

**MINOR ASSIGNMENT-06****Processes in UNIX****Practical Programming with C (CSE 3544)**

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**Problem Statement:**

Experiment with programs, processes, memory allocation and manipulation for processes in UNIX.

**Assignment Objectives:**

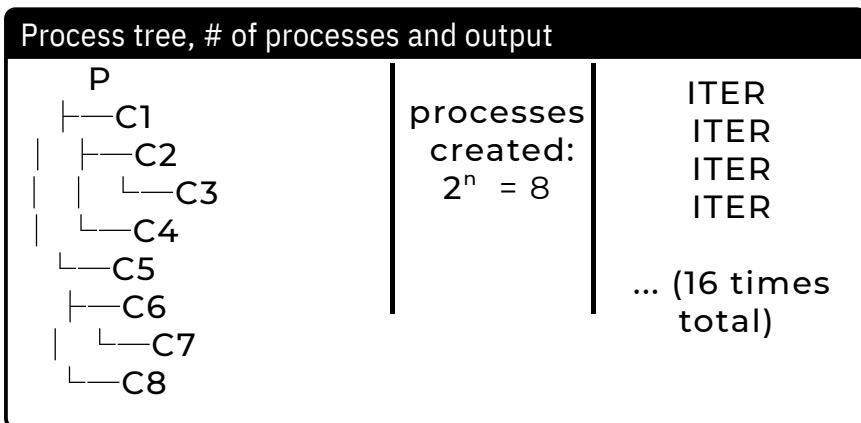
Students will be able to differentiate programs and processes, also able to learn how to create processes and able to explore the implication of process inheritance.

**Programming/ Output Based Questions:**

1. Construct the process tree diagram and also find the number of processes along with output of the following code snippet.

```
int main(void) {
    fork();           fork();
    fork();
    printf("ITER\n");
    printf("ITER\n");
    return 0;
}

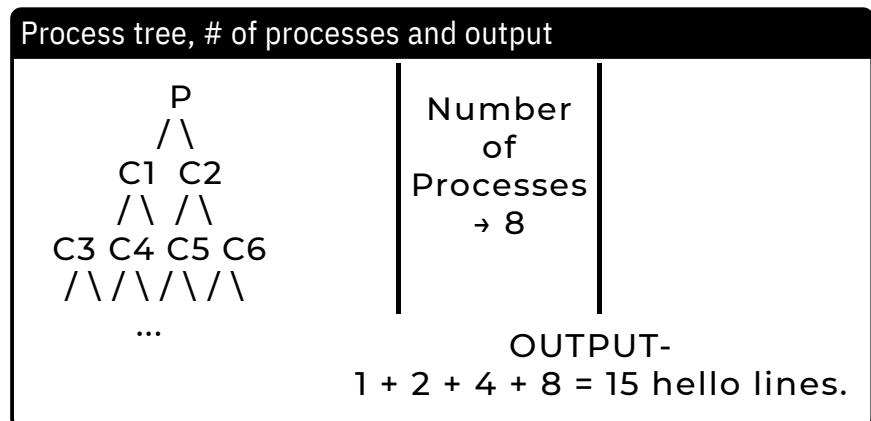
/* Any formula can be
   devised for number
   of processes
   created here?
If so, state.*/
```



2. Construct the process tree diagram and also find the number of processes along with output of the following code snippet.

```
int main(void){
    printf("hello\n");
    fork();
    printf("hello\n");
    fork();
    printf("hello\n");
    fork();
    printf("hello\n");
    return 0;
}

/* Any formula for
   nuber of outputs?
If so, state.*/
```



3. Run the following code on your machine and write the output. Suggest a way to avoid the mismatch of machine output w.r.t. dry run output.

```
#include<stdio.h>
#include<unistd.h>
main(void)
{
    printf("A");
    fork();
    printf("P\n");
    return 0;
}
```

Output, Reason and Suggestion		
AP AP	Because A is buffered (no newline), its copy gets printed by both parent and child after fork().	To avoid duplication → use fflush(stdout); before fork() or include a newline

4. Draw the process tree and write the output of the following code snippet.

```
int main()
{
    fork() && fork();
    printf("Able to\n");
    return 0;
}
```

