CS 332/532 Systems Programming

Lecture 25

Signals / 2

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- Signals
- Signal Handling

signal()

signal - ANSI C signal handling

```
typedef void (*sighandler_t)(int);sighandler_t signal(int signum, sighandler_t handler);
```

signal() sets the disposition of the signal signum to handler, which is either SIG_IGN,
 SIG_DFL, or the address of a programmer-defined function (a "signal handler").

Linux signal handling

- Perform the default action. Most signals have a default action associated with them, if the process does not change the default behavior then the default action specific to that particular signal will occur.
 - The predefined default signal is specified as SIG_DFL.
- Ignore the signal. If a signal is ignored, then the default action is performed.
 - The predefined ignore signal handler is specified as SIG_IGN.
- Catch and Handle the signal. It is also possible to override the default action and invoke a specific user-defined task when a signal is received.
 - This is usually performed by invoking a signal handler using signal() or sigaction() system calls.
- However, the signals SIGKILL and SIGSTOP cannot be caught, blocked, or ignored.

Default Action Of Signals

- Each signal has a default action, one of the following:
 - **Term:** The process will terminate.

Core: The process will terminate and produce a core dump file.

Ign: The process will ignore the signal.

Stop: The process will stop.

Cont: The process will continue from being stopped.

- Default action may be changed using handler function.
 Some signal's default action cannot be changed. SIGKILL and SIGABRT signal's default action cannot be changed or ignored
- https://linuxhint.com/signal_handlers_c_programming_language/

Basic Signal handler examples

```
#include<stdio.h>
#include<signal.h>
#include<unistd.h>
void sig_handler(int signum){
  //Return type of the handler function should be void
  printf("\nInside handler function\n");
int main(){
  signal(SIGINT,sig_handler); // Register signal handler
for(int i=1;;i++){ //Infinite loop
    printf("%d : Inside main function\n",i);
     sleep(1); // Delay for 1 second
   return 0:
```

```
tump@tump:~/Desktop/c_prog/signal$ gcc Example1.c -o Example1
tump@tump:~/Desktop/c_prog/signal$ ./Example1
1 : Inside main function
2 : Inside main function
^C
Inside handler function
3 : Inside main function
4 : Inside main function
^\Quit (core dumped)
tump@tump:~/Desktop/c_prog/signal$
```

```
tump@tump:~/Desktop/c_prog/signal$ gcc Example2.c -o Example2
tump@tump:~/Desktop/c_prog/signal$ ./Example2
1 : Inside main function
2 : Inside main function
^C3 : Inside main function
4 : Inside main function
^C5 : Inside main function
^\Quit (core dumped)
tump@tump:~/Desktop/c_prog/signal$
```

```
tump@tump:~/Desktop/c_prog/signal$ gcc Example3.c -o Example3
tump@tump:~/Desktop/c_prog/signal$ ./Example3
1 : Inside main function
2 : Inside main function
3 : Inside main function
^C
Inside handler function
4 : Inside main function
^C
tump@tump:~/Desktop/c_prog/signal$
```

```
#include<stdio.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include<signal.h>
void sig_handler_parent(int signum){
 printf("Parent : Received a response signal from child \n");
void sig_handler_child(int signum){
  printf("Child : Received a signal from parent \n");
  sleep(1):
  kill(getppid(),SIGUSR1);
int main(){
  pid_t pid;
  if((pid=fork())<0){
    printf("Fork Failed\n");
    exit(1);
  /* Child Process */
  else if(pid==0){
    signal(SIGUSR1,sig_handler_child); // Register signal handler
    printf("Child: waiting for signal\n");
    pause();
  /* Parent Process */
  else{
    signal(SIGUSR1,sig_handler_parent); // Register signal handler
    sleep(1);
    printf("Parent: sending signal to Child\n");
    kill(pid,SIGUSR1);
    printf("Parent: waiting for response\n");
    pause();
  return 0;
```

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#include <unistd.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include<signal.h>
void sig_handler_parent(int signum){
 printf("Parent : Received a response signal from child \n");
void sig_handler_child(int signum){
 printf("Child : Received a signal from parent \n");
 sleep(1):
 kill(getppid(),SIGUSR1);
int main(){
 tump@tump:~/Desktop/c_prog/signal$ gcc Example6.c -o Example6
   tump@tump:~/Desktop/c_prog/signal$ ./Example6
   Child: waiting for signal
   Parent: sending signal to Child
   Parent: waiting for response
   Child: Received a signal from parent
   Parent: Received a response signal from child
   tump@tump:~/Desktop/c_prog/signal$
   signal(SIGUSR1,sig_handler_parent); // Register signal handler
   sleep(1);
   printf("Parent: sending signal to Child\n");
   kill(pid,SIGUSR1);
   printf("Parent: waiting for response\n");
   pause();
 return 0;
```

Exercise Sigint

- Till now we used the kill command and the keyboard to generate the signals.
- Now we will generate the signal in a program using the C API for kill or raise system call.
- In this example, we replace the SIGINT signal handler with our own and in the signal handler asks the user if the process should be terminated and then based on the response continue with either terminating the process or let it continue to run.
- We use read function instead of scanf to emphasize that scanf is not a reentrant function

sigint

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <signal.h>
static void sig_int(int signo) {
    ssize_t n;
    char buf[2];
    signal(signo, SIG_IGN); /* ignore signal first */
    printf("Do you really want to do this: [Y/N]? ");
    fflush(stdout);
    n = read(STDIN_FILENO, buf, 2);
    if ( buf[0] == 'Y' ) {
        raise(SIGTERM); // or kill(0, SIGTERM); // or exit (-1);
    } else {
        printf("Ignoring signal, be careful next time!\n");
        fflush(stdout);
    signal(signo, sig_int); /* reinstall the signal handler */
```

