

1) Write a program that takes one command line argument, long int n. The main() function calls a recursive function int recurse(long int n).

In the body of the recursive function, use malloc to dynamically allocate space for storing 10 characters and store "CDPCS-310" to that allocated memory. Call the recursive function with n-1. The base condition for the recursive function is n=0.

A) The program should output:

1) address of the main function and the recursive function

e.g. printf("\_main @ %lx\n", (long unsigned int)&main);

2) address of allocated memory in the heap at each recursive call

3) address of the parameter passed to the recursive function

Based on the above answer:

1) Which of the addresses printed by your program are defined in the output of objdump "objdump -sRrd a.out"?

2) What direction is the stack growing in?

3) How large is the stack frame for each recursive call?

4) Where is the heap? What direction is it growing in?

5) Are the two malloc()'ed memory areas contiguous? (e.g. is there any extra space between their addresses?)

B) Load up your program executable in gdb, set a breakpoint at main.

Continue 1 line at a time. When you have finished n/2 recursive calls, take a look at the stack using backtrace (bt).

1) Type "info address main"

2) Type "info stack" in gdb. Explain what you see.

3) Type "info frame". Explain what you see.

2) #include <stdio.h>

#include <unistd.h>

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int main()
{ int i;
  for(i=0; i<5; i++)
    if (fork())
      fork();
  return 0;
}

```

243 times

How many processes are created by this program? Add appropriate print statements to find out the number of processes.

3)

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#include <stdio.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <unistd.h>

```

PARENT::PID: 843

CHILD::PID: 844

counter: 150, PID: 843  
counter: 300, PID: 844

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int main(){
  int id ;
  int counter = 100;
  id = fork() ;
  if ( id == 0 ) {
    printf ("\nCHILD::PID: %d", getpid());
    counter = counter+200;
  }else {
    printf ( "\nPARENT::PID: %d", getpid());
    counter = counter +50;
  }
  printf ("\ncounter: %d, PID: %d", counter, getpid());
  return 0;
}

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What is the value of counter? From the value, what do you conclude: is counter a shared variable between the parent and the child? hint: process gives memory protection.

4) Write a program that takes an integer  $K$  ( $> 1000000$ ) as input and does the following:

- a) Creates 2 child processes, and 4 grand children processes.
- b) The child processes compute the prime numbers between  $[2, K/2)$  and  $[K/2, K)$  respectively, print "Hello from <pid>, I have computed prime numbers from <start , end >, my parent pid is <ppid>" and then exits.
- c) The grand children processes wake up after every sec and print "Hello from <pid>, I have no work. My parent pid is <ppid>" They do this 10 times and exit.
- d) i) The original process waits until all of them exit.  
ii) The original process doesn't wait until all of them exit.

Use `ps tree` command with the pid of the original process and see the hierarchy of processes.

Questions:

What difference do you observe in d(i) and d(ii)? Look at the parent id in the output. Is it same as the id of the parent which created it?