

today

Fork

waitpid

execup

how new executables introduced into system

returns 0 for child b/c child can just call getpid() for its own PID #

from wednesday: fork()

data structure related is deep, (memory) independent but identical clone

file descriptors, assembly code instruction identical

waitpid → fork() itself is not a blocking system call → talking about "time slice" a process is allotted on a CPU

parent process waits for child

only direct parent, not grandparent

waitpid(pid, &status, 0);

↳ int status is a 32-bit vector incl. things like exit status

↳ WEXITSTATUS(status);

another example (how deep the clone is):

```
int main() {
```

```
    printf("one time.\n");
```

```
    pid_t pid = fork();
```

```
    bool parent = pid > 0;
```

```
    if ((random() % 2 == 0) == parent) { // random num generates same exact # in parent & child! seed is the same (replicated in fork call)
```

```
        sleep(5);
```

```
        printf("I love naps.\n"); } // coin flip - who gets to nap, parent or child?
```

```
    return 110;
```

```
}
```

```
printf("I'm the parent.\n");
```

```
if (parent) waitpid(pid, NULL, 0);
```

```
return 0;
```

```
}
```

↳ see example code in lecture slides (this code is slightly wrong - wouldn't be the parent necessarily printing "I'm the parent")

```
int main (→) {
```

```
    for (size_t i=0; i<8; i++) {
```

```
        pid_t pid = fork(); // not storing pids anywhere!
```

```
        if (pid == 0) return 110 + i;
```

```
    }
```

```
    for (size_t i=0; i<8; i++) {
```

```
        pid_t pid = waitpid(-1, &status, 0);
```

```
        printf("child %d exited
```

```
        with code %d.\n",
```

```
        pid, WEXITSTATUS(status));
```

waitpid returns pid of child that returned

-1 says wait for any child to finish

waitpid is what deallocates process control block

```
    }
```

now, keep track of children spawned in order:

"reaping"

```
int main (→) {
```

```
    pid_t children[8];
```

```
    for (size_t i=0; i<8; i++) {
```

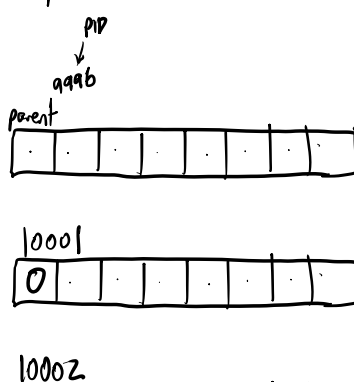
```
        children[i] = fork();
```

```
        if (children[i] == 0) return 110 + i;
```

```
    }
```

```
    for (size_t i=0; i<8; i++) {
```

```
        int status;
```



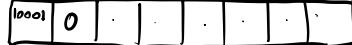
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waitpid(children[i], & status, 0);
```

```
printf("%d %d\n", children[i], WEXITSTATUS(status));
```

```
}
```

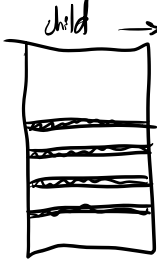
```
return 0;
```

```
}
```



this is "child code" - but what if we instead want to reference an executable?

execvp



→ child is completely "cannibalized"
w/ new stack, heap etc. & entry
into executable's main func.

```
int execvp(const char * pathname, char *argv[]);
```

returns -1 if executable fails

does not return if executable succeeds - b/c everything has been killed off incl. call to execvp