

Question 9 [6 Points]

Write a C program to demonstrate zombie process prevention.

- Create multiple child processes
- Ensure terminated child processes do not remain zombies
- Parent process should print the PID of each child it cleans upUse `fork()`, `wait()`, or `waitpid()`.

Script:

\$ bg_move.sh

file3.txt

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1  #include <stdio.h>
2  #include <stdlib.h>
3  #include <unistd.h>
4  #include <sys/wait.h>
5
6  int main() {
7      int i;
8      pid_t pid;
9      int status;
10
11     printf("Parent process started. PID = %d\n", getpid());
12
13     // Create multiple child processes
14     for (i = 0; i < 3; i++) {
15         pid = fork();
16
17         if (pid < 0) {
18             // Fork failed
19             perror("fork failed");
20             exit(1);
21         }
22
23         if (pid == 0) {
24             // Child process
25             printf("Child %d created. PID = %d, Parent PID = %d\n",
26                 i + 1, getpid(), getppid());
27             sleep(2); // Simulate some work
28             exit(0); // Child terminates
29         }
30     }
31
32     // Parent process waits for all children
33     while ((pid = wait(&status)) > 0) {
34         printf("Parent cleaned up child with PID = %d\n", pid);
35     }
36
37     printf("All child processes cleaned up. No zombies remain.\n");
38     return 0;
39 }
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Outcome:

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● sudhanshu@Sudhanshus-MacVati Graded Lab Assignment – (Modules 5–10) % cd Question9
● sudhanshu@Sudhanshus-MacVati Question9 % ls
~$estion 9.docx      Question 9.docx      zombie_prevention.c
● sudhanshu@Sudhanshus-MacVati Question9 % gcc zombie_prevention.c -o zombie_prevention
● sudhanshu@Sudhanshus-MacVati Question9 % ./zombie_prevention
Parent process started. PID = 4872
Child 1 created. PID = 4873, Parent PID = 4872
Child 2 created. PID = 4874, Parent PID = 4872
Child 3 created. PID = 4875, Parent PID = 4872
Parent cleaned up child with PID = 4874
Parent cleaned up child with PID = 4875
Parent cleaned up child with PID = 4873
All child processes cleaned up. No zombies remain.
○ sudhanshu@Sudhanshus-MacVati Question9 % █
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