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Program 1

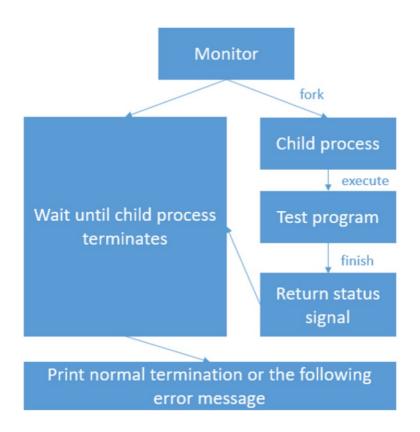
In program 1, I implemented a fork function in user mode. By referring to tutorial slides, I gained a basic understanding about how process works, and how process in user mode interact with the functions in kernel. The task is to clone a child process, let it run an executable and return a signal to the parent process. As for the parent process, all it need to do is to wait for the signal, then continue and display the signal received. There are three key functions that we need to utilize:

- 1. fork(): To folk a child process.
- 2. execve(): To run a executable with indicated path.
- 3. waitpid(): To wait for a specific process's termination, and receive signal (raised by raise() in executable) from it.

First, use <code>fork()</code> to folk a child process, then both the parent and child process will start executing at the next line, the only difference is the return value <code>pid</code> will be different, 0 for child process, non-zero integer for parent process. Then we use this to distinguish parent and child process, let them act differently.

Then, for the parent process, it uses waitpid() function to wait for the child's response. This function is blocking, i.e., It will be released only after it receives any signal from child process. Then, with the signal received, It can determine which type of signal is and display it to the user.

As for the child process, first it read the arguments passed in the command line, use it as the path of the executable, then run it with <code>execve()</code>. If the function run properly, it will never return and replace the original resource with the new executable. Then in the new one, signals are raised, received by the original parent process. Then it circle around, back to previous parent's waiting step and continue.



Program 2

In program 2, I implemented a fork function in kernel mode. Similar to program 1, this time we need to fork a process, but not in user space, it's in kernel instead. Kernel environment is a little bit different than the user one. First, the way of running it is different. We need to utilize the "LKM" - or "loadable kernel modules" mechanism to load our own-written kernel codes. After compile, we need to insert the module by <code>insmod program2.ko</code>. Then the module get initialized, triggering the functions in this program.

After kernel module initializes, a kernel thread is created, in order to activate functions work in kernel space. kthread_create() is needed for creating a "task". And the wake_up_process() wake this "task" up, the function eventually runs in kernel space.

There are several key functions to be utilized in this program.

- 1. do_execve(): similar to execve(), but in kernel version.
- 2. do_wait(): similar to wait(), but in kernel version
- 3. kernel_clone(): a little bit similar to fork(), but in kernel version, also need to specify function to execute.
- 4. getname_kernel(): convert name in string to "filename" structure.

These functions are defined in the source file of the Linux kernel. Some of them are defined as "static", but some are not. For non-static part (kernel_clone() and getname_kernel()), we need to add extern on that function, and attach EXPORT_SYMBOL(function()) below. Details will be illustrated in below parts.

For function design, I separate into three functions:

- my_fork():
- my_wait():
- my_exec():

After the kernel thread is created, <code>my_fork()</code> function is under execution. By referring to the source code, to clone a process, we need to use <code>kernel_clone()</code>. It needs some arguments, whose structure <code>kernel_clone_args()</code> is defined in the <code>source code</code>. Then we create arguments to pass in:

```
struct kernel_clone_args kargs;
/* fork a process using kernel_clone or kernel_thread */
kargs.flags = SIGCHLD;
kargs.pidfd = NULL;
kargs.child_tid= NULL;
kargs.parent_tid = NULL;
kargs.exit_signal = SIGCHLD;
kargs.stack = (unsigned long)&my_exec;
kargs.stack_size = 0;
kargs.tls = 0;
kargs.tls = 0;
kargs.set_tid = NULL;
/* Number of elements in *set_tid */
kargs.set_tid_size = 0;
kargs.cgroup = 0;
kargs.cgrop = NULL;
kargs.cset = NULL;
```

Some key points:

- .flags set to "SIGCHLD"
- .exit_signal set to "SIGCHLD"
- .stack set to "(unsigned long) & my_Exec"
- Others set to 0 or NULL, depending on it is integer or pointer.

