

# dsh: A Diagnostic Shell

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## Program Description

This program is a simple diagnostic shell that will emulate some of the functionality of the standard Bash shell. The main purpose of this shell is process identification, and to provide a platform for further development.

The program will provide the following features:

- **Prompt:** The prompt `dsh>` will be displayed. This is where the user will enter commands.
- **Intrinsic Commands:** Six shell intrinsic commands will be implemented: `cmdnm`, `signal`, `systat`, `exit`, `cd`, and `pwd`. `cmdnm` prints the command that initiated a process. `signal` sends a signal to another process. `systat` displays some information about the system, including version, uptime, memory usage, and CPU info. `exit` will exit the shell nicely. `cd` implements the `chdir` command to change the directory via the relative or absolute path provided. `pwd` prints the working directory.
- **Single Program Command:** Any single command (plus arguments), will be executed by the shell and return any stdout.

## Submission Details

The submission includes a tar-ball, `prog1.tgz`, which contains all files relevant to the program. This includes the source code, makefile, and documentation.

`prog1.tgz` contains:

- `dsh.c`: This file implements the command prompt, command line input, input parsing, and the main event loop for the program.
- `run.c` This file implements the intrinsic commands, as well as `fork/exec` for single commands with arguments.
- `makefile` This file builds the program `dsh` from the source files `dsh.c` and `run.c`.
- `prog1.pdf` This file provides documentation for the program `dsh`, its source files and the makefile.

## Compilation and Usage

The makefile builds the program in the following way:

```
gcc dsh.c -o dsh -g -Wall
```

The program can be run by typing `dsh` is a bash shell.

## Libraries

The source code includes the following libraries.

- `stdio.h`
- `string.h`
- `stdlib.h`
- `signal.h`
- `sys/stat.h`
- `sys/wait.h`
- `sys/time.h`
- `sys/resource.h`
- `sys/types.h`
- `unistd.h`

## Structure and Functions

The general flow of the program has the following format.

### Program structure

```
do
    getInput
    parseInput
    status = handler(input)
while status == 0
```

## Function Descriptions

This section describes all functions implemented in the source code.

**Name:** `dsh_prompt[dsh.c(33)]`

### Description:

This function receives command line input for the shell. The storage is dynamically allocated for the input stream in blocks of 256 bytes

### Output:

`char** input` A pointer to a character array which will store the input taken at the prompt.

**Returns:**

int -1    Failed to allocate memory for input  
int 0    Function successful took input  
int 1    No input received on commandline  
int 2    Exit command received

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**Name:** parse\_input[dsh.c(105)]

**Description:**

This function parses input gathered from the command line.

**Input:**

char \* input    The input string returned by prompt.

**Output:**

char \*\*\* argv    A pointer to the new parsed argument list, passed by reference.

**Returns:**

int argc    The number of arguments in the input string.

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**Name:** run\_command[dsh.c(215)]

**Description:**

This function takes the argument list from Main and directs it to either the fork/exec code for single functions or to the intrinsic commands.

The first argument is expected to be the command name.

**Input:**

int args    Number of arguments  
char \*\* arg\_list    List of arguments

**Returns:**

int ret    Returns the valued returned by Run or New\_Process.

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**Name:** main[dsh.c(243)]

**Description:**

This function implements the main event loop for the shell. It waits for the exit command to terminate.

**Returns:**

int 0    Always returns 0.

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**Name:** `cmdnm[run.c(30)]`

**Description:**

This function gets the command that started a process by accessing `/proc/<pid>/comm`.

**Input:**

`char * pid` A character array holding the process identification number.

**Returns:**

`int 0` Successful.

`int -1` Couldn't find process.

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**Name:** `send_signal[run.c(63)]`

**Description:**

This function sends a signal to a process using the kill command. It checks if the arguments are in the proper ranges, switching them if not.

**Input:**

`char * sig_no` A character array holding the desired signal number.

`char * process_id` A character array holding the process identification number.

**Returns:**

`0` Successful.

`-1` Failed to send signal to process.

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**Name:** `systat[run.c(93)]`

**Description:**

This function gets some information about the system and displays it for the user in stdout. The specific information it provides is as follows:

- Linux version and system uptime
- Memory Usage: memtotal and memfree
- CPU Information: vendor id through cache size

**Returns:**

`int 0` Successful.

`int neg` Couldn't access directory.

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**Name:** `cd[run.c(176)]`

**Description:**

This function implements the change directory intrinsic command.

**Input:**

`char * path` The absolute or relative path to the desired directory.

**Returns:**

`0` Successful.

-1 No such file or directory.

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**Name:** `pwd[run.c(203)]`

**Description:**

This function implements the print working directory intrinsic command.

**Returns:**

0 Always returns 0.

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**Name:** `Run[run.c(221)]`

**Description:**

This function directs the program to run the intrinsic commands, checking for correct number of arguments where applicable.

**Input:**

`int cmd_num` Number specifying desired command.  
`int args` The number of arguments.  
`char ** arg_list` The null-terminated list of arguments.

**Returns:**

`int ret` The return value of function it calls  
`int neg` Wrong number of inputs or similar error.  
`int 2` Exit code.

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**Name:** `New_Process[run.c(269)]`

**Description:**

Creates a new process to run the given single command received at the command line in the diagnostic shell.

**Input:**

`char ** arg_list` The list of arguments for the given command.

**Returns:**

`int 0` If fork and exec operations were successful.  
`int -1` An error occurred. Either couldn't find command or failed to execute it.

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## Testing and Verification

This program was tested and verified by trying each required command at separate times. The code was developed in such a way that functionally was continually added to an already functional program. Since each required feature was largely independent of the others, debugging was straight-forward.

Valgrind was used to check for memory leaks. There are no known bugs at the time of submission, however error checking could be a bit more rigorous.