# CSC3150 Assignment1 Report

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# Project purpose:

This assignment is about creating processes and dealing with communication between processes by raising signals. It contains two tasks. Task 1 is to design from a user point of view. A child process is created using system call fork(). Task 2 is to design from the view of operating system, which means diving deep to the kernel space to do what operating system does whenever user uses fork() system call.

### Task 1:

### 1. Design Logic

What this program does is to create a child process and let it run a certain program. There is only one main function for this program. The logic is firstly, creating a child process by fork(). The child process will copy its parent process's data. The fork function will return two times, one in the parent process, another one in the child process. For the child process, the return result will be 0. For the parent process, the return result will be the pid (process ID) of the child process. Next, the child process and the parent process will start to run concurrently. For child process, since return\_pid here is 0, it will print informing statements in the terminal and will execute an existed program by calling the execve function.

```
else if (return_pid == 0) {
    printf("I'm the child process, my pid = %d \n", getpid());
    printf("Child process start to execute the program\n");
    execve(argv[1], argv, environ);
} else {
```

For parent process, since its return pid is not 0, it will print different message.

```
printf("I'm the parent process, my pid = %d \n", getpid());
```

Then the parent process will be blocked and will be awaked when the child process returns.

```
pid_t w = waitpid(return_pid, &status, WUNTRACED | WCONTINUED);
```

As the child process returns, the parent process will receive a SIGCHLD signal and more detailed returning status will be recorded in int status.

For different returning status, the outputs will be different.

- 2. Functions and variables spec
- pid t fork(void)

```
pid_t return_pid = fork();
```

Fork function will create a child process. In parent process, the return result will be the child process pid if it is successfully created. In child process, the return result will be 0.

• int execve (const char \* path, char\* const\* argv, char\* const\* envp)

```
execve(argv[1], argv, environ);
```

This function takes the first command line input as the executable file name and argy, environ here is for the inputs of the executable file.

• pid\_t waitpid(pid\_t\_pid, int\*\_stat\_loc, int\_option)

```
pid_t w = waitpid(return_pid, &status, WUNTRACED | WCONTINUED);
```

The waitpid will wait for the child process with pid until it stops or exits. The signals indicating how child process exits will be recorded in the status. As for the options, there are three kind of options to define how the waitpid function behaves.

WUNTRACED means the waitpid function will return as soon as the process exit. WCONTINUED means the waitpid function will return if a stopped process continues with SIGCONT signal.

WIFEXITED(statloc) return TRUE if the child process exit normally. If it happens we can use WEXITSTATUS(statloc) to get the lower 8 bit of the status.

WIFSIGNALED(statloc) return TRUE if the child process raise a signal and kill itself. If it happens the WTERMSIG(statloc) will get that signal from status.

```
else if (WIFSIGNALED(status)) {
    switch (WTERMSIG(status)) {
    case 1:
        printf("Parent process receives SIGHUP signal\n");
        break;
    case 2:
        printf("Parent process receives SIGINT signal\n");
        break;
    case 3:
        printf("Parent process receives SIGUIT signal\n");
        break;
    case 3:
        printf("Parent process receives SIGQUIT signal\n");
        break;
```

WIFSTOPPED(statloc) return TRUE if the child process stop. If it happens, the

WSTOPSIG(statloc) will get the stopped signal from status.

