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Project 1: Shellgibi

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1 Introduction

Shellgibi is a UNIX-style operating system shell for Linux that is built using C programming language. It supports running all builtin Linux shell programs, user installed applications that are included in PATH and few additional builtin commands that are explained in later sections. It has auto-complete, piping, input and output redirection and background program execution capabilities.

Note: All parts of the project function as requested, however, the **\$psvis** command output is printed into a text file, instead of an image.

2 Program Flow

When the **Shellgibi** is first initiated, it scans all directories that are listed under PATH environment variable and preserves them for later usage on auto-completion capability. Basic execution flow of **Shellgibi** consists of handling the user input with assisting capabilities, parsing the user input to its internal representation of the **command_t** struct, processing and executing the given command, and finally freeing the memory resources that are allocated for the execution of this command. Finally, **Shellgibi** frees the memory allocated to store all available command names on exit.

2.1 Parent & Child Process Responsibilities

```
pid_t pid = fork();

if (pid == 0) {
    return process_command_child(command);

4 } else {
    if (!command->background || command->next) {
        waitpid(pid, NULL, 0); // wait for child process
}

8 }
```

Code snippet 1: Sample process forking mechanism for command execution

A child process can be forked by the parent process in order to further complete the execution of a program. After forking the child, the command at hand can be passed to

the child process by the parent process, while it waits for the child process' execution. Shellgibi supports both foreground and background command execution. In order to allow running of commands without blocking the shell, Shellgibi utilizes child processes to run the command while the parent process is either waiting for its child or continues to interact with the user.

Code Snippet 1 demonstrates this process in the simplest manner. In later sections, we will make some additions to this logic to support I/O redirection and piping.

3 Executing Linux Programs

Executing Linux programs require the execv command to be executed with the given program name including the full path, and the program arguments. In order to find the path for a given program, all directories listed under PATH were traversed, and the resulting paths that the program was found in were combined, in order to be passed into the execv command.

```
int execv_command(struct command_t *command) {
 1
 2
       // command->args modifications are discarded for brevity
 3
       char *path = getenv("PATH");
       char *path_tok = strtok(path, ":");
 4
       while (path_tok != NULL) {
5
           char full_path[strlen(path_tok) + strlen(command->name) + 1];
6
7
           combine_path(full_path, path_tok, command->name);
           execv(full_path, command->args);
8
9
           path_tok = strtok(NULL, ":");
10
       }
       // If we reach here, we couldn't find the command on path
11
       printf("-%s: %s: command not found\n", sysname, command->name);
12
       return UNKNOWN;
13
14
  }
```

Code snippet 2: Linux program execution implementation using execv

4 I/O Redirection

After the command is determined to be redirected to one or more files, stdout, stderr and stdin file descriptors are overriden by the files with given names. However, Shellgibi supports two different output redirection mechanisms: truncate (>) and append (>>) modes, and these mechanisms can be used simultaneously. In this case, we needed to develop a new approach since the stdout and stderr cannot be redirected to more than one file at once. To overcome this problem, we simply created a temporary file and redirected the stdout and stderr to this file. After the child process is finished, the parent simply copies the content of this temporary file to target locations in the requested writing modes (append or truncate). The temporary file is deleted once this process is completed.

```
int process_command_child(struct command_t *command, const int *child_to_parent_pipe) {
        // <: input is read from a file
 3
        if (command->redirects[0] != NULL)
            freopen(command->redirects[0], "r", stdin);
 4
        // >: output is written to a file, in write mode
        if (!stdout_redirected_to_multiple_files && command->redirects[1] != NULL) {
 6
 7
            freopen(command->redirects[1], "w", stdout);
            freopen(command->redirects[1], "w", stderr);
 8
 9
10
        // >>: output is written to a file, in append mode
        else if (!stdout redirected to multiple files && command->redirects[2] != NULL) {
11
            freopen(command->redirects[2], "a", stdout);
            freopen(command->redirects[2], "a", stderr);
13
14
        } else if (stdout_redirected_to_multiple_files) {
            char temp_filename[16 + 1];
15
16
            tmpnam(temp_filename);
            printf("File name: %s\n", temp_filename);
17
            pid_t pid2 = fork();
18
            if (pid2 == 0) {
19
20
21
                FILE *tmp_file = fopen(temp_filename, "w");
                dup2(fileno(tmp_file), STDOUT_FILENO);
22
23
                return execute_command(command);
24
            } else {
25
                // wait for grandchild to finish and copy temp file to redirected files
26
                int status;
27
                waitpid(pid2, &status, 0);
                FILE *temp_fp = fopen(temp_filename, "r");
28
29
                FILE *trunc_fp = NULL, *append_fp = NULL;
                if (command->redirects[1] != NULL)
30
31
                    trunc_fp = fopen(command->redirects[1], "w");
                if (command->redirects[2] != NULL)
32
                    append_fp = fopen(command->redirects[2], "a");
33
34
35
                size_t chars_read = 0;
36
                while ((chars_read = read(fileno(temp_fp), &buffer, sizeof(buffer))) > 0) {
                    if (command->redirects[1] != NULL)
37
38
                        write(fileno(trunc_fp), &buffer, chars_read);
39
                    if (command->redirects[2] != NULL)
                        write(fileno(append_fp), &buffer, chars_read);
40
41
42
                fclose(temp_fp);
43
                if (command->redirects[1] != NULL)
44
                    fclose(trunc_fp);
```