Then we pass in the arguments. During the execution of kernel_clone(), actually a child process is created, running the my_exec() function, which will be introduced later. Then the parent process will print out the PID of both process, and wait for child process's termination by function my_wait(). the my_wait() function will return a value status, whose last 7 bits are exactly the standardized SIGNAL that can be analysis by us manually (We use and operation with 0x7f to get real status).

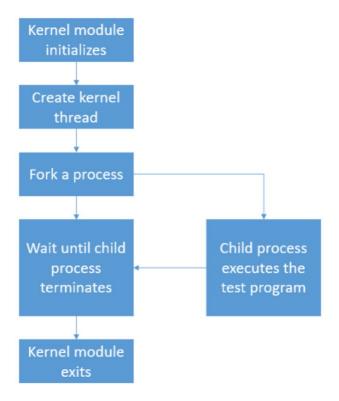
As for the <code>my_exec()</code> function run by child process, it is a bit similar to the function <code>execve()</code> in user mode. Here we indicate a string path <code>/tmp/test</code>, using function <code>getname_kernel()</code> convert it to structure "filename", latter can be passed into <code>do_execve()</code>, which runs a executable in user space and return value to be received in parent process.

Meanwhile, parent process get into wait status with the function <code>my_wait()</code>. This function also needs a special structure called "wait_ops". We define it like this:

```
// int terminatedStatus;
struct wait_opts wo;
struct pid * wo_pid = NULL;
enum pid_type type;
type = PIDTYPE_PID;
wo_pid = find_get_pid(pid);

wo.wo_type = type;
wo.wo_pid = wo_pid;
wo.wo_flags = WEXITED|WUNTRACED;
wo.wo_info = NULL;
wo.wo_stat = status;
wo.wo_rusage = NULL;
```

Notice that in kernel version 5.10.x, the type of <code>.wo_stat</code> has change from <code>int*</code> to <code>int</code>. So here we use an integer to initialize it. Then we pass it into the <code>do_execve()</code> function. After it receive signal from child process and release, we will get the signal back in <code>wo.wo_stat</code> and return it back to the main function. Then we utilize this to get signal, continue. The general routine is like the figure below:



Bonus

In bonus, I implemented a pstree function in C.

It's not an easy task. I separate it into these steps:

• Get arguments from command line

I used getopt command to handle arguments.

• Get PID, TID, PPID, and process name

All info are stored under <code>/proc</code>. To be specific, the secret of thread is under <code>/proc/[PID]/task/[TID]</code>. Here I utilize data from <code>/proc/[PID]/task/[TID]/stat</code> (using <code>fscanf</code> to read content in file)

Reference: man 5 proc

• Get relations among processes (and threads)

The data structure I used to store info about processes (and threads) is list. Since the data size is small, with the help of list I can better manage the relationship among processes (and threads)

• Build trees / print it out.

Here I divide printing process into functions. The design manuscripts is as below:

```
graph [50]:记录学线位置
graph_count:记录鉴线行数
Graph_count:记录鉴线行数
Cine_distance:记录光标离弧左侧
的距离,
折叠方式:触发前打印
并缘参数。
-acpid
-dbus-daemon
-irqbalance
-2*[iscsid]
-lvmetad
-lxcfs---<mark>2*[{lxcfs}]</mark>
mdadm
-polkitd-+-{gdbus}
          `-{gmain}
 rsyslogd-+-{in:imklog}
            -{rs:main Q:Reg}
                                                   -bash
                                                    `-16*[{node}]
                                             -node-+-node---6*[{node}]
                                                   `-11*[{node}]
                                            -node---11*[{node}]
                                             -10*[{node}]
      `-5*[sshd---sshd---bash---sleep]
systemd---(sd-pam)
-systemd-journal
-systemd-logind
systemd-udevd
```

Now it provides 5 options

```
pstree -A  # use ASCII line drawing characters

pstree -C  # don't compact identical subtrees

pstree -l  # don't truncate long lines

pstree -p  # show PIDs; implies -c

pstree -V  # display version information
```

How to set up development environment?

