

INTERPROCESS COMMUNICATION

LAB 4

CODE

```
/* sig_talk.c --- Example of how 2 processes can talk
*/

/* to each other using kill() and signal() */

/* We will fork() 2 process and let the parent send a
few signals to it's child */
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
#include <signal.h>
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
```

```
main()
```

```
{ int pid;
```

```
/* get child process */
```

```
if ((pid = fork()) < 0) {
```

```
    perror("fork");
```

```
    exit(1);
```

```
}
```

```
if (pid == 0)
```

```
{ /* child */
```

```
    for(;;); /* loop for ever */
```

```
}
```

```
else /* parent */
```

```
{ /* pid hold id of child */
```

```
    printf("\nParent: sending sleep signal\n\n");
```

```
    kill(pid,SIGSTOP);
```

```
    printf("\nParent has put the child to sleep for 10
seconds\n\n");
```

```
    sleep(10); /* pause for 10 secs */
```

```
    printf("\nParent: sending wake up signal\n\n");
```

```
    kill(pid,SIGCONT);
```

```
    printf("\nParent has woken up the child
process\n\n");
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

Why are SIGSTOP AND SIGCONT used to put a child process to sleep and wake it up?

SIGSTOP: When SIGSTOP is sent to a process, the usual behaviour is to pause that process in its current state.

SIGCONT: The paused process will only resume execution if it is sent the SIGCONT signal. SIGCONT tells a process to "pick up where you left off".

SIGSTOP and SIGCONT are used for job control in the Unix shell, among other purposes.

SCREENSHOTS

Running the program. The code executes successfully – creating, putting to sleep and waking up the child process.

```
vmdhruv@ubuntu:~$ cd Documents
vmdhruv@ubuntu:~/Documents$ ls
a.out ipcSignal.c
vmdhruv@ubuntu:~/Documents$ gcc ipcSignal.c
ipcSignal.c:12:1: warning: return type defaults to 'int' [-Wimplicit-int]
main()
^
ipcSignal.c: In function 'main':
ipcSignal.c:17:15: warning: implicit declaration of function 'fork' [-Wimplicit-
function-declaration]
    if ((pid = fork()) < 0) {
                ^
ipcSignal.c:31:8: warning: implicit declaration of function 'sleep' [-Wimplicit-
function-declaration]
    sleep(10); /* pause for 10 secs */
    ^
vmdhruv@ubuntu:~/Documents$ ./a.out

PARENT: sending sleep signal

Parent has put the child to sleep for 10 seconds

PARENT: sending wake up signal

Parent has woken up the child process

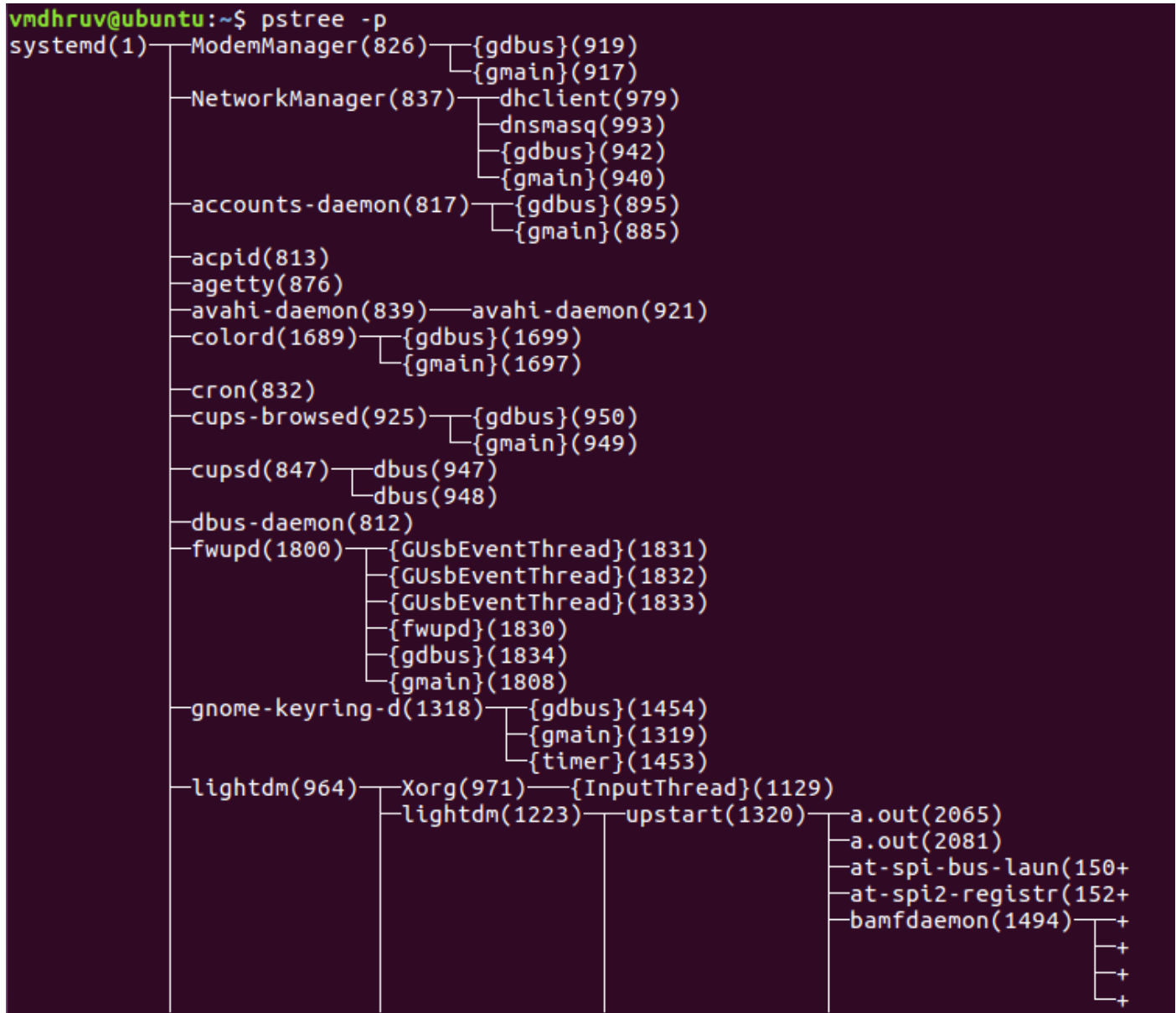
vmdhruv@ubuntu:~/Documents$
```

On running the code two times, we can see that there are two “a.out” processes exist in the current running processes table.

