MTCS-205: CS-2(P)

Advanced Programming in Unix Environment

Assignment 3.1 Report

Question1:

Run the program in Figure 3.1 to test whether the standard input is capable of seeking and write your report on it.

This C file (Asignment1a.c) was compiled and run with required header files and tested whether the standard input is capable of seeking or not. And the program returned "cannot seek". Because the file descriptor refers to a pipe, FIFO, or socket, Iseek sets errno to ESPIPE and returns -1 (Cannot seek).

Running this program gives:

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mukesh@mukesh-Lenovo-ideapad-320-15ISK:~/Documents/205/Assignment1$ vi Assignment1a.c
mukesh@mukesh-Lenovo-ideapad-320-15ISK:~/Documents/205/Assignment1$ gcc Assignment1a.c
mukesh@mukesh-Lenovo-ideapad-320-15ISK:~/Documents/205/Assignment1$ ls
a.out apue.h Assignment1a.c Assignment1b.c Assignment1bnh.c file.hole file.nohole function.h
mukesh@mukesh-Lenovo-ideapad-320-15ISK:~/Documents/205/Assignment1$ ./a.out < /etc/passwd
seek OK
mukesh@mukesh-Lenovo-ideapad-320-15ISK:~/Documents/205/Assignment1$ cat < /etc/passwd | ./a.out
cannot seek
mukesh@mukesh-Lenovo-ideapad-320-15ISK:~/Documents/205/Assignment1$ ./a.out < /var/spool/cron/FIFO
bash: /var/spool/cron/FIFO: No such file or directory
mukesh@mukesh-Lenovo-ideapad-320-15ISK:~/Documents/205/Assignment1$
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Ouestion2:

Run the program in Figure 3.2 to create a file with a hole in it and compare it with a file of the same size with no hole in it, compare the blocks occupied both the files, show the result obtained as a screenshot.

These C files (Assignment1b.c & Assignment1bnh.c) were compiled and run with required header files and created one file with a hole in it and another file with no hole in it. Both files were compared with each other using

command Is -Is. The file with hole occupied only 8 blocks and the file with no hole occupied 20 blocks.

Running these programs gives: