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Processes in Unix/Linux

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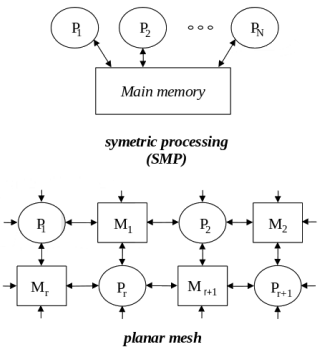
Outline

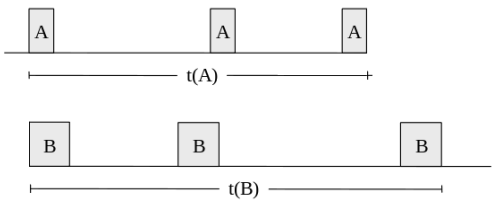
Process
Program vs. process

- Program – set of instructions describing how a task is performed by a computer
  - In order for the task to be actually performed, the corresponding program has to be executed
- Process – an entity that represents a computer program being executed
  - it represents an activity of some kind
  - it is characterized by:
    - addressing space – code and data (actual values of the diferent variables) of the associated program
    - input and output data (data that are being transferred from input devices and to output devices)
    - process specific variables (PID, PPID, ...)
    - actual values of the processor internal registers
    - state of execution
- Different processes can be running the same program
- In general, there are more processes than processors – *multiprogramming*

Multiprocessing vs. Multiprogramming
Multiprocessing

- Parallelism – ability of a computational system to simultaneously run two or more programs
  - more than one processor is required (one for each simultaneous execution)
- The operating systems of such computational systems supports multiprocessing

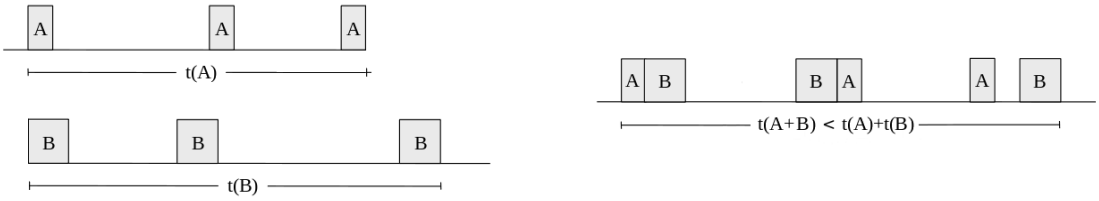




- Programs A and B are executing parallelly in at least two-processors computational system

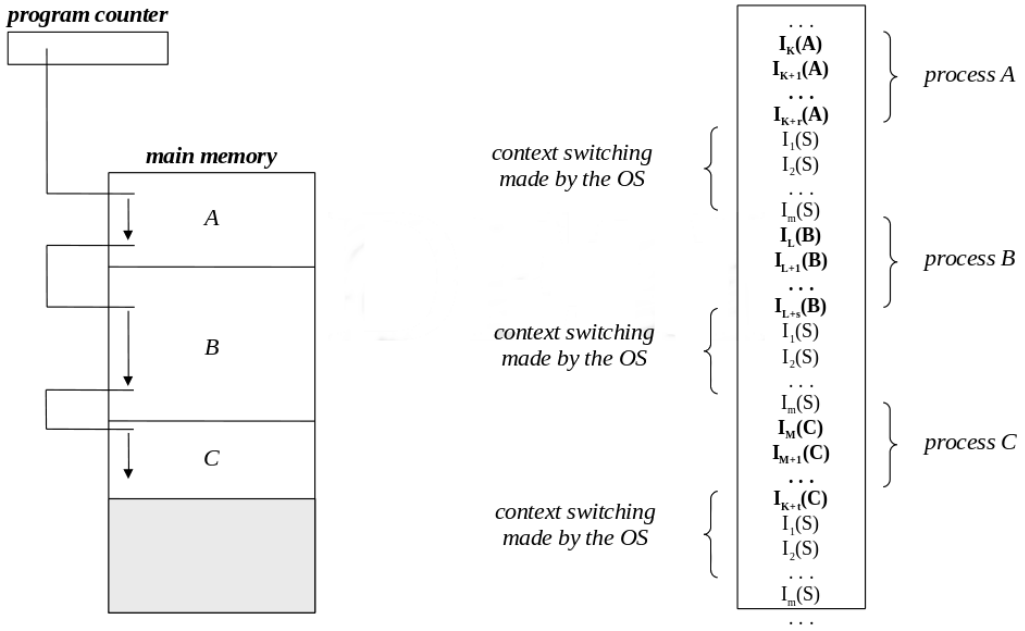
Multiprocessing vs. Multiprogramming
Multiprogramming

