CS143A
Principles on Operating Systems
Discussion 02:
OS Interfaces

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Motivating example: redirection

- Best example for explaining pipe(),fork(), and exec()
- Program output -> *stdout* (default: screen)
- | (pipe *operator*): send outputs to somewhere else

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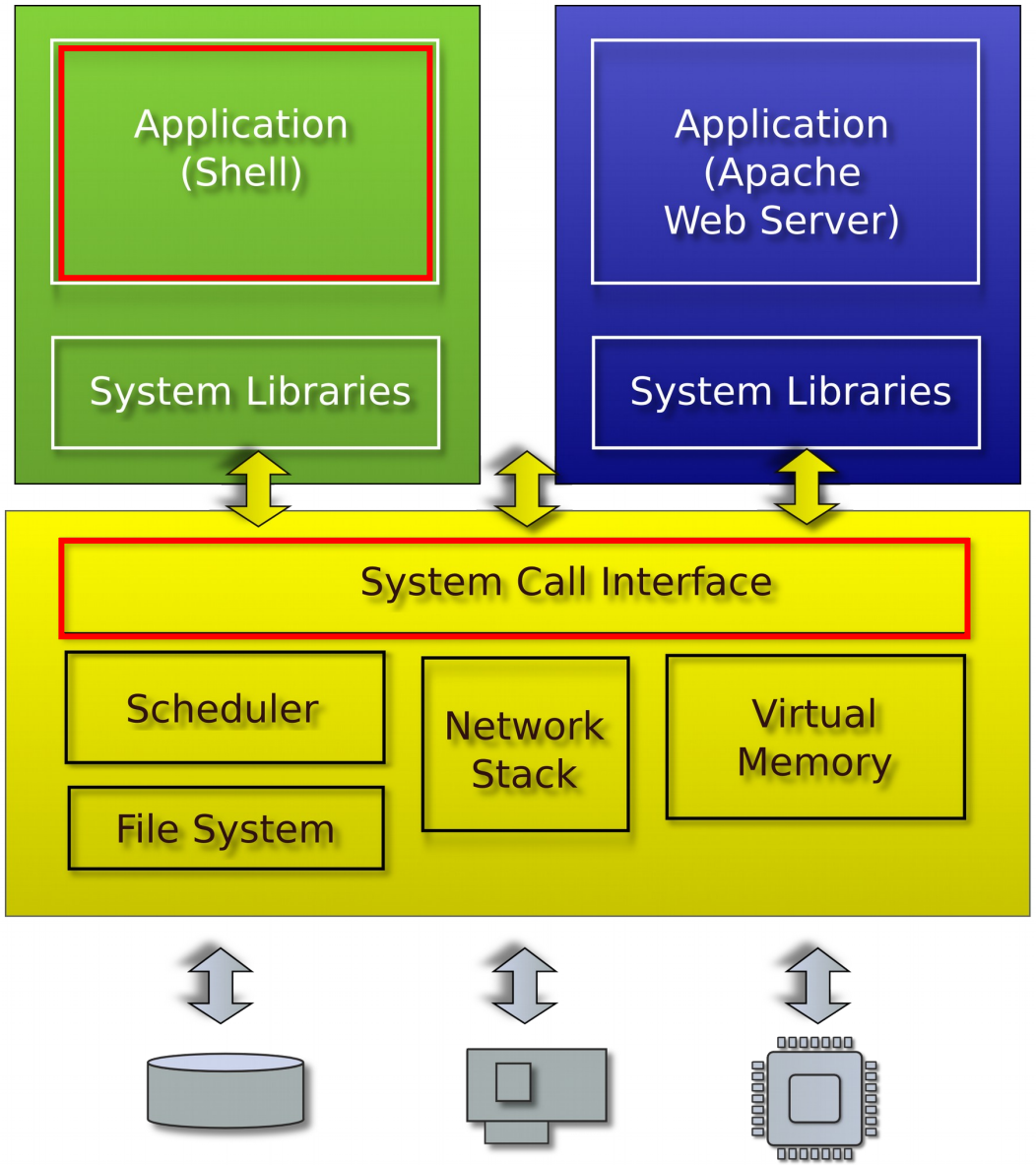
Typical UNIX OS

User

Kernel
(OS)



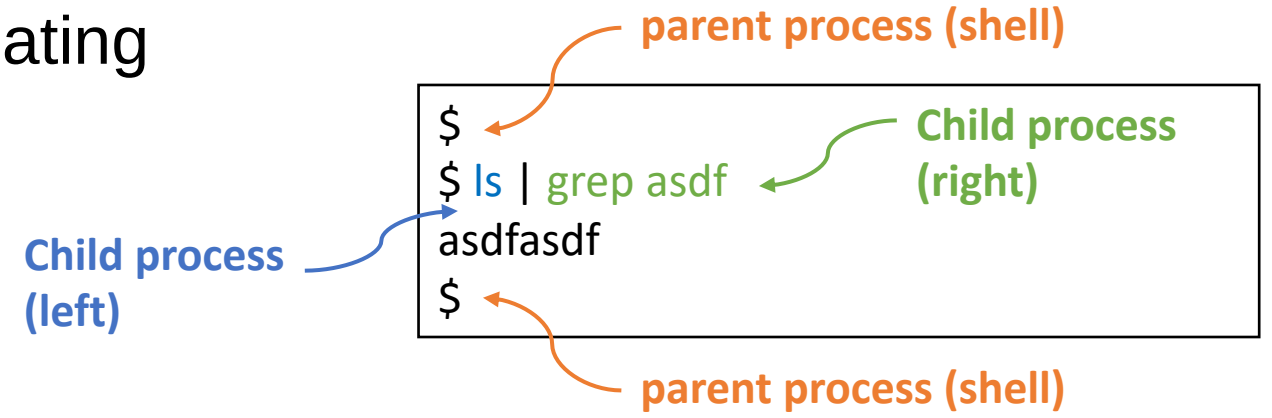
System calls are
the interface of the OS

But what is shell?

- Normal process
  - Kernel starts it for each user that logs in into the system
  - In xv6 shell is created after the kernel boots
- Shell interacts with the kernel through system calls
  - E.g., starts other processes

System calls, interface for...

- Processes
  - Creating, exiting, waiting, terminating
- Memory
  - Allocation, deallocation
- Files and folders
  - Opening, reading, writing, closing
- Inter-process communication
  - Pipes



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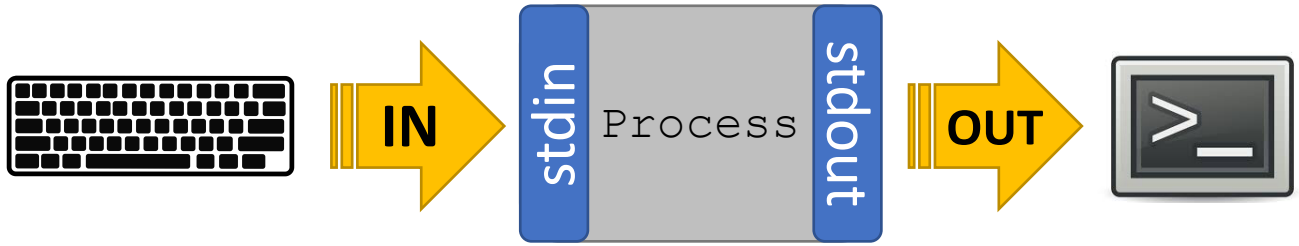

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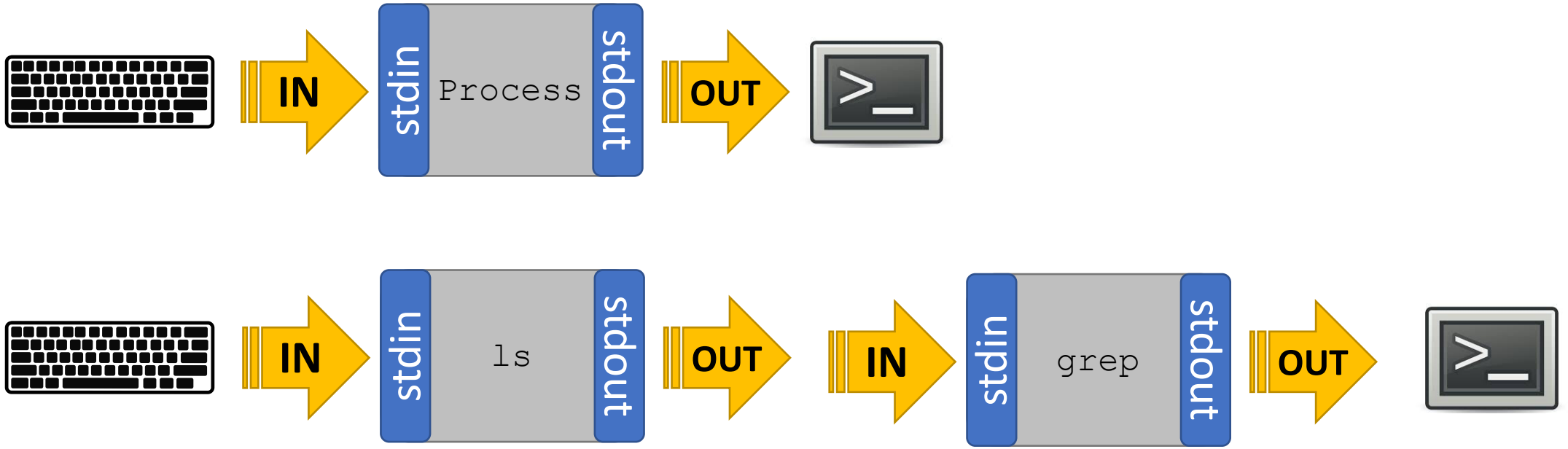

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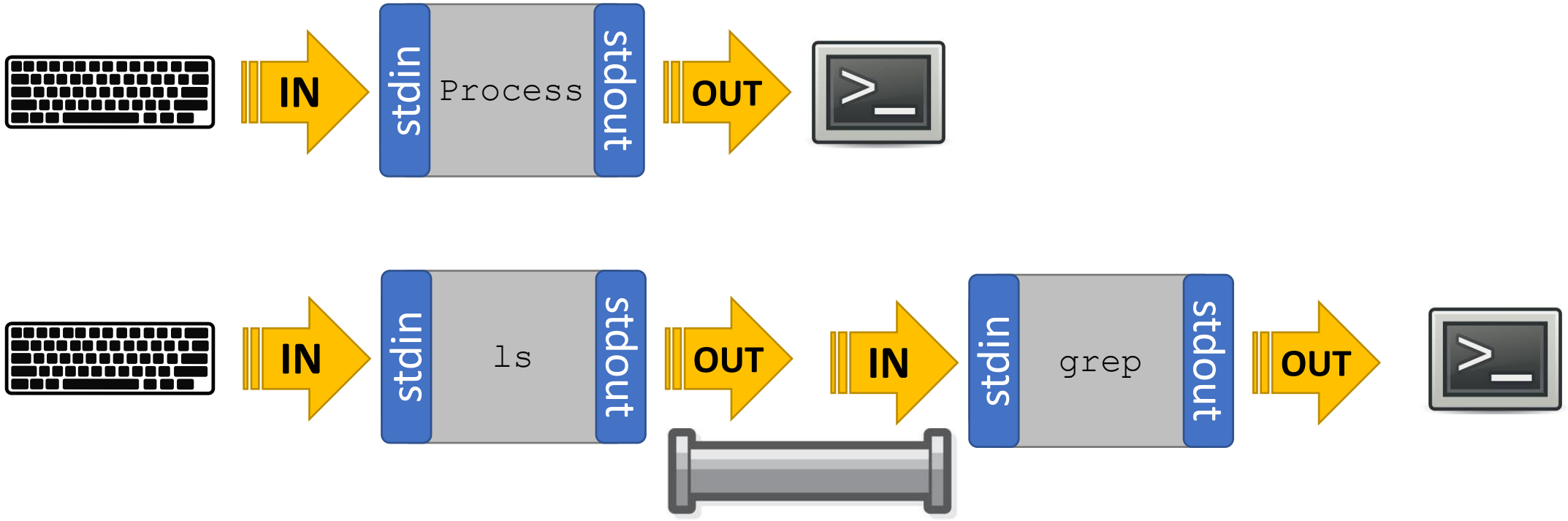