Code snippet 3: I/O Redirection to file implementation

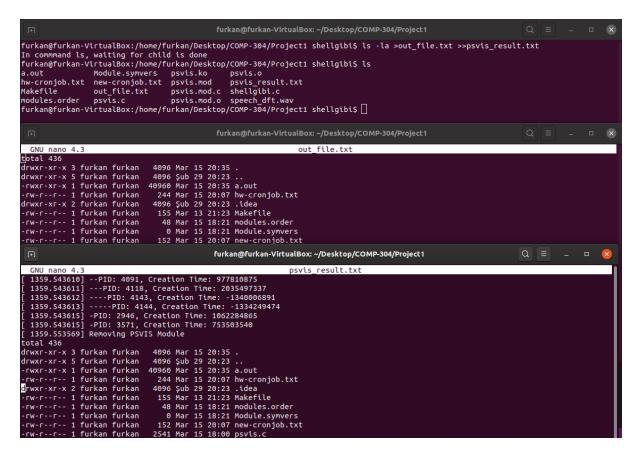


Figure 1: I/O redirection example in **Shellgibi**

5 Program Piping

Program piping is similarly implemented by utilizing redirection of the stdin, stdout, and stderr file descriptors. Shellgibi supports arbitrary number of chaining operations. To implement program piping in a way that scales to any number of piping operations, we decided to assign the responsibility of transferring data between processes to the parent process. The parent process accomplishes this by using pipes. In the case of redirecting the output of a process to more than one destination (>, >> or |), parent process reads the output from the temporary file similar to I/O redirection logic.

Figure 2: Piping example in Shellgibi

```
1
    int process_command_child(struct command_t *command, const int *child_to_parent_pipe) {
 2
 3
        else if (!stdout_redirected_to_multiple_files && command->next) {
 4
            dup2(child_to_parent_pipe[1], STDOUT_FILENO);
            dup2(child_to_parent_pipe[1], STDERR_FILENO);
 5
 6
            close(child_to_parent_pipe[1]);
 7
            return execute_command(command);
 8
        1
 9
10
11
    int process_command(struct command_t *command, int parent_to_child_pipe[2]) {
        pid_t pid = fork();
12
        if (pid == 0) { // child
13
           if (parent_to_child_pipe != NULL)
15
                dup2(parent_to_child_pipe[0], STDIN_FILENO);
16
            return process_command_child(command, child_to_parent_pipe);
17
        } else { // parent site
18
            if (parent_to_child_pipe != NULL) {
19
                close(parent_to_child_pipe[0]);
20
                close(parent_to_child_pipe[1]);
21
22
            if (have_child_to_parent_pipe)
23
                close(child_to_parent_pipe[1]);
24
            if (!command->background || command->next)
25
                waitpid(pid, NULL, 0); // wait for child process to finish
            if (command->next) {
26
27
                // transfer pipe data
28
               int argument_transfer_pipe[2];
29
               pipe(argument_transfer_pipe);
30
                char buffer[BUFSIZ];
31
                ssize t read chars:
```

```
while ((read_chars = read(child_to_parent_pipe[0], &buffer, sizeof(buffer))) > 0) {
32
                     write(argument_transfer_pipe[1], &buffer, read_chars);
34
35
                close(child_to_parent_pipe[0]);
36
                close(argument_transfer_pipe[1]);
37
                return process_command(command->next, argument_transfer_pipe);
38
            return SUCCESS;
39
40
41
    }
```

Code snippet 4: Program piping implementation

6 Auto-complete

To implement the auto-complete functionality, we directly changed the implementation of the prompt function.