- Concurrency – illusion created by a computational system of apparently being able to simultaneously run more programs than the number of existing processors
  - The existing processor(s) must be assigned to the different programs in a time multiplexed way
- The operating systems of such computational systems supports multiprogramming

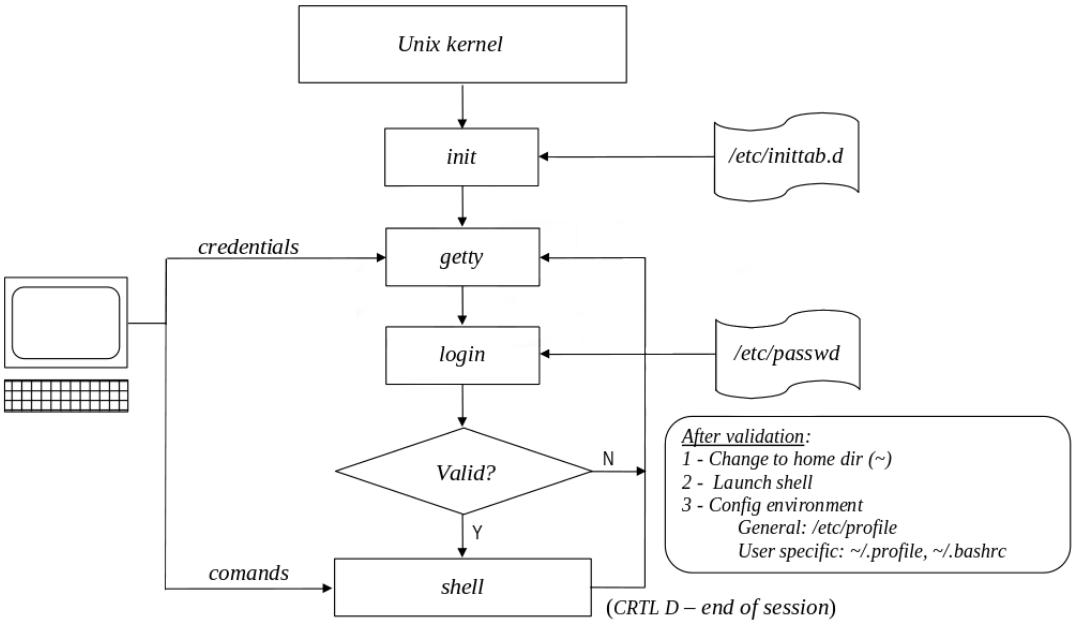


- Programs A and B are executing concurrently in a single processor computational system