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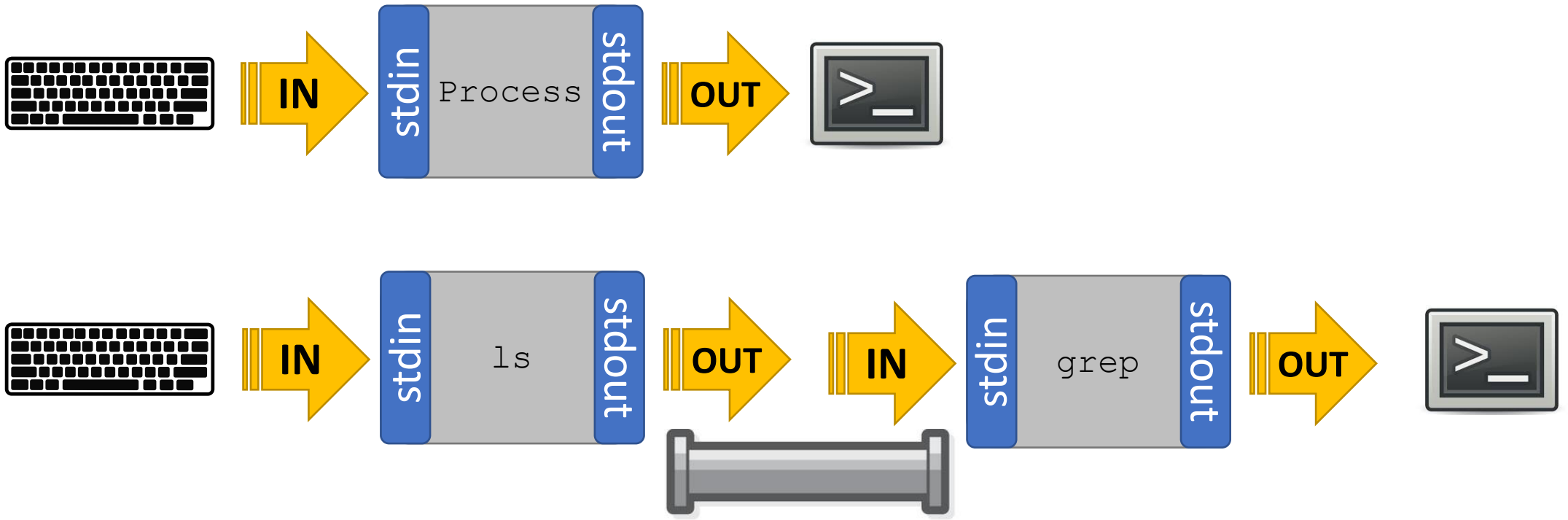

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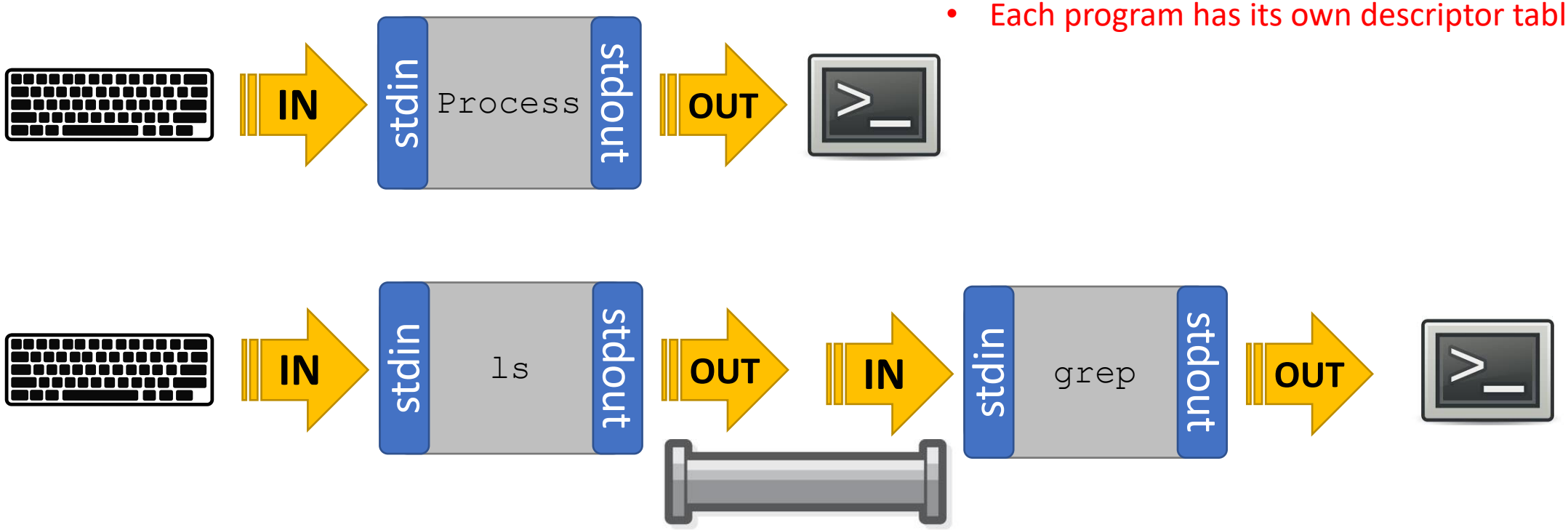

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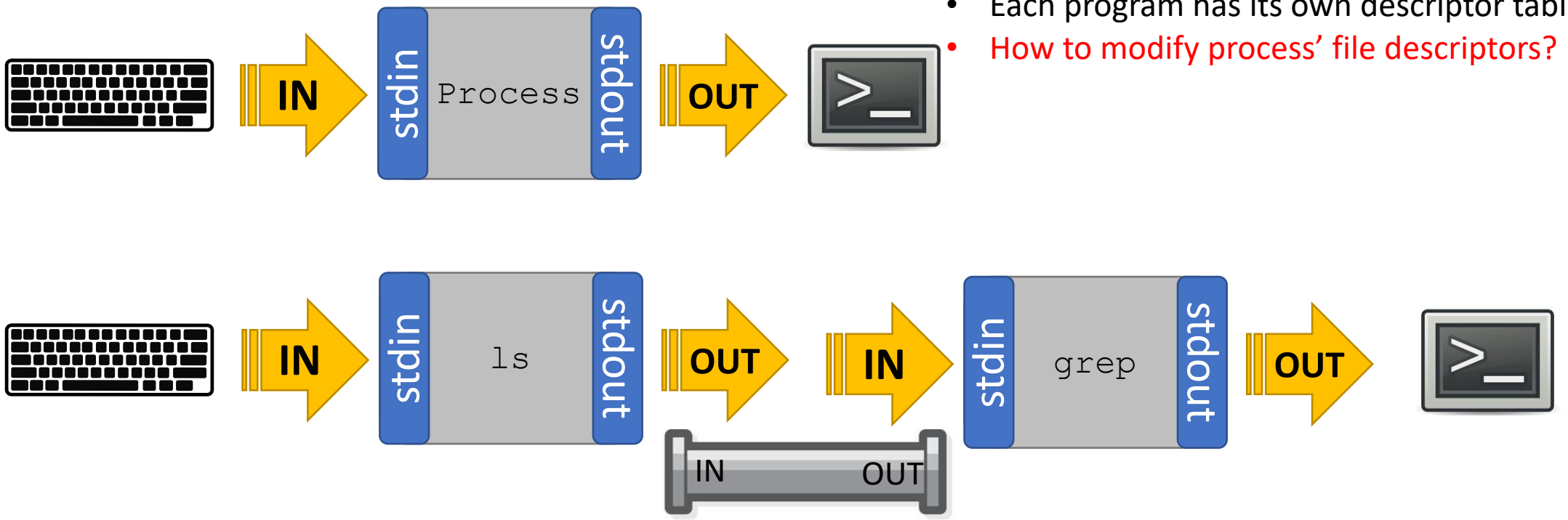

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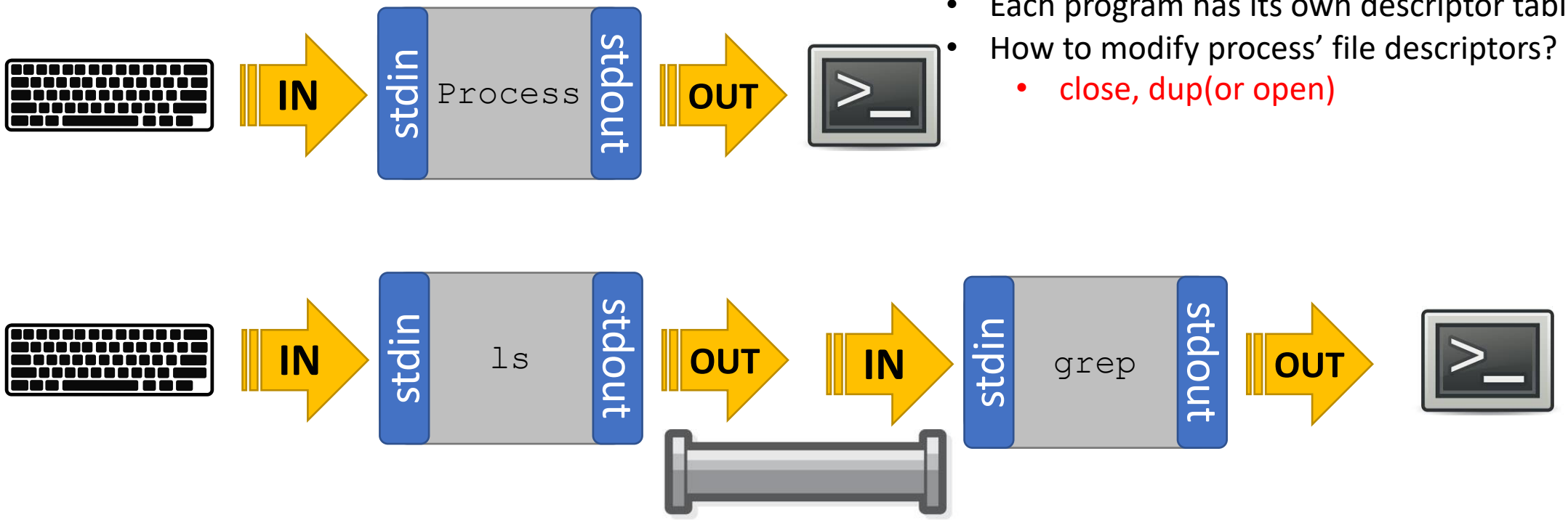

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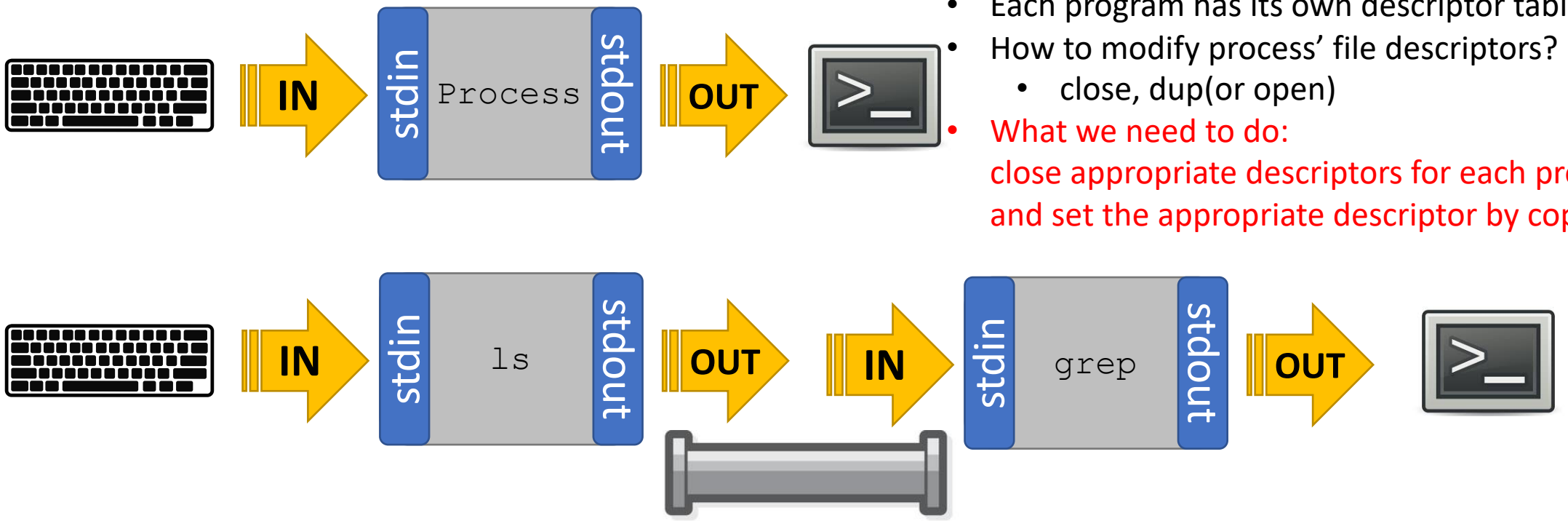

