

CSC 33200 (L) - Operating Systems – Spring 2022

Lab 4: Working with Process

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PART 1 Simple Command Interpreter

Write a special simple command interpreter that takes a command and its arguments. This interpreter is a program where the main process creates a child process to execute the command using **exec()** family functions. After executing the command, it asks for a new command input (parent waits for child). The interpreter program will get terminated when the user enters exit.

Example:

./interpreter

command: pwd

⇒ output

command: ls -la

⇒ output

command: date

⇒ output

command: ls -lr /foldername

⇒ output

command: tail /etc/passwd | grep username

⇒ output

command: ps -u username | grep firefox

⇒ output

command: cat /etc/passwd

⇒ output

command: exit

⇒ terminates the program.

Marks: 15

PART 2 Average Grade Calculator

There are **n** ($n > 1$) **students** enrolled in a course. The course covers **x** number of chapters from a textbook ($x > 1$).

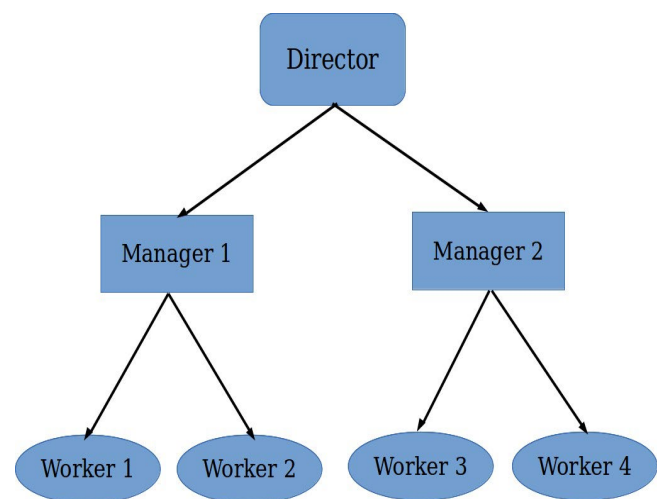
In each chapter **y** number of homeworks are assigned ($y \geq 1$). The average grade for each homework in all the chapters need to be found out.

To solve this, write program which has the main process as **Director** process, which reads a file containing grades of all homeworks of all chapters and creates **x** number of **Manager** processes. Each **Manager** process will take care of solving a chapter. Each manager process will create **y** number of **Worker** process and pass marks of **n** students to each of them and they calculate and print the average.

The input file should contain the data according to the value of **x** and **y** and **n**. For example, the input text file and the process tree for $x = 2$ and $y = 2$ and $n = 10$ will look like the following:

	X1Y1	X1Y2	X2Y1	X2Y2
Student1	19	17	20	18
Student2	9	6	10	9
Student3	12	11	10	6
Student4	3	7	9	10
Student5	0	5	8	6
Student6	15	13	15	15
Student7	20	18	18	16
Student8	17	19	19	18
Student9	13	15	14	12
Student10	10	13	18	15
Output:	avg	avg	avg	avg

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19 17 20 18
9 6 10 9
12 11 10 16
3 7 9 10
0 5 8 6
15 13 15 15
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