Prerequisites

Make image in key points, get ready to rollback, reinstall the system if necessary.

Preparations

First, enter super user(root) mode. This applies for all the following steps.

```
sudo su
```

Install all dependencies

```
apt update && sudo apt install bc

apt-get install libncurses-dev gawk flex bison openssl libssl-dev dkms libelf-
dev libudev-dev libpci-dev libiberty-dev autoconf llvm dwarves
```

Use cd to find a place where you want to store source file. Make sure you have enough permission. (For example, enter super user(root) by sudo su, and cd ~/ to download file on path /root/)

Download compressed package via wget

```
cd ~/
wget https://mirror.tuna.tsinghua.edu.cn/kernel/v5.x/linux-5.10.5.tar.xz
```

After download, the compressed package will be stored in the current folder. Unzip it with:

```
tar xvf linux-5.10.5.tar.xz
```

Then cd into the unzipped folder and execute:

```
cd ./linux-5.10.5/
make mrproper
make clean
```

Then download the config file to the same folder via wget

```
wget https://ly-blog.oss-cn-shenzhen.aliyuncs.com/static/.config # Expire
date: 2022/3/16
```

Then make sure you have a large-enough terminal window for the GUI of menuconfig. Enter:

```
make menuconfig
```

Then you get into a GUI. use four arrows to select, press enter to confirm.

First select "Load" -> "OK".

Back to homepage, select "Save" -> "OK".

Back to homepage, select "Exit"

Done. Now you are in command line terminal again.

Allocate memory to 'Swap Space' (For Cloud VM only)

Some prior knowledge about Swap

Reference

All the commands should be executed in root mode as well.

```
cd /usr
mkdir swap  #create a new folder
dd if=/dev/zero of=/usr/swap/swapfile bs=1M count=4096 #Create a 4-GB memory
space in SSD as virtual memory
du -sh /usr/swap/swapfile  #Check if this file occupy 4Gb
mkswap /usr/swap/swapfile
swapon /usr/swap/swapfile
```

Modify this file in vim.

```
vim /etc/fstab
```

In vim, add this line at the end of the file: (Press o into insertion mode starting from next new line, press Esc then :wq to save and quit vim)

```
/usr/swap/swapfile swap swap defaults 0 0
```

Then reboot the machine.

After reboot, you can check if the swap area is ready:

```
free -m
```

If now Swap has ~4096 free space, Done!

Compile kernel (Choose either option)

Option 1: In terminal

Make sure you are in root mode.

```
cd ~/linux-5.10.5/
make -j$(nproc)
```

It takes about 1~2 hrs to finish. Don't disconnect, don't close the terminal.

Option 2: With nohup command (Recommended)

Reference

Make sure you are in root mode.

```
cd ~/linux-5.10.5/
nohup make -j$(nproc)  # Does not accept any intput, run in backend
process, only can be killed by killing pid
```

It takes about 1~2 hrs to finish.

The command line output will be stored in ~/linux-5.10.5/nohup.out, use *vim* to inspect result. (Vim hints: Shift + g goes to the bottom of the file, press :wq to save and quit, i into insertion mode, Esc to quit, // to search, after search press enter to locate)

Next steps

Make sure you are in root mode.

```
cd ~/linux-5.10.5/
make modules_install
make install
```

Then reboot the machine.

Enter this command to check kernel version.

```
uname -r
```

If you see 5.10.5, Now everything is done!

Recompile & Reinstall

Modify getname_kernel() function:

```
vim ~/linux-5.10.5/fs/namei.c
```

then search for struct filename * getname_kernel (Hint: use search mode in vim as mentioned above, or line 212), add extern tag on it, then add EXPORT_SYMBOL(getname_kernel); behind (line 247), then save and quit.

Modify kernel_clone() function:

```
vim ~/linux-5.10.5/kernel/fork.c
```

then search for pid_t kernel_clone(struct kernel_clone_args *args) (Hint: use search mode in vim as mentioned above, or line 2416), add (extern tag on it, then add (EXPORT_SYMBOL(kernel_clone); behind (line 2495), then save and quit.

