# CSC3150 Assignment1 Report

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### 1. Design

#### 1a. Overview

Assignment 1 asks us to do some programming exercise about process in user mode and kernel mode. In this assignment, we need to learn how to install the virtual machine and deploy the kernel environment. Besides, we are required to understand the working logic of process and kernel. And for bonus question, we need to learn the proc filesystem, how to get the pid, ppid, and other information of a process.

#### 1b. Task 1

Task 1 is quite simple, since it is based on user mode. In this task, we need to fork a child process, and then, execute the test program and get the status signal information from child process. Finally, we are required to print out this information in parent process. The pivotal API that I used in this task is **fork()**, **execve()**, **waitpid()**, etc. First, I use **fork()** to generate a child process. Then, **execve()** is used in child process to execute the test program. During the execution, **waitpid()** is used in parent process to wait for child process terminates and get the returned signal information. Finally, in parent process, I use **WIFEXITED()**, **WEXITSTATUS()** and **WIFSTOPPED()** to check the received signal and print out the information.

#### 1c. Task 2

Task 2 is more difficult than task 1, since it is based on kernel mode, which means that we need to deploy the correct kernel environment and implement the same function in a more underlying way. The detailed of deploying the environment will be discussed in later. Here, I just focus on the functions we need to implement in task 2. First, I write **myfork()** function to create a kernel thread. In fact, this function is based on two functions **my\_exec()** and **my\_wait()**, which are also written by myself. **my\_exec()** function is used for child process to executing the test program, which is based on **do\_execve()** and **getname\_kernel** (get the filename of the test program). For the parent process, it will wait until the child process terminates using **my\_wait()** function, which is based on **do\_wait()** and combine the construction of the wait\_opts structure (since it is not included in the head file, we need to write this structure by ourselves), and then print the signal information to kernel log. Similar to task 1, I classify the signal according to its value, here is the member variable wo\_stat of wait\_opts structure and we need to use (& 0x7f) since the value we get from wo\_stat is the true signal shifted for some signals. Finally, exit the module. Since we need to use the functions in kernel source code, we are required to export the symbol in kernel source code and extern them in our script, including **kernel\_clone**, **do\_execve**, **getname\_kernel** and **do\_wait**. After the modification, recompilation of the kernel is needed. The updated modules need to be installed.

#### 1d. Bonus Task

In this task, we need to write a code to implement the **pstree** function in linux commend and the options of this function. I will introduce my implementation in detail. First, I construct a structure call **TNode** to store the

information of each process and thread, including PID, PPID, TGID, process name, the child process pointer, the peer process pointer, the boolean type variables checkFirstChild (whether it is the first child in the next generation, which influences the print logic), InThreadGroup (whether it is in thread group, which also influences the print logic, whether we need to use {} when print out the process name), HasBeenConsidered (it is used when building the node, if it has bee considered, then we don't need to consider it again). Here, the boolean type is defined by myself. Then, I get the process information in /proc directory, here I enter the number directory and read the /status file to get the detail information, such as pid, ppid, tgid, process name. And for thread, I get their information through /task, and tgid is their parent's pid. These information are first stored in arrays. And then, I build the tree by recursively invoke **buildNode** function. After I build the tree, I recursively invoke **PrintNode** function to print this tree like **pstree** commend. In fact, since the time is really limited and I want to learn this knowledge, so my implementation method is based on a github repository. But I still do some personal work to modify that code, for example, the coding logic, the printing format of the tree, and the options of this commend. I just want to show the elegant implementation and my understanding of this task, which is based on recursion method. TAs are not necessarily give me the full grade of bonus task since it is not totally my work. I implement the options -p and -V.