### 3. Sample Outputs:

Use ./program1 ./\$(testing filename) to execute the program1.

```
agrant@csc3150:/home/seed/work/linux-5.10.146/source/program1$ ./program1 ./floating/
Process start to fork
I'm the parent process, my pid = 18304
I'm the child process, my pid = 18305
Child process start to execute test program
           ---CHILD PROCESS START---
This is the SIGFPE program
Parent process receving the SIGCHLD signal
Parent process receives SIGFPE signal
vagrant@csc3150:/home/seed/work/linux-5.10.146/source/program1$ ./program1 ./hangup
Process start to fork
 I'm the parent process, my pid = 18369
I'm the child process, my pid = 18370
Child process start to execute test program
 -----CHILD PROCESS START----
This is the SIGHUP program
Parent process receving the SIGCHLD signal
Parent process receives SIGHUP signal
vagrant@csc3150:/home/seed/work/linux-5.10.146/source/program1$ ./program1 ./illegal instr
Process start to fork
I'm the parent process, my pid = 18432
I'm the child process, my pid = 18433
Child process start to execute test program
         ---CHILD PROCESS START--
This is the SIGILL program
Parent process receivng the SIGCHLD signal Parent process receives SIGILL signal
vagrant@csc3150:/home/seed/work/linux-5.10.146/source/program1$ ./program1 ./interrupt
Process start to fork
I'm the parent process, my pid = 18490
I'm the child process, my pid = 18492
Child process start to execute test program
       ----CHILD PROCESS START---
This is the SIGINT program
Parent process receving the SIGCHLD signal
Parent process receives SIGINT signal
vagrant@csc3150:/home/seed/work/linux-5.10.146/source/program1$ ./program1 ./kill
Process start to fork
I'm the parent process, my pid = 18545
I'm the child process, my pid = 18546
Child process start to execute test program
        ----CHILD PROCESS START----
This is the SIGKILL program
Parent process receving the SIGCHLD signal
Parent process receives SIGKILL signal
vagrant@csc3150:/home/seed/work/linux-5.10.146/source/program1$ ./program1 _./pipe
Process start to fork
I'm the parent process, my pid = 18584
I'm the child process, my pid = 18585
Child process start to execute test program
        ----CHILD PROCESS START---
This is the SIGPIPE program
Parent process receving the SIGCHLD signal
Parent process receives SIGPIPE signal
```

## Task 2:

### 1. Design Logic

This program aims to create a kernel thread in the kernel space. In this task, we will create a loadable kernel module (LKM) which used to expand the kernel function. It uses part of the kernel functions by adding an EXPORT\_SYMBOL in the Linux source code and being exported in the LKM. In the LKM of this task, a new child kernel thread will be created and execute certain programs, while the parent kernel thread will wait for the signals raised by the child thread. After receiving the signals, the output message can be checked in the kernel log. This task is an "inner" version task 1 and reveals more detailed information about process management.

#### 2. Development Environment set up

In this part I will explain how to set up the environment to finish the task 2. Since we need to export some functions from Linux kernel, EXPORT SYMBOL needed to be

added directly to the source code. It means we need to recompile the source code. From

### http://www.kernel.org

we can download the linux source code (5.10.146). Next, copy the zip in to the /home/seed/work directory and unzip the file. Then we get

```
• vagrant@csc3150:/home/seed/work$ ls
linux-5.10.146 ncurses-6.3 ncurses-6.3.tar.gz test
```

Then we copy the ./config from /boot to the linux-5.10.146. Use following commands to compile the kernel.

```
$sudo su
$make mrproper
$make clean
$make menuconfig
save the config and exit
$make -j$(nproc)
$make modules_install
$make install
```

\$reboot

sudo su: change from vagrant to root.

make mrproper: restore the downloaded file to initial state
make clean: remove all the previous excutable files.

make menuconfig: read .config and gets configurations to be used later
make -j\$(nproc) compile with (nproc) kernel threads
make module\_install: copy the already compiled module to the /lib/modules
make install: install the already compiled program
reboot: reboot the VM.

3. Functions and variables spec

Before further explanation, here I list the export functions here.

I will explain this part by following the executing sequence of how the program flows.