6.1 Changes to Given prompt function and command_t struct

Initial skeleton program treated the tab character as one the characters which terminates the prompt function and stored this auto-complete request with a field named auto-complete. We chose to implement the auto-complete functionality directly inside the prompt function to make buffer management process easier to manage. Therefore, the auto-complete field became unnecessary and we removed it from the command_t struct.

```
1 struct autocomplete_match {
2   int match_count;
3   char **matches;
4 };
```

Code snippet 5: autocomplete_match struct

```
1
    if (c == 9) { // handle tab
2
        if (index == 0)
3
            continue;
4
        char *buf_dup = strdup(buf);
        buf_dup[index] = '\0';
        struct autocomplete_match *match;
        int is_filename = should_complete_filename(buf_dup, filename_buf);
        if (is_filename) {
9
            match = filename_autocomplete(filename_buf);
10
            if (match->match_count == 1) {
                int input_filename_len = strlen(filename_buf);
12
                int match_len = strlen(match->matches[0]);
                if (match_len != input_filename_len) {
13
                    for (int i = input_filename_len; i < match_len; i++) {</pre>
14
15
                        putchar(match->matches[0][i]); // echo the character
16
                        buf[index++] = match->matches[0][i];
```

```
17
19
20
            } else if (match->match_count > 1) {
21
22
                 for (int i = 0; i < match->match_count; i++)
                     printf("%s\t", match->matches[i]);
23
24
                printf("\n");
25
                 show_prompt();
26
                 printf("%s", buf);
27
28
        } else {
29
            // auto complete command
30
            buf_dup = strdup(buf);
31
            buf_dup[index] = '\0';
32
            char *command_name = get_command_name(buf_dup);
33
            match = shellgibi_autocomplete(command_name);
            if (match->match_count == 1) {
34
35
                int input_command_len = strlen(command_name);
                int match_len = strlen(match->matches[0]);
37
                if (match_len != input_command_len) {
                    for (int i = input_command_len; i < match_len; i++) {</pre>
38
39
                         putchar(match->matches[0][i]); // echo the character
40
                         buf[index++] = match->matches[0][i];
41
                }
42
44
            } else if (match->match_count > 1) {
45
                printf("\n");
                for (int i = 0; i < match->match_count; i++)
46
                    printf("%s\t", match->matches[i]);
47
48
                 printf("\n");
49
                show_prompt();
50
                printf("%s", buf);
51
52
53
        free_autocomplete_match(match);
54
55
            continue;
    7
56
```

Code snippet 6: Handling of tabs inside prompt function

6.2 Gathering All Available Commands

In order to implement auto-complete, we need to gather all possible command names together. This is accomplished by traversing all directories that are included in PATH and putting all executable files together. However, since multiple directories could have executable with the same name, we need to remove duplicate filenames from the collection. This is implemented by sorting the filenames with qsort function and checking adjacent filenames for duplication.

6.3 Command Auto-completion

Once we have all available commands and the part user have entered so far, we can simply use strncmp function to check whether a filename matches this input. All matching filenames are put into a autocomplete_match struct and returned back to prompt function. prompt interprets this result as shown in code snippet 6.

```
furkan@furkan-VirtualBox:/home/furkan/Desktop/COMP-304/Project1 shellgibi$ c
c++ c++filt c89 c89-gcc c99 c99-gcc c_rehash cal calendar calibrate_ppa canberra-gtk-play can
cel capsh captoinfo cat catchsegy catman cautious-launcher cc ccsm cd-create-profile cd-
fix-profile cd-iccdump cd-it8 cfdisk cgdisk chacl chage chardet3 chardetect3 chat chattr chcon chc
pu check-language-support cheese chfn chgpasswd chgrp chmem chmod choom chown chgasswd chroot chr
t chsh chvt ciptool ckbcomp cksum clear clear_console cmp cmwumtopbm code codepage col col
crt colormgr colrm column comm compare compare-im6 compare-im6.q16 compiz compiz-decorator compose com
posite composite-im6 composite-im6.q16 conjure-im6.q16 convert convert-im6 convert-im6.q16 cor
elist corona cp cpan cpan5.28-x86_64-linux-gnu cpgr cpc cpp cpp-9 cppw cracklib-check cracklib-
format cracklib-packer cracklib-unpacker crda create-cracklib-dict cron crontab csplit ctrlaitdel ctstat cup
s-browsed cups-calibrate cups-genpdupdate cupsaccept cupsaddsmb cupsctl cupsd cupsdisable cupsenablec
upsfilter cupsreject cupstestdsc cupstestppd cut cvt cvtsudoers
furkan@furkan-VirtualBox:/home/furkan/Desktop/COMP-304/Project1 shellgibi$ clear
```