Process tree and output	
<pre>P   └─C1       (does not run 2nd fork)         └─C2</pre>	Able to Able to Able to

5. Draw the process tree and write the output of the following code snippet.

```
int main()
{
    fork();
    fork() && fork();
    fork();
    printf("Got!!!\n");
    return 0;
}
```

Process tree and output	
<pre>P   / \   A1 A2   / \ / \ B1 B2 B3 B4 B5 B6 (each then forks again)</pre>	Got!!! ... (12 times)

6. Draw the process tree and write the output of the following code snippet.

```
int main()
{
    fork();
    fork() + fork();
    fork();
    printf("doing!\n");
    return 0;
}
```

Process tree and output	
<pre>P       └─C1           └─C1a               └─C1b           └─C2               └─C2a                   └─C2b</pre>	doing! printed 16 times

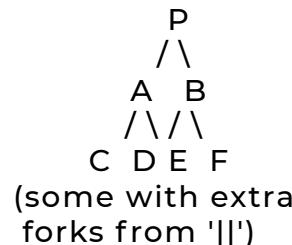
7. Draw the process tree and write the output of the following code snippet.

```
int main(){
    fork();
    fork() || fork();
    fork();
    printf("Really!!!\n");
    return 0;
}
```

**Remark**

`||` runs second fork only when the first returns 0, i.e., in the child of the first fork, leading to an extra branch.

**Process tree**



**Output**

Really!!!  
 → 12 lines

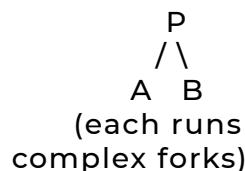
8. Draw the process tree and write the output of the following code snippet.

```
int main(){
    fork();
    fork()&& fork()||fork();
    fork();
    printf("guess\n");
    return 0;
}
```

**Remark**

Precedence: `&&` runs before `||`. Each logical fork pattern creates multiple branches depending on return values.

**Process tree**



**Output**

Output  
 guess printed 20 times

9. Draw the process tree and write the output of the following code snippet.

```
int main(){
    fork()&&fork();
    fork()||fork();
    printf("Hi\n");
    return 0;
}
```

**Remark**

Both logical patterns multiply by 3 independently

**Process tree**

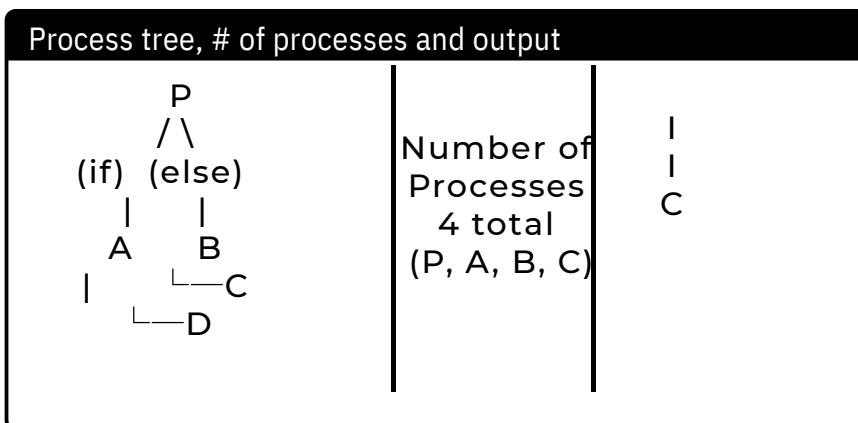
Step 1: `fork() && fork()` → 3 processes  
 Step 2: each executes `fork() || fork()` →  $3 \times 3$

