# Lab No. 05

# Managing Processes, and Writing, Compliling & Executing C++ on Linux

## **Objective:**

This lab is designed to demonstarate the basic task management related activities along with an introduction to Writing C++ programs in Linux.

#### **Activity Outcomes:**

On completion of this lab students will be able to:

- How to manage processes in Linux
- Perform Compiling and Executing C++ programs using command-line in Linux

#### **Instructor Notes**

As pre-lab activity, read Chapter 10 from the book "The Linux Command Line", William E. Shotts, Jr.

## 1) Useful Concepts

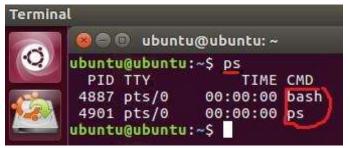
#### **Process management in Linux**

A process is the instance of a computer program that is being executed. While a computer program is a passive collection of instructions, a process is the actual execution of those instructions. Several processes may be associated with the same program; for example, opening up several instances of the same program often results in more than one process being executed. When a system starts up, the kernel initiates a few of its own activities as processes and launches a program called init. init, in turn, runs a series of shell scripts (located in /etc) called init scripts, which start all the system services. Many of these services are implemented as daemon programs, programs that just sit in the background and do their thing without having any user interface. So even if we are not logged in, the system is at least a little busy performing routine stuff.

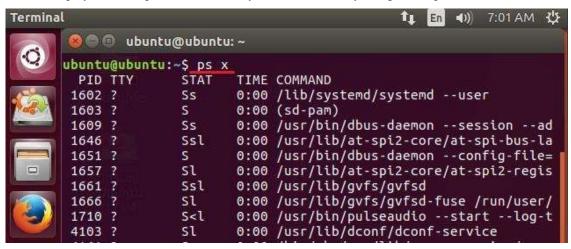
The kernel maintains information about each process to help keep things organized. For example, each process is assigned a number called a process ID or PID. PIDs are assigned in ascending order, with init always getting PID 1. The kernel also keeps track of the memory assigned to each process, as well as the processes' readiness to resume execution. Like files, processes also have owners and user IDs, effective user IDs, etc. In the following, we will discuss the most common commands; available in Linux to mange processes.

## **Displaying Processes in the System**

**Static view:** The most commonly used command to view processes is ps. This command displays the processes for the current shell. We can use the ps command as given below



We can display all of the processes owned by the current user by using the x option.



Here, a new column is also added in the output that is STAT. This column shows the currentstate of the process. The most common states are given below.

State	Meaning	
R	Running	
S	Sleeping or waiting for an event such as keystroke	
D	Uninterruptible Sleep. Process is waiting for I/O such as a disk drive	
T	Stopped	
Z	A difunctional or zombie process	
1	multithreaded	
S	Session leader	
+	Foreground process	
<	A high priority process	
N	A low priority process	

Following are the most common option that can be used with ps command.

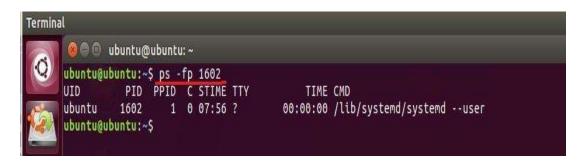
Option	Description	
-A or -e	Display every active process on a Linux system	
-X	Display all of the processes owned by the user	
-F	Perform a full-format listing	
-U	Select by real user ID or name	
-u	Select by effective user ID or name	
-р	Select process by pid	
-r	Display only running processes	
-L	Show number of threads in a process	
-G	Show processes by Group	

In the following example, we display processes that are related to the user ubuntu.

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Terminal

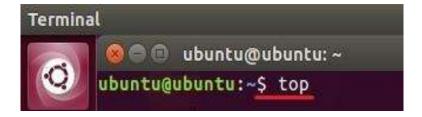
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Now, we select a process with id 1602

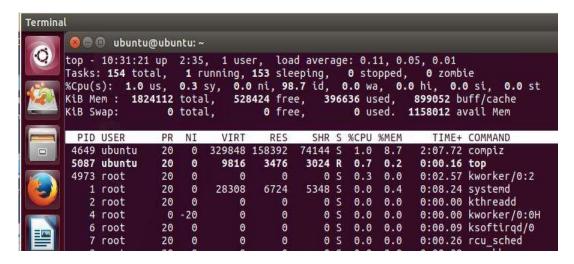


**Dynamic view:** The top command is the traditional way to view your system's resource usage and see the processes that are taking up the most system resources. Top displays a list of processes, with the ones using the most CPU at the top. An improved version of top command is htop but it is usually not pre- installed in most distributions. When a top program is running, we can highlight the running programs by pressing  $\mathbf{z}$ , we can quit the top program by press  $\mathbf{q}$  or  $\mathbf{Ctrl} + \mathbf{c}$ .

In the following example we display the dynamic view of the system process and resource usage.



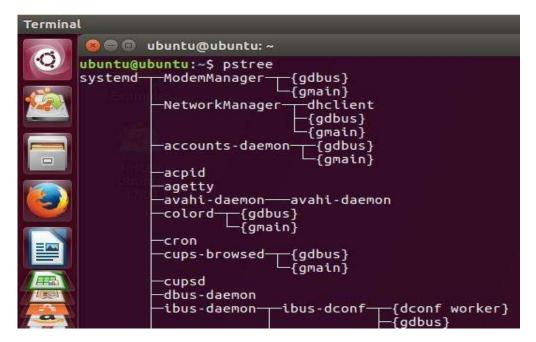
The output of the above command is given below:



Some of the basic options available with top commands are given below

Options	Description	
-u	display specific User process details	
-d	To set the screen refresh frequency	

**Displaying processes in Treelike structure:** The pstree command is used to display processes in tree-like structure showing the parent/child relationships between processes.



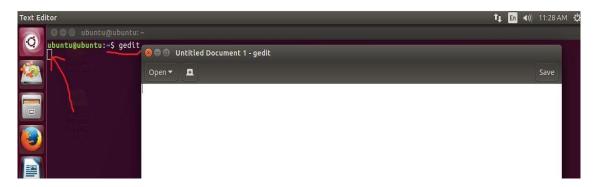
## **Interrupting A Process**

A program can be interrupted by pressing Ctrl + C. This will interrupt the given processes and stop the process. Ctrl+C essentially sends a SIGINT signal from the controlling terminal to the process, causing it to be killed.

## Putting a Process in the Background

A foreground process is any command or task you run directly and wait for it to complete. Unlike with a foreground process, the shell does not have to wait for a background process to end before it can run more processes. Normally, we start a program by entering its name in the CLI. However, if we want to start a program in background, we will put an & after its name.

In the following example, first we open the gedit program normally as given below.



It can be noted that gedit is opened as foreground process and control does not returns to terminal unless it is closed. Now, we start the gedit again as a background process.

It can be seen that after starting the gedit program control returns to the terminal and user can interact with both terminal and gedit.

## jobs command

The shell's job control facility also gives us a way to list the jobs that have been launched from our terminal. Using the **jobs** command, we can see this list. In the following example, we first launch two jobs in background and then use the jobs command to view the running jobs.



## Bringing a process to the foreground

A process in the background is immune from keyboard input, including any attempt to interrupt it with a Ctrl-c. fg command is used to bring a process to the foreground. In the following example, we start the gedit editor in background. Then use the jobs command to see the list of jobs launched and then, bring this process to the foreground.

#### Killing a process

We can kill a process using the kill command. To kill a process, we provide the process id as an argument (We could have also specified the process using a jobspec). In the following example, we start the gedit program and then kill it using kill command.

The kill command doesn't exactly "kill" processes, rather it sends them *signals*. Signals are one of several ways that the operating system communicates with programs. Programs, in turn, "listen" for signals and may act upon them as they are received. Following are most common signals that can be send with kill command.

Sgnal	Meaning	
INT	INT Interrupt. Performs the same function as the Ctrl-c key sent from the	
	terminal. It will usually terminate a program.	
TERM	Terminate. This is the default signal sent by the kill command. If a	
	program is	
	still "alive" enough to receive signals, it will terminate.	
STOP	Stop. This signal causes a process to pause without terminating.	
CONT	Continue. This will restore a process after a STOP signal.	

