();
  }
}

void unlock() {
  internal_mutex.lock();
  writer = false;
  internal_mutex.unlock();
}
```

writer = False
num_readers = 0

Reader Writer lock

- This implementation potentially starves writers
  - The common case is to have lots of readers!

- Think about ways how an implementation might be more fair to writers.

How this looks in C++

```
#include <shared_mutex>
using namespace std;

shared_mutex m;

m.lock_shared()   // reader lock
m.unlock_shared() // reader unlock
m.lock()          // regular lock
m.unlock()        // regular unlock
```

Next week

- Planning on last mutex lecture
  - More specialized examples
  - Optimistic vs. pessimistic concurrency
- Work on HW 2! You now have everything you need to complete it!
  - Parts of next lectures might help with part 2.