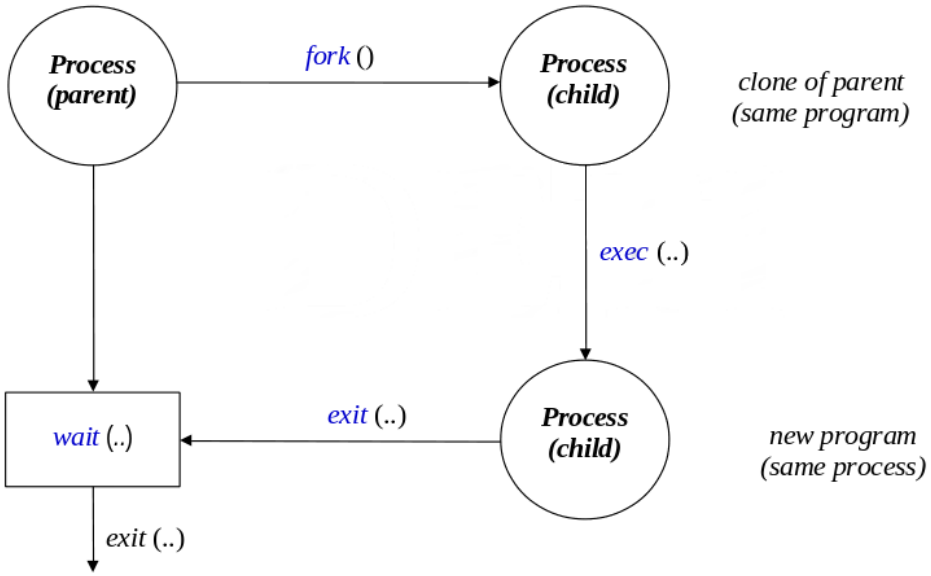
Process
Execution in a multiprogrammed environment



Processes in Unix
Traditional login



Processes in Unix
Creation by cloning



Processes in Unix
Process creation: `fork0`

```c
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <unistd.h>

int main(void)
{
    printf("Hello, World!\n");
    fork();
    printf("Hello, World! Again\n");
    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```

- The fork clones the executing process, creating a replica of it
- The address spaces of the two processes are equal
  - actually, just after the fork, they are the same
  - typically, a copy on write approach is followed
- The states of execution are the same
  - including the value of the program counter

Processes in Unix
Process creation: `fork1`

```c
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <unistd.h>

int main(void)
{
  printf("Before the fork:\n");
  printf("  PID = %d, PPID = %d.\n",
      getpid(), getppid());

  fork();

  printf("After the fork:\n");
  printf("  PID = %d, PPID = %d.\n"
      " Am I the parent or the child?"
      " How can I know it?\n",
          getpid(), getppid());

  return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```

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- Some process variables are different (PID, PPID, ...)
- What can we do with this?

Processes in Unix
Process creation: `fork2` and `fork3`

```c
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <unistd.h>

int main(void)
{
  printf("Before the fork:\n");
  printf("  PID = %d, PPID = %d.\n",
      getpid(), getppid());

  int ret = fork();

  printf("After the fork:\n");
  printf("  PID = %d, PPID = %d.\n",
      getpid(), getppid());
  printf("  ret = %d\n", ret);

  return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```

- The value returned by the fork is different in parent and child processes
  - in the parent, it is the PID of the child
  - in the child, it is always 0

Processes in Unix
Process creation: `fork2` and `fork3`

```c
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <unistd.h>

int main(void)
{
  printf("Before the fork:\n");
  printf("  PID = %d, PPID = %d.\n",
      getpid(), getppid());

  int ret = fork();

  if (ret == 0)
  {
    printf("I'm the child:\n");
    printf("  PID = %d, PPID = %d\n",
        getpid(), getppid());
  }
  else
  {
    printf("I'm the parent:\n");
    printf("  PID = %d, PPID = %d\n",
        getpid(), getppid());
  }

  return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```

- The value returned by the fork is different in parent and child processes
  - in the parent, it is the PID of the child
  - in the child, it is always 0
- This return value can be used as a boolean variable
  - so we can distinguish the code running on child and parent
- Still, what can we do with it?