Then recompile & reinstall the kernel.

Please start from the step:

```
make -j$(nproc)
make modules_install
make install
```

Then reboot.

To save your time, don't start from make mrproper.

Screenshot of the program output

Program 1

Received SIGABRT signal:

Received SIGALRM signal:

Received SIGBUS signal:

Received SIGFPE signal:

Received SIGHUP signal:

```
vagrant@csc3150:~/CSC3150/Assignment1/source/program1$ ./program1 ./hangup
Process start to folk
I'm the Parent Process, my pid = 31384
I'm the Child Process, my pid = 31385
------CHILD PROCESS START-----
This is the SIGHUP program
Parent process receives SIGCHLD signal
child process get SIGHUP signal
```

Received SIGINT signal:

Received SIGKILL signal:

Received SIGCHLD signal (normal termination):

```
vagrant@csc3150:~/CSC3150/Assignment1/source/program1$ ./program1 ./normal
Process start to folk
I'm the Parent Process, my pid = 31522
I'm the Child Process, my pid = 31523
------CHILD PROCESS START-----
This is the normal program
------CHILD PROCESS END------
Parent process receives SIGCHLD signal
Normal termination with EXIT STATUS = 0
```

Received SIGPIPE signal:

Received SIGQUIT signal:

```
vagrant@csc3150:~/CSC3150/Assignment1/source/program1$ ./program1 ./quit
Process start to folk
I'm the Parent Process, my pid = 31679
I'm the Child Process, my pid = 31680
------CHILD PROCESS START-----
This is the SIGQUIT program
Parent process receives SIGCHLD signal
child process get SIGQUIT signal
```

Received SIGSTOP signal:

Received SIGCHLD signal:

Received SIGTRAP signal:

```
vagrant@csc3150:~/CSC3150/Assignment1/source/program1$ ./program1 ./trap
Process start to folk
I'm the Parent Process, my pid = 31836
I'm the Child Process, my pid = 31837
------CHILD PROCESS START-----
This is the SIGTRAP program
Parent process receives SIGCHLD signal
child process get SIGTRAP signal
```

Program 2

Received SIGBUS signal:

```
[ 7058.500876] [program2] : module_init Chen Zhixin 120090222
[ 7058.500877] [program2] : module_init create kthread start
[ 7058.500961] [program2] : module_init kthread start
[ 7058.501000] [program2] : The Child process has pid = 3000
[ 7058.501002] [program2] : This is the parent process, pid = 2999
[ 7058.501015] [program2] : child process
[ 7058.640068] [program2] : get SIGBUS signal
[ 7058.640070] [program2] : child process terminated
[ 7058.640071] [program2] : The return signal is 7
[ 7063.511964] [program2] : Module_exit
```

Received SIGHUP signal:

```
[program2]
                            : module_init Chen Zhixin 120090222
               [program2] : module_init create kthread start
8207.244020]
               [program2] : module_init kthread start
[program2] : The Child process has pid
8207.244170]
8207.2441981
                            : The Child process has pid = 3717
8207.244199]
               [program2] : This is the parent process, pid = 3716
8207.244223]
                            : child process
               [program2]
               [program2] : get SIGHUP signal
8207.244635]
               [program2] : child process terminated [program2] : The return signal is 1
8207.244636]
8207.244637]
8212.246856]
               [program2]
                            : Module_exit
```

Received SIGINT signal:

```
[program2] : module_init Chen Zhixin 120090222
8283.648580]
8283.648582] [program2] : module_init create kthread start
               [program2] : module_init kthread start
[program2] : The Child process has pid = 4427
8283.648669]
8283.648729]
               [program2] : This is the parent process, pid = 4426
8283.648730]
8283.648760]
                [program2]
                             : child process
                               get SIGINT signal
8283.649520]
               [program2] :
8283.649521]
8283.649522]
               [program2] : child process terminated
[program2] : The return signal is 2
               [program2] : Module_exit
8288.6558081
```

