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2. Process Pipes

```
#include <stdio.h>

FILE * popen(const char *command, const char *type);
int  pclose(FILE *stream);
```

Use "man" to study popen() and pclose().

popen()

The popen() function opens a process by creating a pipe, forking, and invoking the shell. Since a pipe is by definition unidirectional, the type argument may specify only reading or writing, not both; the resulting stream is correspondingly read-only or write-only.

pclose()

The pclose() function waits for the associated process to terminate and returns the exit status of the command as returned by wait4(2).

```
//pipe1.cpp
#include <unistd.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <iostream>

using namespace std;

int main()
{
    FILE *fpi;                                //for reading a pipe

    char buffer[BUFSIZ+1];                    //BUFSIZ defined in <stdio.h>

    int chars_read;
    memset ( buffer, 0, sizeof(buffer));      //clear buffer
    fpi = popen ( "ps -auxw", "r" );          //pipe to command "ps -auxw"
    if ( fpi != NULL ) {
        //read data from pipe into buffer
        chars_read = fread(buffer, sizeof(char), BUFSIZ, fpi );
        if ( chars_read > 0 )
            cout << "Output from pipe: " << buffer << endl;
        pclose ( fpi );                       //close the pipe
        return 0;
    }

    return 1;
}
```

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When we compile pipe1.cpp, we get the following:

```
Terminal
dean@dean-pc: ~/444/Lab7 $ g++ -o p1 pipe1.cpp
dean@dean-pc: ~/444/Lab7 $ ./p1
Output from pipe: USER      PID %CPU %MEM    VSZ   RSS TTY      STAT START   TIME COMMAND
root    1  0.0  0.0 33832 3172 ?        Ss   09:14   0:01 /sbin/init
root    2  0.0  0.0   0   0 ?        S    09:14   0:00 [kthreadd]
root    3  0.0  0.0   0   0 ?        S    09:14   0:00 [ksoftirqd/0]
root    5  0.0  0.0   0   0 ?        S<   09:14   0:00 [kworker/0:0H]
root    7  0.0  0.0   0   0 ?        S    09:14   0:02 [rcu_sched]
root    8  0.0  0.0   0   0 ?        S    09:14   0:00 [rcuops/0]
root    9  0.0  0.0   0   0 ?        S    09:14   0:00 [rcuops/1]
root   10  0.0  0.0   0   0 ?        S    09:14   0:01 [rcuops/2]
root   11  0.0  0.0   0   0 ?        S    09:14   0:01 [rcuops/3]
root   12  0.0  0.0   0   0 ?        S    09:14   0:00 [rcu_bh]
root   13  0.0  0.0   0   0 ?        S    09:14   0:00 [rcuob/0]
root   14  0.0  0.0   0   0 ?        S    09:14   0:00 [rcuob/1]
root   15  0.0  0.0   0   0 ?        S    09:14   0:00 [rcuob/2]
root   16  0.0  0.0   0   0 ?        S    09:14   0:00 [rcuob/3]
root   17  0.0  0.0   0   0 ?        S    09:14   0:00 [migration/0]
root   18  0.0  0.0   0   0 ?        S    09:14   0:00 [watchdog/0]
root   19  0.0  0.0   0   0 ?        S    09:14   0:00 [watchdog/1]
root   20  0.0  0.0   0   0 ?        S    09:14   0:00 [migration/1]
root   21  0.0  0.0   0   0 ?        S    09:14   0:00 [ksoftirqd/1]
root   23  0.0  0.0   0   0 ?        S<   09:14   0:00 [kworker/1:0H]
root   24  0.0  0.0   0   0 ?        S    09:14   0:00 [watchdog/2]
root   25  0.0  0.0   0   0 ?        S    09:14   0:00 [migration/2]
root   26  0.0  0.0   0   0 ?        S    09:14   0:00 [ksoftirqd/2]
root   28  0.0  0.0   0   0 ?        S<   09:14   0:00 [kworker/2:0H]
root   29  0.0  0.0   0   0 ?        S    09:14   0:00 [watchdog/3]
root   30  0.0  0.0   0   0 ?        S    09:14   0:00 [migration/3]
root   31  0.0  0.0   0   0 ?        S    09:14   0:00 [ksoftirqd/3]
root   33  0.0  0.0   0   0 ?        S<   09:14   0:00 [kworker/3:0H]
root   34  0.0  0.0   0   0 ?        S<   09:14   0:00 [khelper]
root   35  0.0  0.0   0   0 ?        S    09:14   0:00 [kdevtmpfs]
root   36  0.0  0.0   0   0 ?        S<   09:14   0:00 [netns]
root   37  0.0  0.0   0   0 ?        S<   09:14   0:00 [writeback]
root   38  0.0  0.0   0   0 ?        S<   09:14   0:00 [kintegrityd]
root   39  0.0  0.0   0   0 ?        S<   09:14   0:00 [blaset]
root   40  0.0  0.0   0   0 ?        S<   09:14   0:00 [kworker/u6:0]
root   41  0.0  0.0   0   0 ?        S<   09:14   0:00 [kblockd]
root   42  0.0  0.0   0   0 ?        S<   09:14   0:00 [ata_sff]
root   43  0.0  0.0   0   0 ?        S    09:14   0:00 [khubd]
root   44  0.0  0.0   0   0 ?        S<   09:14   0:00 [md]
```

We believe that this output is showing the information of all the pipes currently on the computer. We think that the pipes that have a PID that is not 0 are associated with commands that are connected to that particular pipe and are currently running on the computer. The reason why these pipes would have a PID greater than 0 is because it is a child process which always have a nonzero PID.

Modification of pipe1.cpp. New program is called pipe1a.cpp:

```
//pipe1a.cpp
#include <unistd.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <iostream>

using namespace std;

int main()
{
    FILE *fpi;                                //for reading a pipe

    char buffer[BUFSIZ+1];                    //BUFSIZ defined in <stdio.h>
    char s[50];
    char r[50];

    int chars_read;
    memset ( buffer, 0, sizeof(buffer));      //clear buffer
```

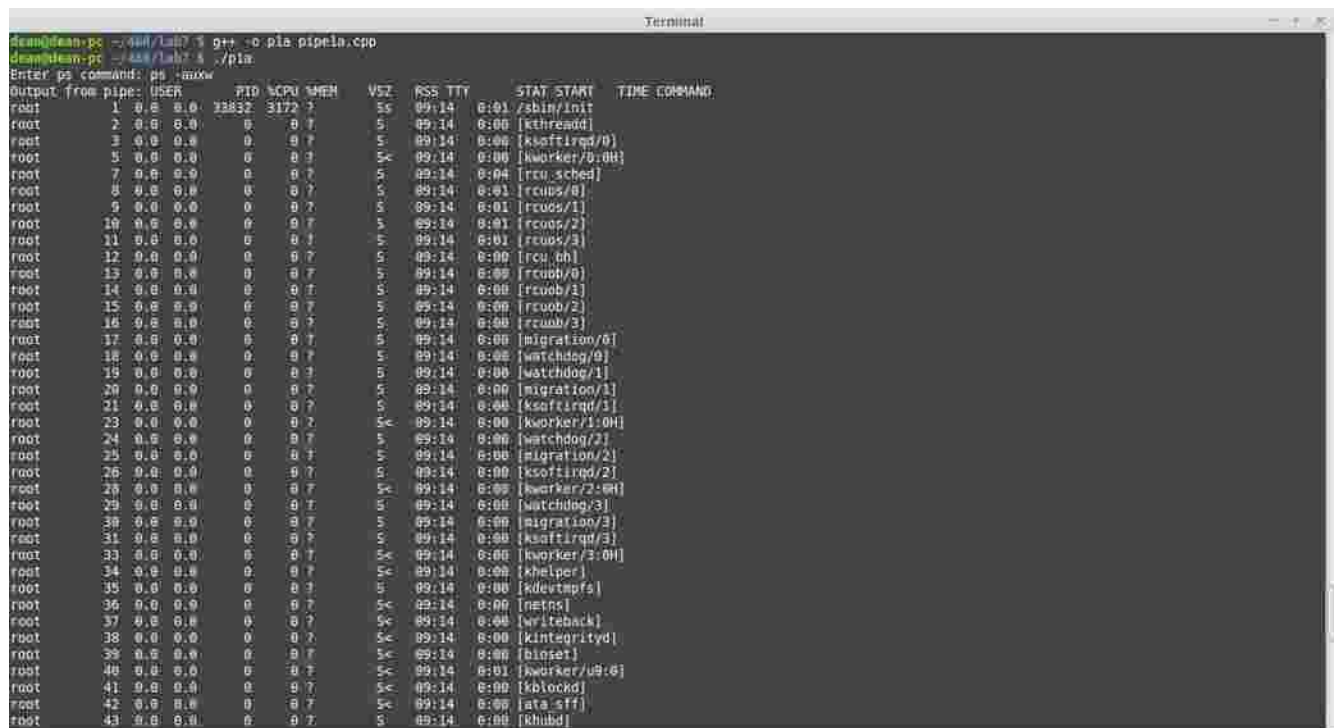
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```
cout << "Enter ps command: ";
cin.getline(s, 50);
strcpy(r, s);

fpi = popen ( r, "r" );
if ( fpi != NULL ) {
    //read data from pipe into buffer
    chars_read = fread(buffer, sizeof(char), BUFSIZ, fpi );
    if ( chars_read > 0 )
        cout << "Output from pipe: " << buffer << endl;
    pclose ( fpi );
    //close the pipe
    return 0;
}

return 1;
}
```

Output of pipe1a.cpp:



```
dean@dean-pc: ~/lab7 $ g++ -o pia pipe1a.cpp
dean@dean-pc: ~/lab7 $ ./pia
Enter ps command: ps -aux
Output from pipe: USER      PID  %CPU  %MEM    VSZ   RSS TTY      STAT START   TIME COMMAND
root    1  0.0  0.0  33832  3172 ?        Ss   09:14   0:01 /sbin/init
root    2  0.0  0.0    0   0 ?        Ss   09:14   0:00 [kthreadd]
root    3  0.0  0.0    0   0 ?        Ss   09:14   0:00 [ksm]
root    4  0.0  0.0    0   0 ?        Ss   09:14   0:00 [kworker/0:0H]
root    5  0.0  0.0    0   0 ?        Ss   09:14   0:00 [rcu_sched]
root    6  0.0  0.0    0   0 ?        Ss   09:14   0:00 [rcuob/0]
root    7  0.0  0.0    0   0 ?        Ss   09:14   0:00 [rcuob/1]
root    8  0.0  0.0    0   0 ?        Ss   09:14   0:00 [rcuob/2]
root    9  0.0  0.0    0   0 ?        Ss   09:14   0:00 [rcuob/3]
root   10  0.0  0.0    0   0 ?        Ss   09:14   0:00 [rcuob/4]
root   11  0.0  0.0    0   0 ?        Ss   09:14   0:00 [rcuob/5]
root   12  0.0  0.0    0   0 ?        Ss   09:14   0:00 [rcuob/6]
root   13  0.0  0.0    0   0 ?        Ss   09:14   0:00 [rcuob/7]
root   14  0.0  0.0    0   0 ?        Ss   09:14   0:00 [rcuob/8]
root   15  0.0  0.0    0   0 ?        Ss   09:14   0:00 [rcuob/9]
root   16  0.0  0.0    0   0 ?        Ss   09:14   0:00 [rcuob/10]
root   17  0.0  0.0    0   0 ?        Ss   09:14   0:00 [migration/0]
root   18  0.0  0.0    0   0 ?        Ss   09:14   0:00 [watchdog/0]
root   19  0.0  0.0    0   0 ?        Ss   09:14   0:00 [watchdog/1]
root   20  0.0  0.0    0   0 ?        Ss   09:14   0:00 [migration/1]
root   21  0.0  0.0    0   0 ?        Ss   09:14   0:00 [ksm]
root   22  0.0  0.0    0   0 ?        Ss   09:14   0:00 [kworker/1:0H]
root   23  0.0  0.0    0   0 ?        Ss   09:14   0:00 [watchdog/2]
root   24  0.0  0.0    0   0 ?        Ss   09:14   0:00 [migration/2]
root   25  0.0  0.0    0   0 ?        Ss   09:14   0:00 [ksm]
root   26  0.0  0.0    0   0 ?        Ss   09:14   0:00 [kworker/2:0H]
root   27  0.0  0.0    0   0 ?        Ss   09:14   0:00 [watchdog/3]
root   28  0.0  0.0    0   0 ?        Ss   09:14   0:00 [migration/3]
root   29  0.0  0.0    0   0 ?        Ss   09:14   0:00 [ksm]
root   30  0.0  0.0    0   0 ?        Ss   09:14   0:00 [kworker/3:0H]
root   31  0.0  0.0    0   0 ?        Ss   09:14   0:00 [ksm]
root   32  0.0  0.0    0   0 ?        Ss   09:14   0:00 [kworker/3:0H]
root   33  0.0  0.0    0   0 ?        Ss   09:14   0:00 [ksm]
root   34  0.0  0.0    0   0 ?        Ss   09:14   0:00 [ksm]
root   35  0.0  0.0    0   0 ?        Ss   09:14   0:00 [ksm]
root   36  0.0  0.0    0   0 ?        Ss   09:14   0:00 [ksm]
root   37  0.0  0.0    0   0 ?        Ss   09:14   0:00 [ksm]
root   38  0.0  0.0    0   0 ?        Ss   09:14   0:00 [ksm]
root   39  0.0  0.0    0   0 ?        Ss   09:14   0:00 [ksm]
root   40  0.0  0.0    0   0 ?        Ss   09:14   0:00 [ksm]
root   41  0.0  0.0    0   0 ?        Ss   09:14   0:00 [ksm]
root   42  0.0  0.0    0   0 ?        Ss   09:14   0:00 [ksm]
root   43  0.0  0.0    0   0 ?        Ss   09:14   0:00 [ksm]
```

pipe2.cpp code:

```
//pipe2.cpp
#include <unistd.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <iostream>
```

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```
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    FILE *fpo;                                //for writing to a pipe

    char buffer[BUFSIZ+1];                    //BUFSIZ defined in <stdio.h>

    //Write buffer a message
    sprintf(buffer, "Arnold said, 'If I am elected, ..', and the fairy tale
begins\n");

    fpo = popen ( "od -c", "w" ); //pipe to command "od -c"
                                //od -- output dump, see "man od"
    if ( fpo != NULL ) {
        //send data from buffer to pipe
        fwrite(buffer, sizeof(char), strlen(buffer), fpo );
        fclose ( fpo );                //close the pipe
        return 0;
    }
    return 1;
}
```

output for pipe2.cpp:



```
Terminal
dean@dean-pc ~/460/lab7 $ g++ -o p2 pipe2.cpp
dean@dean-pc ~/460/lab7 $ ./p2
00000000 A r n o l d s a i d , ' I f
00000020 I a m e l e c t e d , . .
00000040 ' a n d t h e f a i r y
00000060 t a l e b e g i n s \n
00000075
dean@dean-pc ~/460/lab7 $
```

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The output for pipe2.cpp looks this way because the “od -c” command selects ASCII characters or backslash escapes and prints it out like this. The program takes the buffer that was passed into fpo and runs the “od -c” command.

Modification of pipe2.cpp:

To modify pipe2.cpp to output the first three words in reverse order, we changed the following line:

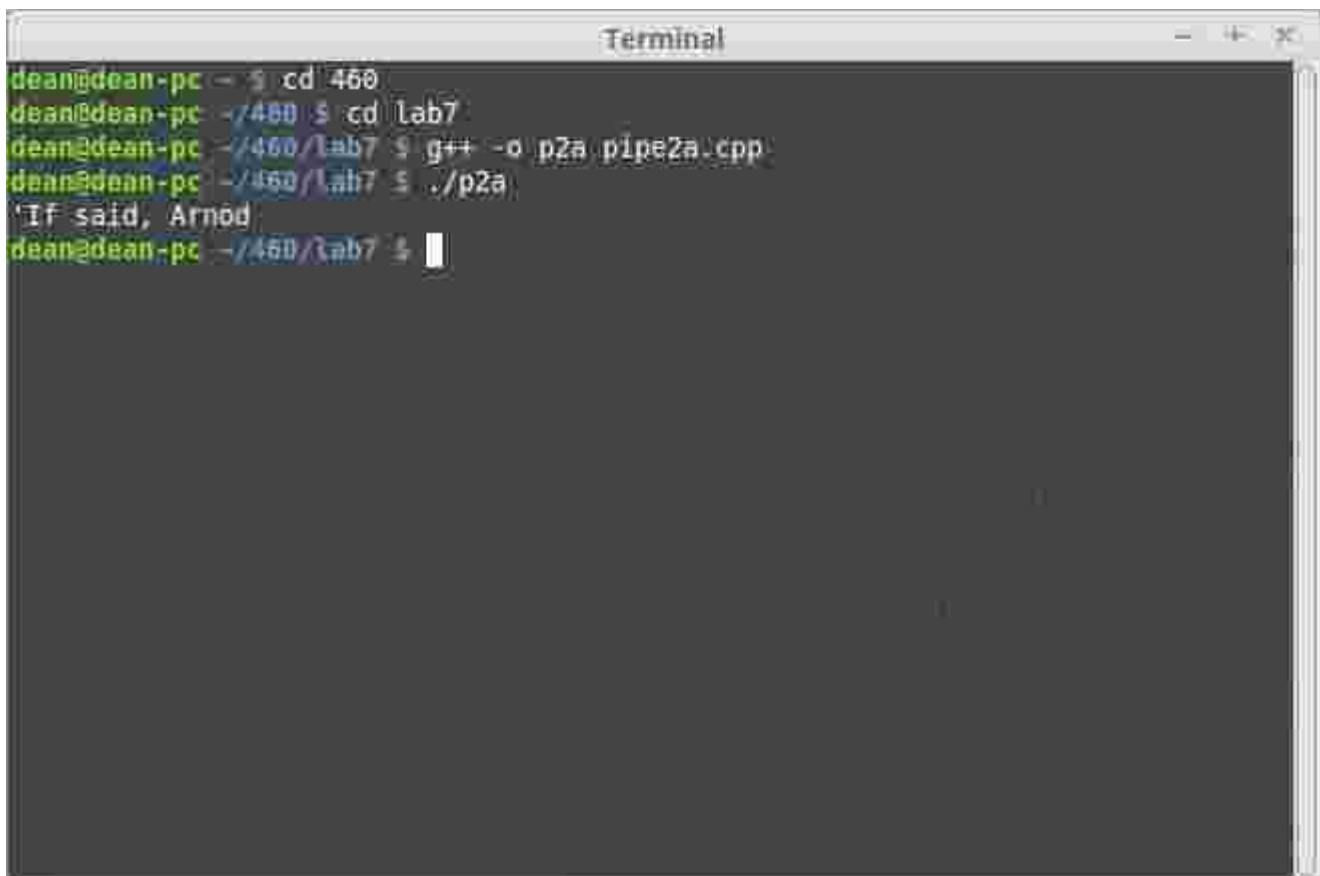
```
fpo = popen ( "od -c", "w" );
```

to this:

```
fpo = popen ( "awk '{print $3, $2, $1}'", "w" );
```

and we also changed the name of the program to pipe2a.cpp.

Output for pipe2a.cpp:

A terminal window titled "Terminal" with a dark background and light green text. The window shows the following commands and their outputs:

```
dean@dean-pc ~ $ cd 460
dean@dean-pc ~/460 $ cd lab7
dean@dean-pc ~/460/lab7 $ g++ -o p2a pipe2a.cpp
dean@dean-pc ~/460/lab7 $ ./p2a
'Tif said, Arnod
dean@dean-pc ~/460/lab7 $
```

3. The pipe Call

The lower-level pipe() function provides a means of passing data between two processes, without the overhead of invoking a shell to interpret the requested command.

```
#include <unistd.h>

int pipe ( int fd[2] );
```

Here is an example of a program that illustrates an array address of two integer file descriptors; it fills the array with two new file descriptors and returns 0 if successful. The two file descriptors returned are connected in a special way. Any data written to *fd[1]* can be read back from *fd[0]*. The data are processed on a first in, first out (FIFO) basis.

Code:

```
//pipe3.cpp
#include <unistd.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <iostream>

using namespace std;

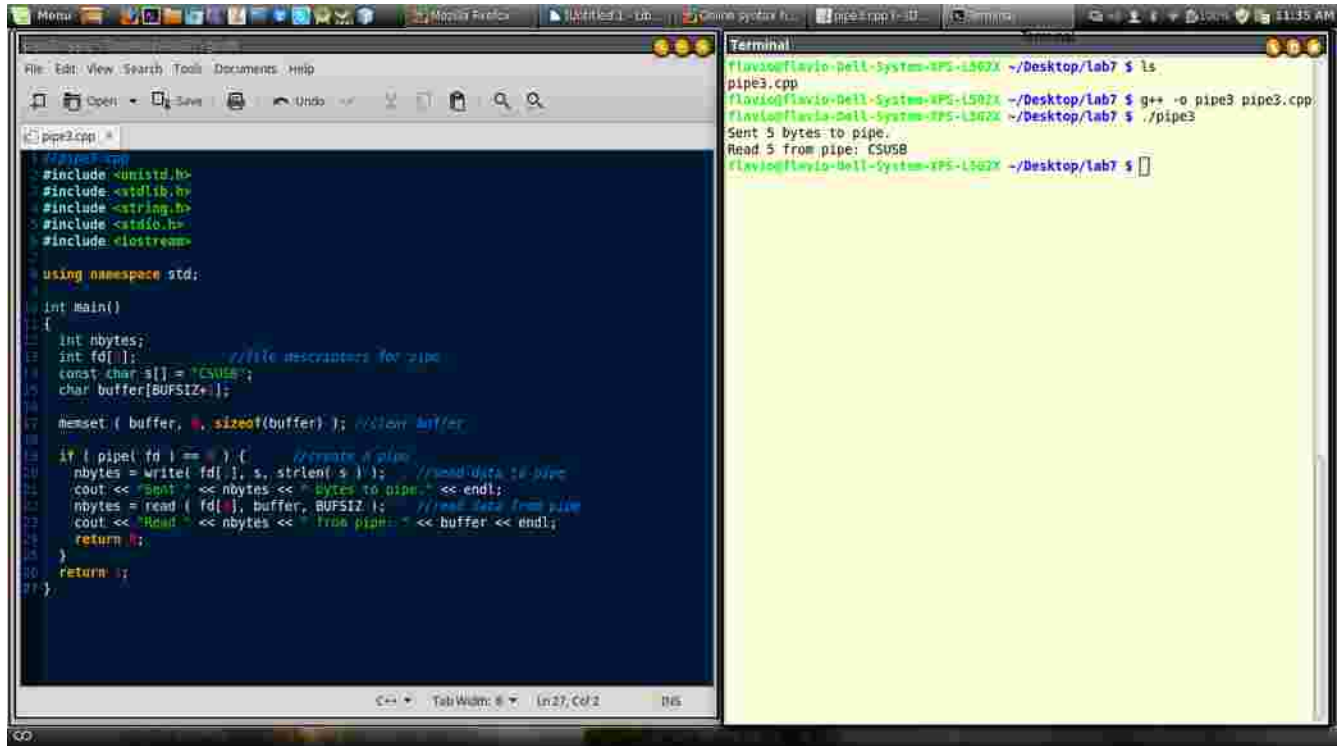
int main()
{
    int nbytes;
    int fd[2];           //file descriptors for pipe
    const char s[] = "CSUSB";
    char buffer[BUFSIZ+1];

    memset ( buffer, 0, sizeof(buffer) ); //clear buffer

    if ( pipe( fd ) == 0 ) {        //create a pipe
        nbytes = write( fd[1], s, strlen( s ) );    //send data to pipe
        cout << "Sent " << nbytes << " bytes to pipe." << endl;
        nbytes = read ( fd[0], buffer, BUFSIZ );    //read data from pipe
        cout << "Read " << nbytes << " from pipe: " << buffer << endl;
        return 0;
    }
    return 1;
}
```

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Here is the compilation and output:



The screenshot shows a code editor on the left and a terminal on the right. The code editor displays the source code for `pipe3.cpp`, which includes standard C++ headers and implements a program that creates a pipe, writes the string "CSUSB" to it, and then reads it back. The terminal on the right shows the execution of the program, including the compilation command `g++ -o pipe3 pipe3.cpp` and the output of the program: "Sent 5 bytes to pipe." and "Read 5 from pipe: CSUSB".

```
#include <unistd.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <iostream>

using namespace std;

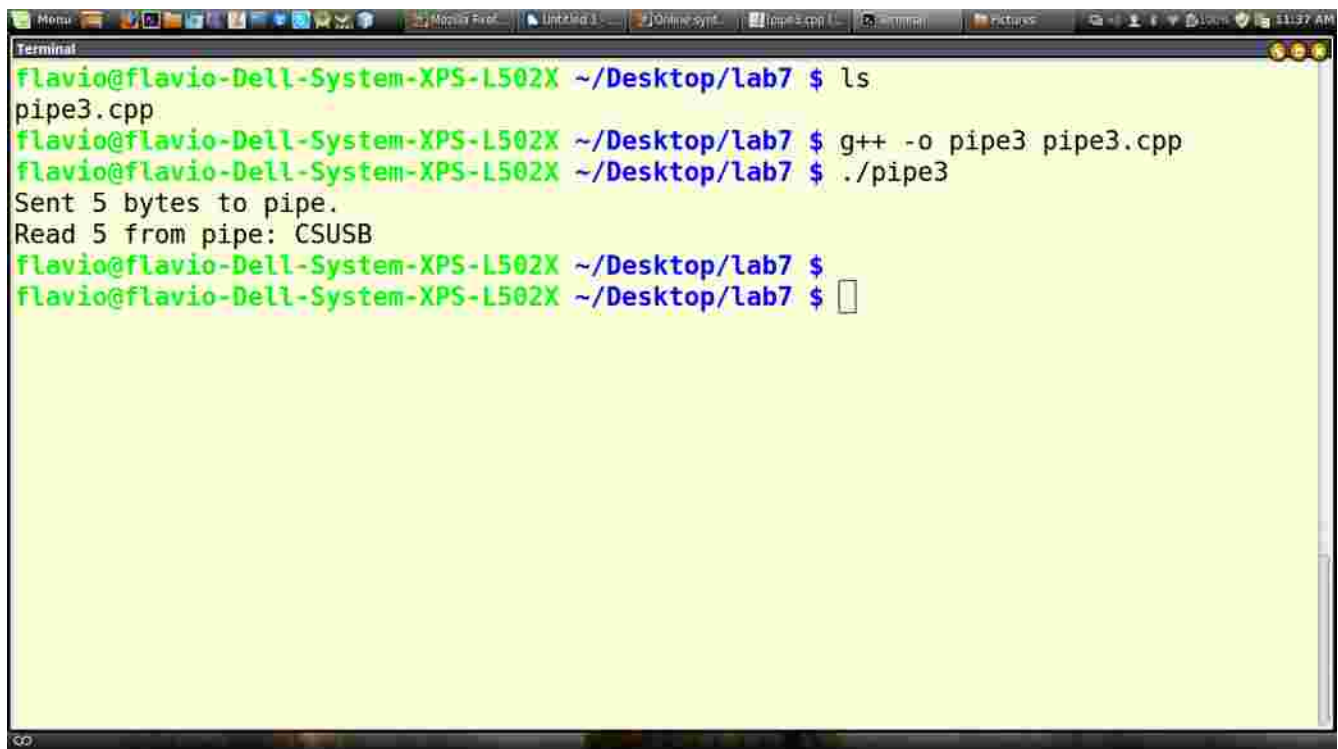
int main()
{
    int nbytes;
    int fd[2];

    const char s[] = "CSUSB";
    char buffer[BUFSIZ];

    memset ( buffer, 0, sizeof(buffer) ); //clear buffer

    if ( pipe( fd ) == 0 ) { //create a pipe
        nbytes = write( fd[1], s, strlen( s ) ); //send data to pipe
        cout << "Sent " << nbytes << " bytes to pipe." << endl;
        nbytes = read ( fd[0], buffer, BUFSIZ ); //read data from pipe
        cout << "Read " << nbytes << " from pipe: " << buffer << endl;
        return 0;
    }
    return 1;
}
```

```
flavio@flavio-Dell-System-XPS-L502X ~/Desktop/lab7 $ ls
pipe3.cpp
flavio@flavio-Dell-System-XPS-L502X ~/Desktop/lab7 $ g++ -o pipe3 pipe3.cpp
flavio@flavio-Dell-System-XPS-L502X ~/Desktop/lab7 $ ./pipe3
Sent 5 bytes to pipe.
Read 5 from pipe: CSUSB
flavio@flavio-Dell-System-XPS-L502X ~/Desktop/lab7 $
```



The screenshot shows a terminal window with the same commands and output as the previous one. The user lists the files in the directory, compiles `pipe3.cpp` using `g++`, and runs the resulting `pipe3` executable. The output shows that 5 bytes were sent to the pipe and 5 bytes were read back, which is "CSUSB".

```
flavio@flavio-Dell-System-XPS-L502X ~/Desktop/lab7 $ ls
pipe3.cpp
flavio@flavio-Dell-System-XPS-L502X ~/Desktop/lab7 $ g++ -o pipe3 pipe3.cpp
flavio@flavio-Dell-System-XPS-L502X ~/Desktop/lab7 $ ./pipe3
Sent 5 bytes to pipe.
Read 5 from pipe: CSUSB
flavio@flavio-Dell-System-XPS-L502X ~/Desktop/lab7 $
flavio@flavio-Dell-System-XPS-L502X ~/Desktop/lab7 $
```


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Since a pipe is a connection between two processes, the standard output from one process becomes the standard input of the other process. Therefore, it is possible to have a series of processes arranged in a pipeline, with a pipe between each pair of processes in the series, and that's exactly what pipe3 does, it creates a pipe and gets back the input of the other process, in this case from the same pipe.

4. Parent and Child Processes

We can use **exec()** to create a child process running a different program. After an **exec** call, the old process has been replaced by the new child process. The following two programs demonstrate the concept.

The first is the "data producer", which creates the pipe and then invokes the child, the "data consumer".

```
//pipe4.cpp
#include <unistd.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

int main()
{
    int data_processed;
    int file_pipes[2];
    const char some_data[] = "123";
    char buffer[BUFSIZ + 1];
    pid_t fork_result;

    memset(buffer, '\0', sizeof(buffer));

    if (pipe(file_pipes) == 0) { //creates pipe
        fork_result = fork();
        if (fork_result == (pid_t)-1) { //fork fails
            fprintf(stderr, "Fork failure");
            exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
        }

        if (fork_result == 0) { //child
            sprintf(buffer, "%d", file_pipes[0]);
            (void)execl("pipe5", "pipe5", buffer, (char *)0);
            exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
        }
        else { //parent
            data_processed = write(file_pipes[1], some_data,
                                  strlen(some_data));
            printf("%d - wrote %d bytes\n", getpid(), data_processed);
        }
    }
}
```

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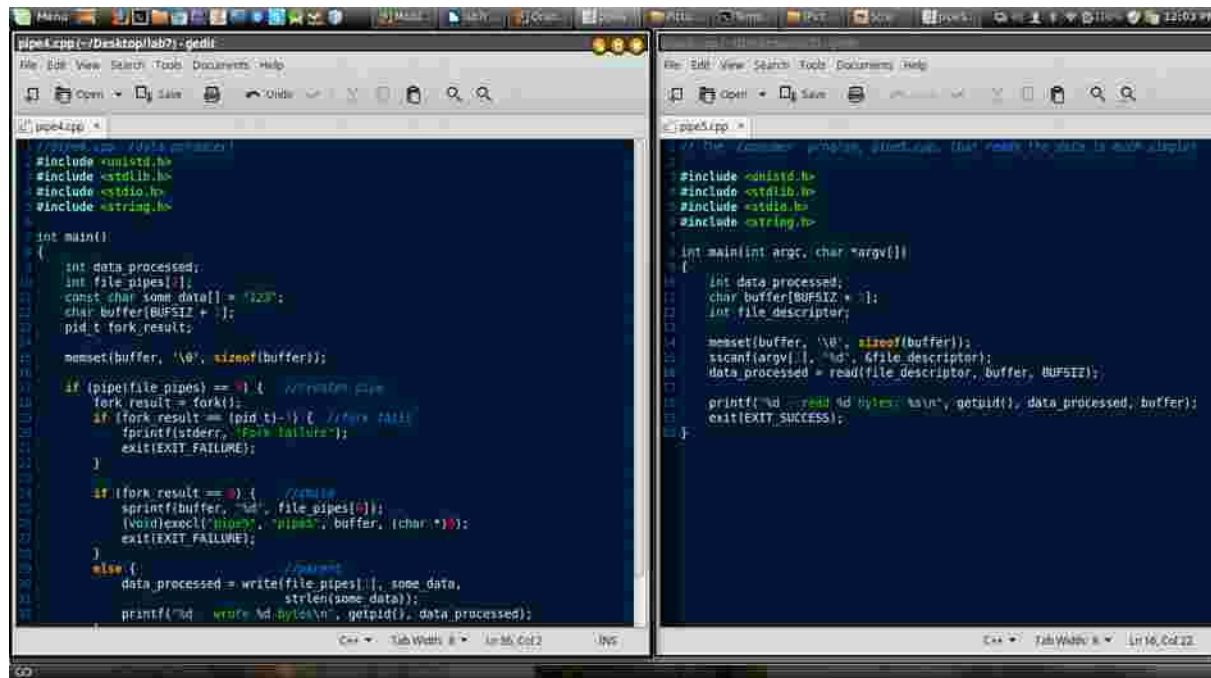
```
    exit(EXIT_SUCCESS);  
}
```

The 'consumer' program, pipe5.cpp, that reads the data is much simpler.

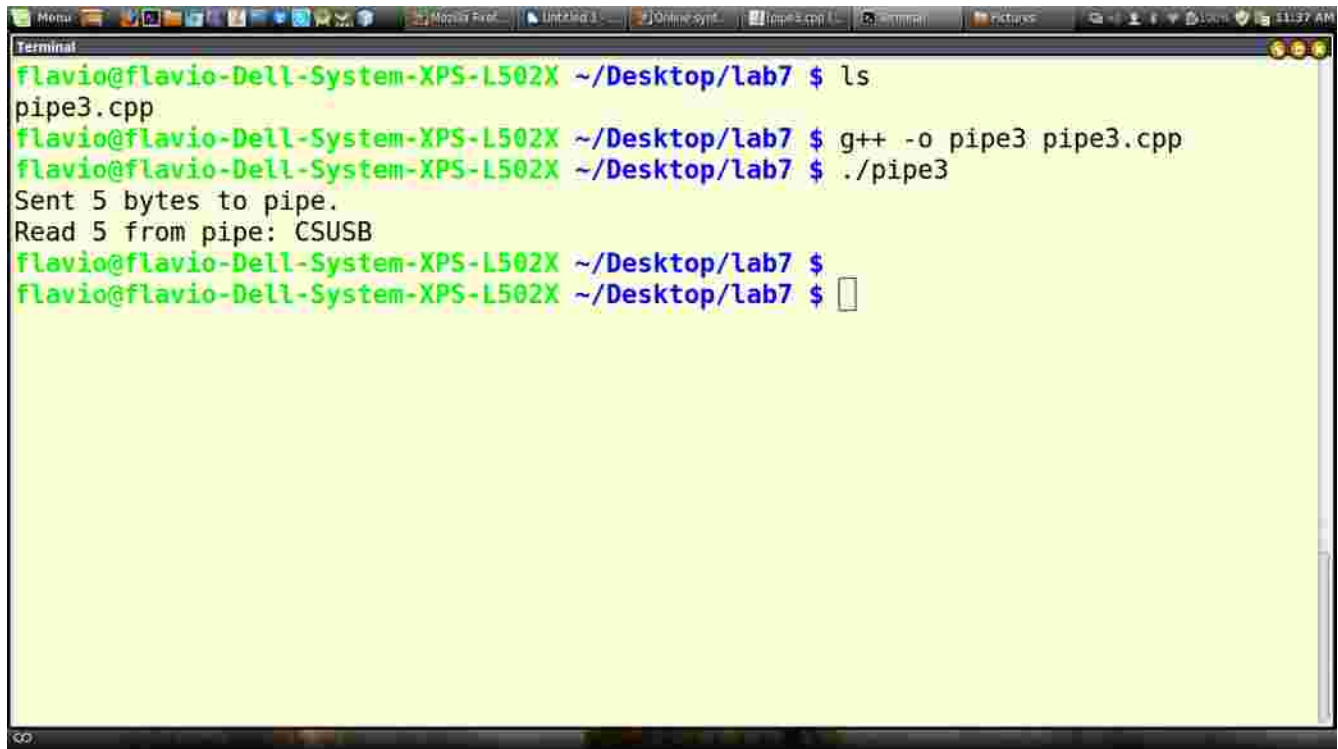
```
#include <unistd.h>  
#include <stdlib.h>  
#include <stdio.h>  
#include <string.h>  
  
int main(int argc, char *argv[])  
{  
    int data_processed;  
    char buffer[BUFSIZ + 1];  
    int file_descriptor;  
  
    memset(buffer, '\0', sizeof(buffer));  
    sscanf(argv[1], "%d", &file_descriptor);  
    data_processed = read(file_descriptor, buffer, BUFSIZ);  
  
    printf("%d - read %d bytes: %s\n", getpid(), data_processed, buffer);  
    exit(EXIT_SUCCESS);  
}
```

now compiling:

```
$ g++ -o pipe4 pipe4.cpp  
$ g++ -o pipe5 pipe5.cpp  
$ ./pipe4
```



