

Play with Processes on your Ubuntu VM: Lab 01 Part 1

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jay@jay-virtual-machine:~$ ps aux
USER          PID %CPU %MEM    VSZ   RSS TTY      STAT START   TIME COMMAND
root           1  0.0  0.3 168172 13408 ?        Ss   14:31   0:03 /sbin/init au
root           2  0.0  0.0      0     0 ?        S    14:31   0:00 [kthreadd]
root           3  0.0  0.0      0     0 ?        I<   14:31   0:00 [rcu_gp]
root           4  0.0  0.0      0     0 ?        I<   14:31   0:00 [rcu_par_gp]
root           5  0.0  0.0      0     0 ?        I<   14:31   0:00 [slub_flushwq
root           6  0.0  0.0      0     0 ?        I<   14:31   0:00 [netns]
root          11  0.0  0.0      0     0 ?        I<   14:31   0:00 [mm_percpu_wq
root          12  0.0  0.0      0     0 ?        I    14:31   0:00 [rcu_tasks_kt
root          13  0.0  0.0      0     0 ?        I    14:31   0:00 [rcu_tasks_ru
root          14  0.0  0.0      0     0 ?        I    14:31   0:00 [rcu_tasks_tr
root          15  0.0  0.0      0     0 ?        S    14:31   0:00 [ksoftirqd/0]
root          16  0.0  0.0      0     0 ?        I    14:31   0:01 [rcu_preempt]
root          17  0.0  0.0      0     0 ?        S    14:31   0:00 [migration/0]
root          18  0.0  0.0      0     0 ?        S    14:31   0:00 [idle_inject/
root          19  0.0  0.0      0     0 ?        S    14:31   0:00 [cpuhp/0]
root          20  0.0  0.0      0     0 ?        S    14:31   0:00 [cpuhp/1]
root          21  0.0  0.0      0     0 ?        S    14:31   0:00 [idle_inject/
root          22  0.0  0.0      0     0 ?        S    14:31   0:00 [migration/1]
root          23  0.0  0.0      0     0 ?        S    14:31   0:00 [ksoftirqd/1]
root          25  0.0  0.0      0     0 ?        I<   14:31   0:00 [kworker/1:0H
root          26  0.0  0.0      0     0 ?        S    14:31   0:00 [kdevtmpfs]
root          27  0.0  0.0      0     0 ?        I<   14:31   0:00 [inet_frag_wq
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jay@jay-virtual-machine:~$ ps -ef
UID          PID    PPID  C   STIME TTY          TIME CMD
root         1        0  0  14:31 ?        00:00:03 /sbin/init auto noprompt spl
root         2        0  0  14:31 ?        00:00:00 [kthreadd]
root         3        2  0  14:31 ?        00:00:00 [rcu_gp]
root         4        2  0  14:31 ?        00:00:00 [rcu_par_gp]
root         5        2  0  14:31 ?        00:00:00 [slub_flushwq]
root         6        2  0  14:31 ?        00:00:00 [netns]
root        11        2  0  14:31 ?        00:00:00 [mm_percpu_wq]
root        12        2  0  14:31 ?        00:00:00 [rcu_tasks_kthreadd]
root        13        2  0  14:31 ?        00:00:00 [rcu_tasks_rude_kthreadd]
root        14        2  0  14:31 ?        00:00:00 [rcu_tasks_trace_kthreadd]
root        15        2  0  14:31 ?        00:00:00 [ksoftirqd/0]
root        16        2  0  14:31 ?        00:00:01 [rcu_preempt]
root        17        2  0  14:31 ?        00:00:00 [migration/0]
root        18        2  0  14:31 ?        00:00:00 [idle_inject/0]
root        19        2  0  14:31 ?        00:00:00 [cpuhp/0]
root        20        2  0  14:31 ?        00:00:00 [cpuhp/1]
root        21        2  0  14:31 ?        00:00:00 [idle_inject/1]
root        22        2  0  14:31 ?        00:00:00 [migration/1]
root        23        2  0  14:31 ?        00:00:00 [ksoftirqd/1]
root        25        2  0  14:31 ?        00:00:00 [kworker/1:0H-kblockd]
root        26        2  0  14:31 ?        00:00:00 [kdevtmpfs]
root        27        2  0  14:31 ?        00:00:00 [inet_frag_wq]