Figure 3: Auto-completion in **Shellgibi**

6.4 Deciding Between Filename and Command Auto-completion

Since **Shellgibi** supports auto-completion of both commands and filenames, we need to decide whether it should consider commands or filenames for the given buffer. To accomplish this, **Shellgibi** first checks whether the given buffer has at least one completed word and returns **true** since that means user has already entered the command name. It also determines which prefix should be searched for filenames by getting the last token. Otherwise, it returns **false** and **Shellgibi** auto-completes the command instead.

6.5 Filename Auto-completion

For filename auto-completion, **Shellgibi** opens the current directory by calling DIR *directory = opendir(".") and compares the given filename prefix with each file in this directory. All matches are returned inside a autocomplete_match struct instance.

```
furkan@furkan-VirtualBox:/home/furkan/Desktop/COMP-304/Project1 shellgibi$ grep
Usage: grep [OPTION]... PATTERNS [FILE]...
Try 'grep --help' for more information.
furkan@furkan-VirtualBox:/home/furkan/Desktop/COMP-304/Project1 shellgibi$ grep
psvis.ko speech_dft.wav psvis.mod.o psvis.c a.out shellgibi.c psvis.mod.c modules.order Makefile psv
is.mod Module.symvers psvis.o
furkan@furkan-VirtualBox:/home/furkan/Desktop/COMP-304/Project1 shellgibi$ grep
```

Figure 4: Auto file completion in **Shellgibi**

7 Builtin Commands

7.1 \$myjobs

\$myjobs utilizes the ps command in order to list the processes owned by the current user. In order to output the PID's, names, and statuses of such processes owned by the user, a command that contains the arguments of '-U', the current user name, '-o', and 'pid,cmd,s' were passed along with the ps command.

7.2 \$pause

\$pause command sends the SIGSTOP signal to the process with the given PID in order to stop its execution.

7.3 \$mybg

\$mybg command simply sends the SIGCONT signal to the process with the given PID, in order for it to resume operation. Parent process does not wait for the process with the given PID since it is requested to execute in background.

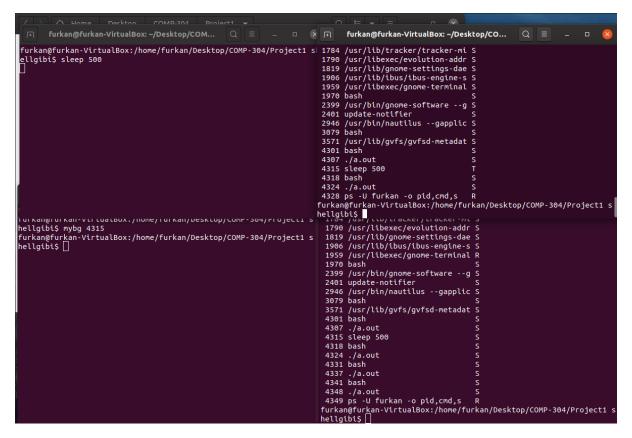


Figure 5: Sample \$mybg execution in Shellgibi

A sample execution of the \$mybg command can be seen in Figure 5. A sleep job was first created which, in another terminal, is stopped with the \$pause command. The resulting output from the \$myjobs command demonstrates that the sleep job with PID 4315 has been stopped. After executing the \$mybg command with the PID of 4315, another \$myjobs output is displayed, showing that the \$sleep process is back in execution.

7.4 \$myfg

Similar to \$mybg, \$myfg command sends the SIGCONT signal to the process with the given to PID to resume its operation if it had stopped. To bring the process to foreground, parent process' execution needs to be blocked until the process with the given PID completes its execution. However, as the given PID may not belong to a process that was forked by Shellgibi, we cannot use the waitpid function. Therefore, the process with the given PID is constantly checked with a buffering while loop that sends the signal '0' to that process to check whether it still exists or not, as that process may still be executing. After the process' execution is complete, or finding out that the process does not exist, the buffering loop is exited, and the Shellgibi continues its usual execution

flow.

