

Shared Memory and Message Queue

Software Design Document

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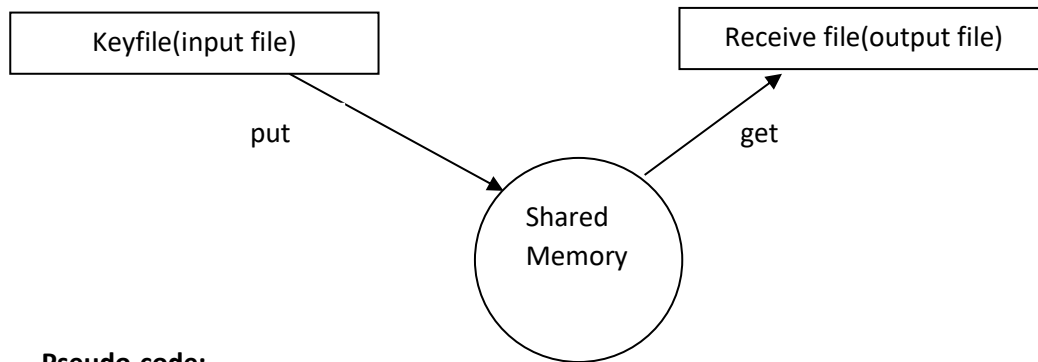
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I.Introduction

In this assignment our group use shared memory and message queues to implement an application which synchronously transfers files between two processes: sender and receiver.

II.Data Flow Diagram



III. Pseudo-code:

sender: this program shall implement the process that sends files to the receiver process.

Function init:

generate a key for shared memory

allocate a piece of shard memory

use a pointer to attach the shared memory which is set up by the receiver

create a message queue

Function send:

While (not end of the file)

Read a number of bytes and store it in the shared memory

Send a message to the receiver telling him the data is ready
(using a message queue)

Wait until the receiver sends a message telling he finished saving the

memory chunk.

Once reach the end of the file, send a message to the receiver with the size field set to 0. This signals to the receiver that no more message to send.

Function cleanup:

Close the file, detach shared memory, and exit

receiver: this program shall implement the process that receives files from the sender process. It shall perform the following sequence of steps:

function signal:

install a signal handler

function: init

generate a key for shared memory

allocate a piece of shared memory

use a pointer to attach the shared memory

create a message queue

Function mainloop:

Open the file for writing

Receive the message and get the message size

While (the message size is not 0)

 Read the number of bytes from the shared and save them to the file

 Send message to the sender that successful reception and saving of data

Function cleanup:

Close the file, detach shared memory, and exit

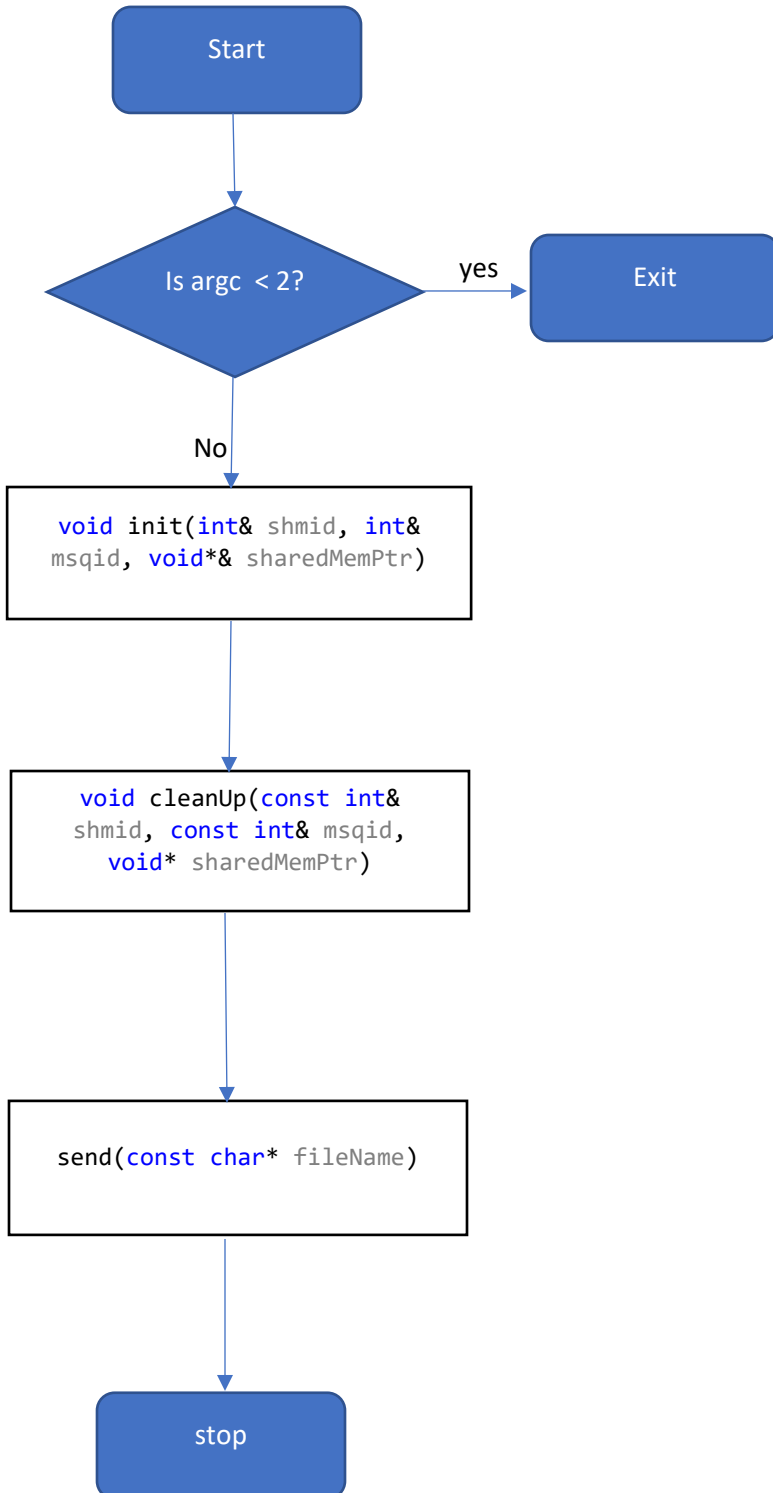
IV. Conclusion:

This assignment helps our group to get a better understanding of IPC principles, different IPC mechanisms using shared memory and using message queues, and gain hands-on experience using signals.