Received SIGQUIT signal:

```
8407.216530]
                                                                          [program2] : module_init Chen Zhixin 120090222
                                                                        [program2] : module_init create kthread start
[program2] : module_init kthread start
8407.216535]
8407.2169451
                                                                         [program2] : The Child process has pid = 5091
 8407.217953]
                                                                         [program2] : This is the particle of the parti
8407.217959]
                                                                                                                                               This is the parent process, pid = 5090
8407.218109]
                                                                                                                                                get SIGQUIT signal
8407.375762]
                                                                        [program2]
 8407.375764]
                                                                          [program2]
                                                                                                                                                child process terminated
                                                                        [program2] :
 8407.375765]
                                                                                                                                               The return signal is 3
 8412.223138] [program2] : Module_exit
```

Received SIGILL signal:

```
[ 8465.831298] [program2] : module_init Chen Zhixin 120090222
[ 8465.831300] [program2] : module_init create kthread start
[ 8465.831422] [program2] : module_init kthread start
[ 8465.831477] [program2] : The Child process has pid = 5768
[ 8465.831478] [program2] : This is the parent process, pid = 5767
[ 8465.831604] [program2] : child process
[ 8465.976521] [program2] : get SIGILL signal
[ 8465.976523] [program2] : child process terminated
[ 8465.976524] [program2] : The return signal is 4
[ 8470.897370] [program2] : Module_exit
```

Received SIGTRAP signal:

```
[program2]
                         : module_init Chen Zhixin 120090222
8506.823218]
                           module_init create kthread start
8506.823220]
             [program2] :
             [program2]
8506.823329]
                           module init kthread start
8506.823365]
                         : The Child process has pid = 6455
8506.823366]
              [program2]
                           This is the parent process, pid = 6454
8506.823387]
              [program2]
                           child process
8506.969398]
             [program2] :
                           get SIGTRAP signal
8506.969400]
8506.969401]
             [program2]
[program2]
                           child process terminated
                         : The return signal is 5
                         : Module_exit
8511.827274]
             [program2]
```

Received SIGABRT signal:

```
[program2] : module_init Chen Zhixin 120090222
               [program2] : module_init create kthread start
8542.965140]
8542.965243]
              [program2] : module_init kthread start
8542.965271]
               [program2]
                           : The Child process has pid = 7134
8542.965273]
              [program2] : This is the parent process, pid = 7133
              [program2] : child process
[program2] : get SIGABRT signal
8542.965286]
8543.111731]
              [program2] : child process terminated [program2] : The return signal is 6
8543.111733]
8543.111734]
8548.020830]
               [program2] : Module_exit
```

Received SIGFPE signal:

```
8591.136663]
             [program2] : module_init Chen Zhixin 120090222
8591.136665]
             [program2]
                        : module_init create kthread start
8591.136829]
             [program2] :
                          module_init kthread start
8591.136885]
             [program2]
                          The Child process has pid = 7833
             [program2]
                          This is the parent process, pid = 7832
8591.1368861
8591.136915]
                          child process
             [program2]
8591.286782]
             [program2]
                          get SIGFPE signal
8591.286784]
             [program2]:
                          child process terminated
8591.286785]
             [program2]
                          The return signal is 8
8596.142889
                          Module exit
             [program2] :
```

Received SIGKILL signal:

```
module_init Chen Zhixin 120090222
              [program2]
              [program2] : module_init create kthread start
8745.581618]
                            module_init kthread start
8745.581677]
8745.581727]
              [program2]
              [program2]
                            The Child process has pid = 8515
              [program2]
8745.581728]
                             This is the parent process, pid = 8514
              [program2]
8745.581751]
                            child process
8745.582697
                            get SIGKILL signal
8745.582699]
8745.582700]
              [program2] :
[program2] :
                            child process terminated
                            The return signal is 9
8750.604642]
              [program2]:
                            Module_exit
```

Received SIGSEGV signal:

```
7.404598]
                           module_init Chen Zhixin 120090222
              [program2]
8777.404601
             [program2] : module_init create kthread start
8777.404716]
                        : module_init kthread start
             [program2]
8777.404794]
             [program2]
                         : The Child process has pid = 9174
8777.404796]
             [program2]
                          This is the parent process, pid = 9173
             [program2]
[program2]
8777.404814]
                        : child process
                        : get SIGSEGV signal
8777.5565491
             [program2] : child process terminated
8777.556551]
8777.556552]
             [program2]
                          The return signal is 11
8782.468230
             [program2]
                        : Module exit
```

