Why are exit and cd handled as built-in commands and no child processes are forked? What would happen if you forked children for these commands?

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If you cd / exit on forked children, the child processes will cd / exit. However, the parent process that runs the terminal will be unaffected. We want our terminal to cd / exit, when we call these cmds so we hardcode them to act on the parent process and spawn children for everything else.

Why should you use killpg(getpid(), SIGTERM); before main() exits?

When a child spawns in the parent process, it inherits the group\_id of the parent process. This continues down to all children of the children, and so on, unless we manually change the group\_id of a process.

killpg(getpid(), SIGTERM) will terminate all processes in the group\_id of the parent. Since we don't change any group\_id, all our processes will share a single group\_id. Thus we terminate all children and the parent using killpg, preventing any zombies that might be left behind.