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Project Phase 1

Description of the implementation

The implementation of the shell is based on fundamental concepts of process creation, inter-process communication, and redirection in Unix-based operating systems. Below is a more detailed breakdown of how the shell works:

- Main Program Loop: The program enters an infinite loop to continually prompt the user for input. The function display_shell_prompt() prints a custom shell prompt (my_shell>), followed by read_user_input() to capture the user's input. The loop continues until the user exits the shell (via the built-in exit command).
- Command Parsing: Once a command is entered, it is first checked for the presence of pipes (|). The function split_piped_commands() splits the command line into separate commands if pipes are detected. This function uses strtok() to tokenize the command string based on the | delimiter, allowing for support of up to three piped commands. If no pipes are present, the shell processes the command as a single command. The function parse_shell_command() is used to break down the command line into arguments and detect any redirection symbols (<, >, >>). This function skips leading whitespace, processes arguments, and identifies input/output files for redirection. The parsed arguments are stored in a ShellCommand structure, which also holds information about input/output files and the mode of redirection (overwrite or append).
- Handling Built-in Commands: After parsing the command, it is checked against a set of built-in commands, like cd and exit. The is_built_in_command() function handles these commands:
 - cd (Change Directory): The chdir() system call is used to change the current working directory. If the user does not provide a directory argument, an error message is displayed.
 - exit: The shell terminates by calling exit(0).
- Executing External Commands: For commands that are not built-in, the shell uses fork()
 to create a child process. The child process then uses execvp() to execute the specified
 command. This allows the shell to run external programs as subprocesses, just like a
 normal Linux shell.
 - In the child process:

- Input Redirection: If the command contains input redirection (<), the file specified
 is opened using open(), and dup2() is used to redirect the file to stdin (standard
 input).
- Output Redirection: If the command contains output redirection (> or >>), the specified output file is opened using open(). The file is either overwritten (>) or appended to (>>) depending on the mode. The output is redirected to stdout (standard output) using dup2(). Once redirection is set up, the execvp() function replaces the current process image with the new program specified by the user command. If the command fails to execute, an error message is displayed using perror().
- Handling Piped Commands: When the command line contains pipes, multiple commands
 need to be connected using pipes. The function execute_piped_commands() is
 responsible for creating the necessary pipes and coordinating communication between the
 commands:
 - Pipe Creation: For each pipe (|), a pair of file descriptors is created using the pipe() system call. These descriptors are used for inter-process communication.
 - Forking and Execution: For each command in the pipeline, a new child process is created using fork(). Depending on its position in the pipeline, the child process redirects stdin or stdout to the appropriate pipe. For example, the output of the first command is redirected to the input of the second command using dup2().
 - Closing Pipes: After each command is executed, the pipe file descriptors are closed to prevent resource leaks.
 - Waiting for Completion: The parent process waits for all child processes to complete using wait(), ensuring that the pipeline is executed in the correct sequence.
- Error Handling: Throughout the program, error handling is integrated to deal with common issues such as:
 - Invalid Commands: If a command is not recognized or fails to execute, an appropriate error message is printed using perror().
 - Redirection Errors: If a file specified for redirection cannot be opened, the shell prints an error and skips execution of the command.
 - Pipe Failures: If the pipe creation or process forking fails, the shell reports the error and terminates the relevant processes.

Usage

To use the shell program, first, compile the source code using a C compiler like gcc. For example, you can compile the file by running the following command in the terminal:

• gcc shell.c -o shell

Once compiled, execute the program by typing:

• ./shell

The shell will display a prompt (my_shell>) where you can type commands. The shell supports a variety of Linux commands, such as ls, pwd, mkdir, rm, etc. Additionally, it can handle input and output redirection using < and >, as well as piping commands using |. For example, you can use:

- ls to list files in the current directory.
- pwd to print the current working directory.
- mkdir to create a new directory.

For redirection, input can be taken from a file using <, like:

• sort < input.txt

Output can be redirected to a file using >, like:

• ls > output.txt

Pipes are supported to connect the output of one command to the input of another. For example:

• ls | grep ".c" | wc -l

The shell also includes built-in commands such as cd for changing directories and exit to exit the shell.

Testing

#	General Command	Command Variation	Expected Outcome	Actual Outcome	Result
1	cd	cd	Move up one directory level.	Figure 1	Passed
		cd ./phase-1	Change directory to the phase-1 subdirectory.	Figure 2	Passed
		cd.	Navigate to the current directory, i.e., nothing changes.	Figure 3	Passed
2	exit	exit	Exit the terminal session or shell.	Figure 47	Passed
3	ls	ls	List files and directories in the current directory.	Figure 4	Passed
		ls -l	List files with detailed	Figure 5	Passed

			information (permissions, size, modification date, etc.).		
		ls ./phase-1	List files in the phase-1 subdirectory.	Figure 6	Passed
		ls -alh	List all files including hidden ones, in human-readable sizes	Figure 7	Passed
		ls -l > files.txt	Redirect the output of ls -l to the files.txt file.	Figure 8	Passed
		ls grep ".c"	Pipe output to grep to filter .c files.	Figure 9	Passed
4	pwd	pwd	Print the current working directory.	Figure 10	Passed
		pwd > current_dir.tx	Redirect the current directory path to current_dir.txt.	Figure 11	Passed
		pwd -P	Print the current working directory with the physical path (resolving symbolic links).	Figure 12	Passed
5	mkdir	mkdir demo	Create a new directory named demo.	Figure 13	Passed
		mkdir -p dir1/dir2	Create nested directories dir1 and dir2.	Figure 14	Passed
6	touch	touch newfile.txt	Create an empty file named newfile.txt, or update its timestamp if it already exists.	Figure 15	Passed
7	echo	echo "Hello, Project!"	Print the message "Hello, Project!" to the terminal.	Figure 16	Passed
		echo "Hello, Project!" > hello.txt	Write the message "Hello, Project!" to the file hello.txt, overwriting any existing content.	Figure 17	Passed

8	cat	cat combined.txt	Display the contents of combined.txt.	Figure 19	Passed
		cat file1.txt file2.txt > combined.txt	Combine the contents of file1.txt and file2.txt into combined.txt.	Figure 18 and Figure 19	Passed
		cat combined.txt grep "Hello"	Displays the lines from combined.txt that contain the specified "Hello".	Figure 20	Passed
		cat > newfile.txt	Create or overwrite newfile.txt with input provided from the terminal	Figure 21 and Figure 22	Passed
9	rm	rm demofile.txt	Remove the file named demofile.	Figure 23	Passed
		rm -r dir1	Recursively delete the directory dir1 and all its contents.	Figure 24	Passed
		rm -f hello.txt	Forcefully delete hello.txt	Figure 25	Passed
		rm -f combined.txt file1.txt file2.txt	Forcefully delete multiple files (combined.txt, file1.txt, and file2.txt).	Figure 26	Passed
10	grep	grep "fine" newfile.txt	Search for lines in newfile.txt containing the word "fine".	Figure 27	Passed
		grep -i "FINE" newfile.txt	Perform a case-insensitive search for "FINE" in newfile.txt.	Figure 28	Passed
		ls -l grep "^d"	List directories (lines starting with "d") in the current directory in a detailed format.	Figure 29	Passed
		cat newfile.txt grep "fine" wc -l	Count and display the number of lines in newfile.txt that contain the word "fine".	Figure 30	Passed

11	mv	mv oldfile.txt newfile.txt	Rename or move oldfile.txt to newfile.txt.	Figure 31	Passed
		mv newfile.txt ./phase-1	Move the file to a new directory	Figure 32	Passed
12	ср	cp newfile.txt backupfile.txt	Copy newfile.txt to backupfile.txt.	Figure 33	Passed
		cp -r phase-1 phase-1-copy	Recursively copy directory phase-1 to phase-1-copy.	Figure 34	Passed
13	tail	tail newfile.txt	Display the last 10 lines of newfile.txt.	Figure 35	Passed
		tail -n 2 newfile.txt	Display the last 2 lines of newfile.txt.	Figure 35	Passed
14	head	head newfile.txt	Display the first 10 lines of newfile.txt.	Figure 36	Passed
		head -n 2 newfile.txt	Display the first 2 lines of newfile.txt.	Figure 36	Passed
		ps aux head -n 3	Display the first 3 lines of the output from the ps aux command, which shows detailed information about all running processes on the system	Figure 37	Passed
15	wc	wc newfile.txt	Display the number of lines, words, and characters in newfile.txt.	Figure 38	Passed
		wc -l newfile.txt	Display the number of lines in newfile.txt.	Figure 38	Passed
		ls wc -l	Count and display the total number of files and directories in the current directory.	Figure 39	Passed
		grep "fine" newfile.txt wc -w	Count and display the total number of words in the lines from newfile.txt that	Figure 40	Passed

			contain the word "fine".		
16	sort	sort unsorted.txt	Sort the contents of unsorted.txt in alphabetical order	Figure 41	Passed
		sort -r unsorted.txt	Sort the contents of unsorted.txt in reverse alphabetical order.	Figure 42	Passed
		sort unsorted.txt > sorted.txt	Sort unsorted.txt and save the result in sorted.txt.	Figure 43	Passed
		cat unsorted.txt sort uniq	Sort the contents of unsorted.txt and then remove any duplicate lines, displaying only unique lines.	Figure 44	Passed
17	ps	ps	Display information about currently running processes.	Figure 45	Passed
		ps aux	Display detailed information about all running processes on the system.	Figure 46	Passed
18	clear	clear	Clear the terminal screen.	Terminal is cleared.	Passed
19	1 pipe	grep "fine" newfile.txt wc -w	Count and display the total number of words in the lines from newfile.txt that contain the word "fine".	Figure 40	Passed
20	2 pipes	cat unsorted.txt sort uniq	Sort the contents of unsorted.txt and then remove any duplicate lines, displaying only unique lines.	Figure 44	Passed
21	3 pipes	ps aux grep "user" sort -k3 -n head -n 5	Filters the list of running processes (ps aux) for those that contain "user," sorts them by the 3rd	Figure 48	Passed

			column (usually CPU usage) in numerical order, and then displays the first 5 lines of the sorted result.		
22	Input Redirection	wc -l < file.txt	Counts the number of lines in file.txt.	Figure 49	Passed
23	Output Redirection	sort unsorted.txt > sorted.txt	Sort unsorted.txt and save the result in sorted.txt.	Figure 43	Passed

Screenshots of the tests

• cd

```
my_shell> pwd
/Users/aknurq/Documents/nyu/fall_2024/os/project/custom-remote-shell/phase-1
my_shell> cd ..
my_shell> pwd
/Users/aknurq/Documents/nyu/fall_2024/os/project/custom-remote-shell
my_shell>
```

Figure 1

```
my_shell> pwd
/Users/aknurq/Documents/nyu/fall_2024/os/project/custom-remote-shell
my_shell> cd ./phase-1
my_shell> pwd
/Users/aknurq/Documents/nyu/fall_2024/os/project/custom-remote-shell/phase-1
my_shell>
```

Figure 2

```
my_shell> pwd
/Users/aknurq/Documents/nyu/fall_2024/os/project/custom-remote-shell/phase-1
my_shell> cd .
my_shell> pwd
/Users/aknurq/Documents/nyu/fall_2024/os/project/custom-remote-shell/phase-1
my_shell>
```

Figure 3

```
my_shell> ls
0S Project.pdf README.md phase-1
my_shell>
```

Figure 4

```
my_shell> ls -l
total 248
-rw-r--reg 1 aknurq staff 119645 Sep 30 19:15 OS Project.pdf
-rw-r--reg 1 aknurq staff 222 Oct 3 16:58 README.md
drwxr-xr-x 4 aknurq staff 128 Oct 3 17:18 phase-1
my_shell> ■
```

Figure 5

```
my_shell> ls ./phase-1 shell shell.c my_shell>
```

Figure 6

```
my_shell> ls -alh
total 248
                              192B Oct 3 16:59 .
drwxr-xr-x
            6 aknurg
                      staff
                      staff
                             192B Oct 3 16:58 ...
drwxr-xr-x 6 aknurg
                             416B Oct 3 17:09 .git
drwxr-xr-x 13 aknurq
                      staff
-rw-r--r--@ 1 aknurg
                      staff
                              117K Sep 30 19:15 OS Project.pdf
            1 aknurg
                      staff
                              222B Oct 3 16:58 README.md
-rw-r--r--
                              128B Oct 3 17:18 phase-1
drwxr-xr-x
            4 aknurg
                      staff
my_shell>
```

Figure 7

```
my_shell> ls -l > files.txt
my_shell> cat files.txt
total 248
-rw-r--r-@ 1 aknurq staff 119645 Sep 30 19:15 OS Project.pdf
-rw-r--r-— 1 aknurq staff 222 Oct 3 16:58 README.md
-rw-r--r-— 1 aknurq staff 0 Oct 3 17:32 files.txt
drwxr-xr-x 4 aknurq staff 128 Oct 3 17:18 phase-1
my_shell> ■
```

Figure 8

```
my_shell> ls
shell shell.c
my_shell> ls | grep ".c"
shell.c
my_shell>
```

Figure 9

```
my_shell> pwd
/Users/aknurq/Documents/nyu/fall_2024/os/project/custom-remote-shell/phase-1
my_shell> ■
```

Figure 10

Figure 11

```
my_shell> pwd -P
/Users/aknurq/Documents/nyu/fall_2024/os/project/custom-remote-shell/phase-1
my_shell> ■
```

Figure 12

```
my_shell> mkdir demo
my_shell> ls
demo shell shell.c
my_shell>
```

Figure 13

```
my_shell> mkdir -p dir1/dir2
my_shell> ls
dir1    shell    shell.c
my_shell> cd dir1
my_shell> ls
dir2
my_shell> pwd
/Users/aknurq/Documents/nyu/fall_2024/os/project/custom-remote-shell/phase-1/dir1
my_shell> cd dir2
my_shell> pwd
/Users/aknurq/Documents/nyu/fall_2024/os/project/custom-remote-shell/phase-1/dir1/dir2
my_shell> pwd
/Users/aknurq/Documents/nyu/fall_2024/os/project/custom-remote-shell/phase-1/dir1/dir2
my_shell>
```

Figure 14

touch

Figure 15

echo

```
my_shell> echo "Hello, Project!"
Hello, Project!
my_shell> ■
```

Figure 16

Figure 17

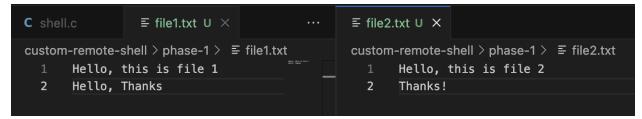


Figure 18

Figure 19

```
my_shell> cat combined.txt | grep "Hello"
Hello, this is file 1
Hello, Thanks
Hello, this is file 2
my_shell> ■
```

Figure 20

```
my_shell> cat > newfile.txt
Hello
How are you doing
Is everything fine
Yes
```

Figure 21

Figure 22

rm

Figure 23

```
my_shell> pwd
/Users/aknurq/Documents/nyu/fall_2024/os/project/custom-remote-shell/phase-1/dir1/dir2
my_shell> cd ..
my_shell> rm -r dir1
my_shell> ls
hello.txt shell shell.c
my_shell> \bracktrian{\text{ shell } \text{ } \text{ } \text{ } \text{ shell } \text{ }
```

Figure 24

Figure 25

```
my_shell> rm -f combined.txt file1.txt file2.txt
my_shell> ls
shell shell.c
my_shell> ■
```

Figure 26

• grep

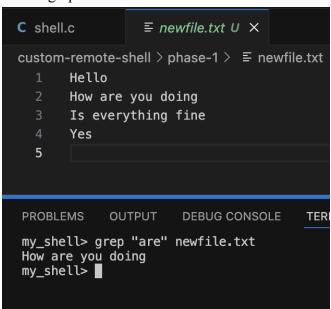


Figure 27



Figure 28

```
my_shell> ls -l | grep "^d"
drwxr-xr-x 5 aknurq staff 160 Oct 3 21:19 phase-1
my_shell> ■
```

Figure 29

Figure 30

• mv

```
my_shell> ls
oldfile.txt shell shell.c
my_shell> mv oldfile.txt newfile.txt
my_shell> ls
newfile.txt shell shell.c
my_shell>
```

