

# CSc 33200 - Operating Systems

Lab – Fall 2018

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## Task 4 - System Calls Summary

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**Max Points:** 30      **Due:** October 26, 2018 11:59 PM

**(Max Points:** 20      **Due:** November 2, 2018 11:59 PM)

### PART 1 Simple Command Interpreter

Recall: In Task 3, we worked with `exec()` system calls for specific commands such as `date`, and `ls`.

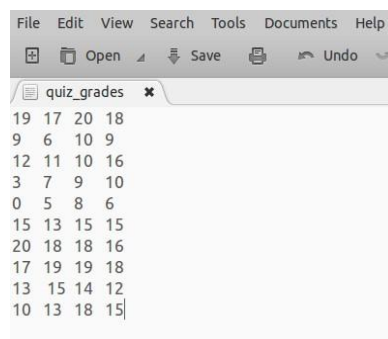
Write a special simple command interpreter that takes a command and its arguments. This interpreter is a program where the main process creates a child process to execute the command using `exec()` family functions. After executing the command, it asks for a new command input (i.e., `parent wait for child`). The interpreter program will get terminated when the `user enters quit`.

### PART 2 Average Grade Calculator

There are 10 students enrolled in a course. The course covers  $x$  number of chapters from a textbook ( $x > 1$ ). In each chapter  $y$  number of homework(s) are assigned ( $y \geq 1$ ). The average grade for each homework in all the chapters need to be found out.

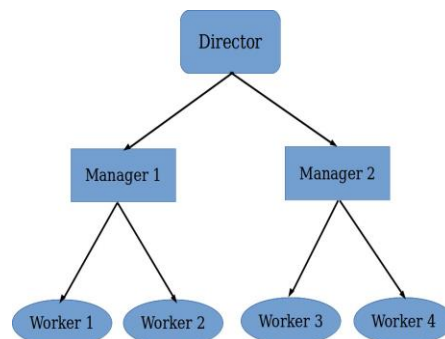
To solve this, write program which has the main process as `Director process`, which reads a file containing grades of all homeworks of all chapters and creates  $x$  number of `Manager processes`. Each `Manager process` will take care of solving a chapter. Each manager process will create  $y$  number of `Worker process` and pass one homework to each of them and they calculate and print the average.

The input file should contain the data according to the value of  $x$  and  $y$ . For example, the input text file and the process tree for  $x = 2$  and  $y = 2$  will look like the following:



```
File Edit View Search Tools Documents Help
Open Save Undo
quiz_grades
19 17 20 18
9 6 10 9
12 11 10 16
3 7 9 10
0 5 8 6
15 13 15 15
20 18 18 16
17 19 19 18
13 15 14 12
10 13 18 15
```

(a)



(b)

The Director process is responsible for opening and closing the input text file. It stores the values in a two dimensional integer array with 10 rows. You may need to use the following C functions (in addition to the necessary file & process management system calls): `fopen()`, `fscanf()`, `fseek()`, `fclose()`.

#### **Submission Instructions**

- Save your programs in a single folder and zip as: *task4\_lastname.zip*. Make sure your programs compile and run without any errors.
- Email your code with subject line "Task 4 – CSc 332 (L) – *lastname*"

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