Connection Control Studying stty



Objectives

Ideas and Skills

- Similarities between files and devices
- Differences between files and devices
- Attributes of connections
- Race conditions and atomic operations
- Controlling device drivers
- Streams

System Calls and Functions

- fcntl, ioctl
- tcsetattr, tcgetattr

Commands

- stty
- write

Connection Control

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- 5.3 Devices Are Not Like files
- 5.4 Attributes of Disk Connections
- 5.5 Attributes of Terminal Connections

Devices Are Just Like Files

- In Unix, every device is treated as a file
- Each device has:
 - a filename
 - an inode number
 - an owner
 - permission bits
 - a last-modified time
- File operations apply the same way to terminals and other devices

Devices Have Filenames

By tradition, device files are in the /dev directory :

- lp* files : printers
- fd* files: floppy-disk drives
- sd* files: partitions on SCSI drives
- tape file: the backup tape drive
- tty* files: terminals
- dsp file: a connection to a sound card

\$ 1s -C /	dev head	-5				
XOR	fd1u720	loop1	ptyqf	sda7	stderr	ttysd
agpgart	fd1u800	1p0	ptyr0	sda8	stdin	ttyse
apm_bios	fd1u820	lp1	ptyr1	sda9	stdout	ttysf
arcd	fd1u830	lp2	ptyr2	sdb	tape	ttyt0
dsp	flash0	mcd	ptyr3	sdb1	tcp	ttyt1

Devices and System Calls

Devices support standard file system calls:

- open to access the device
- read to get data from it
- write to send data to it
- 1seek to move the read/write position (if supported)
- close to release the device
- stat to get device metadata

• Ex) Code to read from a magnetic tape

```
int fd;
fd = open("/dev/tape", O_RDONLY);  /* connect to tape drive  */
lseek(fd, (long) 4096, SEEK_SET);  /* fast forward 4096 bytes */
n = read(fd, buf, buflen);  /* read data from tape  */
close(fd);  /* disconnect  */
```

Ex: Terminals Are Just Like Files

- A terminal is any device or program that behaves like a classic keyboard + display unit
 - telnet
 - ssh
- Command tty
 - Prints the file name of your terminal (e.g., /dev/pts/0)
- We can use regular file commands on terminal files:
 - cp, >, mv, ln, rm, cat, ls

```
$ tty
/dev/pts/2
$ who > /dev/pts/2
bruce pts/2 Jul 17 23:35 (ice.northpole.org)
bruce pts/3 Jul 18 02:03 (snow.northpole.org)
```

Properties of Device Files

- Device files have most of the properties with disk files
 - inode: a pointer to a device driver in the kernel
 - Major number: identifies which driver handles the device
 - Minor number: passed to the driver to identify the specific device instance

```
$ 1s -1i /dev/pts/2
4 crw--w--w- 1 bruce tty 136, 2 Jul 18 03:25 /dev/pts/2
file type major number, minor number
```

- Device files and Permission Bits: same concept as with regular files
 - Write permission: ...
 - e.g., writing audio to /dev/dsp plays sound
 - Read permission: ...
 - e.g., reading from /dev/input/mice gets mouse input

```
$ ls -li /dev/pts/2
4 crw--w- 1 bruce tty 136, 2 Jul 18 03:25 /dev/pts/2
```

Writing write

Ex) chatting
\$ write root /dev/pts/6
Hello! ^^
...
ctrl+d

• \$ man 1 write

WRITE(1)

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WRITE(1)

NAME

write - send a message to another user

SYNOPSIS

write user [ttyname]

DESCRIPTION

Write allows you to communicate with other users by copying lines from your terminal to theirs.

