

Lab 6

Programming to C

CSCI 112, Fall 2020

Objectives

- Practice with using `execl`, `wait`, and `fork`

Description:

You are going to read in all the processes that are currently running (using `ps aux`). Then you are going to find the last user to do a bash process (is -bash). Then you will do a `finger` command on that net id. Print out the user's name and the last time they logged in.

Requirements:

- Best practice: create a directory called `lab6` to work in
- You must do this all in one program – you can't write a script to do some of this for you.
- Write the output to the screen
- DO NOT USE GLOBALS.
- MUST COMPILE WITH `-Wall`
- You must submit:
 - 1) Screen shot showing your successful compile and successful run with output
 - 2) source code
- You must use `fork`, `execl`, and `wait` system function calls.
- When reading each line for `ps aux`, the line can be very long. So malloc memory for line to be 2000 characters. Because of this, you must free the memory after you process each line.
- Find the last netid that is doing a -bash process and is not your netid and is not root.
- Each time you open a file for reading (the ones where you redirected output from `ps aux` and `finger`) you must check to see that it will open successfully. Exit if it doesn't. (There is a chance that the parent process will try to open the file for reading before `execl` is done writing to the file.)

My Output

```
name is ethan.house
On since Wed Nov  4 13:49 (MST) on pts/31 from 153.90.90.156
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Submission

- Due Date: Monday, 11/16 at 11pm

Each student will complete and submit this assignment individually. I will check for plagiarism. Labs submitted after the due date/time will not be accepted.

Grading

Points (100 pts)

- 5 points – comments explaining what your program does
- 10 points – indent your code so it is readable
- 15 points – submitted screenshot as required above
- 15 points – compiles successfully with -Wall – no warnings
- 15 points – submits the output files containing your ps aux output and your finger output
- 10 points – submitted source code
- 7 points – uses fork
- 7 points – uses execl
- 6 points – uses wait
- 5 points – prints the correct output
- 5 points – free each line you read after you process it