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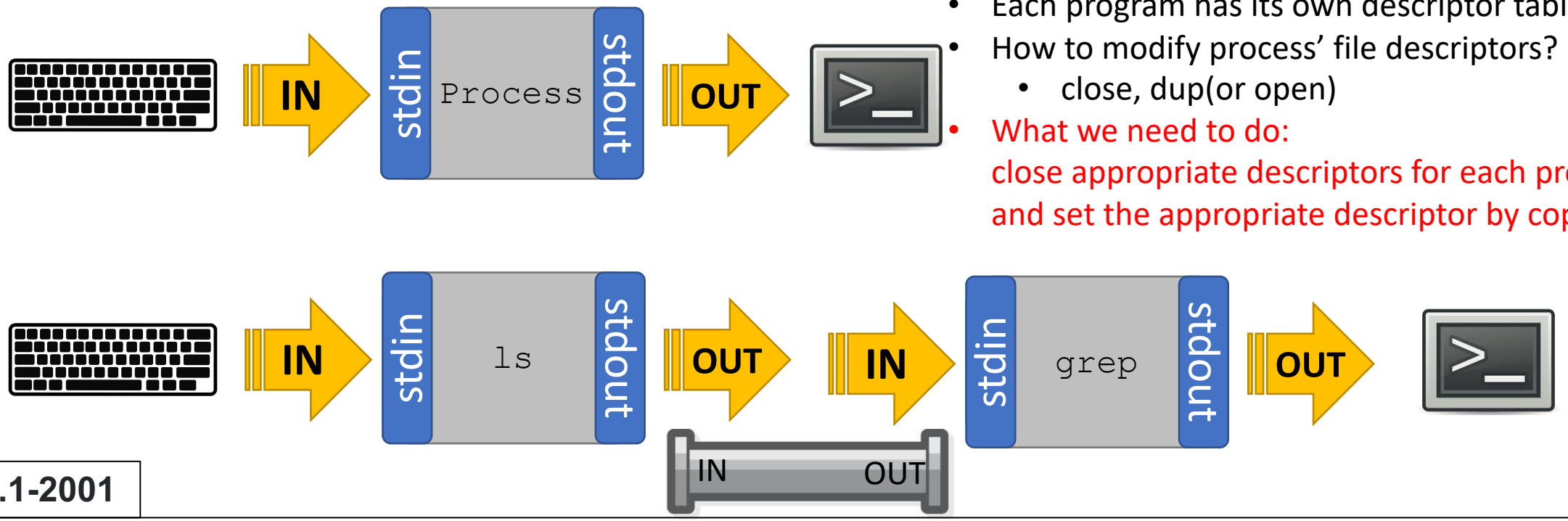

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pipe() creates a pair of file descriptors, pointing to a pipe inode, and places them in the array pointed to by filedes. filedes[0] is for reading, filedes[1] is for writing.

pipe is uni-directional

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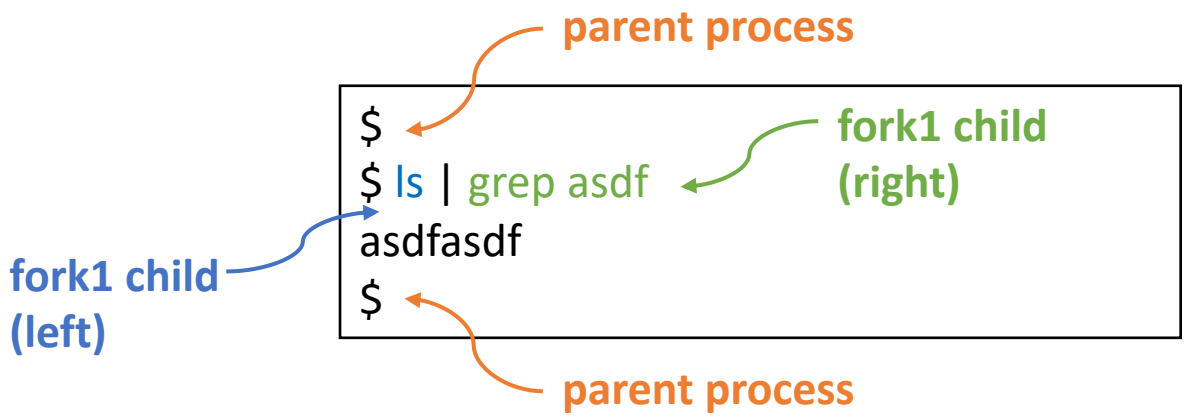
int pipe(int *pipefd*[2]);
Create a pipe & assign each end to pipefd

pid_t fork(void);
Copy the current process (parent)
Returns the PID of the child (parent)
or 0 (child)



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※ Throughout the example, stderr is always connected to the screen. Omitted for simplicity as well as p[0] and p[1] to the parent process

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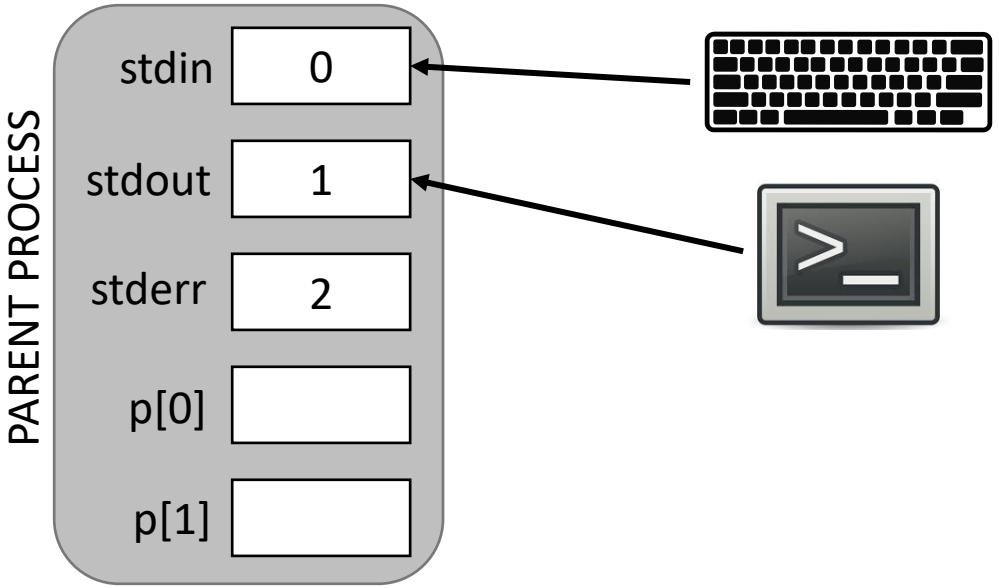

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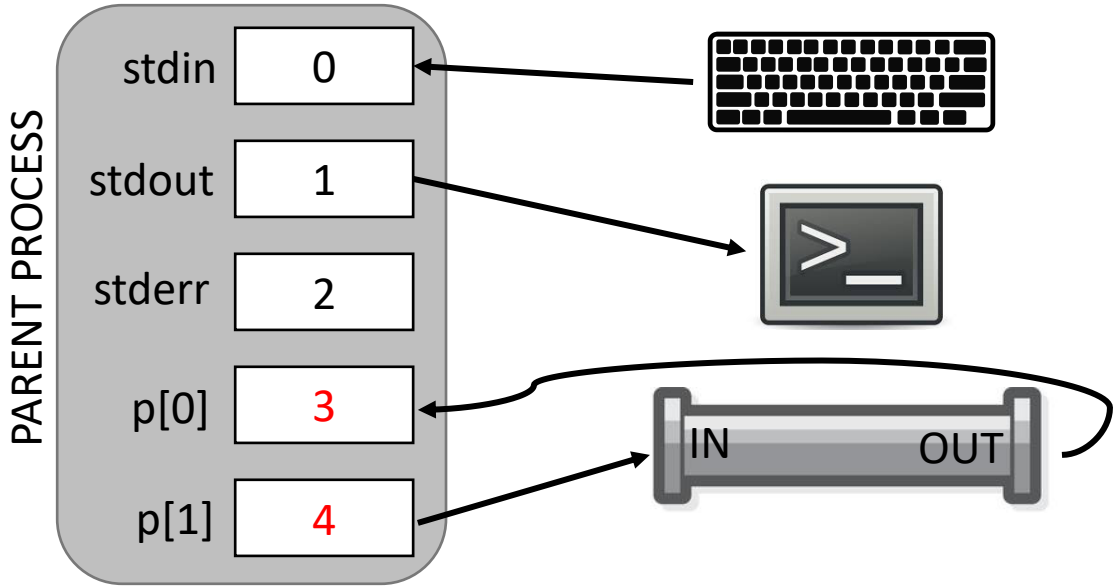

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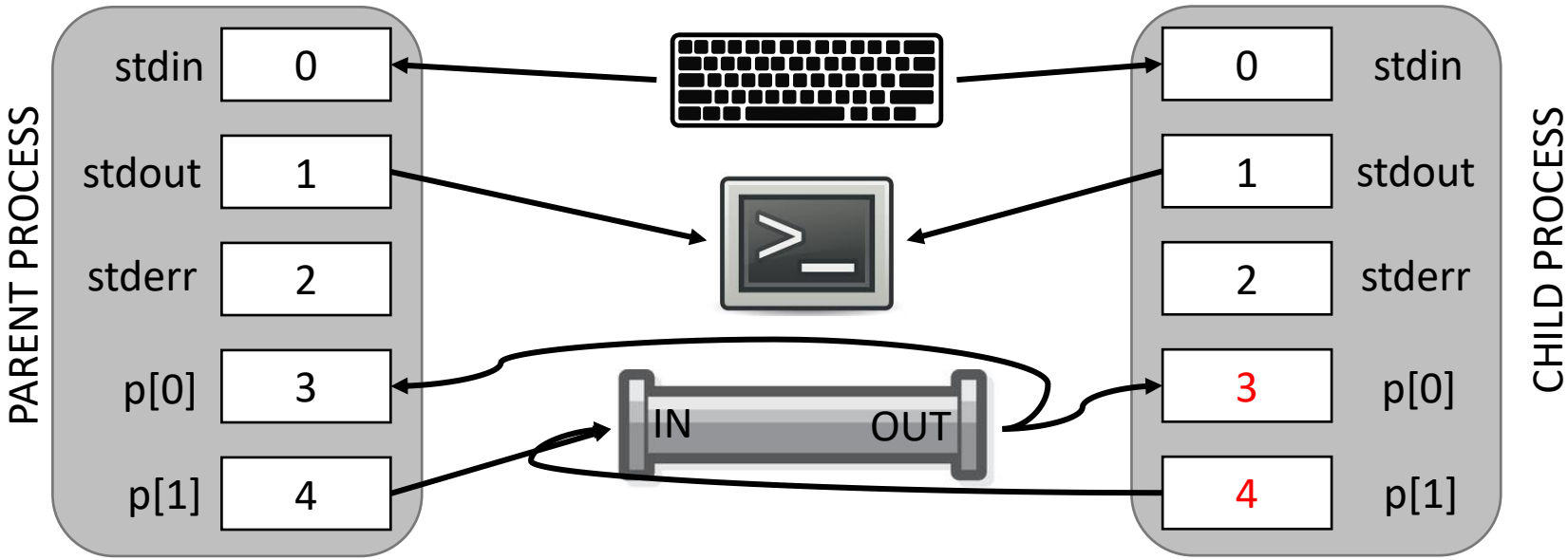

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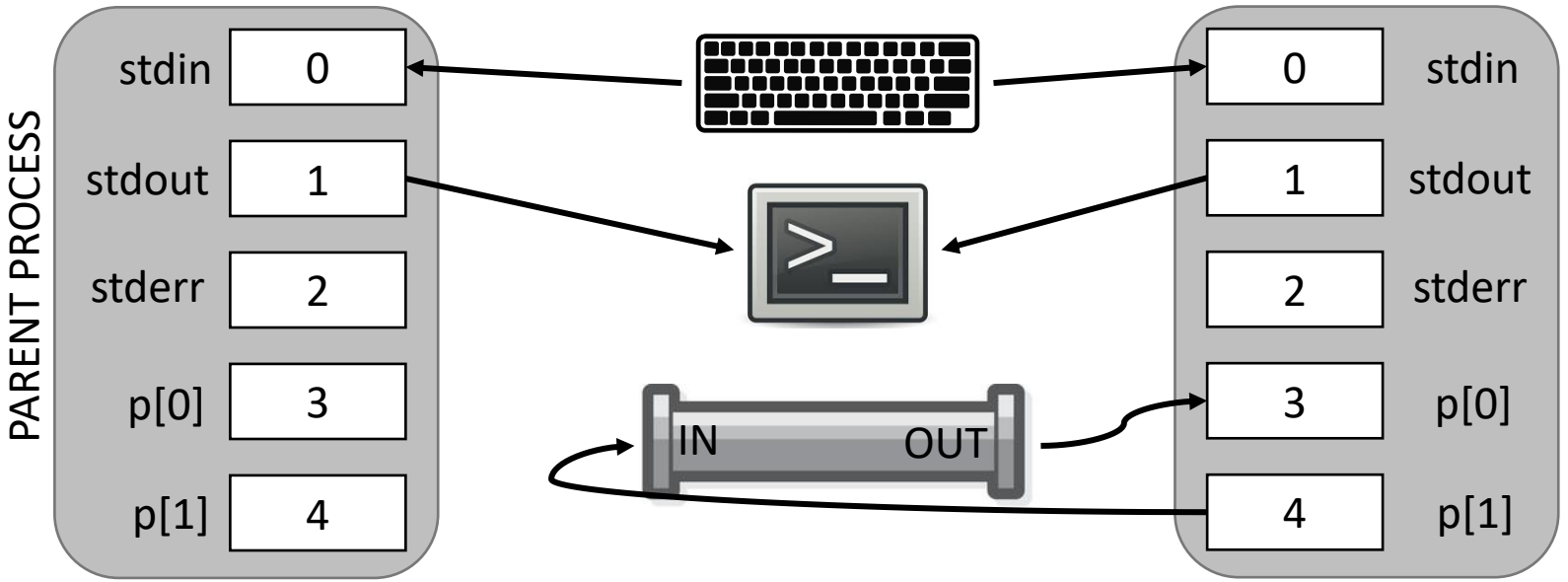

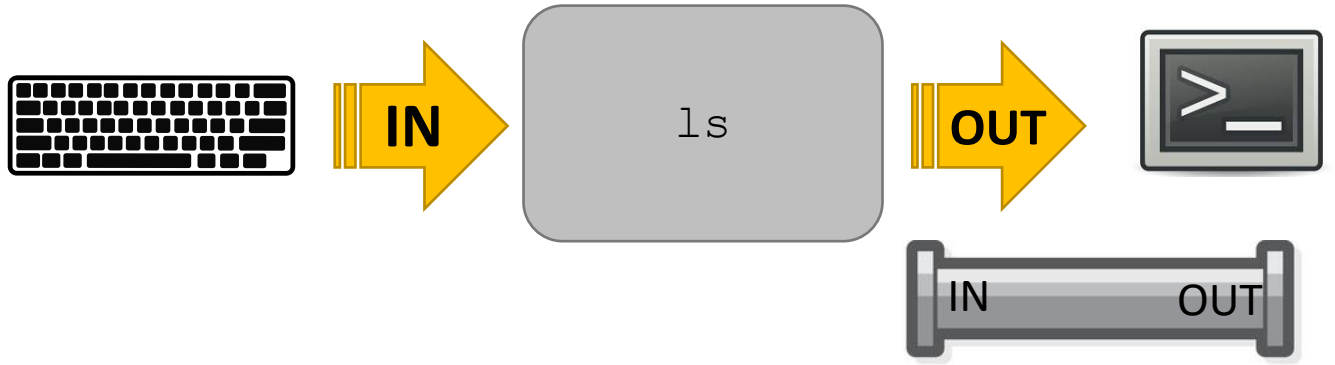

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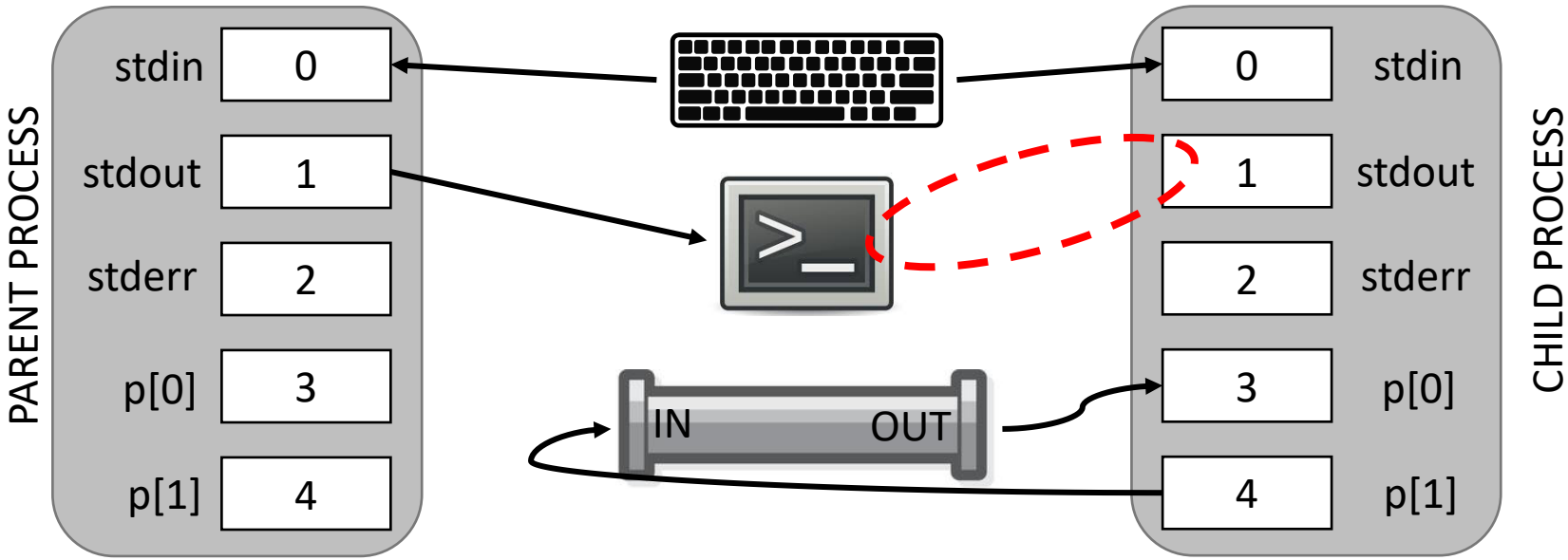

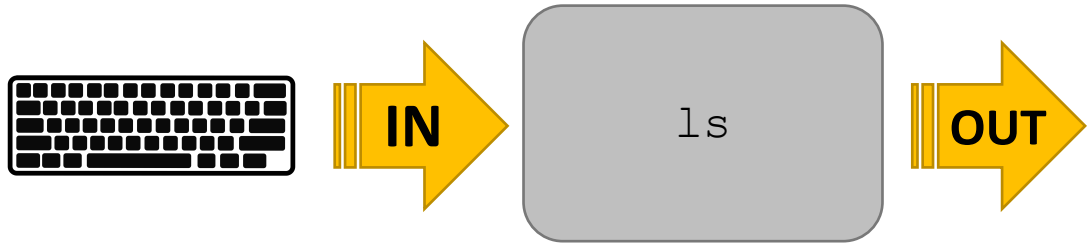

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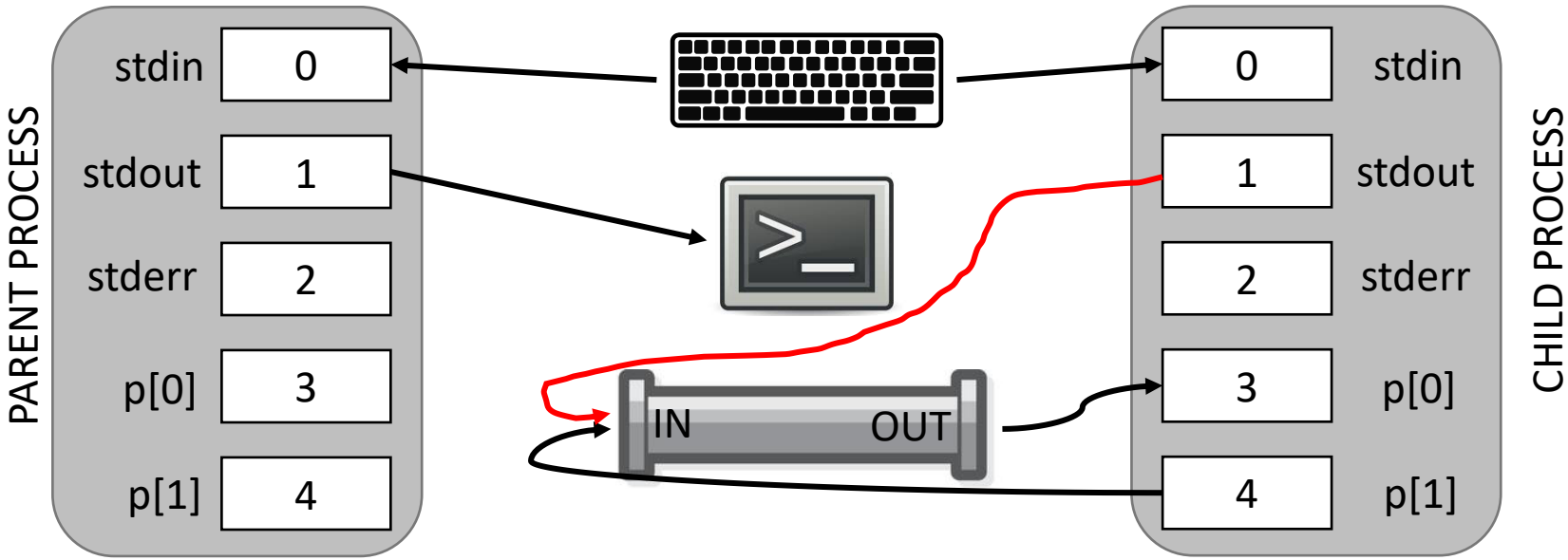

