# **Operating System 112 Fall Homework 1 - Process Forking**

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# **Objective**

In this homework, we are going to learn about the concept of process, which is a running program. And also learn how to write some simple shell script.

- 1. Learn how to use system call to let a process communicate between user mode and kernel mode.
- 2. Learn how to fork a process and understand the relationship between parent and child process.
- 3. Learn how to build a subprocess to run linux commands.
- 4. Learn how to write shell script to track the relationship between processes.

# **Fork Example**

For better understanding of how processes are forked, we provided "example.c" for you.

```
Main Process ID: 108204

Fork 1. I'm the child 108205, my parent is 108204.

Fork 3. I'm the child 108206, my parent is 108205.

Fork 2. I'm the child 108207, my parent is 108204.

Fork 3. I'm the child 108208, my parent is 108207.

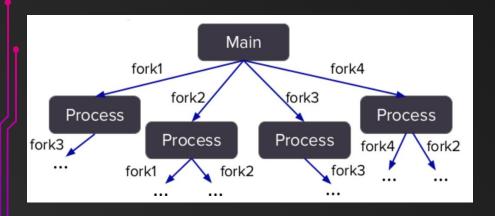
Fork 3. I'm the child 108209, my parent is 108204.
```

```
int main() {
    printf("Main Process ID: %d\)
    pid t pid;
    pid = fork(); // Fork 1
    if (pid == 0) {
        show(1):
    } else if (pid > 0) {
        wait(NULL);
        pid = fork(); // Fork 2
        if (pid == 0) {
            show(2):
        } else {
            wait(NULL);
    pid = fork(); // Fork 3
    if (pid == 0) {
        show(3);
    } else {
        wait(NULL);
    return 0;
```

# **Fork Example**

It's highly recommended that you draw the fork tree for better recognition of forking process.

#### Example:



```
int main() {
    printf("Main Process ID: %d\)
    pid_t pid;
    pid = fork(); // Fork 1
    if (pid == 0) {
        show(1);
    } else if (pid > 0) {
        wait(NULL);
        pid = fork(); // Fork 2
        if (pid == 0) {
            show(2);
        } else {
            wait(NULL);
    pid = fork(); // Fork 3
    if (pid == 0) {
        show(3);
    } else {
        wait(NULL);
    return 0;
```

# HW1-1: Building a Graph of Processes (30%)

#### **Demand:**

Complete "hw1-1.c" which uses fork() to produce the processes in the format of this screenshot, you have to follow the output format strictly.

Please note that the order of fork()
 of your output should be the same
 as provided.

```
Main Process ID: 27771

Fork 1. I'm the child 27772, my parent is 27771. Fork 2. I'm the child 27773, my parent is 27772. Fork 3. I'm the child 27774, my parent is 27772. Fork 4. I'm the child 27775, my parent is 27774. Fork 4. I'm the child 27776, my parent is 27772. Fork 2. I'm the child 27777, my parent is 27771. Fork 3. I'm the child 27778, my parent is 27771. Fork 4. I'm the child 27779, my parent is 27778. Fork 4. I'm the child 27780, my parent is 27771.
```

### Hint for 1-1

#### Some important System Calls:

- fork(): Create a new child process.
- wait(): Wait for child process to terminate.
- getpid(): Return current process ID.
- getppid(): Return parent process ID.

# HW1-2: Simple CLI Construction (30%)

#### **Demand:**

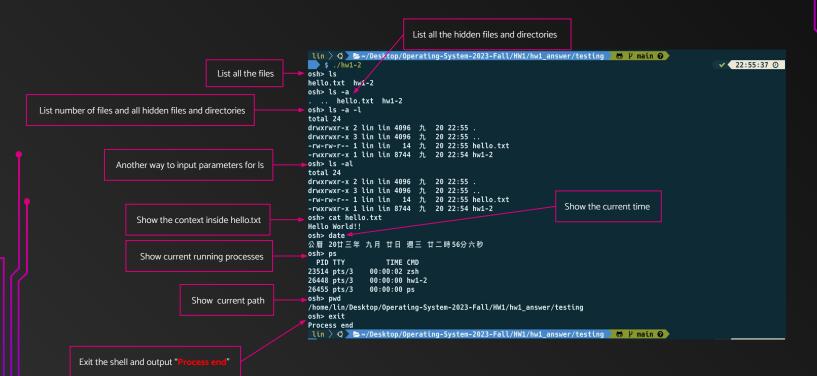
Complete "hw1-2.c" that serves as a **shell interface** to accept user commands then execute each command in separate processes.