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```
flavio@flavio-Dell-System-XPS-L502X ~/Desktop/lab7 $ ls
pipe3.cpp
flavio@flavio-Dell-System-XPS-L502X ~/Desktop/lab7 $ g++ -o pipe3 pipe3.cpp
flavio@flavio-Dell-System-XPS-L502X ~/Desktop/lab7 $ ./pipe3
Sent 5 bytes to pipe.
Read 5 from pipe: CSUSB
flavio@flavio-Dell-System-XPS-L502X ~/Desktop/lab7 $
flavio@flavio-Dell-System-XPS-L502X ~/Desktop/lab7 $
```

Here is the writing code to read a msg:

```
#include <fcntl.h>
#include <sys/stat.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <unistd.h>

int main()
{
    int fd;
    char * myfifo = "/tmp/myfifo";

    /* create the FIFO (named pipe) */
    mkfifo(myfifo, 0666);

    /* write "Hi" to the FIFO */
    fd = open(myfifo, O_WRONLY);
    write(fd, "CSE 455 lab 7", sizeof("CSE 455 lab 7"));
    close(fd);

    /* remove the FIFO */
    unlink(myfifo);

    return 0;
}
```

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here is the reading code:

```
#include <fcntl.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <sys/stat.h>
#include <unistd.h>

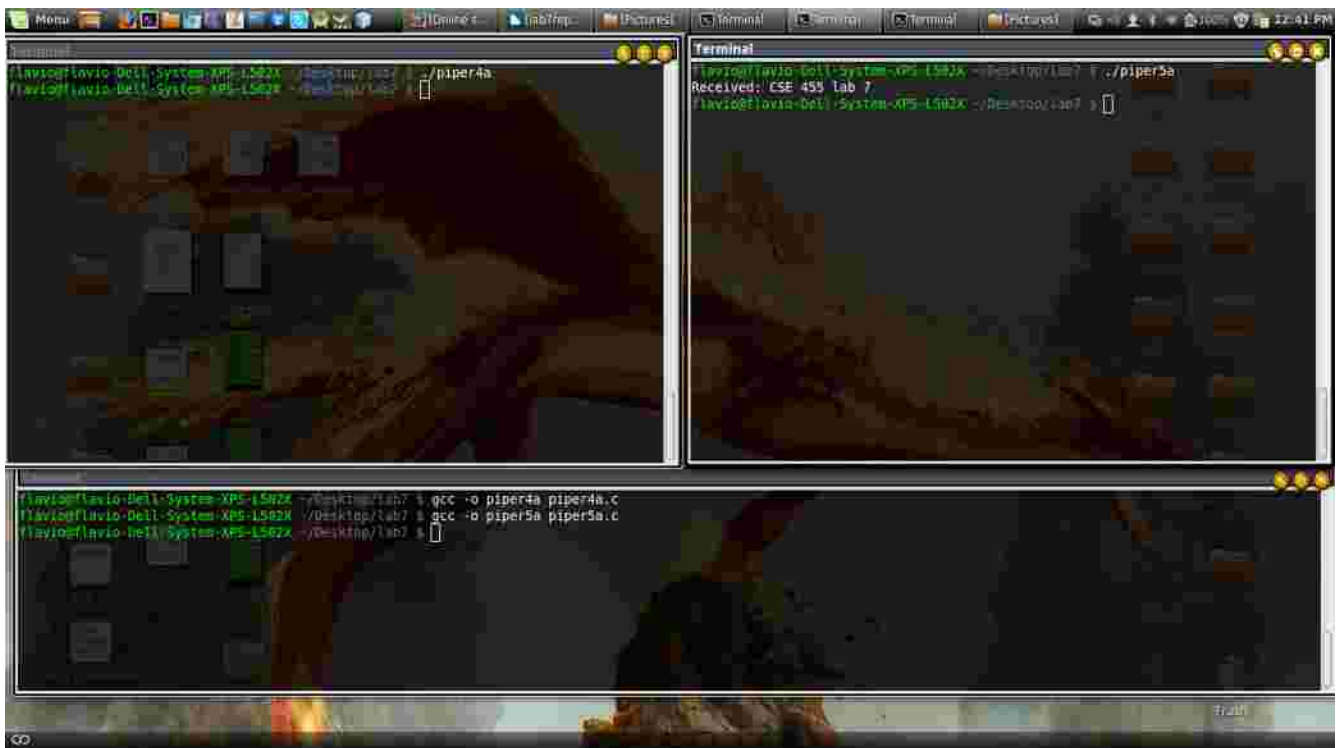
#define MAX_BUF 1024

int main()
{
    int fd;
    char * myfifo = "/tmp/myfifo";
    char buf[MAX_BUF];

    /* open, read, and display the message from the FIFO */
    fd = open(myfifo, O_RDONLY);
    read(fd, buf, MAX_BUF);
    printf("Received: %s\n", buf);
    close(fd);

    return 0;
}
```

here is the output:



5. Special Pipes

A **read** on a pipe that is not open for writing returns zero, rather than blocking. Note that this is not the same as reading an invalid file descriptor, which **read** considers an error, returning -1. If we use a pipe across a **fork** call, there are two different file descriptors that we can use to write to the pipe, one in the parent and one in the child. We have to close the write file descriptors of the pipe in both parent and child processes. The **dup()** system call creates a copy of the file descriptor *oldfd*, using the lowest-numbered unused descriptor for the new descriptor. The **dup2()** system call performs the same task as **dup()**, except that it uses the descriptor number specified in *newfd* instead of the lowest-numbered unused descriptor. If the descriptor *newfd* was previously open, it is silently closed before being reused.

Code:

```
//up2low.cpp
//convert from upper case to lower case
#include <iostream>
#include <string>
#include <ctype.h>

using namespace std;

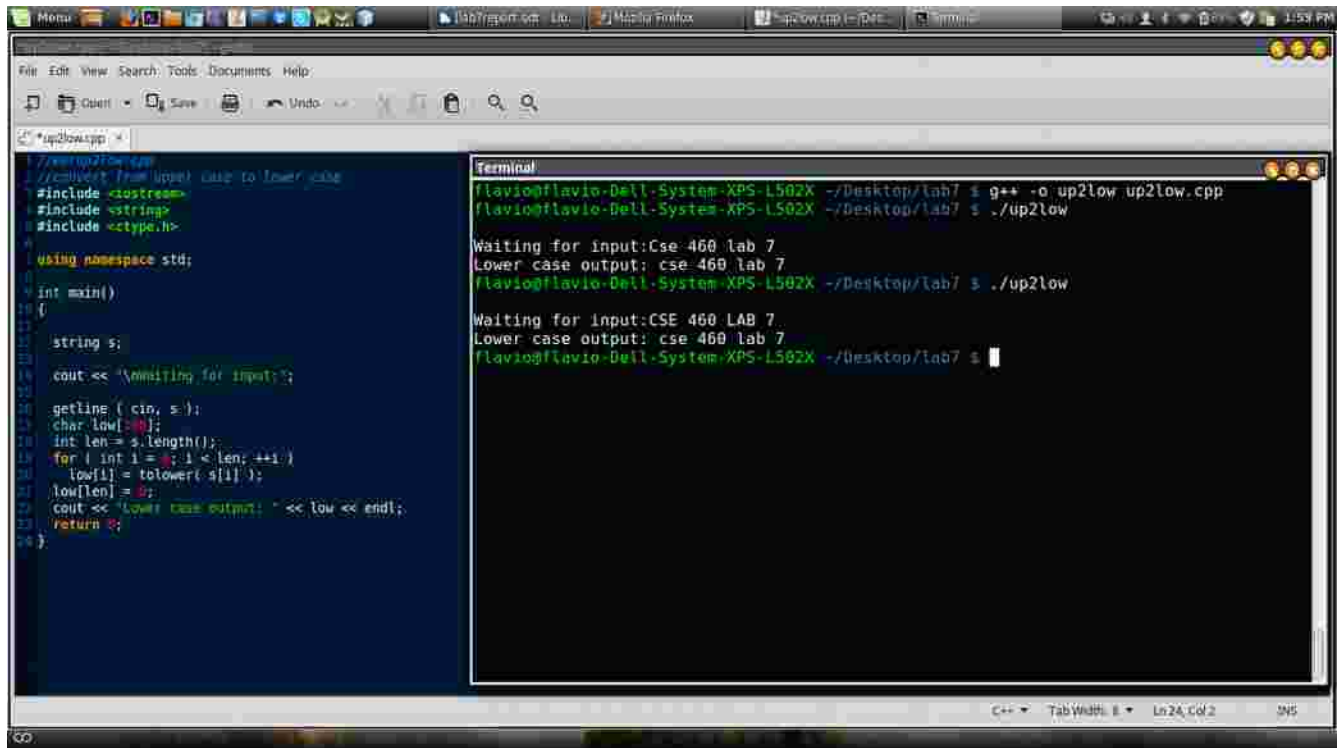
int main()
{
    string s;

    cout << "\nWaiting for input:";

    getline ( cin, s );
    char low[100];
    int len = s.length();
    for ( int i = 0; i < len; ++i )
        low[i] = tolower( s[i] );
    low[len] = 0;
    cout << "Lower case output: " << low << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

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Program compiles and executes:

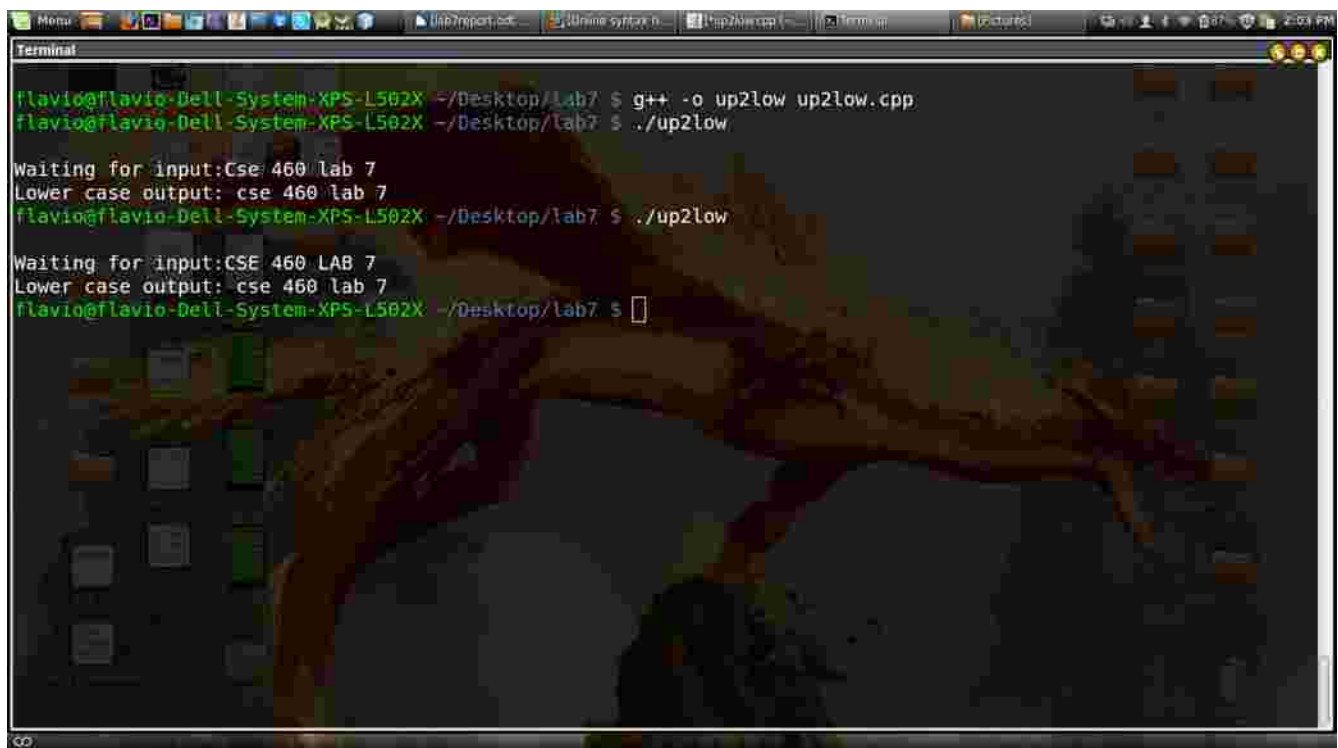


```
//up2low.cpp
//convert from upper case to lower case
#include <iostream>
#include <string>
#include <ctype.h>
using namespace std;
int main()
{
    string s;
    cout << "Waiting for input: ";
    getline ( cin, s );
    char low[20];
    int len = s.length();
    for ( int i = 0; i < len; ++i )
        low[i] = tolower( s[i] );
    low[len] = 0;
    cout << "Lower case output: " << low << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

