Lab 2

Executing shell commands in Perl:

Backtick Operator:

```
#!/usr/bin/perl

@files = `ls -l`;

foreach $file (@files) {
    print $file;
    }

System Function:
system( "ls -l")
```

• Multiprocessing in Perl:

The fork function:

The fork() system call creates a new process, called a child process. What it effectively does is that it creates a clone of the current process. The fork() function returns the child pid to the parent process, 0 to the child process, or undef if the fork is unsuccessful.

The exec function:

The exec() system call is used to assign a different code/program to execute for a child process.

```
if(!defined($pid = fork())) {
    # fork returned undef, so unsuccessful
    die "Cannot fork a child: $!";
}
elsif ($pid == 0) {
    print "Printed by child process\n";
    exec("date") || die "can't exec date: $!";
}
else {
    # fork returned 0 nor undef
    # so this branch is parent
    print "Printed by parent process\n";
    while (wait() != -1) {}
    print "Completed all child processes\n";
}
```

Version Control (Git):

Version control is a system that records changes to a file or set of files over time so that you can recall specific **versions** later.

Basic Git Commands

To initiate a new git repository in a directory: **git init**

To add files to staging:

git add filename

To check status of repository:

git status

To commit changes:

git commit -m "Comment"

To create a new branch:

git branch branch name

To switch to a branch:

git checkout branch_name

To merge a branch into current branch:

git merge branch_to_merge

```
To push to a remote repository:
git remote add name_of_address link_to_git_repository
git push name_of_address name_of_branch

To pull changes from remote repository:
git pull name_of_branch name_of_address

To clone a repository:
git clone remote_url

To check commit history:
git log
or
git log --oneline

To switch to a previous commit, first, check the hash of commit from git log, then:
git checkout hash_of_commit
or
git checkout ref_of_commit
```