

## **Assignment 2 – Simulation of System Commands using System Calls**

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### ***Program 1***

#### **Aim:**

To develop a C program to simulate the cp command with the -i option using system calls.

#### **Algorithm:**

my\_cp (-i):

1. Start
2. Check if an option (-i) is included in the command.
3. If the difference between the number of arguments and the number of options is less than three, then print that two arguments are expected. If it is more than three, communicate to the user that there are too many arguments. If it is exactly three, then proceed.
4. If an option is included, then set the 2nd argument as the source file and the 3rd argument as the destination file.
5. If an option is not included, then set the 1st argument as the source file and the 2nd argument as the destination file.
6. Open the source file and locate its file descriptor. If it already exists, proceed. If not, then report that the source file was not found.
7. Copy the contents of the source file to a string.
8. Open the destination file and do one of the following:
  1. If it does not exist, then create a new file and write the contents of the string to it.
  2. If it already exists and there is no (-i) option, then overwrite the contents of the string to the file.
  3. If it already exists and there is a (-i) option, then prompt the user to confirm before overwriting the file.
    - If the user says “yes”, then overwrite the file.
    - If the user says “no” (or does not say yes), then exit the program without making any changes.
9. Stop

#### **Code:**

```
/* C program to simulate the cp [-i] command */
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/stat.h>
#include <dirent.h>
#include <fcntl.h>
#include <string.h>

#define MAX_LENGTH 100
#define MAX_BYTES 500

int main (int argc, char* argv[]){
    if (argc == 1) {
        perror("Two arguments expected"); exit(1);
    }

    int opCount = 0;
    if (strcmp(argv[1], "-i") == 0) {
        opCount++;
    }

    if (argc - opCount == 3){
        char src[MAX_LENGTH], dest[MAX_LENGTH], option[2];
        int src_fd, src_sz, dest_fd, dest_sz;
        char *c = (char *) calloc(100, sizeof(char));

        //check if command is to operating in interactive mode
        if (strcmp(argv[1], "-i") == 0) {
            strcpy(src, argv[2]);
            strcpy(dest, argv[3]);

            //check if dest file exists
            dest_fd = open(dest, O_RDONLY);
            //ask the user if dest file is to be overwritten or not
            if (dest_fd >= 0) {
                char ch;
                printf("cp: overwrite '%s'? ", dest);
                scanf("%c", &ch);
                if (ch != 'y' && ch != 'Y')
                    exit(1);
            }
        }
        else {
            strcpy(src, argv[1]);
            strcpy(dest, argv[2]);
        }

        //find file descriptor for src file
```

```
src_fd = open(src,O_RDONLY);
//include error msg for case when src file not found
if (src_fd < 0) { perror("Command unsuccessful. Source file not found."); exit(1); }

//save the contents of src file in a string
src_sz = read(src_fd,c,MAX_BYTES);
c[src_sz] = '\0';

//close src file
close(src_fd);

//create dest file
dest_fd = open(dest,O_WRONLY | O_CREAT | O_TRUNC,0754);
//include error msg for case when dest file not created
if (dest_fd < 0) { perror("Command unsuccessful. Destination file not created.");
exit(1); }

//write the saved contents of the src file from the string to the dest file
dest_sz = write(dest_fd,c,strlen(c));

//close dest file
close(dest_fd);
}

else if (argc - opCount > 3){
    perror("Too many arguments supplied"); exit(1);
}

else {
    perror("Two arguments expected"); exit(1);
}
}
```

**Output:**

```
root@hadoop-slave-3:~/krith# gcc -o mycp mycp.c
root@hadoop-slave-3:~/krith# ./mycp
Two arguments expected: Success
root@hadoop-slave-3:~/krith# ./mycp -i
Two arguments expected: Success
root@hadoop-slave-3:~/krith# ./mycp file
Two arguments expected: Success
root@hadoop-slave-3:~/krith# cat > foo.txt
This is the first line.
This is the second line.
This is the third line.
.
.
.
This is the last line.
^C
root@hadoop-slave-3:~/krith# cat file1
cat: file1: No such file or directory
root@hadoop-slave-3:~/krith# ./mycp foo.txt file1
root@hadoop-slave-3:~/krith# cat file1
This is the first line.
This is the second line.
This is the third line.
.
.
.
This is the last line.
root@hadoop-slave-3:~/krith# touch file2
root@hadoop-slave-3:~/krith# ./mycp -i file2 file1
cp: overwrite 'file1'? n
root@hadoop-slave-3:~/krith# cat file1
This is the first line.
This is the second line.
This is the third line.
.
.
.
This is the last line.
root@hadoop-slave-3:~/krith# ./mycp -i file2 file1
cp: overwrite 'file1'? y
root@hadoop-slave-3:~/krith# cat file1
root@hadoop-slave-3:~/krith# ./mycp foo.txt file1
root@hadoop-slave-3:~/krith# cat file1
This is the first line.
This is the second line.
This is the third line.
.
.
.
This is the last line.
root@hadoop-slave-3:~/krith#
```

## **Program 2**

### **Aim:**

To develop a C program to simulate the ls command with the -l option using system calls.

