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# Systems Programming

Book: Unix Systems Programming: Communication  
Concurrency & Threads (Author: K. A. Robins & Steven Robins)

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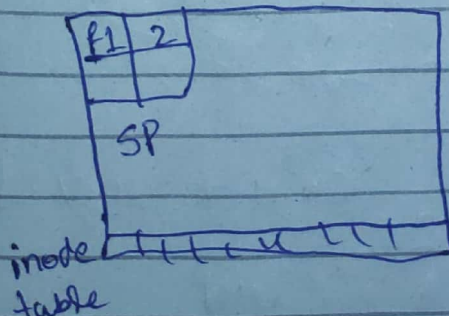
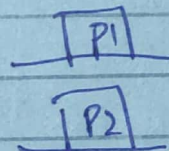
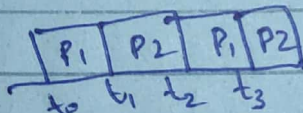
1. — self study → Reading Assignment
2. Program, Process, threads
3. Processes
4. Unix I/O (standard I/O device) (Regular files) represent memory address of func  
↑ `main()` {  
scanf(); → sys call
5. Files & Directories
6. Special files (fifo/pipe/socket)
8. Signals
9. Times & Timers
13. Threads / 15. IPC using shared Memory.
14. HDD

Modern

S-1

concurrency

Parallelism



Signal: - notification of event.

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CLO's :-

CLO1: error handling / file handling /  
Signal handling.  
M.Term  
F.Term

CLO2: parallel processing (multiprocessing / multithreading)

F.Term CLO3: Interprocess Communication for real world.

Grading Criteria :-

Mid: 30%

Final: 40%

Sessional: 30%

Project / Attendance / Quizzes / Assignment  
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Programs, Process & Threads

Program → Process

```
#include < >
#define COUNT 30
```

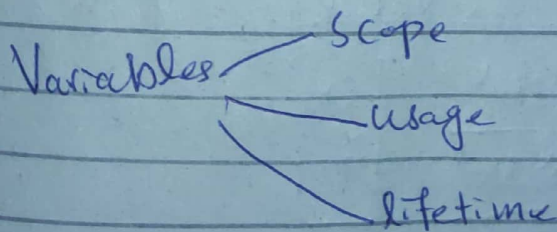
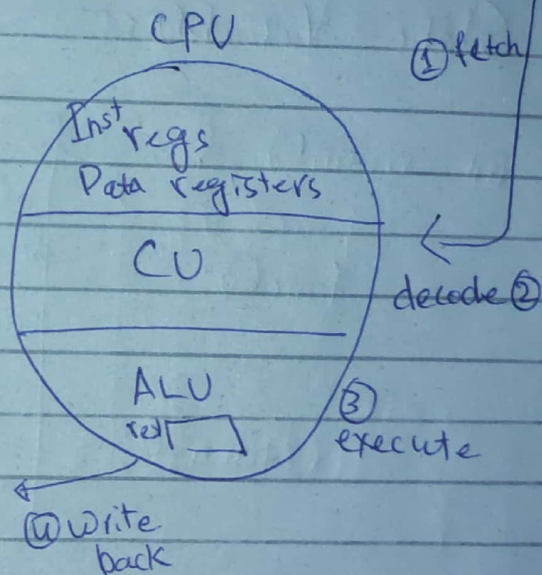
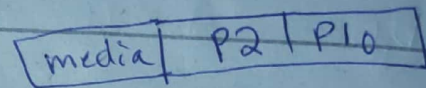
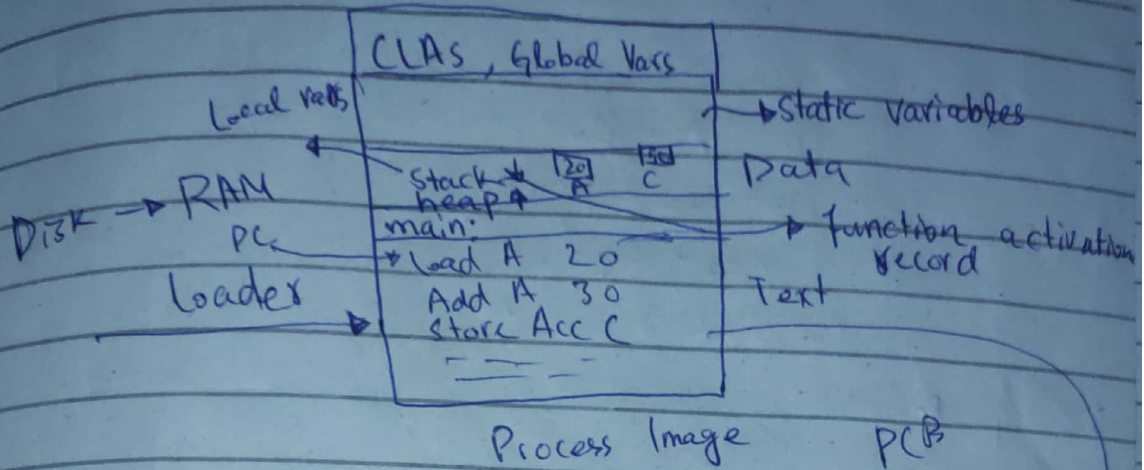
pre-compiler, preprocessor directives  
do not compile

```
int main (int argc, char * argv[]) {  
    int A = 20;  
    int C = A + COUNT  
    printf("%d\n", C);  
    return 0;  
}
```