**Output**

Output  
 Hi printed 9 times

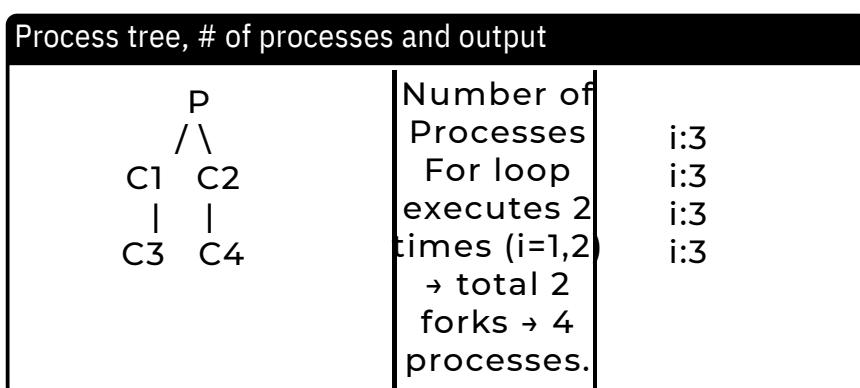
10. Construct the process tree diagram and also find the number of processes along with output of the following code snippet.

```
int main(){
    int pid,pid2;
    pid=fork();
    if(pid){
        pid2=fork();
        printf("I\n");
    }
    else{
        printf("C\n");
        pid2=fork();
    }
    return 0;
}
```



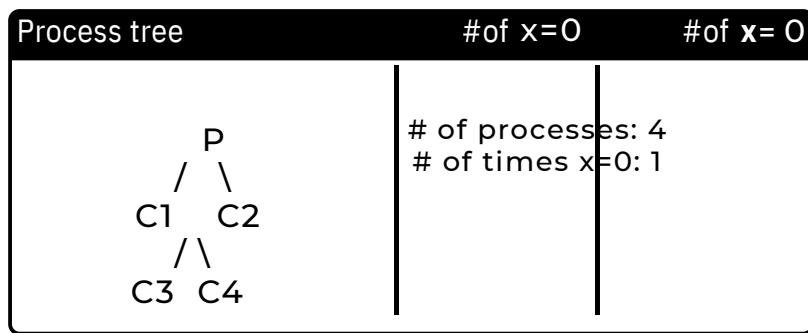
11. Construct the process tree diagram and also find the number of processes along with output of the following code snippet.

```
int
main(void){
    pid_t childpid;
    int i, n=3;
    for(i=1;i<n;i++){
        childpid=fork();
        if(childpid==-1)
            break;
    }
    printf("i:%d\n",i);
    return 0;
}
```



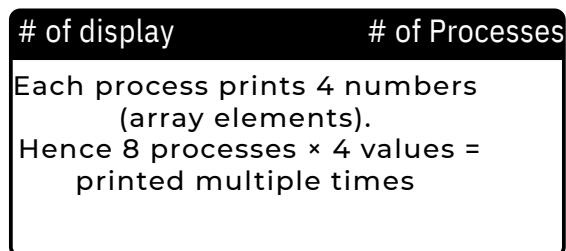
12. Draw the process tree because of the following code snippet and state number of times  $x=0$  as well as  $x=0$  will be displayed.

```
pid_t  
add(pid_t a, pid_t b){  
    a+b; return  
}  
int main(void){  
    pid_t x=10;  
    printf("%d\n",x);  
    x=add(fork(),fork());  
    printf("%d\n",x);  
    return 0;}  
}
```



13. Determine the total number of displayed for the given code snippet.

```
int main(void){  
    x[]={10,20,fork(),fork()+fork()};  
    len=sizeof(x)/sizeof(int);  
    i=0;i<len;i++)  
    fprintf(stderr,"%d ",x[i]);  
    printf("\n");  
    return 0;  
}
```



14. Determine the number of process(s) will be created when the below program becomes process and also write the output.

```
void show(){
    if(fork()==0)
        printf("1\n");
    if(fork()==0)
        printf("2\n");
    if(fork()==0)
        printf("3\n");
}
int main(void){
    show();
    return 0;
}
```

# of processes	Output
Each fork doubles, three sequential forks → $2^3 = 8$ processes. Output "1" printed by first fork's child → 1 time "2" printed by 2nd fork's children → 2 times "3" printed by 3rd fork's children → 4 times Total 7 print lines	

15. Draw the process tree of the following code snippet. Also give a count of processes and the output of the following code. Can the code segment generate fan of processes.

```
int main(void){
    if(fork()==0)
        printf("1\n");
    else if(fork()==0)
        printf("2\n");
    else if(fork()==0)
        printf("3\n");
    else if(fork()==0)
        printf("4\n");
    else
        printf("5\n");
    return 0;
}
```