Processes in Unix
Process creation: `fork3`

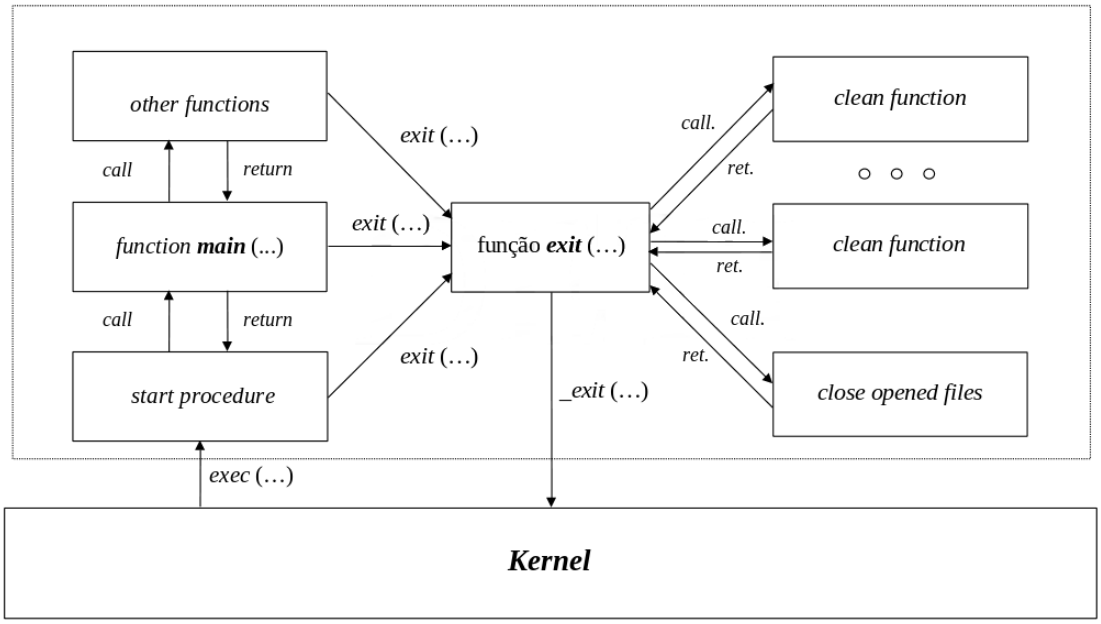
```c
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <unistd.h>

int main(void)
{
  printf("Before the fork:\n");
  printf("  PID = %d, PPID = %d.\n",
      getpid(), getppid());

  int ret = fork();

  if (ret == 0)
  {
    printf("I'm the child:\n");
    printf("  PID = %d, PPID = %d\n",
        getpid(), getppid());
  }
  else
  {
    printf("I'm the parent:\n");
    printf("  PID = %d, PPID = %d\n",
        getpid(), getppid());
  }

  return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```

- In general, used alone, the fork is of little interest
- In general, we want to run a different program in the child
  - exec system call
  - there are different versions of exec
- Sometimes, we want the parent to wait for the conclusion of the program running in the child
  - wait system call
- *In this code, we are assuming the `fork` doesn't fail*
  - *in case of an error, it returns `-1`*

Process creation in Unix
Launching a program: `fork + exec`

```c
#include    <stdio.h>
#include    <stdlib.h>
#include    <unistd.h>
#include    <sys/types.h>
#include    <sys/wait.h>

int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
  /* check arguments */
  if (argc != 2)
  {
    fprintf(stderr, "launch <<cmd>>\n");
    exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
  }
  char *aplic = argv[1];

  printf("====================\n");

  /* clone phase */
  int pid;
  if ((pid = fork()) < 0)
  {
    perror("Fail cloning process");
    exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
  }

  /* exec and wait phases */
  if (pid != 0) // only runs in parent process
  {
    int status;
    while (wait(&status) == -1);
    printf("================\n");
    printf("Process %d (child of %d)"
           " ends with status %d\n",
        pid, getpid(), WEXITSTATUS(status));
  }
  else // this only runs in the child process
  {
    execl(aplic, aplic, NULL);
    perror("Fail launching program");
    exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
  }

  exit(EXIT_SUCCESS); // or return EXIT_SUCCESS
}
```

Processes in Unix
Execution of a C/C++ program



Processes in Unix
Executing a C/C++ program: `atexit`