exit status returned to parent



gcc P1.c -o P1.o  
 disk disk



```
int main ( ) {
  int A = 20; int C = A + COUNT;
  fun(A);
```

→ stack will be divided

fun and main will have different stacks

function stack will be destroyed when it returns.

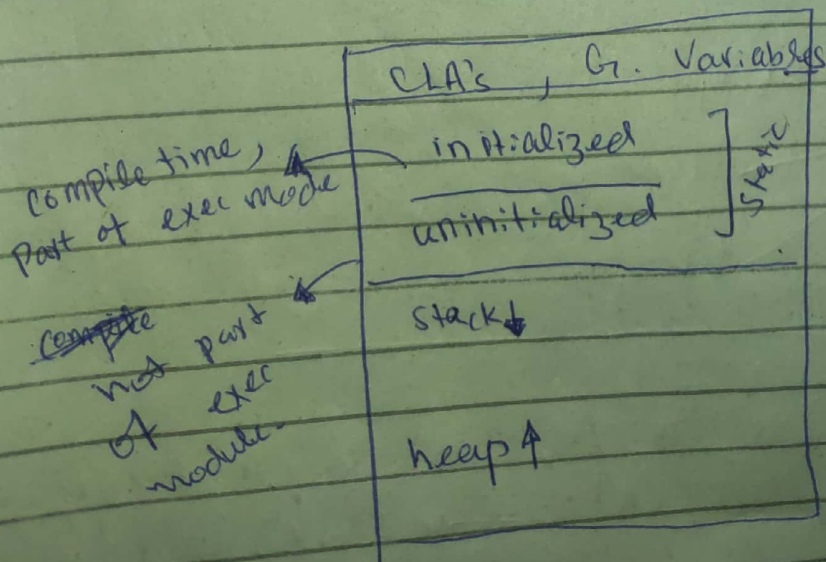
```
Fun(int A){  
    int X = 30;  
    int Y = 40;  
    X++; Y++;  
    cout << X << Y;  
}
```

★ Dynamic Memory must be deallocated

Static Variables:

```
int main() {  
    func();  
    func();  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

```
void func() {  
    int A = 10;  
    static int B = 20; execute only once  
    A++;  
    B++;  
    cout << A << B;  
}
```





Kernel manage process in the form of  
PCB → A linked list.

Local vars are destroyed while static  
aren't.