When you run the write command, the user you are writing to gets a message of the form:

Message from yourname@yourhost on yourtty at hh:mm ...

```
/* write0.c
 *
        purpose: send messages to another terminal
         method: open the other terminal for output then
                 copy from stdin to that terminal
          shows: a terminal is just a file supporting regular i/o
          usage: write0 ttyname
 */
#include
                <stdio.h>
#include
               <fcntl.h>
#include
               <stdlib.h>
#include
               <string.h>
main( int ac, char *av[] )
       int
               fd;
       char
               buf[BUFSIZ];
       /* check args */
       if (ac!=2){
               fprintf(stderr, "usage: write0 ttyname\n");
               exit(1);
       /* open devices */
       fd = open( av[1], O_WRONLY );
       if (fd == -1){
               perror(av[1]); exit(1);
       /* loop until EOF on input */
       while( fgets(buf, BUFSIZ, stdin) != NULL )
               if (write(fd, buf, strlen(buf)) == -1)
                       break:
       close( fd );
```

```
$ make write0
$ ./write0 /dev/pts/1
Is it working?...
Bye
^c
```

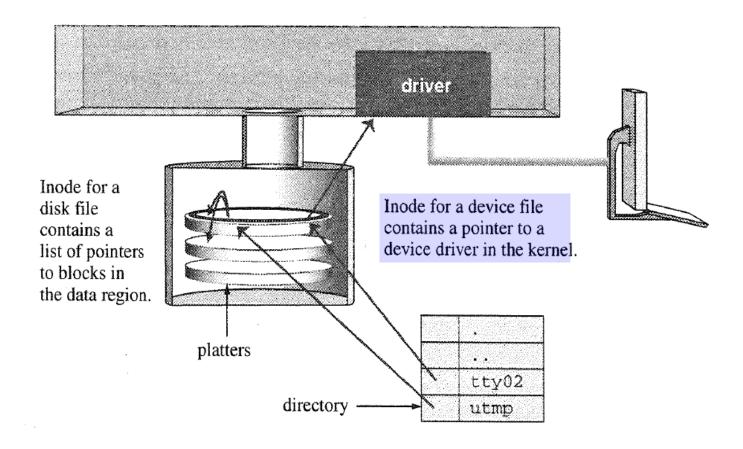


FIGURE 5.1 -- Inode points to data blocks or to driver code.

Device Files and Inodes

How read Works

- 1. Kernel finds the inode for the given file descriptor
- 2. Inode tells the kernel what kind of file it is:
 - Disk file → read data from the file system
 - Device file → kernel calls the read function in the device driver

Other Operations Work Similarly

• open, write, lseek, close

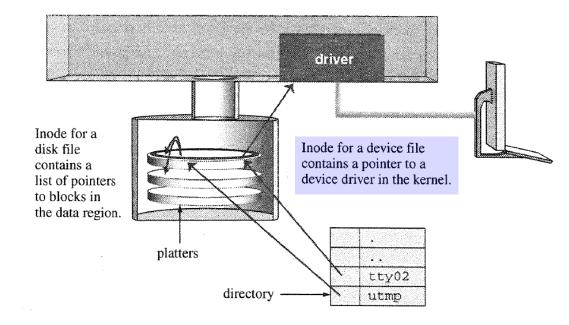


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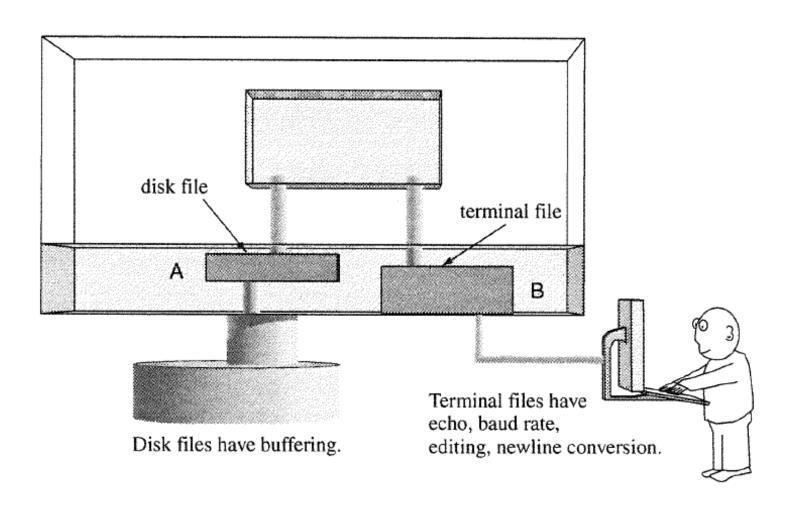


FIGURE 5.2
A process with two file descriptors.