Process tree, # of processes and output		
<pre> P ├── C1 ├── C2 ├── C3 ├── C4 └── P </pre>	Each else if(fork()==0) adds one new process → 5 total.	1 2 3 4 5

16. Find the output of the code segment showing the corresponding process tree.

```
int main(){
    pid_t p1,p2;
    p2=0;
    p1=fork();
    if (p1 == 0)
        p2 = fork();
    if (p2 > 0)
        fork();
    printf("done\n");
    return 0;
}
```

Process tree	Output
<pre> P ├── A └── B     ├── C     └── D         └── E </pre>	done done done done done done done done done

17. Find the number of direct children to the main process, the total number of processes and the output.

```
int main(){pid_t c1=1,c2=1;
c1=fork();
if(c1!=0)
    c2=fork();
if(c2==0){
    fork();printf("1\n");
}
return 0;}
```

# of direct children to main process	Total processes	Output
Direct children of main: 2 (A, B)		1
Total processes: 5		1

18. Find the output of the code segment.

```
int main(){
    struct stud s1={1,20};
    pid_t pid=fork();
    if(pid==0){
        struct stud s1={2,30};
        printf("%d %d\n",s1.r,s1.m);
        return 0;
    }
    else{
        sleep(10);
        printf("%d %d\n",s1.r,s1.m);
        return 0;
    }
}
```

```
struct stud{
    int r;
    int m
};
```

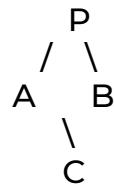
Output

2 30  
1 20

19. Find the output of the code segment showing the corresponding process tree.

```
int main(){
    if(fork()){
        if(!fork()){
            fork();
            printf("S ");
        }
        else{
            printf("T ");
        }
    }
    else{
        printf("D ");
    }
    printf("A ");
    return 0;
}
```

Process tree



Output

S A T A D A

20. Calculate the number of processes the following code snippet will generate.

```
int main(){int i;
for(i=0;i<12;i++){
    if(i%3==0){
        fork();
    }
}
return 0;
```

Process tree

Each iteration where  $i = 0, 3, 6, 9$   
doubles all active processes

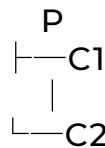
Output

(No explicit print — 16  
processes created)

21. State the possible values of x for the given code snippet;

```
int x;
int a[2]={10,20};
x=5+a[fork() || fork()];
printf("%d ",x);
```

Process tree



Output

15 25 25

22. Suppose four user-defined exit handlers X, Y, P, and Q are installed in the order X then Y then P then Q using atexit() function in a C program. Exit hadler X is designed to display 1, Y is designed to display 2, P is designed to display 3, and Q to display 4. State the order of their display, when the program is going to terminate after calling return 0/exit(0).



## Choice

23. You know that the **ps** utility in UNIX reports a snapshot of the current processes. Determine the state code of the given program, that became a process.

```
int main(void){  
    fprintf(stderr,"PID=%ld\n",(long)getpid());  
    while(1); 0;  
    return  
}
```



A

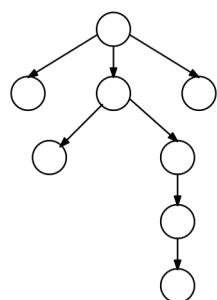
24. Find the process state code of the given program, that became a process using the Unix utility `ps`. As you know `ps` displays information about a selection of the active processes.

```
int main(void){  
    fprintf(stderr,"PID=%ld\n", (long) getpid());  
    while(1)  
        sleep(1);  
    return 0;  
}
```



Choice  
B

25. Develop a C code to create the following process tree. Display the process ID, parent ID and return value of fork() for each process.



## OBSERVATIONS:

- Use ps utility to verify the is-a-parent relationship?
  - Are you getting any orphan process case?
  - Are you getting any ZOMBIE case?

