

OS Quiz 3

Q1) How many processes?

```
1  int main()
2  {
3      int i = 0;
4      for(i = 1; i < 10; i++){
5          if((i%2) == 0)
6              {fork();}
7      }
8  }
```

The program starts with the parent program running into the form loop.

At $i = 1$, the parent enters the loop. $i\%2 = 1$ so no fork.

At $i = 2$, the parent enters the loop, $i\%2 = 0$ so fork()

Parent, and 1 child come up

At $i = 3$, two (2) processes enter loop, $i\%2 = 1$ so no fork.

2 processes come up

At $i = 4$, two (2) processes enter loop, $i\%2 = 0$ so fork()

4 processes come up

The pattern shows at $i \% 2$ (i.e. whenever i is even, there is a fork()) on the number of processes. The number of times this

happens is at $i = \{2, 4, 6, 8\}$. Note that $i=10$ never happens inside the loop.

So at $i = 0$, 1 process,

At $i = 2$, 2 processes,

At $i = 4$, 4 processes,

At $i = 6$, 8 processes,

At $i = 8$, 16 processes

A total of 16 processes is created including the parent.

Q2) What is the output of this program.

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1 #define SIZE 5
2 int num[SIZE] = {2,4,6,8,10};
3 int main()
4 {
5     pid_t fpid;    int i; fpid = fork();
6     if(fpid == 0){
7         for( i = 0; i < SIZE; i++){
8             if (fpid == 0)
9                 { num[i] = num[i]+i; }
10            else { num[i] *=2;}
11        }
12    }
13    for(i = 0; i < SIZE;i++){
14        if(fpid == 0)
15            {printf("say:%d",num[i]);}
16        else {printf("speak:%d",num[i]);}
17    }
18 }
```

The program does a fork at line 5 (fpid=fork());

The parent has an array with {2,4,6,8,10}

The child has an array with {2,4,6,8,10}

After the fork (line 6 and after), both parent and child have same data. However, only the child can enter the if(fid==0) to execute lines 7,8,9,and 10. The question looks tricky because it has line 8

ask if $fid == 0$. The child enters this part so the child will simply add l to each number. i.e. $\{2+0, 4+1, 6+2, 8+3, 10+4\} = \{2, 5, 8, 11, 14\}$

At line 13, the parent still has $\{2, 4, 6, 8, 10\}$, but the child has $\{2, 5, 8, 11, 14\}$. The parent prints “Speak %d”, and the child uses “Say %d”

The printout will include

Say 2

Say 5

Say 8

Say 11

Say 14

Speak 2

Speak 4

Speak 6

Speak 8

Speak 10