

Chapter Pipe and Dup System Call

1. Named Pipe

```
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/stat.h>
#include <fcntl.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <errno.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

char buffer_write[]="Hello";
char buffer_read[512];
int main(){
int fdp[2];
pipe(fdp); //Create an unnamed pipe
write(fdp[1],buffer_write,6); //Writing to pipe by process
close(fdp[1]); //close write end
read(fdp[0], buffer_read,6); //reading from pipe by the same process
close(fdp[0]); //close read end of pipe
printf("Success\n");
return 0;
}
```

2.Example- Named Pipe

```
#include <sys/wait.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
char buffer_write[]="Hello";
char buffer_read[512];

int main(){

int fdp[2];

pipe(fdp); //Create an unnamed pipe

pid_t pid;
pid=fork();

if(pid==0){
printf("Child will write to pipe..\n");
printf("Child id=%d\n",getpid());

close(fdp[0]); //Close read end
write(fdp[1],buffer_write,6); //Writing to pipe by process
close(fdp[1]);

}
else{
wait(0); //wait(NULL) //man wait //man 2 wait
printf("Parent will read from pipe..\n");
printf("Parent id=%d\n",getppid());

close(fdp[1]); //Write end closed
read(fdp[0], buffer_read,6); //reading from pipe by the same process
```

```
close(fdp[0]); //Now close read end
```

```
}
```

```
printf("Success\n");
```

```
return 0;
```

```
}
```

```
/* Output
```

```
root@ubuntu:~/Desktop/shell_scripts# gcc pipe2.c -o pipe2
```

```
root@ubuntu:~/Desktop/shell_scripts# ./pipe2
```

```
Child will write to pipe..
```

```
Child id=7842
```

```
Success
```

```
Parent will read from pipe..
```

```
Parent id=4151
```

```
Success
```

```
*/
```

Example-3 Named pipes

1. They are special files

```
root@ubuntu:~/Desktop/shell_scripts# mknod example_pipe p
```

```
root@ubuntu:~/Desktop/shell_scripts# ls -l example_pipe
```

```
prw-r--r-- 1 root root 0 Aug 28 16:41 example_pipe
```

4.Example:

Create Writer Process First

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
#include <sys/types.h>
```

```
#include <sys/stat.h>
```

```
#include <fcntl.h>
```

```
#include<unistd.h>
```

```
#include<stdlib.h>
```

```
#include<error.h>
```

```
char buffer_write[]="Hello";
```

```
//Writer Process
```

```
void main(){
```

```
int fdw;
```

```
system("ls -l pipe_u1");
```

```
//Open two file descriptors
```

```
fdw = open ( "pipe_u1", O_WRONLY );
```

```
///Write to pipe:
```

```
write (fdw, buffer_write, 6 ); //6 bytes for int
```

```
close (fdw);  
printf("Success\n");  
}//main
```

```
/*
```

1. Writer process produces data items in buffer
2. Run this process along with the reader process

```
root@ubuntu:~/Desktop/shell_scripts# ./pipe5
```

```
prw----- 1 root root 0 Aug 28 17:36 pipe_u1
```

```
Success
```

3. Run reader process

```
*/
```

```
#include <stdio.h>  
#include <sys/types.h>  
#include <sys/stat.h>  
#include <fcntl.h>  
#include <unistd.h>  
#include <stdlib.h>  
#include <error.h>
```

```
//Reader process
```

```
char buffer_read[20];
```

```
void main(){  
int fdr;  
system("ls -l pipe_u1");
```

```
///  
Read
```

```
fdr = open ( "pipe_u1", O_RDONLY );
```

```
read(fdr,buffer_read,6);
```

```
printf("%s\n",buffer_read);
```

```
close(fdr);
```

```
}//main
```

```
/*
```

1.Writer process must be executed first

2. Then execute this process

```
root@ubuntu:~/Desktop/shell_scripts# gcc pipe6.c -o pipe6
```

```
root@ubuntu:~/Desktop/shell_scripts# ./pipe6
```

```
prw----- 1 root root 0 Aug 28 17:36 pipe_u1
```

```
Hello
```

```
*/
```

References:

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