OS-LAB-1

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1. In this question, we will understand the hardware configuration of your working machine using

the /proc filesystem.

- (a) Run command more /proc/cpuinfo and explain the following terms: processor and cores. [Hint: Use Iscpu to verify your definitions.]
- (b) How many cores does your machine have?
- (c) How many processors does your machine have?
- (d) What is the frequency of each processor?
- (e) How much physical memory does your system have?
- (f) How much of this memory is free?
- (g) What is total number of number of forks since the boot in the system?
- (h) How many context switches has the system performed since bootup?

SOLUTION)

A) Run command more /proc/cpuinfo and explain the following terms: processor and cores. [Hint: Use Iscpu to verify your definitions.]

CPU is an electronic circuit inside the computer that carries out instruction to perform arithmetic, logical, control and input/output operations

The **core** is an execution unit inside the **CPU** that receives and executes instructions.

```
khamad@khamad-S551LB:~$ more /proc/cpuinfo
processor : 0
vendor_id : GenuineIntel
cpu family : 6
model : 69
model name : Intel(R) Core(TM) i7-4500U CPU @ 1.80GHz
stepping : 1
microcode : 0x26
cpu MHz : 952.290
cache size : 4096 KB
physical id : 0
siblings : 4
core id : 0
cpu cores : 2
apicid : 0
initial apicid : 0
fpu : yes
cpuid level : 13
wp : yes
```

B) How many cores does your machine have?

Core(s) per socket: 2

C) How many processors does your machine have?

CPU(s): 4

D) What is the frequency of each processor?

cpu MHz : 1322.489

E) How much physical memory does your system have?

```
      khamad@khamad-S551LB:~$ more /proc/meminfo

      MemTotal:
      12150052 kB

      MemFree:
      9814600 kB

      MemAvailable:
      10518432 kB

      Buffers:
      82628 kB

      Cached:
      1013128 kB

      SwapCached:
      0 kB

      Active:
      1297572 kB

      Inactive:
      630048 kB
```

Using command more /proc/meminfo

MemTotal: 12150052 kB MemFree: 8373276 kB

MemAvailable: 9709424 kB

Cached: 1664156 kB

G) What is the total number of forks since the boot in the system?

```
khamad@khamad-S551LB:~$ vmstat -f
3139 forks _
```

Using command vmstat -f 33138 forks

H) How many context switches has the system performed since bootup?

```
khamad@khamad-S551LB:~$ pid=307
khamad@khamad-S551LB:~$ grep ctxt /proc/$pid/status
voluntary_ctxt_switches: 88
nonvoluntary_ctxt_switches: 6
```

Using command grep ctxt /proc/\$pid/status

voluntary_ctxt_switches: 88 nonvoluntary_ctxt_switches: 0

2. In this question, we will understand how to monitor the status of a running process using the top

command. Compile the program cpu.c given to you and execute it in the bash or any other

shell of your choice as follows.

\$ gcc cpu.c -o cpu

\$./cpu

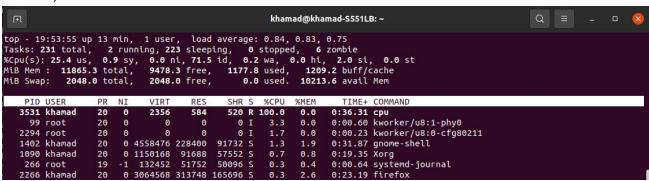
This program runs in an infinite loop without terminating. Now open another terminal, run the

top command and answer the following questions about the cpu process.

- (a) What is the PID of the process running the cpu command?
- (b) How much CPU and memory does this process consume?
- (c) What is the current state of the process? For example, is it running or in a blocked state or a

zombie state?

Solution)



- **A)** What is the PID of the process running the cpu command?
 - PID= 32477
- B) How much CPU and memory does this process consume? %CPU=100.0 %MEM= 0.0
- **C)** What is the current state of the process? For example, is it running or in a blocked state or a zombie state?

RUNNING STATE AS INDICATED IN s STATES

3. In this question, we will understand how the Linux shell (e.g., the bash shell) runs user commands

by spawning new child processes to execute the various commands.

(a) Compile the program cpu-print.c given to you and execute it in the bash or any other shell of your choice as follows.

\$ gcc cpu-print.c -o cpu-print

\$./cpu-print

This program runs in an infinite loop printing output to the screen. Now, open another terminal and use the ps command with suitable options to find out the pid of the process spawned by the shell to run the cpu-print executable. You may want to explore the ps command thoroughly to understand the various output fields it shows.