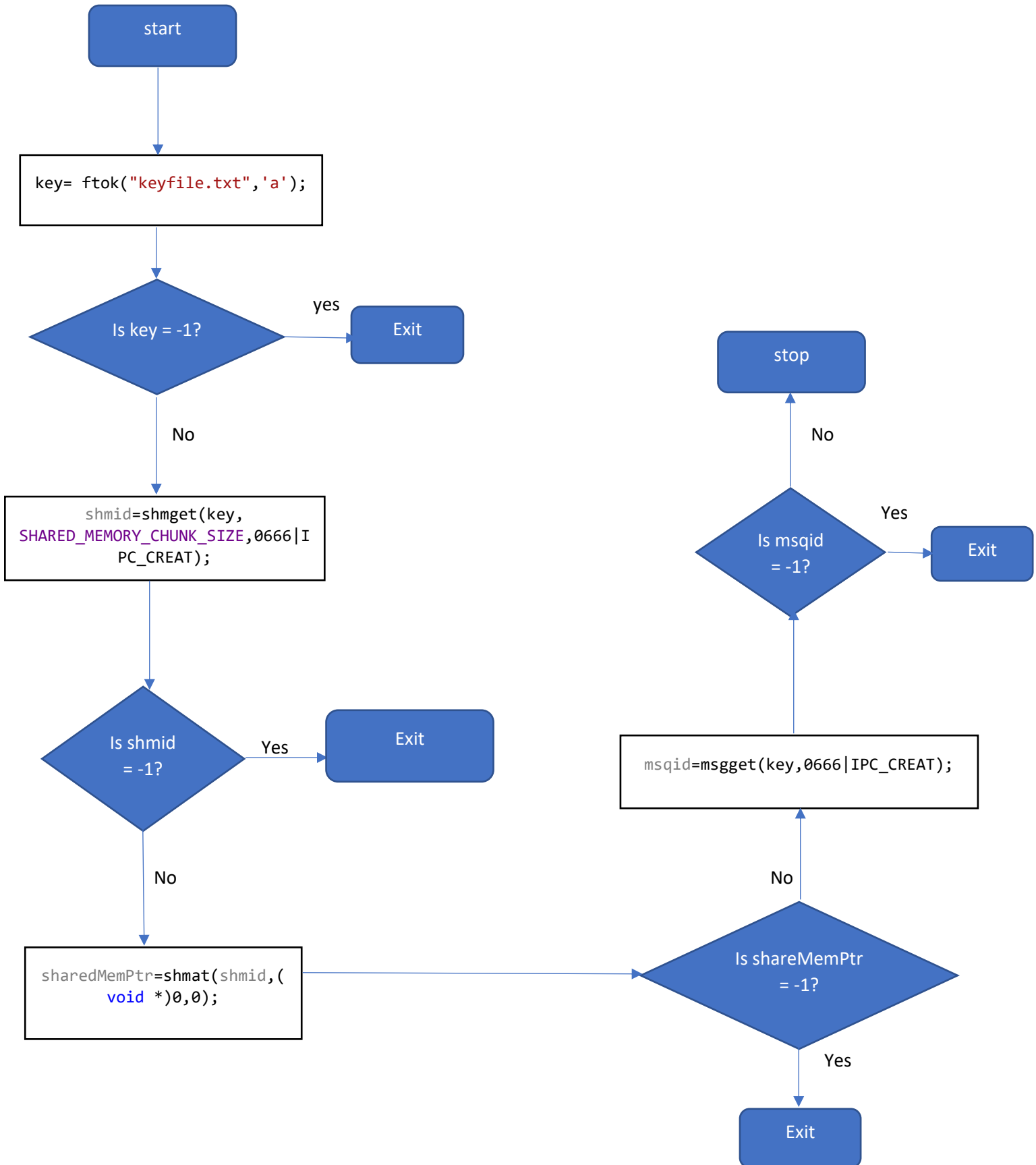
V. Flowchart Design:

I. Sender.cpp

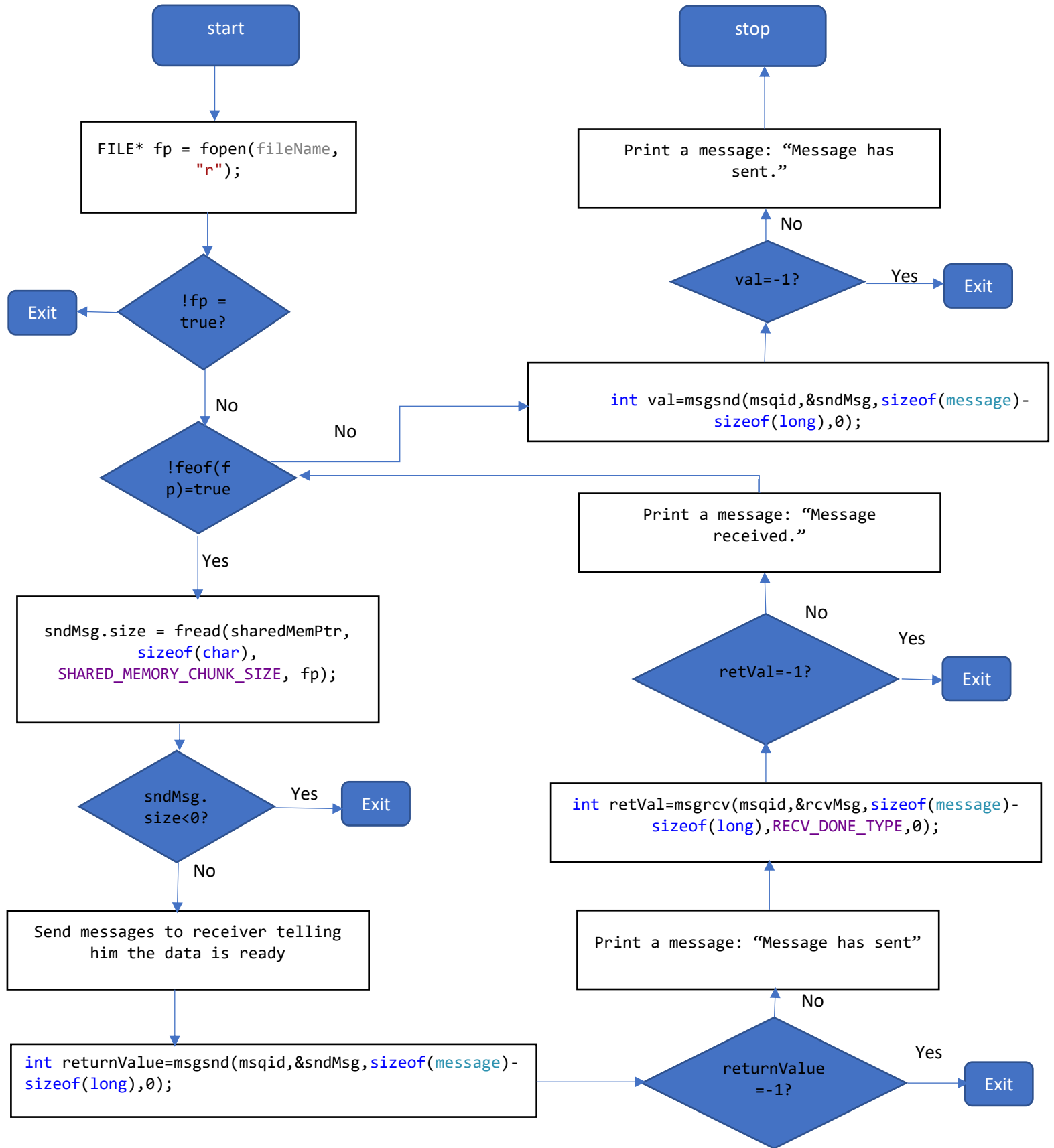
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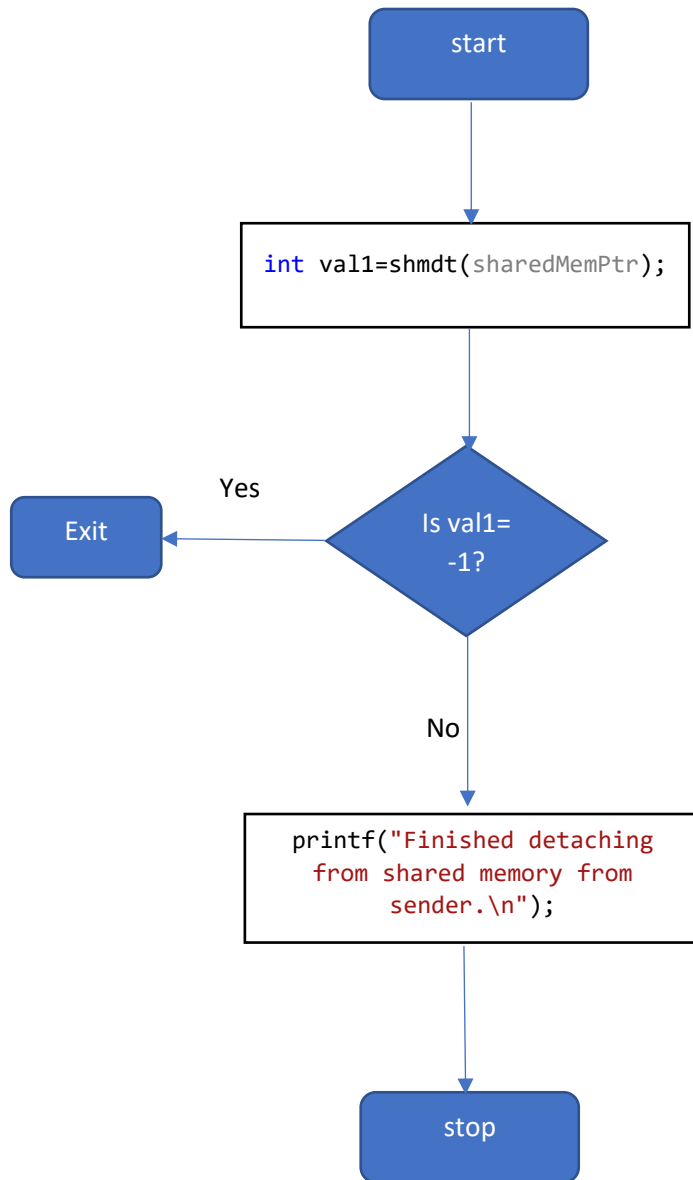
2. Init function:



3. Send function:

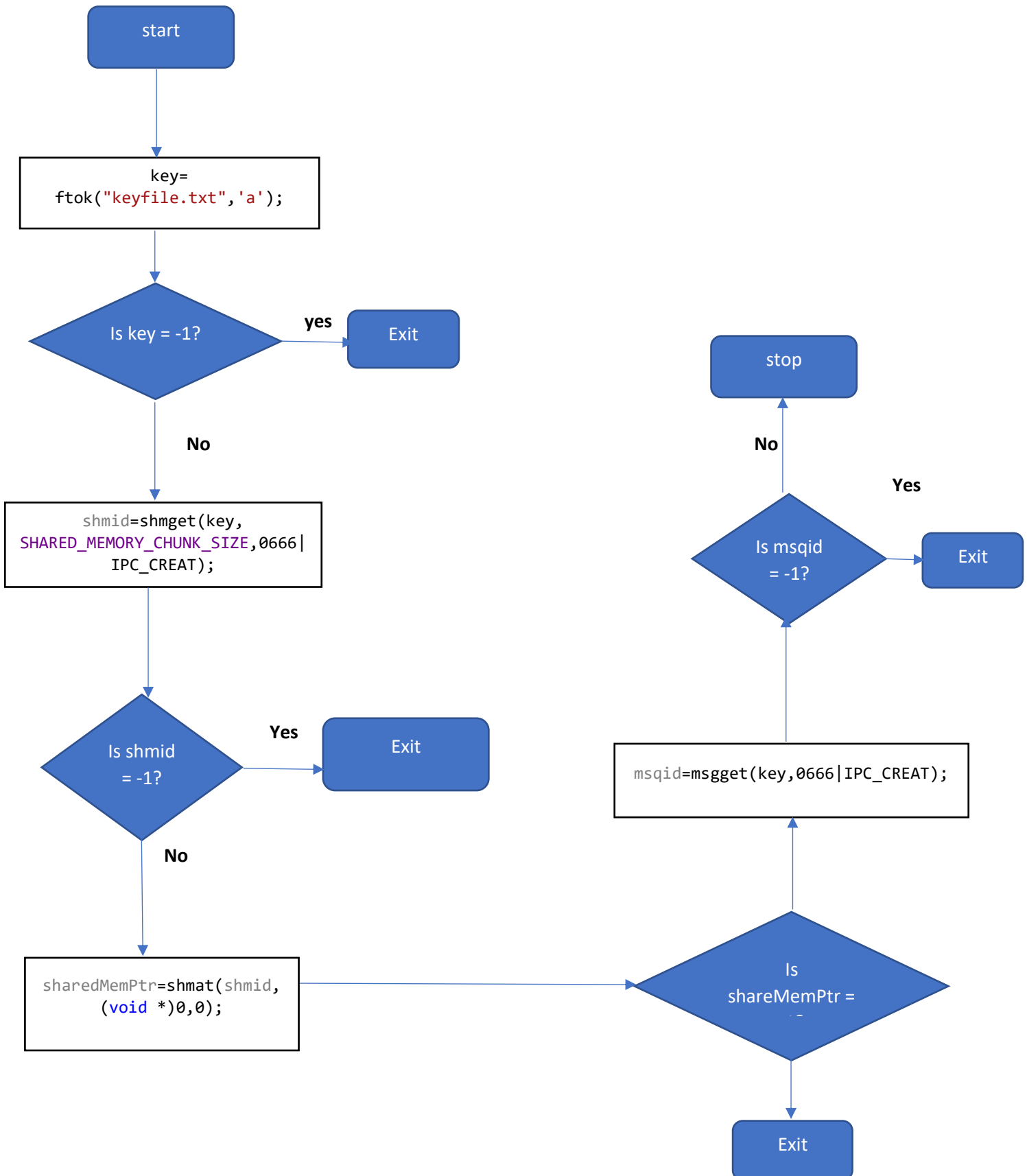


4. Cleanup function:

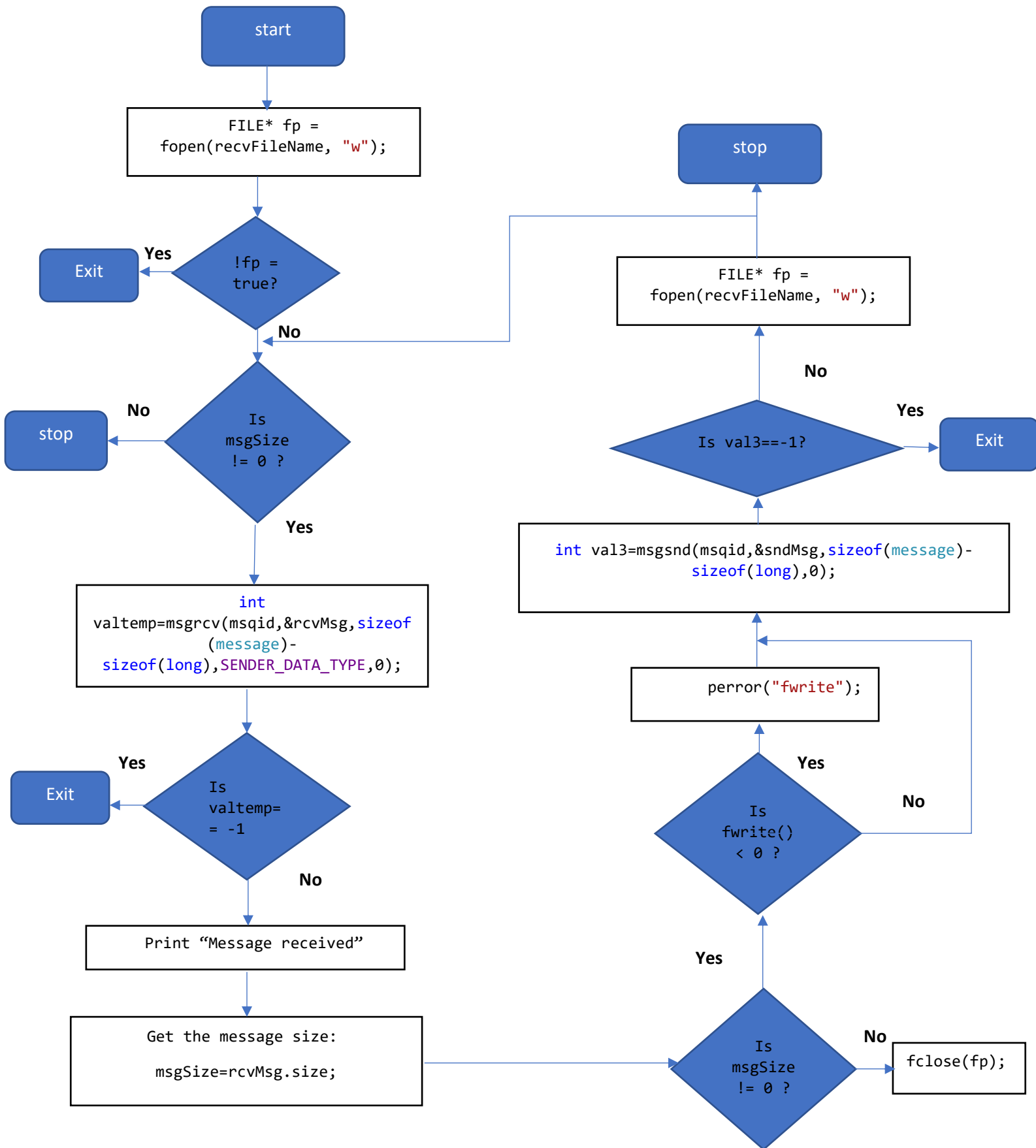


