

Aim: Implement UNIX system call like `fork` process management

Problem Statement WAP to implement UNIX syscall like `fork` process management.

Slw Requirement : OS ubuntu  
slw C Turbo or GCC

Theory

- ① CALL
- When a prog in user mode requires access to RAM or I/O resource it must ask the Kernel to provide access to that resource. This is done via something called a system call.
  - When a prog makes a system call the mode is switched from user mode to kernel mode. This is called a context switch.
  - Then the kernel provides the resource which prog requested. After that another context switch happens which results in change of mode from kernel mode back to user mode.

- In following situations system call are generated

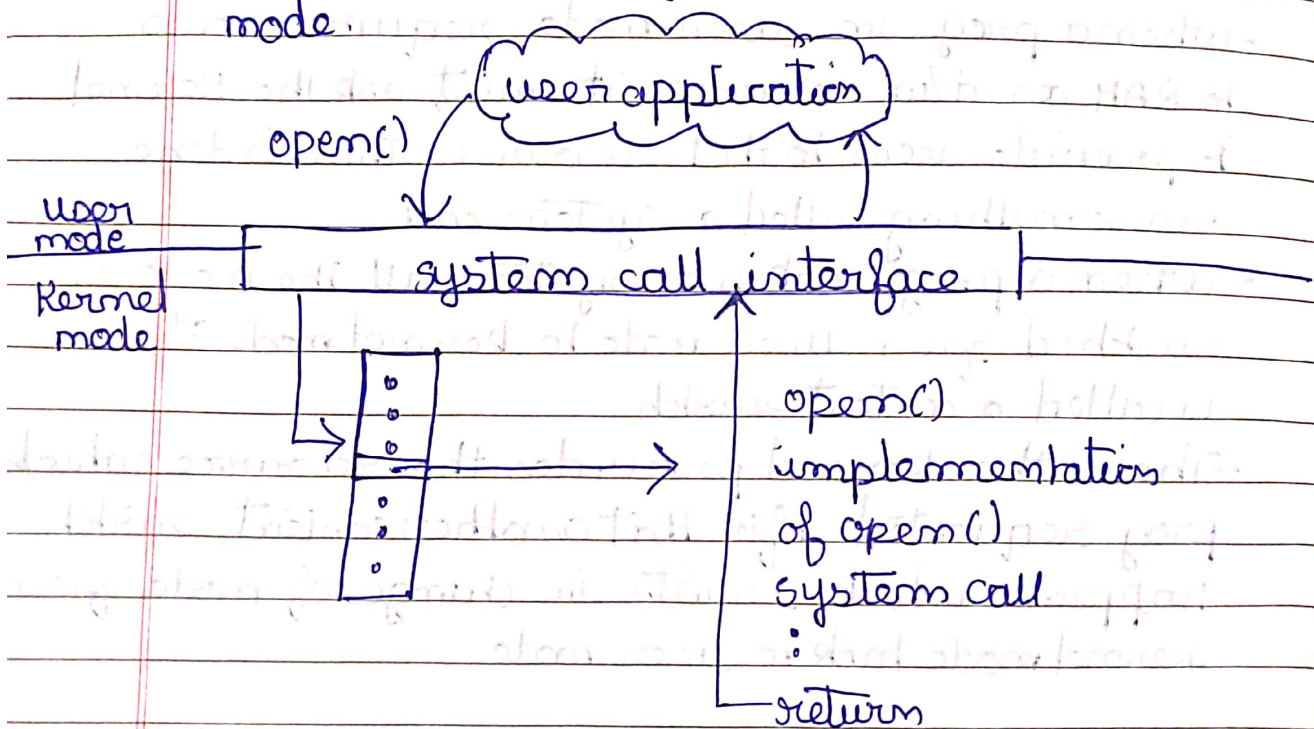
- ① Creating, opening, closing, deleting files
- ② Creating & managing process
- ③ Creating a connection in n/w, sending & receiving packets



④ Request access to h/w device like mouse & printer.

## ② KERNEL Mode

- When CPU mode is in Kernel mode the code being executed ~~can~~ can access any memory address and any H/w resource.
- In user mode if any prog crashes only that particular prog halted.
- That is system will be in safe state even if a prog in user mode crashes.
- Hence most prog in an OS run in user mode.