root        29        2  0  14:31 ?        00:00:00 [kauditd]
root        31        2  0  14:31 ?        00:00:00 [khungtaskd]
root        32        2  0  14:31 ?        00:00:00 [oom_reaper]
root        34        2  0  14:31 ?        00:00:00 [writeback]
root        35        2  0  14:31 ?        00:00:00 [kcompactd0]
root        36        2  0  14:31 ?        00:00:00 [ksmd]
root        37        2  0  14:31 ?        00:00:00 [khugepaged]
root        38        2  0  14:31 ?        00:00:00 [kintegrityd]
root        39        2  0  14:31 ?        00:00:00 [kblockd]
root        40        2  0  14:31 ?        00:00:00 [blkcg_punt_bio]
root        41        2  0  14:31 ?        00:00:00 [tpm_dev_wq]
root        42        2  0  14:31 ?        00:00:00 [ata_sff]
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jay@jay-virtual-machine:~$ ps -u jay
PID TTY          TIME CMD
1023 ?           00:00:01 systemd
1046 ?           00:00:00 (sd-pam)
1086 ?           00:00:00 pipewire
1087 ?           00:00:00 pipewire-media-
1088 ?           00:00:00 pulseaudio
1090 ?           00:00:01 snapd-desktop-i
1092 ?           00:00:00 ubuntu-report
1097 ?           00:00:00 gnome-keyring-d
1101 ?           00:00:00 dbus-daemon
1104 tty2       00:00:00 gdm-wayland-ses
1118 tty2       00:00:00 gnome-session-b
1152 ?           00:00:00 gvfsd
1157 ?           00:00:00 gvfsd-fuse
1178 ?           00:00:00 gnome-session-c
1198 ?           00:00:00 gnome-session-b
1234 ?           00:00:00 at-spi-bus-laun
1238 ?           00:00:53 gnome-shell
1247 ?           00:00:00 dbus-daemon
1279 ?           00:00:00 xdg-document-po
1282 ?           00:00:00 xdg-permission-
1397 ?           00:00:00 gnome-shell-cal
1398 ?           00:00:00 snapd-desktop-i
1404 ?           00:00:00 evolution-sourc
1408 ?           00:00:00 xdg-desktop-por
1417 ?           00:00:00 xdg-desktop-por
1420 ?           00:00:00 goa-daemon
1431 ?           00:00:00 evolution-calen
1435 ?           00:00:00 gvfs-udisks2-vo
1444 ?           00:00:00 gvfs-mtp-volume
1455 ?           00:00:00 goa-identity-se
1457 ?           00:00:00 gvfs-gphoto2-vo
1464 ?           00:00:00 dconf-service
1473 ?           00:00:00 evolution-addre
1474 ?           00:00:00 gvfs-afc-volume
1481 ?           00:00:00 gvfs-goa-volume
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jay@jay-virtual-machine:~$ ps -e --sort=-%cpu
PID TTY          TIME CMD
5986 ?           00:00:12 gnome-terminal-
1238 ?           00:00:51 gnome-shell
851 ?           00:00:24 snapd
5943 ?           00:00:01 kworker/1:0-mpt_poll_0
4485 ?           00:00:02 gjs
625 ?           00:00:05 systemd-oomd
686 ?           00:00:06 vmtoolsd
1494 ?           00:00:08 packagekitd
1637 ?           00:00:07 vmtoolsd
1695 ?           00:00:09 snap-store
5874 ?           00:00:00 kworker/1:1-events
1 ?           00:00:03 systemd
2 ?           00:00:00 kthreadd
3 ?           00:00:00 rcu_gp
4 ?           00:00:00 rcu_par_gp
5 ?           00:00:00 slub_flushwq
6 ?           00:00:00 netns
11 ?          00:00:00 mm_percpu_wq
11 ?          00:00:00 rcu_tasks_kthreadd
12 ?          00:00:00 rcu_tasks_kthreadd
12 ?          00:00:00 rcu_tasks_rude_kthreadd
13 ?          00:00:00 rcu_tasks_trace_kthreadd
14 ?          00:00:00 ksoftirqd/0
15 ?          00:00:01 rcu_preempt
16 ?          00:00:00 migration/0
17 ?          00:00:00 idle_inject/0
18 ?          00:00:00 ksoftirqd/1
19 ?          00:00:00 cpuhp/0
20 ?          00:00:01 rcu_preempt
21 ?          00:00:00 migration/1
22 ?          00:00:00 ksoftirqd/1
