

Exceptional Control Flow: Exceptions and Processes

CSE4009: System Programming

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- Exceptional Control Flow
- Exceptions
- Processes
- Process Control

Control Flow → 亞地 沙湖 建物 端

- Processors do only one thing:
 - From startup to shutdown, a CPU simply reads and executes (interprets) a sequence of instructions, one at a time
 - This sequence is the CPU's control flow (or flow of control)

(Physical) control flow

Altering the Control Flow

- Up to now: two mechanisms for changing control flow:
 - Jumps and branches
 - Call and return

→ React to changes in *program state*

- Insufficient for a useful system:
 Difficult to react to changes in system state
 - Data arrives from a disk or a network adapter
 - Instruction divides by zero
 - User hits Ctrl-C at the keyboard
 - System timer expires

System needs mechanisms for "Exceptional Control Flow"

Exceptional Control Flow

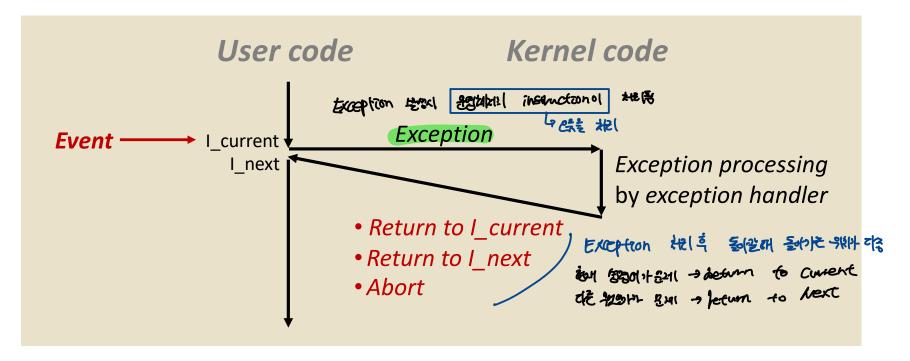
- Exists at all levels of a computer system
- Low level mechanisms
 - 1. Exceptions interupt
 - Change in control flow in response to a system event (i.e., change in system state)
 - Implemented using combination of hardware and OS software
- Higher level mechanisms
 - 2. Process context switch
 - Implemented by OS software and hardware timer
 - 3. Signals
 - Implemented by OS software

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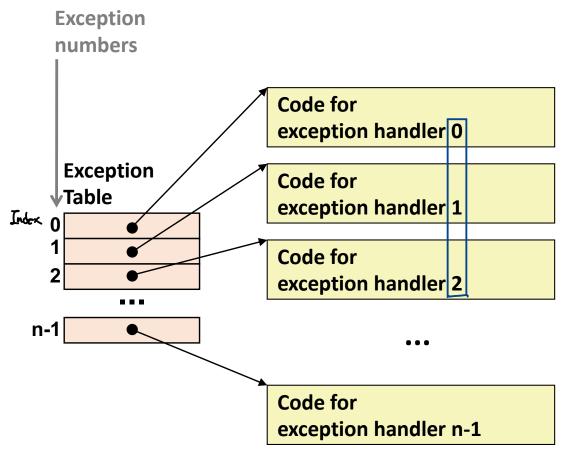
Exceptions

- An exception is a transfer of control to the OS kernel in response to some event (i.e., change in processor state)
 - Kernel is the memory-resident part of the OS
 - Examples of events: Divide by 0, arithmetic overflow, page fault,
 I/O request completes, typing Ctrl-C



Exception Tables

Exception handlers might be implemented by SW



- Each type of event has a unique exception number k
- k = index into exception table
 (a.k.a. interrupt vector)
- Handler k is called each time exception k occurs

- How to call the handler?
 - i.e., How does packet arrival interrupt the current flow

Asynchronous Exceptions (Interrupts)

- Caused by events external to the processor
 - Indicated by setting the processor's interrupt pin
 - Handler returns to "next" instruction

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• Examples:

- Timer interrupt
 - Every few ms, an external timer chip triggers an interrupt
 - Used by the kernel to take back control from user programs
- I/O interrupt from external device
 - Hitting Ctrl-C at the keyboard
 - Arrival of a packet from a network
 - Arrival of data from a disk

Synchronous Exceptions

Caused by events that occur as a result of executing an instruction:

```
Instruction:(
```

Traps

- Intentional → like procedure calls → প্ৰাণ ঋট গ্ৰা পাণ্ড গ্ৰহ্মন্ত Control Ḥow ই
- Examples: **system calls**, breakpoint traps, special instructions
- Returns control to "next" instruction

Faults

- Unintentional but possibly recoverable
- Examples: page faults (recoverable), protection faults (unrecoverable), floating point exceptions
- Either re-executes faulting ("current") instruction or aborts

