

# CS 531: Fundamentals of Systems Programming

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## Homework # 2

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

int main()
{

char command[50];

strcpy(command, "ls -l"); // Any shell command or process should work.
system(command);

return(0);
}
```

```
gcc system_test.c -o system_test
```

```
Hals-iMac:HW2 halgreenwald$ ./system_test
```

```
total 96
```

```
-rwxr-xr-x  1 halgreenwald  staff  8692 Feb 23 17:18 system_test
```

```
-rw-r--r--  1 halgreenwald  staff   151 Feb 23 17:18 system_test.c
```

```
-rwxr-xr-x  1 halgreenwald  staff  9132 Feb 23 17:00 udp_c
```

```
-rw-r--r--  1 halgreenwald  staff   832 Feb 23 17:00 udp_c.c
```

```
-rwxr-xr-x  1 halgreenwald  staff  8728 Feb 23 16:53 udp_s
```

```
-rw-r--r--  1 halgreenwald  staff   915 Feb 23 16:53 udp_s.c
```

```
Hals-iMac:HW2 halgreenwald$
```

The C library function:

***int system(const char \*comm)***

is used to execute subprocesses and commands. It is defined in the `stdlib.h` header.

Parameters:

`comm` -- This is a character string containing the requested command.

Return Value:

The value returned is -1 on error, and the return status of the command otherwise.

Assignment:

Implement your own user defined *system* function:

***int cs531\_system(const char \*comm)***

Use:

`open()`, `close()`, `fork()`, `dup()`, `exec*()`, `wait()`, `signal()`

**Do Not use** `system()`.

`Cs531_system()` must have robust error handling and be well documented.

Submit the source file labeled as ***lastname***-HW2.c

I will compile it using `gcc` and link the resulting object module to my test program. **Note:** your submitted file must not have an active `main()` function (it may be commented out).

**Due October 21.**