Pipe

Basic of pipe
- how pipe work
- what kind of mechanism does pipe use
- use to transfer data between processes
- pipe can only transfer only one direction
- easiest way to create a pipe use popen() -> come with pclose() to close the pipe
- popen() will automatically create another process and pipe without the need to call fork() and transform the process to ls
- remember popen() and pclose()
- can read and write directly to the pipe
- high level -> use high level read and write (fread and fwrite)
- see the return value to see if it high level or low level

Low level pipe
- it doesn't create another process but it creates only the pipe
- pipefd -> low level
- need to another process ourself
- use fork() to create a process ->create a child process and called execl() function (it will not able to remember the pipe that parent created)

Pipe unamed (only for related processes and temporary)
- related processes means parent and child

- high level -> popen()
  - - fclose()
  - - fread()
  - - fwrite()
- low level -> pipe()

Pipe named (unrelated processes)
- ○ mkfifo() <- special file (permanent)
- ○ create mkfifo() (similar to open function)

Message Queue

- System five (SysV) MQ and POSIX MQ
- 3 parts of message: type, data, pointer(pointers to the next one (linklisted) are hidden, no need to be handle)
- Message queue is the linklisted of message (uses linklisted logic)
  - ○ **Created in the kernel** -> no need to worry about handling synchronization
- Use to describe the behaviour of FIFO

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  - ○ the **first element** must be **long int**
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- Additional Feature: timeout
    - Suitable for real time applications (system v doesn't support timeout feature)
- Uses mq_open(), mq_close(), mq_send(), mq_receive(), mq_unlink()
    - mq_send () and mq_receive() can specify the priority
    - mq_unlink() destroy the file
    - mq_close() close the file but the file is still there
- time_send and time_receive are additional features

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  - Allow multiple communication
  - Interprocess communication
- More efficient then MQ(uses kernel space) because no need to copy information from user space to kernel space -> faster
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- Use the shm_get, shm_at (attach), sh_dt (detach), shm_ctl (control)
- Special structure -> shmid_ds keep ….
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  - // ftruncate() -> set the size of shared memory object
  - mmap() -> map file to memory
  - munmap() -> detatch
  - shm_unlink() -> destroy