# Operating Systems Laboratory Course Code: CSE325 Lab Manual

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## General Guidelines for Students

- Completion of Lab Manual Exercises: The completion of lab manual exercises contributes to the Continuous Assessment (CA) marks.
- Assigned System Usage: Sit according to your roll number and use the designated system consistently throughout the semester.
- Reporting System Issues: It is the student's responsibility to report any issues related to the designated system to the teacher promptly.
- Use of Electronic Devices: Use electronic devices in a professional manner, adhering to academic norms.
- System Settings: Avoid changing system settings without prior approval from the teacher.
- Importance of Self-Practice: Engage in self-practice as it is essential for understanding the concepts covered in this course.
- If you have any feedback or suggestions for each experiment, you can share them using this link: https://forms.gle/2PPp3ThtdXY2M1FWA.

## General Guidelines for Teachers

- Familiarize Students with Lab Equipment: Introduce students to the lab equipment, including computers, software, and any specific tools they'll use during the experiments.
- Explain Experiment Objectives: Clearly explain the objectives and expected outcomes of each experiment to the students before they start working.
- **Provide Detailed Instructions:** Offer step-by-step instructions for conducting the experiments, ensuring clarity and simplicity.
- Encourage Collaboration: Foster an environment where students can work together, share knowledge, and assist each other in problem-solving.
- Address Student Queries: Be approachable and available to answer students' questions or concerns during the lab sessions.
- Ensure Safety Measures: Emphasize safety protocols and guidelines when handling equipment or performing experiments to prevent accidents.
- Assist with Technical Issues: Aid students in troubleshooting technical issues they might encounter during the experiments.
- Evaluate and Provide Feedback: Evaluate students' work based on predefined parameters and provide constructive feedback to enhance their learning experience.
- Coordinate with Support Staff: Collaborate with the IT support team to swiftly resolve technical difficulties beyond your expertise.

- Encourage Exploration and Understanding: Promote a deeper understanding of operating systems by encouraging students to explore beyond the prescribed experiments.
- Maintain a Positive Learning Atmosphere: Create a positive and supportive learning environment that encourages students to engage actively in their learning process.

## Guidelines related to Continuous Practical Assessment

- The teacher will check students' lab manual regularly, sign the manual and ensure the progressive learning of the students.
- The teacher should create practical components by following the path on UMS: UMS Navigation >> Learning Management System (LMS) >> Practical Components.
- Create two components (1. J/E: Job Execution, 2. LM: Lab Manual Completion) of 50-50 marks each.



- "J/E grading will be based on the student's performance during the CAP day, marked out of 50."
- "LM assessment will be out of 50, determined by the teacher's average overall rating from the evaluation of the previous two experiments in the lab manual. The average overall rating will be multiplied by 5."
- There will be total 4 continuous assessment practical (CAP) conducted during the semester (100 marks each).
- Best 3 out of 4 will be considered in grade calculation by the end of the semester.

# Lab Experiments

# 1 Experiment 1: Introduction to Linux Commands

# 1.1 Objective

The objective of this lab experiment is to introduce students to fundamental Linux commands used for navigating the file system, managing files and directories, and performing basic system operations. By the end of this experiment, students should be familiar with commonly used commands such as ls, cd, mkdir, rm, cp, and mv, gaining a foundational understanding of the Linux command-line interface.

# 1.2 Reference Material[1][3][2]

## 1.2.1 Important Linux Commands for File and Directory Management

Command	Description	Example
ls	List directory contents	ls -l
cd	Change the current direc-	cd Documents
	tory	
pwd	Print the current working	pwd
	directory	
mkdir	Make directories	mkdir new_directory
rmdir	Remove directories	rmdir directory_to_remove
ср	Copy files and directories	cp file1.txt file2.txt
mv	Move or rename files and	mv file1.txt new_location
	directories	
rm	Remove files or directories	rm file_to_delete.txt
touch	Create an empty file	touch new_file.txt
cat	Display or concatenate	cat file.txt
	files	
head	Display the beginning of a	head -n 5 file.txt
	file	
tail	Display the end of a file	tail -n 10 file.txt
grep	Search text in files	grep "pattern" file.txt
chmod	Change file permissions	chmod 644 file.txt
chown	Change file ownership	chown user:group file.txt
ln	Create links between files	ln -s /path/to/file linkname

Table 1: Important Linux Commands for File and Directory Management[2]

#### 1.2.2 Shell Command

A shell command is a directive or instruction provided by a user to a shell (a command-line interpreter) in an operating system.

#### 1.2.3 Types of Shell Commands

- Internal Commands: These commands are built into the shell itself. They are part of the shell's functionalities and do not exist as separate executable files. Examples include cd, echo, exit, alias, export, etc.
- External Commands: These commands are separate executable files located in directories listed in the system's PATH variable. When a user inputs an external command, the shell searches for the command's executable file in these directories and executes it if found.

## 1.2.4 Linux File System Hierarchy[2][3]

/ (root directory)	
bin	Essential command binaries
boot	Static files of the boot loader
	Device files
	Host-specific system configuration
	User information
	Group information
user1	Home discounts
user2	
	Essential shared libraries and kernel modules
T	Mount points for removable media
	Add-on application software packages
	Kernel and process information pseudo-filesystem
-	
	Secondary hierarchy for user data
	Standard include files
	Libraries for programming
	Architecture-independent data
I and the second se	
	Log files
spool	Application spool data

#### 1.2.5 Paths

Paths refer to the location or address of a file or directory in the file system.

#### Types of paths

(i) Absolute Path: An absolute path defines the complete location of a file or directory starting from the root directory (/). It includes the entire directory hierarchy from the root directory to the specific file or directory. For instance, /home/user/documents/file.txt is an absolute

- path where the file.txt is located in the 'documents' directory inside the 'user' directory within the 'home' directory, starting from the root (/) directory.
- (ii) Relative Path: A relative path defines the location of a file or directory with respect to the current working directory. It doesn't start from the root directory but refers to a location relative to the current directory. For example, if the current directory is /home/user/, a file located in the 'documents' directory can be referenced using a relative path like documents/file.txt.

#### 1.2.6 Linux File Permission Stack

In Linux, file and directory permissions are represented using a permission stack. The format of the permission stack is as follows:

Each group of permissions (Owner, Group, Others) consists of three characters representing read (r), write (w), and execute (x) permissions. If a permission is allowed, the respective character is displayed, and if it's denied, a hyphen (-) is shown.

For example:

```
-rw-r--r- 1 user group 24 Jan 7 13:20 myfile.txt
```

In this example: - The first character (-) indicates that it's a regular file. - The next three characters (rw-) represent the owner's permissions (read and write, but not execute). - The following three characters (r-) represent the group's permissions (read-only). - The last three characters (r-) represent permissions for others (read-only).

These permissions can be changed using commands like chmod in Linux to alter the read, write, and execute permissions for the owner, group, and others.

#### Video Reference:



https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLWjmN065fOfGdAZrlP6316HVHh8jlve.

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#### 1.3 Lab Exercises

- Exercise 1: Using the 1s command, list all the files and directories in the current directory.
- Exercise 2: Create a new directory named lab\_files. Navigate into this directory and create a new file named example.txt.
- Exercise 3: Use the cp command to make a copy of example.txt and name it example\_backup.txt.
- Exercise 4: Remove the file example.txt from the lab\_files directory.
- Exercise 5: Use the mkdir command to create three new directories named folder1, folder2, and folder3 within lab\_files.
- Exercise 6: Explain the purpose of the /etc directory in the Linux file system.
- Exercise 7: Identify and list the contents of the /usr directory.
- Exercise 8: Investigate the contents of the /bin and /sbin directories and explain their significance.

