

Implement a Small UNIX Shell

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This exercise must be done inside the clone of your own fork of the skeleton git repository.

1 Presentation of the files

The file `shell.c` contains a C file that must be completed. This is the main file you have to change.

The file `makefile` contains the instructions for the compilation.

2 Goal of the exercise

The goal of this exercise is to write a program in C, which emulates a Unix shell (a small one).

Your shell must:

1. Print a shell prompt ("`$` ") for each command.

Example:

```
$
```

2. Read a stream of simple commands to execute from stdin.

Example:

```
$ echo Hello
Hello
$ expr 1 + 3
4
```

3. Support setting shell variables and expansion.

Example:

```
$ A=5
$ echo $A
5
$ echo ${A}BC
5BC
$ A=$A$A
echo $A
55
```

4. Support checking the status of the last command via \$?.

Example:

```
$ true
$ echo $?
0
$ false
$ echo $?
1
```

5. Support launching processes in the background with '&'.

Example:

```
$ firefox &
$
```

(here, Firefox should run and your shell should accept additional commands as inputs while Firefox is running). Without '&', the shell must only accept new commands after the previous command has terminated!

6. Support redirection of stdin, stdout and stderr with ">", "<" and "2>".

Example:

```
$ echo Hello > test.txt
$ cat - < test.txt
Hello
```

7. Support the pipeline operator "|".

Example:

```
$ echo Hello | tr l L | tr o ?  
HeLL?
```

A passing grade will be awarded for completing 6/7 of the features.

3 Upload the result to the Git repository

You must upload the file you wrote `shell.c` to the repository.

```
machine-:$ git add shell.c  
....  
machine-:$ git commit -m"solution for exercise 5"  
....  
machine-:$ git push origin master
```

4 Get feedback

You can inspect the results of the automated tests for your program inside gitlab CI (<https://gitlab.ti.bfh.ch>, go to CI/CD > Jobs in your forked project). There, you will also find the amount of points given.