Wayne State University

CSC 4421 – Winter 2025

Computer Operating Systems Labs

Lab 3 – Process Control I

Points Possible: 100

Task 1 Coding (90 pts)

Create a C program which does the following:

- -Create an integer array num_array consisting of the following elements: {1,2,3,4,5} -Creates a child process using fork.
- -Check and manage for failed fork condition.
- -Within the parent process, for each entry in num_array[], square the entry input and add that to summation variable.
- -Within the child process, for each entry in num_array[], multiply the entry input by two and add that to summation variable.
- -After the parent and child conditions are completed, output the value of sum and print out each element in num_array for both processes using one set of commands.

Task 2 Short Answer (10 pts)

Consider the following piece of C code:

```
void main() {
    fork();
    fork();
    exit();
}
```

How many child processes are created upon execution of this program?

Task 1 Expected Output:

```
tyler@Desktop:/mnt/d/Users/tyler/Downloads$ ./lab
sum = 55
num_array[0] = 1
num_array[1] = 4
num_array[2] = 9
num_array[3] = 16
num_array[4] = 25
sum = 30
num_array[0] = 2
num_array[1] = 4
num_array[2] = 6
num_array[3] = 8
num_array[4] = 10
```