#### 1.4 Sample Viva Questions

- **Question 1:** Can you illustrate the process of changing file permissions using chmod with symbolic and octal notation?
- Question 2: How do you switch directories using relative and absolute paths in the cd command?
- **Question 3:** Can you provide an example of using grep to search for a specific pattern within a file or multiple files?
- Question 4: Distinguish between internal and external commands.
- **Question 5:** Explain file system hierarchy of Linux.
- Question 6: List different file systems used in Windows and Linux.

# 1.5 Evaluation Parameters and Rating Scale

# 1.5.1 Student's Self Rating

Evaluation Parameters	Rating (Out of 10)
Understanding of Required Concepts	12345678910
How Confident you are in Practical Implementation	12345678910
Timely Completion of Lab Exercises	12345678910
How confident you are in viva questions	12345678910
Lab-manual Readiness on the date of evaluation	12345678910
Overall Rating	12345678910

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# 1.5.2 Teacher's Rating Student Performance

Evaluation Parameters	Rating (Out of 10)
Understanding of Concepts	12345678910
Practical Implementation	12345678910
Completion of Lab Exercises	12345678910
Student adhering to lab conduct standards	12345678910
Lab-manual Readiness	12345678910
Overall Rating	12345678910

Teacher's Signature: _		Date:
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# 2 Experiment 2: Basics of Shell Scripting

## 2.1 Objective

The primary objectives include creating simple yet functional scripts, grasping scripting syntax elements such as variables, loops, and control structures, and executing these scripts effectively. Moreover, this experiment will emphasize the real-world utility of shell scripting in automating routine tasks, performing file manipulations, and simplifying system administration processes.

# 2.2 Reference Material[1][3][2]

#### 2.2.1 Shell

In computing, a shell refers to a user interface that allows users to interact with an operating system (such as Linux, Unix, or Windows) to execute commands, run programs, and manage files and directories. It acts as an intermediary between the user and the core functionalities of the operating system.

#### 2.2.2 Shell script

A shell program, also known as a shell script, is like a recipe made up of step-by-step instructions written in a special language that the computer understands. Each instruction in this recipe tells the computer what to do. These scripts are saved as files with a .sh ending and are created using programs like vi. To use them, we have to give permission to the computer to run these script files. We do this by using a command called chmod. Then, in a terminal, we use commands like sh or bash to tell the computer to follow the instructions written in the script file. It's like giving the computer a set of tasks to perform, and it does them one after another.

#### 2.2.3 Shell Variables

Shell variables are placeholders used by a shell (like Bash or PowerShell) to store information or data values. These variables act as containers to hold data temporarily, such as strings of text, numbers, file paths, or configuration settings, for example:  $VAR\_NAME = value$ .

#### 2.2.4 Types of Variables

Some commonly used shell variables include:

- (i) Environment Variables: These are variables that contain information about the environment in which the shell operates, such as user settings, system paths, or configuration preferences.
- (ii) User-Defined Variables: These are variables created by users to store custom data or information required for specific tasks or scripts.

## 2.2.5 Important Environment Variables

- PATH: Specifies directories where executable programs are located.
- HOME: Represents the current user's home directory.
- USER: Displays the username of the current user.
- SHELL: Specifies the default shell for the user.
- PWD: Indicates the present working directory.
- LANG: Determines the language and localization settings.
- TERM: Defines the terminal type or emulator being used.
- EDITOR: Specifies the default text editor.

#### 2.2.6 Shell Redirections

Shell redirections in Linux/Unix allow users to control input and output streams of commands. Here are common redirection symbols:

• Standard Input Redirection (<): Changes the command's input source to a file.

```
command < input_file.txt</pre>
```

• Standard Output Redirection (>): Redirects command output to a file (overwrites existing content).

```
command > output_file.txt
```

• Appending Output (>>): Appends command output to a file.

```
command >> output_file.txt
```

• Piping Output (|): Redirects output of one command as input to another.

```
command1 | command2
```

• Standard Error Redirection (2> or 2>>): Redirects error messages to a file.

```
command 2> error_file.txt
```

#### 2.2.7 Shell Arithmetic using expr and bc Commands

In shell scripting, arithmetic operations can be performed using different commands:

• expr Command: Used for integer arithmetic operations within shell scripts. It evaluates and prints the result of expressions.

#### Example usage:

```
result=$(expr 5 + 3)  # Adds 5 and 3
echo "Result: $result" # Output: Result: 8
```

Supported operators in expr include addition (+), subtraction (-), multiplication (\*), division (/), modulus (

• bc Command: Stands for 'Basic Calculator' and supports floating-point arithmetic and advanced mathematical functions.

#### Example usage:

```
result=$(echo "5.5 + 3.2" | bc) # Adds 5.5 and 3.2
echo "Result: $result" # Output: Result: 8.7
```

bc handles floating-point arithmetic and provides functions like sine, cosine, square root, etc., for more complex calculations.

These commands offer basic arithmetic functionalities within shell scripts. expr is suitable for simple integer arithmetic, while bc provides a broader range of mathematical operations and supports floating-point numbers.

#### 2.2.8 Flow Control in Shell Scripting using if Statements

Shell scripting offers various forms of if statements for conditional flow control:

#### 1. Basic if Statement:

```
if [ condition ]; then
    # Commands to execute if the condition is true
fi
```

#### 2. if-else Statement:

```
if [ condition ]; then
    # Commands to execute if the condition is true
else
    # Commands to execute if the condition is false
fi
```

#### 3. if-elif-else Statement:

```
if [ condition1 ]; then
    # Commands to execute if condition1 is true
elif [ condition2 ]; then
    # Commands to execute if condition2 is true
else
    # Commands to execute if both condition1 and condition2 are false
fi
```

#### 4. Nested if Statements:

```
if [ condition1 ]; then
    if [ condition2 ]; then
      # Commands to execute if both condition1 and condition2 are true
    fi
fi
```

#### 5. if Statement with Logical Operators:

```
if [ condition1 -a condition2 ]; then
    # Commands to execute if condition1 AND condition2 are true
fi

if [ condition1 -o condition2 ]; then
    # Commands to execute if condition1 OR condition2 is true
fi
```

These variations enable conditional execution of commands based on different conditions within shell scripts, offering flexibility in controlling the flow of the script.

#### 2.2.9 Operators in Shell Scripting

In shell scripting, operators are used to perform various operations on variables, constants, and expressions. Here are the common types of operators:

## 1. Arithmetic Operators

• +, -, \*, /, %: Perform addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, and modulus respectively.

## 2. Relational Operators

• -eq, -ne, -gt, -lt, -ge, -le: Compare numbers (equal, not equal, greater than, less than, greater than or equal to, less than or equal to) within test or [] brackets.

# 3. String Operators

• =, !=, <, >: Compare strings (equal, not equal, less than, greater than) within test or [ ] brackets.

# 4. Logical Operators

• &&, ||, !: Perform logical AND, logical OR, and logical NOT operations respectively.

## 5. Assignment Operators

• =, +=: Assign values to variables or concatenate strings.

## 6. Bitwise Operators

• &, |, ^, <<, >>, ~: Perform bitwise AND, OR, XOR, left shift, right shift, and bitwise NOT operations respectively.

#### 7. File Test Operators

• -f, -d, -r, -w, -x: Check file properties (existence, directory, readability, writability, executability) within test or [ ] brackets.

Understanding and utilizing these operators enable the creation of conditions, calculations, string manipulations, and file property checks within shell scripts, enhancing their functionality and flexibility.

# 2.2.10 Case Structure in Shell Scripting

In shell scripting, the **case** structure provides a way to perform conditional branching based on the value of a variable or expression. It allows evaluation against multiple patterns and executes commands based on the matching pattern.

The basic syntax of the case structure is as follows:

```
case variable in
   pattern1)
     # Commands to execute if variable matches pattern1
   ;;
pattern2)
     # Commands to execute if variable matches pattern2
   ;;
pattern3|pattern4)
     # Commands to execute if variable matches pattern3 or pattern4
   ;;
*)
     # Default commands to execute if no pattern matches
   ;;
esac
```

#### Example:

```
fruit="apple"

case $fruit in
    apple)
        echo "It's an apple."
        ;;
    banana|orange)
        echo "It's a banana or an orange."
        ;;
    *)
        echo "It's another fruit."
        ;;
esac
```

This example evaluates the variable **\$fruit** against different patterns and executes respective blocks based on the matching pattern.

The case structure simplifies code readability when multiple conditions need evaluation against a single variable or expression.

#### 2.2.11 Loops in Shell Scripting

In shell scripting, loops are used to execute a block of code repeatedly based on certain conditions. There are various types of loops available:

## 1. for Loop

The for loop iterates through a list of items or values. It is suitable when you have a known set of elements to loop through.

#### Syntax:

```
for variable in list
do
    # Commands to execute for each iteration
done
```

#### Example:

```
for i in 1 2 3 4 5
do
echo "Iteration: $i"
done
```

#### 2. while Loop

The while loop executes a block of code as long as a specified condition remains true. Syntax:

```
while [ condition ]
    # Commands to execute as long as the condition is true
done
   Example:
count=1
while [ $count -le 5 ]
    echo "Count: $count"
    ((count++))
done
3. until Loop
The until loop executes a block of code until a specified condition becomes true.
   Syntax:
until [ condition ]
    # Commands to execute until the condition becomes true
done
   Example:
count=1
until [ $count -gt 5 ]
    echo "Count: $count"
    ((count++))
done
4. Nested Loops
You can nest loops within each other to create more complex control structures.
   Example:
for i in {1..3}
    echo "Outer Loop Iteration: $i"
    for j in A B C
        echo "
                  Inner Loop Iteration: $j"
    done
done
```

These loops in shell scripting provide various ways to iterate through data, execute code repeatedly based on conditions, and control the flow of a script.

# 2.3 Steps to Prepare and Execute a Shell Script

#### 1. Create the Shell Script:

- Open a text editor or an Integrated Development Environment (IDE) to write the shell script.
- Write the desired commands and save the file with a .sh extension (e.g., script.sh).

#### 2. Set Execution Permissions (if needed):

• If the script doesn't have execution permissions, use the chmod command to set the execution permission:

```
chmod +x script.sh
```

## 3. Run the Shell Script:

- Open the terminal.
- Navigate to the directory where the script is saved using the cd command.
- Execute the script using one of the following methods:
  - Using Bash:

```
bash script.sh
```

- Using Shorthand (if the script has execution permissions):

```
./script.sh
```

- Using Absolute Path:

```
/path/to/your/script.sh
```

# 4. Verify Output:

• After executing the script, verify the output or actions performed by the script in the terminal or through any generated files or changes made by the script.

#### 5. Debug and Modify (if needed):

• If there are errors or the script doesn't behave as expected, edit the script in the text editor, save the changes, and rerun the script.

#### 6. Exit Code Analysis (Optional):

• After script execution, check the exit code by typing:

echo \$?

An exit code of 0 generally indicates success, while other codes signify different types of errors or warnings.

#### Video Reference:



https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLWjmN065fOfGdAZrlP6316HVHh8jlve

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## 2.3.1 Lab Exercises

- Exercise 1: Write a shell script that calculates the sum of numbers from 1 to a user-provided value using a for loop.
- **Exercise 2:** Write a script to generate the Fibonacci series up to a specified number of terms using a for loop.
- **Exercise 3:** Develop a script that checks whether a user-input number is prime or not using a for loop.
- Exercise 4: Create a script that reverses a given number using a while loop.
- Exercise 5: Write a script to display all files in a directory using a for loop.
- **Exercise 6:** Develop a script that asks the user for a username and password, allowing access only if both are correct using control structures.
- Exercise 7: Create a menu-driven calculator script that performs basic arithmetic operations based on user selection using a case structure.

# 2.4 Sample Viva Questions

Question 1: Describe how to redirect input and output in a shell script.

Question 2: How do you read user input in a shell script? Explain with an example.

**Question 3:** Discuss different types of operators used in shell scripting (arithmetic, comparison, logical, etc.).

Question 4: What are variables in shell scripting? How do you declare and use them?

**Question 5:** What is the significance of the shebang (#!) line in a shell script?

Question 6: What are the different types of shells commonly used in Unix/Linux?

# 2.5 Evaluation Parameters and Rating Scale

# 2.5.1 Student's Self Rating

Evaluation Parameters	Rating (Out of 10)
Understanding of Required Concepts	12345678910
How Confident you are in Practical Implementation	12345678910
Timely Completion of Lab Exercises	12345678910
How confident you are in viva questions	12345678910
Lab-manual Readiness on the date of evaluation	12345678910
Overall Rating	12345678910

Student's Signature:	Date:
2.5.2 Teacher's Rating Student Performance	

Evaluation Parameters	Rating (Out of 10)
Understanding of Concepts	12345678910
Practical Implementation	12345678910
Completion of Lab Exercises	12345678910
Student adhering to lab conduct standards	12345678910
Lab-manual Readiness	12345678910
Overall Rating	12345678910

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# 2.6 Instructions for the Teacher to Conduct Lab Assessment 1

- Upon finishing the initial two experiments, you are required to carry out CAP1, which is worth 100 marks [comprising two parts: J/E (50) and LM (50)].
- The calculation for LM marks is determined by: (Average of the teacher's overall ratings in Experiment 1 and Experiment 2) multiplied by 5.

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# 3 Experiment 3: File Manipulation Using System Calls[1][3][2]

# 3.1 Objective

The goal of this lab is to introduce and apply fundamental system calls like open, read, write, lseek, and close through programming exercises, addressing practical challenges encountered in real-world scenarios.

# 3.2 Reading Material

#### 3.2.1 System Calls

System calls are functions provided by the operating system kernel that enable user-level processes to request services from the operating system. Examples: Common system calls include open, read, write (for file operations), fork, exec (for process control), malloc, free (for memory management), socket, bind, connect (for networking), and many others.

System Call	Description	Programming Syntax
open	Used to open a file and obtain a file descriptor.	<pre>int fd = open("file.txt",</pre>
	Allows specifying flags for read, write, create,	O_RDONLY);
	and permissions.	
close	Closes a file descriptor, releasing resources as-	<pre>close(fd);</pre>
	sociated with the file.	
read	Reads data from an open file into a buffer in	read(fd, buffer, nbytes);
	memory.	
write	Writes data from a buffer in memory to an	<pre>write(fd, buffer, nbytes);</pre>
	open file.	
lseek	Moves the file pointer to a specified position	lseek(fd, offset,
	in the file.	SEEK_SET);
unlink	Deletes a file by name.	unlink("file.txt");
mkdir	Creates a new directory.	mkdir("new_dir", 0755);
rmdir	Removes a directory if it's empty.	<pre>rmdir("directory");</pre>
rename	Renames a file or directory.	rename("old_name",
		"new_name");
stat	Retrieves file status information like permis-	struct stat fileStat;
	sions, size, and timestamps.	stat("file.txt",
		&fileStat);
chmod	Changes file permissions.	chmod("file.txt", 0644);
chown	Changes file ownership.	chown("file.txt", uid,
		gid);
link/symlink	Creates hard or symbolic links to files.	<pre>link("source", "target");</pre>

Table 2: File management related system calls

#### 3.2.2 Sample Programs

## 1. Program to Create and Open a File for Reading

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

int main() {
    int fileDescriptor;

    // Create a new file named "file.txt" and open it for reading
    fileDescriptor = open("file.txt", O_CREAT | O_RDONLY, 0644);

    close(fileDescriptor); // Close the file

    return 0;
}
```

## 2. Program to Read from Console and Write to Console

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

#define BUFFER_SIZE 1024

int main() {
    char buffer[BUFFER_SIZE];
    //0 is the file descriptor of standard input.
    ssize_t bytesRead = read(0, buffer, BUFFER_SIZE);
    write(1, buffer, bytesRead); //1 is the file descriptor of standard output.
    return 0;
}
```

## 3. Program to Append Data into a File

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <fcntl.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <string.h>

int main() {
    char data[] = "This-data-will-be-appended-to-the-file.\n";
```

```
int fileDescriptor;
    fileDescriptor = open("file.txt", O-WRONLY | O-CREAT | O-APPEND, 0644);
    write(fileDescriptor, data, strlen(data));
    close(fileDescriptor);
    return 0;
}
4. Program to Read from and Write to Files
#include <stdio.h>
#include <fcntl.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#define BUFFER_SIZE 1024
int main() {
    char buffer[BUFFER_SIZE];
    int readFd, writeFd;
    readFd = open("source.txt", O.RDONLY);
    writeFd = open("destination.txt", O-WRONLY | O-CREAT | O-TRUNC, 0644);
    ssize_t bytesRead;
    while ((bytesRead = read(readFd, buffer, BUFFER_SIZE)) > 0) {
         write(writeFd, buffer, bytesRead);
    close (readFd);
    close (writeFd);
    return 0;
}
5. a C program that reads characters from the 11th to the 20th position from a file
named "input.txt" using the lseek system call.
#include <stdio.h>
#include <fcntl.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#define BUFFER_SIZE 11
int main() {
```

```
int fileDescriptor;
char buffer[BUFFER_SIZE];

fileDescriptor = open("input.txt", O.RDONLY);
lseek(fileDescriptor, 10, SEEK_SET);
read(fileDescriptor, buffer, BUFFER_SIZE - 1);
buffer[BUFFER_SIZE - 1] = '\0';
printf("Characters-from-11th-to-20th-position:-%s\n", buffer);
close(fileDescriptor);

return 0;
}
```

# Video Reference:



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#### 3.3 Lab Exercises

- **Exercise 1:** Write a program in C using system calls that lets users choose to copy either the first half or the second half of a file by entering 1 or 2.
- **Exercise 2:** Create a C program using system calls that keeps reading from the console until the user types '\$'. Save the input data to a file called 'input.txt'."
- **Exercise 3:** Write a C program that encrypts a text file using a simple encryption technique and saves the encrypted content to a new file.

#### Requirements:

Input: Provide a text file named "input.txt" with plain text content.

**Encryption Technique:** Shift each character in the file content by a fixed number

of positions (e.g., shifting each character by 3 positions in the ASCII table). **Output:** Save the encrypted content to a new file named "encrypted.txt".

# 3.4 Sample Viva Questions

Question 1: What is the purpose of the open system call?

Question 2: Discuss the parameters of the read system call.

Question 3: What is the significance of the close system call?

Question 4: What parameters does the lseek system call take?

Question 5: How is the lseek system call used to move the file offset?

# 3.5 Evaluation Parameters and Ratings Scale

## 3.5.1 Student's Self Rating

Overall Rating

Evaluation Parameters	Rating (Out of 10)
Understanding of Required Concepts	12345678910
How Confident you are in Practical Implementation	12345678910
Timely Completion of Lab Exercises	12345678910
How confident you are in viva questions	12345678910
Lab-manual Readiness on the date of evaluation	12345678910
Overall Rating	12345678910

Student's Signature:  3.5.2 Teacher's Rating Student Performance	Date:
Evaluation Parameters	Rating (Out of 10)
Understanding of Concepts	12345678910
Practical Implementation	12345678910
Completion of Lab Exercises	12345678910
Student adhering to lab conduct standards	12345678910
Lab-manual Readiness	12345678910

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# 4 Experiment 4: Directory Manipulation Using System Calls

# 4.1 Objective

In this lab, we'll explore how shell commands like mkdir (used to create directories), rmdir (used to remove directories) and Is used to list directory contents) actually work behind the scenes. These commands rely on special functions called system calls such as mkdir, opendir, and readdir. By learning about these functions, you'll be able to understand how these commands function and even write your own code using them.

# 4.2 Reading Material[1][3][2]

#### 4.2.1 Directory Management Related System Calls

System Call	Description	Programming Syntax
opendir	Opens a directory stream	<pre>DIR *opendir(const char *dirname);</pre>
	corresponding to the given	
	directory name.	
readdir	Reads the next directory	struct dirent *readdir(DIR
	entry from the directory	*dir_stream);
	stream.	
closedir	Closes the directory	<pre>int closedir(DIR *dir_stream);</pre>
	stream.	
chdir	Changes the current work-	<pre>int chdir(const char *path);</pre>
	ing directory.	
mkdir	Creates a new directory	int mkdir(const char *pathname, mode_t
	with the specified name	mode);
	and permission mode.	
rmdir	Removes a directory.	<pre>int rmdir(const char *pathname);</pre>
getcwd	Gets the pathname of the	<pre>char *getcwd(char *buf, size_t size);</pre>
	current working directory.	

Table 3: System calls for directory management

#### 4.2.2 The dirent structure

The direct structure in C is used to store information about directory entries when working with directory-related system calls. It's commonly associated with functions like readdir and is defined in the <dirent.h> header file in Linux systems.

The structure direct typically contains the following members:

- ino\_t d\_ino: This member represents the inode number of the directory entry.
- off\_t d\_off: It stores the offset of the next readdir call within the directory stream.

- unsigned short int d\_reclen: It denotes the length of this record.
- unsigned char d\_type: This member identifies the type of the file. For example, DT\_DIR for directories, DT\_REG for regular files, and others based on the file type.
- char d\_name[]: This member holds the name of the directory entry. It is a character array representing the name of the file or directory.

#### 4.3 Sample Programs

1. A C program that prints the contents of a directory using system calls like opendir, readdir, and closedir

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

int main() {
    DIR *dir;
    struct dirent *entry;

    dir = opendir(".");

    if (dir) {
        printf("Contents of the directory:\n");
        while ((entry = readdir(dir)) != NULL) {
            printf("%s\n", entry->d_name);
        }
        closedir(dir);
    }

    return 0;
}
```

2. Write a C program to create a new directory named "NewDirectory" within the file system

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

int main() {
    const char *dirname = "NewDirectory";

    // Creating a new directory named "NewDirectory"
    mkdir(dirname, 0777);
```

```
\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{return} & 0; \\ \end{array}
```

# Video Reference:



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#### 4.4 Lab Exercises

- Exercise 1: Create a C program that prompts the user to enter a directory name and uses the mkdir system call to create the directory.
- Exercise 2: Write a program that opens the current directory using opendir and reads its contents using readdir, then displays the list of directory entries.
- Exercise 3: Create a C program to delete a directory specified by the user using the rmdir system call.
- Exercise 4: Write a program that uses the getcwd system call to retrieve the current working directory and displays it to the user.

## 4.5 Sample Viva Questions

- Question 1: How is the mkdir system call used in C programming?
- **Question 2:** Discuss the significance of the rmdir system call.
- Question 3: How is the opendir system call used in C programming?
- **Question 4:** Explain the chdir system call and its significance.
- **Question 5:** What are the main fields or members of the dirent structure?

# 4.6 Evaluation Parameters and Rating Scale

## 4.6.1 Student's Self Rating

Evaluation Parameters	Rating (Out of 10)
Understanding of Required Concepts	12345678910
How Confident you are in Practical Implementation	12345678910
Timely Completion of Lab Exercises	12345678910
How confident you are in viva questions	12345678910
Lab-manual Readiness on the date of evaluation	12345678910
Overall Rating	12345678910

Student's Signature:	Date:

## 4.6.2 Teacher's Rating Student Performance

Evaluation Parameters	Rating (Out of 10)
Understanding of Concepts	12345678910
Practical Implementation	12345678910
Completion of Lab Exercises	12345678910
Student adhering to lab conduct standards	12345678910
Lab-manual Readiness	12345678910
Overall Rating	12345678910

Date:	
Date:	

# 4.7 Instructions for the Teacher to Conduct Lab Assessment 2

- Upon finishing the experiment 3 and experiment 4, you are required to carry out CAP2, which is worth 100 marks [comprising two parts: J/E (50) and LM (50)].
- The calculation for LM marks is determined by: (Average of the teacher's overall ratings in Experiment 3 and Experiment 4) multiplied by 5.

# 5 Experiment 5: Process Management using System Calls

# 5.1 Objective

By the end of this experiment, students will learn about different system commands used to manage processes. They will also gain an understanding of orphan and zombie processes.

# 5.2 Reading Material[1][3][2]

#### 5.2.1 Process management related system calls

System Call	Description	Programming Syntax
fork()	Creates a new process by duplicating	$\operatorname{pid}_{t} fork(void);$
	the calling process.	
exec()	Replaces the current process with a new	int exec(const char *pathname,
	program.	char *const argv[]);
wait()	Causes the parent process to wait until	$\operatorname{pid}_{t}wait(int*status);$
	one of its child processes terminates.	
exit()	Terminates the calling process and re-	void exit(int status);
	turns an exit status to the operating	
	system.	
getpid()	Retrieves the process ID (PID) of the	$\operatorname{pid}_{t} getpid(void);$
	calling process.	
getppid()	Retrieves the parent process ID (PPID)	$pid_t getppid(void);$
	of the calling process.	
kill()	Sends a signal to a specified process or	int kill(pid <sub>t</sub> $pid$ , $intsig$ );
	group of processes.	
nice()	Modifies the priority of a process.	int nice(int incr);
sleep()	Causes the calling process to sleep for a	unsigned int sleep(unsigned int
	specified number of seconds.	seconds);

Table 4: Process management related system calls

#### 5.2.2 Orphan and Zombie Processes

**Orphan Process:** An orphan process is a child process whose parent process has terminated or finished before the child process completes. When the parent process exits or is terminated unexpectedly without properly waiting for the child to finish, the operating system reassigns the orphaned child process to the init process (PID 1 in Linux). The init process adopts and manages orphan processes until they complete execution.

Zombie Process: A zombie process is a terminated process that has completed its execution but still has an entry in the process table. After a process completes, it sends an exit status to its parent process and becomes a zombie waiting for the parent to retrieve the exit status using the wait()

system call. If the parent fails to fetch the exit status of the terminated child (due to neglect or termination), the zombie process remains in the process table as an inactive process entry.

#### 5.3 Sample Programs

1. A program to create a child process using fork system call.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <unistd.h>
int main() {
    pid_t child_pid;
    // Create a child process
    child_pid = fork();
    if (child_pid == 0) {
        // The child process code section
        printf("Child-process:-PID-=-%d\n", getpid());
    } else if (child_pid > 0) {
        // The parent process code section
        printf("Parent process: Child PID =-%d\n", child_pid);
    } else {
        // Fork failed
        printf("Fork-failed\n");
        return 1;
    }
    return 0;
}
```

2. C program to demonstrates the creation of an orphan process.

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

int main() {
    pid_t child_pid = fork();

    if (child_pid == 0) {
        // Child_process
        printf("Child_process: PID == %d\n", getpid());
        sleep(2); // Sleep to ensure the parent process terminates first
        printf("Child_process: My_parent's PID == %d\n", getppid());
    } else if (child_pid > 0) {
```

```
// Parent process
         printf("Parent process: PID = %d\n", getpid());
         printf("Parent - process: - Terminating ... \ n");
    } else {
         printf("Fork-failed\n");
        return 1;
    return 0;
}
3. C program to demonstrate the creation of a Zombie process.
#include <stdio.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
int main() {
    pid_t child_pid = fork();
    if (child_pid == 0) 
        // Child process
         printf("Child-process:-PID-=-%d\n", getpid());
         exit(0); // Child process exits immediately
    \} else if (child_pid > 0) {
        // Parent process
         printf("Parent process: PID = %d\n", getpid());
         printf("Parent - process: - Child - PID - = - %d\n", child - pid);
         sleep (10); // Sleep to allow time for the child to become a zombie
         printf("Parent - process: - Terminating ... \ n");
    } else {
         printf("Fork-failed\n");
        return 1;
    return 0;
}
```

#### Video Reference:



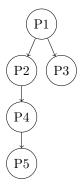
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#### 5.4 Lab Exercises

- **Exercise 1:** Write a C program to illustrate that performing 'n' consecutive fork() system calls generates a total of  $2^n 1$  child processes. The program should prompt the user to input the value of 'n'."
- Exercise 2: Write a C program utilizing the fork() system call to generate the following process hierarchy:  $P1 \rightarrow P2 \rightarrow P3$ . The program should display the Process ID (PID) and Parent Process IDs (PPID) for each process created.
- Exercise 3: Write a C program to generate a process hierarchy as follows:



The program should create the specified process structure using the appropriate sequence of 'fork()' system calls. Print PID and PPID of each process.

# 5.5 Sample Viva Questions

Question 1: Explain the fork system call in process management.

Question 2: Discuss the significance of the return values of the fork system call.

Question 3: What is the purpose of the wait system call?

**Question 4:** Discuss the significance of the getpid and getppid system calls in obtaining process IDs.

**Question 5:** How many child processes will be created if three consecutive fork statements are used in a main function?

# 5.6 Evaluation Parameters and Rating Scale

## 5.6.1 Student's Self Rating

Student's Signature:

Teacher's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluation Parameters	Rating (Out of 10)
Understanding of Required Concepts	12345678910
How Confident you are in Practical Implementation	12345678910
Timely Completion of Lab Exercises	12345678910
How confident you are in viva questions	12345678910
Lab-manual Readiness on the date of evaluation	12345678910
Overall Rating	12345678910

Evaluation Parameters	Rating (Out of 10)
Understanding of Concepts	12345678910
Practical Implementation	12345678910
Completion of Lab Exercises	12345678910
Student adhering to lab conduct standards	12345678910
Lab-manual Readiness	12345678910
Overall Rating	12345678910

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# 6 Experiment 6: Creation of Multithreaded Processes using Pthread Library

# 6.1 Objective

Introduce the operations on threads, which include initialization, creation, join and exit functions of thread using pthread library.

# 6.2 Reading Material[1][3][2]

## 6.2.1 Commonly used library functions related to POSIX threads (pthread)

Function	Description	Programming Syntax
pthread_create	Create a new thread	int pthread_create(pthread_t
		*thread, const pthread_attr_t
		*attr, void *(*start_routine)
		(void *), void *arg);
pthread_join	Wait for termination of a	int pthread_join(pthread_t
	specific thread	thread, void **retval);
pthread_exit	Terminate calling thread	<pre>void pthread_exit(void *retval);</pre>
pthread_cancel	Request cancellation of a	int pthread_cancel(pthread_t
	thread	thread);

Table 5: Commonly used library functions related to POSIX threads (pthread)

## 6.3 Sample Programs

#### 1. A C program using the pthread library to create a thread with NULL attributes.

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

void *thread_function(void *arg) {
    printf("Inside the new thread!\n");
    return NULL;
}

int main() {
    pthread_t thread_id;
    pthread_create(&thread_id, NULL, thread_function, NULL);
    pthread_join(thread_id, NULL);
    return 0;
}
```

2. A C program that creates a thread and passes a message from the main function to the thread.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <pthread.h>
void *thread_function(void *message) {
    printf("Message received in thread: %\n", (char *) message);
    return NULL;
}
int main() {
    pthread_t thread_id;
    pthread_create(&thread_id, NULL, thread_function, "Hellorfrom the main thread!");
    pthread_join(thread_id, NULL);
    return 0;
}
3. A C program where a thread returns a value to the main function using pointers.
#include <stdio.h>
#include <pthread.h>
#define NUM_THREADS 1
void *thread_function(void *arg) {
    int *returnValue = malloc(sizeof(int));
    *returnValue = 143; // Set the return value
    pthread_exit(returnValue);
}
int main() {
    pthread_t threads[NUM_THREADS];
    int *thread_return;
    pthread_create(&threads[0], NULL, thread_function, NULL);
    pthread_join(threads[0], (void **)&thread_return);
    printf("Value-returned-from-thread:-%d\n", *thread_return);
    free (thread_return); // Free allocated memory for return value
    return 0;
}
```

#### Video Reference:



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# 6.4 Lab Exercises: [Attempt any 3 within the designated lab hours]

- **Exercise 1:** Develop a program using pthread to concatenate multiple strings passed to the thread function.
- Exercise 2: Create a pthread program to find the length of strings passed to the thread function.
- Exercise 3: Implement a program that performs statistical operations (calculating average, maximum, and minimum) for a set of numbers. Utilize three threads, where each thread performs its respective operation.
- Exercise 4: Write a multithreaded program where a globally passed array of integers is divided into two smaller lists and given as input to two threads. Each thread sorts their half of the list and then passes the sorted lists to a third thread, which merges and sorts them. The final sorted list is printed by the parent thread.
- Exercise 5: Create a program using pthread\_create to generate multiple threads. Each thread should display its unique ID and execution sequence.
- Exercise 6: Create a threaded application that demonstrates graceful thread termination using pthread\_exit for resource cleanup compared to abrupt termination via pthread\_cancel.

## 6.5 Sample Viva Questions

- Question 1: Discuss the steps involved in creating a thread using the pthread\_create function.
- Question 2: What parameters does the pthread\_create function take, and what are their purposes?
- Question 3: Explain the role and usage of the pthread\_join function in managing threads.

- **Question 4:** Explain the differences between a thread and a process in terms of memory sharing and execution context.
- **Question 5:** Give two instances where a multi-threaded process offers benefits compared to a single-threaded solution.

## 6.6 Evaluation Parameters and Rating Scale

#### 6.6.1 Student's Self Rating

Evaluation Parameters	Rating (Out of 10)
Understanding of Required Concepts	12345678910
How Confident you are in Practical Implementation	12345678910
Timely Completion of Lab Exercises	12345678910
How confident you are in viva questions	12345678910
Lab-manual Readiness on the date of evaluation	12345678910
Overall Rating	12345678910

Student's Signature:	Date:

# 6.6.2 Teacher's Rating Student Performance

Evaluation Parameters	Rating (Out of 10)
Understanding of Concepts	12345678910
Practical Implementation	12345678910
Completion of Lab Exercises	12345678910
Student adhering to lab conduct standards	12345678910
Lab-manual Readiness	12345678910
Overall Rating	12345678910

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Teacher's Signature:	Date:

## 6.7 Instructions for the Teacher to Conduct Lab Assessment 3

- Upon finishing the experiment 5 and experiment 6, you are required to carry out CAP3, which is worth 100 marks [comprising two parts: J/E (50) and LM (50)].
- The calculation for LM marks is determined by: (Average of the teacher's overall ratings in Experiment 5 and Experiment 6) multiplied by 5.

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# 7 Experiment 7: Process Synchronization using Semaphore/-Mutex

# 7.1 Objective

The objective of this lab experiment is to acquaint students with the concept of process synchronization in concurrent programming using semaphore or mutex mechanisms.

# 7.2 Reading Material[1][3][2]

## 7.2.1 Synchronization

Process or thread synchronization refers to the coordination and orderly execution of concurrent processes or threads in a multi-threaded or multi-process system.

#### 7.2.2 Race Condition

A race condition is a situation in concurrent programming where the outcome of the program depends on the order of execution of threads or processes. It arises when multiple threads or processes access shared resources or critical sections without proper synchronization or coordination, leading to unpredictable or incorrect behavior.

### 7.2.3 Semaphore

Definition	A semaphore is an abstract data type used for process synchronization in concurrent programming. It controls access to shared resources among multiple processes or threads by maintaining a counter that can be incremented or decremented.
Functionality	Semaphores manage access to shared resources, prevent race conditions, and ensure synchronization. They offer operations like initialization (sem_init), waiting (sem_wait), signaling (sem_post), and destruction (sem_destroy).
Types	Common types include Binary Semaphores (with values 0 and 1) and Counting Semaphores (with values greater than 1).

Function	Description	Programming Syntax
seminit	Initialize a semaphore	int sem_init(sem_t *sem, int
		pshared, unsigned int value);
sem_destroy	Destroy a semaphore	<pre>int sem_destroy(sem_t *sem);</pre>
sem_post	Increment (signal) a semaphore	<pre>int sem_post(sem_t *sem);</pre>
sem_wait	Decrement (wait/block) a semaphore	<pre>int sem_wait(sem_t *sem);</pre>

Table 6: Library Functions Related to Semaphore

#### 7.2.4 Mutex

Definition	A mutex (Mutual Exclusion) is a synchronization primitive used in multi-	
	threaded programming to control access to shared resources. It allows only	
	one thread at a time to access the resource, preventing concurrent access.	
Functionality	Mutexes ensure mutual exclusion, preventing race conditions and maintain-	
	ing data integrity. Operations include initialization (pthread_mutex_init),	
	locking (pthread_mutex_lock), unlocking (pthread_mutex_unlock), and	
	destruction (pthread_mutex_destroy).	
Types	Mutexes can be recursive (allows the same thread to lock it multiple times)	
	or non-recursive (deadlocks if the same thread tries to lock it multiple times).	

Function	Description	Programming Syntax
pthread_mutex_init	Initialize a mutex	int pthread_mutex_init(pthread_mutex_t
		*mutex, const pthread_mutexattr_t *attr);
pthread_mutex_destroy	Destroy a mutex	int pthread_mutex_destroy(pthread_mutex_t
		*mutex);
pthread_mutex_lock	Lock a mutex	int pthread_mutex_lock(pthread_mutex_t
		*mutex);
pthread_mutex_unlock	Unlock a mutex	<pre>int pthread_mutex_unlock(pthread_mutex_t</pre>
		*mutex);

Table 7: Library Functions Related to Mutex

# 7.3 Sample Programs

## 1. C Program Simulating Race Condition.

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

#define NUM_THREADS 5
#define MAX_COUNT 1000000

int shared_variable = 0;

void *increment_variable(void *thread_id) {
    for (int i = 0; i < MAX_COUNT; i++) {
        shared_variable++;
    }
    pthread_exit(NULL);
}

int main() {
    pthread_t threads[NUM_THREADS];</pre>
```

```
for (int i = 0; i < NUM.THREADS; i++) {
        pthread_create(&threads[i], NULL, increment_variable, (void *)i);
    for (int i = 0; i < NUM_THREADS; i++) {
        pthread_join(threads[i], NULL);
    printf("Value of shared variable after race condition: %\n", shared variable);
    return 0;
}
2. C Program with Semaphore to Avoid Race Condition.
#include <stdio.h>
#include <pthread.h>
#include <semaphore.h>
#define NUM_THREADS 5
#define MAX_COUNT 1000000
int shared_variable = 0;
sem_t semaphore;
void *increment_variable(void *thread_id) {
    for (int i = 0; i < MAX_{COUNT}; i++) {
        sem_wait(&semaphore);
        shared_variable++;
        sem_post(&semaphore);
    pthread_exit(NULL);
int main() {
    pthread_t threads[NUM_THREADS];
    sem_init(&semaphore, 0, 1); // Initializing semaphore with value 1
    for (int i = 0; i < NUM_THREADS; i++) {
        pthread_create(&threads[i], NULL, increment_variable, (void *)i);
    for (int i = 0; i < NUM.THREADS; i++) {
        pthread_join(threads[i], NULL);
```

```
sem_destroy(&semaphore); // Destroying semaphore
    printf("Value of shared variable after synchronization: %\n", shared variable);
    return 0;
}
3. C Program with Mutex to Prevent Race Condition
#include <stdio.h>
#include <pthread.h>
#define NUM_THREADS 5
#define MAX_COUNT 1000000
int shared_variable = 0;
pthread_mutex_t mutex = PTHREAD_MUTEX_INITIALIZER;
void *increment_variable(void *thread_id) {
    for (int i = 0; i < MAX_COUNT; i++) {
        pthread_mutex_lock(&mutex);
        shared_variable++;
        pthread_mutex_unlock(&mutex);
    pthread_exit(NULL);
}
int main() {
    pthread_t threads[NUM_THREADS];
    pthread_mutex_init(&mutex, NULL); // Initializing mutex
    for (int i = 0; i < NUM.THREADS; i++) {
        pthread_create(&threads[i], NULL, increment_variable, (void *)i);
    }
    for (int i = 0; i < NUM_THREADS; i++) {
        pthread_join(threads[i], NULL);
    pthread_mutex_destroy(&mutex); // Destroying mutex
    printf("Value of shared variable after synchronization: %\n", shared variable);
    return 0;
}
```

#### Video Reference:



https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLWjmN065fOfGdAZrlP6316HVHh8jlve.

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#### 7.4 Lab Exercises

Exercise 1: Implement the producer-consumer problem using pthreads and mutex operations.

Constraints:

- (a) A producer only produces if the buffer is empty, and the consumer only consumes if some content is in the buffer.
- (b) A producer writes an item into the buffer, and the consumer deletes the last produced item in the buffer.
- (c) A producer writes on the last consumed index of the buffer.
- **Exercise 2:** Implement the reader-writer problem using semaphore and mutex operations to synchronize n readers active in the reader section at the same time and one writer active at a time.

### Constraints:

- (a) If n readers are active, no writer is allowed to write.
- (b) If one writer is writing, no other writer should be allowed to read or write on the shared variable.

#### 7.5 Sample Viva Questions

- **Question 1:** What is a semaphore, and how does it facilitate synchronization among processes or threads?
- Question 2: Discuss the functions sem\_init, sem\_wait, and sem\_post in semaphore usage.
- Question 3: Compare and contrast mutexes with semaphores in terms of functionality and usage.

- Question 4: Explain the functions pthread\_mutex\_init, pthread\_mutex\_lock, and pthread\_mutex\_unlock in mutex usage.
- **Question 5:** Discuss scenarios where mutexes are preferred over other synchronization mechanisms.

# 7.6 Evaluation Parameters and Rating Scale

# 7.6.1 Student's Self Rating

Evaluation Parameters	Rating (Out of 10)
Understanding of Required Concepts	12345678910
How Confident you are in Practical Implementation	12345678910
Timely Completion of Lab Exercises	12345678910
How confident you are in viva questions	12345678910
Lab-manual Readiness on the date of evaluation	12345678910
Overall Rating	12345678910

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# 7.6.2 Teacher's Rating Student Performance

Evaluation Parameters	Rating (Out of 10)
Understanding of Concepts	12345678910
Practical Implementation	12345678910
Completion of Lab Exercises	12345678910
Student adhering to lab conduct standards	12345678910
Lab-manual Readiness	12345678910
Overall Rating	12345678910

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# 8 Experiment 8: Inter Process Communication (IPC)

# 8.1 Objective

The aim of this laboratory is to introduce the Interprocess communication (IPC) mechanism of operating system to allow the processes to communicate with each other.

# 8.2 Reading Material[1][3][2]

#### 8.2.1 Interprocess communication

Interprocess communication (IPC) involves methods and tools that enable different processes on a computer system to exchange data, coordinate activities, and synchronize operations. It allows programs to communicate with each other, facilitating collaboration and data sharing between processes running concurrently. Examples of IPC methods include pipes, sockets, shared memory, and message queues.

#### 8.2.2 Pipes

In C programming, pipes are a form of interprocess communication (IPC) that allows communication between two processes, with one process writing data into the pipe and the other process reading from it. Pipes are one-way communication channels that can be either anonymous or named.

Function	Description	Programming Syntax
pipe()	Creates an anonymous pipe, returning two	
	file descriptors - one for reading and one	<pre>int pipe(int filedes[2]);</pre>
	for writing.	
mkfifo()	Creates a named pipe (FIFO) in the file	int mkfifo(const char
mkmo()	system.	*pathname, mode_t mode);
dup()	Duplicates a file descriptor, creating a copy	<pre>int dup(int oldfd);</pre>
	of the specified descriptor.	int dup(int oldid);
close()	Closes a file descriptor.	<pre>int close(int fd);</pre>

Table 8: Functions related to pipes

# 8.2.3 Unnamed Pipes (Anonymous Pipes)

Functioning: Unnamed pipes are created using the pipe() system call. They provide a one-way communication channel between two related processes, typically a parent and its child process. They allow communication by connecting the standard output (stdout) of one process to the standard input (stdin) of another.

• Syntax: int pipe(int filedes[2]);

- filedes[0] refers to the read end of the pipe.
- filedes[1] refers to the write end of the pipe.

### Sample Program

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <unistd.h>
int main() {
    int pipe_fd[2];
    char data [100];
    if (pipe(pipe_fd) < 0) {
         prinft("pipe-creation-failed");
        return 1;
    }
    pid_t pid = fork();
    if (pid < 0) 
         printf("fork-failed\n");
        return 1;
    }
    if (pid > 0) \{ // Parent process \}
        // Write to pipe
         close (pipe_fd[0]); // Close the reading end
        char message[] = "Hello, Child Process!";
        write(pipe_fd[1], message, sizeof(message));
         close (pipe_fd[1]); // Close the writing end
    \} else \{ // Child process
        // Read from pipe
         close (pipe_fd [1]); // Close the writing end
         read(pipe_fd[0], data, sizeof(data));
         printf("Received - message - in - child: -%s\n", data);
         close (pipe_fd [0]); // Close the reading end
    }
    return 0;
}
```

#### 8.2.4 Named Pipes

Named pipes, also known as FIFOs (First In, First Out), are created using the mkfifo() system call. They are files residing in the file system and allow communication between unrelated processes. Named pipes provide bi-directional communication.

- Syntax: int mkfifo(const char \*pathname, mode\_t mode);
- pathname is the path and name of the named pipe.
- mode specifies the permissions for the named pipe.

## Sample Code[3][1]

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <fcntl.h>
#include <sys/stat.h>
#include <unistd.h>
int main() {
    char *fifo = "/tmp/myfifo"; // Path to the named pipe
    mkfifo(fifo, 0666); // Creating a named pipe
    int fd:
    char data [100];
    fd = open(fifo, O-WRONLY); // Open the pipe for writing
    write(fd, "Hello-from-writer!", sizeof("Hello-from-writer!"));
    close (fd);
    fd = open(fifo, O.RDONLY); // Open the pipe for reading
    read(fd, data, sizeof(data));
    printf("Received-message: -%s\n", data);
    close (fd);
    return 0;
}
```

#### 8.2.5 Shared Memory

Shared memory in C programming is a mechanism that allows multiple processes to share a region of memory. This shared memory segment is created by one process and can be accessed by multiple processes, enabling efficient inter-process communication (IPC).

The primary steps involved in using shared memory are:

- 1. **Allocation**: A process allocates a shared memory segment using the **shmget()** system call. This call either creates a new shared memory segment or accesses an existing one based on a provided key and size.
- 2. Attachment: After allocation, the process attaches the shared memory segment to its address space using shmat(). This attaches the segment to a virtual address in the process's memory, allowing it to read from and write to the shared memory.

- 3. Usage: Processes that share this segment can read from and write to it, treating it like any other memory region. Synchronization mechanisms such as semaphores or mutexes are typically used to control access and prevent race conditions.
- 4. **Detachment**: When the process finishes using the shared memory, it detaches the segment using shmdt(). This detaches the shared memory segment from the process's address space.
- 5. Control Operations: The shmctl() function allows for control operations on the shared memory segment, such as removing or modifying it.

Function	Description	Programming Syntax
shmget()	Allocates a new shared memory segment or ac-	int shmget(key_t key, size_t
	cesses an existing one.	size, int shmflg);
shmat()	Attaches the shared memory segment to the ad-	void *shmat(int shmid, const
	dress space of the calling process.	<pre>void *shmaddr, int shmflg);</pre>
shmdt()	Detaches the shared memory segment from the	<pre>int shmdt(const void *shmaddr);</pre>
	calling process.	
shmctl()	Performs control operations on the shared mem-	int shmctl(int shmid, int cmd,
	ory segment, such as removing or modifying it.	struct shmid_ds *buf);

Table 9: Functions related to shared memory

# 8.2.6 Sample program to demonstrate shared memory segment creation and data addition

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <sys/shm.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <errno.h>
#define SHM_SIZE 1024
int main() {
    void *shm;
    char buf [100];
    int shmid;
    // Creating a shared memory segment
    shmid = shmget((key_t)123, SHM_SIZE, 0666 | IPC_CREAT);
    \mathbf{if} (shmid ==-1) {
         printf("shmget - - Error \n");
         exit (EXIT_FAILURE);
    }
```

#include <stdio.h>

```
printf("The Key value of shared memory is %d\n", shmid);
    // Attaching the process to the shared memory segment
    shm = shmat(shmid, NULL, 0);
    if (shm = (void *)-1) {
        printf("shmat - Error\n");
        exit (EXIT_FAILURE);
    printf("Process-attached-to-the-address-of-%p\n", shm);
    printf("Write-the-data-to-shared-memory-(max-99-characters):-");
    fgets(buf, sizeof(buf), stdin);
    buf[strcspn(buf, "\n")] = '\0'; // Removing newline character if present
    strncpy((char *)shm, buf, SHM_SIZE); // Ensuring data doesn't exceed SHM_SIZE
    printf("The stored data in shared memory is: %\n", (char *)shm);
    // Detaching shared memory
    if (\operatorname{shmdt}(\operatorname{shm}) = -1) {
        printf("shmdt-Error\n");
        exit (EXIT_FAILURE);
    }
    return 0;
}
```

#### 8.2.7 Message Queues

Function	Description	Programming Syntax
msgget()	Creates a new message queue or	<pre>int msgget(key_t key, int msgflg);</pre>
	gets the identifier of an existing	
	queue.	
msgsnd()	Sends a message to a message	int msgsnd(int msqid, const void
	queue.	*msgp, size_t msgsz, int msgflg);
msgrcv()	Receives a message from a mes-	ssize_t msgrcv(int msqid, void
	sage queue.	*msgp, size_t msgsz, long msgtyp,
		<pre>int msgflg);</pre>
msgctl()	Performs control operations on a	int msgctl(int msqid, int cmd, struct
	message queue, such as deleting	msqid_ds *buf);
	or modifying it.	

Table 10: Funtions related to message queues

## 8.2.8 Message Queue Implementation in C

```
\#include < stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/ipc.h>
#include <sys/msg.h>
#include <errno.h>
#define MAX_MSG_SIZE 100
struct msg_buffer {
    long msg_type;
    char msg_text [MAX_MSG_SIZE];
};
int main() {
    key_t key;
    int msg_id;
    struct msg_buffer message;
    // Manually generate a key without using ftok
    if ((\text{key} = 0 \times 12345678) = -1) {
         printf("key-Error\n");
         exit (EXIT_FAILURE);
    }
    if ((msg_id = msgget(key, 0666 | IPC_CREAT)) == -1) {
         printf("msgget-Error\n");
         exit (EXIT_FAILURE);
    printf("Message - Queue - Created - with - ID: -%d\n", msg_id);
    printf("Enter-a-message-to-send-to-the-queue:-");
    fgets (message.msg_text, MAX_MSG_SIZE, stdin);
    message.msg\_type = 1;
    if (msgsnd(msg\_id, \&message, sizeof(message), 0) == -1) {
         printf("msgsnd-Error\n");
         exit (EXIT_FAILURE);
    printf("Message - Sent - to - the - Queue \n");
    if (msgrcv(msg_id, \&message, sizeof(message), 1, 0) = -1) {
         printf("msgrcv-Error\n");
```

```
exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
}

printf("Message Received from the Queue: %\n", message.msg_text);

if (msgctl(msg_id, IPC_RMID, NULL) == -1) {
    printf("msgctl Error\n");
    exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
}

printf("Message Queue Removed\n");

return 0;
}
```

## Video Reference:



https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLWjmN065fOfGdAZrlP6316HVHh8jlve.

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#### 8.3 Lab Exercises

**Exercise 1:** Develop a program that demonstrates Inter-Process Communication (IPC) using named pipes.

### Tasks:

- Create a pair of named pipes: one for sending data and another for receiving data.
- Develop a sender program that writes a message to the sending pipe.
- Create a receiver program that reads from the receiving pipe and displays the received message.

- Exercise 2: Demonstrate the usage of Shared Memory for IPC.

  Tasks:
  - Create a shared memory segment and attach it to multiple processes.
  - Develop a producer-consumer model, where one process writes data into the shared memory, and another process reads from it.
- Exercise 3: Explore IPC using Message Passing techniques.

#### Tasks:

- Design two processes where one process sends a signal to another process.
- Develop signal handlers in both processes to manage incoming signals and perform specific actions based on the received signal.

## 8.4 Sample Viva Questions

- **Question 1:** Discuss the characteristics and limitations of unnamed pipes in inter-process communication.
- **Question 2:** How are unnamed pipes created and used in C programming for IPC between parent and child processes?
- **Question 3:** Can unnamed pipes be used for communication between unrelated processes? Explain.
- **Question 4:** What distinguishes named pipes (FIFOs) from unnamed pipes in inter-process communication?
- **Question 5:** What are the advantages of using shared memory for IPC compared to other methods like pipes or message queues?
- Question 6: How is shared memory accessed and utilized by multiple processes concurrently?
- **Question 7:** Explain the process of creating and using message queues for communication between processes.

## 8.5 Evaluation Parameters and Rating Scale

#### 8.5.1 Student's Self Rating

Evaluation Parameters	Rating (Out of 10)
Understanding of Required Concepts	12345678910
How Confident you are in Practical Implementation	12345678910
Timely Completion of Lab Exercises	12345678910
How confident you are in viva questions	12345678910
Lab-manual Readiness on the date of evaluation	12345678910
Overall Rating	12345678910

Student's Signature:	Date:
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## 8.5.2 Teacher's Rating Student Performance

Evaluation Parameters	Rating (Out of 10)
Understanding of Concepts	12345678910
Practical Implementation	12345678910
Completion of Lab Exercises	12345678910
Student adhering to lab conduct standards	12345678910
Lab-manual Readiness	12345678910
Overall Rating	12345678910

Teacher's Signature:	Data
Teacher's Signature:	Date:

## 8.6 Instructions for the Teacher to Conduct Lab Assessment 4

- Upon finishing the Experiment 7 and Experiment 8, you are required to carry out CAP4, which is worth 100 marks [comprising two parts: J/E (50) and LM (50)].
- The calculation for LM marks is determined by: (Average of the teacher's overall ratings in Experiment 7 and Experiment 8) multiplied by 5.

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