23 ?          00:00:00 kworker/1:0H-kblockd
24 ?          00:00:00 kdevtmpfs
25 ?          00:00:00 inet_frag_wq
26 ?          00:00:00 kauditd
27 ?          00:00:00 khungtaskd
28 ?          00:00:00 writeback
29 ?          00:00:00 ksoftirqd/1
30 ?          00:00:00 kworker/1:0H-ttm
31 ?          00:00:00 kdevtmpfs
32 ?          00:00:00 inet_frag_wq
33 ?          00:00:00 kauditd
34 ?          00:00:00 khungtaskd
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jay 1743 0.0 0.8 721692 32848 ? Ssl 14:32 0:02 /usr/libexec/tracker-miner-fs-3
jay 1756 0.0 0.6 347044 27556 ? Ssl 14:32 0:00 /usr/libexec/xdg-desktop-portal-gtk
jay 1758 0.0 0.7 2534096 28332 ? Sl 14:32 0:00 /usr/bin/gjs /usr/share/gnome-shell/org.gnome.ScreenSaver
jay 1773 0.0 2.0 232600 81496 ? S 14:32 0:01 /usr/bin/xdg-desktop-portal-gnome -rootless -noreset -accessx -core -auth /run/user/1000/.nutter-Xwaylandauth.2IA0I2 -listen 4 -liste
jay 1875 0.0 2.0 545244 80072 ? Ssl 14:32 0:00 /usr/libexec/gsd-xsettings
jay 1937 0.0 0.6 196796 26752 ? Sl 14:32 0:00 /usr/libexec/ibus-x11
root 1996 0.0 0.8 394740 33512 ? Ssl 14:32 0:01 /usr/libexec/fwupd/fwupd
jay 2714 0.0 0.8 439336 33084 ? Sl 14:33 0:00 update-notifier
jay 4485 0.1 2.2 2844024 88740 ? Sl 15:27 0:03 gjs /usr/share/gnome-shell/extensions/ding@rastersoft.com/ding.js -E -P /usr/share/gnome-shell/extensions/ding@rastersof
root 5249 0.0 0.0 2892 1664 ? Ss 15:31 0:00 /bin/sh /snap/cups/1024/scripts/run-cups-browsed
root 5253 0.0 0.0 2892 1664 ? Ss 15:31 0:00 /bin/sh /snap/cups/1024/scripts/run-cupsd
root 5376 0.0 0.3 66620 12416 ? S 15:31 0:00 cupsd -f -s /var/snap/cups/common/etc/cups/cups-files.conf -c /var/snap/cups/common/etc/cups/cupsd.conf
root 5380 0.0 0.0 2892 896 ? S 15:31 0:00 /bin/sh /snap/cups/1024/scripts/run-cups-browsed
root 5381 0.0 0.0 3212 1792 ? S 15:31 0:00 sleep 3600
jay 5980 0.0 0.4 35896 19456 ? S 15:41 0:00 /usr/bin/python3 /usr/bin/gnome-terminal --wait
jay 5981 0.0 0.7 383276 28036 ? Sl 15:41 0:00 /usr/bin/gnome-terminal.real --wait
jay 5986 1.4 1.9 595776 77256 ? Rsl 15:41 0:24 /usr/libexec/gnome-terminal-server
jay 6004 0.0 0.1 11136 5248 pts/0 Ss 15:41 0:00 bash
root 6015 0.0 0.0 0 0 ? I 15:43 0:00 [kworker/u256:0-events_unbound]
root 6036 0.0 0.0 0 0 ? I< 15:46 0:00 [kworker/1:2H-ttm]
root 6046 0.2 0.0 0 0 ? I 15:55 0:02 [kworker/1:2-events]
jay 6048 0.0 0.1 96144 4992 ? Sl 15:56 0:00 /usr/lib/libreoffice/program/oosplash --writer
jay 6090 6.5 12.1 1228892 483316 ? Sl 15:56 0:52 /usr/lib/libreoffice/program/soffice.bin --writer
root 6146 0.0 0.0 0 0 ? I 16:00 0:00 [kworker/0:1-events]
jay 6158 0.0 0.2 317456 10680 ? Sl 16:00 0:00 /usr/libexec/gvfsd-network --spawner :1.6 /org/gtk/gvfs/exec_spaw/1
root 6160 0.2 0.0 0 0 ? I 16:00 0:01 [kworker/1:3-events]
root 6174 0.0 0.0 0 0 ? R 16:00 0:00 [kworker/u256:1-events_unbound]
root 6182 0.0 0.0 0 0 ? I< 16:00 0:00 [kworker/0:6H-kblockd]
root 6183 0.0 0.0 0 0 ? I< 16:00 0:00 [kworker/0:7H-ttm]
root 6204 0.0 0.0 0 0 ? I< 16:01 0:00 [kworker/1:6H-kblockd]
jay 6207 0.0 0.2 316820 9088 ? Sl 16:01 0:00 /usr/libexec/gvfsd-dnssd --spawner :1.6 /org/gtk/gvfs/exec_spaw/3
root 6237 0.0 0.0 0 0 ? I 16:05 0:00 [kworker/u256:2-events_unbound]
root 6238 0.0 0.0 0 0 ? I 16:05 0:00 [kworker/0:8-events]
root 6240 0.0 0.0 0 0 ? I 16:05 0:00 [kworker/1:0-events]
root 6241 0.0 0.0 0 0 ? I 16:05 0:00 [kworker/1:1-events]
jay 6248 0.0 0.0 12936 3840 pts/0 R+ 16:09 0:00 ps -aux
jay@jay-virtual-machine:~$ kill 6090
```

Figure 1: I used the kill command to close the LibreOffice Writer app I had opened. To use this, I needed to use the PID.

```
jay@jay-virtual-machine:~$ killall -u jay
```

Figure 2: I used the killall command to terminate all processes that I was running. And so I had to restart ubuntu.

```
jay@jay-virtual-machine:~$ pkill -9 -f "/usr/lib/libreoffice/program/soffice.bin --writer"
```

Figure 3: I used the pkill command to SIGKILL a specific command which is why I used -f.

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jay@jay-virtual-machine:~$ nice -n 10 /usr/lib/libreoffice/program/soffice.bin --writer
```

Figure 4: I used the nice command to assign a priority of 10 to the LibreOffice Writer command. Afterwards, it instantly opened a new document in the application.

```
jay@jay-virtual-machine:~$ ps
  PID TTY          TIME CMD
  3028 pts/0        00:00:00 bash
  3484 pts/0        00:00:00 bash
  3511 pts/0        00:00:00 ps
jay@jay-virtual-machine:~$ ps -l 3484
F S  UID      PID     PPID  C PRI  NI ADDR SZ WCHAN  TTY          TIME CMD
0 S  1000    3484     3028  0  90   10 -  2752 do_wai pts/0        0:00 bash
jay@jay-virtual-machine:~$ renice -5 -p 3484
renice: failed to set priority for 3484 (process ID): Permission denied
jay@jay-virtual-machine:~$ sudo renice -5 -p 3484
[sudo] password for jay:
3484 (process ID) old priority 10, new priority -5
```

Figure 5: I used the renice command to change the priority level of the command bash (PID: 3484).