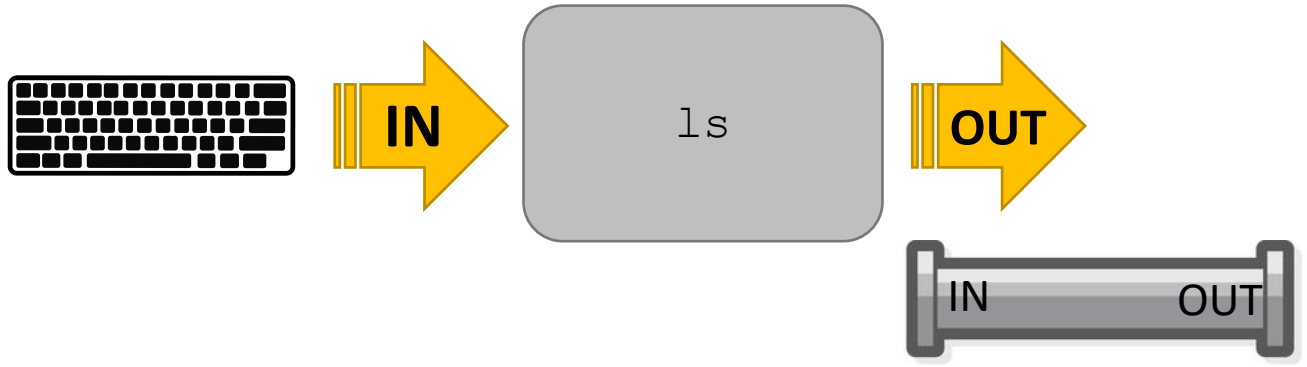

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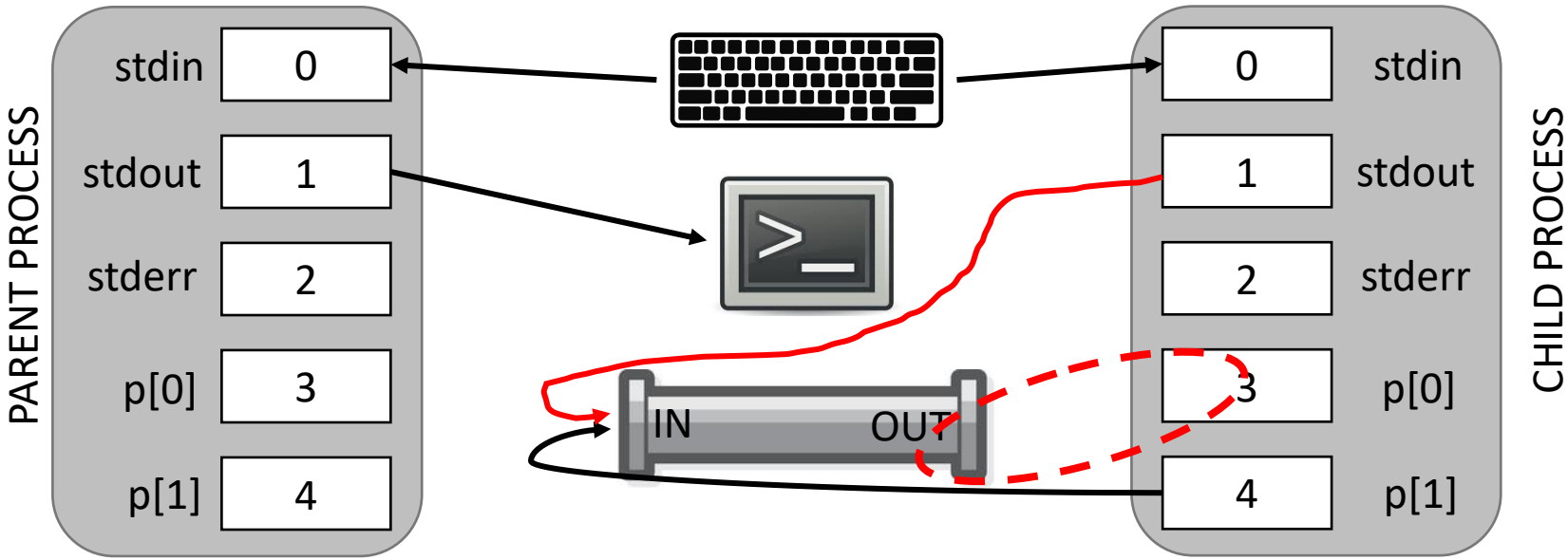

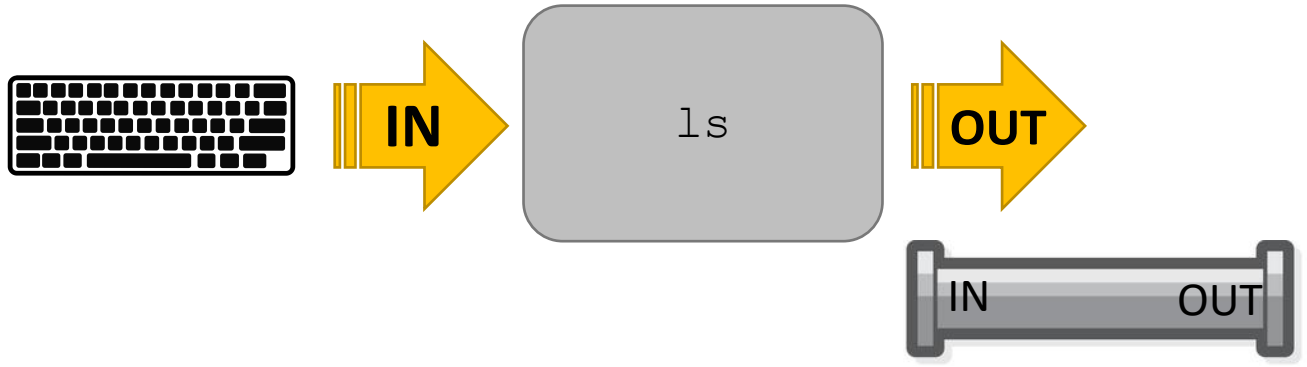

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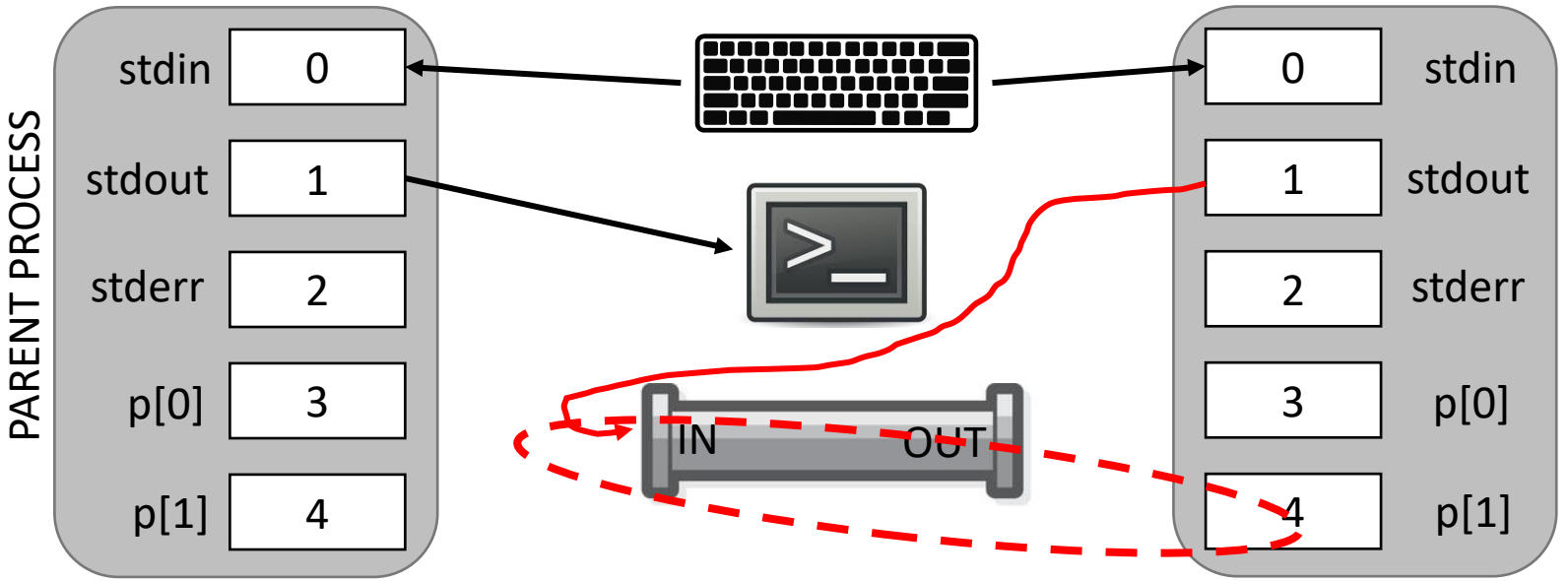

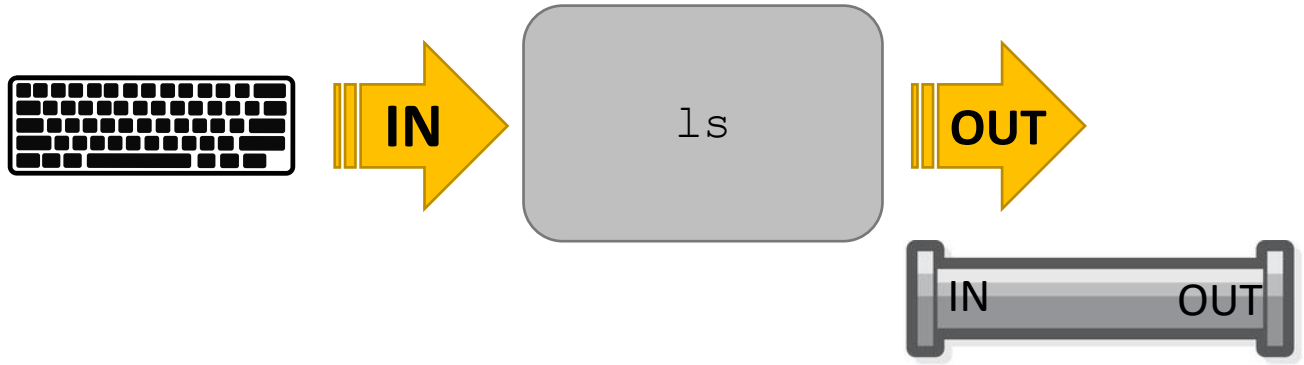

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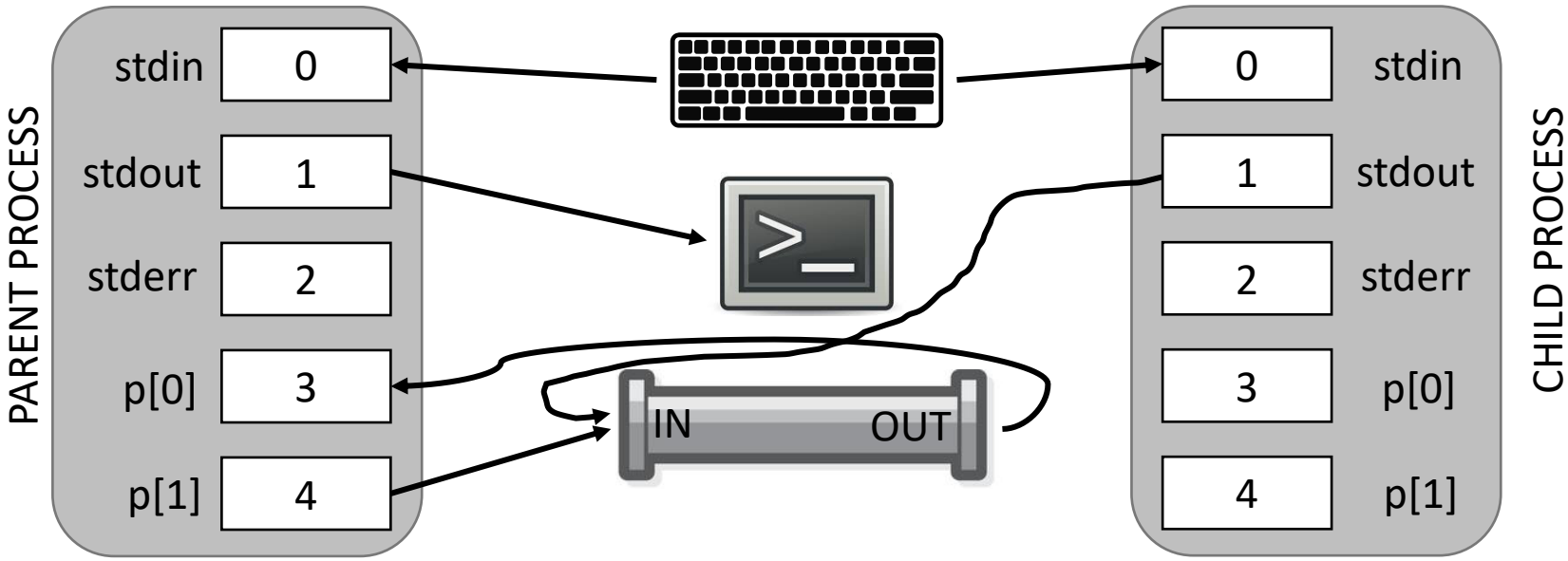