# Pausing a process

Linux allows you to pause a running process rather than quitting or killing it. Pausing a process just suspends all of its operation so it stops using any of your processor power even while it still resides in memory. This may be useful when you want to run some sort of a processor intensive task, but don't

wish to completely terminate another process you may have running. Pausing it would free up valuable processing time while you need it, and then continue it afterwards.

We can paus a process by using kill command with STOP option. The process id is required as an argument in kill command. In the following example, we start the gedit program in the background. Then we find the pid of gedit using ps command and then; we pause the process using kill command. Later, we can resume the process by using the kill command with CONT option.

```
Terminal
       🔞 🖨 🗊 ubuntu@ubuntu: ~
      ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ gedit &
      [1] 5008
      ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ ps
        PID TTY
                          TIME CMD
       4838 pts/0
                      00:00:00 bash
       5008 pts/0
                      00:00:00 gedit
       5017 pts/0
                      00:00:00 ps
      ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ kill -STOP 5008
                                      gedit
      [1]+
            Stopped
      ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ kill -CONT 5008
      ubuntu@ubuntu:~$
```

# Changing process priority

Every running process in Linux has a priority assigned to it. We can change the process priority using nice and renice utility. Nice command will launch a process with a user defined scheduling priority. Renice command will modify the scheduling priority of a running process. In Linux system priorities are 0 to 139 in which 0 to 99 for real time and 100 to 139 for users. nice value range is -20 to +19 where -20 is highest, 0 default and +19 is lowest. Relation between nice value and priority is:

PR = 20 + NI

So, the value of PR = 20 + (-20 to +19) is 0 to 39 that maps to 100-139.

In the following example, we start the gedit program in background and see its nice value using ps command.

```
Terminal
        🔊 🗐 📵 ubuntu@ubuntu: ~
      ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ gedit &
       [1] 5104
       ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ ps -lf
        S UID
                                 C PRI
                                        NI ADDR SZ WCHAN
                                                                               TIME CMD
        S ubuntu
                                 0
                                   80
                                         0 - 2231 wait
                                                           09:26 pts/0
                                                                           00:00:00 bash
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        S ubuntu
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                                         0 - 33618 poll s 10:40 pts/0
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                                             2407
                                                                           00:00:00 ps -1
                     5113
                                    80
                                                           10:40 pts/0
      ubuntu@ubuntu:~S
```

Now, we start the gedit program again using nice command.

```
Terminal
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       阁 🖨 📵 ubuntu@ubuntu: ~
      ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ nice -10 gedit &
       [1] 5117
      ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ ps -lf
                                  C PRI
      F S UID
                      PID
                           PPID
                                         NI ADDR SZ WCHAN
                                                            STIME TTY
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      0 S ubuntu
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                                                            10:42 pts/0
      ubuntu@ubuntu:-$
```

We can change the priority of a running process using renice command. In the following example, we first start the gedit program in background. Then we change its priority using renice command.

```
Terminal Terminal File Edit View Search Terminal Help
        👂 🗐 🗇 ubuntu@ubuntu: ~
      ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ gedit &
      [1] 5161
      ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ ps
                           -lf
                      PID PPID
      F S UID
                                   PRI
                                         NI ADDR SZ WCHAN
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                                          0 - 33618 poll_s 10:54 pts/0
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                                                                           00:00:00 ps -l
      0 R ubuntu
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                                    80
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      ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ sudo renice -n -12 -p 5161
      5161 (process ID) old priority 0, new priority -12
      ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ ps -lf
        S UID
                      PID
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                                   PRI
                                         NI ADDR SZ WCHAN
                                                            STIME TTY
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      0 S ubuntu
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                                         0 - 2231 wait
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      ubuntu@ubuntu:~$
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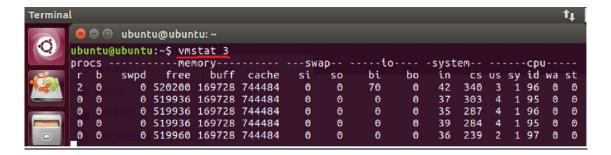
We can also use the renice command to change the priority of all of the processes belonging to a user or a group. In the following example, we change the nice value of all of the process belonging to user ubuntu.

