PARENT VS CHILD using wait or waitpid

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Book(s)

Text Book(s)



Kay A. Robbins, & Steve Robbins

Unix[™] Systems Programming

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Reference Book(s)



Brain W. Kernighan, & Rob Pike

The Unix Programming Environment



```
int main() {
                               /* PID of child 3425 */
  pid t childpid, waitreturn; /* PID of parent 3424 */
   childpid = fork();
   if(childpid == 0) {
      printf("Process ID=%ld\n", (long)getpid());
  waitreturn=wait(NULL);
   if (childpid != waitreturn) {
      printf("Return value of fork=%ld\n", (long) childpid);
      printf("Process ID=%ld\n", (long)getpid());
      printf("Return value of wait=%d\n", waitreturn);
   return 0;
```

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int main() {
                               /* PID of child 3425 */
  pid t childpid, waitreturn; /* PID of parent 3424 */
   childpid = fork();
   if(childpid == 0) {
      printf("Process ID=%ld\n", (long)getpid());
  waitreturn=wait(NULL);
   if (childpid == waitreturn) {
      printf("Return value of fork=%ld\n", (long) childpid);
      printf("Process ID=%ld\n", (long)getpid());
      printf("Return value of wait=%d\n", waitreturn);
   return 0;
```

Identify the Parent Code & the Child Code

```
int main() {
                                /* PID of child 3425 */
  pid_t childpid, waitreturn; /* PID of parent 3424 */
   childpid = fork();
   if(childpid == 0) {
      printf("Process ID=%ld\n", (long)getpid());
  waitreturn=wait(NULL);
   if (childpid == waitreturn) {
      printf("Return value of fork=%ld\n", (long) childpid);
      printf("Process ID=%ld\n", (long)getpid());
      printf("Return value of wait=%d\n", waitreturn);
   return 0;
```

Identification of Parent and Child

```
/* PID of child 3425 */
int main() {
  pid t childpid, waitreturn; /* PID of parent 3424 */
  childpid = fork();
  if(childpid == 0) {     /* Child Code */
     printf("Process ID=%ld\n", (long)getpid());
  waitreturn=wait(NULL);
  if (childpid == waitreturn) /* Parent Code */
     printf("Return value of fork=%ld\n", (long) childpid);
     printf("Process ID=%ld\n", (long)getpid());
     printf("Return value of wait=%d\n", waitreturn);
  return 0;
```

Placing wait

```
int main() {
                                /* PID of child 3425 */
  pid_t childpid;
                                /* PID of parent 3424 */
   childpid = fork();
   if(childpid == 0) {
      printf("Process ID=%ld\n", (long)getpid());
   if (childpid == wait(NULL))
      printf("Return value of fork=%ld\n", (long) childpid);
      printf("Process ID=%ld\n", (long)getpid());
   return 0;
}
```

Find the code part for child and parent

```
int main() {
                                /* PID of child 3425 */
                                /* PID of parent 3424 */
  pid t childpid;
   childpid = fork();
   if(childpid == 0) {
      printf("Process ID=%ld\n", (long)getpid());
   if (childpid != wait(NULL))
      printf("Return value of fork=%ld\n", (long) childpid);
      printf("Process ID=%ld\n", (long)getpid());
   return 0;
```

Find the code part for child and parent.

```
int main() {
                                /* PID of child 3425 */
                                /* PID of parent 3424 */
  pid_t childpid;
   childpid = fork();
   if(childpid == 0) {
      printf("Process ID=%ld\n", (long)getpid());
   if (childpid != wait(NULL))
      printf("Return value of fork=%ld\n", (long) childpid);
      printf("Process ID=%ld\n", (long)getpid());
   return 0;
```

Find the code part for child and parent.



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/* PID of child 3425 */
int main() {
  pid t childpid;
                                /* PID of parent 3424 */
   childpid = fork();
   if(childpid == 0) {
      printf("Process ID=%ld\n", (long)getpid());
      return 0;
   if (childpid != wait(NULL))
      printf("Return value of fork=%ld\n", (long) childpid);
      printf("Process ID=%ld\n", (long)getpid());
   return 0;
}
```

Find the code part for child and parent. Does the parent display any output?

```
/* PID of child 3425 */
int main() {
  pid t childpid;
                                /* PID of parent 3424 */
   childpid = fork();
   if(childpid == 0) {
      printf("Process ID=%ld\n", (long)getpid());
      return 0;
   if (childpid == wait(NULL))
      printf("Return value of fork=%ld\n", (long) childpid);
      printf("Process ID=%ld\n", (long)getpid());
   return 0;
```

Find the code part for child and parent. Does the parent display any output?

```
int main() {
                               /* PID of child 3425 */
pid_t childpid;
                             /* PID of parent 3424 */
childpid = fork();
if(childpid == 0) {
   printf("Process ID=%ld\n", (long)getpid());
   return 0;
if (childpid != wait(NULL)) {
   printf("Parent failed to wait due to signal/err:\n");
   return 1;
return 0;
```

Find the code part for child and parent. Does the parent display any output?

Putting All Cases Together

```
int main () {
   pid_t childpid;
   childpid = fork();
   if (childpid == -1) {
     fprintf(stderr, "Failed to fork\n");
     return 1;
   if (childpid == 0)
     printf("I am child %ld\n", (long)getpid());
   else if (wait(NULL) != childpid)
     printf("A signal must have interrupted the wait!\n");
   else
     printf("I am parent %ld with child %ld\n", (long)
         getpid(), (long) childpid);
   return 0: }
```

Multiple call to wait

```
int main() {
                                /* PID of child 3425 */
  pid_t childpid;
                                /* PID of parent 3424 */
   childpid = fork();
   if(childpid == 0) {
      printf("Process ID=%ld\n", (long)getpid());
      return 0;
   if (childpid == wait(NULL))
      printf("Return value of fork=%ld\n", (long) childpid);
      printf("Process ID=%ld\n", (long)getpid());
      printf("Again return value of wait=%d\n", wait(NULL));
   return 0;
```