CIS 452

Lab 5 Report

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Shared Memory

## Question One

**What exactly is being output by Sample Program 1 (i.e. what is the meaning of the output values)?**

OUTPUT:

value a: 0x7f566eeef000 value b: 0x7f566eef0000

Value ‘a’ is the address that the shared memory pointer is pointing to (which is the address of the attached shared memory segment)

Value ‘b’ is the memory address of the attached shared memory segment plus 4096, which was the specified size of the shared memory segment when it was first created with shmget earlier in the program

## Question Two

**Read the man pages; then describe the meaning / purpose of each argument used by the shmget() function call.**

**Key -** The first value of shmget is the key value. The key value is compared to existing values that exist within the kernel for other shared memory segments.

**Size -** Shared memory segment size

**Shmflg -** The shmflg is a combination of operation permissions and control commands. After determining the value for  the operation permissions, the desired flags can be specified. if the shflag specifies both IPC\_CREAT and IPC\_EXCL and a shared segment already exists for the key then shmget will fail with errno set to 0\_EXCL

## Question Three

**Describe two specific uses of the shmctl() function call**

Shmctl() is used for many purposes relating to controlling the resource that the kernel created. One use for shmctl() is that it can be used to mark the segment to be destroyed, after the last process detaches it, which is specified by using IPC\_RMID for the cmd argument in the function call. Shmctl() can also be used to prevent swapping of the shared memory segment by locking it down, which is specified by using SHM\_LOCK for the cmd argument in the function call. Similarly, you can also unlock the segment and allow it to again be swapped out by using SHM\_UNLOCK cmd**.**

Useful System Utilities

## Question Four

**Read the man pages, then use shmctl() to modify Sample Program 1 so that it prints out the size of the shared memory segment.**

SOURCE CODE:

## Question Five

**Submit your script (Take a screenshot of commands).**

# Lab Programming Assignment (Readers and Writer)

## Source Code

Words words words.