#### 1e. Some details

1. The initialization of wait\_opts object is like the following.

```
struct wait_opts wo;
  struct pid *wo_pid = NULL;
  enum pid_type type;
  type = PIDTYPE_PID;
  wo_pid = find_get_pid(pid);

wo.wo_type = type;
  wo.wo_pid = wo_pid;
  wo.wo_flags = WEXITED | WSTOPPED; // it is used to deal with the stop signal
  wo.wo_info = NULL;
  wo.wo_rusage = NULL;
```

2. The initialization of kernel\_clone\_args object is like the following.

```
struct kernel_clone_args kargs = {
    .flags = ((SIGCHLD | CLONE_VM | CLONE_UNTRACED) & ~CSIGNAL),
    .pidfd = NULL,
    .child_tid = NULL,
    .parent_tid = NULL,
    .exit_signal = SIGCHLD & CSIGNAL,
    .stack = (unsigned long)&my_exec,
    .stack_size = 0,
    .tls = 0};
```

I know the values of the member variables by seeing the source code.

#### 1f. Setting clang-format

The clang-format I used is the same as the kernel source code.

First, I copy the ".clang-format" file from the linux-kernel to my assignment directory.

And I install the clang-format-8 (the version is larger than or equal to 4, otherwise, there is some problem). Then, I use the commend like the following to change my code format to be the same as the kernel source code format.

```
vagrant@csc3150:~/Assignment_1_120090414$ cd source/program1
vagrant@csc3150:~/Assignment_1_120090414/source/program1$ clang-format-8 -i program1.c
vagrant@csc3150:~/Assignment_1_120090414/source/program1$ cd ..
vagrant@csc3150:~/Assignment_1_120090414/source$ cd program2
vagrant@csc3150:~/Assignment_1_120090414/source/program2$ clang-format-8 -i program2.c
vagrant@csc3150:~/Assignment_1_120090414/source$ cd bonus$
vagrant@csc3150:~/Assignment_1_120090414/source$ clang-format-8 -i pstree.c
vagrant@csc3150:~/Assignment_1_120090414/source/bonus$ clang-format-8 -i pstree.c
```

## 2. Set up the environment

#### 2a. Environment

OS version: Ubuntu 16.04.7 LTS

Kernel version: 5.10.27

gcc version: 5.4.0 (above 4.9, satisfy the requirement)

```
vagrant@csc3150:~/Assignment_1_120090414$ lsb_release -a
No LSB modules are available.
Distributor ID: Ubuntu
Description: Ubuntu 16.04.7 LTS
Release: 16.04
Codename: xenial
vagrant@csc3150:~/Assignment_1_120090414$ uname -r
5.10.27
```

```
Thread model: posix
gcc version 5.4.0 20160609 (Ubuntu 5.4.0-6ubuntu1~16.04.12)
```

#### 2b. Details of setting up the environment

The installation of virtual machine and the settings of vagrant, the compilation process is introduced very meticulously in tutorial, so I think I don't need to repeat the procedure here. The most important thing is my modification in kernel source code.

I need to export symbols of four functions "kernel\_clone"(/kernel/fork.c), "do\_execve" (/fs/exec.c), "getname\_kernel" (/fs/namei.c) and "do\_wait"(/kernel/exit.c). I use "sudo su" to get the permission to modify kernel code and use vim to modify it. The code is just like:

```
EXPORT_SYMBOL(do_execve);
```

We should pay attention that the code should added after the inclusion of head files. And for static function, we need to delete the "static" keyword.

In our c program, we need to extern these functions, like the following:

After modifying the kernel source code, we can compile the code. The procedure in tutorial is very detailed, like the following:

- Download source code from
  - http://www.kernel.org
  - o mirro: https://mirror.tuna.tsinghua.edu.cn/kernel/v5.x/
- Install Dependency and development tools
  - sudo apt-get install libncurses-dev gawk flex bison openssl libssl-dev dkms libelf-dev libudevdev libpci-dev libiberty-dev autoconf llvm dwarves
- Extract the source file to /home/seed/work
  - cp KERNEL\_FILE.tar.xz /home/seed/work
  - o cd /home/seed/work
  - \$sudo tar xvf KERNEL FILE.tar.xz
- Copy config from /boot to /home/seed/work/KERNEL\_FILE
- Login root account and go to kernel source directory
  - \$sudo su
  - \$cd /home/seed/work /KERNEL\_FILE

 Clean previous setting and start configuration \$make mrproper \$make clean \$make menuconfig configuration written to .config save the config and exit Kernel: arch/x86/boot/bzImage is ready (#1) Build kernel Image and modules root@VM:/usr/src/linux-4.10.14# \$make bzImage -i\$(nproc) \$make modules -j\$(nproc) ~ 30 mins to finish I use this commend \$make -i\$(nproc) Desktop (you could use this command to replace above two comman