Aborts

- Unintentional and unrecoverable
- Examples: illegal instruction, parity error, machine check
- Aborts current program 一身 對 物 機 器

System Calls

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• Each x86-64 system call has a unique ID number

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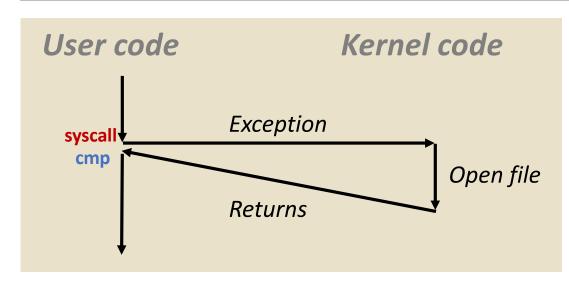
• Examples:

Number	Name	Description
0	read	Read file
1	write	Write file
2	open	Open file
3	close	Close file
4	stat	Get info about file
57	fork	Create process
59	execve	Execute a program
60	_exit	Terminate process
62	kill	Send signal to process

System Call Example: Opening File

- User calls: open (filename, options)
- Calls open(), which invokes system call syscall

```
00000000000e5d70 < open>:
e5d79:
        b8 02 00 00 00
                                  $0x2, %eax # open is syscall #2
                             mov
        0f 05
                             syscall
e5d7e:
                                             # Return value in %rax
        48 3d 01 f0 ff ff
e5d80:
                                  $0xfffffffffff001,%rax
                             cmp
e5dfa:
         c3
                             retq
```



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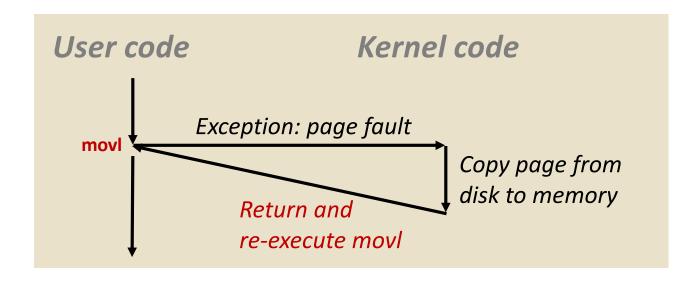
- Other arguments in %rdi, %rsi, %rdx, %r10, %r8, %r9
- Return value in %rax
- Negative value is an error corresponding to negative errno
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Fault Example: Page Fault

- User writes to memory location
- That portion (page) of user's memory is currently on disk

```
int a[1000];
main ()
{
    a[500] = 13;
}
```

```
80483b7: c7 05 10 9d 04 08 0d movl $0xd,0x8049d10
```



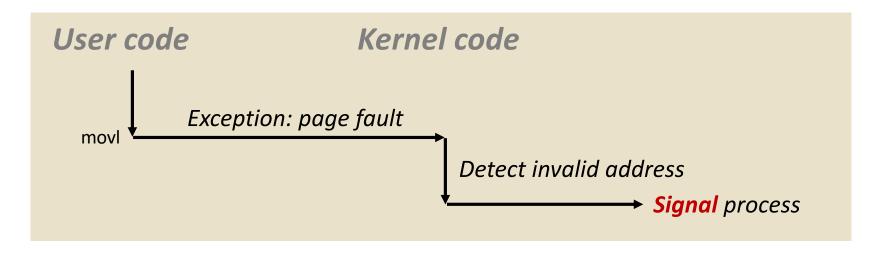
Fault Example: Invalid Memory Reference

- Sends SIGSEGV signal to user process
- し User process exits with "segmentation fault"

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int a[1000];
main ()
{
    a[5000] = 13;
}
```

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```
80483b7: c7 05 60 e3 04 08 0d movl $0xd,0x804e360
```



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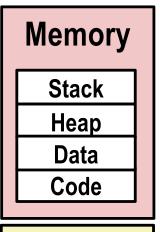
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Processes

- An instance of a running program
 - One of the most profound ideas in computer science
 - Not the same as "program" or "processor"

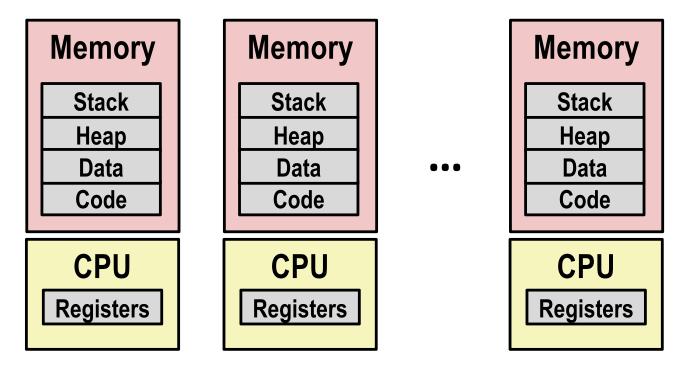
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```

