

CS314: Lecture Note (Lecture #15, February 29, 2024)

1. Ask students to come forward and pick up:

- Attendance card
- Quiz #7 question list

2. Announcements:

- Quiz #7 is scheduled on March 14th (Thursday) after the spring break

3. Introducing Project #2

- pthread – a user-mode thread for the UNIX/LINUX platforms
- custom-thread scheduler (i.e., a user-defined thread scheduler)
- thread synchronization
- interrupt and interrupt handler

4. Threads (AKA, “light-weight processes”)

- Concept (two motivations)
- Thread internal structure
- Global and private PCBs
- Examples (Windows kernel-mode threads)
- Disadvantages in using threads
- The kernel-mode threads (Windows) and the user-mode (UNIX pthread) threads