



COMP304 PS 3

Project 1

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Basic Commands

- Command line inputs should be interpreted as program invocation
- Fork and Exec child processes
- Use `execv()`

Basic Commands

- Fork a child process
- Execute command in child process with **execv()**
 - Do your own path resolving
- In parent
 - If command is in background => wait for child
 - Otherwise => terminate
- Project 1 - Unix Shell Part-I from Chapter 3 of book might help

Custom Commands

- filesearch
- cdh
- take
- joker
- Your awesome command

Custom Commands - filesearch

- 1 arguments
 - Keyword to be used for matching filenames
- Options
 - -r => Recursive search => Current directories and children directories
 - -o => Open all matched files

Custom Commands - cdh

- Allows you to quickly navigate between recently visited directories
- Use letter or numeric index to switch to directory
- Keep track of 10 directories
- Persist across shell sessions
- No need to handle duplicate

Custom Commands - take

- Allows you to create a directory and immediately switch to it
- Should create intermediate directories along the way (if they do not exist)

Custom Commands - joker

- Command outputs random joke to screen every 15 minutes
- Random joke => <https://icanhazdadjoke.com/>
- Explore *crontab*, *notify-send*, *curl*

Crontab

- A program that schedules the execution of Linux commands at specified time periodically.
- Command to edit crontab schedule: `crontab -e`
- Format of each scheduled command:

```
* * * * * Command_to_execute
|   |   |   |   |
|   |   |   |   | Day of the Week ( 0 - 6 ) ( Sunday = 0 )
|   |   |   |   |
|   |   |   |   | Month ( 1 - 12 )
|   |   |   |   |
|   |   |   |   | Day of Month ( 1 - 31 )
|   |   |   |   |
|   |   |   |   | Hour ( 0 - 23 )
|   |   |   |   |
|   |   |   |   | Min ( 0 - 59 )
```

Crontab

- To see the list of scheduled commands: `crontab -l`

Example of scheduled commands:

```
# m h dom mon dow    command
33 12 * * * tar -zcf /home/aditya/test12.tgz /home/aditya/test
15 12 * * * env DISPLAY=:0 /usr/bin/gnome-calculator
```

- To remove all scheduled commands: `crontab -r`
- To add a new schedule to crontab from command line:

`crontab -l | { cat; echo "51 13 * * * env DISPLAY=:0 /usr/bin/gnome-calculator"; } | crontab -`

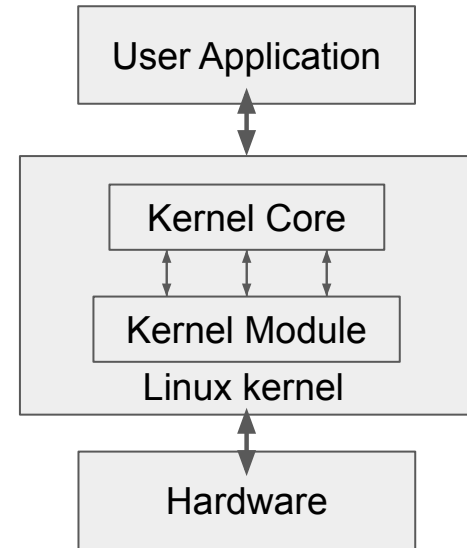
- “crontab -l” lists all scheduled commands.
- “cat” prints the list.
- “echo” prints the quoted command
- “crontab -” adds the printed command list to the crontab file

Crontab

- Your task in the project: schedule a joke to pop up every 15 minutes
 - To create a pop up message, you can use notify-send program.
 - Example:
 - `/usr/bin/notify-send "Don't forget to sleep"`

Kernel Module

- Piece of code that extends the functionality of OS kernel
 - It can be loaded and unloaded into the OS kernel without modifying the original kernel source code.
 - No need to reboot the machine.
 - Device drivers are examples of kernel modules.