- Process provides each program with two key abstractions:
 - <u>Logical</u> control flow ্ব processed con ওলা ইয়াকেলেনা) টু
 - Each program seems to have exclusive use of the CPU
 - Provided by kernel mechanism called context switching
 - Private address space
 - Each program seems to have exclusive use of main memory
 - Provided by kernel mechanism called *virtual memory*



CPU Registers

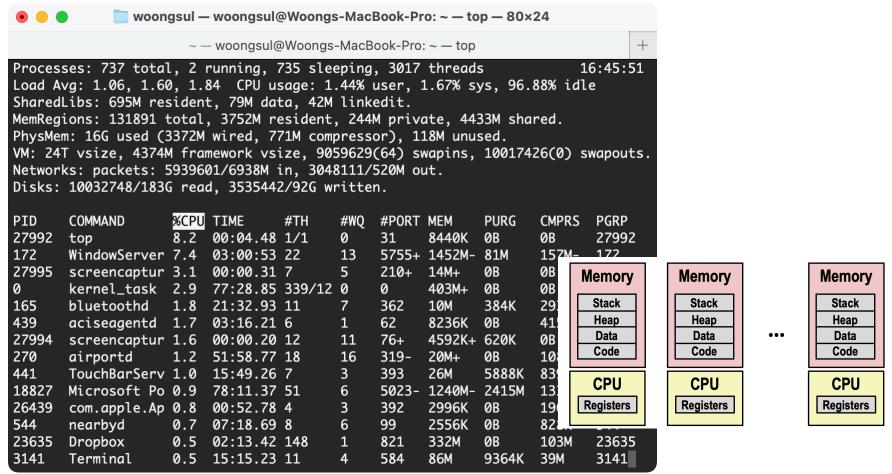
Multiprocessing: The Illusion

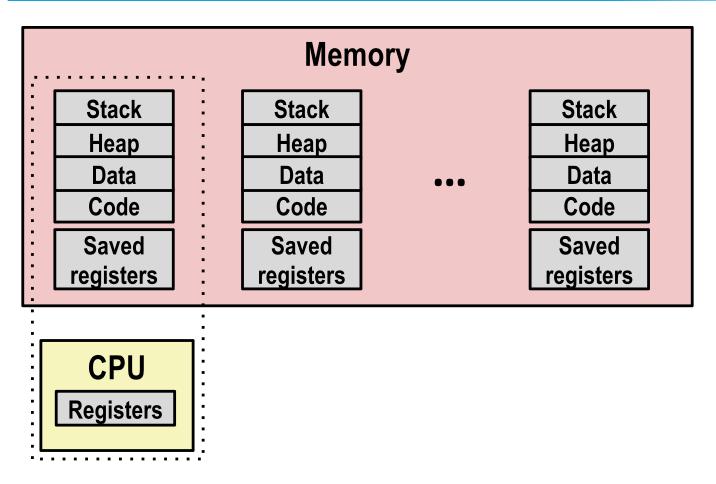


- Computer runs many processes simultaneously
 - Applications for one or more users
 - Web browsers, email clients, editors, ...
 - Background tasks
 - Monitoring network & I/O devices

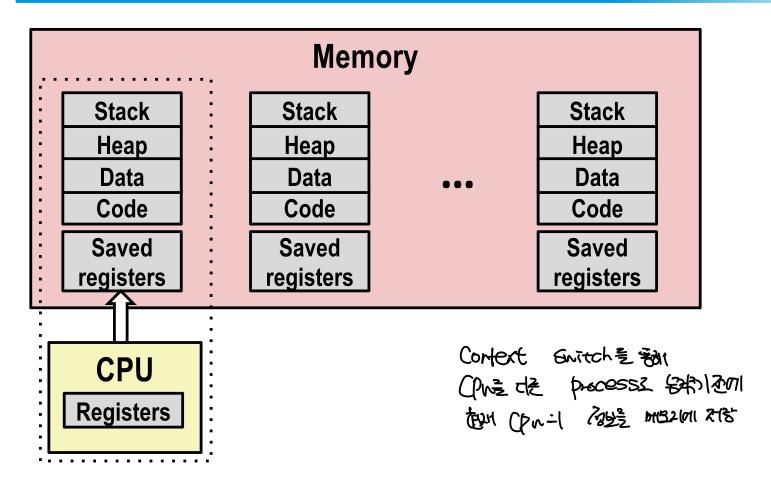
Multiprocessing Example

- Running program "top" on Mac
 - System has 737 processes, 2 of which are active
 - Identified by Process ID (PID)