### **Algorithm:**

my\_ls (-l):

1. Start
2. Check if an option (-l) is included in the command.
3. Find the difference between the number of arguments and the number of options.
  1. If it is 0, set the current directory to be the directory under consideration.
  2. If it is 1 or more, set each of the directories entered as an argument on the command line to be the set of directories under consideration.
4. For each directory under consideration, get the entries in the directory structure.
5. If option (-l) is included, then list the directory entries along with their file properties in long format. If not, then simply list the directory entries.
6. Stop

### **Code:**

```
/* C program to simulate the ls [-l] command */
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/stat.h>
#include <dirent.h>
#include <fcntl.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <time.h>

#define MAX_LENGTH 100
#define MAX_BYTES 500

void ls_dir (char*);
void ls_long (char*);
void ls_file (char*);
void printFileProperties(struct stat);

int main (int argc, char* argv[]) {
    if (argc == 1) {
        ls_dir(".");
```

```
        exit(1);
    }

    int opCount = 0;
    if (strcmp(argv[1], "-l") == 0) {
        opCount = 1;
        if (argc - opCount == 1) {
            ls_long(".");
        }

        else if (argc - opCount == 2) {
            ls_long(argv[1 + opCount]);
        }

        else {
            for (int i = 1 + opCount; i < argc; i++) {
                if (i == 1 + opCount)
                    printf("%s: \n", argv[i]);
                else
                    printf("\n%s: \n", argv[i]);
                ls_long(argv[i]);
            }
        }

    }

    else {
        if (argc - opCount == 1) {
            //call function to list contents of curr dir
            ls_dir(".");
        }

        else if (argc - opCount == 2) {
            ls_dir(argv[1]);
        }

        else {
            for (int i = 1; i < argc; i++) {
                printf("%s: \n", argv[i]);
                ls_dir(argv[i]);
            }
        }
    }
}
```

```
//function to list contents of a given dir
void ls_dir (char* dir) {
    DIR *folder;
    struct dirent *entry;
```

```
//open given dir
folder = opendir(dir);
if (folder == NULL) {
    perror("Could not open directory.");
    exit(1);
}
//read and print contents of dir
while (entry = readdir(folder)) {
    if (strcmp(entry->d_name, ".") != 0 && strcmp(entry->d_name, "..") != 0)
        printf("%s\n", entry->d_name);
}

//close dir
closedir(folder);
//printf("\n");
}
```

//function to list contents of a given dir in long format

```
void ls_long (char* dir) {
    DIR *folder;
    struct dirent *entry;
    struct stat fileStats;

    //open given dir
    folder = opendir(dir);
    if (folder == NULL) {
        perror("Could not open directory");
        exit(1);
    }
    //read and print contents of dir
    while (entry = readdir(folder)) {
        if (strcmp(entry->d_name, ".") != 0 && strcmp(entry->d_name, "..") != 0) {
            //ls_file(entry->d_name);
            stat(entry->d_name, &fileStats);
            printFileProperties(fileStats);
            printf("%s\n", entry->d_name);
        }
    }

    //close dir
    closedir(folder);
}
```

//function to print the file properties

```
void printFileProperties(struct stat stats) {
    struct tm dt;

    //printf("%ld ", stats.st_ino);
```

```
//printf("%o ", stats.st_mode);

printf( (S_ISDIR(stats.st_mode)) ? "d" : "-");
printf( (stats.st_mode & S_IRUSR) ? "r" : "-");
printf( (stats.st_mode & S_IWUSR) ? "w" : "-");
printf( (stats.st_mode & S_IXUSR) ? "x" : "-");
printf( (stats.st_mode & S_IRGRP) ? "r" : "-");
printf( (stats.st_mode & S_IWGRP) ? "w" : "-");
printf( (stats.st_mode & S_IXGRP) ? "x" : "-");
printf( (stats.st_mode & S_IROTH) ? "r" : "-");
printf( (stats.st_mode & S_IWOTH) ? "w" : "-");
printf( (stats.st_mode & S_IXOTH) ? "x" : "-");
printf(" ");

printf("%ld ", stats.st_nlink);

printf("%ld ", stats.st_size);

//get file creation time in seconds and convert seconds to date and time format
dt = *(gmtime(&stats.st_ctime));
printf("%d-%d-%d %d:%d:%d ", dt.tm_mday, dt.tm_mon, dt.tm_year + 1900, dt.tm_hour,
dt.tm_min, dt.tm_sec);

// File modification time
dt = *(gmtime(&stats.st_mtime));
printf("%d-%d-%d %d:%d:%d ", dt.tm_mday, dt.tm_mon, dt.tm_year + 1900, dt.tm_hour,
dt.tm_min, dt.tm_sec);
}
```



