

Run the program

1. make (That's it). The default recipe expects all the 3 programs to be ready. The recipe for each program is then provided. Since SR and ST both use assembly in intel's syntax, I have used - `masm=intel`.
2. Run `make clean` to clean the builds.

Program logic

1. The main executable starts running. It forks 3 processes (S1, ST, SR) and exits itself as it serves no purpose. The orphaned processes get re-parented.
2. The process id of S1 is obtained and passed to ST and SR. Note that `execv` is used each time to overwrite existing process image. To run those programs, `getcwd` is used in order to set the correct path.
3. SR gets the parent process ID as a command line argv and uses it to send signals. It also registers a `SIGALRM` handler. The infinite while loop in the program calls `pause()` to await for signals. A timer is set to periodically alarm the process (1sec intervals), this acts as the `SIGALRM` signal. In the signal handler, the remaining work is done. It generates a random value using `RDRAND` in inline assembly. The value is a 64 bit / 8byte value. Since it is just a collection of bits, I'd consider them unsigned for this question. Also, as per intel docs, `RDRAND` could return 0 when it is unable to generate a random number, in such a case it is advised to loop 10 times (refer to docs). When passing the signal, we are allowed to pass EITHER integer or a `POINTER`. Since a pointer is of 8bytes, I created a pseudo pointer using the `RDRAND` value and passed it in `sigqueue`.
4. ST gets the parent process ID as a command line argv. It registers a `SIGALRM` as well as `SIGTERM` (as specified in question) handler. The infinite while loop in the program calls `pause()` to await for signals. A timer is set to periodically alarm the process (1sec intervals), this acts as the `SIGALRM` signal. In the signal handler, the remaining work is done. It gets the timestamp using `RDTSC` in inline assembly. The timestamp is number of cpu clock ticks since boot. As per intel docs, recent systems are enabled with a clock ticker irrespective of the fluctuating clock speed (`constant_tsc`), mine clocked at 2419.200 MHz (obtained from `/proc/cpuinfo` with `popen` stream and `grep`), so I divided the `RDTSC` value with this speed to obtain number of seconds. Converted that seconds to Hours:Minutes:Seconds format, which is again an 8byte string (assuming hours,minutes,seconds is always 2 digit). This is again passed a fake pointer via `sigqueue`.
5. S1 or the first fork also awaits for signals using `pause()`. It also registers a `SIGTERM` handler using `sigaction`. This handler is capable of receiving those previously enqueued pointers. The `SIGTERM` handler parses the passed pointers as a string (a string maybe defined as a collection of bytes terminated by `\0`), matches it with a time stamp regex (`hh:mm:ss`) and prints the random and time value with appropriate prefix (i.e. `time is hh:mm:ss` and `random value: xyz`).
6. Also, when you run the file, you may observe random values being printed one after the other or time stamp, that's because of kernel scheduling policies and race conditions (due to `pause`), since both alarm at 1second. That's it, look at source code for implementation.