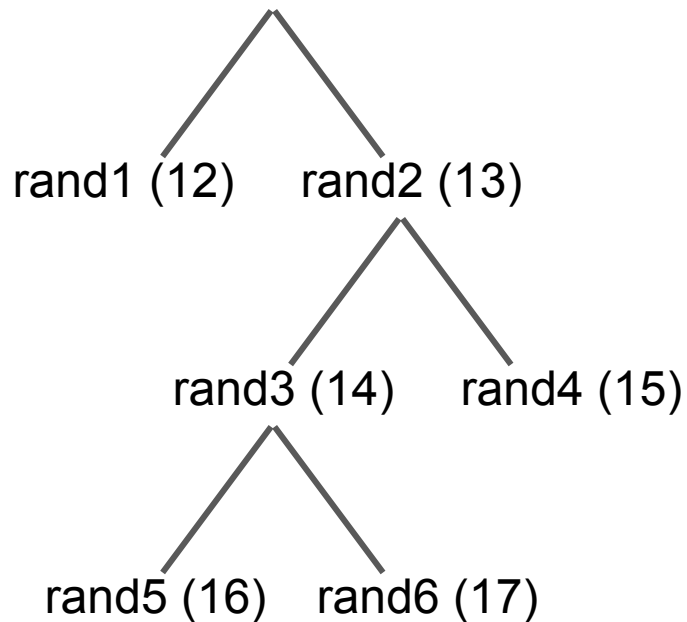


Kernel Module

- In shellington: pstraverse <PID> <-d or -b>

- Example 1: pstraverse 13 -d

systemd (1)



Output when you run dmesg:

PID: 13, Name: rand2

PID: 14, Name: rand3

PID: 16, Name: rand5

PID: 17, Name: rand6

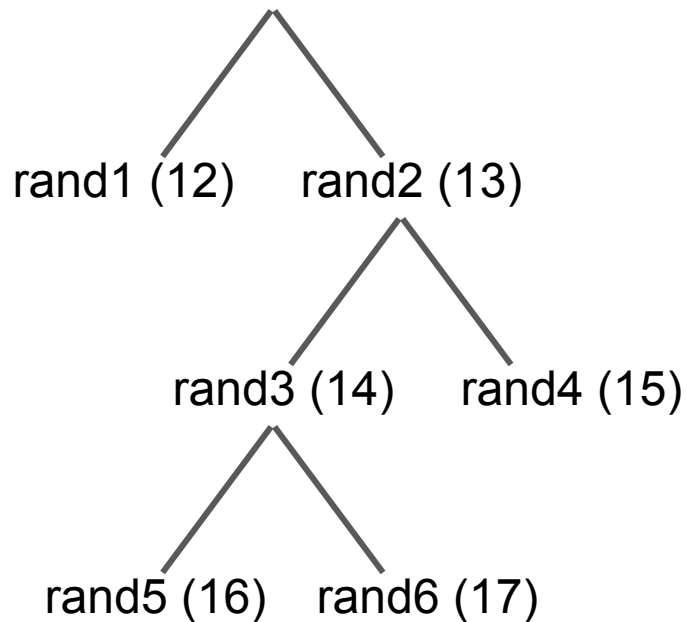
PID: 15, Name: rand4

Kernel Module

- In shellington: pstraverse <PID> <-d or -b>

- Example 2: pstraverse 13 -b

systemd (1)



Output when you run dmesg:

PID: 13, Name: rand2

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Necessary Knowledge

- These are the tool sets that you need to implement your kernel module
 - `module_param` and `MODULE_PARM_DESC` for Linux kernel module
 - struct file definition in Linux source code
 - `struct task_struct` definition in Linux source code
 - How to use `list_for_each` and `list_entry` functions in Linux kernel
 - `find_vpid` function
 - `ioctl()`
 - How to traverse a tree using DFS and BFS approaches

Important Remarks

- Create kernel module and compile
- First invocation loads kernel module. Kernel module should not be loaded again
 - When **pstraverse** is first called, can perform traversal in **init**
 - Otherwise, can use **ioctl**
- Can use **ioctl** to perform operation on kernel module
- Remove kernel module when shell exits