COSC 350 System Software Lab #9

How to submit

- For each program, you need write detailed comments for each statement.
- Submit each program by email to cosc350@gmail.com.
- You need demonstrate each task in front of me during the next lab hours.

Task 1: A simple pipe

This task is intended to help your understanding of how pipes work.

- A. Copy pipe1.c from BLP, page 532-533.
- B. Compile and run it.
- C. Reverse the order of the write and read and run the program again.
- D. Briefly describe what happened with the reversed order and why the program behaved that way.
- E. Restore the read and write to their original order before proceeding.
- F. Modify pipe1.c in the following ways:
 - a. It's a good idea to define two global integer constants
 - 1. READ END=0
 - 2. WRITE_END=1

just to help keep straight which is which in the code. For example, when you refer to the write end of the pipe p, you would then use p[WRITE_END]. Makes the code much more readable.

- b. Dynamically allocate buffer so it's exactly the right size for some_data.
- c. Copy the string from some data into buffer.
- d. Modify the read so its third argument is the exact size of buffer (rather than the large BUFSIZ).

Task 2: Pipes across a fork/exec

- A. Copy pipe3.c from BLP, page 535.
- B. Copy pipe4.c from BLP, pages 536.
- C. Compile and run the program just to see what it does.
- D. Modify pipe3.c as follows:
 - a. Have the parent wait for the child.
 - b. Close the file descriptor of the write end of the pipe on the parent's side.

- c. Pass the write end of the pipe to the child as a command-line argument.
- d. Close the file descriptor of the read end of the pipe on the child's side.

Task 3: Multiple pipes across a fork/exec

In this task, you will write a program that has two-way communication between parent and child. Use Task 2 as a starting point, and add a second pipe to it.

- A. Copy pipe3.c to twoPipesParent.c
- B. Copy pipe4.c to twoPipesChild.c
- C. Modify twoPipesParent.c as follows:
 - a. Add a second pipe that will be used for a message from child to parent.
 - b. Close the appropriate file descriptors on both pipes.
 - c. Pass both pipes' file descriptors to child in the exec
 - d. Send the message "Hi there, Kiddo" to child over one pipe (as in Task 2). Print the pid and byte count as in Task 2.
 - e. Then, read a message from child over the second pipe. Print the pid, byte count, and message text as in Task 2.
- D. Modify twoPipesChild.c as follows:
 - a. Grab the file descriptors of both pipes from the argument list.
 - b. Close the appropriate file descriptors.
 - c. Read a message from parent over the first pipe (as in Task 2). Print the pid, byte count, and message text as in Task 2.
 - d. Then, send the message "Hi, Mom" to parent over the second pipe. Print the pid and byte count as in Task 2.
- E. Print your twoPipesParent.c and twoPipesChild.c to hand in.
- F. Run the program multiple times.

Task 4: FIFOs

In this task, you will modify pipe1.c from Task 1 so it uses a fifo instead of a pipe.

- A. Copy pipe1.c from Task 1 and name it pipeFifo.c.
- B. From your shell, create a fifo /tmp/task4_fifo with appropriate file permissions and ownership by using mkfifo command.
- C. Briefly describe how you created the fifo (the exact command you used). Also describe another command you could have used.
- D. Modify pipeFifo.c so it uses the fifo you created instead of using a pipe.

Task5: Shared Memory

In this task, you need write four programs

- 1. buildsm.c build a shared memory which will use for inter process communication between two process.
- 2. Removesm.c: remove shared memory buit by buildsm.c
- 3. Process1.c: process keep send two integer value to shared memory until Cnt-D (end of data). Before sending data, make sure two integers.
- 4. Process2.c: get two integer from shared memory and calculate sum of two integer and display stdout. Process2 will keep running until process1 stop sending data.