CS 241 Lecture Handout #5

#1 Introducing exec family

#2 A most powerful program. Can we fix it?

```
1: int main(int argc, char**argv) {
2:    printf("Executing %s ...\n", argv+1);
3:    execvp(argv + 1, argv + 1);
4:    perror("Failed to be all powerful");
5: }
```

#3 Implement our own version of cat

- * Usage text
- * Potential errors?

```
int main(int argc, char**argv) {
 2:
       if(argc != 2)
          fprintf(stderr, "Usage: %s filename\n", argv[0]);
 3:
 4:
 5:
       FILE* file = fopen(argv[1], "r"); // may return NULL
 6:
       char* line = NULL;
 7:
       size t capacity;
       ssize t bytesread;
 8:
 9:
       int linenumber = 0;
10:
11:
         bytesread = getline( &line, &capacity, file);
12:
         if(bytesread == -1) break;
         printf("%3d: %s", linenumber++, line);
13:
14:
15:
       free(line);
16:
       fclose(file);
17:
       return 0;
18:
```

#4 Puzzle: Fix my getline implementation. What asserts might you add?

```
ssize t mygetline(char **lineptr, size t *n, FILE *f){
      what asserts would you add here?
3:
4:
      if( _____) { *n = 256; ____ = malloc(*n);}
       size t bytesread = 0;
5:
       int c = 0;
7:
      while (ferror(f) == 0 && feof(f) == 0) {
          if (bytesread == *n) { /* extend buffer */
8:
9:
           c = fgetc(f);
10:
       return -1; // error (e.g. end of file)
11:
12:
```

#5 Fix me! What is wrong with the following?

```
1: int main(int argc, char** argv) {
2: char** lineptr;
3: size_t size;
4: size = getline(lineptr, &size, stdin);
5: execlp(lineptr);
6: return 0;
7: }
```

#6 Environmental Variables

- What is getenv("HOME");
- What is getenv("PATH")
- What is getenv("USER");
- What is getenv("AWESOME");
- extern char** environ;

#7 Puzzle What does the following example do? How does it work?

```
1: int main() {
2: close(1); // close standard out
3: open("log.txt", O_RDWR | O_CREAT | O_APPEND, S_IRUSR |
4: S_IWUSR);
5: puts("Captain's log");
6: chdir("/bin");
8: execl("/bin/ls", "/bin/ls", ".",(char*)NULL); // "ls ."
9: perror("exec failed");
10: return 0; // Not expected
11: }
```

#8 Puzzle My two processes guess the same random number!

```
1: int main(int argc, char**argv) {
2:     srand(time(NULL));
    pid_t child = fork();
    printf("My fork value is %d\n", (int) child );
6:     int r = rand() & oxf;
7:     printf("%d: My random number is %d\n", getpid(), r);
8:     return 0;
9: }
```