## ③ Basics of System call

- Since system call are functions we need to include proper header files eg for `getpid()` we need

#include <sys/types.h>

#include <unistd.h>

- Most system call have a meaningful return value

① usually -1 or a negative value indicates an error

② A specific error code is place in a global var called: `errno`

③ To access `errno` you must declare it: `extern int error;`

#### ④ Sys Calls for Processes:

4.1 `pid_t fork (void)`

- create a new child process, which is a copy of current process

- Parent return value is the PID of child process

- child return value is 0.

4.2 `int exec (char * name, char * arg(), ... (char *) 0)`

- change prog image of current process

- Reset stack and free memory

- start at `main()`

- Also see other version: `execvp()`, `execv()`, etc.

4.3 `pid_t wait (int * status)`

- wait for a child process to complete

- Also see `waitpid()` to wait for a specific process.

4.4 `void exit (int status)`

- Terminate the calling process

- send `SIGKILL` to force termination



## ⑤ Unix System Call

### 5.1 Ps command

- Used to provide info about currently running process, including their process identification nos.
  - Every process assigned a unique PID by the system.
- Syntax: `ps [options]`.

### 5.2 Fork command

- The `fork()` sys<sup>call</sup> is used to create process.
- When a process makes a `fork()` call an exact copy of process is created.
- Now there are two processes one being the parent process and the other being the child process.

### 5.3 Join Command

- The join command in UNIX is a command utility for joining lines of two files a common field.
  - It can be used to join 2 files by selecting fields within the line and joining the files on them. The result is written to std o/p.
- Syntax: `Join [option] ... file1 file2`

### 5.4 Exec Commands:

- used to create processes.
- But there is one big difference between

fork() and exec() calls.

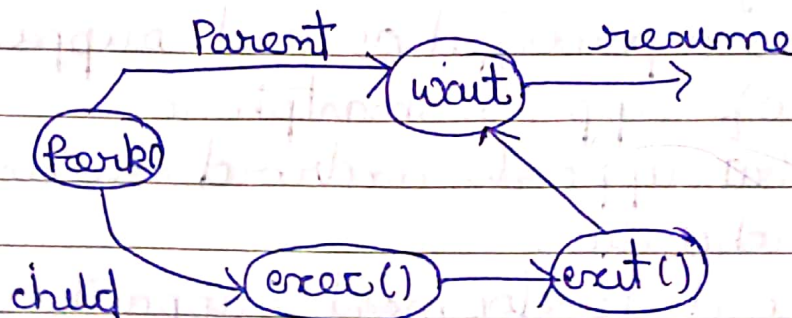
- The fork() call creates a new process while preserving the parent process.
- But an exec() replaces the address space, text seg, data segment etc. of current process with new process.

5.5 wait command.

- Blocks the calling process until one of its child processes exits or a signal is received.
- After child process terminates parent continues its execution after wait sys call instruction.

child process may terminate due to any 1 of the following reasons

- It calls exit()
- It returns (an int) from main
- It receives a signal whose default action is to terminate.



## Conclusion

Thus the process sys call prog is implemented and studied various system call.

## Assignment No :5

**Problem Statement:** To write a program to implement UNIX system calls like forprocess Management.

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#include<stdio.h>
#include<stdlib.h>
#include<sys/types.h>

int main()
{
    pid_t pid , ppid , p_status;
    int staus;
    printf("Parent process created \n");
    pid=fork();
    if (pid==0)
    {
        printf("child process created succesfull\n");
        printf("Parent process id:%d \n"pid);
        sleep(10);
        printf("child after sleep \n");
        execlp("/bin/ps","ps",NULL);

        printf("child terminating\n");
        exit(0);

    }
    else
    {
        printf("parent still executing\n");
        p_status=wait(&status);
        printf("status: %d\n"status);
        printf("p_status: %d\n"p_status);
        sleep(10);
        printf("parent after sleep \n");
        ppid=getpid();
        printf("Parent process id:%d \n"ppid);
        printf("parent terminating\n");
        exit(0);
    }
    return 0;
}
```



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parent process created
child created succesfull
child process id : 0
child after sleep
  PID TTY          TIME CMD
 35599 pts/0    00:00:00 bash
 35626 pts/0    00:00:00 a.out
 35627 pts/0    00:00:00 ps
parent still executingstatus : 0
p_status :35627
parent after sleep
parent process id : 35599
parent terminating
```