Devices Are Not Like Files

Disk File vs Terminal File

- Both have filenames and properties (e.g., inode)
- open() creates a **connection** to a file or device

Connection Differences

- Disk File
 - Has buffering
- Terminal File
 - Has attributes like:
 - echo
 - baud rate
 - line editing
 - newline conversion

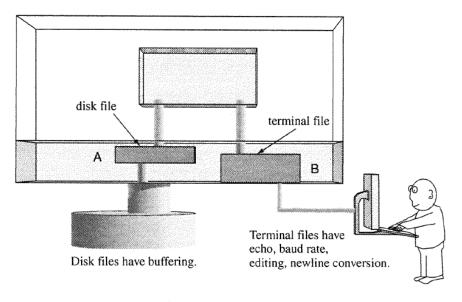


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Connection Attributes and Control

The attributes of connections:

- 1. What attributes can a connection have?
- 2. How can you examine the current attributes?
- 3. How can you change the current attributes?

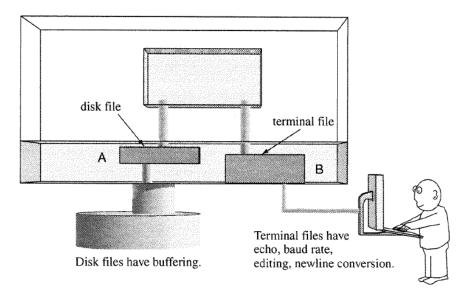


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- **5.6 Programming Other Devices: ioctl**

Attributes of Disk Connections: Buffering

- The processing unit is kernel code
 - It handles:
 - Buffering
 - Other I/O processing tasks
 - Inside this unit are control variables
 - we can change the behavior (e.g., echo, buffering)
 by modifying these variables

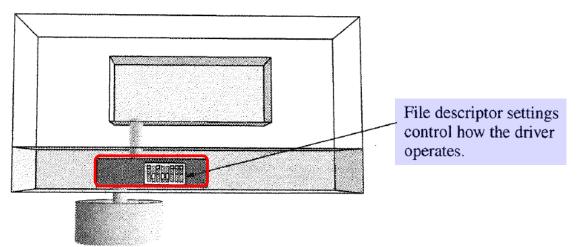
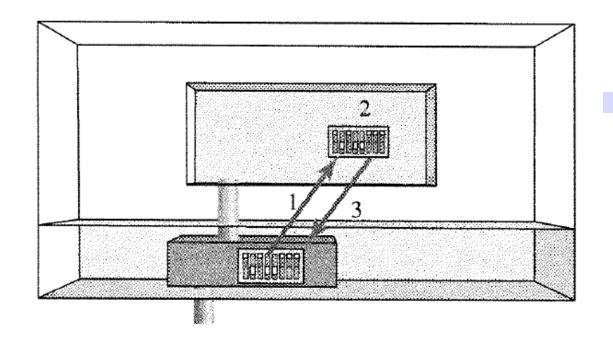


FIGURE 5.3

A processing unit in a data stream.



To change driver settings:

- 1. Get settings,
- 2. modify them
- 3. send them back.

FIGURE 5.4

Modifying the operation of a file descriptor.

Ex: Turning off disk buffering

	fcntl			
URPOSE	Control file descriptors			
NCLUDE	<pre>#include <fcnt1.h> #include <unistd.h> #include <sys types.h=""></sys></unistd.h></fcnt1.h></pre>			
JSAGE	<pre>int result = fcntl(int fd, int cmd); int result = fcntl(int fd, int cmd, long arg); int result = fcntl(int fd, int cmd, struct flock *lockp</pre>			
ARGS	fd the file descriptor to control cmd the operation to perform arg arguments to the operation lock lock information			
RETURNS	-1 if error other depends on operation			

Attributes of Disk Connections : Auto-Append Mode

- Auto-append
 - Ensures data is always added to the end of a file
 - Useful when multiple processes write to the same file
- Ex) wtmp Logfile
 - Stores login/logout history
 - When a user logs in → login record is appended
 - When a user logs out → logout record is appended
 - Each record **must be added to the end** of the file to keep the log consistent

