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 *Description: This program will accept a single int input and perform the collatz algorithm on it and the number that is the input + 6. These should run at  *the same time and update with their current value in their algorithm. The input will need to be greater than zero and less than 40 and the program will      *verify the input is correct.

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 *Task 2:The processes to me did not always finish in the order in which they were forked even for the same input value, but I am basing that on the

 *output I received in my terminal. I think this is a rendering “issue” when using Putty as even though I coded the children to run concurrently my output

 *was often divided into one child going first and finishing before the other child printed their initial value. Sometimes, the output would be mixed like

 *the example and other times they would be as I described. I also believe that if I read more about how concurrency is implemented then I might know why my

 *output is like that. My operating systems class has given me enough knowledge to think that the CPU switches between the two tasks and simply swaps to

 *one child, finishes that recursion stack, and then switches back to the other child and finishes that stack but I’m not sure since there are forks

 *involved and I need to check my notes if I am even remembering correctly what I learned last week.

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#include <stdio.h>

#include <stdlib.h>

#include <unistd.h>

#include <sys/types.h>

#include <sys/wait.h>


void collatz(int input, int child){

        //might do our printing in here as well so we will need to know which child along with input
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        if(input == 1){
                //base case
                printf("child %d: %d\n",child,input);

        }
        else if(input % 2 == 0){
                //number was even
                printf("child %d: %d\n",child,input);
                collatz(input / 2,child);

        }
        else if(input % 2 == 1){
                //number was even
                printf("child %d: %d\n",child,input);
                collatz(input * 3 + 1,child);

        }

}

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
        //adding command line parsing code
        extern char *optarg;
        extern int optind;
        int input,input2;//variables for holding user input

        //using a switch statement because this is modified code for an assignment from a previous unix class. Code can be found on my github,
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// I think assignment 5. Probably would have been easier to just watch a YouTube video to reremember how to parse a single value and validate it
// but here we are. Wow didn't even need the switch statement. I am so smart. I didn't need have the code I tried to make work from previous
// assignments. I am so smart.

//checking for an input value to perform operations on
if (optind >= argc) {
	fprintf(stderr, "Expected intval input\n");
	fprintf(stderr, "usage: collatz intval\n", argv[0]);
	return(1);
}

//if we are here then we have an input that we should try to assign
input = atoi(argv[1]);
//used input2 because I'm afraid of C
input2 = input + 6;
//verifying our input meets our wanted criteria
if((input <= 0) || (input >= 40)){
	//if true then input is not larger than zero or less than 40
	printf("Input should be larger than zero and less than 40\n");
	exit(1);
}

//creating our child processes and forking them
pid_t child1, child2;
child1 = fork();

if(child1 == 0){
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        //fork executed succesfully
        printf("child1: init input = %d\n",input);
        //need to call a recursive function as a switch statement won't work
        collatz(input,1);
        //when this is finished we need to print a statement printing that
        printf("child1: I finished pid: %d\n",getpid());
        //we need to call a return value to close the fork I think
        exit(0);
}

child2 = fork();
if(child2 == 0){
        //fork executed successfully
        printf("child2: init input = %d\n",input2);
        //calling our recursive function
        collatz(input2,2);

        printf("child2: I finished pid: %d\n",getpid());
        //sending a return value
        exit(0);
}



//parent code starting here
printf("This is the parent waiting\n");
printf("Parent: Child1 process created with PID %d\n",child1);
printf("Parent: Child2 process created with PID %d\n",child2);
//waiting for the processes to finish
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    wait(NULL);
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    printf("Parent: Child processes finished.\n");



    return 0;
}
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