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Lab 5 Log

First, I need to create the tr2b.c file
$ touch tr2b.c

Inside this file, I first check that there is
a correct amount of arguments inputted (3).
Then, I make sure that the 'from' argument
and the 'to' argument are the same length.
Then, I need to make sure that none of the
characters in the 'from' argument are repeated,
so I go through every character and check
that it has not already been listed.
After all my checks, I can go through every character
of the input file using getchar(), and if it matches one
of the characters in the 'from' argument,
I replace it with the character that it
correlates to in the 'to' argument.
I output the everything with putchar().

Next, I create my tr2u.c file:
$ touch tr2u.c

I use the same logic when creating this file,
except I need to use read and write.
I go through every character of the input
file using a while loop that reads a character
every time. When I go through every character of the
input file, I put each character in an
array and then test it to see if it needs
to be replaced. If it does neeed to be replaced, I use
write to write it out to output.

To get a big file, I use:
$ head --bytes=5000000 /dev/urandom > output.txt
which puts a 5,000,000 byte file into output.txt

I want to use the strace command to find out what
system call each file uses. I use the -c flag to show
time, calls, and errors for each system call and
report a summary on program exit. I first copy
one file to another by outputting the final
result into files called outputtr2u and outputtr2b.

My strace command then looks like:
$ strace -c ./tr2b 'ab' 'yz' < output.txt > outputtr2b

which outputs:

% time	seconds	usecs/call	calls	errors	syscall
0.00	0.000000	0	2		read
0.00	0.000000	0	1		write
0.00	0.000000	0	2		open
0.00	0.000000	0	2		close
0.00	0.000000	0	4		fstat
0.00	0.000000	0	9		mmap
0.00	0.000000	0	4		mprotect
0.00	0.000000	0	1		munmap
0.00	0.000000	0	1		brk
0.00	0.000000	0	1	1	access
0.00	0.000000	0	1		execve
0.00	0.000000	0	1		arch_prctl
100.00	0.000000		29	1	total

I then run the command with the unbuffered file:
$ strace -c ./tr2u 'ab'   'yz' < output.txt > outputtr2u
which outputs:

% time	seconds	usecs/call	calls	errors	syscall
54.96	21.183129	4	5000000		write
45.03	17.356050	3	5000002		read
0.00	0.000059	8	7		mmap
0.00	0.000027	7	4		mprotect
0.00	0.000014	7	2		open
0.00	0.000010	10	1		munmap
0.00	0.000007	4	2		close
0.00	0.000007	7	1	1	access
0.00	0.000007	7	1		execve
0.00	0.000006	3	2		fstat
0.00	0.000004	4	1		brk
0.00	0.000003	3	1		arch_prctl
100.00	38.539323		10000024	1	total

The unbuffered version that uses read and write has a lot more system calls than the buffered putchar and getchar file. Because of this, tr2u uses a lot more time.

If i want the output to be directly copied into terminal, I delete the > outputtr2b and > outputtr2u:
$ strace -c ./tr2b 'ab' 'yz' < output.txt
Which gives:

time	seconds	usecs/call	calls	errors	syscall
0.00	0.000000	0	2		read

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  0.00    0.000000           0         2           write
  0.00    0.000000           0         2           open
  0.00    0.000000           0         2           close
  0.00    0.000000           0         4           fstat
  0.00    0.000000           0         9           mmap
  0.00    0.000000           0         4           mprotect
  0.00    0.000000           0         1           munmap
  0.00    0.000000           0         1           brk
  0.00    0.000000           0         1         1 access
  0.00    0.000000           0         1           execve
  0.00    0.000000           0         1           arch_prctl
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100.00    0.000000                    30         1 total
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Then I do the same for the tr2u:
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$ strace -c ./tr2u 'ab'    'yz' < output.txt
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There is a very long list of random characters
outputted and then the final summary:
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 time     seconds  usecs/call     calls    errors syscall
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 54.41   22.161857           4   5000000           write
 45.59   18.569249           4   5000002           read
  0.00    0.000000           0         2           open
  0.00    0.000000           0         2           close
  0.00    0.000000           0         2           fstat
  0.00    0.000000           0         7           mmap
  0.00    0.000000           0         4           mprotect
  0.00    0.000000           0         1           munmap
  0.00    0.000000           0         1           brk
  0.00    0.000000           0         1         1 access
  0.00    0.000000           0         1           execve
  0.00    0.000000           0         1           arch_prctl
------ ----------- ----------- --------- --------- ----------------
100.00   40.731106              10000024         1 total
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Again, the unbuffered file has a significantly more amount
of system calls than the buffered file. The reason for this
is that the unbuffered file is making a system call
everytime it has to read or write a byte, and since the
file is so huge, theres an obvious discrepency between
the two files.

I then use the time command to see the different times
each file has.
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$ time ./tr2b 'ab' 'yz' < output.txt
which outputs:
real  0m0.002s
user  0m0.000s
sys   0m0.001s
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$time ./tr2u 'ab' 'yz' < output.txt
which outputs a long list of random characters and then:
real  0m5.167s
user  0m0.317s
sys   0m4.814s

The unbuffered version again takes a lot longer
than the buffered version to execute.
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