

```
/* Name: Marcos Ondruska
```

```
PantherId: 2685885
```

```
Program description: This program takes a user input integer from the command  
line and applies the Collatz conjecture to it. A first child process is forked  
for this. A second child adds 4 to the userInput and also applies the  
Collatz conjecture
```

```
Task 2: What I've been taught is that these processes are non deterministic,  
and there is no way you can predict in which order the processes will  
finish/complete. The scheduler controls this function. Curiously when I run  
this application on a Mac child 1 always completely executes before child 2  
starts. On Ocelot I ran the application approximately 200 times now and there is  
definitely randomness in the outcomes in how the processes concurrently  
run. Child 2 mostly completes after child 1. Child1 mostly initiates first, and  
completes first. There have been instances (thought rare) where child 2 has  
initiated first and completed first. So there is some randomness in that.
```

```
*/
```

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

```
#include <sys/types.h>
```

```
#include <unistd.h>
```

```
#include <string.h>
```

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

```
int q = 0; // Global variable to omit first userMessage as per project example output
```

```
int userMessage(int child, int number)
```

```
{
```

```
    printf("From child%d: number = %d\n", child, number);
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

```
// collatz conjecture recursive method
```

```
int collatz(int processNumber, int n)
```

```
{
```

```

    if (q > 0)
    {
        userMessage(processNumber, n);
    }

    q++;

    if (n == 1)
    {
        return 0;
    }
    else
    {
        if (n % 2 == 0)
        {

            return collatz(processNumber, n / 2);
        }
        else
        {

            return collatz(processNumber, 3 * n + 1);
        }
    }
}

int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    pid_t pid1, pid2;
    extern char *optarg;
    extern int optind;
    int userInput = 0;
    int n = 0; // child 1 variable
    int n2 = 0; // child 2 variable

    if (optind < argc)                // these are the arguments after the command-line options
        for (; optind < argc; optind++) // work through the command line options

```

```

    userInput = atoi(argv[optind]); // save comand line option to userInput

// Project parameters call for a user entered integer between 1 and 39
if (userInput <= 0 || userInput >= 40)
{
    printf("Please enter an integer between 1 and 39.\n");
    exit(0);
}

printf("\ncollatz%d\n\n", userInput);

// fork a child process
pid1 = fork();

// error occured
if (pid1 < 0)
{
    fprintf(stderr, "Fork failed");
    return 1;
}
// child process 1
else if (pid1 == 0)
{
    n = userInput;
    printf("From child1, pid=%d, init: number=%d\n", getpid(), n);

    // apply Collatz conjecture
    collatz(1, n);
    printf("From child1, pid=%d I'm done!\n", getpid());
}
// child process 2
else
{
    pid2 = fork();

    if (pid2 < 0)
    {

```

```
    fprintf(stderr, "Fork failed");
    return 1;
}
else if (pid2 == 0)
{
    n2 = userInput + 4;
    printf("From child2, pid=%d, init: number=%d\n", getpid(), n2);

    // apply Collatz conjecture
    collatz(2, n2);
    printf("From child2, pid=%d I'm done!\n", getpid());
}
// parent process
else
{
    wait(NULL);
    wait(NULL);
    printf("All my children Complete\n\n");
}
}

return 0;
}
```