```
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         🥯 🖨 🗊 ubuntu@ubuntu: ~
       ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ ps -lf
         S UID
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                                              NI ADDR SZ WCHAN
                                                                    STIME TTY
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                                                                    10:54 pts/0
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       ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ <u>sudo reni</u>ce -n -12 -u ubuntu
999 (user ID) old priority -12, new priority -12
       ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ ps -lf
                                      C PRI NI ADDR SZ WCHAN
0 68 -12 - 2231 wait
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       F S UID
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                                                                                      00:00:00 ps -l
                                                      2407
                                                                    11:02 pts/0
       ubuntu@ubuntu:~$
```

## Few more useful commands related to processes

#### vmstat command

Outputs a snapshot of system resource usage including, memory, swap and disk I/O. To see a continuous display, follow the command with a time delay (in seconds) for updates. For example: vmstat 5.



#### xload command

Displays the system load over time.

#### tload command

This command is similar to xload but displays output in the terminal.

## Compiling and Executing C++ Programs

Compiling is the way toward making an interpretation of source code into the local language of the PC's processor. The PC's processor works at an extremely basic level, executing programs in what is called machine language. This is a numeric code that portrays extremely little activities, for example, "include this byte," "point to this area in memory," or "duplicate this byte". Each of these instructions is expressed in binary which were hard to write. This issue was overwhelmed by the appearance of assembly language, which supplanted the numeric codes with (marginally) simpler to utilize character mnemonics, for example, CPY (for duplicate) and MOV (for move). Programs written in assembly language are processed into machine language by a program called an assembler.

We next come to what are called high-level languages. They are called this since they enable the developer to be less worried about the details of what the processor is doing and more with taking care of the current issue. Programs written in high-level programming languages are converted into machine language by processing them with another program, called a compiler.

## C++ compiler for Linux

C++ is a general-purpose programming language and widely used nowadays for competitive programming. It has imperative, object-oriented and generic programming features. C++ runs on lots of platform like Windows, Linux, Unix, Mac etc. Before we start programming with C++. We will need an environment to be set-up on our local computer to compile and run our C++ programs successfully. GNU C++ Compiler (g++) is a compiler in Linux which is used to compile C++ programs. It compiles both files with extension .c and .cpp as C++ files.

## **Installing g++ compiler**

By default, g++ is provided with most of the Linux distributions. We can find the details of installed g++ compiler by writing the following command:



If g++ is not installed on your system; then it can be installed by writing the following commands

```
$ sudo apt-get update
$ sudo apt install g++
```

## **Compiling C++ program**

We can compile a C++ program using the following command

```
$ sudo g++ source-file.cpp
```

The above command will generate an executable file a.out. We can use -o option to specify the output file name for the executable.

```
$ sudo g++ source-file.cpp -o executable-file
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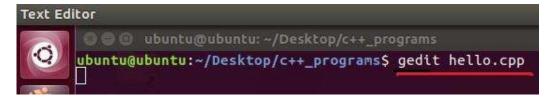
# Running a C++ program

Onc a C++ program is successfully compiled, we can execute the created executable file byusing the following command:

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$ ./executable-file
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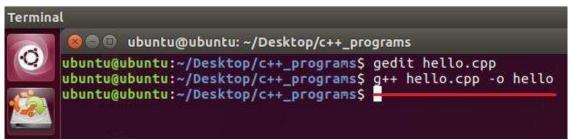
In the following example, we write a simple C++ program that displays a Hello Worldmessage and the then compile and execute this program using the above commands. To write the program, we use the gedit text editor. The source code file is saved with .cpp extension.

Open the gedit editor and pass the name of the file (hello.cpp) to be created



Write the following code

Now, close the source file and write the following command to compile hello.cpp



To execute the hello executable file, write the following command.

#### Passing command-line arguments to a C++ program

Command line argument is a parameter supplied to the program when it is invoked. Command line argument is an important concept in C++ programming. It is mostly used when you need to control your program from outside. Command line arguments are passed to the main () method.

