

This is an implementation of a custom shell in c. The shell follows instructions set and assigned in Codio to execute commands from the command line

### Task 1 : Printing the Shell Prompt and Adding Built-in Commands

1. cd: changes the current working directory
  - a. changeDir is a void function with a char pointer to the array of command line arguments. It uses the inbuilt chdir function to change the current working directory to the specified location if it exists.
  - b. Returns an error message if directory location doesn't exist.
  - c. Implementation:

```
void changeDir(char *arguments[]) {
    if (arguments[1] == NULL) {
        fprintf(stderr, "cd: missing argument\n");
    }
    else {
        if (chdir(arguments[1]) != 0) {
            perror("cd");
        }
    }
}
```

2. pwd: prints the current working directory
  - a. getWorkingDir is a void function with a char pointer array of command line arguments. It uses the inbuilt getcwd function to print the current working directory.
  - b. Implementation:

```
void getWorkingDir(char *arguments[]) {
    char cwd[MAX_COMMAND_LINE_LEN];
    if (getcwd(cwd, sizeof(cwd)) != NULL) {
        printf("%s\n", cwd);
    }
    else {
        perror("getcwd() error");
    }
}
```

3. env: prints the current values of the environment variables
  - a. getEnv is a void function with a char pointer array of command line arguments.
  - b. In the command line:

- i. If there is an argument after 'env' in the command line, the inbuilt function getenv is used to retrieve the value of the argument from the environment variables.
  - ii. Else, all the environment variables are printed to the command line.
- c. Implementation:

```
void getEnv(char *arguments[]) {  
    if (arguments[1] != NULL) {  
        printf("%s\n", getenv(arguments[1]));  
    }  
    else {  
        int i = 0;  
        while(environ[i]) {  
            printf("%s\n", environ[i++]); // prints in form of  
            "variable=value"  
        }  
    }  
}
```

- 4. exit: terminates the shell.
  - a. exitShell is a void function with a char pointer array of command line arguments. It used the inbuilt exit function.
  - b. Implementation:

```
void exitShell(char *arguments[]) {  
    exit(0);  
}
```

- 5. setenv: sets an environment variable.
  - a. setEnv is a void function with a char pointer array of command line arguments. It uses the inbuilt setenv function to set environment variables and edit them if they exist. The characters after "=" in the arguments after setenv in the command line is set as the value to the characters before "=" (the key).
  - b. Returns an error message if inbuilt setenv fails.
  - c. Implementation:

```
void setEnv(char *arguments[]) {  
    if (arguments[1] == NULL) {  
        fprintf(stderr, "setenv: missing argument\n");  
    }  
    else {
```

```

char *list[2];
int i = 0;

char *ptr = strtok(arguments[1], "=");

while(ptr != NULL) {
    list[i] = ptr;
    i++;
    ptr = strtok(NULL, "=");
}

if (setenv(list[0], list[1], 1) != 0) {
    perror("setenv");
}
}

```

6. echo: prints message and values of environment variables to the command line.
  - a. echoFunc is a void function with a char pointer array of command line arguments.
  - b. There are two conditions for this command:
    - i. If the variable is defined and stored as an environment variable, on the command line, the variable is started with "\$" and echo prints the value of the environment variable to the command line. The inbuilt function getenv is used to get the values for the environment variables.
    - ii. Otherwise, the arguments after echo are printed to the command line.
  - c. Returns an error message if getenv fails.
  - d. Implementation:

```

void echoFunc(char *arguments[]) {
    if (arguments[1] == NULL) {
        fprintf(stderr, "echo: missing argument\n");
    }
    else {
        int x = 1;

        while (arguments[x] != NULL) {
            if (arguments[x][0] == '$') {
                printf("%s ", getenv(arguments[x]+1));
            }
            else {
                printf("%s ", arguments[x]);
            }
        }
    }
}

```

```

    }
    x++;
}
printf("\n");
}
}

```

## Task 2 : Adding Processes

The following lines of code create a fork to add a process. The function `cmd_exec` is used to run the built-in commands implemented above.

Implementation:

```

// Fork a child process to execute the command.
int pid;
if ((pid = fork()) == 0) {
    // Child process.
    signal(SIGINT, SIG_DFL);
    cmd_exec(arguments);
    exit(0);
}

```

## Task 3 : Adding Background Processes

The boolean variable 'background' is used to check for the presence of a background process. If there is '&' as the last argument in the command line, background is set to true, otherwise false.

Implementation:

```

char *last_token = arguments[position-1];
bool background = false;
if (strcmp(last_token, "&") == 0) {
    background = true;
    arguments[position-1] = NULL;
}

```

#### Task 4 : Signal Handling

The void function `signal_handler` was created to handle the signal call for Ctrl + C. This function takes in an integer representing the signal number. It terminates a foreground process. It is useful to prevent the shell from exiting unexpectedly.

Implementation:

```
void signal_handler(int signum) {  
    if (cmd_pid != -1) {  
        kill(cmd_pid, SIGINT);  
    }  
}
```

#### Task 5 : Killing off Long Running Processes

`timeout_process` is a void function with parameters `time` and `pid` (both integers). This function is called to terminate the foreground process after 10 seconds of process incomletion.

Implementation:

```
void timeout_process(int time, int pid) {  
    sleep(time);  
    printf("Foreground process timed out\n");  
    kill(pid, SIGINT);  
}
```