```
void fun() {  
    static int c;  
    c = 10;  
    c++;  
    cout << c;  
}
```

Static int A [100];

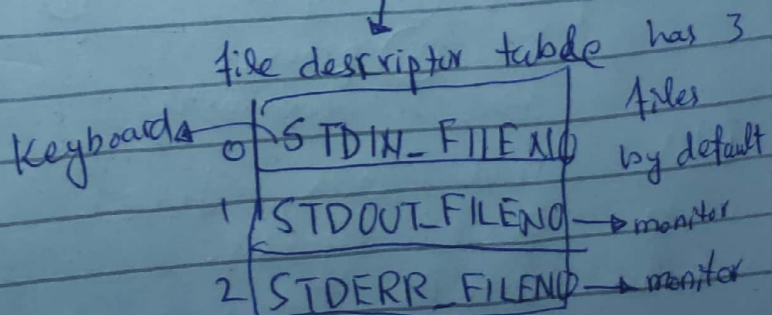
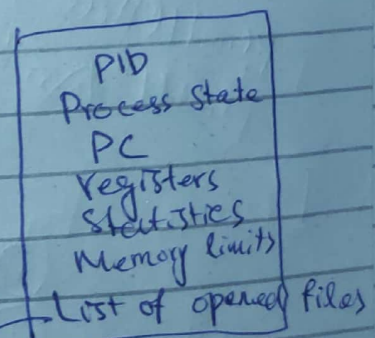
400 bytes

static int A [100] =  
 {1, 2, 3};

$$400 + 100 \times 4 + 7 \\ = 807$$

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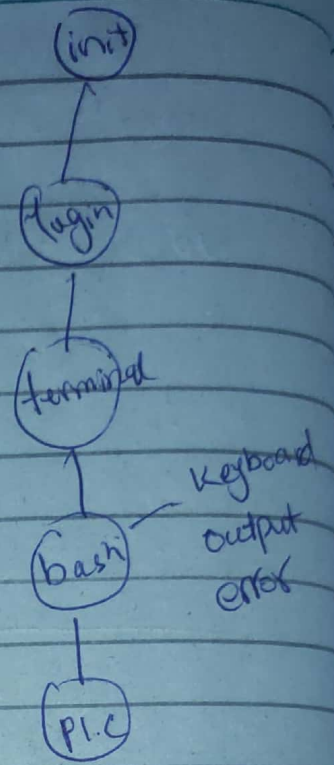
Library Function Calls:



→ child process will have same PC, registers and list of opened files.

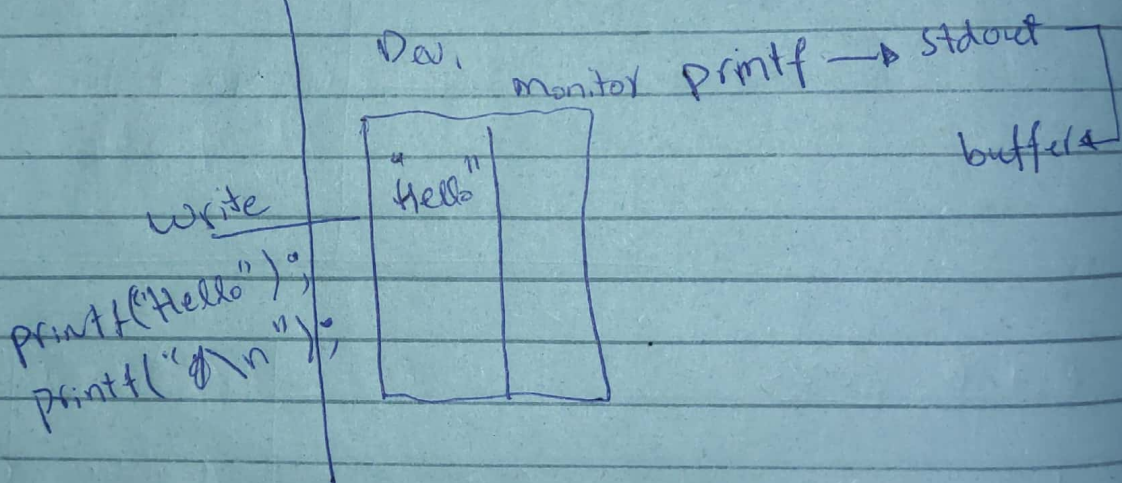
stdin, stdout, stderr are opened by default.

\* why two entries for monitor.



Stdout

vs Stderror



- |                     |               |
|---------------------|---------------|
| ① new line          | ③ fflush      |
| ② input             | ④ buffer full |
| ⑤ process terminate |               |

→ We deal with device buffer in order to save cycles.

→ In error case, we want to let user know immediately. So stderr has no buffer.



→ buffer is memory in RAM.