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       int main(void) {
            if (signal(SIGINT, sig_int) == SIG_ERR) {
                printf("Unable to catch SIGINT\n");
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                exit(-1);
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            for (;;)
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                pause();
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            return 0;
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[(base) mahmutunan@MacBook-Pro lecture23 % gcc -Wall sigint.c -o sigint
[(base) mahmutunan@MacBook-Pro lecture23 % ./sigint
^CDo you really want to do this: [Y/N]? N
Ignoring signal, be careful next time!
^CDo you really want to do this: [Y/N]?
Ignoring signal, be careful next time!
^CDo you really want to do this: [Y/N]? Y
zsh: terminated ./sigint
[(base) mahmutunan@MacBook-Pro lecture23 %
```

```
int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    pid_t pid;
    int status;
   if (argc < 2) {
        printf("Usage: %s <command> [args]\n", argv[0]);
        exit(-1);
    pid = fork();
    if (pid == 0) { /* this is child process */
        execvp(argv[1], &argv[1]);
        printf("If you see this statement then execl failed ;-(\n");
    perror("execvp");
    exit(-1);
    } else if (pid > 0) { /* this is the parent process */
        printf("Wait for the child process to terminate\n");
        wait(&status); /* wait for the child process to terminate */
        if (WIFEXITED(status)) { /* child process terminated normally */
            printf("Child process exited with status = %d\n", WEXITSTATUS(status));
        } else { /* child process did not terminate normally */
            printf("Child process did not terminate normally!\n");
            /* look at the man page for wait (man 2 wait) to determine
               how the child process was terminated */
   } else { /* we have an error */
        perror("fork"); /* use perror to print the system error message */
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    printf("[%ld]: Exiting program .....\n", (long)getpid());
    return 0;
```

- Let us now consider how signals impact child processes created using fork/exec. We will be running a c program that consist of fork and execvp system calls (hw1.c)
- This code illustrates the use of dynamic memory allocation to create contiguous 2Dmatrices and use traditional array indexing. It also illustrate the use of gettime to measure wall clock time.

```
$ ./a.out /home/UAB/puri/CS332/shared/hw1 1000
Wait for the child process to terminate
^C

$ ps -u
USER PID %CPU %MEM VSZ RSS TTY START TIME COMMAND
puri 19202 0.3 0.1 125440 3912 pts/0 Ss 10:05 0:00 -bash
puri 19320 0.0 0.0 161588 1868 pts/0 R+ 10:06 0:00 ps -u
$
```

```
$ ./a.out /home/UAB/puri/CS332/shared/hw1 1000
Wait for the child process to terminate
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[1]+ Stopped
                           ./a.out /home/UAB/puri/CS332/shared/hw1 1000
$ jobs
[1]+ Stopped
                           ./a.out /home/UAB/puri/CS332/shared/hw1 1000
$ ps -u
USER
    PID %CPU %MEM
                         VSZ
                             RSS TTY STAT START
                                                      TIME COMMAND
puri 19202 0.1 0.1 125440 3912 pts/0
                                          Ss
                                              10:05
                                                      0:00 -bash
    19351 0.0 0.0 4220
puri
                             352 pts/0 T
                                               10:08 0:00 ./a.out /home/U
    19352 29.0 0.6 27800 23844 pts/0 T 10:08
puri
                                                      0:01 /home/UAB/puri/
puri
    19353 0.0 0.0 161588 1864 pts/0
                                          R+ 10:08
                                                      0:00 ps -u
$ kill -CONT 19352
$
$ ps -u
USER
         PID %CPU %MEM
                         VSZ RSS TTY STAT START
                                                      TIME COMMAND
puri 19202 0.0 0.1 125440 3912 pts/0 Ss 10:05
                                                      0:00 -bash
                        4220
puri
    19351 0.0 0.0
                               352 pts/0
                                          Τ
                                              10:08
                                                      0:00 ./a.out /home/U
puri 19352 17.9 0.6 27800 23844 pts/0
                                               10:08
                                                      0:04 /home/UAB/puri/
                                          R
    19355 0.0 0.0 161588 1872 pts/0
                                          R+
                                               10:08
                                                      0:00 ps -u
puri
$ Time taken for size 1000 = 32.274239 seconds
$ jobs
[1]+ Stopped
                           ./a.out /home/UAB/puri/CS332/shared/hw1 1000
$ kill -CONT 19351
$ Child process exited with status = 0
[19351]: Exiting program .....
\lceil 1 \rceil + Done
                           ./a.out /home/UAB/puri/CS332/shared/hw1 1000
$ jobs
```