

1) Inter-process Communication in LINUX:

processes communicate with each other and with kernel to their activities. Linux supports a number of inter-process communication mechanisms. They are signals.

Signals are one of the oldest interprocess communication methods used by Linux system. They are used to signal asynchronous events to one or more process. A signal could be generated by a keyboard interrupt or an error condition such as the process attempting to access a non-existent location in its virtual memory. There are a set of defined signals that the kernel can generate in the system by using the kill command.

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| 1) SIGHUP | 11) SIGUSR1 | 20) SIGTSTP | 29) SIGIO |
| 2) SIGTRAP | 12) SIGALRM | 21) SIGXCPU | 30) SIGUL |
| 3) SIGPIPE | 13) SIGSTOP | 22) SIGWINCH | |
| 4) SIGKILL | 14) SIGURG | 23) SIGILL | |
| 5) SIGCONT | 15) SIGPROF | 24) SIGFPE | |
| 6) SIGVALRM | 16) SIGCHLD | 25) SIGCHLB | |
| 7) SIGWR | 17) SIGBUS | 26) SIGCHLB | |
| 8) SIGINT | 18) SIGSEGV | 27) SIGTIN | |
| 9) SIG | 19) SIGTERM | 28) SIGXFSZ | |

Process can choose to ignore most of the signals that are generated with two notable exceptions, neither the SIGSTOP signal which causes a process to halt its execution nor the SIGKILL signal which causes a process to exit can be ignored.

Signals have no inherent relative priorities. If signals are generated for a process at the same time then they may be presented to the process in any order. Linux implements the signals using information stored in the task struct for the process. About every process in the system can send signals to every other process, the kernel can and super user can.

Pipes :

It provides a mechanism for one process to stream data to another. A pipe has two ends associated with a pair of file descriptors making it a one-to-one messaging or communication mechanism. One end of the pipe is the write end which is associated with a file descriptor that can only be written. Anonymous pipes can be setup and used only b/w process that share parent child relationship. Generally the parent process creates a pipe and then forks child processes. Each child process gets access to the pipe created by the parent via the file descriptors that gets duplicated into their address space. This allows the parent to communicate with its children or the children to communicate with each other using shared pipe named pipes or (FIFO) are variant of pipe - that allow communication b/w process that are not related to each other. The processes communicate using named pipes by opening a special file known as a FIFO file. Thus one process opens the FIFO file for reading, the FIFO file on disk acts as the contract b/w the two processes that wish to communicate using named

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Sockets :-

1) SysV Message queues :-

The AT & T sysv message queues supports message channel in each message packet sent by sender carry a message number. The receivers can either choose to receive all messages excluding a particular message no. or all messages.

2) POSIX message queues :-

Supports message priorities. Each message packet set by the senders carry a priority number along with the message payload. The message get ordered based on the priority to read a message queue. When the receiver tries to read, the message with higher priority number get delivered first. POSIX message queues also supports asynchronous message delivery using threads of signal based notification.

3) shared memory :-

This allows two or more process to communicate data or more efficiently among themselves with minimal kernel intervention. There are two standard specifications for standard memory.

(1) SysV shared memory :-

many applications even today use this mechanism for historical reason. It follows some of artificial

of sysv ipc semantics.

(ii) posix shared memory:

The posix specification provides a more elegant shared memory interface on linux. posix shared memory is actually implemented by using files backed by RAM based file system.

Semaphores:-

Semaphores are locking and synchronization mechanisms used most widely when processes share resources. linux supports both sysv semaphores and posix semaphores. posix semaphores provide a more simple and elegant implementation and this is most widely used when compared to sysv semaphores on linux.

Futexes:-

Futexes are high performance low overhead locking mechanisms provided by the kernel. Direct use of futexes is highly discouraged in system programs. Futexes are used

Q2) Write about process management in linux?
Linux is generally a fairly stable system. Like most OS's it is a multitasking operating system. This means that many processes can be running at the same time. What is currently running?

Ps - program used to look at processes is called ps which stands for process. In its normal usage it will show you just the processes running in your

ps(Aux) - If we add the argument `aux` with `ps` then it will show a complete system view which is a bit more helpful.

`grep - ps(Aux)` does give quite bit of output so people usually pipe the output to `grep` to filter out just the data they are after. Killing a crashed process when a program crashes it can be quite annoying you try and close the window but nothing happens, it has become completely unresponsive. We can easily kill Firefox and then reopen it. To start off we need to identify the process id. `kill [signal] <PID>` - It is the number next to the owner of the processes that is PID. We will use this to identify which process to kill. To do so we use a `kill` program. Normal users may only kill processes which they are the owners for. The root users or the system may kill only one process.

Change priority of process with `nice`. And since as we have seen before, each process has a priority assigned to it, which indicates how much the process has to wait for other processes to indicate and to free resources before it can access them. This priority can be specified before it can access them. This priority can be specified with a value which ready to run. `nice` - used to set the priority which is already running.

3) Write about the file system of Linux.

On a Linux system, everything is a file, if something is not a file, it is a process.

A Linux system makes no difference b/w a file and a directory since a directory is just a file containing names of other files. programmes, services, texts, images and so forth, are all files.

Sort of files:-

Most files are just files, called regular files. They contain normal data, for example text files, executable files or programs' input for or output from a program.

Directories: files that are lists of other files.

Symbolic links: The mechanism used for used and o/p

ex: /dev

Hard links: A system to make a file or directory visible in multiple parts of the system file tree.

Domain (Sockets): A special file type similar to TCP/IP sockets, providing interprocess networking protected by the file system's access control.

Named pipes: Act as more or less sockets and form away for process communications.

symbol	meaning
-	regular file
d	Directory
l	link
c	special files
s	sockets
p	Named pipe
b	Block device

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ls displays the files types, using the first characters of input type.

partitioning :-

Linux uses more than one partition on the same disk, even when using the standard installation procedure so some explanation is called for one of the goals of having different partitions is to achieve higher data security in case of disaster by dividing the hard disk in partitions data can be grouped and separated. when accident occurs. only the data in the partition that got the hit will be damaged, while the data on the other partition will most likely survive data on the other partition will most likely survive.

partition types:-

There are two kinds of major partitions on Linux system

i) data partition:

Normal Linux system data, including the root partition containing all the data to start up and run the system.

ii) swap partition:

Expansion of the computer's physical memory. Extra memory on hard disk.

Most Linux system use of disk at installation time to set the partition type. The standard Linux partitions have number $\text{c}2$ for swap, $\text{c}3$ for data.