7.

```
jay@jay-virtual-machine:~/Documents$ ls -l /proc
total 0
dr-xr-xr-x 9 root root 0 Feb 12 16:17 1
dr-xr-xr-x 9 root root 0 Feb 12 16:17 101
dr-xr-xr-x 9 root root 0 Feb 12 16:17 1012
dr-xr-xr-x 9 root root 0 Feb 12 16:17 1027
dr-xr-xr-x 9 root root 0 Feb 12 16:17 1028
dr-xr-xr-x 9 root root 0 Feb 12 16:17 103
dr-xr-xr-x 9 root root 0 Feb 12 16:17 1031
dr-xr-xr-x 9 lp lp 0 Feb 12 16:17 1066
dr-xr-xr-x 9 root root 0 Feb 12 16:17 1069
dr-xr-xr-x 9 root root 0 Feb 12 16:17 107
dr-xr-xr-x 9 root root 0 Feb 12 16:17 1076
dr-xr-xr-x 9 root root 0 Feb 12 16:17 11
dr-xr-xr-x 9 root root 0 Feb 12 16:17 1157
dr-xr-xr-x 9 kernoops adm 0 Feb 12 16:17 1172
dr-xr-xr-x 9 kernoops adm 0 Feb 12 16:17 1180
dr-xr-xr-x 9 root root 0 Feb 12 16:17 12
dr-xr-xr-x 9 rtkit rtkit 0 Feb 12 16:17 1232
dr-xr-xr-x 9 root root 0 Feb 12 16:17 13
dr-xr-xr-x 9 root root 0 Feb 12 16:17 14
dr-xr-xr-x 9 root root 0 Feb 12 16:17 15
dr-xr-xr-x 9 root root 0 Feb 12 16:17 153
dr-xr-xr-x 9 root root 0 Feb 12 16:17 154
dr-xr-xr-x 9 root root 0 Feb 12 16:17 155
dr-xr-xr-x 9 root root 0 Feb 12 16:17 156
dr-xr-xr-x 9 root root 0 Feb 12 16:17 157
dr-xr-xr-x 9 root root 0 Feb 12 16:17 1577
dr-xr-xr-x 9 root root 0 Feb 12 16:17 158
dr-xr-xr-x 9 root root 0 Feb 12 16:17 159
dr-xr-xr-x 9 root root 0 Feb 12 16:17 16
dr-xr-xr-x 9 root root 0 Feb 12 16:17 160
dr-xr-xr-x 9 root root 0 Feb 12 16:17 161
dr-xr-xr-x 9 root root 0 Feb 12 16:17 1612
dr-xr-xr-x 9 root root 0 Feb 12 16:17 1613
dr-xr-xr-x 9 root root 0 Feb 12 16:17 162
dr-xr-xr-x 9 root root 0 Feb 12 16:17 163
dr-xr-xr-x 9 root root 0 Feb 12 16:17 1630
dr-xr-xr-x 9 geoclue geoclue 0 Feb 12 16:17 1635

jay@jay-virtual-machine:~/Documents$ ls -ltr /proc/5704
total 0
lrwxrwxrwx 1 jay jay 0 Feb 12 17:14 exe -> /usr/lib/libreoffice/program/soffice.bin
-r--r--r-- 1 jay jay 0 Feb 12 17:14 cmdline
lrwxrwxrwx 1 jay jay 0 Feb 12 17:14 root -> /
-r--r--r-- 1 jay jay 0 Feb 12 17:14 cgroup
dr-xr-xr-x 2 jay jay 0 Feb 12 17:14 attr
-r--r--r-- 1 jay jay 0 Feb 12 17:15 status
-r--r--r-- 1 jay jay 0 Feb 12 17:15 stat
-r--r--r-- 1 jay jay 0 Feb 12 17:17 wchan
-rw-r--r-- 1 jay jay 0 Feb 12 17:17 uid_map
-rw-rw-rw- 1 jay jay 0 Feb 12 17:17 timerslack_ns
-r--r--r-- 1 jay jay 0 Feb 12 17:17 timers
-rw-r--r-- 1 jay jay 0 Feb 12 17:17 timers_offsets
dr-xr-xr-x 7 jay jay 0 Feb 12 17:17 task
-r--r--r-- 1 jay jay 0 Feb 12 17:17 syscall
-r--r--r-- 1 jay jay 0 Feb 12 17:17 statm
-r--r--r-- 1 jay jay 0 Feb 12 17:17 stack
-r--r--r-- 1 jay jay 0 Feb 12 17:17 smaps_rollup
-r--r--r-- 1 jay jay 0 Feb 12 17:17 smaps
-rw-r--r-- 1 jay jay 0 Feb 12 17:17 setgroups
-r--r--r-- 1 jay jay 0 Feb 12 17:17 sessionid
-r--r--r-- 1 jay jay 0 Feb 12 17:17 schedstat
-rw-r--r-- 1 jay jay 0 Feb 12 17:17 sched
-rw-r--r-- 1 jay jay 0 Feb 12 17:17 projid_map
-r--r--r-- 1 jay jay 0 Feb 12 17:17 personality
-r--r--r-- 1 jay jay 0 Feb 12 17:17 patch_state
-r--r--r-- 1 jay jay 0 Feb 12 17:17 pagemap
-rw-r--r-- 1 jay jay 0 Feb 12 17:17 oom_score_adj
-r--r--r-- 1 jay jay 0 Feb 12 17:17 oom_score
-rw-r--r-- 1 jay jay 0 Feb 12 17:17 oom_adj
-r--r--r-- 1 jay jay 0 Feb 12 17:17 numa_maps
dr-x--x--x 2 jay jay 0 Feb 12 17:17 ns
dr-xr-xr-x 58 jay jay 0 Feb 12 17:17 net
-r--r--r-- 1 jay jay 0 Feb 12 17:17 mountstats
-r--r--r-- 1 jay jay 0 Feb 12 17:17 mounts
-r--r--r-- 1 jay jay 0 Feb 12 17:17 mountinfo
-rw-r--r-- 1 jay jay 0 Feb 12 17:17 mem
-r--r--r-- 1 jay jay 0 Feb 12 17:17 maps
dr-x----- 2 jay jay 0 Feb 12 17:17 aux_files
```

Figure 6: I can use the `/proc` command to list information about all files and directories. I used the `"ls -ltr /proc/5704"` command to find information for a specific process.

8.

```
jay@jay-virtual-machine:~$ ps
  PID TTY          TIME CMD
 5273 pts/0        00:00:00 bash
 5898 pts/0        00:00:00 ps
jay@jay-virtual-machine:~$ pwd
/home/jay
jay@jay-virtual-machine:~$ pwd &
[1] 5901
/home/jay
jay@jay-virtual-machine:~$ ps
  PID TTY          TIME CMD
 5273 pts/0        00:00:00 bash
 5904 pts/0        00:00:00 ps
[1]+  Done                    pwd
```

Figure 7: Using the & command to run a background process.

```
jay@jay-virtual-machine:~/Documents$ nohup bash ProcessesEx.sh
nohup: ignoring input and appending output to 'nohup.out'
jay@jay-virtual-machine:~/Documents$ cat nohup.out
ProcessesEx.sh: line 1: Yo: command not found
Yo yo yo
```

Figure 8: Using the nohup command to run a process.

```
root      5790  0.0  0.0   3212  1792 ?        S    18:07   0:00 sleep 3600
jay       5854  0.0  1.5 2721092 61256 ?        Sl   18:25   0:01 gjs /usr/share/gnome-shell/extensions/ding@rastersoft.com/ding.js
root     5871  0.0  0.0           0  0 ?        I<   18:25   0:00 [kworker/1:3H-ttm]
root     6022  0.0  0.0           0  0 ?        I    18:34   0:00 [kworker/1:3-rcu_par_gp]
root     6084  0.0  0.0           0  0 ?        I    18:40   0:00 [kworker/1:0-rcu_par_gp]
root     6085  0.0  0.0           0  0 ?        I    18:40   0:00 [kworker/0:2-rcu_par_gp]
root     6177  0.1  0.0           0  0 ?        I    18:41   0:01 [kworker/0:4-cgroup_destroy]
root     6283  0.0  0.0           0  0 ?        I    18:45   0:00 [kworker/u256:0-events_unbound]
root     6293  0.0  0.0           0  0 ?        I<   18:47   0:00 [kworker/1:0H-ttm]
root     6302  0.1  0.0           0  0 ?        I    18:48   0:00 [kworker/0:0-events]
root     6303  0.0  0.0           0  0 ?        I<   18:48   0:00 [kworker/1:4H-kblockd]
root     6304  0.0  0.0           0  0 ?        I<   18:49   0:00 [kworker/0:0H-ttm]
jay      6684  0.0  0.4 1163164 19072 ?        Sl   18:49   0:00 /usr/bin/snap userd
root     7159  0.0  0.0           0  0 ?        I    18:49   0:00 [kworker/1:1-events]
root     7258  0.0  0.0           0  0 ?        I    18:50   0:00 [kworker/0:1-rcu_par_gp]
root     7295  0.0  0.0           0  0 ?        I    18:53   0:00 [kworker/0:3-events]
root     7299  0.0  0.0           0  0 ?        I    18:53   0:00 [kworker/u256:2-events_unbound]
jay      7306 14.3  9.4 2990752 376508 ?        Sl   18:53   0:11 /snap/firefox/3779/usr/lib/firefox/firefox -contentproc -parentBu
jay      7450  0.0  1.3 2055556 55296 ?        Sl   18:53   0:00 /snap/firefox/3779/usr/lib/firefox/firefox -contentproc -childID
jay      7470  1.5  3.0 2450768 121396 ?        Sl   18:53   0:01 /snap/firefox/3779/usr/lib/firefox/firefox -contentproc -childID
jay      7628  0.5  2.3 2418340 92740 ?        Sl   18:53   0:00 /snap/firefox/3779/usr/lib/firefox/firefox -contentproc -parentBu
jay      7912  1.0  1.4 324840 59008 ?        Sl   18:53   0:00 /snap/firefox/3779/usr/lib/firefox/firefox -contentproc -childID
jay      7918  5.7  4.2 2588144 167048 ?        Sl   18:53   0:04 /snap/firefox/3779/usr/lib/firefox/firefox -contentproc -childID
jay      7930  0.1  1.7 2383116 71296 ?        Sl   18:53   0:00 /snap/firefox/3779/usr/lib/firefox/firefox -contentproc -childID
jay      7940  0.1  1.7 2383120 71296 ?        Sl   18:53   0:00 /snap/firefox/3779/usr/lib/firefox/firefox -contentproc -childID
jay      7981  2.8  1.8 338124 72556 ?        Sl   18:53   0:02 /snap/firefox/3779/usr/lib/firefox/firefox -contentproc -parentBu
jay      8009  0.1  1.8 2383120 71680 ?        Sl   18:53   0:00 /snap/firefox/3779/usr/lib/firefox/firefox -contentproc -childID
jay      8039  0.0  0.0  12672  3456 pts/0    R+   18:55   0:00 ps aux
jay@jay-virtual-machine:~/Documents$ sleep 3600
^Z
[1]+  Stopped                  sleep 3600
jay@jay-virtual-machine:~/Documents$ jobs
[1]+  Stopped                  sleep 3600
jay@jay-virtual-machine:~/Documents$ bg %1
[1]+  sleep 3600 &
jay@jay-virtual-machine:~/Documents$ jobs
[1]+  Running                  sleep 3600 &
```