(b) Find the PID of the parent of the cpu-print process, i.e., the shell process. Next, find the PIDs of all the ancestors, going back at least 5 generations (or until you reach the init process).

4138-> 2616-> 2606-> 1073->1 (init)

F									khamad@khamad-S551LB: ~
khamad	2336	2266	0	621160	148608	3	19:47	?	00:00:06 /usr/lib/fir
khamad	2421	2266	0	604720	114908	2	19:47	?	00:00:01 /usr/lib/fir
khamad	2456	2266	5	726809	357824	3	19:47	?	00:01:34 /usr/lib/fir
khamad	2606	1073	10	224119	57068	3	19:48	?	00:02:50 /usr/libexec
khamad	2616	2606	0	2960	5912	1	19:48	pts/0	00:00:00 bash
khamad	2733	1073	0	215306	58676	3	19:49	?	00:00:00 /usr/bin/gno
khamad	2737	1073	0	117179	45768	3	19:49	?	00:00:00 /usr/bin/sea
root	2838	2	0	0	0	3	19:49	?	00:00:00 [kworker/3:0
khamad	2856	1130	0	79550	10504	2	19:49	?	00:00:00 /usr/libexec
khamad	2870	1402	0	0	0	0	19:49	?	00:00:00 [createThumb
khamad	2879	1402	0	0	0	0	19:49	?	00:00:00 [createThumb
khamad	2901	1130	0	78829	8676	0	19:49	?	00:00:00 /usr/libexec
root	2923	2	0	0	0	3	19:49	?	00:00:00 [kworker/3:2
root	2924	2	0	0	0	2	19:49	?	00:00:00 [kworker/2:2
root	2962	2	0	0	0	1	19:49	?	00:00:00 [kworker/1:2
root	2986	2	0	Θ	Θ	1	19:49	?	00:00:00 [kworker/1:3
khamad	3067	1402	0	0	0	0	19:50	?	00:00:00 [createThumb
khamad	3082	1402	0	0	0	0	19:50	?	00:00:00 [createThumb
khamad	3234	1402	0	0	0	3	19:51	?	00:00:00 [createThumb
khamad	3395	1402	0	0	0	3	19:52	?	00:00:00 [createThumb
khamad	3456	2266	2	651727	244204	3	19:52	?	00:00:40 /usr/lib/fir
khamad	3718	1402	0	0	0	0	19:53	?	00:00:00 [createThumb
khamad	3734	1402	0	0	0	0	19:53	?	00:00:00 [createThumb
root	4043	2	0	Θ	Θ	1	20:10	?	00:00:00 [kworker/1:0
root	4069	2	9	0	0	1	20:10	?	00:00:27 [kworker/u8:
root	4121	2	0	0	0	2	20:11	?	00:00:00 [kworker/2:0
root	4122	2	0	0	0	2	20:11	?	00:00:00 [kworker/2:1
root	4123	2	0	Θ	Θ	2	20:11	?	00:00:00 [kworker/2:4
khamad	4138	2616	57	622	648	1	20:12	pts/0	00:02:01 ./cpu-print
root	4139	2	3	0	0	1	20:12	?	00:00:06 [kworker/u8:
khamad	4151	2606	0	2960	5896	1	20:12	pts/2	00:00:00 bash
khamad	4259	2266	1	598083	81848		20:13		00:00:01 /usr/lib/fir
root	4289	2	12	0	0		20:13		00:00:19 [kworker/u8:
khamad	4483	4151	0	2957	3508		20:15		00:00:00 ps -eF

(c) We will now understand how the shell performs output redirection. Run the following com-

Mand.

\$./cpu-print > /tmp/tmp.txt &

Look at the proc file system information of the newly spawned process. Pay particular atten-

tion to where its file descriptors 0, 1, and 2 (standard input, output, and error) are pointing

