Aim: To implement inter process communication using shared memory

Description: In this program we use shmget(),shmat(). Concept of shared memory is used.in the server.c we create a segment and attach it to our data space.Then in the client.c that segment is accesed and attached to the memory and the mesage is read. A * character is attached so as to notify that it has accesed the memory.

shm_server.c

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#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/ipc.h>
#include <sys/shm.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include<stdlib.h>

#define SHMSZ     27
main()
{
    char c;
    int shmid;
    key_t key;
    char *shm, *s;

    /*
     * We'll name our shared memory segment
     * "5678".
     */
    key = 5678;

    /*
     * Create the segment.
     */
    if ((shmid = shmget(key, SHMSZ, IPC_CREAT | 0666)) < 0) {
        perror("shmget");
        exit(1);
    }

    /*
     * Now we attach the segment to our data space.
     */
    if ((shm = shmat(shmid, NULL, 0)) == (char *) -1) {
        perror("shmat");
        exit(1);
    }

    /*
     * Now put some things into the memory for the
     * other process to read.
     */
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    s = shm;

    for (c = 'a'; c <= 'z'; c++)
        *s++ = c;
    *s = NULL;

    /*
     * Finally, we wait until the other process
     * changes the first character of our memory
     * to '*', indicating that it has read what
     * we put there.
     */
    while (*shm != '*')
        sleep(1);

    exit(0);
}
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shm_client.c

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/*
 * shm-client - client program to demonstrate shared memory.
 */
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/ipc.h>
#include <sys/shm.h>
#include <stdio.h>

#define SHMSZ     27

main()
{
    int shmid;
    key_t key;
    char *shm, *s;

    /*
     * We need to get the segment named
     * "5678", created by the server.
     */
    key = 5678;

    /*
     * Locate the segment.
     */
    if ((shmid = shmget(key, SHMSZ, 0666)) < 0) {
        perror("shmget");
        exit(1);
    }
```

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    /*
     * Now we attach the segment to our data space.
     */
    if ((shm = shmat(shmid, NULL, 0)) == (char *) -1) {
        perror("shmat");
        exit(1);
    }

    /*
     * Now read what the server put in the memory.
     */
    for (s = shm; *s != NULL; s++)
        putchar(*s);
    putchar('\n');

    /*
     * Finally, change the first character of the
     * segment to '*', indicating we have read
     * the segment.
     */
    *shm = '*';

    exit(0);
}
```

Output:

Analysis: Thus we se that interprocess commmunication is achieved using shared memory.