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CS 341 Lecture Handout #5
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#1 Introducing exec family

#2 A most powerful program. Can we fix it?

```
1: int main(int argc, char**argv) {
2:    printf("Executing %s ...\n", argv+1);
3:    execvp( argv + 1, argv + 1);
4:    perror("Failed to be all powerful");
5: }
```

#3 Implement our own version of cat

- * Usage text
- * Potential errors?

```
int main(int argc, char**argv) {
 2:
       if(argc != 2)
 3:
          fprintf(stderr, "Usage: %s filename\n", argv[0]);
 4:
 5:
       FILE* file = fopen(argv[1], "r"); // may return NULL
 6:
       char* line = NULL;
 7:
       size t capacity;
 8:
       ssize t bytesread;
 9:
       int linenumber = 0;
10:
       while(1) {
11:
         bytesread = getline( &line, &capacity, file);
12:
         if(bytesread == -1) break;
13:
         printf("%3d: %s", linenumber++, line);
14:
15:
       free(line);
16:
       fclose(file);
17:
       return 0;
18:
```

#4 Puzzle: Fix my getline implementation. What asserts might you add?

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1: ssize_t mygetline(char **lineptr, size_t *n, FILE *f) {
2: what asserts would you add here?
3:

4: if(_____) { *n = 256; _____ = malloc(*n);}
5: size_t bytesread = 0;
6: int c = 0;
7: while( ferror(f) == 0 && feof(f) == 0 ) {
8: if (bytesread == *n) { /* extend buffer */

}
9: c = fgetc(f);

10: }
11: return -1; // error (e.g. end of file)
12: }
```

#5 Fix me! What is wrong with the following?

```
1: int main(int argc, char** argv) {
2:    char** lineptr;
3:    size_t size;
4:    size = getline(lineptr, &size, stdin);
5:    execlp(lineptr);
6:    return 0;
7: }
```

#6 Environmental Variables

- What is getenv("HOME");
- What is getenv("PATH")
- What is getenv("USER");
- What is getenv("AWESOME");
- extern char** environ;

#7 Puzzle What does the following example do? How does it work?

```
int main() {
 2:
       close(1); // close standard out
 3:
       open("log.txt", O_RDWR | O_CREAT | O_APPEND, S_IRUSR |
     S_IWUSR);
       puts("Captain's log");
 6:
       chdir("/bin");
 7:
       execl("/bin/ls", "/bin/ls",".",(char*)NULL); // "ls ."
       perror("exec failed");
 9:
       return o; // Not expected
10:
11:
```

#8 Puzzle My two processes can guess the same random number!?

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int main(int argc, char**argv) {
 1:
        time_t seconds = time(NULL); // seconds since Jan 1, 1970
 2:
        srand( seconds ); // initialize random number generator
 3:
 4:
        pid_t child = fork();
 5:
        printf("My fork value is %d\n", (int) child );
 6:
 7:
        int r = rand() \& oxf;
 8:
        printf("%d: My random number is %d\n", getpid(), r);
 9:
        return o;
10:
```