```
flavio@flavio-Dell-System-XPS-L502X ~/Desktop/lab7 $ g++ -o up2low up2low.cpp
flavio@flavio-Dell-System-XPS-L502X ~/Desktop/lab7 $ ./up2low

Waiting for input:Cse 460 lab 7
Lower case output: cse 460 lab 7
flavio@flavio-Dell-System-XPS-L502X ~/Desktop/lab7 $ ./up2low

Waiting for input:CSE 460 LAB 7
Lower case output: cse 460 lab 7
flavio@flavio-Dell-System-XPS-L502X ~/Desktop/lab7 $
```



```
flavio@flavio-Dell-System-XPS-L502X ~/Desktop/Lab7 $ g++ -o up2low up2low.cpp
flavio@flavio-Dell-System-XPS-L502X ~/Desktop/Lab7 $ ./up2low

Waiting for input:Cse 460 lab 7
Lower case output: cse 460 lab 7
flavio@flavio-Dell-System-XPS-L502X ~/Desktop/lab7 $ ./up2low

Waiting for input:CSE 460 LAB 7
Lower case output: cse 460 lab 7
flavio@flavio-Dell-System-XPS-L502X ~/Desktop/lab7 $
```

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The program above display any input into “lower case”

Pipe6 script code:

```
//pipe6.cpp
#include <unistd.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

int main()
{
    int data_processed;
    int file_pipes[2];
    const char some_data[] = "CSUSB The Beautiful!";
    pid_t fork_result;

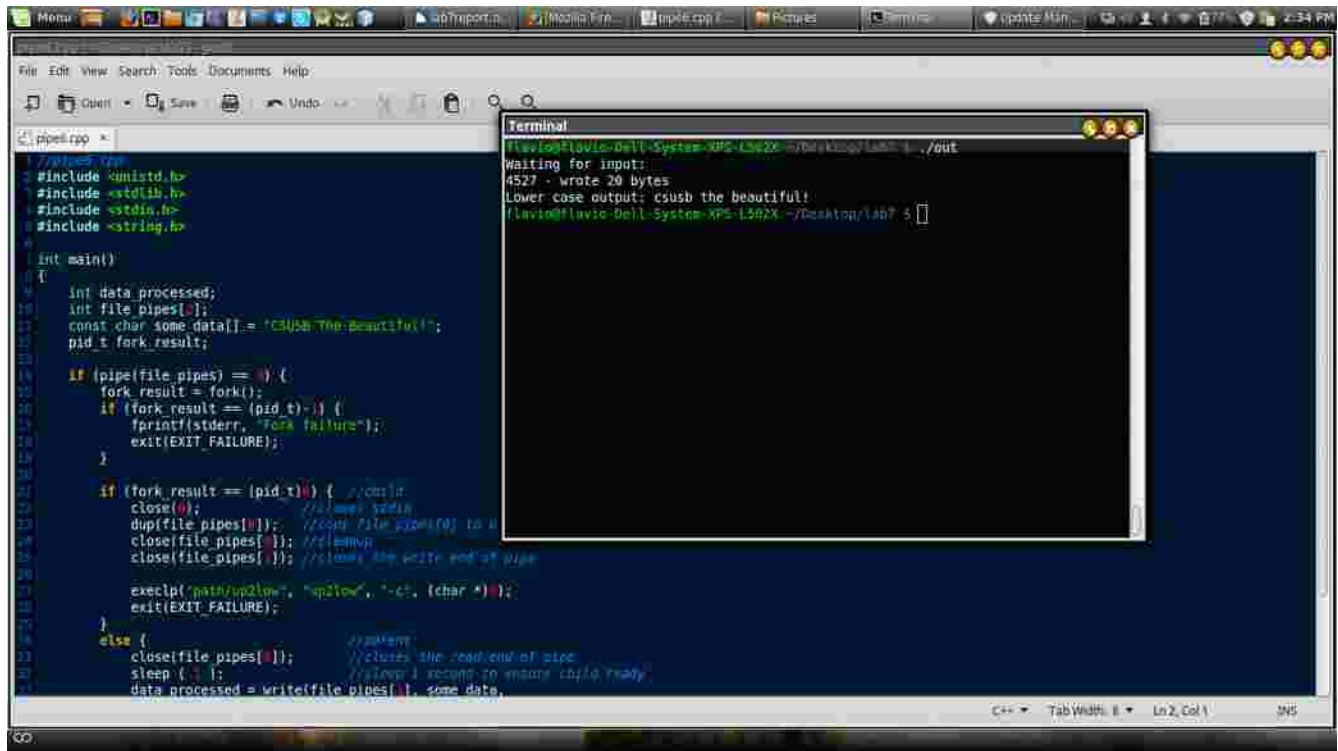
    if (pipe(file_pipes) == 0) {
        fork_result = fork();
        if (fork_result == (pid_t)-1) {
            fprintf(stderr, "Fork failure");
            exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
        }

        if (fork_result == (pid_t)0) { //child
            close(0); //closes stdin
            dup(file_pipes[0]); //copy file_pipes[0] to 0
            close(file_pipes[0]); //cleanup
            close(file_pipes[1]); //closes the write end of pipe

            execlp("path/up2low", "up2low", "-c", (char *)0);
            exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
        }
        else { //parent
            close(file_pipes[0]); //closes the read end of pipe
            sleep ( 1 ); //sleep 1 second to ensure child ready
            data_processed = write(file_pipes[1], some_data,
                                strlen(some_data));
            close(file_pipes[1]);
            printf("\nProcess %d wrote %d bytes\n", (int)getpid(), data_processed);
        }
    }
    exit(EXIT_SUCCESS);
}
```

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Compiling and executing:



```
//pipe6.cpp
1 #include <unistd.h>
2 #include <stdlib.h>
3 #include <stdio.h>
4 #include <string.h>
5
6 int main()
7 {
8     int data_processed;
9     int file_pipes[2];
10    const char some_data[] = "CSUSB The Beautiful!";
11    pid_t fork_result;
12
13    if (pipe(file_pipes) == 0) {
14        fork_result = fork();
15        if (fork_result == (pid_t)-1) {
16            fprintf(stderr, "Fork failure\n");
17            exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
18        }
19
20        if (fork_result == (pid_t)0) { //child
21            close(0); //close stdin
22            dup(file_pipes[1]); //copy file_pipes[1] to 0
23            close(file_pipes[1]); //close fd
24            close(file_pipes[0]); //close the write end of pipe
25
26            execlp("/usr/bin/cat", "cat", "-c", (char *)0);
27            exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
28        }
29        else {
30            close(file_pipes[1]); //closes the read end of pipe
31            sleep(1); //sleep 1 second to ensure child ready
32            data_processed = write(file_pipes[0], some_data,
33                                strlen(some_data));
34        }
35    }
36}
```

```
flavio@flavio-Dell-System-XPS-1502X:~/Desktop/lab7$ ./out
Waiting for input:
4527 - wrote 20 bytes
Lower case output: csusb the beautiful!
flavio@flavio-Dell-System-XPS-1502X:~/Desktop/lab7$
```

Modify pipe6.cpp so that the child process executes a program written by you rather than up2low:

pipe6.cpp code modified:

We found easier to create a class called PIPE (random name) and create a function “msg” which executes “up2low” script:

```
//pipe6.cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <string.h>
#include <ctype.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>

using namespace std;

class PIPE
{
public:
    void msg();
};
```


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```
};

void PIPE::msg()
{
    string s;

    cout << "\nWaiting for input:";

    getline ( cin, s );
    char low[100];
    int len = s.length();
    for ( int i = 0; i < len; ++i )
        low[i] = tolower( s[i] );
    low[len] = 0;
    cout << "Lower case output: " << low << endl;
}

int main()
{
    PIPE up2low;

    int data_processed;
    int file_pipes[2];
    const char some_data[] = "CSUSB The Beautiful!";
    pid_t fork_result;

    up2low.msg();

    if (pipe(file_pipes) == 0) {
        fork_result = fork();
        if (fork_result == (pid_t)-1) {
            fprintf(stderr, "Fork failure");
            exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
        }

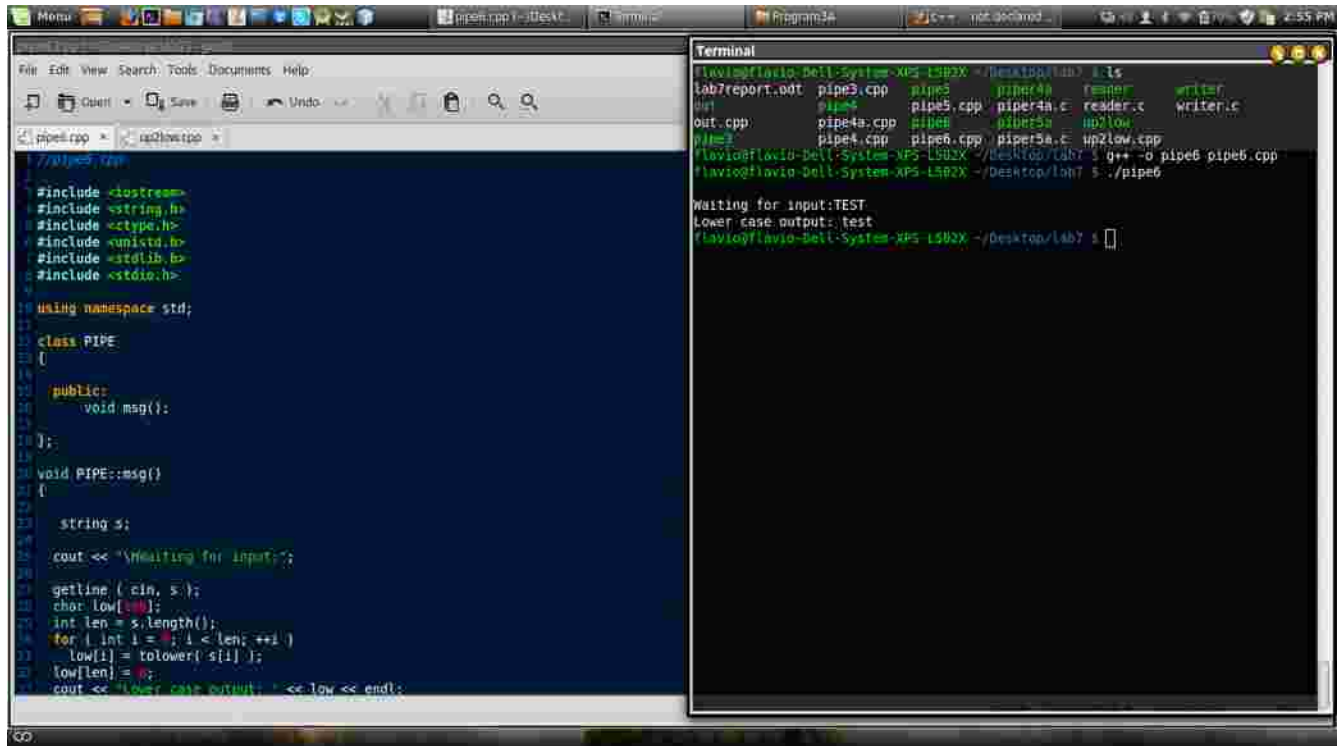
        if (fork_result == (pid_t)0) { //child
            close(0); //closes stdin
            dup(file_pipes[0]); //copy file_pipes[0] to 0
            close(file_pipes[0]); //cleanup
            close(file_pipes[1]); //closes the write end of pipe

            execlp("path/up2low", "up2low", "-c", (char *)0);
            exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
        }
        else { //parent
            close(file_pipes[0]); //closes the read end of pipe
            sleep ( 1 ); //sleep 1 second to ensure child ready
            data_processed = write(file_pipes[1], some_data,
                                  strlen(some_data));
            close(file_pipes[1]);
            printf("\nProcess %d wrote %d bytes\n", (int) getpid(), data_processed);
        }
    }
}
```

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```
    }  
}  
  
exit(EXIT_SUCCESS);  
}
```

After compiling and executing the program does what it suppose to do.