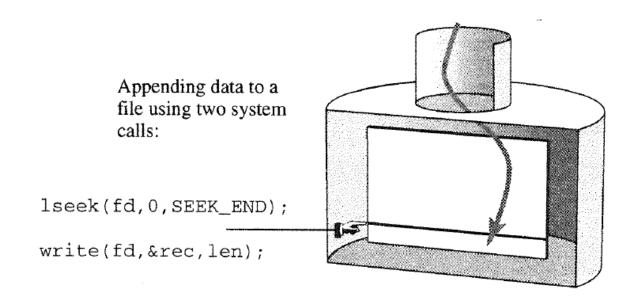


FIGURE 5.5

Appending with lseek and write.

• What If Two People Log In at the Same Time?

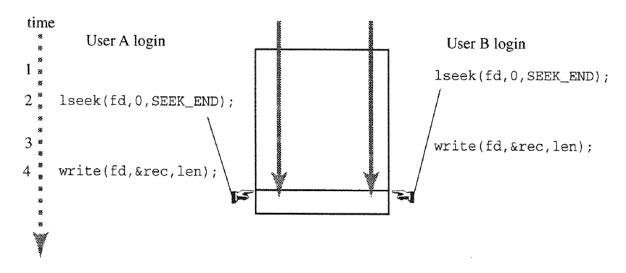


FIGURE 5.6
Interleaved lseek and write = chaos.

time 1—B's login process seeks to end of file time 2—B's time slice is up, A's login process seeks to end of file time 3—A's time slice is up, B's login process writes record time 4—B's time slice is up, A's login process writes record

→ What problem ...

- How Can This "Race Condition" Be Avoided?
 - Kernel provides a solution **auto-append mode**: O_APPEND bit

With O_APPEND, the kernel performs:
 lseek + write → as one atomic step

Controlling File Descriptors with open

• open() lets you set fd attribute bits :

```
fd = open(WTMP_FILE, O_WRONLY | O_APPEND | O_SYNC);
```

Equivalent Calls:

```
fd = creat(filename, permission_bits);
fd = open(filename, O_CREAT | O_TRUNC | O_WRONLY, permission_bits);
```

- Other Flags
 - O_CREAT Create file if it doesn't exist
 - O_TRUNC If file exists, truncate (empty) it
 - O_EXCL Used with O_CREAT; if file exists, fail (prevents duplicates)

Summary of Disk Connections

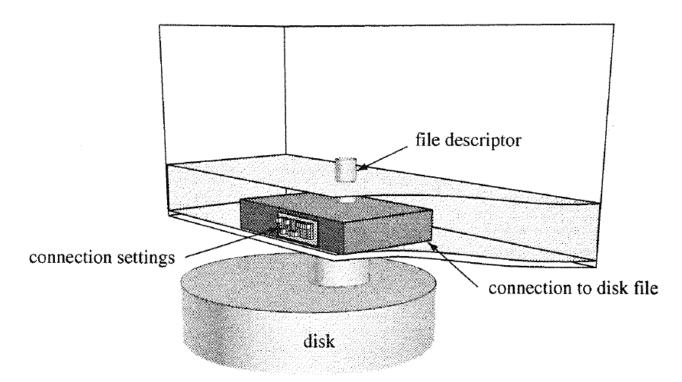
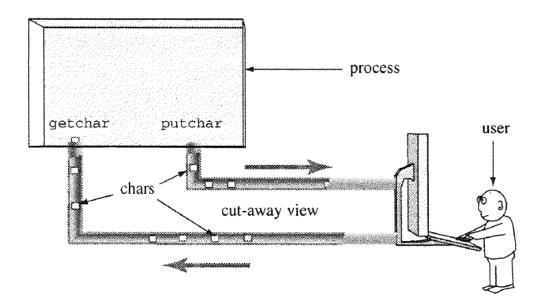


FIGURE 5.7
Connections to files have settings.

