This directory contains the files that you will need to run the CS:APP shell lab. The lab is the student's first experience with systems-level programming, and teaches them about processes, process control, and signals.

In this lab, students build a simple Unix shell with job control. They are given a skeleton called tsh.c (Tiny Shell) that implements some of the less interesting functions, and are then asked to implement the functions and signal handlers that provide job control.

Students evaluate the functionality of their shells using a trace-driven driver program called sdriver.pl.

The reference solution is in ./src/tsh.c

2. Files

README

grade/
shlab-handout/
src/
writeup/

Autograding scripts
Handout directory that is given to the students
Trace-driven driver program
Sample Latex lab writeup

To build the lab, modify the Latex lab writeup in ./writeup/shlab.tex for your environment. Then type the following in the current directory:

unix> make clean
unix> make

The Makefile generates the driver code, formats the lab writeup, and then copies the driver code to the shlab-handout directory. Finally, it builds a tarfile of the shlab-handout directory (in shlab-handout.tar) which you can distribute to students. The command:

unix> make dist DEST=<DIR>

will copy the tarfile and copies of the writeup to directory <DIR>, where the students can access it.

There is an autograding script that automatically grades the lab. See ./grade/README for instructions.