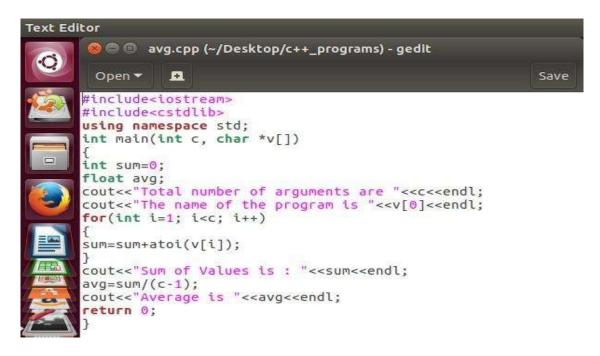
To pass command line arguments, we typically define main () with two arguments: first argument counts the number of arguments on the command line and the second is a pointer array which holds pointers of type char which points to the arguments passed to the program. The syntax to define the main method is

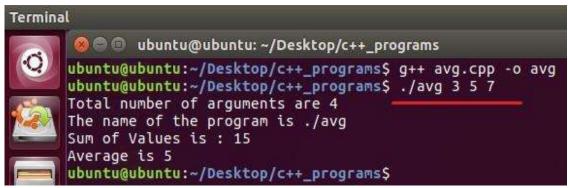
```
int main (int argc, char *argv[])
```

Here, argc variable will hold the number of arguments pass to the program while the argv will contain pointers to those variables. argv[0] holds the name of the program while argv[1] to argv[argc] hold the arguments. Command-line arguments are given after the name of the program in command-line shell of Operating Systems. Each argument separated by a space. If a space is included in the argument, then it is written in "".

In the following example, we calculate the average of numbers; passed in the command- line. Write the following code and save the file named as avg.cpp. Compile the avg.cpp and create an executable file

named avg and execute it. While writing the command to execute avg pass the numbers whose average is required. It is shown below.





#### 2) Solved Lab Activities

Sr.No	Allocated Time	Level of Complexity	CLO Mapping
1	15	Low	CLO-5
2	15	Medium	CLO-5
3	15	Medium	CLO-7

#### **Activity 1:**

This activity is related to process monitoring in Linux

- Display all of the process in current shell
- Display every active process in the system
- Provide a full-format listing of process owned by you
- Display a full-format listing of processes owned by user ubuntu
- Display a process with id 1
- Display the dynamic view of the current processes in the system and set the refresh interval 0.5 second

- Display the dynamic view of the processes owned by user with id 999 (or name ubuntu)
- Start the gedit program in background and then bring it foreground
- Suspend the gedit program
- Resume the gedit program

#### **Solution:**

1.

```
■ □ ubuntu@ubuntu: ~/Desktop/c++_programs
ubuntu@ubuntu: ~/Desktop/c++_programs$ ps
PID TTY TIME CMD
4818 pts/0 00:00:00 bash
5223 pts/0 00:00:00 ps
```

2.

3.

```
      ubuntu@ubuntu:-/Desktop/c++_programs$ ps -lx

      F UID PID PPID PRI NI VSZ RSS WCHAN STAT TTY
      TIME COMMAND

      4 999 1593 1 20 0 9632 6344 ep_pol Ss ?
      0:00 /lib/systemd/systemd --user

      5 999 1594 1593 20 0 12972 1472 - S ?
      0:00 (sd-pam)

      0 999 1600 1593 20 0 7088 4592 ep_pol Ss ?
      0:01 /usr/bin/dbus-daemon --session --address=systemd: --no for
```

4.

```
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/Desktop/c++ programs$ ps -lu ubuntu
      UID
            PID
                 PPID C PRI
                              NI ADDR SZ WCHAN TTY
                                                              TIME CMD
4 S
                               0 - 2408 ep pol ?
      999
           1593
                    1
                      0 80
                                                          00:00:00 systemd
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                                    3243 -
                                                          00:00:00 (sd-pam)
                       0
           1600
                 1593
                       0
                          80
                                    1772 ep_pol ?
                                                          00:00:01 dbus-daemon
```