II. receiver.cpp

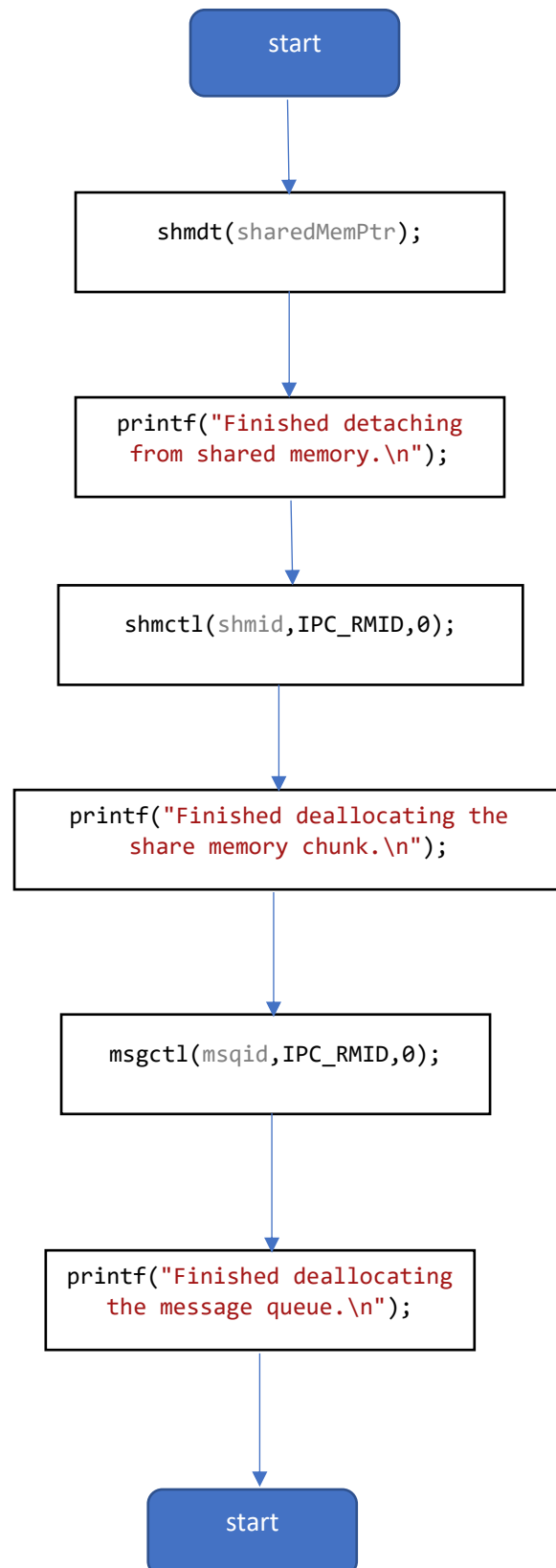
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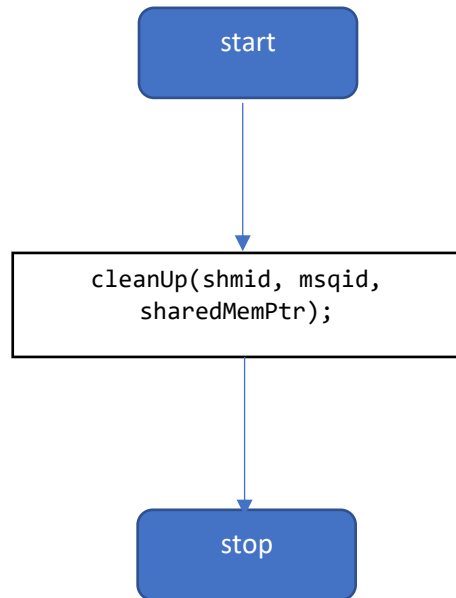
2. mainloop function:



3. cleanup function:



4. void CtrlCsignal function:



5. main function:

