

# Assignment 2\_2

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## Files -

- S1.c
- helperS1.c
- ST.c
- helperST.c
- SR.c
- helperSR.c
- Makefile
- Object Files (Generated by Make)

## Instructions to run -

```
make  
./a.out
```

## S1.c & helperS1.c

- Creates 2 child processes using fork, inside the parent one again fork is called for SR Process and inside SR's Parent again fork is called for ST.
- Inside the SR parent SR.c's object file is executed and inside the ST parent ST.c's object file is executed using `execl()`
- Inside the first fork both signal handlers and created, `sigaction` and `sa` handlers are used to set `siginfo` to transfer info and the output generated is sent to `stdout` using `write` syscall
- The S1 child keeps running till it's interrupted by the user by entering `Ctrl+C` via the terminal
- The processes keep running due to `waitall()` function at end
- All these functions are defined inside the `helperS1.c` file

## SR.c & helperSR.c

- The main `SR.c` file has been abstracted and internal implementation has been moved to `helperSR.c` to showcase only the major 4 components involved in `SR.c` which are getting `pid` from `args`, calling `SRSigalCheck` explained later, `useitinterval` explained later and `waiter` which is essentially a `while(1)` call which creates a loop
- `useitinterval()` is used to set timer while `SRSigalCheck()` is used to check for any errors and if none calls `SRSigals()` which generated a random number and sets the `sival_int` attribute
- `InLineRandomNumberGenerator()` function generates the random number using inline assembly's `rdrand` function which generates random numbers using Intel Chip Tech, it was added to AMD chips as well in 2015
- `itimerRealerror()` in `helperSR.c` checks for errors while using `itimerval()`
- The timer after fixed intervals calls a `SIGALRM` in the process whose handler executes and uses the system call via `InLineRandomNumberGenerator()` to generate random numbers.

## ST.c and helperST.c

- The main ST.c file has been abstracted and internal implementation has been moved to helperST.c to showcase only the major 5 components involved in ST.c which are getting pid from args, calling sigalrmcall explained later, useitinterval explained later and waiter which is essentially a while(1) call which creates a loop
- sigalrmcall checks for errors and if none calls TimeHandler() which inturn calls printTime() which calls InLineTimeStampGenerator() which returns number of clock cycles since the CPU started. Dividing it by clock frequency gives the number of seconds. Since my System is an AMD Ryzen 5 4600HS it's CPU Clock Speed is 2994.385 MHz which is what the returned value is divided by to get time which is then again divided and formatted into a string and sent to S1 via Shared Memory (Inter Process Communication) where inside helperS1.c we have printTime() function which writes it to stdout. The IPC is setup using ftok() which creates a unique key, shmget() returns identifier for memory segment, shmat() then creates object inside the shareable memory portion, and shmdt() is finally used to detach itself from the program. It is written to stdout only when a signal is set via sigqueue to the function in S1 to print it.
- useitinterval() is used to set timer while itimererror() is used to check for any errors and if none allows the time to be set as implemented

## Sigqueue Overall Functionality

Sigqueue is used to send signals between different processes in our cases it is numbers which are being sent for the random number these numbers are printed while for the date this number acts as a mere signal as the string is passed through inter process communication via the shared memory.