**Output:**

```
root@hadoop-slave-3:~/krith# gcc -o myls myls.c
root@hadoop-slave-3:~/krith# ./mysls
myscp.c
mysls
foo.txt
folder
file1
myscp
file2
mysls.c
mygrep.c
root@hadoop-slave-3:~/krith# ./mysls -l
-rw-r--r-- 1 1980 14-2-2022 7:15:35 14-2-2022 7:15:35 mycp.c
-rwxr-xr-x 1 13448 14-2-2022 7:32:41 14-2-2022 7:32:41 myls
-rw-r--r-- 1 102 14-2-2022 7:21:45 14-2-2022 7:21:45 foo.txt
drwxr-xr-x 2 4096 14-2-2022 7:32:18 14-2-2022 7:32:18 folder
-rwxr-xr-- 1 102 14-2-2022 7:23:5 14-2-2022 7:23:5 file1
-rwxr-xr-x 1 13328 14-2-2022 7:20:39 14-2-2022 7:20:39 mycp
-rw-r--r-- 1 0 14-2-2022 7:22:20 14-2-2022 7:22:20 file2
-rw-r--r-- 1 3258 14-2-2022 7:27:56 14-2-2022 7:27:56 myls.c
-rw-r--r-- 1 4251 14-2-2022 7:16:54 14-2-2022 7:16:54 mygrep.c
root@hadoop-slave-3:~/krith# ./mysls nofolder
Could not open directory.: No such file or directory
root@hadoop-slave-3:~/krith# ./mysls -l nofolder
Could not open directory: No such file or directory
root@hadoop-slave-3:~/krith# ./mysls folder
file9
file8
file6
file7
root@hadoop-slave-3:~/krith# ./mysls -l folder
----- 0 0 18-1-1970 14:10:8 18-1-1970 14:10:58 file9
----- 0 0 18-1-1970 14:10:8 18-1-1970 14:10:58 file8
----- 0 0 18-1-1970 14:10:8 18-1-1970 14:10:58 file6
----- 0 0 18-1-1970 14:10:8 18-1-1970 14:10:58 file7
root@hadoop-slave-3:~/krith#
```

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### **Program 3**

#### **Aim:**

To develop a C program to simulate the grep command with the -c, -n and -v options using system calls.

#### **Algorithm:**

my\_grep (-c,-n,-v):

1. Start
2. Check if there is at least one argument. If not, exit.
3. Check for options that are included in the command and validate them.
4. If the difference between the number of arguments and the number of options is less than three, report that the number of arguments is less. If not, proceed.
5. Set the argument immediately succeeding the command name (and options, if any) to be the pattern that is to be searched for.
6. Set the rest of the arguments to be the files that are to be searched.
7. Locate the file descriptor of each file. If a file is not found, report an error.
8. Read the contents of each file in a string.
9. Search the string for substrings that match the given pattern.
10. Do one of the following:
  1. If no option is present, display the lines containing matches of the pattern.
  2. If option (-c) is given, display the frequency of pattern matches in the string.
  3. If option (-n) is given, display the lines containing matches of the pattern along with their line numbers.
  4. If option (-v) is given, display the lines which do not contain matches of the pattern.
  5. If a combination of these options is given, display the corresponding combined output as required.
11. Stop