to. Using this information, can you describe how I/O redirection is being implemented by the shell?

```
khamad
               4151
4289
                          2606
                                      3122
                                              6604
                                                       2 20:12 pts/2
                                                                             00:00:00 bash
                                                       0 20:13
                                                                             00:01:26 [kworker/u8:5-events_unbound]
root
                                11
                              2 0
                                                       2 20:16 ?
root
               4493
                                         0
                                                 0
                                                                             00:00:00 [kworker/2:0-mm_percpu_wq]
                                                                             00:00:00 [kworker/0:0-events]
00:00:22 /usr/lib/firefox/firefox -contentproc -childID 8
00:00:00 [kworker/3:1-events]
00:00:00 [createThumbnail] <defunct>
00:00:00 [kworker/1:1-events]
root
               4495
                                  0
                                         0
                                                 0
                                                       0 20:16
                          2266 4 755904 422608 2 20:17 ?
khamad
               4522
oot
               4617
                                0
                                         0
                                                       3 20:19 ?
khamad
               4635
                          1402 0
                                         0
                                                      1 20:19 ?
root
               4661
                                 0
                                         0
                                                 0
                                                      1 20:19 ?
                                                                             00:00:00 [kworker/1:2-cgroup_destroy]
00:00:49 [kworker/u8:4-events_unbound]
root
               4666
                              2 0
                                                      1 20:19 ?
root
               4687
                              2 13
                                         0
                                                 0
                                                      2 20:19 ?
                                                                             00:00:00 [kworker/2:2-events]
oot
               4758
                                         0
                                                      2 20:20 ?
khamad
               4858
                          1402 0
                                         0
                                                       3 20:22 ?
                                                                             00:00:00 [createThumbnail] <defunct>
                                                                             00:00:00 [kworker/3:3-events]
00:00:00 /usr/lib/firefox/firefox -contentproc -childID 9
00:00:05 [kworker/u8:0-events_unbound]
root
               4979
                                0
                                         0
                                                       3 20:22 ?
khamad
                5081
                          2266
                                 0
                                     598083 83656
                                                      0 20:24
                5158
                                                       2 20:25 ?
oot
                                         0
                                                                             00:00:07 ./cpu-print
khamad
                5162
                          4151 95
                                       622
                                              712
                                                       1 20:25 pts/2
khamad
                                                       3 20:26 pts/2
                                                                             00:00:00 ps -eF
                5163
```

(d) Next, we will understand how the shell implements pipes. Run the following command.

\$./cpu-print | grep hello

Once again, identify the newly spawned processes, and find out where their standard in-put/output/error file descriptors are pointing to. Use this information to explain how pipes are implemented by the shell.

```
knamad@khamad-S551LB:~

top - 20:31:58 up 51 min, 1 user, load average: 6.35, 4.88, 3.38

Tasks: 239 total, 5 running, 224 sleeping, 0 stopped, 10 zombie

%Cpu(s): 51.3 us, 14.7 sy, 0.0 ni, 10.2 id, 23.7 wa, 0.0 hi, 0.2 si,

MiB Mem : 11865.3 total, 145.2 free, 1569.9 used, 10150.2 buff/co
                                                                           khamad@khamad-S551LB: ~
                                                                                                              0.0 st
                                                                 1569.9 used, 10150.2 buff/cache
                                                                                        9736.3 avail Mem
                                                                            %CPU
                                                                                     %MFM
      PID USER
                           PR NT
                                           VTRT
                                                       RES
                                                                  SHR S
                                                                                                   TIME+ COMMAND
     5351 khamac
                            20
                                           2488
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                           20
                                                                  644 D
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     5162 khamad
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                                                                                              12:41.06 gnome-terminal-
9:52.65 cpu-print
     2606 khamad
                           20
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                                                               40612 R
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    5352 khamad
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                                                                                                0:25.35 grep
```

- (e) When you type in a command into the shell, the shell does one of two things. For some com-mands, executables that perform that functionality already come built into the Linux kernel. For such commands, the shell simply invokes the executable like it runs the executables of your own programs. For other commands where the executable does not exist, the shell im-plements the command itself within its code. Consider the following commands that you can type in the bash shell: cd, ls, history, ps. Which of these commands already exist as built-in executables in the Linux kernel that are then simply executed by the bash shell, and which are implemented by the bash code itself?
- Q4) Consider the two programs memory1.c and memory2.c given to you. Compile and run them one after the other. Both programs allocate a large array in memory. One of them accesses the array and the other doesn't. Both programs pause before exiting to let you inspect their memory usage. You can inspect the memory used by a process with the ps command. In particular, the output will tell you what the total size of the "virtual" memory of the process is, and how much of this is actually physically resident in memory. You will learn later that the virtual memory of the process is the memory the process thinks it has, while the OS only allocates a subset of this memory physically in RAM. Compare the virtual and physical memory usage of both programs, and explain your observations. You can also inspect the code to understand your observations.

Solution)
Using the command

\$ ps -o pid,user,%mem,command ax | sort -b -k3 -r \$ ps -aux --sort -rss