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Terminal I/O Is Not as Simple as It Appears

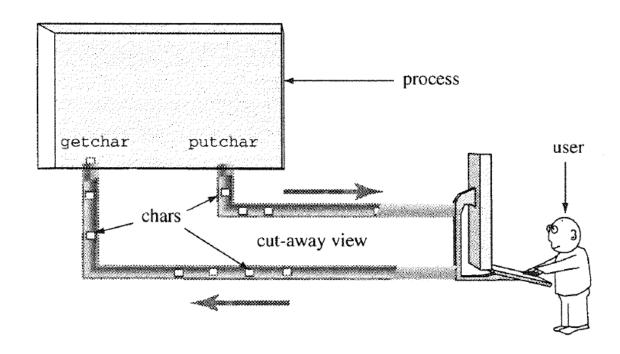


FIGURE 5.8

The illusion of a simple, direct connection.

```
listchars.c
         purpose: list individually all the chars seen on input
          output: char and ascii code, one pair per line
 *
 *
           input: stdin, until the letter Q
 *
           notes: useful to show that buffering/editing exists
 */
#include
                 <stdio.h>
main()
         int
                c, n = 0;
         while( ( c = getchar()) != 'Q' )
                 printf("char %3d is \frac{%c}{c} code \frac{%d}{n}", n++, \frac{c}{c}, \frac{c}{c});
```

\$./listchars hello

```
char 0 is h code 104
char 1 is e code 101
char 2 is 1 code 108
char 3 is 1 code 108
char 4 is o code 111
char 5 is
code 10
```

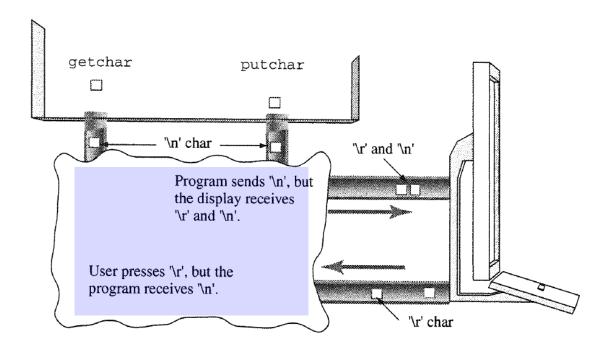


FIGURE 5.9
Kernel processes terminal data.

- 1. The process receives no data until user presses Return
- 2. User presses Return (ASCII 13), process sees newline (ASCII 10)
- 3. Process sends newline, terminal receives Return-Newline pair

코드	이름	의미
13	Carriage Return (CR)	커서(쓰기 위치)를 줄 맨 앞으로 이동
10	Line Feed (LF)	한 줄 아래로 이동

Terminal (TTY) Driver

- A set of kernel subroutines that handle data flow between: process ↔ terminal
- It manages:
 - Input editing
 - Echo
 - Control characters
 - Line buffering, etc.
- Includes many settings (control flags)
 that define its behavior
- A process can:
 - Read current settings
 - Modify settings
 - Reset to defaults (e.g., with stty sane)

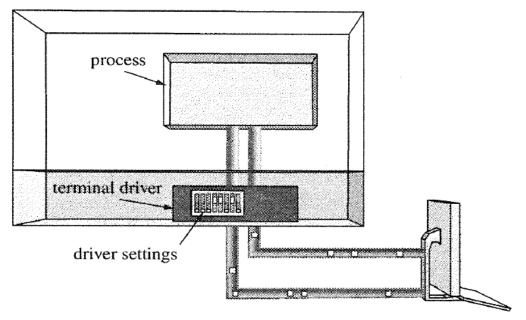


FIGURE 5.10

The terminal driver is part of the kernel.

Command: stty

Using stty to Display Driver Settings

```
$ stty -a
$ stty
speed 9600 baud; line = 0;
$ stty -all
speed 9600 baud; rows 15; columns 80; line = 0;
                                                        numerical values
intr = ^C; quit = ^\; erase = ^?; kill = ^U; eof = ^D; eol = <undef>;
eol2 = <undef>; start = ^Q; stop = ^S; susp = ^Z; rprnt = ^R; werase = ^W;
                                                        character values
lnext = ^V; flush = ^O; min = 1; time = 0;
-parenb -parodd cs8 -hupcl -cstopb cread -clocal -crtscts
-ignbrk brkint ignpar -parmrk -inpck -istrip -inlcr -igncr icrnl ixon -
ixoff
-iuclc -ixany imaxbel
opost -olcuc -ocrnl onlcr -onocr -onlret -ofill -ofdel n10 cr0 tab0 bs0
vt0 ff0
isig icanon iexten echo echoe echok -echonl -noflsh -xcase -tostop -
echoprt
                                                 boolean values (on/off)
echoctl echoke
                                           ( - : the operation is turned off )
```