```
top - 10:00:03 up 5 min, 1 user, load average: 1.66, 1.17, 0.58
Tasks: 226 total, 3 running, 223 sleeping, 0 stopped, 0 zombie
%Cpu(s):100.0 us, 0.0 sy, 0.0 ni, 0.0 id, 0.0 wa, 0.0 hi, 0.0 si, 0.0 st
KiB Mem : 994868 total, 73712 free, 675512 used, 245644 buff/cache
KiB Swap: 1046524 total, 1010728 free, 35796 used. 131236 avail Mem
```

PID	USER	PR	NI	VIRT	RES	SHR	S	%CPU	%MEM	TIME+	COMMAND
2065	vmdhruv	20	0	4224	80	0	R	49.5	0.0	2:10.90	a.out
2081	vmdhruv	20	0	4224	80	0	R	49.5	0.0	0:23.91	a.out
971	root	20	0	387580	35148	10572	S	0.3	3.5	0:04.29	Xorg
1584	vmdhruv	20	0	788900	14792	9396	S	0.3	1.5	0:00.14	indicator-+
1	root	20	0	185332	4508	3276	S	0.0	0.5	0:03.44	systemd
2	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	0.0	0.0	0:00.02	kthreadd
3	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	0.0	0.0	0:00.25	kworker/0:0
4	root	0	-20	0	0	0	S	0.0	0.0	0:00.00	kworker/0:+
6	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	0.0	0.0	0:00.15	ksoftirqd/0
7	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	0.0	0.0	0:00.36	rcu_sched
8	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	0.0	0.0	0:00.00	rcu_bh
9	root	rt	0	0	0	0	S	0.0	0.0	0:00.00	migration/0
10	root	0	-20	0	0	0	S	0.0	0.0	0:00.00	lru-add-dr+
11	root	rt	0	0	0	0	S	0.0	0.0	0:00.00	watchdog/0
12	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	0.0	0.0	0:00.00	cpuhp/0
13	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	0.0	0.0	0:00.00	kdevtmpfs
14	root	0	-20	0	0	0	S	0.0	0.0	0:00.00	netns
15	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	0.0	0.0	0:00.00	khungtaskd

Using “pstree -p” command we can **visualize entire process tree**. We can find the two “a.out” processes running by their unique PIDs.



To list the name of the process by the PID

```
vmdhruv@ubuntu:~$ pstree 2065
a.out
vmdhruv@ubuntu:~$ pstree 2081
a.out
```

Listing the child process PIDs and run time. The PIDs 2065 and 2085 represent parent processes, while 2117 and 2121 are child processes. (For some reason, the run time for both child processes is shown as 0:00).

```
vmdhruv@ubuntu:~$ ps -axf | grep 2065
2117 pts/19 S+ 0:00 | \_ grep --color=auto 2065
2065 pts/7 R 4:16 \_ ./a.out
vmdhruv@ubuntu:~$ ps -axf | grep 2081
2121 pts/19 S+ 0:00 | \_ grep --color=auto 2081
2081 pts/7 R 2:36 \_ ./a.out
```