Module init and module exit:

Module\_init and module\_exit functions are entry point of the LKM. The usage of module\_init is to dynamically load a driver program into the kernel, and the usage of module\_exit is to dynamically remove the module from the kernel. As we insert a LKM with "insmod" command, a function (the argument of module\_init function) will be executed automatically. When we remove a LKM with "remmod" command, a function (the argument of module\_exit function) will be called automatically as well. These two functions are macros written in /linux/include/init/h.

```
module_init(program2_init);
module_exit(program2_exit);
```

## Program2 init:

This is the implementation of the above program2 init function.

```
static int __init program2_init(void)
{
    printk("[program2] : module_init {Tao Chujun} {120090211}\n");
    /* create a kernel thread to run my_fork */
    p = kthread_create(&my_fork, NULL, "kthread created");
    if (p != NULL) {
        wake_up_process(p);
    } else {
        printk("error");
    }
    return 0;
}
```

printk will print the message in the kernel log.

```
#define kthread_create(threadfn, data, namefmt, arg...) \
kthread_create_on_node(threadfn, data, NUMA_NO_NODE, namefmt, ##arg)
```

Kthread\_create is a function recorded in linux/kernel/kthread.c. This function aims to create a kernel thread. The first argument is a pointer to a function to run after the creation of the process whose argument is the second argument of the kthread\_create function. The third argument is the printf-style name for the newly created thread. The return result is a task struct struct task\_struct printf. Task struct is a data structure (PCB) to describe a process, containing information like pid, the state of process, some registers' value etc. If the return pointer is not a NULL pointer, it means a process is successfully created and the wake\_up\_process will be called to start the child process. In this program, the function to be run is my\_fork.

My\_fork:

As is mentioned in the comment, the my\_fork function can be divided into three parts. The first part is setting signal handlers.

```
// set default sigaction for current process
int i;
struct k_sigaction *k_action = &current->sighand->action[0];
for (i = 0; i < _NSIG; i++) {
    k_action->sa.sa_handler = SIG_DFL;
    k_action->sa.sa_flags = 0;
    k_action->sa.sa_restorer = NULL;
    sigemptyset(&k_action->sa.sa_mask);
    k_action++;
}
```

It will initiate how it deals with certain signals. 64 (\_NSIG) kinds of signals are set. Current is a task\_struct pointer of current process. Sighand

has a sigaction list called action containing a series of signal handler functions.

```
1 struct sigaction {
2    void (*sa_handler)(int);
3    void (*sa_sigaction)(int, siginfo_t *, void *);
4    sigset_t sa_mask;
5    int sa_flags;
6    void (*sa_restorer)(void);
7 }
```

SIG\_DEL means it uses default signal handlers. Sa\_flags defines the relationship between signals and their handlers. Sigemptyset will initiate a signal set as an empty set. In this case, it will make sure all signal handlers have no blocked signals. In the second part, a child process will be created and run a testing program.

The child process is created by kernel threads function.

Kernel\_threads function will initiate a kernel\_clone\_args struct and execute kernel clone functions.

Inside the kernel\_clone\_args, flags determine how to clone the child process. When executing fork() system call, it is set as SIGCHLD. CLONE\_VM means VM shared between processes. CLONE\_UNTRACED is set if the tracing process cannot force CLONE\_PTRACE on this clone. CSIGNAL means signal mask to be sent at exit. Stack specifies the location of the stack used by the child process. In this case, it is set by the function pointer in the passed arguments. Stack\_size is set as 0 since the process is unused yet.

The kernel\_clone function assign a available pid to the new stack, create new kernel stack, thread\_info structure, and task\_struct for the new process and copy parent process

information. Then it will add new task to the running queue and wake up the new task. The new task in this program will execute the my exec function.

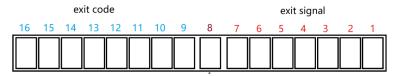
Inside my\_exec function, getname\_kernel will return a filename struct with the given cstring of an executable file ("/home/seed/work/linux-

5.10.146/source/program2/test") do\_execve will execute the executable file with some given arguments and environment parameters (NULL, NULL). In this program, the testing code will raise some signals.