Your shell needs to support following commands:

- cat
- Is (-a -l)
- date
- ps (-f)
- pwd
- exit



### HW1-2: Simple CLI Construction (30%)



### Hint for 1-2

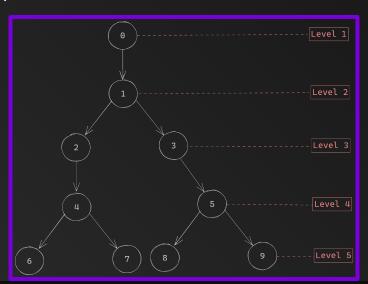
- You need to print "osh>" and a space each time before reading command, please refer to the screenshot on the previous slide.
- 2. You can **only** use system calls from execl() / execle() / execvp() to execute the given command.
- 3. Create a child process first, since the mentioned calls will overwrite the current process.
- 4. Special handling might be required for an "exit" command.

### HW1-3: Process Traversal (40%)

#### **Demand:**

In this task, we will give you a pair of pids, and you need to answer whether the former process is the latter process' ancestor, and output "Yes" or "No". Written in shell script.

You have to implement the file "hw1-3.sh" to fulfill the mentioned function above.



### HW1-3 :Process Traversal (40%)

Here is the example of what "hw1\_3.sh" should do:

```
    lin@lin-viplab-pc:~/Desktop/Operating-System-2023-Fall/HW1$ ./hw1-3.sh --parent 1064 --child 1890
Yes
    lin@lin-viplab-pc:~/Desktop/Operating-System-2023-Fall/HW1$ ./hw1-3.sh --parent 1890 --child 1064
No
```

We also provide "test\_hw1-3.c" and "test\_hw1-3.sh" for checking program correctness.

lin@lin-viplab-pc:~/Desktop/Operating-System-2023-Fall/HW1/to\_student\$ ./test\_hw1-3.sh

#### Pass Screen

#### Fail Screen

```
Testcase 28 FAIL
command: ./hw1-3.sh --parent 18581 --child 18585
response: parent pid: 18581, child pid: 18585

Testcase 29 FAIL
command: ./hw1-3.sh --parent 18582 --child 18585
response: parent pid: 18582, child pid: 18585

Testcase 30 FAIL
command: ./hw1-3.sh --parent 18584 --child 18585
response: parent pid: 18584, child pid: 18585
```

### Hint for 1-3

- There's a template that help you read the input.
- 2. Study commands ps, pstree for getting process information.
- 3. Don't think too hard, it just takes about ten lines of codes to finish.
- 4. You can use any shell (sh / bash / zsh / etc...), just rewrite the first line.

```
thw1-3.sh x

to_student > \subseteq hw1-3.sh

    #!/bin/bash

    #Read parent pid, child pid

    while [ "$#" -gt 0 ]; do

    case "$1" in

    --parent)

    parent="$2"
    shift 2
    ;;

    --child)

    child="$2"
    shift 2
    ;;

    echo "Unknown parameter passed: $1"
    exit 1
    ;;

    done
```

```
$ ./hw1-3.sh --parent 14215 --child 69177
parent pid: 14215, child pid: 69177
```

Template output result

# HW1-3: Process Traversal - Bonus (10%)

#### **Bonus Demand:**

- Design an additional parameter "--path" that decide whether to print out the path.
  - o If two process is ancestor relationship, print out all pids along the path.
  - If two process is not ancestor relationship, just print out "No".
  - o If no given parameter "--path", you should not print out the path.

#### **Example:**

```
• lin@lin-viplab-pc:~/Desktop/Operating-System-2023-Fall/HW1$ ./hw1-3.sh --parent 1064 --child 1890 --path Yes 1064 -> 1684 -> 1791 -> 1811 -> 1890
```

```
• lin@lin-viplab-pc:~/Desktop/Operating-System-2023-Fall/HW1$ ./hw1-3.sh --parent 1890 --child 1064 --path
No
```

### **Given Files Overview**

- c example.c
- ► hw1-3.sh
- c test\_hw1-3.c
- test\_hw1-3.sh

- -> for you to understand fork() and wait()
- -> given template from T.A.
- -> for building the process graph that you need to track
- -> for testing your implemented function in hw1-3.sh

### **Submission and Rule**

#### **Submission:**

Please upload your homework in such format:

- HW1\_studentID.zip (e.g. HW1\_312551014.zip)
  - hw1-1.c
  - hw1-2.c
  - hw1-3.sh

#### Rule:

```
>~/Desktop/Operating-System-2023-Fall/HW1/hv
    $ zip -r HW1 312552014.zip hw1-1.c hw1-2.c hw1-3.sh
updating: hw1-1.c (deflated 63%)
updating: hw1-2.c (deflated 56%)
updating: hw1-3.sh (deflated 54%)
    Q ►~/Desktop/Operating-System-2023-Fall/HW1/hw.
     unzip -l HW1_312552014.zip
Archive: HW1 312552014.zip
  Length
              Date
      762 2023-09-20 16:36
                             hw1-1.c
      832 2023-09-20 22:53
                             hw1-2.c
      886 2023-09-20 19:34
                             hw1-3.sh
                             3 files
```

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- Incorrect filename / file format will get -10% point.
- Delayed submission will get -20% point per day.

### Reference

- System Call Introduction
- Shell Script Tutorial
- Happy coding and be patient