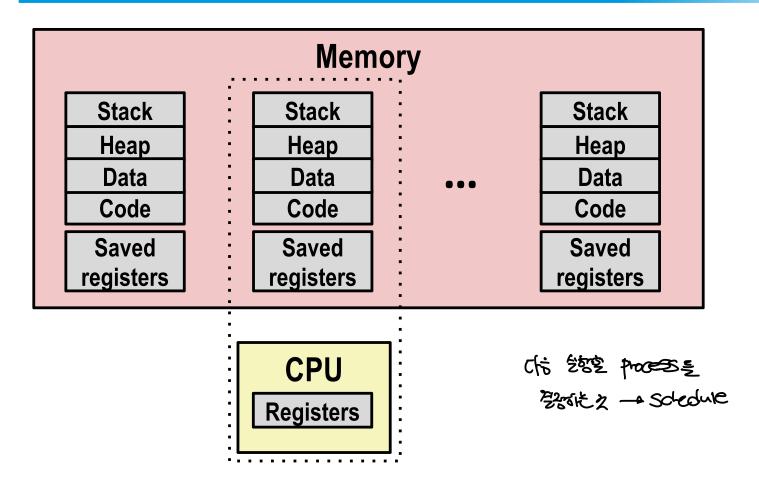




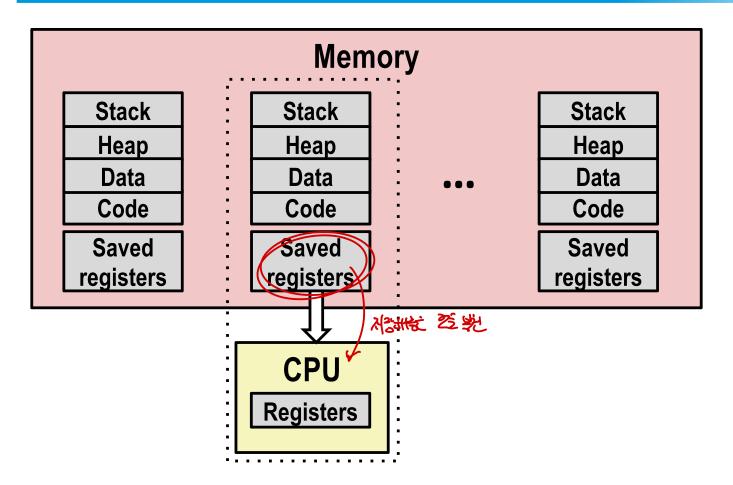
- Single processor executes multiple processes concurrently
 - Process executions interleaved (multitasking)
 - Address spaces managed by virtual memory system (later in course)
 - Register values for non-executing processes saved in memory



Save current registers in memory

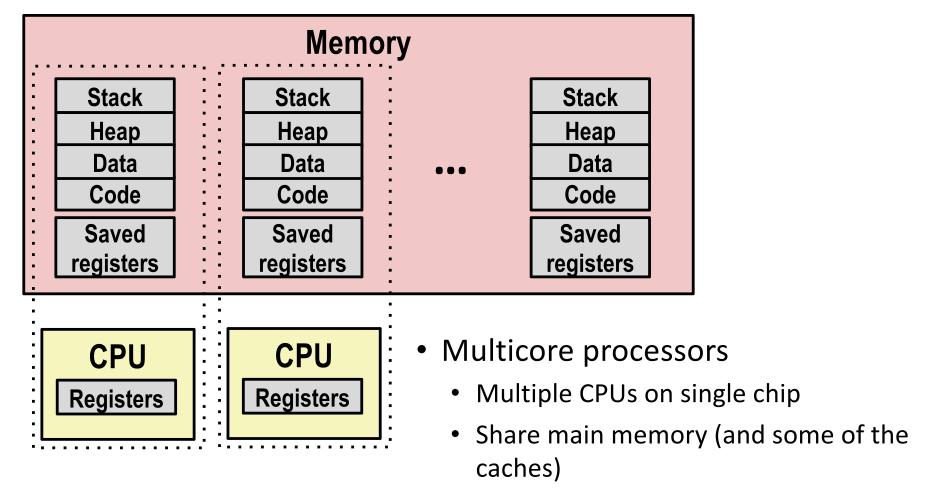


• Schedule next process for execution



Load saved registers and switch address space (context switch)

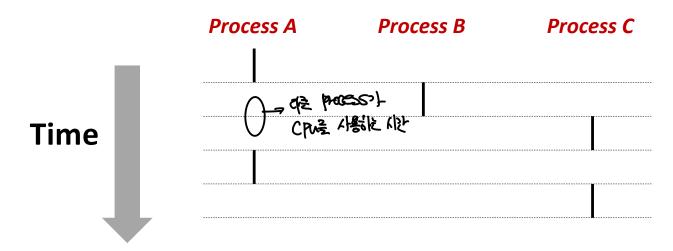
Multiprocessing: The (Modern) Reality



- Each can execute a separate process
 - Scheduling of processors onto cores done by kernel