#### **Code:**

```
/* C program to simulate the grep [-cvn] command */
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/stat.h>
#include <dirent.h>
```

```
#include <fcntl.h>
#include <string.h>

#define MAX_LENGTH 100
#define MAX_BYTES 10000
#define MAX_OPTIONS 3

int substring_count (char*, char*);

int main (int argc, char* argv[]){
    if (argc == 1) {
        perror("Two arguments expected"); exit(1);
    }

    int opCount = 0;
    for (int i=1; i<argc && (argv[i][0]!='-' && argv[i][1]!='\0'); i++) {
        opCount++;
    }

    if (argc - opCount >= 3){
        int src_fd, src_sz, num = MAX_OPTIONS;
        char src[MAX_LENGTH], pattern[MAX_LENGTH], options[num];
        char *content = (char *) calloc(MAX_BYTES, sizeof(char));
        memset(options, '-', num*sizeof(options[0]));

        //determine which options have been included
        int k=0;
        for (int i=1; i<argc && (argv[i][0]!='-' && argv[i][1]!='\0'); i++) {
            for (int j=1; argv[i][j]!='\0'; j++) {
                switch (argv[i][j]) {
                    case 'n': {
                        options[0] = argv[i][j];
                        k++; break;
                    }
                    case 'v': {
                        options[1] = argv[i][j];
                        k++; break;
                    }
                    case 'c': {
                        options[2] = argv[i][j];
                        k++; break;
                    }
                    default: {
                        perror("Invalid option. Exiting..."); exit(1);
                        break;
                    }
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
```

```
//identify the pattern from CLA
strcpy(pattern,argv[1+opCount]);

for (int i = opCount+2; i<argc; i++) {
    //identify the filename from CLA
    strcpy(src,argv[i]);

    //find file descriptor for src file
    src_fd = open(src,O_RDONLY);
    //include error msg for case when src file not found
    if (src_fd < 0) { perror("Command unsuccessful"); exit(1); }

    //save the contents of src file in a string
    src_sz = read(src_fd,content,MAX_BYTES);
    content[src_sz] = '\0';

    //close src file
    close(src_fd);

    //display required output
    if (k==0) {
        //split the content into lines
        char* line = strtok(content,"\n");
        while (line != NULL) {
            //check if pattern is a substring
            //note: match regex too
            //regcomp and regex functions

            if (strstr(line,pattern))
                printf("%s\n", line);
            //go to the next line
            line = strtok(NULL,"\n");
        }
    }

    else if (options[2] == 'c') {
        int count = 0;
        //split the content into lines
        char* line = strtok(content,"\n");
        while (line != NULL) {
            //check if pattern is a substring
            if (strstr(line,pattern)) {
                count += substring_count(line,pattern);
            }
            //go to the next line
            line = strtok(NULL,"\n");
        }
        //print the number of occurrences
    }
}
```

```
        printf("%d\n",count);
    }

    else if (options[0] == 'n' && options[1] == '-') {
        int n = 0;
        //split the content into tokens on newline
        char* line = strtok(content,"\n");
        while (line != NULL) {
            //count the line numbers
            n++;
            //check if pattern is a substring
            if (strstr(line,pattern))
                printf("%d:%s\n", n,line);
            //go to the next line
            line = strtok(NULL,"\n");
        }
    }

    else if (options[0] == 'n' && options[1] == 'v') {
        int n = 0;
        //split the content into tokens on newline
        char* line = strtok(content,"\n");
        while (line != NULL) {
            //count the line numbers
            n++;
            //check if pattern is a substring
            if (!strstr(line,pattern))
                printf("%d:%s\n", n,line);
            //go to the next line
            line = strtok(NULL,"\n");
        }
    }

    else if (options[0] == '-' && options[1] == 'v') {
        //split the content into tokens on newline
        char* line = strtok(content,"\n");
        while (line != NULL) {
            //check if pattern is a substring
            if (!strstr(line,pattern))
                printf("%s\n",line);
            //go to the next line
            line = strtok(NULL,"\n");
        }
    }

    else { perror("Search unsuccessful"); exit(1); }

}
```

```
else {  
    perror("At least two arguments expected"); exit(1);  
}  
}
```

//function to count the frequency of a given substring in a string

```
int substring_count(char* string, char* substring) {  
    int i, j, l1, l2;  
    int count = 0;  
    int found = 0;  
  
    l1 = strlen(string);  
    l2 = strlen(substring);  
  
    for(i = 0; i < l1-l2 + 1; i++) {  
        found = 1;  
        for(j = 0; j < l2; j++) {  
            if(string[i+j] != substring[j]) {  
                found = 0;  
                break;  
            }  
        }  
        if(found) {  
            count++;  
            i = i + l2 -1;  
        }  
    }  
    return count;  
}
```

**Output:**

```
root@hadoop-slave-3:~/krith# gcc -o mygrep mygrep.c
root@hadoop-slave-3:~/krith# ./mygrep
Two arguments expected: Success
root@hadoop-slave-3:~/krith# ./mygrep -c
At least two arguments expected: Success
root@hadoop-slave-3:~/krith# ./mygrep line foo.txt
This is the first line.
This is the second line.
This is the third line.
This is the last line.
root@hadoop-slave-3:~/krith# cat foo.txt
This is the first line.
This is the second line.
This is the third line.
.
.
.
This is the last line.
root@hadoop-slave-3:~/krith# ./mygrep -c line foo.txt
4
root@hadoop-slave-3:~/krith# ./mygrep -n line foo.txt
1:This is the first line.
2:This is the second line.
3:This is the third line.
7:This is the last line.
root@hadoop-slave-3:~/krith# ./mygrep -v line foo.txt
.
.
.
root@hadoop-slave-3:~/krith# ./mygrep -nv line foo.txt
4:.
5:.
6:.
root@hadoop-slave-3:~/krith# ./mygrep -n -v line foo.txt
4:.
5:.
6:.
root@hadoop-slave-3:~/krith#
```

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**Learning outcomes:**

- Linux commands were replicated by programming in C.
  - The inner workings of the given commands were understood while implementing them.
  - Validation of input and error handling was implemented.
-