

Operating Systems Homework #1

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Description:

This program, dsh, is a diagnostic shell that allows the user to find the name of a process in memory based on a given process id number. It also allows the user to view some information about the system and send signals to processes.

The program allows for the finding of a process's name via the "cmdnm" command. This command takes an argument in the form of a pid number and looks in the proc folder for the matching process and reads the process name and returns it to the user. If and error in either the formatting of the pid or a pid that does not have a process associated with it is given, then the program will print an appropriate error message.

When the "signal" command is invoked, it takes a signal id and a process pid in the form: 'signal <signal id> <pid>' and sends the signal id to the process associated with the pid.

The "systat" command returns information about the Linux version, memory usage, and CPU specifications from the proc folder and displays the information to the user.

The last command is "exit" and simply invokes an exit of the program.

Usage:

From command line inside of the prog1 folder use 'make' to compile. To use, use 'dsh' from the command line.

Libraries used:

- <iostream> - input and output to the console
- <string> - used in parsing input from the user
- <vector> - used for storing arguments from the user
- <fstream> - used for reading input from the files in the proc folder
- <sys/types.h> - used in invoking system calls
- <signal.h> - used in sending signals to a process
- <sstream> - used in turning strings into ints

Program Structure:

This program operates in a loop in the main function. The loop takes input from the user and parses the input using the parse function. It then determines what command was issued and does error checking before passing of the parameters to functions named after the command. If the exit command is issued, the program will exit the loop and end the program.

Files included:

prog1.cpp and makefile. The makefile contains the instructions for compiling the program, and simply dose a g++ compile on the source file prog1.cpp.

Testing:

The program has been tested using the following inputs:

<space>

<tab>

<random charaters>

cmdnm <valid pid>

cmdnm <invalid pid>

cmdnm <random letters>

cmdnm <wrong number of arguments>

signal <valid arguments>

signal <invalid arguments>

signal <wrong number of arguments>

systat

exit