

# LAB ASSIGNMENT 5: On Processes in Linux

Deadline: 6<sup>th</sup> September 2015, 5:00 pm

This assignment consists of two tasks. You have to execute both these tasks on **Linux** in **C**.

**Task 1:** In this task, you have to develop a program called `lab1Task5-<xxxx>.c`, where `<xxxx>` is your roll number. This program will take as input two positive integers *max* and *num* from the user where  $num \leq max$ . Assume that both *num* and *max* are small (preferably less than 50). Then, it creates two child processes *c1* and *c2*. Let the parent process be denoted as *p1*.

Process *c1* **randomly** chooses *num* numbers between 1 – *max*. It displays these numbers on the screen and then computes the **product** of these numbers which is also displayed on the screen. We denote the product as *prod*.

Along the same lines, process *c2* chooses *num* numbers between 1 – *max*. It displays these numbers on the screen and then computes the **sum** of these numbers which is also displayed on the screen. Let us denote the product as *sum*.

The parent process waits for both these children to terminate. It then finally computes the difference of *prod* and *sum* (which could also be negative). A sample input and output is as follows:

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$ lab1Task5-<xxxx>.o
num: 3
max: 10
```

Output of *c1*: 7 8 9 prod: 504

Output of *c2*: 3 5 7 sum: 15

Output of *p*: 489

Note: Since the processes *c1* and *c2* are executing concurrently, the order of display of these processes can be different.

**Task 2:** Develop a program `lab5Task2-<xxxx>.c` which takes a valid *pid* and display the list of all its ancestors. If the *pid* is not valid, then it should output *pid* is not valid.

*pstree* is a shell command that takes a *pid* and displays the tree of processes. Use this shell command to achieve this task.

**Deliverables:** You have to submit the following

- A report describing your implementation
- Source codes of `lab5Task1-<xxxx>.c` and `lab5Task2-<xxxx>.c`

The report should describe in detail how you completed Tasks 1 and 2. Provide all CODE that you wrote in this report. Make sure that your report is technically sound and readable.

**Submission deadline: 6<sup>th</sup> September 2015, 5:00 pm**

**Evaluation Criteria:**

Task	Report Description	Code Execution	Total
Task 1	35	25	60
Task 2	25	15	4