## Install kernel modules

• \$make modules\_install root@VM:/home/seed/sdb4/linux-4.10.14#

## Install kernel

• \$make install — done root@VM:/home/seed/sdb4/linux-4.10.14#

### Reboot to load new kernel

\$reboot

(When rebooting, you should select the updated kernel)

#### 3. Execution

#### 3a. Task 1

- 1. Cd to the directory of program 1 (containing all the source codes and makefile)
- 2. Type "make"
- 3. Type "./program1 testfile". testfile is the file to be executed in child process. For example, "./program1 alarm"

#### 3b. Task 2

- 1. Update the kernel source code (add EXPORT\_SYMBOL() for 4 functions invoked)
- 2. Compile the kernel: sudo su; cd to kernel file; make mrproper; make clean; make menuconfig (need to install a tool here); (Recompile start from here) make bzlmage; make modules; make modules\_install; make install;
- 3. reboot
- 4. Cd to the directory of program 2 (containing all the source codes and makefile).
- 5. Compile the test program: gcc -o test test.c
- 6. Type "sudo make"
- 7. Type "sudo insmod program2.ko" to install the module.

- 8. Type "sudo rmmod program2" to remove the module.
- 9. Type "dmesg" to get the kernel log.

#### 3c. Task 3

- 1. Cd to the directory of bonus (containing all the source codes and makefile)
- 2. Type "make"
- 3. Type "./pstree" to see the normal print result. Type "./pstree -V", "./pstree -p" to see the print result under options.

### 4. Output

#### 4a. Task 1

1. Abort signal

2. Alarm signal

3. Bus signal

#### 4. Floating signal

#### 5. Hangup signal

```
vagrant@csc3150:~/Assignment_1_120090414/source/program1$ ./program1 hangup
Process start to fork
I'm the Parent Process, my pid = 18326
I'm the Child Process, my pid = 18327
Child process start to execute test program:
------CHILD PROCESS START-----
This is the SIGHUP program

Parent process receives SIGCHLD signal
child process get SIGHUP signal
```

#### 6. Illegal\_instr signal

```
vagrant@csc3150:~/Assignment_1_120090414/source/program1$ ./program1 illegal_instr
Process start to fork
I'm the Parent Process, my pid = 18351
I'm the Child Process, my pid = 18352
Child process start to execute test program:
------CHILD PROCESS START-----
This is the SIGILL program

Parent process receives SIGCHLD signal
child process get SIGILL signal
Parent@csc3150:~/Assignment_1_120090414/source/program1$
```

#### 7. Interrupt signal

```
vagrant@csc3150:~/Assignment_1_120090414/source/program1$ ./program1 interrupt
Process start to fork
I'm the Parent Process, my pid = 18398
I'm the Child Process, my pid = 18399
Child process start to execute test program:
------CHILD PROCESS START-----
This is the SIGINT program

Parent process receives SIGCHLD signal
child process get SIGINT signal
vagrant@csc3150:~/Assignment 1 120090414/source/program1$
```

#### 8. Kill signal

#### 9. Normal signal

```
vagrant@csc3150:~/Assignment_1_120090414/source/program1$ ./program1 normal
Process start to fork
I'm the Child Process, my pid = 18500
Child process start to execute test program:
I'm the Parent Process, my pid = 18499
------CHILD PROCESS START-----
This is the normal program
------CHILD PROCESS END------
Parent process receives SIGCHLD signal
Normal termination with EXIT STATUS = 0
```

#### 10. Pipe signal

```
vagrant@csc3150:~/Assignment_1_120090414/source/program1$ ./program1 pipe
Process start to fork
I'm the Parent Process, my pid = 18530
I'm the Child Process, my pid = 18531
Child process start to execute test program:
------CHILD PROCESS START-----
This is the SIGPIPE program

Parent process receives SIGCHLD signal
child process get SIGPIPE signal
vagrant@csc3150:~/Assignment 1 120090414/source/program1$
```