The third part of the my\_fork function is my\_wait function. Inside my\_wait, struct wait opts is created for the do wait function.

```
my_wait(pid);
atic void my_wait(pid_t pid)
 struct wait_opts wo;
struct pid *wo_pid = NULL;
 enum pid_type type;
 type = PIDTYPE_PID;
 wo_pid = find_get_pid(pid);
 wo.wo_type = type;
wo.wo_pid = wo_pid;
wo.wo_flags = WEXITED | WSTOPPED;
 wo.wo_info = NULL;
 wo.wo_stat = (int __user)status;
 wo.wo_rusage = NULL;
 int a;
 a = do_wait(&wo);
 if (wo.wo_flags == WEXITED) {
      switch (wo.wo_stat & 0x7f) {
      case 0: {
           printk("[program2] : Program executes normally\n");
printk("[program2] : get SIGCHLD signal\n");
           printk("[program2] : get SIGHUP signal\n");
```

Wait\_opts defines how do\_wait function behaves. wo\_type defines as PIDTYPE\_PID, indicating a process ID, find\_get\_pid gets corresponding struct pid with given pid\_t value. Wo\_flags set as WEXITED means it waits for processes that have exited. WIFSTOPPED means it will waits for processes that is stopped. The returning signal will be stored into the status. \_\_user here indicates user address space. The returning signal as shown below, is the last 7 bit of the status.



Therefore, we use bit calculation to get the exit signal. With different exit signal, different messages will be output in the kernel log.

### 4. Sample Outputs

Compile the test program

```
root@csc3150:/home/seed/work/linux-5.10.146/source/program2# gcc test.c -o test
Insert program2 module
```

root@csc3150:/home/seed/work/linux-5.10.146/source/program2# insmod program2.ko Check the log:

root@csc3150:/home/seed/work/linux-5.10.146/source/program2# dmesg

SIGHUP signal

```
[program2] : module_init {Tao Chujun} {120090211}
               [program2] : module_init create kthread start
410963.725359]
                [program2] : module_init kthread start
410963.726557
                [program2] : The child process has pid=22703
410963.727547
               [program2] : child process
410963.727621]
               [program2] : This is the parent process, pid= 22700
410963.728655]
[410965.748009]
               [program2] : get SIGHUP signal
                [program2] : child process terminated
410965.750315
                program2] : The return signal is 1
410965.752760]
410966.317412]
               [program2]
                          : module exit./my
```

#### SIGINT signal

```
[program2] : module_init {Tao Chujun} {120090211}
[410667.615723]
                program2] : module init create kthread start
[410667.617072]
                [program2] : module_init kthread start
[410667.618485]
                [program2] : The child process has pid=22437
410667.619622
410667.619678
                [program2] : child process
                [program2] : This is the parent process, pid= 22435
[410667.620875]
                [program2] : get SIGINT signal
410667.622955]
                [program2] : child process terminated
410667.623920
                [program2] : The return signal is 2
410667.624970]
               [program2]
[410673.182009]
                          : module_exit./my
```

### SIGQUIT signal

```
411461.489284
               [program2] : module_init {Tao Chujun} {120090211}
                          : module_init create kthread start
411461.490773]
               [program2]
411461.491971]
                [program2] : module init kthread start
                [program2] : The child process has pid=23328
                [program2] : child process
[411461.492966]
                          : This is the parent process, pid= 23326
411461.494004]
               [program2]
                [program2]
                           : get SIGQUIT signal
411463.567996]
[411463.568586]
                          : child process terminated
                [program2]
411463.569456
                          : The return signal is 3
               [program2]
411463.627916]
               [program2]
                          : module exit./my
```

