Advanced Programming Homework Assignment 10

Due Wednesday, April 9, at 3PM

The goal of this assignment is to implement a fixed-length concurrent queue abstraction on top of Haskell's MVar primitive.

- 1. Download and unpack the tar file containing the code template. Have a look at the files.
- 2. Try running the program (either using the supplied Makefile or by compiling and executing TestHarness.hs in whatever way you usually do). Notice that the test harness reports a failed test. This is because FiniteChan.hs currently contains an implementation of *unbounded* concurrent queues. Your job is to replace this implementation by a working one.
- 3. Haskell provides several different concurrency primitives (MVars, STM, higher-level synchronization abstractions in libraries, etc.), but for this assignment the only one you can use is MVars.
- 4. There are many ways to implement the required functionality using MVars. Do not worry about finding the most efficient one (or the most parallelizable one, etc.). Instead, aim to make your code not only correct by *obviously* correct. You'll probably find this is challenging enough!

Submission instructions

- Add your name(s) at the top of your FiniteChan.hs file.
- Email just the file FiniteChan.hs to both jschorr@seas.upenn.edu and bcpierce@cis.upenn.edu. Make sure your file is named (exactly) FiniteChan.hs.