

# Assignment 1: MyShell

The purpose of this assignment is to use the fork, wait, and execvp to write a simple Linux shell. This shell is called “MyShell”, and the goal of MyShell is to continually prompt the user to supply a command, execute that command, and show the next prompt, once the command is executed.

The file MyShell.c is already given to you. The file contains the functions shown in the below table. You should NOT change the method signatures. You should implement the missing portions of the program as per the guidelines given below, which is firmly required. You may add additional functions if necessary.

**NOTE: you are required to include comments for the code written by yourself. If you use any online resources, please cite in the comments as well.**

Functions	Parameters
<code>int main(int argc, char** argv)</code>	Parameters: int argc, char **argv Return: EXIT_SUCCESS
<code>char** parse(void)</code>	Parameters: none Return: char** pointer
<code>int execute(char** args)</code>	Parameters: char** args Return: 0/1 [can be used to tell main to exit the infinite loop]

`int main(int argc, char** argv)`

- The main function should display the *MyShell>* prompt. You should not change the name of the prompt.
- The main function should indefinitely run until terminated by CTRL+C or when the user types the *exit* command in the *MyShell>* prompt.
- It should call the `parse()` function in order to accept and process the command the user enters
- It should call the `execute()` function to actually execute the command

`char** parse(void)`

- Gets the input typed by the user in the *MyShell>* prompt in the form of a line
- Splits the line into tokens
- The tokens are used to create a `char**` pointer which will serve as an argument for `execvp` in `execute()` function

`int execute(char** args)`

- `char** args` is obtained from the `parse` function

- You should fork a child and execute the command typed in by the user using EXECVP. You should only use execvp and not other versions.
- When fork fails, an error message should be printed. However, the next *MyShell>* prompt should be shown.
- When execvp is not successful, an error message should be printed, and the child should terminate. However, the next *MyShell>* prompt should be shown.
- When an empty command is entered, the next *MyShell>* prompt should be shown.
- When the command *exit* is entered by the user, the main program must exit [You may or may not fork in order to implement the exit command].
- The parent should wait for the child to terminate before it accepts another command. You can use wait or waitpid for this.

#### Other guidelines or useful hints:

- User command plus arguments will not exceed 255 characters
- Each command may have different number of arguments. We assume it will not exceed 255 arguments
- Variables stored in Stack cannot be accessed outside of a function/procedure, while data dynamically allocated in Heap can be accessed by any function within one program.
- Only one command should be typed at the *MyShell>* prompt, no pipelining of commands
- Commands run in *MyShell>* will assume the user's original path: Type "echo \$PATH" to see the current path variable setting. Myshell is not responsible for finding the path for the commands or files.
- If the user makes a mistake typing a command and/or its arguments, execvp should simply fail to run the command. A simple error should be shown, but next *MyShell>* prompt should be displayed.
- Please note that complicated commands like "cd" may not work as shown in the sample output.
- If execvp was not successful (e.g., a wrong command), remember to 'exit(0)' the child process.
- The best command to test different cases is 'echo', for which you can give different numbers of characters and arguments.

**What you should submit:** A single, completed file *MyShell.c* to canvas. Note: make sure it is compliable using gcc 9.4.0 and above in Ubuntu.

#### Sample Output:

```
root@juhuah-VirtualBox: /media/sf_422Winter22/A1# ./MyShell-Solution
MyShell>
MyShell>
MyShell> pwd
/media/sf_422Winter22/A1
MyShell>
MyShell>
MyShell> ls
Makefile  MyShell.c  MyShell-Solution  MyShell-Solution.c
MyShell>
MyShell>
MyShell> cd
error executing command: No such file or directory
MyShell>
MyShell>
MyShell> cd ..
error executing command: No such file or directory
MyShell>
MyShell>
MyShell> hello my name is juhua
error executing command: No such file or directory
MyShell>
MyShell>
MyShell> wc MyShell.c
  46  148 1165 MyShell.c
MyShell>
MyShell>
MyShell> grep -c the MyShell.c
6
MyShell>
MyShell>
MyShell> exit
exitingroot@juhuah-VirtualBox: /media/sf_422Winter22/A1# ./MyShell-Solution
MyShell>
MyShell>
MyShell> ^C
root@juhuah-VirtualBox: /media/sf_422Winter22/A1#
```

## Grading Rubric

This assignment will be scored out of 100\* points. (100/100) = 100%  
110 points are possible.

### External Correctness:

- MyShell> is displayed correctly 5 (-1 without comments for the code written)
- MyShell> accepts user input 5 (-1 without comments for the code written)
- MyShell> is displayed after executing a command 10 (-1 without comments for the code written)
- MyShell> is displayed after execvp fails 5 (-1 without comments for the code written)
- MyShell> is not displayed after the exit command 5 (-1 without comments for the code written)
- The command user types are executed 10 (-1 without comments for the code written)
- The command user types are executed, and the results are displayed 10 (-1 without comments for the code written)
- When the user types an empty command, no error message is printed and the next MyShell> prompt is displayed 10 (-1 without comments for the code written)
- When the user types *exit* the program terminates 10 (-1 without comments for the code written)
- When the user presses CTRL+C, the program terminates 10

## Internal Correctness:

- The `execvp` command is appropriately implemented with the correct arguments 5 (-1 without comments for the code written)
- After fork, the parent waits for the child to terminate 5 (-1 without comments for the code written)
- The user input is parsed and tokenized to suit the `execvp` arguments 5 (-1 without comments for the code written)
- There is code to display `MyShell>` prompt infinitely, except when exit command or CTRL+C is given 5 (-1 without comments for the code written)

## Warning:

- Automatic deduction of 10 points, if provided functions are not implemented as the guidelines.

## Extra Credit:

- If your program accepts user input (with unlimited length including unlimited number of arguments) you will receive additional 10 points (-1 without comments for the code written)
- Note: make sure your basic version works before you work on this extra credit one.