```
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pipe6.cpp - Desktop  
pipe6.cpp  
1 // pipe6.cpp  
2 #include <iostream>  
3 #include <string.h>  
4 #include <ctype.h>  
5 #include <unistd.h>  
6 #include <stdlib.h>  
7 #include <stdio.h>  
8  
9  
10 using namespace std;  
11  
12  
13 class PIPE  
14 {  
15 public:  
16     void msg();  
17 };  
18  
19 void PIPE::msg()  
20 {  
21     string s;  
22     cout << "Waiting for input:";  
23  
24     getline ( cin, s );  
25     char low[s+1];  
26     int len = s.length();  
27     for ( int i = 0; i < len; ++i )  
28         low[i] = tolower( s[i] );  
29     low[len] = '\0';  
30     cout << "Lower case output: " << low << endl;  
31 }
```

```
flavio@flavio-Bell-System-XP5-L502X ~/Desktop/lab7$ ls  
lab7report.odt  pipe3.cpp  pipe5  pipe6  pipe6a.c  reader.c  writer.c  
out.cpp        pipe4a.cpp  pipe6  pipe6a.c  up2low.cpp  
flavio@flavio-Bell-System-XP5-L502X ~/Desktop/lab7$ g++ -o pipe6 pipe6.cpp  
flavio@flavio-Bell-System-XP5-L502X ~/Desktop/lab7$ ./pipe6  
Waiting for input:TEST  
Lower case output: test  
flavio@flavio-Bell-System-XP5-L502X ~/Desktop/lab7$
```

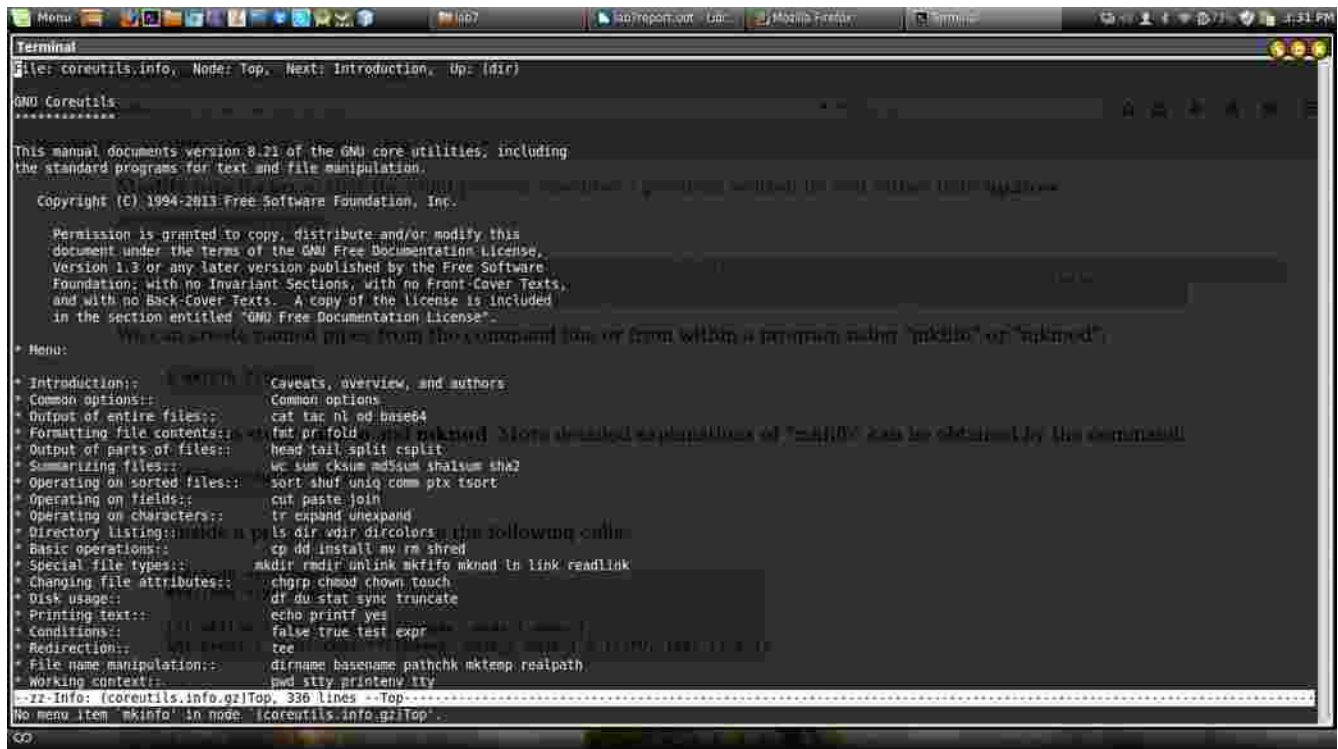
Named Pipes: FIFOs

Data exchange between unrelated processes can be done using **FIFOs**, often referred to as **named pipes**. A named pipe is a special type of file that exists as a name in the file system, but behaves like unnamed pipes.

Use "man" to study **mkfifo** and **mknod**. More detailed explanations of "mkfifo" can be obtained by the command:

```
$ info coreutils mkfifo
```

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The screenshot shows a terminal window with the GNU Coreutils manual displayed. The manual text includes the title 'GNU Coreutils', version information, copyright notice (© 1994-2013 Free Software Foundation, Inc.), and the GNU Free Documentation License. A menu is visible at the bottom of the manual page, listing various topics such as Introduction, Common options, Output of entire files, Formatting file contents, Output of parts of files, Summarizing files, Operating on sorted files, Operating on fields, Operating on characters, Directory listing, Basic operations, Special file types, Changing file attributes, Disk usage, Printing text, Conditions, Redirection, File name manipulation, and Working context. The terminal window has a dark background and standard Linux window controls at the top.

```
File: coreutils.info, Node: Top, Next: Introduction, Up: (dir)

GNU Coreutils
*****

This manual documents version 8.21 of the GNU core utilities, including
the standard programs for text and file manipulation.

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posting to the mailing list.

* Menu:

* Introduction::          Caveats, overview, and authors
* Common options::       Common options
* Output of entire files:: cat tac nl od base64
* Formatting file contents::  cat pr fold sed nroff More detailed explanations of "sed" can be obtained by the command:
* Output of parts of files:: head tail split csplit
* Summarizing files::     wc sum cksum md5sum sha1sum sha2
* Operating on sorted files:: sort shuf uniq comm ptx tsort
* Operating on fields::   cut paste join
* Operating on characters:: tr expand unexpand
* Directory listing::     ls dir vdir dircolors the following online
* Basic operations::      cp dd install mv rm shred
* Special file types::    mkdir rmdir unlink mkfifo mknod ln link readlink
* Changing file attributes:: chgrp chmod chown touch
* Disk usage::            df du stat sync truncate
* Printing text::         echo printf yes
* Conditions::            false true test expr
* Redirection::           tee
* File name manipulation:: dirname basename pathchk mktemp realpath
* Working context::       pwd stty printenv tty

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No menu item 'mkinfo' in node: 'coreutils.info.gz)Top'.
```

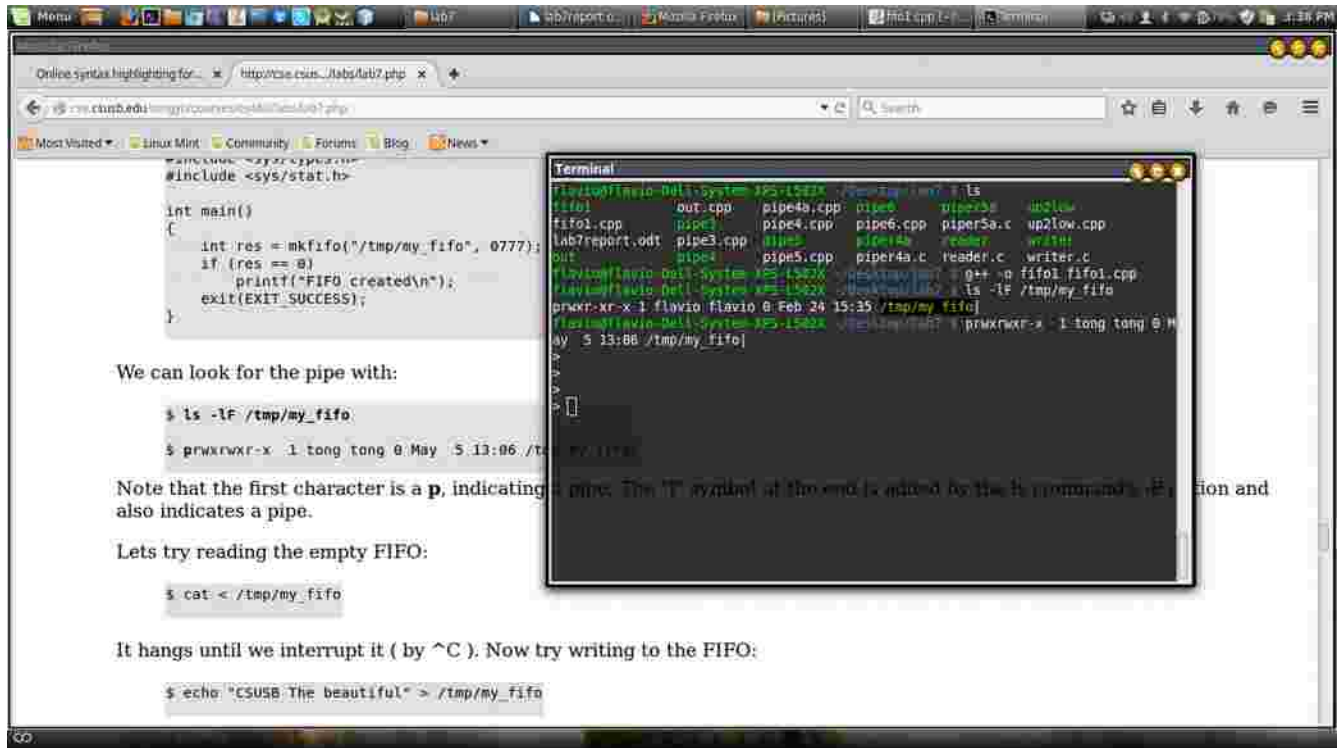
We can look for the pipe with:

```
$ ls -lF /tmp/my_fifo

$ prwxrwxr-x 1 tong tong 0 May  5 13:06 /tmp/my_fifo|
```

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Note that the first character is a **p**, indicating a pipe. The "|" symbol at the end is added by the ls command's -F option and also indicates a pipe.



Online syntax highlighting for... <http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~162/lectures/162.02/fifo.php>

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

int main()
{
    int res = mkfifo("/tmp/my_fifo", 0777);
    if (res == 0)
        printf("FIFO created\n");
    exit(EXIT_SUCCESS);
}
```

We can look for the pipe with:

```
$ ls -lF /tmp/my_fifo
$ prwxrwxr-x 1 tong tong 0 May 5 13:06 /tmp/my_fifo
```

Note that the first character is a **p**, indicating a pipe. The "|" symbol at the end is added by the ls command's -F option and also indicates a pipe.