Figure 1: Process tree

Code here

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <unistd.h>

int main(){
pid_t pid=fork();
if(pid==0){
printf("Child PID=%d, PPID=%d\n",getpid(),getppid());
} else {
printf("Parent PID=%d, PPID=%d\n",getpid(),getppid());
}
return 0;
}
```

26. Create two different user-defined functions to generate the following process hierarchy shown in Figure-(a) and Figure-(b). Finally all the processes display their process ID and parent ID.

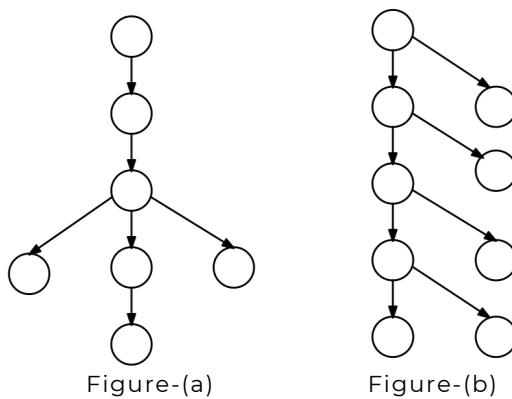


Figure 2: Process tree

Code here

```
void figA(){
if(fork()==0) fork();
else fork();
}
void figB(){
fork();
if(fork()==0) fork();
}
```

27. What output will be at Line X and Line Y?

```
#define SIZE 5
int nums[SIZE] = { 0,1,2,3,4 }      ;
int main(){
    int i;
    pid_t pid; fork(); == 0){ (i = 0; i
    pid = < SIZE; i++)
    if(pid *-i;
        for
    {
        nums[i] *= nums[i]
        printf("CHILD:%d ",nums[i]); /* LINE X */
    }
}
else if (pid > 0) {
    wait(NULL);
    for (i = 0; i < SIZE; i++)
        printf("PARENT: %d ",nums[i]); /* LINE Y */
}
return 0;
}
```

Output

```
CHILD:0 CHILD:0
CHILD:-8 CHILD:-27
CHILD:-64
PARENT:0 PARENT:1
PARENT:2 PARENT:3
PARENT:4
```

28. The Fibonacci sequence is the series of numbers 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8,

Write a C program using the fork() system call that generates the Fibonacci sequence in the child process. The number of the sequence will be provided in the command line. For example, if 5 is provided, the first five numbers in the Fibonacci sequence will be output by the child.

Code here

```
if(fork()==0){
    a=0;b=1;
for(i=2;i<n;i++){ c=a+b; printf("%d ",c); a=b; b=c; }
    }else wait(NULL);
```

29. Write a **MulThree.c** program to multiply three numbers and display the output. Now write another C program **PracticeExecl.c**, which will fork a child process and the child process will execute the file **MulThree.c** and generate the output. The parent process will wait till the termination of the child and the parent process will print the process ID and exit status of the child.

Code here

```
MulThree.c
printf("Multiplication: %d\n",2*3*4);

PracticeExecl.c
if(fork()==0)
exec("./MulThree","MulThree",NULL);
else{
    wait(NULL);
printf("Parent: Child complete\n");
}
```

30. You know the usages of the command **grep**. Implement the working of **grep -n pattern filename** in a child process forked from the parent process using **execl** system call. The parent process will wait till the termination of the child and the parent process will print the process ID and exit status of the child.

Code here

```
if(fork()==0)
execl("/bin/grep","grep","-n","pattern","file.txt",NULL);
else{
    wait(NULL);
    printf("Parent: grep done\n");
}
```

31. Implement the above question using `execv`, `execlp`, `execvp`, `execle`, `execve` system calls.

Code here for `execv`

(a) Using `execv`

```
char *args[] = {"./bin/grep", "-n", "pattern", "file.txt", NULL};  
    execv("./bin/grep", args);  
    perror("execv failed");
```

(b) Using `execlp`

```
execlp("grep", "grep", "-n", "pattern", "file.txt", NULL);  
    perror("execlp failed");
```

(c) Using `execvp`

```
char *args[] = {"grep", "-n", "pattern", "file.txt", NULL};  
    execvp("grep", args);  
    perror("execvp failed");
```

(d) Using `execve`

```
char *args[] = {"grep", "-n", "pattern", "file.txt", NULL};  
char *envp[] = {NULL}; // inherit current environment  
    execve("./bin/grep", args, envp);  
    perror("execve failed");
```

(e) Using `execle`

```
char *envp[] = {NULL};  
execle("./bin/grep", "grep", "-n", "pattern", "file.txt", NULL, envp);  
    perror("execle failed");
```