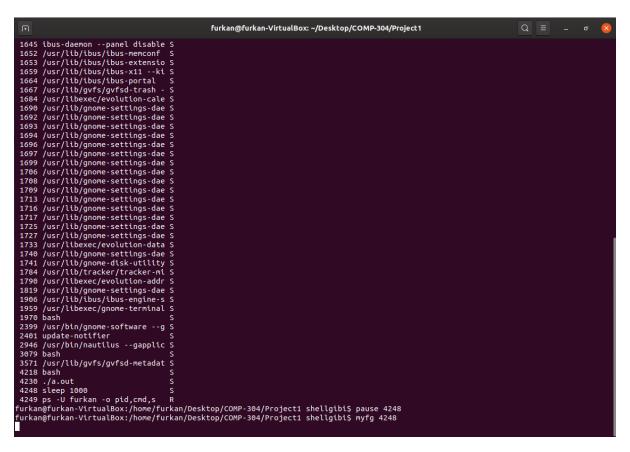


Figure 6: Sample \$myfg execution in Shellgibi

Figure 6 shows an example execution of the \$myfg command. A sleep job was initially created in the background, by using the & indicator (can be observed executing in the background, with the PID of 4248 in Fig. 2). After the process is called to be executed in the foreground, the **Shellgibi** output also keeps sleeping, as the figure demonstrates.

7.5 \$psvis

In order to perform the \$psvis operation, a Kernel module named psvis was first developed. Within the module, all processes that are linked to the process with the given PID are traversed, collected, and printed to the Kernel ring buffer by taking advantage of task_struct. During the traversal, each child process is printed with its PID and creation time according to the depth it's located in (in order to preserve the parent-child relationship among processes). Within Shellgibi, the psvis command simply triggers the psvis.ko module by providing the given PID to the module while executing the insmod command to load the module; and then removes the module with the rmmod command.

After the module has been successfully removed, dmesg command is executed by redirecting its output to be written to a file with a user-specified name.

```
furkan@furkan-VirtualBox:/home/furkan/Desktop/COMP-304/Project1 shellgibi$ ls
           modules.order
                                         psvis.mod
                                                       psvis.mod.o
                                                                      shellgibi.c
Makefile
           Module.symvers
                             psvis.ko
                                        psvis.mod.c
                                                       psvis.o
                                                                      speech_dft.wav
furkan@furkan-VirtualBox:/home/furkan/Desktop/COMP-304/Project1 shellgibi$ psvis 1245 psvis_result.txt
[sudo] password for furkan:
furkan@furkan-VirtualBox:/home/furkan/Desktop/COMP-304/Project1 shellgibi$ ls
                                                                      psvis_result.txt
shellgibi.c
           modules.order
                             psvis.c
                                         psvis.mod
                                                       psvis.mod.o
                                                                                          speech dft.wav
a.out
Makefile
           Module.symvers
                                         psvis.mod.c
                             psvis.ko
                                                       psvis.o
furkan@furkan-VirtualBox:/home/furkan/Desktop/COMP-304/Project1 shellgibi$ nano psvis
                                                                                                             psvis.o
                  psvis.mod.o
osvis.ko
                                    psvis.c psvis.mod.c
                                                               psvis_result.txt
                                                                                           psvis.mod
furkan@furkan-VirtualBox:/home/furkan/Desktop/COMP-304/Project1 shellgibi$ nano psvis_result.txt
furkan@furkan-VirtualBox:/home/furkan/Desktop/COMP-304/Project1 shellgibi$
```

Figure 7: Sample \$psvis execution in Shellgibi

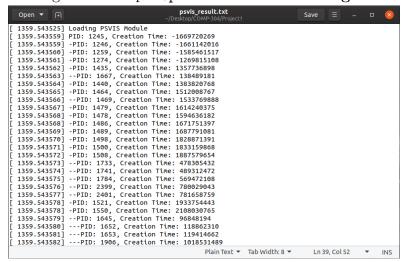


Figure 8: Resulting file from the \$psvis execution in Shellgibi

An example execution of the \$psvis command can be observed in Figure 7. The process that is wanted to be inspected with its relative processes is given with its PID 1245 in this case, where the output file is provided as psvis_result.txt. As the psvis command is being executed, it triggers the psvis.ko module with the input parameter PID=1245, then removes it with the rmmod command. After the module removal, the output of the dmesg command is redirected into the psvis_result.txt file, as requested by the user. The outputting parent-child relations can be observed in Figure 8, which demonstrates the relative distances with '-' as the relative depth increases.