```c
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <assert.h>

/* cleaning functions */
static void atexit_1(void)
{
    printf("atexit 1\n");
}

static void atexit_2(void)
{
    printf("atexit 2\n");
}

/* main programa */
int main(void)
{
    /* registering at exit functions */
    assert(atexit(atexit_1) == 0);
    assert(atexit(atexit_2) == 0);

    /* normal work */
    printf("hello world 1!\n");

    for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++) sleep(1);

    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```

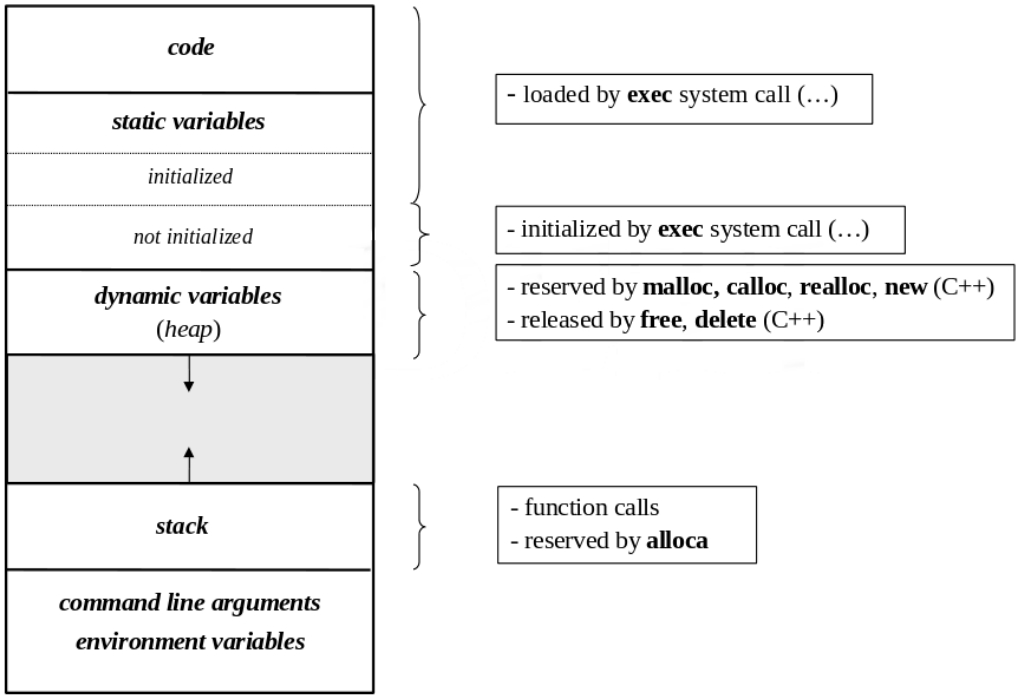
- The atexit function allows to register a function to be called at the program's normal termination
- They are called in reverse order relative to their register
- *What happens if the termination is forced?*

Processes in Unix
Command line arguments and environment variables

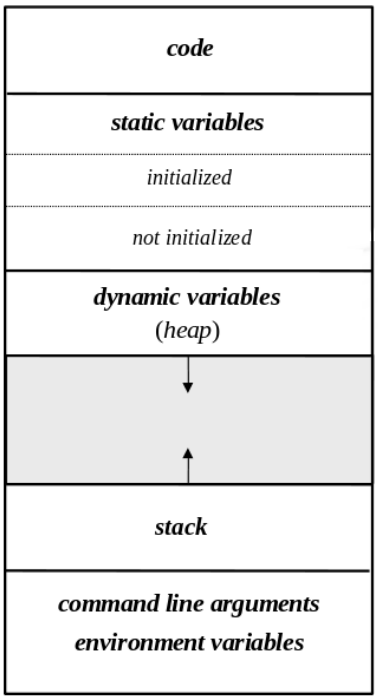
```c
#include    <stdio.h>
#include    <stdlib.h>
#include    <unistd.h>

int main(int argc, char *argv[], char *env[])
{
    /* printing command line arguments */
    printf("Command line arguments:\n");
    for (int i = 0; argv[i] != NULL; i++)
    {
        printf("  %s\n", argv[i]);
    }

    /* printing all environment variables */
    printf("\nEnvironment variables:\n");
    for (int i = 0; env[i] != NULL; i++)
    {
        printf("  %s\n", env[i]);
    }

    /* printing a specific environment variable */
    printf("\nEnvironment variable:\n");
    printf("  env[\"HOME\"] = \"%s\"\n", getenv("HOME"));
    printf("  env[\"zzz\"] = \"%s\"\n", getenv("zzz"));

    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```

- argv is an array of strings
- argv[0] is the program reference
- env is an array of strings, each representing a variable, in the form name-value pair
- getenv returns the value of a variable name

Processes in Unix
Address space of a Unix process

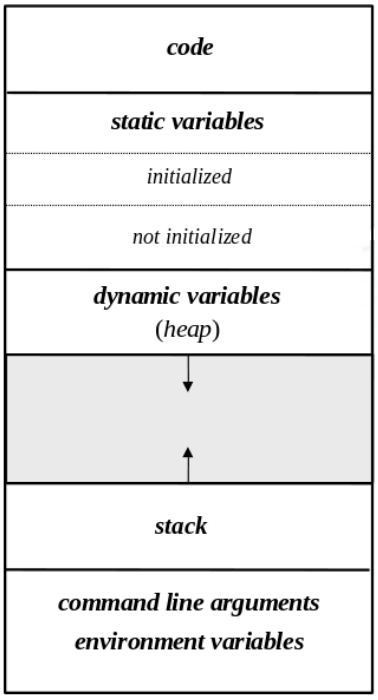


Processes in Unix
Address space of a Unix process (2)




```c
int n1 = 1;
static int n2 = 2;
int n3;
static int n4;
int n5;
static int n6 = 6;

int main(int argc, char *argv[], char *env[])
{
    extern char** environ;
    static int n7;
    static int n8 = 8;
    int *p9 = (int*)malloc(sizeof(int));
    int *p10 = new int;
    int *p11 = (int*)alloca(sizeof(int));
    int n12;
    int n13 = 13;
    int n14;
    printf("\ngetenv(n0): %p\n", getenv("n0"));
    printf("\nargv: %p\nenviron: %p\nenv: %p\nmain: %p\n\n",
           argv, environ, env, main);
    printf("\n&argc: %p\n&argv: %p\n&env: %p\n",
           &argc, &argv, &env);
    printf("&n1: %p\n&n2: %p\n&n3: %p\n&n4: %p\n&n5: %p\n"
           "&n6: %p\n&n7: %p\n&n8: %p\nn9: %p\nn10: %p\n"
           "p11: %p\n&n12: %p\n&n13: %p\n&n14: %p\n",
           &n1, &n2, &n3, &n4, &n5, &n6, &n7, &n8,
           p9, p10, p11, &n12, &n13, &n14);
```


Processes in Unix
Address space of a Unix process (3)




```c
#include    <stdio.h>
#include    <stdlib.h>
#include    <unistd.h>
#include    <wait.h>

int n01 = 1;

int main(int argc, char *argv[], char *env[])
{
    int pid = fork();
    if (pid != 0)
    {
        fprintf(stderr, "%5d: n01 = %-5d (%p)\n",
                pid, n01, &n01);
        wait(NULL);
        fprintf(stderr, "%5d: n01 = %-5d (%p)\n",
                pid, n01, &n01);
    }
    else
    {
        fprintf(stderr, "%5d: n01 = %-5d (%p)\n",
                pid, n01, &n01);
        n01 = 1111;
        fprintf(stderr, "%5d: n01 = %-5d (%p)\n",
                pid, n01, &n01);
    }
    return 0;
}
```