

1 Terminal Commands

Summary:

Terminal Command

`readelf -a <FILE>`

- See the ELF header of a file.

`strace <PROGRAM>`

- Trace all the system calls a process makes on Linux.

`valgrind <executable>`

- Detect memory leaks from `malloc` and `free`.

`-Db_sanitize=address`

- Detect memory leaks by adding this flag to Meson.

`htop`

- Process tree. Use F5 to switch b/w tree and list view.
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2 C Programming

Summary:

C Programming Syntax

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3 Functions

Summary:

```
1 int fork();
```

- Creates a new process that's a clone of the currently running process. In the original process, it returns the process ID (pid) of the newly created child process. In the child process, it returns 0.

```
1 int execlp(const char *file, const char *arg, ...);
```

- Replaces the current process with a new program specified by `file`. The new process is given the command-line arguments specified by `arg` and any additional arguments. Returns only if there is an error.

```
1 int dup2(int oldfd, int newfd);
```

- Duplicates the file descriptor `oldfd` to `newfd`. If `newfd` is already open, it is first closed. Returns the new file descriptor on success.

```
1 int waitpid(pid_t pid, int *status, int options);
```

- Waits for a specific child process (`pid`) to change state. The state change is stored in `status`. The `options` argument can modify the behavior of `waitpid`, use 0 for the defaults (blocking). Returns the pid of the child process on success.

```
1 int pipe(int pipefd[2]);
```

- Creates a unidirectional data channel. `pipefd[0]` is set up for reading, and `pipefd[1]` is set up for writing. Returns 0 on success.

```
1 void exit(int status);
```

- Terminates the calling process with an exit status of `status`.

```
1 ssize_t write(int fd, const void *buf, size_t count);
```

- Writes `count` bytes from `buf` to the file or device associated with `fd`. Returns the number of bytes written.

```
1 ssize_t read(int fd, void *buf, size_t count);
```

- Reads up to `count` bytes from the file or socket associated with `fd` into `buf`. Returns the number of bytes read.

```
1 int pthread_create(pthread_t *thread, const pthread_attr_t *attr,
2 void *(*start_routine)(void *), void *arg);
```

- Creates a new thread with attributes specified by `attr`. The new thread starts execution by invoking `start_routine` with `arg` as its argument. Returns 0 on success.

```
1 void pthread_exit(void *retval);
```

- Terminates the calling thread, returning `retval` to any joining thread.

```
1 int pthread_join(pthread_t thread, void **retval);
```

- Waits for the thread specified by `thread` to terminate. The thread's return value is stored in `retval`. Returns 0 on success.

```
1 int pthread_detach(pthread_t thread);
```

- Detaches the specified thread, so its resources can be reclaimed immediately upon termination. Returns 0 on success.

```
1 atexit(void (*function)(void));
```

- Register functions to call on program exit.

```
1 int execve(const char *pathname, char *const argv[], char *const envp[]);
```

- Replaces the current process with a new program and resets.

- **pathname**: Full path of the program to load.
- **argv**: Array of strings (array of characters), terminated by a null pointer. Represents arguments to the process.
- **envp**: Array of strings (array of characters), terminated by a null pointer. Represents the environment variables of the process.
- Returns only if there is an error.

```
1 int open(const char *pathname, int flags);
```

- Opens a file specified by **pathname** with the specified **flags**. Returns a file descriptor on success.

```
1 int close(int fd);
```

- Closes the file descriptor **fd**. Returns 0 on success.

```
1 DIR *opendir(const char *name);
```

- Opens the directory specified by **name** for reading. Returns a pointer to a **DIR** structure on success.

```
1 int closedir(DIR *dirp);
```

- Closes the directory stream pointed to by **dirp**. Returns 0 on success.

```
1 ssize_t read(int fd, void *buf, size_t count);
```

- Reads up to **count** bytes from the file descriptor **fd** into the buffer **buf**. Returns the number of bytes read on success or -1 on error.

```
1 void perror(const char *s);
```

- Prints a descriptive error message to **stderr**, prefixed by the string **s**, based on the current value of **errno**.

```
1 void exit(int status);
```

- Terminates the calling process with the specified **status**. Use **EXIT_SUCCESS** or **EXIT_FAILURE** for standard status codes.

4 Operating System Structure

4.1 3 Operating System Concepts

Definition:

1. **Virtualization:** Share one resource by mimicking multiple independent copies.
2. **Concurrency:** Handle multiple things happening at the same time.
3. **Persistence:** Retain data consistency even without power.

4.2 Different Types of Kernels

5 Processes

Definition: An instance of running a program.

- **Program:** A file containing all the instructions and data required to run.

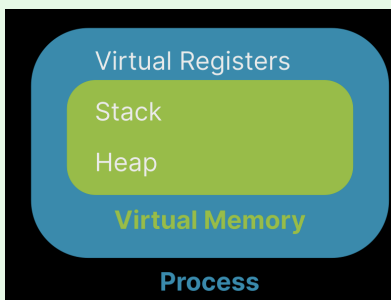


Figure 1: Process

5.1 Hello World

Example:

6 Threads

7 Synchronization

8 CPU Scheduling

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