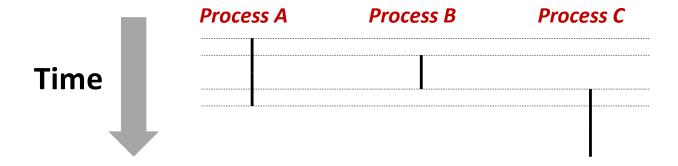
Concurrent Processes

- Each process is a logical control flow
- Two processes run concurrently (are concurrent) if their flows overlap in time
- Otherwise, they are **sequential** → 計學 [100005 3+ 後数]
- Examples (running on single core):
 - Concurrent: A & B, A & C
 - Sequential: B & C



User View of Concurrent Processes

- Control flows for concurrent processes are *physically* disjoint in time
- However, we can think of concurrent processes as logically running in parallel with each other

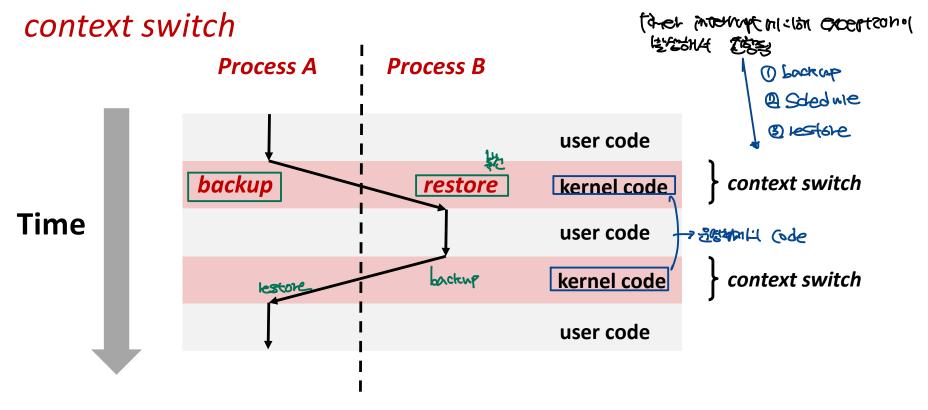


Each process has own logical control flow but execution time of instructions may vary (why?)

Context Switching

- Processes are managed by a shared chunk of memoryresident OS code called the kernel
 - Important: the kernel is not a separate process, but rather runs as part of some existing process

Control flow passes from one process to another via a



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System Call Error Handling

- On error, Linux system-level functions typically return -1 and set global variable erro to indicate cause
- Hard and fast rule:
 - You must check the return status of every system-level function
 - Only exception is the handful of functions that return void

Example:

```
if ((pid = fork()) < 0) {
    fprintf(stderr, "fork error: %s\n", strerror(errno));
    exit(0);
}
```

Error-reporting functions

Can simplify somewhat using an error-reporting function:

```
void unix_error(char *msg) /* Unix-style error */
{
    fprintf(stderr, "%s: %s\n", msg, strerror(errno));
    exit(0);
}
```

```
if ((pid = fork()) < 0)
unix_error("fork error");</pre>
```

Error-handling Wrappers

 We simplify the code we present to you even further by using Stevens-style error-handling wrappers:

```
pid_t Fork(void)
{
   pid_t pid;
   if ((pid = fork()) < 0)
       unix_error("Fork error");
   return pid;
}
```

```
pid = Fork();
```

Obtaining Process IDs

- pid t getpid (void)
 - Returns PID of current process
- pid_t getppid (void)

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 - Returns PID of parent process

Creating and Terminating Processes

• From a programmer's perspective, we can think of a process as being in one of three states

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- Running Scholing child &
 - Process is either executing, or waiting to be executed and will eventually be scheduled (i.e., chosen to execute) by the kernel
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 - Process execution is *suspended* and will not be scheduled until further notice (next lecture when we study signals)
- Terminated → Process 元, 哈姆克 중대 방식학교 process로 Ante 상대는 아니다.
 - Process is stopped permanently

Terminating Processes

- Process becomes terminated for one of three reasons:
 - Returning from the main routine
 - Calling the exit function
 - Receiving a signal whose default action is to terminate (next lecture)
- void exit (int status)
 - Terminates with an exit status of status
 - Convention: normal return status is 0, nonzero on error
 - Another way to explicitly set the exit status is to return an integer value from the main routine
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- exit is called once but never returns.