#### 11. Quit signal

#### 12. Segment\_fault signal

#### 13. Stop signal

#### 14. Terminate signal

#### 4b. Task 2

1. Abort signal

```
vagrant@csc3150:~/Assignment 1 120090414/source/program2$ dmesg
               [program2] : module init Xiang Fei 120090414
[42881.499340]
                program2] : module init create kthread start
42881.499341]
                program2] : module init kthread start
42881.499436]
                program2] : The child process has pid = 7171
[42881.500415]
                program2] : This is the parent process, pid = 7169
42881.500416
                program2] : child process
42881.500417
                program2] : get SIGABRT signal
42881.582033
                program2] : child process is aborted
42881.582034
                program2] : The return signal is 6
42881.582035
               [program2] : module exit./mv
 42884.487379]
```

#### 2. Alarm signal

```
42934.998150
               program2]
                         : module init Xiang Fei 120090414
               program2] : module init create kthread start
42934.998151
               program2]
                         : module init kthread start
42934.998210
               program2] : The child process has pid = 7805
[42934.999508]
                program2]
                         : This is the parent process, pid = 7802
42934.999509
                         : child process
42934.999750
               program2]
                         : get SIGALRM signal
[42937.035825]
               program2
                         : child process is alarmed
42937.035830
                program2
                         : The return signal is 14
42937.035834
               [program2]
                         : module exit./my
42937.473690
               program2]
```

3. Bus signal

```
[program2]
                         : module init Xiang Fei 120090414
42977.221173
               program2] : module init create kthread start
42977.221175
42977.221246
               program2] : module init kthread start
               program2]
                         : The child process has pid = 8445
[42977.222033]
               program21
                         : This is the parent process, pid = 8443
[42977.222033]
               program2]
                          : child process
[42977.222034]
                          : get SIGBUS signal
42977.299985
               program2
                         : child process has bus error
42977.299986
               program2
                          : The return signal is 7
42977.299987
               program2
                          : module exit./my
42979.656820
               program2
```

#### 4. Floating signal

```
program2] : module init kthread start
43014.763396]
                          : The child process has pid = 9086
[43014.763519]
                program2]
[43014.763519]
                          : This is the parent process, pid = 9085
                program2]
                program2]
                          : child process
[43014.763521]
                           : get SIGFPE signal
43014.842537
                program2
                           : child process has floating point exception
[43014.842538]
                program2
                           : The return signal is 8
[43014.842539]
                program2
                           : module exit./my
43017.129191
                program2
```

#### 5. Hangup signal

```
43052.337040
                          : module init Xiang Fei 120090414
               [program2]
                          : module init create kthread start
43052.337042
               program2
               [program2] : module_init kthread start
[43052.337086]
                program2] : The child process has pid = 9730
[43052.337175]
                          : This is the parent process, pid = 9729
43052.337175
                program2]
                          : child process
43052.337177
                program2]
                          : get SIGHUP signal
43052.337453
                program2]
                          : child process terminal hangup or process death
                program2]
                          : The return signal is 1
43052.337454
               program2
                           module exit./my
```

#### 6. Illegal\_instr signal

```
program2]
                         : module init Xiang Fei 120090414
45114.359616
                         : module init create kthread start
45114.359617
               program2]
                         : module init kthread start
[45114.359664]
               program2]
                         : The child process has pid = 10484
[45114.360957]
               program2]
                          : This is the parent process, pid = 10482
               [program2]
45114.360958
                          : child process
45114.360959
               program2
                          : get SIGILL signal
45114.438842
               program2
                          : child process has illegal instruction
45114.438843
               program2
[45114.438844]
                          : The return signal is 4
               program2
45116.817816
                          : module exit./mv
```

```
45152,483446]
               program2]
                         : module init Xiang Fei 120090414
               program2] : module init create kthread start
45152.483447]
               [program2] : module_init kthread start
45152.483466
               [program2] : The child process has pid = 11116
45152.489242
                         : This is the parent process, pid = 11113
45152.489243]
               [program2]
                         : child process
45152.490472
               program2]
                         : get SIGINT signal
[45152.490789]
                          : child process receives interrupt signal from keyboard
[45152.490790]
               [program2]
45152.490790
               program2
                          : The return signal is 2
                           module exit./my
45154.703886]
```

