



TP n°1: Process management (1)

Exercise n°1

- 1) What is the process of *pid* 1? justify
- 2) What is the difference between the commands *ps* and *top*?
- 3) What does the command *pstree* do?
- 4) How can the command *ps* be used to obtain the list of processes in the first column and their state in the 2nd column? What are the possible states?

Exercise n°2

- 1) Run the text editor “gedit” from a terminal (just by typing *gedit*) and enter a sentence. Return to the terminal and try to run the command *ls*. What happens and why?
- 2) Stop the process “gedit”. Go back to the window “gedit” and try to enter some text. What happens? Why is this?
- 3) Run “gedit” again and then stop it. Display the current processes in your terminal using the command *jobs*. In what state are these processes?
- 4) Run a third “gedit”, this time in the background. Use the command *jobs* to display the processes in your terminal. What is the difference between the first two “gedit” and the third? How do you explain this?
- 5) Kill the first “gedit” with the command *kill*.
- 6) Run the second “gedit” in the background. Check the status of your two “gedit” with the command *jobs*.
- 7) Kill the two remaining “gedit” processes with the command *kill*.

Exercise n°3

Use the compiler “c” under Linux “gcc” to compile the following program.

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#gcc -c filename.c
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#gcc -o exe-name filename.o
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#./exe-name
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#include <stdio.h>
#include <unistd.h>
void main(void){
    int pid;
    pid = fork();
    if (pid == -1)
        printf("Creation Error \n");
    else if (pid == 0){
        printf("I am the child: pid = %d and my parent is ppid = %d \n",
            getpid(),getppid());
        sleep(22);
        printf("I am the child: pid = %d and my parent is ppid = %d \n",
            getpid(),getppid());
        sleep(20);
    }
    else{
        printf("I am the parent: pid = %d\n", getpid());
        sleep(20);
    }
}
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- 1) What is the pid of the parent and child?
- 2) Open another terminal and use the appropriate command to check the pid of the parent and child?
- 3) Run the process in the background.
- 4) Return to the foreground
- 5) Suspend execution of this process (stop the process).
- 6) Stop the execution of this process in the second terminal in one of two ways.

Exercise n° 4

- 1) Create a small program in C that you call “count” and that displays numbers from 1 to infinity (a large number).
- 2) Run “count”. Stop it using Ctrl-z. Check its status with jobs.
- 3) Switch “count” back to the foreground. Does the program display the numbers from 1? Why is this? Kill “count” with Ctrl-c.
- 4) Read the manual page for the command *yes*. Display a sentence of your choice on the screen using this command. Kill the command *yes* with Ctrl-C.
- 5) Run your program “count” in the background without any output appearing on the screen (use /dev/null). Check that the program “count” is actually running with the command *top*. What is its *nice* level?
- 6) Run *yes* with no output on the screen and in the background with a nice level of +10. Run *top* again. What is the priority level of the command *yes* in relation to the program “count”?
- 7) Run another *yes* with no output on the screen and in the background with a nice level of +19. Check it with the command *top*. What are the priority levels of the three processes?
- 8) Change the nice level from “count” to +10 and run the command *top*. Look closely at the two processes with the same nice level (at +10). Does one have higher priority than the other?
- 9) Try to change the nice level of the second *yes* (the one you ran at +19) to -15. What happens? Why or why not?