

## **Problem Statement: Custom Shell Implementation**

In this assignment, you will create a custom shell in C that can execute various commands and handle different functionalities such as command execution, command redirection, parallel command execution, sequential command execution, and signal handling. The shell will mimic a subset of the functionalities provided by standard Unix shells. Your implementation will include parsing user input, forking processes to execute commands, handling built-in commands like `cd`, and implementing custom features for parallel and sequential command execution.

### **Functional Requirements**

#### Command Execution:

The shell should be able to execute single commands entered by the user. Use `fork()` to create a child process and `execvp()` to execute the command in the child process.

#### Change Directory (cd) Command:

Implement the built-in `cd` command to change the current working directory. Handle errors gracefully if the directory does not exist.

#### Exit Command:

Implement the exit command to terminate the shell.

#### Command Redirection:

Support output redirection using the `>` symbol. Redirect the output of a single command to a specified file.

#### Parallel Command Execution:

Support the execution of multiple commands in parallel using the `&&` symbol. Commands separated by `&&` should be executed simultaneously.

#### Sequential Command Execution:

Support the execution of multiple commands sequentially using the `##` symbol. Commands separated by `##` should be executed one after another.

#### Signal Handling:

Implement signal handlers for `SIGINT` (Ctrl+C) and `SIGTSTP` (Ctrl+Z). Ensure the shell displays the prompt correctly after handling these signals.

#### Implementation Details

#### Parsing Input:

The `parseInput` function takes a line of input and splits it into tokens (words) based on spaces, tabs, and newlines. It returns an array of strings (tokens) which represent the command and its arguments.

#### Signal Handling:

Implement `SIGINT` handler and `SIGTSTP` handler functions to handle `SIGINT` and `SIGTSTP` signals. These handlers should print the current working directory and the shell prompt when a signal is received.

#### Command Execution:

The executeCommand function forks a new process to execute a single command using execvp.

#### Command Redirection:

The executeCommandRedirection function handles commands with output redirection (>). It redirects the output of the command to a specified file.

#### Parallel and Sequential Execution:

The executeParallelCommands function handles commands separated by &&, executing them in parallel.

The executeSequentialCommands function handles commands separated by ##, executing them sequentially.

#### Main Loop:

The main loop of the shell repeatedly prompts the user for input, parses the input, and determines which function to call based on the parsed tokens.

It handles built-in commands like cd and exit, and checks for special symbols (>, &&, ##) to decide the appropriate execution path.