SIGILL signal

```
[411152.183708] [program2] : module_init {Tao Chujun} {120090211}
               [program2] : module_init create kthread start
[411152.184829]
               [program2] : module init kthread start
[411152.185802]
               [program2] : The child process has pid=23006
[411152.186582]
                [program2] : child process
411152.186591
               [program2] : This is the parent process, pid= 23003
411152.187423
411154.259922
                [program2] : get SIGILL signal
               [program2] : child process terminated
[411154.260948]
               [program2] : The return signal is 4
[411154.261580]
```

#### SIGTRAP signal

```
[412058.734160] [program2] : module_init {Tao Chujun} {120090211}
                 [program2] : module_init create kthread start
[412058.736202]
                 [program2] : module_init kthread start
[412058.737996]
                 [program2] : The child process has pid=24993
[412058.739375]
                 [program2] : child process
[412058.739415]
                [program2] : This is the parent process, pid= 24991
[program2] : get SIGTRAP signal
[412058.740502]
[412058.813783]
[412058.814614] [program2] : child process terminated
                 [program2] : The return signal is 5
[412058.815472]
[412060.446560] [program2] : module_exit./my
```

### SIGABRT signal

```
[410738.361713]
               [program2] : module init {Tao Chujun} {120090211}
               [program2] : module init create kthread start
[410738.363229]
               [program2] : module_init kthread start
[410738.364535]
               [program2] : The child process has pid=22515
410738.365363
               [program2] : child process
               [program2] : This is the parent process, pid= 22513
[410738.366270]
410738.444486
               [program2] : get SIGABRT signal
               [program2] : child process terminated
[410738.445067]
               [program2] : The return signal is 6
[410738.445691]
               [program2] : module_exit./my
[410740.580142]
```

#### SIGBUS signal

```
410612.436409]
                [program2] : module_init {Tao Chujun} {120090211}
                [program2] : module_init create kthread start
[410612.437563]
                [program2] : module init kthread start
[410612.438449]
                [program2] : The child process has pid=22255
[410612.439660]
                [program2] : child process
[410612.439669]
                [program2] : This is the parent process, pid= 22253
410612.440942]
[410612.519529]
                [program2] : get SIGBUS signal
                [program2] : child process terminated
[410612.520341]
                [program2] : The return signal is 7
[410612.521292]
                [program2] : module_exit./my
[410618.590594]
```

#### SIGFPE signal

```
[program2] : module_init {Tao Chujun} {120090211}
[410856.641861]
[410856.643111]
                [program2] : module_init create kthread start
                [program2] : module_init kthread start
[410856.644437]
                [program2] : The child process has pid=22616
[410856.645423]
                [program2] : child process
[410856.645429]
                [program2] : This is the parent process, pid= 22614
[410856.646507]
                [program2] : get SIGFPE signal
[410856.716409]
                [program2] : child process terminated
[410856.716981]
                [program2] : The return signal is 8
[410856.717592]
[410858.984510] [program2] : module_exit./my
```

### SIGKILL signal

```
[411216.187539] [program2] : module_init {Tao Chujun} {120090211}
[411216.188774] [program2] : module_init create kthread start
[411216.189902] [program2] : module_init kthread start
[411216.190960] [program2] : The child process has pid=23179
[411216.191019] [program2] : child process
[411216.191773] [program2] : This is the parent process, pid= 23177
[411218.194531] [program2] : get SIGKILL signal
[411218.195185] [program2] : child process terminated
[411218.195896] [program2] : The return signal is 9
[411218.367202] [program2] : module_exit./my
```

#### SIGSEGV signal

```
[program2] : module_init {Tao Chujun} {120090211}
[411788.004314]
                  [program2] : module_init create kthread start
[program2] : module_init kthread start
[program2] : The child process has pid=24543
[411788.006016]
[411788.006997]
[411788.008048]
[411788.008059]
                   [program2] : child process
                   [program2] : This is the parent process, pid= 24541
[411788.009493]
                   [program2] : get SIGSEGV signal
[411788.078969]
                   [program2] : child process terminated
[411788.079796]
                   [program2] : The return signal is 11
[411788.080725]
                  [program2] : module_exit./my
[411791.169658]
```