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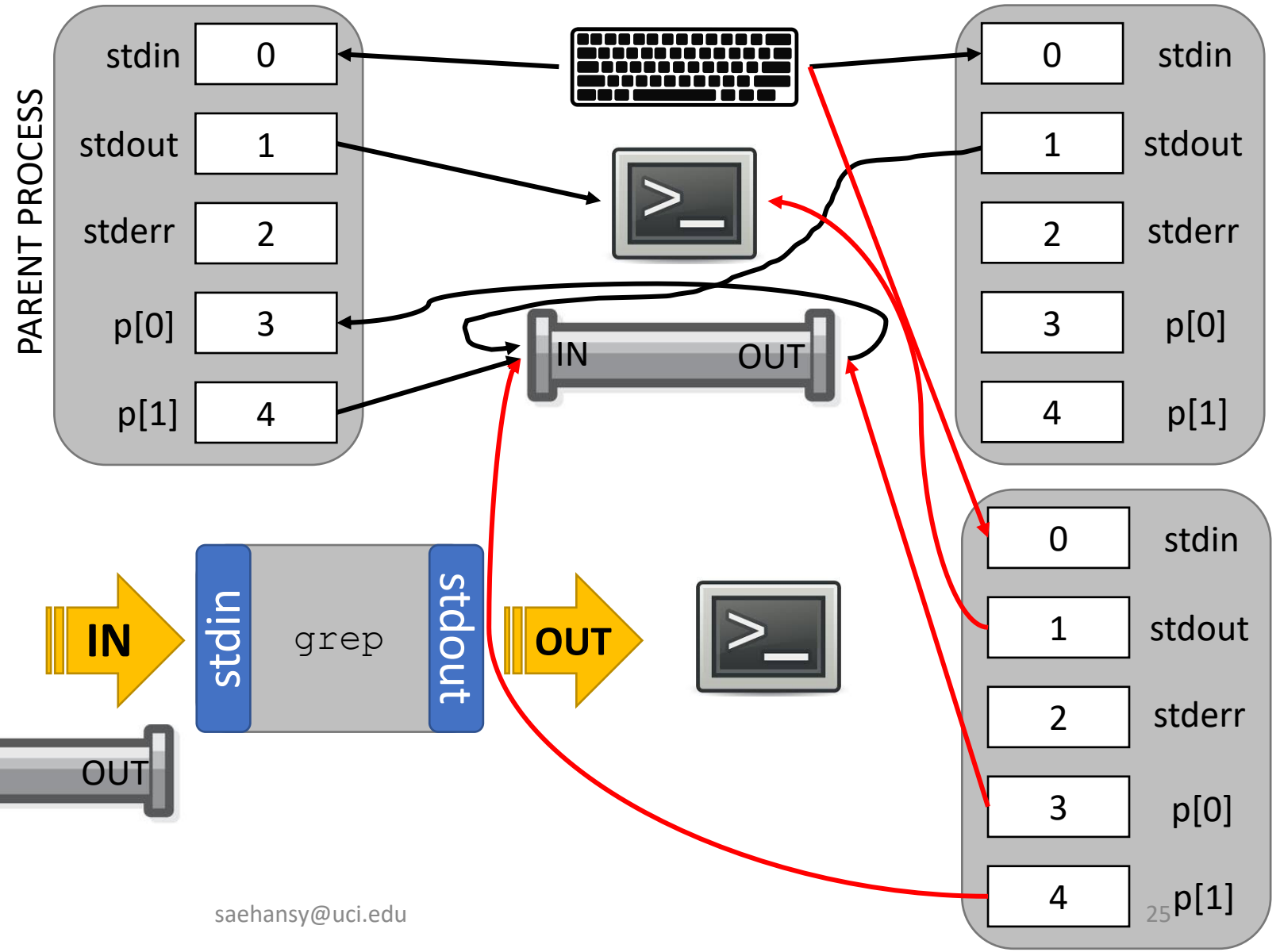

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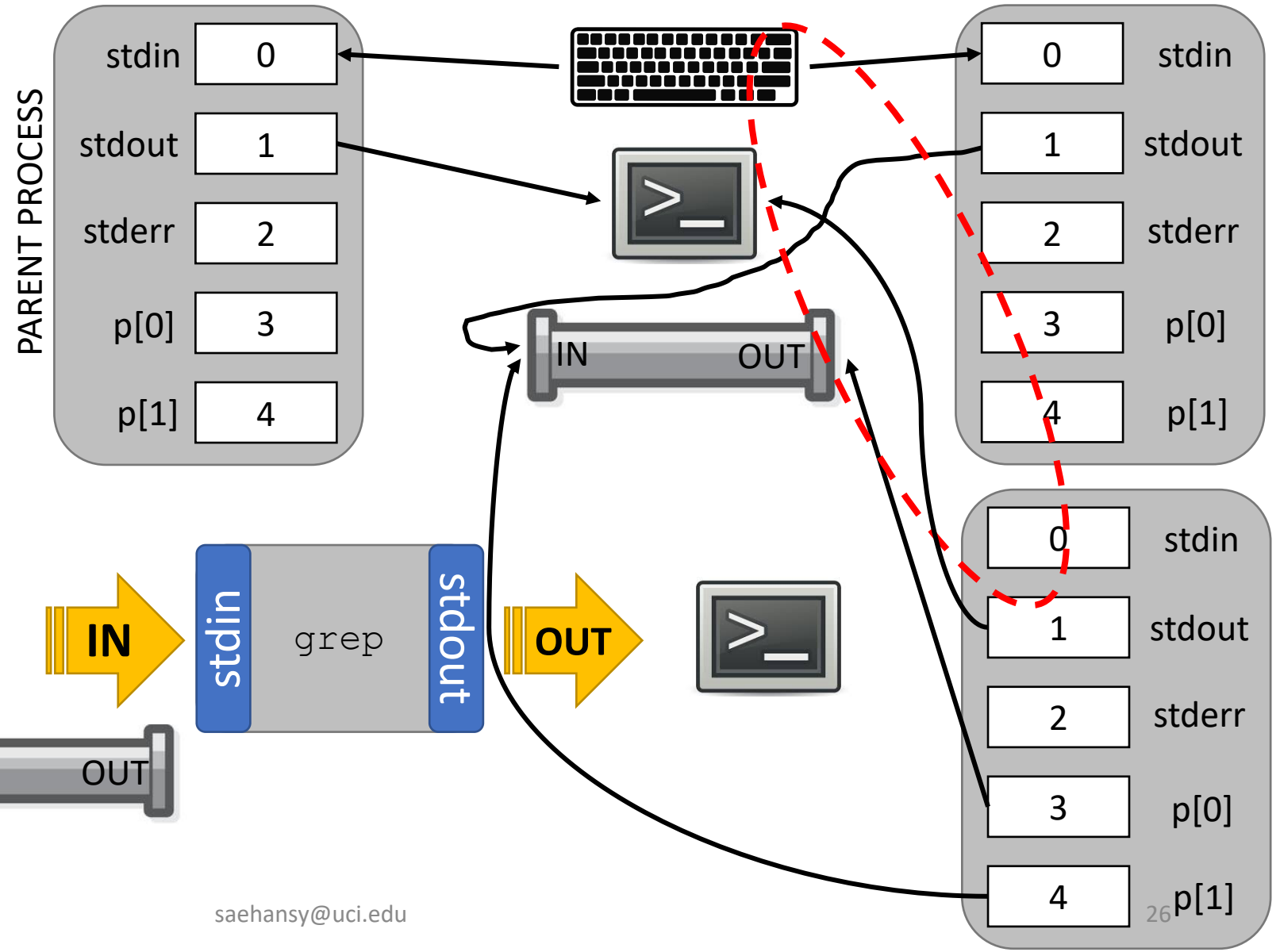

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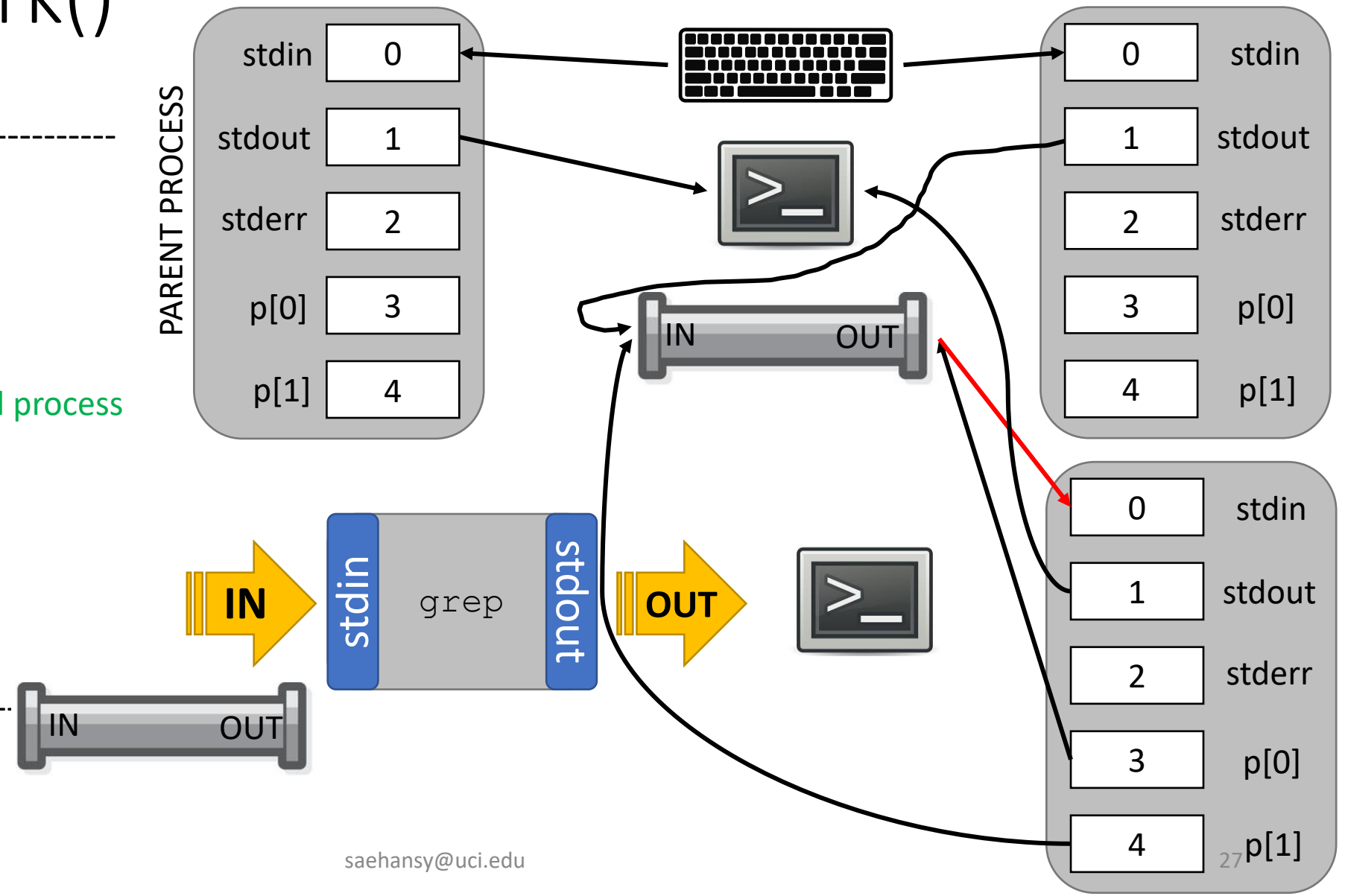