Using stty to Change Driver Settings

Programming the Terminal Driver: Settings

- Terminal Driver's Operations: 4 Categories
 - Input
 - → What the driver does with characters **coming from the terminal**
 - Output
 - → What the driver does with characters **going to the terminal**
 - Control
 - → How characters are **represented** (e.g., bits, parity, stop bits)
 - Local
 - → What the driver does **internally** while handling characters

Programming the Terminal Driver: Functions

Changing Terminal Driver Settings

- (a) Get the current attributes from the driver
- (b) Modify the attributes you want to change
- (c) Send the updated attributes back to the driver

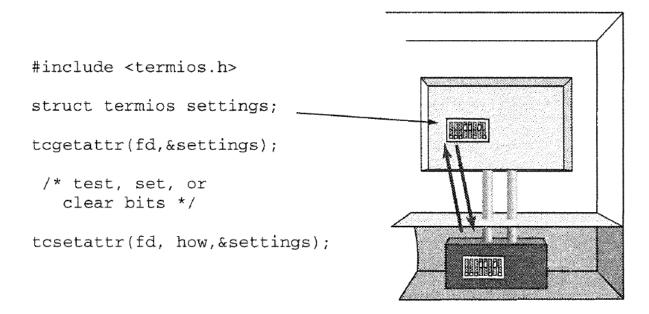


FIGURE 5.11

Controlling the terminal driver with togetattr and tosetattr.

Ex: Turning on keystroke echoing

```
#include <termios.h>
struct termios settings;
tcgetattr(fd, &settings);
settings.c_lflag |= ECHO;
tcsetattr(fd, TCSANOW, &settings);
```

```
TCSANOW

→ 즉시 속성 변경

TCSADRAIN

→ 출력이 끝난 후 속성 변경

TCSAFLUSH

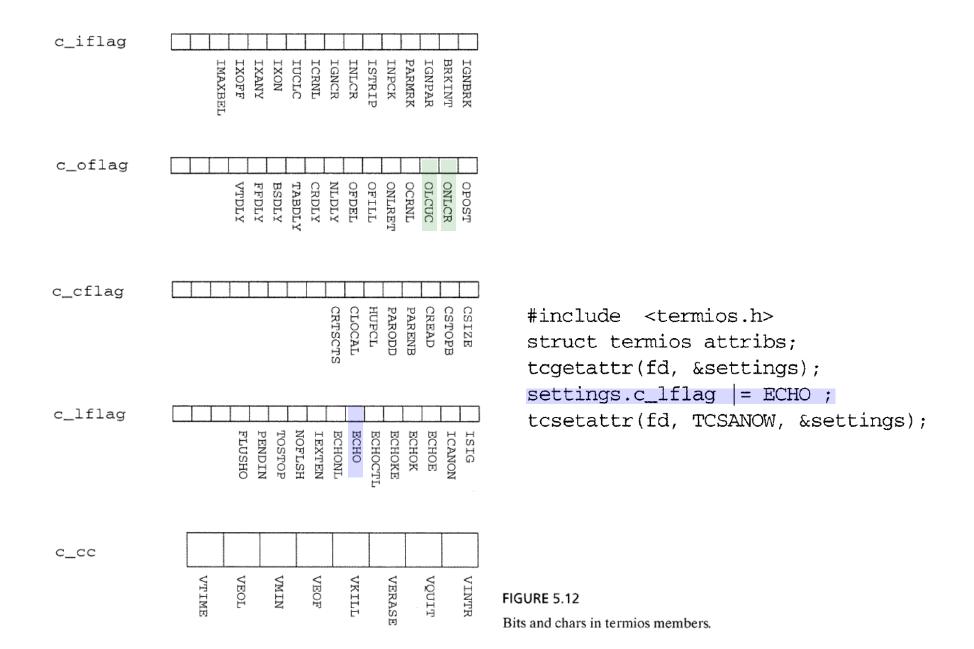
→ 출력 완료 후 속성 변경 + 입력 버퍼 비움
```

