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Program 1

REPORT

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The task

This assignment is a brief overview of the ThreadOS system that the students will build incrementally over the course.

For this assignment there are two tasks that the students need to do:

- Implement processes.cpp by using pipe and dup2
- Implement Shell.java to act as a Shell Interpreter for ThreadOS

Processes.cpp

Processes.cpp simulate the way the command line interpret commands. First, it will create a processes of its own, then for that processes, it will create additional processes to carry out the commands.

Each processes is created by using fork(). It will return the ID of the processes. The method excelp() execute the command that is passed in. And dup2() duplicate or overide the file descriptor (cin or cout) for communication between processes.

For this assignment, we were asked to implement:

"ps -A | grep argv[1] | wc -1" where argv[1] is the passed argument from the command line

For these commands, the latest processes will be the one that execute the first command, then it will propagate up to the hierarchy where the first child process execute the last commands

Algorithm

For this commands, I decided to use 2 pipe where the first command communicate with the second command through the first page and the second command communicate to the third command through the second pipe.

From the main method, I first fork a process (Child) then I waited until the Child executed. Inside a child, I created another process (Grand Child). For the Child process, I also wait until the Grand Child

finished. And in the Grand Child, I create another process (Great Grand Child) and make the Grand Child wait for the Great Grand Child. Inside Greate Grand Child, I execute the first command, pass the information through the pipe. After the Great Grand Child finished, The Grand Child received the information for the Great Grand Child, execute the second command and passed the information through another pipe. And inside Child where it received the info from Grand Child, It executed the last command and exit. At this point, the main method has finished waiting for the child then exit

During the ways, I also put additional check statements to see if the fork is created successfully or if the pipe is created

How I Test

I print out some information that I put into the child, grand child and great grand child to indicate where in the program the process is at

Shell.java

Shell.java simulates the shell of the ThreadOS system. It loads application and execute them in a sequential or concurrent way denoted by adding "&" or ";" between command.

Algorithm

When the Shell.java is compiled and loaded, it will enter an infinite while loop until a user typed exit. Then algorithm will then get the input from the keyboard and seperate them by using the delimter ";" that serve as a sequential command. This means that the commands is now separated and will not have any interact with each other. Hence, we do not need to worry about concurrent

The separated command is now passed into another method. This method also separate the command by using the delimter "&" to check how many concurrent command are there. Then it will continue to execute each command. After they are done, the method loop through again to make sure all the concurrent command is executed before return the method to execute the next sequential commands

How I test

Just like above, I tested it by inserting multiple cout statements. I also created a regular expression to express the command and decided how to separate them.

Output

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Illustration 1: Output of Process.cpp compared to Command Line

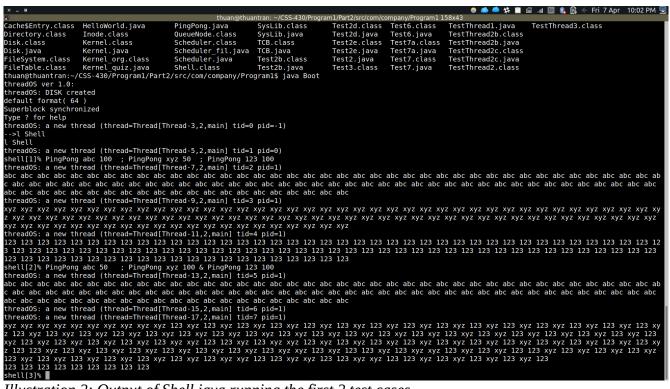


Illustration 2: Output of Shell.java running the first 2 test cases

Illustration 3: Output of Shell.java with the last 2 test cases