#### 8. Kill signal

```
: module init Xiang Fei 120090414
               program2]
45265.430816
                          : module init create kthread start
45265,430817
               program2
                          : module init kthread start
45265.430906
               program2
                         : The child process has pid = 11774
45265.431441
                program2
                          : This is the parent process, pid = 11772
45265.431441
                          : child process
45265.431443
               program2
                           get SIGKILL signal
                program2
45265.431650
                          : child process is killed
45265.431650
                          : The return signal is 9
45265.431651
               program2
                          : module exit./my
45269.195708
               program2
```

#### 9. Normal signal

```
45357.868578
                program2
                          : module init Xiang Fei 120090414
45357.868579
                program2]
                          : module init create kthread start
                          : module init kthread start
45357.868614
                program2
                          : The child process has pid = 12426
45357.868751
                program2
                          : This is the parent process, pid = 12425
45357.868751
                program2
                          : child process
45357.868752
                program2
                          : Normal termination
45357.868991
                program2
                          : The return signal is 0
45357.868992
                program2
                            module exit./my
45362.175123
               [program2
```

#### 10. Pipe signal

```
module init Xiang Fei 120090414
45492.580878
45492.580879
                         : module init create kthread start
                         : module init kthread start
45492.580914
                          : The child process has pid = 13061
45492.580936
               program2
                         : This is the parent process, pid = 13060
45492.580937
                           child process
45492.580939
                           get SIGPIPE signal
45492.581452
               program2
                           child process writes on broken pipe
45492.581453
                           The return signal is 13
               program2
               program2
                         : module exit./my
```

```
program2]
                          : module init Xiang Fei 120090414
45540,405596]
45540.405597
                        : module init create kthread start
               program2
               program2]
                          : module init kthread start
45540.405638]
                          : The child process has pid = 13680
45540.406678]
               program2]
                          : This is the parent process, pid = 13678
45540.406679
               program2
                          : child process
[45540.406680]
               program2]
                          : get SIGQUIT signal
[45540.483833]
               program2
                          : child process has quit signal
45540.483834
               program2
                          : The return signal is 3
45540.483835
               program2]
                          : module exit./mv
45543.731975
               program2
```

#### 12. Segment fault signal

```
45584.279302
                         : module init Xiang Fei 120090414
               program2]
                         : module init create kthread start
45584.279303
               program2]
                         : module init kthread start
45584.279341
               program2]
                         : The child process has pid = 14300
45584.279362
               program2]
                         : This is the parent process, pid = 14299
45584.279363
               program2]
                         : child process
45584.279365
               program2
                         : get SIGSEGV signal
45584.359206
               program2]
                         : child process refers to invalid memory
45584.359207
               program2
                         : The return signal is 11
45584.359209
               program2]
                         : module exit./my
45586.910511
               program2]
```

#### 13. Stop signal

```
45617.567431
               program2] : module init Xiang Fei 120090414
               [program2] : module init create kthread start
45617.567432
                        : module init kthread start
45617.567496
               [program2]
               program2] : The child process has pid = 14932
45617.567517
               program2
                        : This is the parent process, pid = 14931
45617.567518
                         : child process
45617.567519
               [program2]
                         : get SIGSTOP signal
45617.567708
               program2
                           child process is stopped
               program2
45617.567708
                         : The return signal is 19
45617.567709]
              [program2]
                         : module exit./my
45622.985211
              [program2]
```

#### 14. Terminate signal

```
: module init Xiang Fei 120090414
45653.892688
                program2]
               program2] : module init create kthread start
[45653.892689]
               program2] : module init kthread start
45653.892737
                         : The child process has pid = 15584
               program2]
45653.892778
                         : This is the parent process, pid = 15583
[45653.892779]
               [program2]
                          : child process
               program2
45653.892781
                          : get SIGTERM signal
45653.893102
               program2
                          : child process terminates
               program2
                          : The return signal is 15
               program2
45653.893103
                          : module exit./my
45657.4930981
```

#### 15. trap signal

```
45684.874579]
               [program2] : module_init Xiang Fei 120090414
45684.874581
               program2]
                         : module init create kthread start
               program2] : module init kthread start
45684.874654
45684.875183
                        : The child process has pid = 16202
               program2]
45684.875184
                         : This is the parent process, pid = 16200
               program2
                         : child process
45684.875186
               program2
45684.952713
                           get SIGTRAP signal
               program2
                           child process reaches a breakpoint
45684.952715
               program2
                         : The return signal is 5
45684.952715
               program2
                         : module exit./my
              [program2]
```

#### 4c. Bonus Task

#### 1. ./pstree

```
vagrant@csc3150:~/Assignment 1 120090414/source/bonus$ ./pstree
 systemd-
            -lxcfs-
                      {lxcfs}
                      lxcfs
                      lxcfs
                      [lxcfs]
            -rsyslogd-
                        {rs:main Q:Reg}
                         (in:imklog)
                         {in:imuxsock}
                                 {gdbus}
            -accounts-daemon-
                                 {gmain}
            -atd
            -systemd-logind
            -cron
            -acpid
            -iscsid
            -iscsid
            -dbus-daemon
            -dhclient
            -systemd-udevd
            -lvmetad
            -systemd-journal
            stop
            -VBoxService-
                            {automount}
                             vmstats}
                             [memballoon}
                             cpuhotplug}
                             vminfo}
                             timesync}
                             control}
                            {RTThrdPP}
                       (sd-pam)
            systemd-
```

2. ./pstree -V

```
vagrant@csc3150:~/Assignment_1_120090414/source/bonus$ ./pstree -V
pstree (PSmisc) 22.21
Copyright (C) 1993-2009 Werner Almesberger and Craig Small

PSmisc comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY.
This is free software, and you are welcome to redistribute it under the terms of the GNU General Public License.
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vagrant@csc3150:~/Assignment 1 120090414/source/bonus$
```

#### 3. ./pstree -p

```
vagrant@csc3150:~/Assignment_1_120090414/source/bonus$ ./pstree -p
            __lxcfs(994)-
systemd(1)-
                            ·{lxcfs}(3561)
                             1xcfs}(3560)
                             lxcfs}(1003)
                            {lxcfs}(1002)
                               -{rs:main Q:Reg}(1015)
             -rsyslogd(993)-
                                (in:imklog}(1014)
                               (in:imuxsock)(1013)
             -accounts-daemon(987)-
                                      -{gdbus}(1058)
                                       {gmain}(1021)
             -atd(986)
              systemd-logind(984)
             -cron(981)
             -acpid(977)
             -iscsid(975)
             -iscsid(974)
             -dbus-daemon(970)
             -dhclient(822)
             -systemd-udevd(404)
             -lvmetad(402)
             -systemd-journal(362)
             -stop(14932)
             -VBoxService(1348)-
                                   {automount}(1360)
                                    vmstats}(1359)
                                    memballoon}(1355)
                                    cpuhotplug}(1354)
                                    vminfo}(1353)
                                    timesync}(1352)
                                    control}(1351)
                                    (RTThrdPP)(1350)
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## 5. My feeling

I have gained a lot from this assignment. The process of completing this assignment was not smooth sailing, and many difficulties were encountered during the process. For example, the virtual machine and physical machine do not have enough memory at the beginning, which leads to problems with kernel compilation; the kernel version used in the demonstration in the tutorial is different from the version we need to use, and there is nothing about the usage of those interfaces on the Internet. Detailed introduction, which led me to read the source code myself to learn how to use those interfaces and the logic in them, which is quite difficult.

In this assignment, I learned how to install the virtual machine and deploy the kernel environment. Besides, I also understand the working logic of process and kernel. And for bonus question, I learned the proc filesystem, how to get the pid, ppid, and other information of a process. For me, since I have an internship about backend-development, I'm familiar with linux commend, but this is the first time for me to implement a linux commend by myself using c language. And before, I have never learned the knowledge about kernel. I find that I already touch some more basic knowledge about computer and programming. It helps me a lot.

Last but not least, I can feel that TAs are hard-working and laborious for this course. They have large workloads and will be disturbed by mountains of questions raised by students. Good luck to you!