Creating Processes

• Parent process creates a new running child process by

calling fork

- int fork(void)
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- Returns 0 to the child process, child's PID to parent process
- Child is almost identical to parent:
 - Child get an identical (but separate) copy of the parent's virtual address space
 - Child gets identical copies of the parent's open file descriptors
 - Child has a different PID than the parent
- fork is interesting (and often confusing) because it is called once but returns twice

fork Example

```
int main()
{
   pid_t pid;
   int x = 1;
   pid = Fork();
    if (pid == 0) { /* Child */
        printf("child : x=%d\n", ++x);
       exit(0);
   /* Parent */
   printf("parent: x=%d\n", --x);
   exit(0);
}
                                fork.c
```

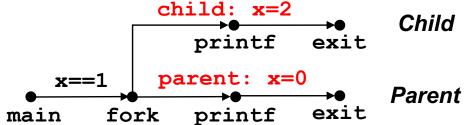
- Call once, return twice
- Concurrent execution
 - Can't predict execution order of parent and child
- Duplicate but separate address space
 - x has a value of 1 when fork() returns in parent and child
 - Subsequenct changes to x are independent
- Shared open files
 - stdout is the same in both parent and child

Modeling fork with Process Graphs

- A process graph is a useful tool for capturing the partial ordering of statements in a concurrent program:
 - Each vertex is the execution of a statement
 - a \rightarrow b means a happens before b
 - Edges can be labeled with current value of variables
 - printf vertices can be labeled with output
 - Each graph begins with a vertex with no inedges
- Any topological sort of the graph corresponds to a feasible total ordering
 - Total ordering of vertices where all edges point from left to right

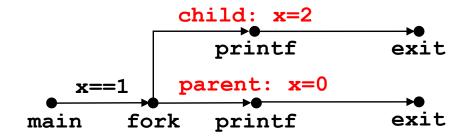
Process Graph Example

```
int main()
    pid_t pid;
    int x = 1;
   pid = Fork();
    if (pid == 0) { /* Child */
        printf("child : x=%d\n", ++x);
       exit(0);
   /* Parent */
    printf("parent: x=%d\n", --x);
   exit(0);
}
                                fork.c
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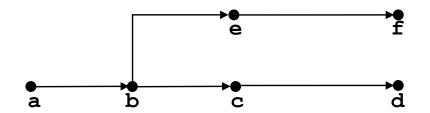


Interpreting Process Graphs

• Original graph:

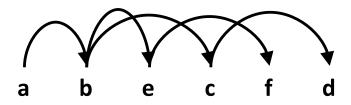


Relabled graph:

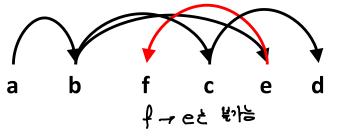


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Feasible total ordering:

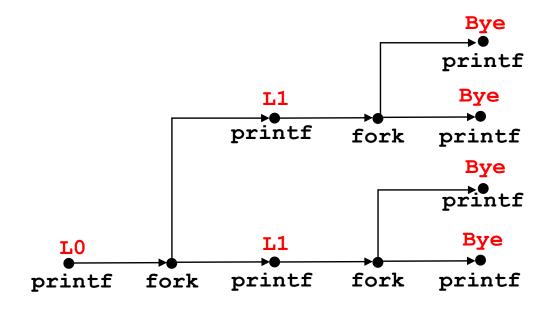


Infeasible total ordering:



fork Example: Two consecutive forks

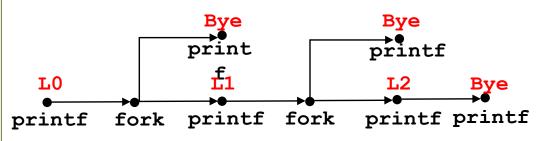
```
void fork2()
{
    printf("L0\n");
    fork();
    printf("L1\n");
    fork();
    printf("Bye\n");
}
```



Feasible output:	Infeasible output:
LO	LO
L1	Bye
Bye	L1
Bye	Bye
L1	L1
Bye	Bye
Bye	Bye

fork Example: Nested forks in parent

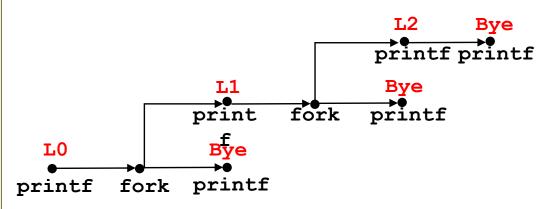
```
void fork4()
{
    printf("L0\n");
    if (fork() != 0) {
        printf("L1\n");
        if (fork() != 0) {
            printf("L2\n");
        }
    }
    printf("Bye\n");
}
```



Feasible output:	Infeasible output:
LO	LO
L1	Bye
Bye	L1
Bye	Bye
L2	Bye
Bve	L2

fork Example: Nested forks in children