#### • SIGPIPE signal

```
[411261.684350] [program2] : module_init {Tao Chujun} {120090211} 
[411261.686238] [program2] : module_init create kthread start 
[411261.687567] [program2] : module_init kthread start 
[411261.688397] [program2] : The child process has pid=23234 
[411261.688425] [program2] : child process 
[411261.689276] [program2] : This is the parent process, pid= 23232 
[411263.698325] [program2] : get SIGPIPE signal 
[411263.700560] [program2] : child process terminated 
[411264.044629] [program2] : The return signal is 13 
[411264.044629] [program2] : module_exit./my
```

#### SIGALRM signal

```
[program2] : module init {Tao Chujun} {120090211}
410782.517242]
                [program2] : module_init create kthread start
410782.518464]
                [program2] : module init kthread start
[410782.519804]
                [program2] : The child process has pid=22551
410782.520849]
                program2]
                          : child process
410782.520861
                [program2] : This is the parent process, pid= 22549
410782.521691
                program2] : get SIGALRM signal
410782.524552]
                [program2] : child process terminated
410782.525269]
                [program2] : The return signal is 14
410782.531860]
               [program2] : module_exit./my
410784.750057]
```

### SIGTERM signal

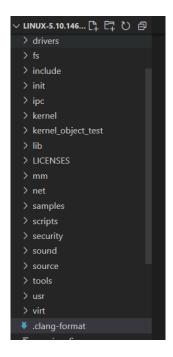
```
[412013.107958]
                [program2] : module_init {Tao Chujun} {120090211}
412013.109978]
                [program2] : module_init create kthread start
                [program2] : module_init kthread start
[412013.111174]
                [program2] : The child process has pid=24906
[412013.112439]
                [program2] : child process
412013.112462
                [program2] : This is the parent process, pid= 24904
412013.113713
                [program2] : get SIGTERM signal
412013.116747
                [program2] : child process terminated
[412013.117639]
                [program2] : The return signal is 15
[412013.118887]
                [program2] : module_exit./my
[412015.049860]
```

### SIGSTOP signal

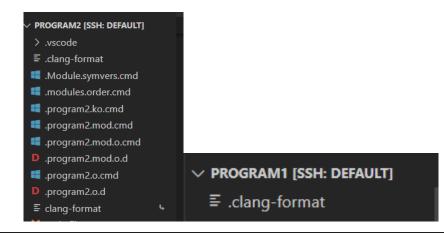
```
[412726.464064]
               [program2] : module_init {Tao Chujun} {120090211}
                [program2] : module_init create kthread start
412726,465546]
                [program2] : module_init kthread start
412726.466773]
                [program2] : The child process has pid=28424
412726.467857
412726.467922
                [program2]
                          : child process
                           : This is the parent process, pid= 28421
                [program2]
412726.468786
                          : get SIGSTOP signal
412726,471280
                [program2]
                [program2] : child process terminated
412726.479538
                program2] : The return signal is 19
412726.480490]
                [program2]
                           : module exit./my
412728.839081]
```

# About Formatting:

Use clang format in the kernel source code to format the code. The clang format is in



Copy the .clang-format to the program1/2 folder. Use following commands to format the code.



```
vagrant@csc3150:/home/seed/work/linux-5.10.146/source/program2$ clang-format-8 -i program2.c

• vagrant@csc3150:/home/seed/work/linux-5.10.146/source/program1$ clang-format-8 -i program1.c
```

#### 5. Bonus

```
| (sshd) 9168 (sshd) 9203 (bash) 9204 _(sleep) 11660 | (lowested) 409 | (sleep) 11660 | (lowested) 409 | (sleep) 11660 | (lowested) 409 | (sleep) 11660 | (lowested) 423 | (lowested) 425 | (lowe
```

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