Figure 9: Using the bg command to continue running a process in the background.

Play with Processes on your Ubuntu VM: Lab 01 Part 2

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jay@jay-virtual-machine:~$ sudo sysctl -w kernel.randomize_va_space=0
kernel.randomize_va_space = 0
jay@jay-virtual-machine:~$ gdb -q ./vulnerable
Reading symbols from ./vulnerable...
(no debugging symbols found in ./vulnerable)
(gdb) break vulnerable_function
Breakpoint 1 at 0x11c1
(gdb) run $(python3 -c 'print("A" * 80)')
Starting program: /home/jay/vulnerable $(python3 -c 'print("A" * 80)')
[Thread debugging using libthread_db enabled]
Using host libthread_db library "/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libthread_db.so.1".

Breakpoint 1, 0x565561c1 in vulnerable_function ()
(gdb) info frame
Stack level 0, frame at 0xffffd180:
  eip = 0x565561c1 in vulnerable_function; saved eip = 0x56556272
  called by frame at 0xffffd1b0
  Arglist at 0xffffd178, args:
  Locals at 0xffffd178, Previous frame's sp is 0xffffd180
  Saved registers:
    ebp at 0xffffd178, eip at 0xffffd17c
(gdb) x/32x $esp
0xffffd174:    0xf7e26000    0xffffd198    0x56556272    0xffffd429
0xffffd184:    0xf7fbe66c    0xf7fbeb30    0x56556233    0xffffd1b0
0xffffd194:    0xf7e26000    0xf7ffd020    0xf7c21519    0xffffd414
0xffffd1a4:    0x00000070    0xf7ffd000    0xf7c21519    0x00000002
0xffffd1b4:    0xffffd264    0xffffd270    0xffffd1d0    0xf7e26000
0xffffd1c4:    0x5655621f    0x00000002    0xffffd264    0xf7e26000
0xffffd1d4:    0xffffd264    0xf7ffc80    0xf7ffd020    0x1fab7d4b
0xffffd1e4:    0x6421b75b    0x00000000    0x00000000    0x00000000