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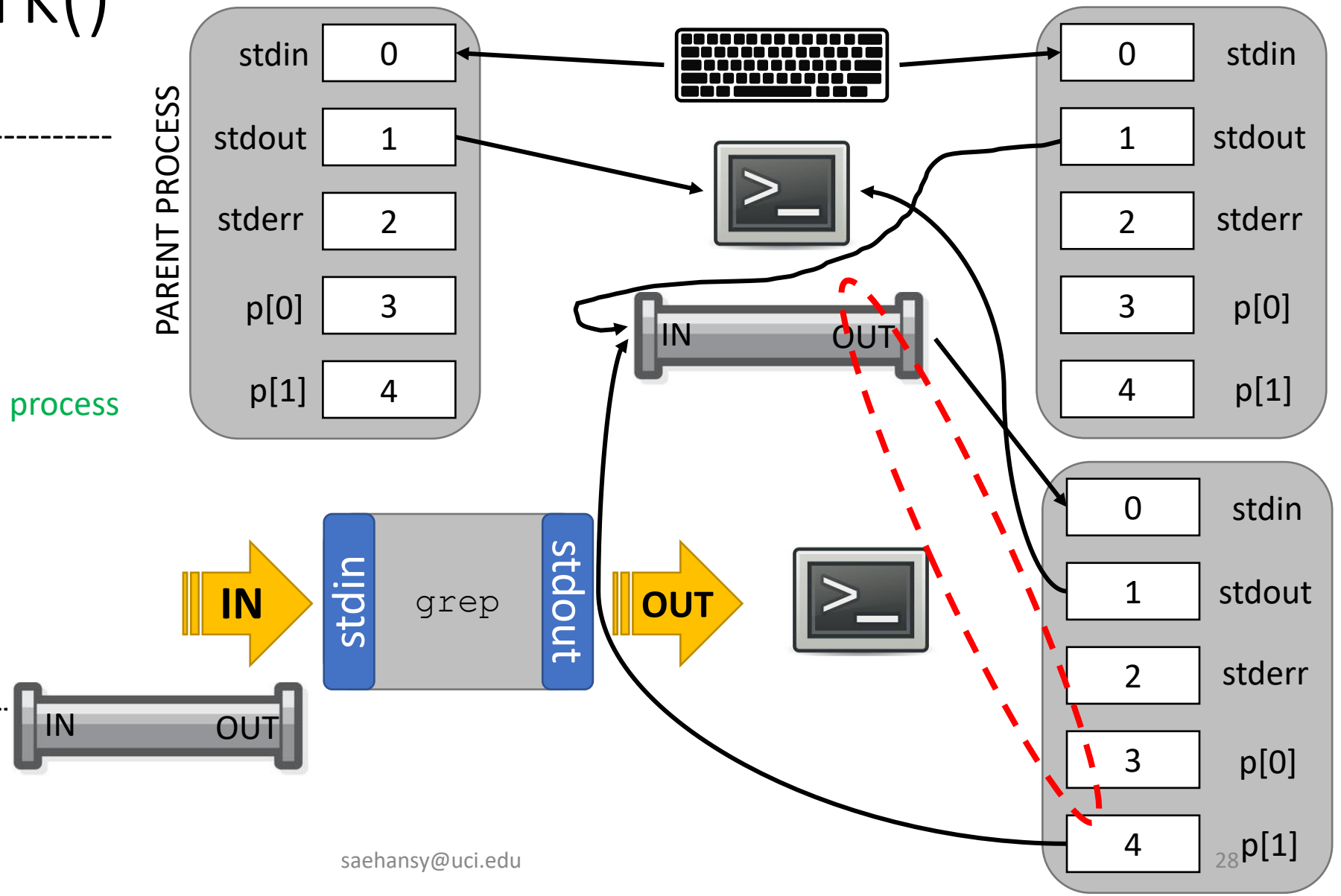

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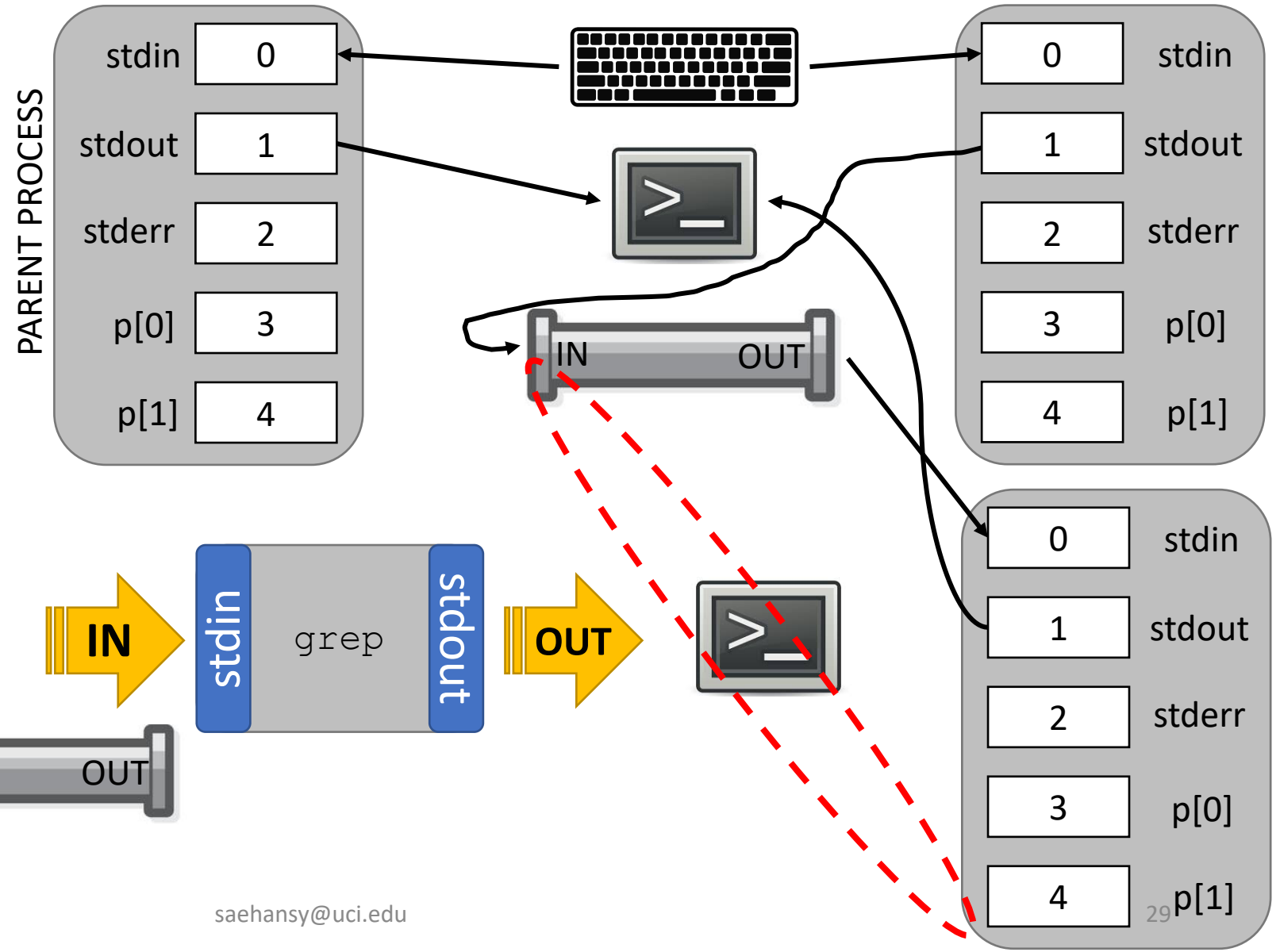

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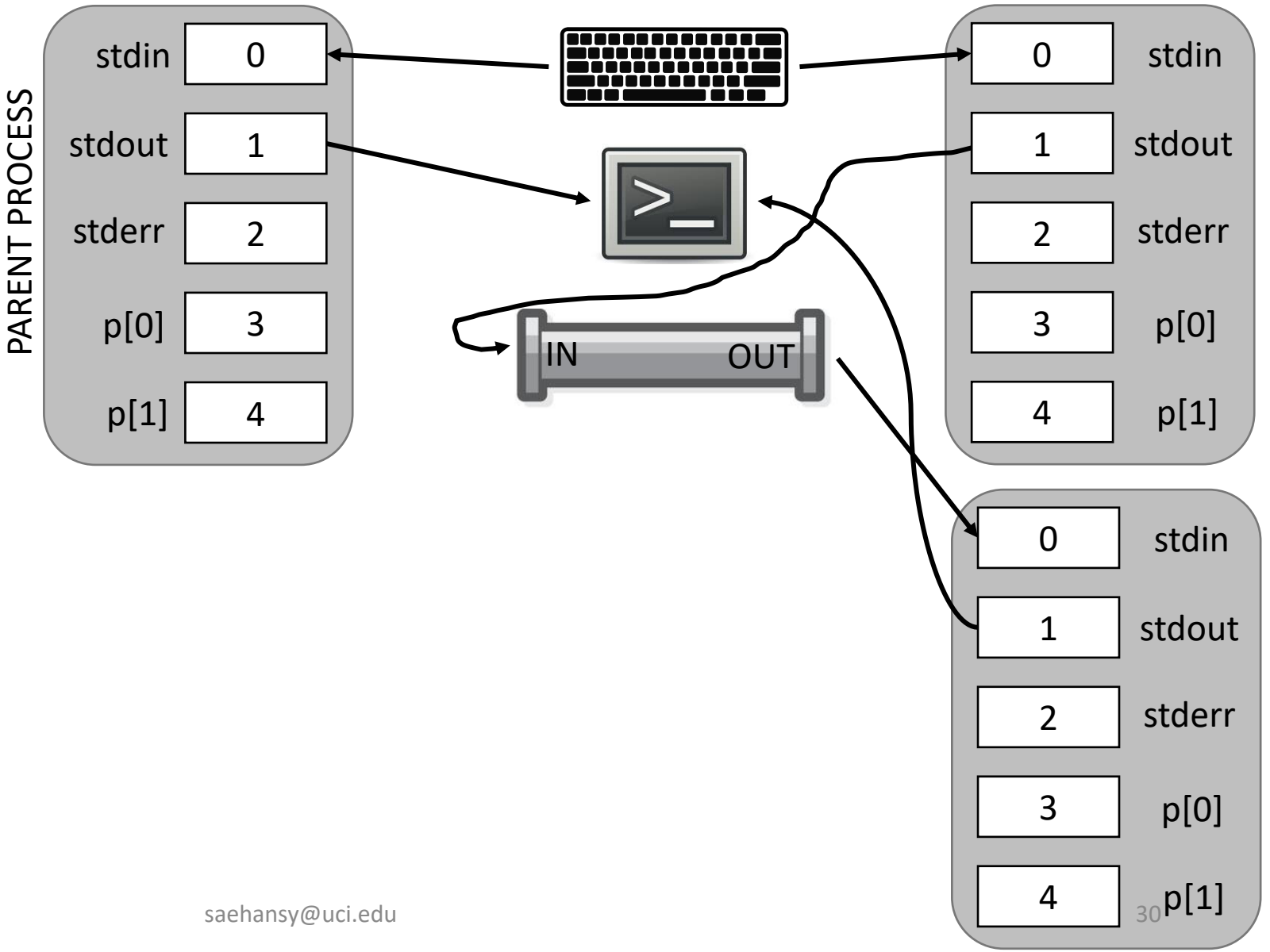

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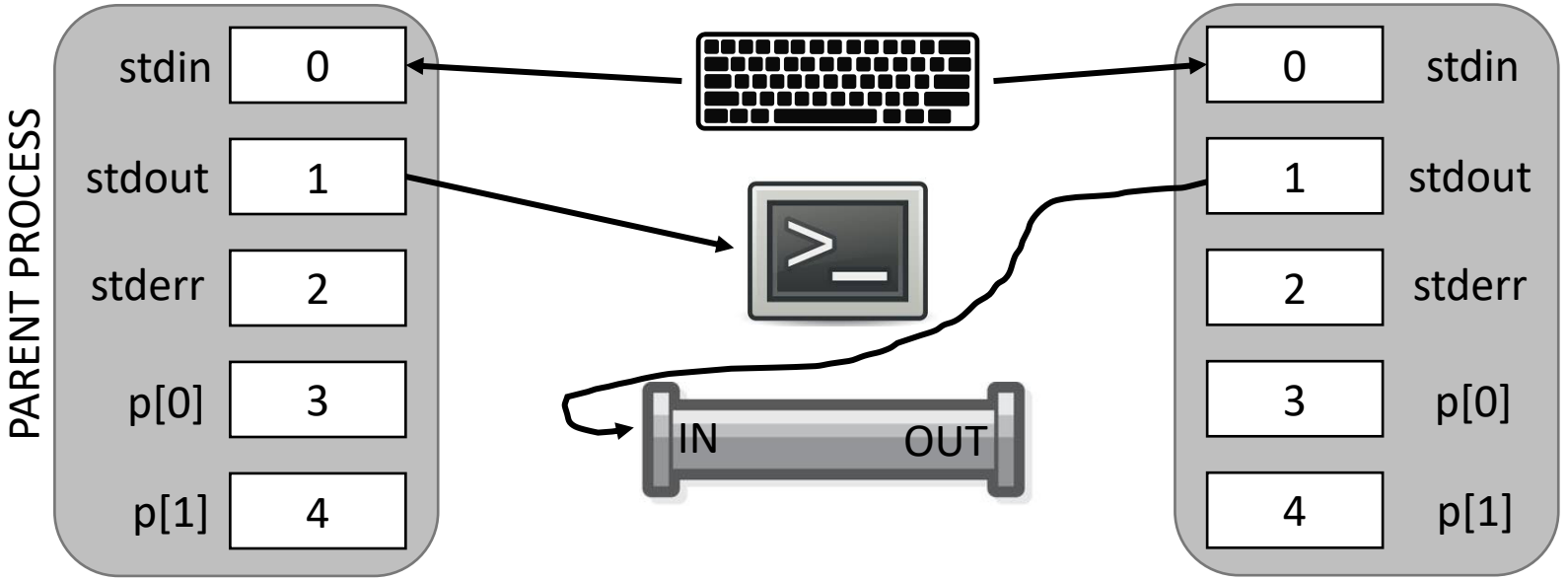