Lets try reading the empty FIFO:

```
$ cat < /tmp/my_fifo
```

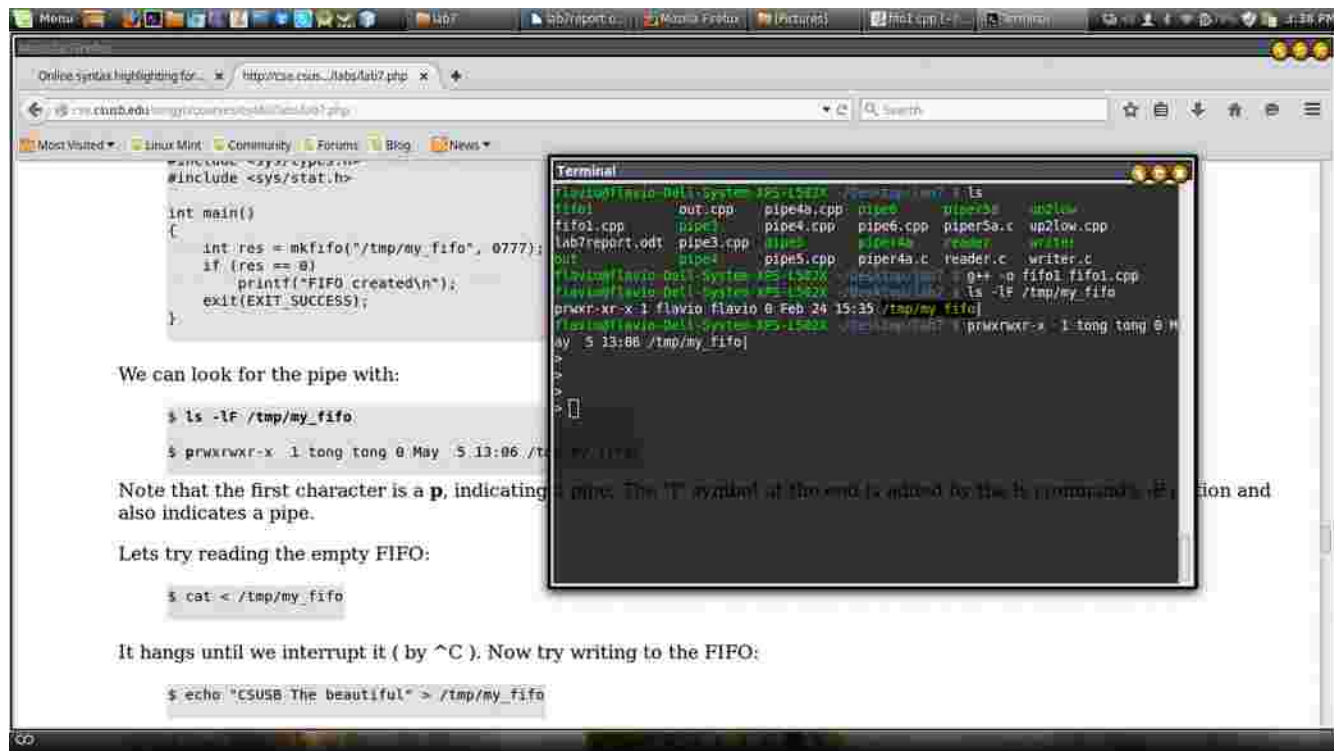
It hangs until we interrupt it (by ^C). Now try writing to the FIFO:

```
$ echo "CSUSB The beautiful" > /tmp/my_fifo
```

Terminal

```
flavio@flavio-Bell-System-AP5-1562X ~$ ls
fifo1 out.cpp pipe4a.cpp pipe6 pipe7b up2low.cpp
fifo1.cpp pipe3 pipe4.cpp pipe6.cpp pipe5a.c up2low.cpp
lab7report.odt pipe3.cpp pipe5 pipe14a reader writer
out pipe4 pipe5.cpp pipe4a.c reader.c writer.c
flavio@flavio-Bell-System-AP5-1562X ~$ cat < /tmp/my_fifo
flavio@flavio-Bell-System-AP5-1562X ~$ ls -lF /tmp/my_fifo
prwxr-xr-x 1 flavio flavio 0 Feb 24 15:35 /tmp/my_fifo
flavio@flavio-Bell-System-AP5-1562X ~$ prwxrwxr-x 1 tong tong 0 May 5 13:06 /tmp/my_fifo
```

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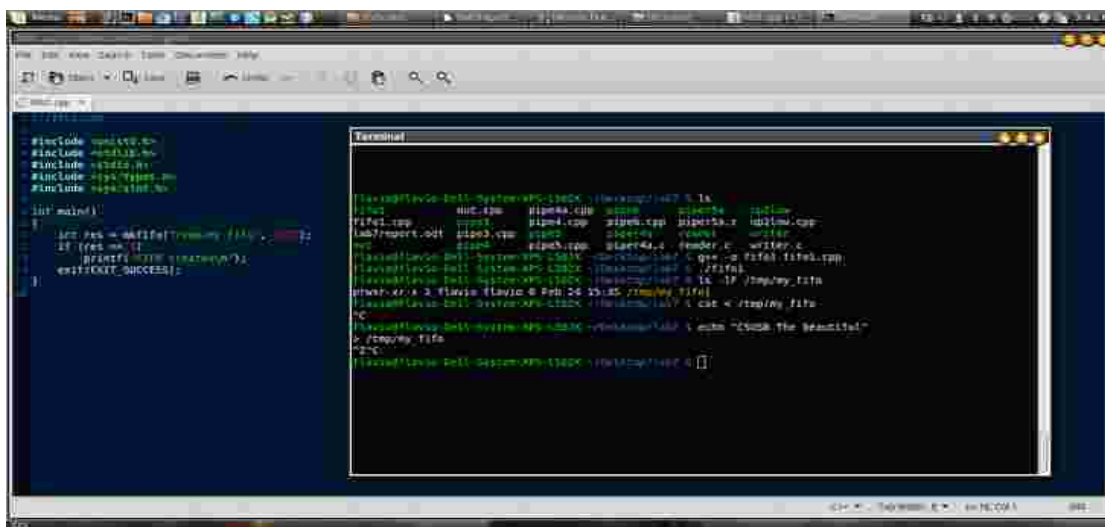


Let's try reading the empty FIFO:

```
$ cat < /tmp/my_fifo
```

It hangs until we interrupt it (by ^C). Now try writing to the FIFO:

```
$ echo "CSUSB The beautiful" > /tmp/my_fifo
```

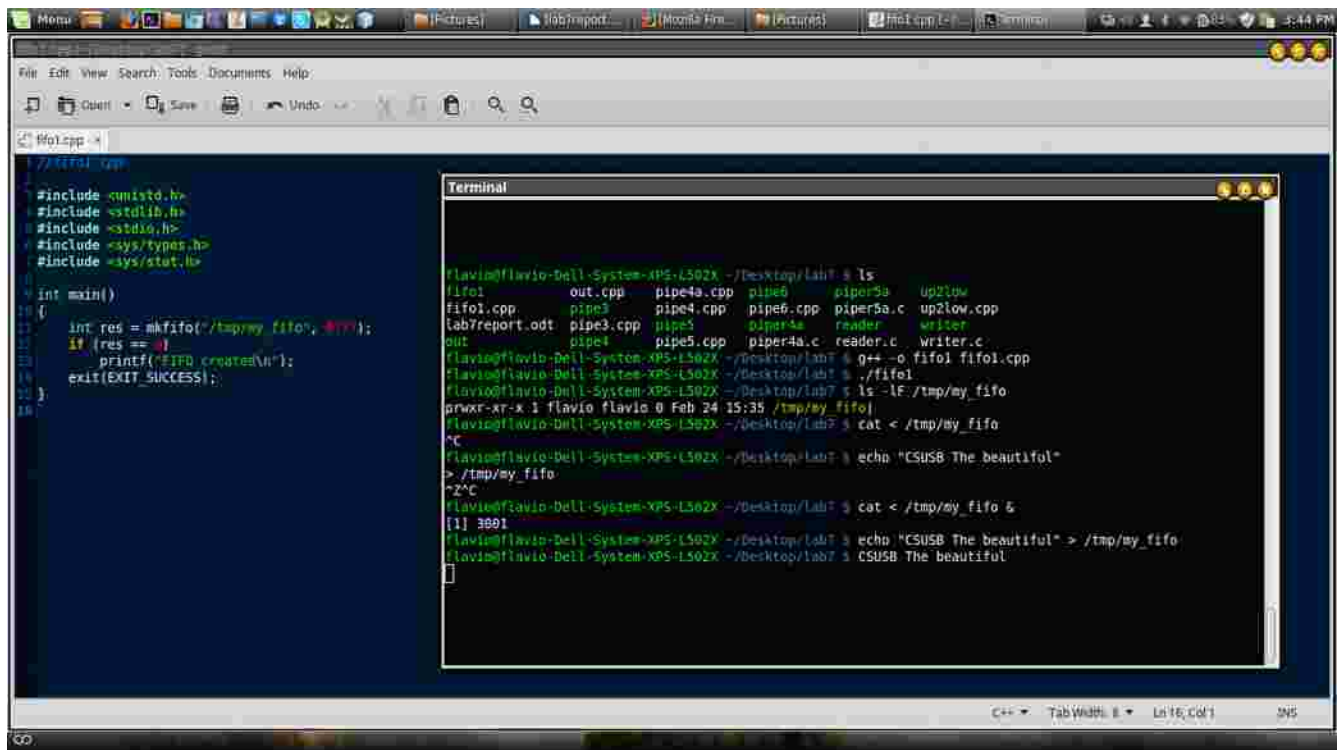


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Again, it hangs. This is because there were no data in the FIFO, the **cat** and **echo** programs block, waiting some data to arrive and some other process to read the data, respectively.

If we do both at once, we can pass information through the pipe:

```
$ cat < /tmp/my_fifo &  
[1] 5513  
$ echo "CSUSB The beautiful" > /tmp/my_fifo  
CSUSB The beautiful
```



The screenshot shows a C++ IDE with a file named `fifo1.cpp` and a terminal window. The code in `fifo1.cpp` is as follows:

```
#include <unistd.h>  
#include <stdlib.h>  
#include <stdio.h>  
#include <sys/types.h>  
#include <sys/stat.h>  
  
int main()  
{  
    int res = mkfifo("/tmp/my_fifo", 0666);  
    if (res == 0)  
        printf("FIFO created\n");  
    exit(EXIT_SUCCESS);  
}
```

The terminal window shows the following commands and output:

```
flavio@flavio-Bell-System-XPS-L502X ~/Desktop/lab7 $ ls  
fifo1 out.cpp pipe4a.cpp pipe6 pipe5a up2low  
fifo1.cpp pipe3 pipe4.cpp pipe6.cpp pipe5a.c up2low.cpp  
lab7report.odt pipe3.cpp pipe5 pipe4a reader writer  
out pipe4 pipe5.cpp pipe4a.c reader.c writer.c  
flavio@flavio-Bell-System-XPS-L502X ~/Desktop/lab7 $ g++ -o fifo1 fifo1.cpp  
flavio@flavio-Bell-System-XPS-L502X ~/Desktop/lab7 $ ./fifo1  
flavio@flavio-Bell-System-XPS-L502X ~/Desktop/lab7 $ ls -lF /tmp/my_fifo  
prwxr-xr-x 1 flavio flavio 0 Feb 24 15:35 /tmp/my_fifo  
flavio@flavio-Bell-System-XPS-L502X ~/Desktop/lab7 $ cat < /tmp/my_fifo  
^C  
flavio@flavio-Bell-System-XPS-L502X ~/Desktop/lab7 $ echo "CSUSB The beautiful"  
> /tmp/my_fifo  
^Z^C  
flavio@flavio-Bell-System-XPS-L502X ~/Desktop/lab7 $ cat < /tmp/my_fifo &  
[1] 3991  
flavio@flavio-Bell-System-XPS-L502X ~/Desktop/lab7 $ echo "CSUSB The beautiful" > /tmp/my_fifo  
flavio@flavio-Bell-System-XPS-L502X ~/Desktop/lab7 $ CSUSB The beautiful
```

The following is a client/server application that makes use of FIFOs to communicate. The server program **server.cpp** creates and opens the server pipe which is set to read-only, with blocking. After sleeping (for demonstration purposes), the server reads in any data sent by a client, which has the **data_to_pass_st** structure. In the next stage, it performs some processing on the data just read from the client, converting all characters received to uppercase and combine the **CLIENT_FIFO_NAME** with the received **client_pid**. Finally, it sends the data back, opening the client pipe in write-only, blocking mode, and then shut down the FIFO server by closing the file and unlinking the FIFO.

