CShell Project

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Abstract

You (and up to 2 partners) are to write a shell. The shell should implement as many of these features as possible. The first being the most basic up to the last which is the most complex.

1 Features

- Intro screen
- Basic shell functionalities and built in commands
- Implemented Cd and exit
- Simple Redirection
 - Stdin (<)
 - Stdout (>)
 - Pipe (|)
- Dynamically reallocation of user input (need to put this back)
- Parse multiple commands with; (still need this)
- Ignore weird spacing (need this)
- Prints bash prompt in linux format

 $<\mathbf{user}> @<\mathbf{hostname}>:<\mathbf{cwd}>\$$

- tilde (\sim) replaces home directory if it appears in current working directory
- Implemented autocomplete binded to TAB (get this back)
- Stores command history, can access with UP arrow key
- Cd prints out error statement if doesn't exist

2 Files & Function headers

2.1 void introScreen();

Inputs: None Returns: None

Explanation: Prints a few pretty lines when shell is started.

2.2 void shellPrompt();

Inputs: None Returns: None

Explanation: Prints out the user prompt in linux format, added custom COLORS to make it

more aesthetic!

2.3 int cshell_cd(char *args[]);

Inputs: None

Returns: If the directory exists, chdir into it, otherwise return -1. 1 if cd is called by itself, chdir

user back to home directory

Explanation: Built-in cd command, catches and prints DNE errors

2.4 void cshell_exec(char **args, int background);

Inputs: char **args, int background

Returns: If pid == -1 (forking failure), return an error message. If pid == 0 (fork successful),

child process runs.

Explanation: Fork parent process. Catches any signals and execup to run the commands.

2.5 void cshell_io(char *args[], char *inputFile, char *outputFile, int option);

Inputs: char *args[], char *inputFile, char *outputFile, int option)

Returns: None

Explanation: Helper function that helps control the writing and reading of files

2.6 void cshell_pipeHandle(char *args[]);

Inputs: char *args[]
Returns: None

Explanation: Helper function responsible for the helper.

2.7 int cshell_run(char *args[]);

Inputs: char *args[]

Returns: int

Explanation: Method used to handle the commands entered via the standard loop.

2.8 void signalHandler_child(int p);

Inputs: int p Returns: None

Explanation: Signal handler for SIGCHILD

2.9 void signalHandler_int(int p);

Inputs: char *args[]
Returns: None

Explanation: Signal handler for SIGINT

2.10 void initialize();

Inputs: None Returns: None

Explanation: Making sure the subshell is not running as a foreground job. Initialize the pid of the subshell so that it could support job control. Post initialization allows the subshell to have its own child processes. We used the approach explained here to set things up: www.gnu.org/software/libc/manual/html_node/Initializing-the-Shell.html

2.11 char **cshell_split_line(char *line, char *delim);

Inputs: char *line, char *delim
Returns: Array of pointers

Explanation: Function for splitting the commands by whitespace ('\t\r\n\a') or any specified

delimiter

2.12 char **parse_semicolon(char *line);

Inputs: char *line

Returns: Array of pointers

Explanation: Parses multiple commands with ;. For example the line "ls -l;echo hello" would be

split into an array of two pointers "ls -l" and "echo hello"

2.13 int is_empty(char * line)

Inputs: char * line Returns: 0 or 1

Explanation: Checks whether or not the input line contains only whitespace. It returns 1 if is only white space, notifying the code to ask for input again. It returns 0 if it contains arguments.

2.14 int main(int argc, char *argv[], char ** envp);

Inputs: char argc, char **argv, char **envp

Returns: EXIT_SUCCESS

Explanation: Main process for program. Prints our pretty intro screen and shellPrompt. Reads, parses, and executes command(s). Also implements autocompletion and command history.