7.6 \$alarm

The \$alarm command takes the time the user wants to set an alarm for, and a music source file that will be played at that time. Initially the time value provided by the user is split into its hour and minute values. Afterwards, a crontab file is generated by

utilizing these values along with the provided music source file, in order to execute the aplay command at the given time every day, every week, and every month. The following line, "m h * * * aplay music_file" enables the crontab scheduler to do so, where h.m and music_file are the arguments provided by the user. After the crontab file was generated, the crontab command was simply executed with the generated file passed as an argument to it.

```
furkan@furkan-VirtualBox:/home/furkan/Desktop/COMP-304/Project1 shellgibi$ alarm 7.15 speech_dft.wav
furkan@furkan-VirtualBox:/home/furkan/Desktop/COMP-304/Project1 shellgibi$ crontab -l
SHELL=/bin/bash
PATH=/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/usr/games:/usr/local/games:/snap/bin
15 7 * * * aplay speech_dft.wav
furkan@furkan-VirtualBox:/home/furkan/Desktop/COMP-304/Project1 shellgibi$
```

Figure 9: Sample \$alarm execution in Shellgibi

As Figure 9 demonstrates, the \$alarm command simply places the time value and the music file name in a crontab job file, that will play the given music file every day at the given time.

8 Custom Commands

8.1 Ahmet - \$corona: Number of COVID-19 Cases in Turkey

We are truly terrified of the progression of coronavirus outbreak. We wanted to add a way to follow the number of patients in Turkey without leaving our comfort zone: shell. \$corona command prints out the current number of verified COVID-19 cases in Turkey. \$corona command does not require any arguments, if any arguments are passed to this command it simply ignores them and functions normally.

\$corona is implemented by using two builtin Linux commands: \$wget and \$grep. When the \$corona is called, the website https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/ is downloaded to a tempory file using \$wget. Then, \$grep command is used to extract the result from the downloaded html file using the regular expression "<td[^>]> Turkey (
s*)<td[^>]*>\K[0-9]*(?=)".

```
furkan@furkan-VirtualBox:/home/furkan/Desktop/COMP-304/Project1 shellgibi$ corona
6
furkan@furkan-VirtualBox:/home/furkan/Desktop/COMP-304/Project1 shellgibi$
```

Figure 10: Sample \$alarm execution in Shellgibi

8.2 Furkan - \$hwtim: A hand wash timer that can set a daily reminder

\$hwtim command has two modes of operation: only hand wash timer and a daily hand wash reminder service via email after the timer. If it has only one argument provided, that is the number of seconds to count for the hand wash, it iterates until it reaches the given value by sleeping for 1 second in each iteration. On the other hand, if it has two arguments provided, the first one is again used for the timer, and the second one is the email address that a \$crontab job will be scheduled to send an email to remind the user to wash their hands at 12 am everyday. This time, the \$crontab file has the line "00 12 * * * echo "It's time to wash your hands again (use hwtim 20)!" | mail -s "Hand wash reminder!" [email_address]", enabling the \$crontab scheduler to execute the mail command with the given parameters everyday at 12 am to send a reminder email with the given content.

```
furkan@furkan-VirtualBox:/home/furkan/Desktop/COMP-304/Project1 shellgibi$ hwtim 20 fsahbaz16@gmail.com
You will be washing your hands for 20 seconds.

1
2
3
4
5
6
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
You are done washing.
You will be reminded to wash your hands at 12 am everyday.
furkan@furkan-VirtualBox:/home/furkan/Desktop/COMP-304/Project1 shellgibi$ crontab -l
SHELL=/bin/bash
PATH=/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/sbin:/bin:/usr/games:/usr/local/games:/snap/bin
012 * * * echo "Hand wash reminder!" | mail -s "It's time to wash your hands again (use hwtim 20)!" fsahbaz16@gmail.com
furkan@furkan-VirtualBox:/home/furkan/Desktop/COMP-304/Project1 shellgibi$
```

Figure 11: Sample \$hwtim execution in Shellgibi

Figure 11 demonstrates an example execution of the hwtim command. When the email address is entered along with the value the timer counts up to, a crontab job is scheduled to send a reminder email to the given address, daily at 12 am.