```
void fork5()
{
    printf("L0\n");
    if (fork() == 0) {
        printf("L1\n");
        if (fork() == 0) {
            printf("L2\n");
        }
    }
    printf("Bye\n");
}
```



Feasible output:	Infeasible output:
LO	LO
Bye	Bye
L1	L1
L2	Bye
Bye	Bye
Bye	L2

Reaping Child Processes

- Idea
 - When process terminates, it still consumes system resources
 - Examples: Exit status, various OS tables
 - Called a "zombie" Processe 差,如 就 对部的 中間 hotels
 - Living corpse, half alive and half dead
- · Reaping → process 水地 / 是野桐汁 社前(System Call)
 - Performed by parent on terminated child (using wait or waitpid)
 - Parent is given exit status information
 - Kernel then deletes zombie child process
- What if parent doesn't reap?

 - So, only need explicit reaping in long-running processes
 - e.g., shells and servers

Zombie Example

```
void fork7() {
                        if (fork() == 0) {
                            /* Child */
                            printf("Terminating Child, PID = %d\n", getpid());
                            exit(0);
                        } else {
                            printf("Running Parent, PID = %d\n", getpid());
                           while (1); /* Infinite loop */
linux> ./forks 7 &
                            53 X
                    }
[11 6639
                                                                  forks c
Running Parent, PID = 6639
Terminating Child, PID = 6640
linux> ps
  PID TTY
                    TIME CMD
 6585 ttyp9 00:00:00 tcsh
                                            ps shows child process as "defunct"
 6639 ttyp9 00:00:03 forks
                                            (i.e., a zombie)
 6640 ttyp9 00:00:00 forks <defunct>
 6641 ttyp9
            00:00:00 ps
linux> kill 6639
                                             Killing parent allows child to be
[1]
       Terminated
                                            reaped by init
linux> ps 👉
  PID TTY
                    TIME CMD
 6585 ttyp9
              00:00:00 tcsh
 6642 ttyp9
               00:00:00 ps
```

Non-terminating Child Example

```
void fork8() {
                          if (fork() == 0) {
                              /* Child */
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                              printf("Running Child, PID = %d\n",
          processor (12
                                     getpid());
                             while (1); /* Infinite loop */
                          } else {
           如此上知时的
                              printf("Terminating Parent, PID = %d\n",
                                     getpid());
                              exit(0);
                          }
                                                              forks.c
                      }
linux> ./forks 8
Terminating Parent, PID = 6675
Running Child, PID = 6676
linux> ps
                                     Child process still active even though
  PID TTY
                    TIME CMD
 6585 ttyp9 00:00:00 tcsh
                                     parent has terminated
 6676 ttyp9
                00:00:06 forks
 6677 ttyp9
                00:00:00 ps
linux> kill 6676 <
                                     Must kill child explicitly, or else will
linux> ps
  PID TTY
                    TIME CMD
                                     keep running indefinitely
 6585 ttyp9
                00:00:00 tcsh
 6678 ttyp9
                00:00:00 ps
```

wait: Synchronizing with Children

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• Parent reaps a child by calling the wait function of the wait

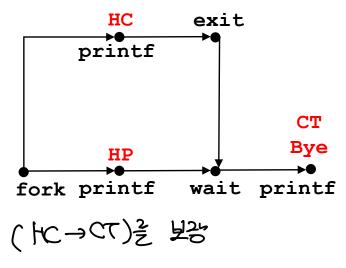
```
・ int wait (int* child_status) をできる。
```

- Suspends current process until one of its children terminates
- Return value is the pid of the child process that terminated
- If **child_status** != **NULL**, then the integer it points to will be set to a value that indicates reason the child terminated and the exit status:
 - Checked using macros defined in wait.h
 - WIFEXITED, WEXITSTATUS, WIFSIGNALED, WTERMSIG, WIFSTOPPED, WSTOPSIG, WIFCONTINUED
 - See textbook for details

wait: Synchronizing with Children

```
void fork9() {
   int child_status;

if (fork() == 0) {
     printf("HC: hello from child\n");
     exit(0);
} else {
     printf("HP: hello from parent\n");
     wait(&child_status);
     printf("CT: child has terminated\n");
}
printf("Bye\n");
}
```



Feasible output:

HC
HP
CT
CT
Bye
Bye
HC

Another wait Example

- If multiple children completed, will take in arbitrary order
- Can use macros WIFEXITED and WEXITSTATUS to get information about exit status

