

# QUESTION 9 ANSWERS

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#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <sys/wait.h>
int main(){
    int num_children = 3;
    pid_t pid;
    int i;
    printf("Parent process started. PID: %d\n", getpid());
    for (i=0; i < num_children; i++) {
        pid = fork();
        if (pid < 0) {
            perror("fork failed");
            exit(1);
        } else if (pid == 0) {
            printf("Child %d started. PID: %d\n", i + 1, getpid());
            sleep(2 + i);
            printf("Child %d exiting. PID: %d\n", i + 1, getpid());
            exit(0);
        }
    }
    for (i = 0; i < num_children; i++) {
        pid_t child_pid = wait(NULL);
        printf("Parent cleaned up child with PID: %d\n", child_pid);
    }
    printf("All children cleaned up. parent exiting.\n");
    return 0; }

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"zombie_demo.c" 27L, 677C                                1,18                                All
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coder@dce7ae72477b:~$ vi zombie_demo.c
coder@dce7ae72477b:~$ gcc -o zombie_demo zombie_demo.c
coder@dce7ae72477b:~$ ./zombie_demo
Parent process started. PID: 870
Child 1 started. PID: 871
Child 2 started. PID: 872
Child 3 started. PID: 873
Child 1 exiting. PID: 871
Parent cleaned up child with PID: 871
Child 2 exiting. PID: 872
Parent cleaned up child with PID: 872
Child 3 exiting. PID: 873
Parent cleaned up child with PID: 873
All children cleaned up. parent exiting.
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I wrote a C program that creates multiple child processes using `fork()`. Each child terminates after execution, and the parent process uses `wait()` to clean up terminated children and print their PIDs. This ensures that no zombie processes remain.