Received SIGPIPE signal:

```
[program2] : module_init Chen Zhixin 120090222
[program2] : module_init create kthread start
8806.242397]
8806.242399]
8806.242502]
                [program2] : module_init kthread start
8806.242561]
                [program2]
                            : The Child process has pid = 9857
8806.242563]
                [program2] :
                               This is the parent process, pid = 9856
8806.242637]
8806.243546]
                [program2]
                              child process
                               get SIGPIPE signal
                [program2]
8806.243547]
               [program2] :
[program2] :
                               child process terminated
8806.243548]
                               The return signal is 13
8811.283560]
                [program2]
                              Module_exit
```

Received SIGALRM signal:

```
[ 8840.379046] [program2] : module_init Chen Zhixin 120090222
[ 8840.379048] [program2] : module_init create kthread start
[ 8840.379121] [program2] : module_init kthread start
[ 8840.379162] [program2] : The Child process has pid = 10515
[ 8840.379182] [program2] : This is the parent process, pid = 10514
[ 8840.379247] [program2] : child process
[ 8840.380235] [program2] : get SIGALRM signal
[ 8840.380237] [program2] : child process terminated
[ 8840.380238] [program2] : The return signal is 14
[ 8845.384981] [program2] : Module_exit
```

Received SIGTERM signal:

```
[ 8876.619001] [program2] : module_init Chen Zhixin 120090222
[ 8876.619008] [program2] : module_init create kthread start
[ 8876.619228] [program2] : module_init kthread start
[ 8876.619476] [program2] : The Child process has pid = 11190
[ 8876.619482] [program2] : This is the parent process, pid = 11189
[ 8876.619542] [program2] : child process
[ 8876.621679] [program2] : get SIGTERM signal
[ 8876.621684] [program2] : child process terminated
[ 8876.621688] [program2] : The return signal is 15
[ 8881.648359] [program2] : Module_exit
```

Received SIGSTOP signal:

```
[ 9626.072149] [program2] : module_init Chen Zhixin 120090222
[ 9626.072155] [program2] : module_init create kthread start
[ 9626.072486] [program2] : module_init kthread start
[ 9626.072769] [program2] : The Child process has pid = 14553
[ 9626.072775] [program2] : This is the parent process, pid = 14552
[ 9626.072812] [program2] : child process
[ 9626.074819] [program2] : get SIGSTOP signal
[ 9626.074824] [program2] : child process terminated
[ 9626.074828] [program2] : The return signal is 19
[ 9631.215115] [program2] : Module_exit
```

Received SIGCHLD signal:

```
[ 9740.080933] [program2] : module_init Chen Zhixin 120090222
[ 9740.080938] [program2] : module_init create kthread start
[ 9740.081324] [program2] : module_init kthread start
[ 9740.081576] [program2] : The Child process has pid = 16592
[ 9740.081582] [program2] : This is the parent process, pid = 16591
[ 9740.081673] [program2] : child process
[ 9745.087316] [program2] : get SIGCHLD signal
[ 9745.087321] [program2] : child process gets normal termination
[ 9745.087323] [program2] : The return signal is 0
[ 9745.089208] [program2] : Module_exit
```

Bonus

No options / option -l / option -A:

Option -n:

Option -c:

Things I learned from the tasks

From this task, I learn how the program interact with kernel. Also, I learned how kernel works, and what we can do with the kernel. Most important is, I learn the methodology of how to deal with a large project. Like Linux kernel, it is implemented by thousands of deliciated functions and definitions. When we need to modify certain functions or to add some new features, we can first take a look at its source code. Also, computer science is a subject which everything is updating in a rapid way. Many useful materials can be found on Google, GitHub, etc.

Also, I learned some useful technics of Linux command, which is very helpful for debugging. When something is stuck, we can use certain indicators (like print / printf / printf) to locate the problem.