```
main() {  
    printf("Hello1"); → stdout  
    printf ("Hello2"); → stderr  
    }  
    perror
```

Output: Hello2 Success  
Hello1

filename string  
fprintf(stdout, "Hello1");  
fprintf(stderr, "Hello2");

Library function calls :-

- ① Detect error
- ② Error Reason

return\_type name (args);

int

int close(int fd);

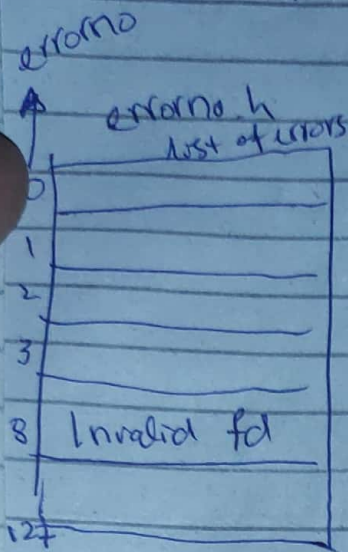
error → -1 : error  
0 : success

0	Std in
1	Std out
2	error

```
#include <errno.h>
#include <string.h>
```

int errno  
② set errno

```
int main()
{
    int ret = close(4);
    if (ret == -1) { // error
        perror("error"); printf("Error = %d\n", errno);
        fprintf(stderr, "Failed to close\n: %d sa", stderr(errno));
        return -1;
    }
}
```



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char\* strerror(int errno);

close(1) → will close stdout  
and printf will fail.

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## Process Environment

— \$env

↳ List Environment  
Vars

Data

ls → pwd

↓  
PATH

Text

Global variables

CLA's

Environment Vars

Strings  
array

static

Stack ↓

heap ↑

code



HOME = /home/student

Var name                      Value

echo \$HOME

Environment vars are also inherited by child process.

extern char \*\* environ

↳ Let compiler know that we are using it from another source file.

→ it will not be declared as a new var.

```
main() {
```

```
    for (int i = 0; environ[i] != NULL; i++)  
        printf("%s\n", environ[i]);
```

```
}
```

```
char * getenv(const char * varname);
```

```
main() {
```

```
    char * valofpath;
```

```
    valofpath = getenv("PATH");
```

```
    printf("PATH = %s", valofpath);
```

## Normal Process Termination:

Exit handlers

(stty)

1. Explicit exit → different
2. Implicit exit (return statement of main)
3. -exit() / -Exit() same

```
int atexit( void * fun( void ) )
```

0: success

non-zero: failure

```
int main() {  
    atexit(fun1); atexit(fun2);  
    ① printf("In main\n");  
    exit(0);  
}
```

-exit(0); // does not call  
// exit handlers

```
void  
fun1( void ) {  
    ② printf("Process  
    Terminating Normally  
    \n");  
}  
  
void fun2( void ) {  
    ③ printf("All steps  
    executed\n");  
}
```



```
int main () {  
    atexit(fun1);    atexit(fun2);  
    int ret = close(4);  
    if (ret == -1) {  
        fprintf(stderr, "Failed close sc");  
        exit(-1);  
    }  
    return 0;  
}
```

→ String Tokenization Skipped.

→ Chap 2 Quiz in next class.

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