5.

```
      ubuntu@ubuntu:~/Desktop/c++_programs$ ps -lp 1

      F S UID PID PPID C PRI NI ADDR SZ WCHAN TTY
      TIME CMD

      4 S 0 1 0 0 80 0 - 6818 - ? 00:00:06 systemd
```

6.

```
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/Desktop/c++ programs$ top -d 0.5
top - 08:54:14 up 3:34, 1 user, load average: 0.13, 0.04, 0.
Tasks: 153 total, 1 running, 152 sleeping, 0 stopped,
%Cpu(s): 5.9 us,
                  2.0 sy, 0.0 ni, 92.2 id, 0.0 wa, 0.0 hi,
KiB Mem : 1823696 total,
                          444780 free, 390968 used,
KiB Swap:
                0 total.
                                              O used.
                                                      115920
                               O free.
 PID USER
               PR NI
                         VIRT
                                RES
                                       SHR S %CPU %MEM
               20
4740 ubuntu
                    0 308300 137772 74772 S 4.0 7.6
```

7.

```
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/Desktop/c++_programs$ top -u 999

top - 08:54:36 up 3:34, 1 user, load average: 0.09, 0.04, 0.
Tasks: 153 total, 1 running, 152 sleeping, 0 stopped, 0 z
%Cpu(s): 2.0 us, 0.3 sy, 0.0 ni, 97.7 id, 0.0 wa, 0.0 hi,
KiB Mem : 1823696 total, 444808 free, 390940 used, 98794
KiB Swap: 0 total, 0 free, 0 used, 115923
```

8.

```
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/Desktop/c++_programs$ gedit &
[1] 5230
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/Desktop/c++_programs$ fg %1
gedit
```

9.

```
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/Desktop/c++_programs$ kill -STOP 5249
```

10.

```
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/Desktop/c++_programs$ kill -CONT 5249
```

#### **Activity 2:**

Perform the following tasks

- Start the gedit program with priority 90
- Reset the priority of gedit to 65

#### **Solution:**

1.

```
🔞 🗐 📵 ubuntu@ubuntu: ~/Desktop/c++_programs
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/Desktop/c++ programs$ nice -n 10 gedit &
[1] 5310
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/Desktop/c++ programs$ ps -l
F S
           PID PPID C PRI NI ADDR SZ WCHAN
                                               TTY
                                                            TIME CMD
      UID
0 S
      999
          4818 4810 0 80
                              0 - 2231 wait
                                               pts/0
                                                        00:00:00 bash
                            10 - 33685 poll s pts/0
0 S
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```

2.

```
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/Desktop/c++_programs$ sudo renice -n -15 -p 5310
5310 (process ID) old priority 10, new priority -15
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/Desktop/c++_programs$ ps -l
F S
                       C PRI NI ADDR SZ WCHAN
      UID
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                 PPID
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```

#### **Activity 3:**

Write a program in C++ that find the maximum and minimum number from an array.

#### **Solution:**

```
#include<iostream> using
namespace std; int main ()
 int arr[10], n, i, max, min;
 cout << "Enter the size of the array : ";</pre>
 cin >> n;
 cout << "Enter the elements of the array : "; for</pre>
   (i = 0; i < n; i++)
       cin >> arr[i]; max =
    arr[0];
 for (i = 0; i < n; i++)
   if (max < arr[i]) max =
     arr[i];
 min = arr[0];
 for (i = 0; i < n; i++)
   if (min > arr[i]) min =
     arr[i];
 cout << "Largest element : " << max; cout</pre>
 << "Smallest element : " << min; return 0;
```

#### 3) Graded Lab Tasks

Note: The instructor can design graded lab activities according to the level of difficult and complexity of the solved lab activities. The lab tasks assigned by the instructor should be evaluated in the same lab.

#### Task 1:

Change the program given in Activity 3 such that it accepts the input at command-line.

#### Task 2.

Write a C++ program that accepts a number as input and find whether it is a palindrom or not

#### Task 3:

Write a program that creates an array of size 1000 and fills this array with random numbers between 2 and 100; and then it finds how many of these numbers are prime.