

1. The purpose of this assignment is to use UNIX system calls to do some very basic process operations, and to retrieve arguments from the command line. You must write a program that accepts two command line arguments (a sleep time and an iteration count). This program will contain a loop which sleeps for the specified amount of time, then wake up and print its name, process ID (PID) and iteration count to **stderr**. The loop should execute the number of times specified in the iteration count. Then the program should print a message and terminate.

For example, if the name of your program is **c1.c**, the following command should execute the program for 10 iterations, sleeping 4 seconds between iterations.

```
./c1 4 10
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```
Executing c1, process id 28435, iteration number 1
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...
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```
Executing c1, process id 28435, iteration number 10  
c1 is now exiting
```

2. One of the operations the shell performs is to parse a string into tokens. When you run your program with `./a.out argc` will have the value of 1, and `argv[0]` will have the value of `./a.out`. Understanding how to tokenize a string is an important concept. For this question you will emulate the parsing the shell does. You will need to write several functions, and a comprehensive tester

Write a function that will parse a string into tokens (or words), similar to what the shell is required to do. The function is named `makeargs`. The prototype is given below.

*`int makeargs(char *s, char ***args);` or `int makeargs(char s[], char **args[]);`*

This function should accept a (c-type) string and an array of pointers to char (i.e., the same type as `argv` in a C program), and should return the pointer (defined to point to an array pointing to the separate tokens on the command line) `argv` and the number of tokens that are in the array `argv`. If a problem occurred during operation of the function, then return -1.

For example, given the following C code

```
int main()
{
    char **argv, s[] = "ls -l file";

    int argc;

    argc = makeargs(s, &argv);

    printargs(argc, argv);
} // end main
```

The results of *makeargs* would be:

`argc` would be 3.

`argv[0]` would be 'ls'

`argv[1]` would be '-l'

`argv[2]` would be file

You must not waste memory, and any memory you allocate you must clean up.

I have provided as a starting point `c2.c`

NOTE You will need to change the main function to allow the user to enter strings. The strings will be entered on the command line separated by a single space. You can presume the happy part of Stuland. HINT: You may need `strtok` and other string commands.

DO NOT use **realloc**, use only **free** and **malloc/calloc**

For example you might prompt the user with something like:

Please enter a bunch of strings, each string will be separated by a space

The user would enter: how now brown cow

And your program would report 4 strings and then print each string.

This will continue until the user chooses to stop. You can do this with a menu, or a letter or whatever as long as the user is prompted to quit/continue.

You must use `strtok_r` from `string.h`

Before changing your main make sure everything is working as expected. Your output capture should have multiple outputs showing you truly tested your program. NOTE: the grader will be running **valgrind** on your program so make sure you do clean up memory.

3. In class we discussed the basics of fork and exec. To help you understand them, let's practice. I have provided a C file named `c3.c`. Your tasks are:
 - a. Take the `makeargs` code from prob 2 and place it in the appropriate place. Your `makeargs` must have one more row that is `NULL`.
 - b. Take the cleanup code from prob 2 and place it in the appropriate position
 - c. Add the appropriate `#includes` to `c3.c` – You will need to examine the man pages for `fork`, `exec` and `wait`
 - d. Write the `forkIt` function. This function will:
 - i. `fork()` and store the result
 - ii. check the result of `fork()` if in the parent - issue a `waitpid` command as illustrated in the man page
 - iii. if the result of the `fork()` indicates the child - issue the appropriate `exec` command
 - iv. Check the results of the `exec` command – if invalid then the invalid `exec` command will be appropriately dealt with so execution can continue – simply put, I should not have to type `exit` more than once to get the program to end!