

today: signals

ex. "^\C" to interrupt program

\$ kill -TSTP [pid #] (temporary stop) (also ^Z; stops w/o terminating)

\$ kill -CONT [pid #] (continue)

\$ kill -INT [pid #] (like ^C, an interrupt)

signal = "very small message"

exceptional control flow

ex. SIGSEGV (signal re: segmentation violation)

from dereferencing a NULL ptr ("no physical memory mapping to this virtual address space")

each one has its own number (#defined)

SIGFPE from dividing int. by 0

SIGPIPE (writing to pipe after read end has been closed)

SIGILL (illegal assembly code instruction)

SIGCHLD (OS sends to parent if child process stops, ends, restarts, etc.)

↳ some handled "synchronously" - have to be handled right then

handler executed immediately

usually the program did something bad to itself (eg. NULL ptr)

"traps"

↳ some handled "asynchronously" - external to process

no clear emergency for the process

at some time slice boundary (coming on/off the CPU) check for asynchronous signals & handle

↳ important one for multiprocessing: SIGCHLD custom

by default ignored - but you can set up signal handler for it

typically use waitpid, which deallocates process control block

PCB contains return info when process returns from main

example: P5ex9.c

static size_t numDone = 0;

int main (→) {

signal(SIGCHLD, reapChildProcesses);

for (size_t kid = 1; kid <= 5; kid++) {

pid_t pid = fork(1);

if (pid == 0) {

sleep(3 * kid);

cout << "child " << kid << " all done." << endl;

exit(0);

}

}

while (numDone < 5) {

cout << "Not enough kids." << endl;

sleep(5);

cout << "Dad wakes up." << endl;

}

return 0;

}

static void reapChildProcesses (int unused) {

waitpid(-1, NULL, 0);

numDone++;

signal handler has to take
↓ an int (the # of the signal)

cpu maintains SIGCHLD to be handled as bool, not int -
so we can't just wait for 1 to finish (don't know how
many have triggered)

static void reapChildProcesses (int unused) {

while (true) {

pid_t pid = waitpid(-1, NULL, 0);

if (pid < 0) break;

numDone++;

} if returns 0

with WNOHANG,

means a child has

finished but not all

child processes

WNOHANG

can't be 0! this
function will trap until
all child processes are
finished

processes send signals via kill system call

int kill (pid_t pid, int sig);

to themselves:
int raise(int sig)