(gdb) info registers
eax                0xffffd429        -11223
ecx                0xffffd1b0        -11856
edx                0x56558fd0        1448447952
ebx                0xf7e26000        -136159232
esp                0xffffd174        0xffffd174
ebp                0xffffd178        0xffffd178
esi                0xffffd264        -11676
edi                0xf7ffc80         -134231168
eip                0x565561c1        0x565561c1 <vulnerable_function+4>
eflags             0x296             [ PF AF SF IF ]
cs                 0x23             35
ss                 0x2b             43
ds                 0x2b             43
es                 0x2b             43
fs                 0x0              0
gs                 0x63             99
k0                 0x0              0
k1                 0x0              0
k2                 0x0              0
k3                 0x0              0
k4                 0x0              0
k5                 0x0              0
k6                 0x0              0
k7                 0x0              0
(gdb)
[3]+  Stopped                  gdb -q ./vulnerable

jay@jay-virtual-machine:~$ sudo sysctl -w kernel.randomize_va_space=2
[sudo] password for jay:
kernel.randomize_va_space = 2
```

1. In a multitasking operating system, why is it essential to have a mechanism like ps to list running processes?

- It is essential to have a mechanism like the ps command because it informs the user what processes are running so when there is a problem, it is easier to troubleshoot.

2. Can you think of real-world scenarios where identifying running processes would be crucial for system management or security?

- A real-world scenario where identifying running processes is crucial is when it comes to system performance. For instance, if someone typically runs multiple application or tabs, a virtual machine, and background processes. Their systems might not perform as well as if the user ran less processes, so troubleshooting using the ps command might be beneficial so the user can stop running certain processes.

3. Why is it valuable for system administrators to know the PID of running processes?

- It is valuable for system administrators to know the PID of running processes so they can troubleshoot specific running processes.

4. In terms of system performance optimization, how can understanding CPU and memory usage help in resource management?

- Understanding CPU and memory usage is important for resource management because both components impact a computer's performance. Understanding how each component works and being able to manage them, can improve a systems performance.

5. Explain how processes transition between states and the role of the scheduler.

- Processes transition between states based on their execution status (Start, Ready, Running, Waiting, and Terminate) and resource availability. When open Google Chrome, the program is loaded from your computer's hard drive into RAM (Start). Once the program is in RAM, it is waiting for its turn from the scheduler (Ready). Once the processor gets its turn, it can actively process the program instructions so opening and displaying web page (Run). Sometimes the program has to wait due to network traffic or user input so when it takes time to open up a web page (Wait). When you are finished with your tasks, you close the web browser and so the processor stops working on that program (Terminate). The process scheduler role is important because it decides what task /process to run next on the CPU, thus which process gets CPU time.

6. Explain the importance of CPU time sharing among processes.

- The CPU runs one process at a time, but due to time sharing it creates an illusion of running multiple processes at once (also known as abstraction). This is able to occur due to there being multiple cores in a processor which increase processing power.

7. Discuss the importance of understanding processes and scheduling for cybersecurity?

- It is important to understand processes and scheduling for cybersecurity because as technology changes, you need to test new processes and/or change the priority of existing processes to ensure an organization's cyber readiness.

8. What is a buffer overflow and, concisely, how does it happen?

- A buffer overflow is a software coding vulnerability. It occurs when the amount of data in the buffer exceeds its storage capacity. And the extra data overflows into adjacent memory locations, corrupting/overwriting the data in those locations.

9. What is the `-m32` in this command `gcc -o vulnerable.c -m32 vulnerable`?

- It is there to compile 32 bits since by default the compiler is configured to compile 64 bits.

10. What does this python command `./vulnerable $(python -c 'print("A" * 80)')` do?

- It runs the vulnerable program with a long input to trigger the buffer overflow.

11. What is ASLR and how does it prevent a buffer overflow?

- Address Space Layout Randomization (ASLR) is a security technique used in operating systems. It prevents buffer overflow by randomizing different parts of a program in memory. So every time a program is ran, components such as the stack, heap, and libraries are moved to different addresses in virtual memory.

12. What can you use GDB for in Linux?

- You can use GDB to help debug written programs.

13. Why is GDB used when a program crashes or gets a segmentation fault?

- GDB is used when a program crashes or gets a segmentation fault because it allows you to start and stop your program at any point and view the current values of program variables. Therefore, it helps find errors in programs that crash or get a segmentation fault.