

ReadMe File of (Basic Shell Designing)

The main function contains simple infinite while loop where it calls **simple_shell() function** creating basic terminal kind space where it takes input and shows output and the infinite while loop is used only to take the input command and output the certain action repeatedly till exit command is called.

Inside the `simple_shell()` there are two variables `commands` which is a pointer to char (a string) and `parsedcommands` is the another variable which is a pointer to pointer pointing a char (so basically a 2d array) and we allocate space for commands and read the input into it by using **getline function** and immediate next if statements are for error condition in case if character read (noc) is -1 the shows the error.

The input taken is a single line string and we need to parse it in order to send it as an argument for `execvp` function and to do it we are using the **tok()** where the parameter passed is the commands or the string and to parse it and store it into a 2d array or array of strings. We need to use **strtok() function** it takes in first call the string or the address pointing to the first character of string and a delimiter (a 1d array and address of first element is sent) as parameter and delimiter should contain “ \n\t\r” where gap is space and this delimiter specifies that the parsing is to be done based on these character. After the string is parsed by `strtok` in the loop where NULL is the first parameter in the `strtok` and in each iteration its address is stored in `ret[i]`. Then the address stored in `ret` is returned.

Back in `simple_shell()` we have 2d array named `parsedcommands` and `parsedcommands[0]` contains the argument name and subsequent `parsedcommands[i]` contains either options or filenames or plain text. Now, we need to call `command_initialiser` function.

Inside the function depending upon the different commands contained in `args[0]` different function is called.

If the `args[0]` is `echo`: then the function named `echo` is called and `args` (2d array containing the parsed string) is sent as parameter and using `printf` the text is displayed on to the terminal.

If the `args[0]` is `pwd`: then the function named `PWD` is called and using the `inbuilt` function `getcwd` the current working directory is stored in `buf` as shown in code and if the return value of `getcwd` is NULL then the error is printed and for specific error where the size of `buf` is not sufficient for the storage of the current working directory value we use statement like `errno == ERANGE` and error message is printed else the current directory's path is printed

If the `args[0]` is `cd`: then the function named `cd` is called with `args` as parameter and if only `cd` is entered as input without option the directory is changed using `chdir()` and parameter is `getenv(“HOME”)` because it returns path to home directory and if function `chdir` is not executed then `perror` is used to print error and if `cd` is passed with option like `(.. or folder name)` then using `chdir(args[1])` is executed.

If the `args[0]` is rest of commands then the function `execute` is called and `args` is passed as parameter and inside the function a child process is created using `fork` function and the parent process is put in wait by `wait` function and inside the child process `execvp` function is used to execute the commands by passing `args[0]` and `args`.

If the `args[0]` is `exit`: then it calls the `exitfunc()` and this function contains only a line `exit (0)` where it exits the program to terminal.

Commands mkdir and ls

```
simpleshell>> C
darsh@darsh-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/OS2022_5sem$ ./test
simpleshell>>mkdir new
mkdir: cannot create directory 'new': File exists
simpleshell>>mkdir hello
simpleshell>>ls
assignment1.pdf  hello  new  shell.c  test  test.c
simpleshell>>ls -l
total 52
-rw-rw-r-- 1 darsh darsh 14051 Nov 16 11:40 assignment1.pdf
drwxrwxr-x 2 darsh darsh  4096 Nov 16 21:49 hello
drwxrwxr-x 2 darsh darsh  4096 Nov 16 21:46 new
-rw-rw-r-- 1 darsh darsh  3555 Nov 15 13:04 shell.c
-rwxrwxr-x 1 darsh darsh 17032 Nov 16 21:43 test
-rw-rw-r-- 1 darsh darsh  2629 Nov 16 21:43 test.c
simpleshell>>ls -ls
total 52
16 -rw-rw-r-- 1 darsh darsh 14051 Nov 16 11:40 assignment1.pdf
 4 drwxrwxr-x 2 darsh darsh  4096 Nov 16 21:49 hello
 4 drwxrwxr-x 2 darsh darsh  4096 Nov 16 21:46 new
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simpleshell>>sdcsv
command is invalid :: No such file or directory
simpleshell>>ls -svw
ls: option requires an argument -- 'w'
Try 'ls --help' for more information.
```

Cat command

```
simpleshell>>cat test.c
#include<stdio.h>
#include<string.h>
#include<unistd.h>
#include<stdlib.h>
#include<sys/wait.h>
#include <errno.h>

#define TEST_BUFFER_SIZE 100

void command_initialiser (char **args);

void exitfunc ();
void echo (char **args);
void PWD ();
void cd (char **args);

void execute(char **args){
    int pid;
    pid = fork();
    if (pid == 0){

        if (execvp(args[0],args) == -1){
            perror("command is invalid :");
        }

    }
    else{
```

Commands pwd, echo,date,rm,exit

```
}simpleshell>>pwd
/home/darsh/Desktop/OS2022_5sem
simpleshell>>echo csc  erve "" dvvev "dcdver      evee
csc erve dvvev dcdver evee
simpleshell>>date
Wednesday 16 November 2022 09:51:08 PM IST
simpleshell>>rm -rf hello
simpleshell>>ls
assignment1.pdf  new  shell.c  test  test.c
simpleshell>>exit
simpleshell>>exit
darsh@darsh-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/OS2022_5sem$
```

cd command

```
simpleshell>>cd
simpleshell>>pwd
/home/darsh
simpleshell>>cd ..
simpleshell>>pwd
/home
```