/*	struct to hold attributes	*/
/*	get attribs from driver	*/
/*	turn on ECHO bit in flagset	*/
/*	send attribs back to driver	*/

tcgetattr			
PURPOSE	Read attributes from tty driver		
INCLUDE	<pre>#include <termios.h> #include <unistd.h></unistd.h></termios.h></pre>		
USAGE	<pre>int result = tcgetattr(int fd, struct termios *info);</pre>		
ARGS	fd info	file descriptor connected to a terminal pointer to a struct termios	
RETURNS	-1 0	if error if success	

Programming the Terminal Driver: Bits

- Data type struct termios:
 - Defined in <termios.h>



Programming the Terminal Driver: Bit Operations

for modifying driver attributes

Action	Code
test a bit	if(flagset & MASK)
set a bit	flagset = MASK
clear a bit	flagset &= ~MASK

```
#include <termios.h>
struct termios attribs;
tcgetattr(fd, &settings);
settings.c_lflag |= ECHO;
tcsetattr(fd, TCSANOW, &settings);
```

Programming the Terminal Driver: Sample Programs

• Ex: echostate.c -- show state of echo bit

```
$ cc echostate.c -o echostate
$ ./echostate
echo is on , since its bit is 1
$ stty -echo
$ ./echostate
$ echo is OFF, since its bit is 0
```

```
/* echostate.c
    reports current state of echo bit in tty driver for fd 0
    shows how to read attributes from driver and test a bit
 */
#include
               <stdio.h>
#include
               <termios.h>
#include
               <stdlib.h>
main()
       struct termios info;
       int rv;
       rv = tcgetattr(0, &info); /* read values from driver
       if (rv == -1){
               perror( "tcgetattr");
                exit(1);
        if (info.c_lflag & ECHO)
               printf(" echo is on , since its bit is 1\n");
        else
               printf(" echo if OFF, since its bit is 0\n");
```

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RETURNS	-1 0	if error if success

*/

• Ex: setecho.c -- change state of echo bit

```
$ echostate; setecho n ; echostate ; stty echo
echo is on, since its bit is 1
echo is OFF, since its bit is 0
$ stty -echo ; echostate ; setecho y ; setecho n
echo is OFF, since its bit is 0
```

```
/* setecho.c
    usage: setecho [y n]
    shows: how to read, change, reset tty attributes
 */
#include
              <stdio.h>
#include
              <termios.h>
#include
             <stdlib.h>
#define oops(s,x) { perror(s); exit(x); }
main(int ac, char *av[])
       struct termios info;
       if (ac == 1)
               exit(0);
       if (tcgetattr(0,&info) == -1) /* get attribs */
               oops("tcgettattr", 1);
       if (av[1][0] == 'y')
              info.c_lflag |= ECHO;
                                     /* turn on bit */
       else
               info.c_lflag &= ~ECHO ; /* turn off bit
       if ( tcsetattr(0, TCSANOW, &info) == -1 ) /* set attribs
                                                             */
              oops("tcsetattr",2);
```

VISUAL SUMMARY

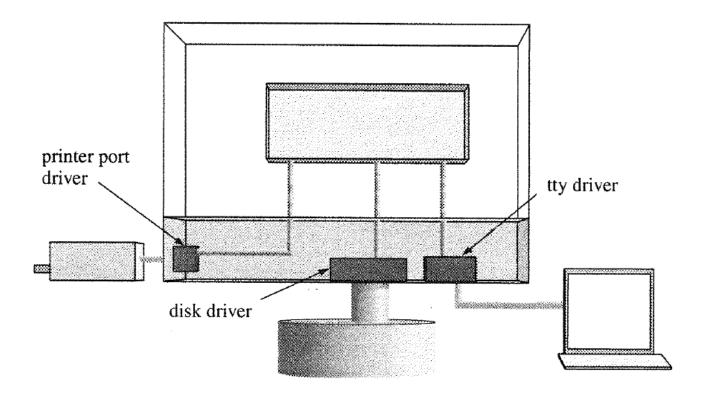


FIGURE 5.13
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