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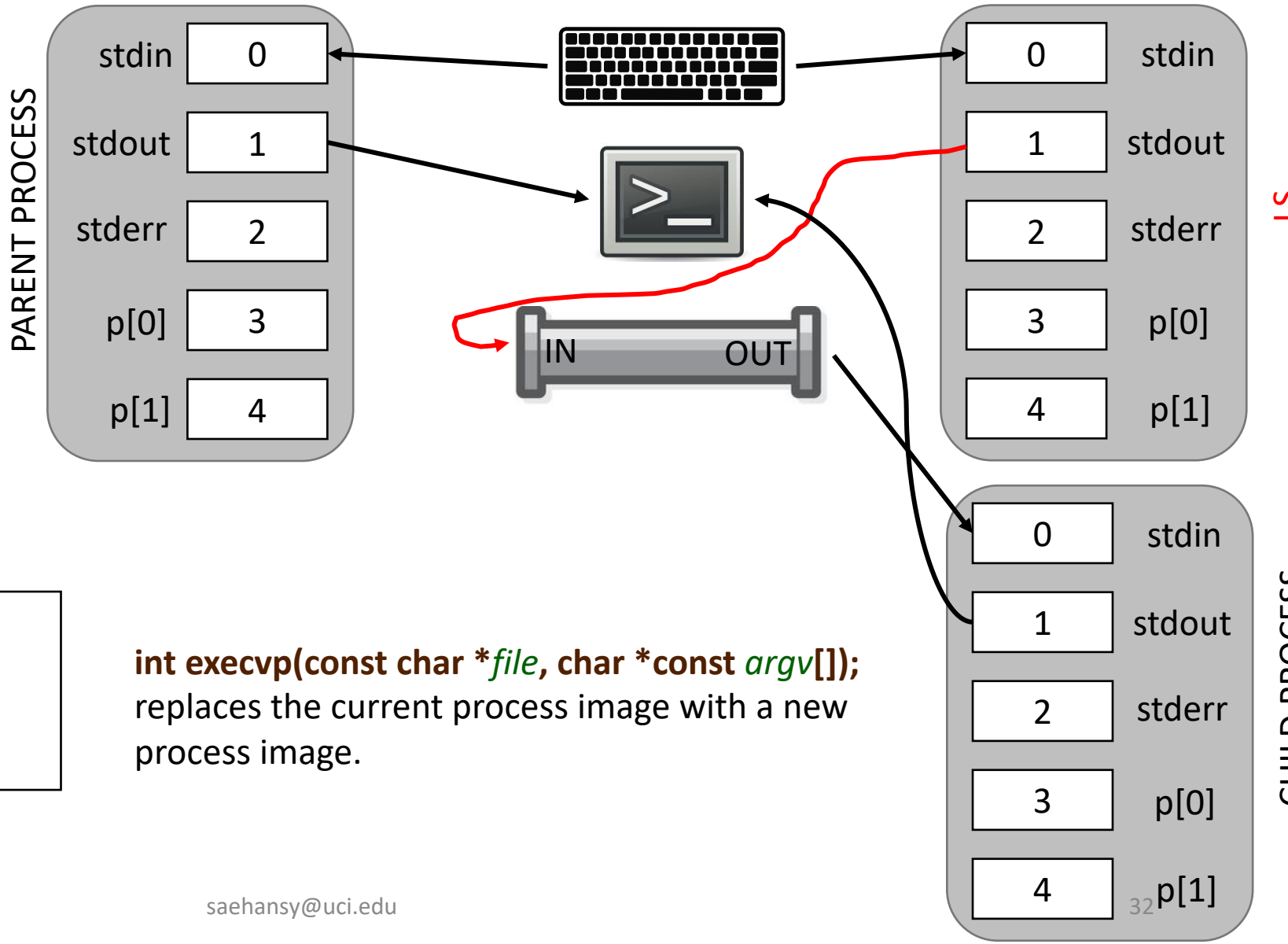


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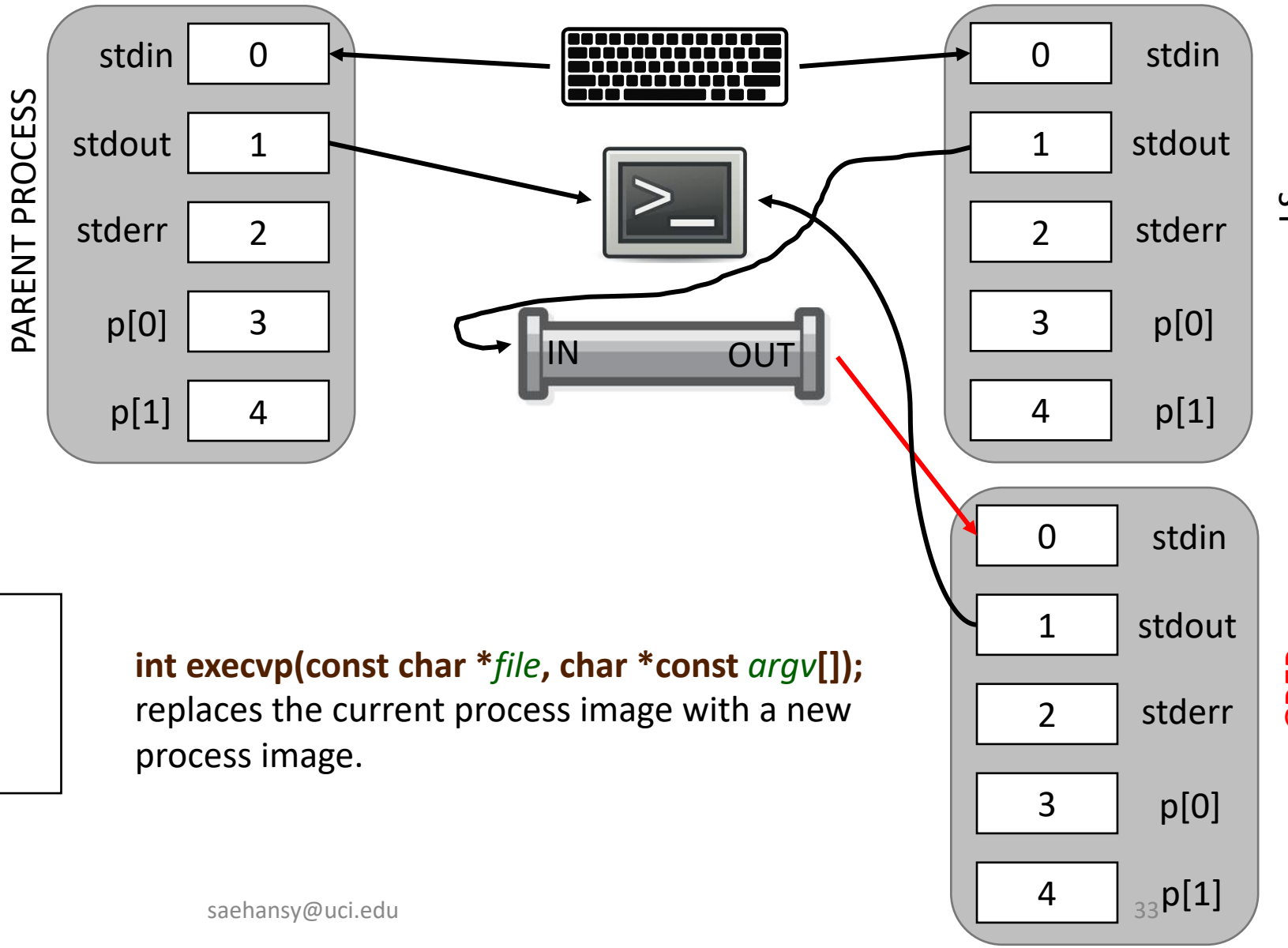


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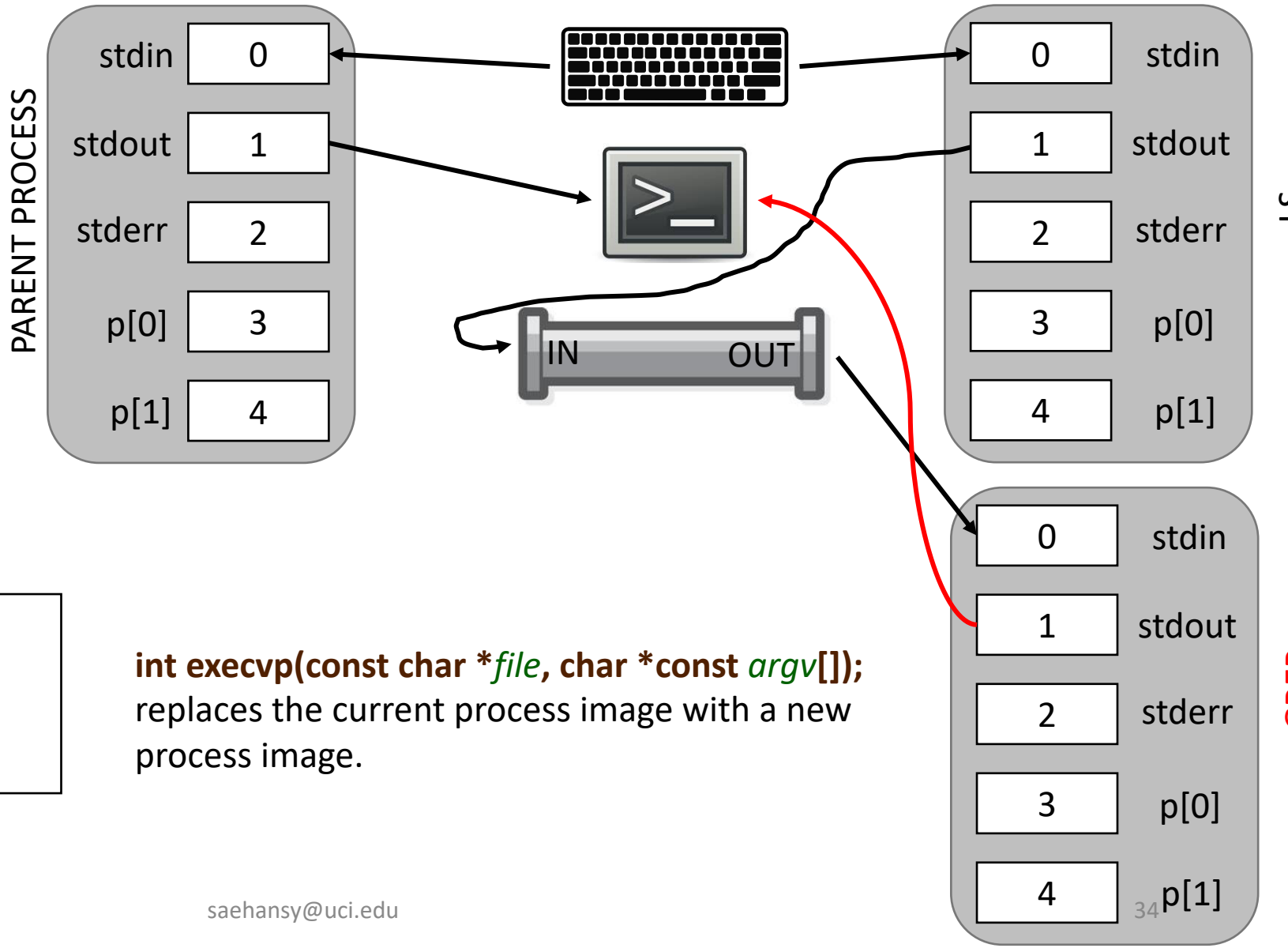


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