Figure 31

```
my shell> ls -l
total 256
-rw-r--r-@ 1 aknurq staff 119645 Sep 30 19:15 OS Project.pdf
-rw-r--r-- 1 aknurg staff
                              222 Oct 3 16:58 README.md
-rw-r--r-- 1 aknurg staff
                              53 Oct 3 22:50 newfile.txt
drwxr-xr-x 4 aknurg staff
                              128 Oct 3 22:54 phase-1
my_shell> mv newfile.txt ./phase-1
my shell> ls -l
total 248
-rw-r--r-@ 1 aknurg staff 119645 Sep 30 19:15 OS Project.pdf
-rw-r--r-- 1 aknurg staff
                              222 Oct 3 16:58 README.md
drwxr-xr-x 5 aknurg staff
                              160 Oct 3 22:54 phase-1
my_shell> cd phase-1
my shell> ls -l
total 104
-rw-r--r-- 1 aknurg staff
                              53 Oct 3 22:50 newfile.txt
-rwxr-xr-x 1 aknurq staff 35384 Oct 3 17:18 shell
-rw-r--r-- 1 aknurg staff 11564 Oct 3 17:08 shell.c
my_shell>
```

Figure 32

cp

Figure 33

```
my_shell> ls -l ./phase-1
total 112
-rw-r--r-- 1 aknurg staff
                              53 Oct 3 22:55 backupfile.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 aknurg staff
                              53 Oct 3 22:50 newfile.txt
                           35384 Oct 3 17:18 shell
-rwxr-xr-x 1 aknurg staff
-rw-r--r-- 1 aknurq staff 11564 Oct 3 17:08 shell.c
my_shell> cp -r phase-1 phase-1-copy
my_shell> ls -l ./phase-1-copy
total 112
-rw-r--r-- 1 aknurg staff
                              53 Oct 3 22:58 backupfile.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 aknurg staff
                              53 Oct 3 22:58 newfile.txt
-rwxr-xr-x 1 aknurg staff
                           35384 Oct 3 22:58 shell
-rw-r--r-- 1 aknurg staff 11564 Oct 3 22:58 shell.c
my_shell>
```

Figure 34

tail

```
my_shell> tail newfile.txt
Hello
How are you doing
Is everything fine
Yes, fine
my_shell> tail -n 2 newfile.txt
Is everything fine
Yes, fine
my_shell> ■
```

Figure 35

```
my_shell> head newfile.txt
Hello
How are you doing
Is everything fine
Yes, fine
my_shell> head -n 2 newfile.txt
Hello
How are you doing
my_shell> ■
```

Figure 36

```
my_shell> ps aux | head -n 3
USER PID %CPU wMEM VSZ RSS TT STAT STARTED TIME COMMAND
aknurq 61077 116.0 4.0 518032336 751760 ?? Ss Mon09AM 8:06.96 /System/Library/Frameworks/WebKit.framework/Versions/A/XPCServices/com.apple.We
bKit.WebContent.xpc/Contents/MacOS/com.apple.WebKit.WebContent
_locationd 345 4.0 0.2 410462496 30544 ?? Ss 19Sep24 61:58.33 /usr/libexec/locationd
my_shell>
```

Figure 37

• wc

Figure 38

```
my_shell> ls | wc −l
4
my_shell> ■
```

Figure 39

```
my_shell> grep "fine" newfile.txt | wc -w
5
my_shell> ■
```

Figure 40

sort

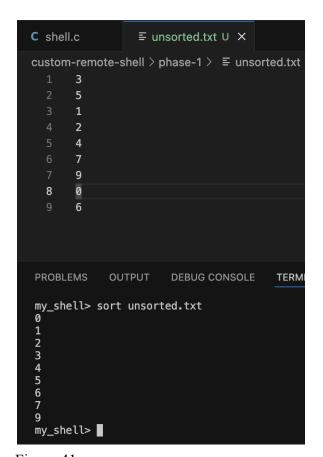


Figure 41

Figure 42

Figure 43

Figure 44

• ps

```
my_shell> ps
PID TTY
TIME CMD
71212 ttys002 0:07.50 /bin/zsh -il
71224 ttys002 0:00.00 /bin/zsh -il
71225 ttys002 0:00.00 /bin/zsh -il
71256 ttys002 0:00.10 /bin/zsh -il
71258 ttys002 0:00.10 /bin/zsh -il
71258 ttys002 0:00.48 /Users/aknurq/.cache/gitstatus/gitstatusd-darwin-arm64 -G v1.5.4 -s -1 -u -1 -d -1 -c -1 -m -1 -v FATAL -t 22
82394 ttys002 0:00.05 ./shell
my_shell> ■
```

Figure 45

```
my_shell> ps aux
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Figure 46

exit

Figure 47

3 pipes

Figure 48

• Input Redirection

```
my_shell> wc -l < file.txt
2
my_shell> ■
```

Figure 49