```
void fork10() {
    pid_t pid[N];
    int i, child_status;
    for (i = 0; i < N; i++)
        if ((pid[i] = fork()) == 0) {
           exit(100+i); /* Child */
    for (i = 0; i < N; i++) { /* Parent */</pre>
        pid_t wpid = wait(&child_status);
        if (WIFEXITED(child_status))
            printf("Child %d terminated with exit status %d\n",
                   wpid, WEXITSTATUS(child_status));
        else
            printf("Child %d terminate abnormally\n", wpid);
                                                       forks.c
```

waitpid: Waiting for a Specific Process

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 pid_t waitpid(pid_t pid, int* status, int options)
 - Suspends current process until specific process terminates
 - Various options (see textbook)

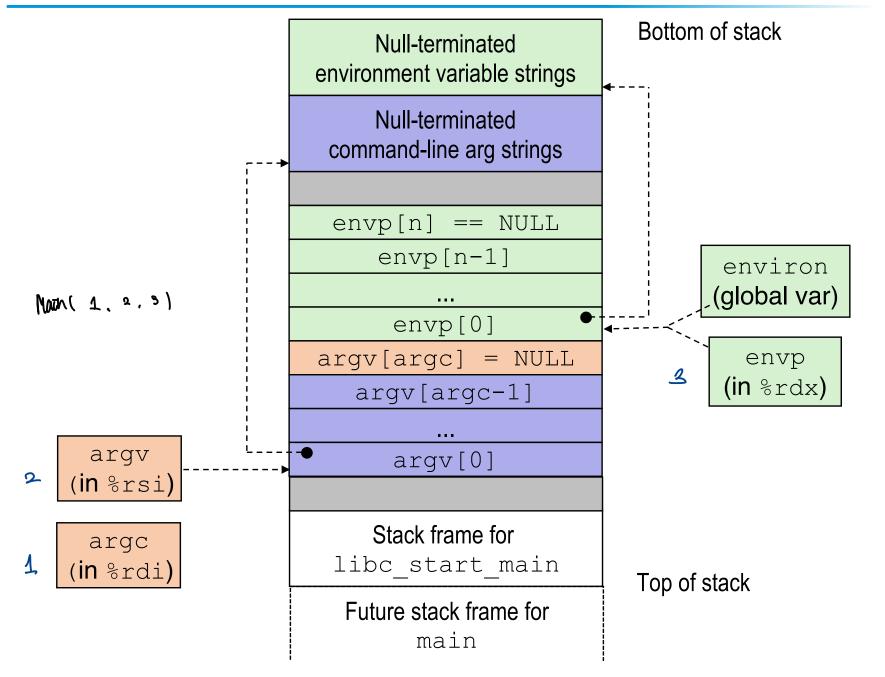
```
void fork11() {
    pid_t pid[N];
    int i:
    int child_status;
    for (i = 0; i < N; i++)
       if ((pid[i] = fork()) == 0)
           exit(100+i); /* Child */
    for (i = N-1; i >= 0; i--) {
       pid_t wpid = waitpid(pid[i], &child_status, 0);
       if (WIFEXITED(child_status))
            printf("Child %d terminated with exit status %d\n",
                  wpid, WEXITSTATUS(child_status));
       else
            printf("Child %d terminate abnormally\n", wpid);
                                                       forks.c
```

execve: Loading and Running Programs

- int execve(char *filename, char *argv[], char *envp[])
- Loads and runs in the current process:
 - Executable file filename
 - Can be object file or script file beginning with #!interpreter (e.g., #!/bin/bash)
 - ...with argument list argv
 - By convention argv[0] == filename
 - ...and environment variable list envp
 - "name=value" strings (e.g., USER=droh)
 - getenv, putenv, printenv
- Overwrites code, data, and stack
 - Retains PID, open files and signal context
- Called once and never returns
 - ...except if there is an error

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Structure of Stack When a Program Starts



execve Example

• Executes /bin/ls -lt /usr/include in child process using current environment

```
myargv[argc]
                               = NULL
                myarqv[2]
                                           → "/usr/include"
(argc == 3)
                myargv[1]
                                           → "-]+"
                myargv[0]
                                           → "/bin/ls"
  myarqv
                 envp[n] = NULL
                 envp[n-1]
                                       → "PWD=/usr/droh"
                 envp[0]
                                       → "USER=droh"
 environ
   if ((pid = Fork()) == 0) { /* Child runs program */
      if (execve(myargv[0], myargv, environ) < 0) {</pre>
          printf("%s: Command not found.\n", myargv[0]);
          exit(1):
      }
```

Summary

Exceptions

- Events that require nonstandard control flow
- Generated externally (interrupts) or internally (traps and faults)

Processes

- At any given time, system has multiple active processes
- Only one can execute at a time on a single core, though
- Each process appears to have total control of processor + private memory space

Summary (cont.)

- Spawning processes
 - Call fork
 - One call, two returns
- Process completion
 - Call exit
 - One call, no return
- Reaping and waiting for processes
 - Call wait or waitpid
- Loading and running programs
 - Call execve (or variant)
 - One call, (normally) no return