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```
//server.cpp
#include <ctype.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <fcntl.h>
#include <limits.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/stat.h>

#define SERVER_FIFO_NAME "/tmp/serv_fifo"
#define CLIENT_FIFO_NAME "/tmp/client_fifo"

#define BUFFER_SIZE 20

struct data_to_pass_st {
    pid_t client_pid;
    char some_data[BUFFER_SIZE - 1];
};

int main()
{
    int server_fifo_fd, client_fifo_fd;
    struct data_to_pass_st my_data;
    int read_res;
    char client_fifo[256];
    char *tmp_char_ptr;

    mkfifo(SERVER_FIFO_NAME, 0777);
    server_fifo_fd = open(SERVER_FIFO_NAME, O_RDONLY);
    if (server_fifo_fd == -1) {
        fprintf(stderr, "Server fifo failure\n");
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }

    sleep(10); /* lets clients queue for demo purposes */

    do {
        read_res = read(server_fifo_fd, &my_data, sizeof(my_data));
        if (read_res > 0) {

            // In this next stage, we perform some processing on the data just read from the
            // client.
            // We convert all the characters in some_data to uppercase and combine the
            CLIENT_FIFO_NAME
            // with the received client_pid.

            tmp_char_ptr = my_data.some_data;
            while (*tmp_char_ptr) {
                *tmp_char_ptr = toupper(*tmp_char_ptr);
                tmp_char_ptr++;
            }
            sprintf(client_fifo, CLIENT_FIFO_NAME, my_data.client_pid);
```

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```
// Then we send the processed data back, opening the client pipe in write-only,
blocking mode.
// Finally, we shut down the server FIFO by closing the file and then unlinking the
FIFO.

    client_fifo_fd = open(client_fifo, O_WRONLY);
    if (client_fifo_fd != -1) {
        write(client_fifo_fd, &my_data, sizeof(my_data));
        close(client_fifo_fd);
    }
} while (read_res > 0);
close(server_fifo_fd);
unlink(SERVER_FIFO_NAME);
exit(EXIT_SUCCESS);
}
```

The client program **client.cpp** opens the server FIFO, if it already exists, as a file. It then gets its own process ID, which forms some of the data that will be sent to the server. The client FIFO is also created and opened (read-only, blocking mode for reading back data.

Compile with the commands:

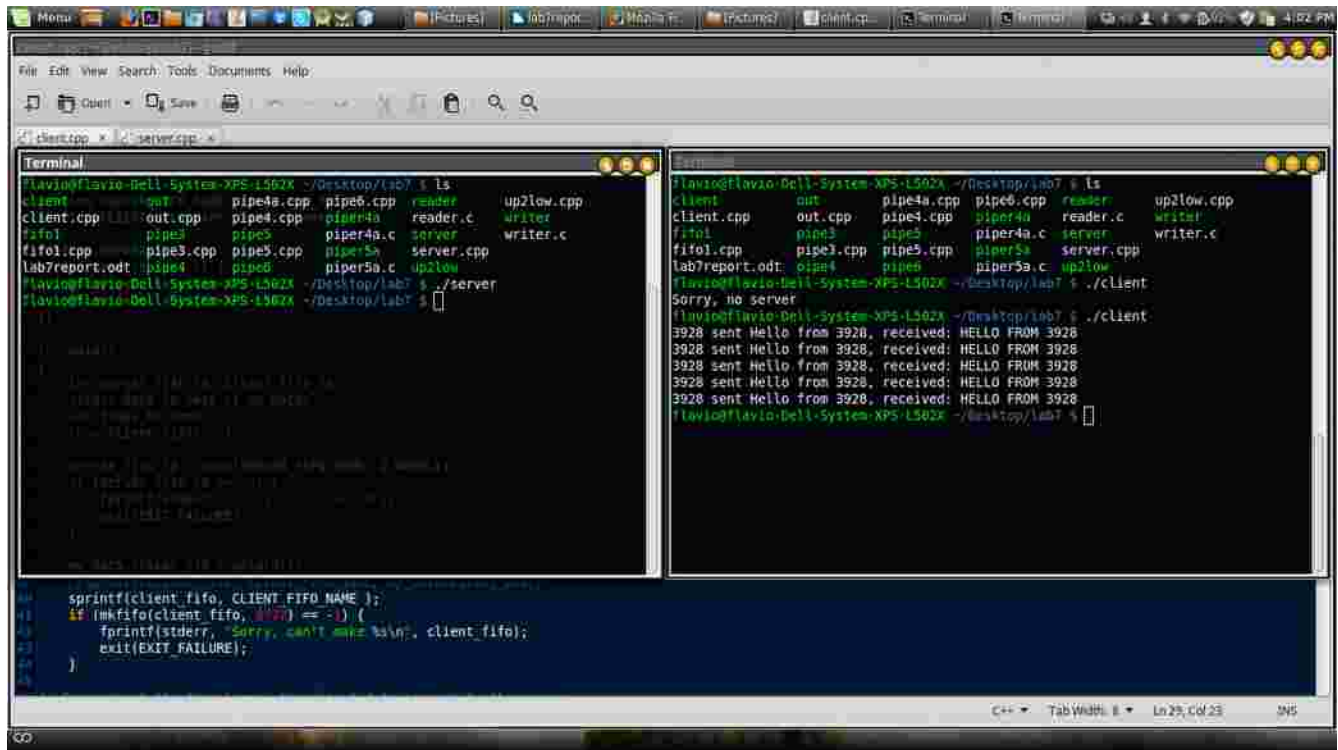
```
$ g++ -o server server.cpp
$ g++ -o client client.cpp
```

To test this out, we need to run a single copy of the server and several clients. To make them all started at approximately the same, we may use the following shell commands:

```
$ server &
$ for i in 1 2 3 4 5
> do
> client &
> done
```


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Here it is:



```
Flavio@Flavio-Dell-System-XPS-L502X ~/Desktop/lab7 $ ls
client.cpp  out.cpp  pipe4a.cpp  pipe6.cpp  reader.c  up2low.cpp
client.cpp  out.cpp  pipe4a.cpp  pipe6.cpp  reader.c  writer.c
fifo1.cpp  pipe3.cpp  pipe5.cpp  pipe4a.c  server.cpp  writer.c
lab7report.odt  pipe4  pipe6  pipe5a.c  up2low
Flavio@Flavio-Dell-System-XPS-L502X ~/Desktop/lab7 $ ./server
Flavio@Flavio-Dell-System-XPS-L502X ~/Desktop/lab7 $

Flavio@Flavio-Dell-System-XPS-L502X ~/Desktop/lab7 $ ./client
Sorry, no server
Flavio@Flavio-Dell-System-XPS-L502X ~/Desktop/lab7 $ ./client
3928 sent Hello from 3928, received: HELLO FROM 3928
3928 sent Hello from 3928, received: HELLO FROM 3928
3928 sent Hello from 3928, received: HELLO FROM 3928
3928 sent Hello from 3928, received: HELLO FROM 3928
3928 sent Hello from 3928, received: HELLO FROM 3928
Flavio@Flavio-Dell-System-XPS-L502X ~/Desktop/lab7 $
```

Try the scripts and then **modify** them so that received characters are converted to lower case rather than upper case.

Here is the code:

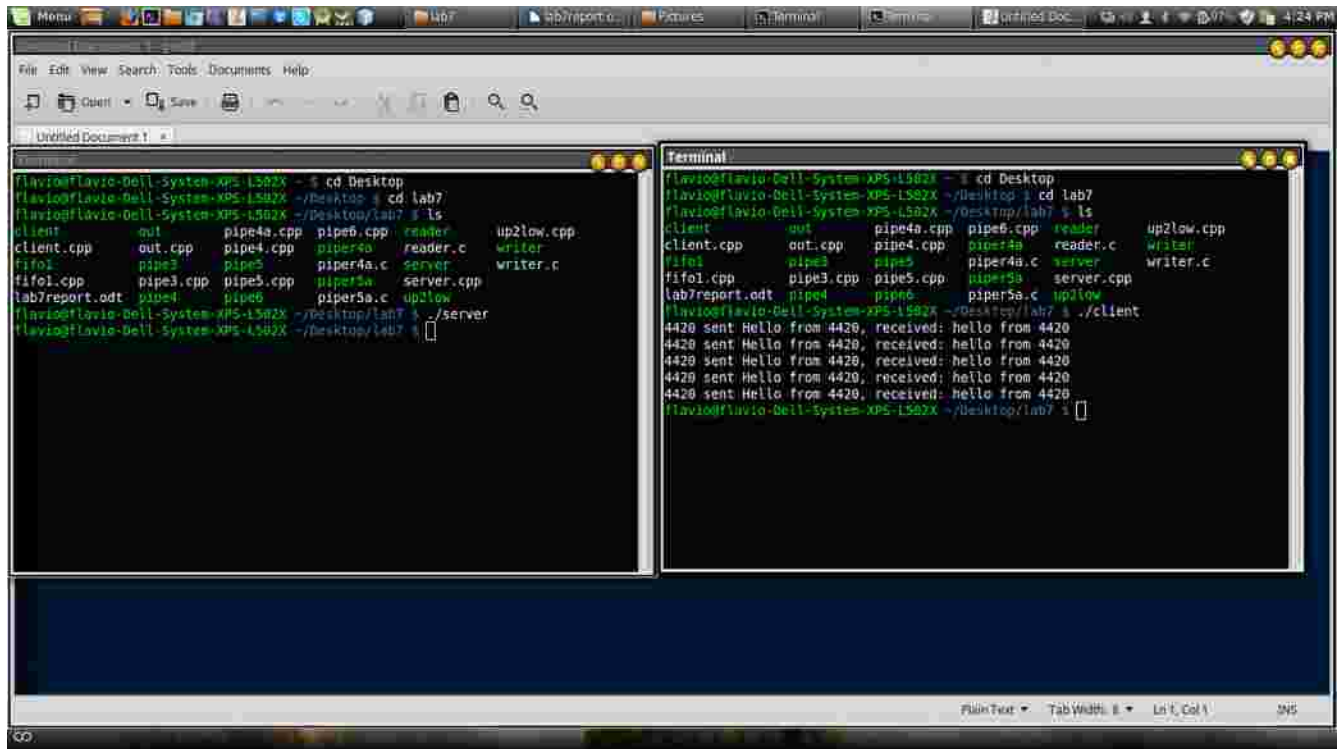
```
// In this next stage, we perform some processing on the data just read from the client.
// We convert all the characters in some_data to uppercase and combine the CLIENT_FIFO_NAME
// with the received client_pid.

tmp_char_ptr = my_data.some_data;
while (*tmp_char_ptr) {
    *tmp_char_ptr = tolower(*tmp_char_ptr);
    tmp_char_ptr++;
}
```

The only part we had to change to display all lower case characters was to change the process of the data read from the client, which means **“toupper”** into **“tolower.”**

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Here are the results:



The screenshot shows a terminal window with two panes. The left pane shows the directory structure and the execution of the server program. The right pane shows the execution of the client program, which sends a message through a series of pipes to the server.

```
Flavio@Flavio-Bell-System-XPS-1502X ~ $ cd Desktop
Flavio@Flavio-Bell-System-XPS-1502X ~/Desktop $ cd lab7
Flavio@Flavio-Bell-System-XPS-1502X ~/Desktop/lab7 $ ls
client      out         pipe4a.cpp  pipe6.cpp  reader.c    up2low.cpp
client.cpp  out.cpp    pipe4.cpp   pipe4a.c   reader.c    writer
fifo1       pipe3      pipe5.cpp   pipe4a.c   server      writer.c
fifo1.cpp   pipe3.cpp  pipe5.cpp   pipe5a.c   server.cpp
lab7report.odt pipe4     pipe6      pipe5a.c   up2low
Flavio@Flavio-Bell-System-XPS-1502X ~/Desktop/lab7 $ ./server
Flavio@Flavio-Bell-System-XPS-1502X ~/Desktop/lab7 $

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fifo1.cpp   pipe3.cpp  pipe5.cpp   pipe5a.c   server.cpp
lab7report.odt pipe4     pipe6      pipe5a.c   up2low
Flavio@Flavio-Bell-System-XPS-1502X ~/Desktop/lab7 $ ./client
4420 sent Hello from 4420, received: hello from 4420
4420 sent Hello from 4420, received: hello from 4420
4420 sent Hello from 4420, received: hello from 4420
4420 sent Hello from 4420, received: hello from 4420
4420 sent Hello from 4420, received: hello from 4420
Flavio@Flavio-Bell-System-XPS-1502X ~/Desktop/lab7 $
```

We worked very hard to finish the lab and learned a lot about pipes. Because we were able to finish everything in this lab, we give ourselves a score of 20/20.