# Lab 2

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# Exercise 1

(a) Use only the ps command to list all processes (including UID) with parent process ID (PPID) 1. I consult the man page of ps and find the **--ppid** switch.

--ppid pidlist

Select by parent process ID. This selects the processes with a parent process ID in pidlist.

To include the UID I use the u option, and to print it numerically I use the n modifier. Both are documented in the man pages of ps.

u Display user-oriented format.

n Numeric output for WCHAN and USER (including all types of UID and GID).

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USER				VSZ		TTY				COMMAND
0				11776	6712	?	Ss	14:45	0:01	
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/lib/syste	emd/sy	stemd	-logi	ind						
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daemons	ystem	ad	dress	s=syster	nd:r	nofork	nopid	file:	systemo	d-activation
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/usr/lib/r	rtkit/	rtkit	-daen	non						
0	462	0.0	0.4	101864	15860	?	Ssl	14:45	0:00	
/usr/sbin/	/Netwo	rkMan	ager	no-da	aemon					
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/usr/sbir										
0	1003	0.0	0.2	51332	7736	?	Ssl	14:45	0:00	
/usr/lib/	upower	/upow	erd							
105	1014	0.0	0.0	11572	3244	;	Ss	14:45	0:00	/usr/sbin/exim4 -
bd -q30m										
0	1051	0.0	0.1	10796	4472	?	Ss	14:45	0:00	
/sbin/wpa	_suppl	icant	-u -	s -0 /I	run/wpa	a_suppli	cant			
0	1052	0.0	0.3	64484	13244	?	Ssl	14:45	0:00	
/usr/lib/	'packag	gekit/	packa	gekitd						
116	1075	0.0	0.3	46728	13368	?	Ssl	14:45	0:00	
/usr/lib/	colord	/colo	rd							
1000	1095	0.0	0.1	9552	6152	?	Ss	14:45	0:00	
/lib/syst	emd/sy	stemd	us	er						
1000	1102	0.0	0.1	39280	4848	;	Sl	14:45	0:00	/usr/bin/gnome-
keyring-d	laemon	dae	moniz	elo	gin					
1000	1168	0.0	0.0	15808	308	;	S	14:45	0:00	
/usr/bin/	VBoxC1	ient	cli	.pboard						
1000	1179	0.0	0.0	15808	308	?	S	14:45	0:00	
/usr/bin/	VBoxC1	ient	sea	mless						
1000	1186	0.0	0.0	15808	308	?	S	14:45	0:00	
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/usr/bin/	VBoxC1	ient	vms	vga						
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settings-	daemon	/gsd-	print	er						
1000	1378	0.0	0.0	15808	1368	?	S	14:45	0:01	
/usr/bin/	VBoxC1	ient	vms	vga						
0	6174	0.0	0.0	5256	2864	;	Ss	15:38	0:00	/usr/sbin/cron -f
	11456	0.0	0.2	55620	7480	?	Ssl	17:19	0:00	
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/usr/lib/	udisks				_					
/usr/lib/	udisks			no-de 14656	_	?	Ss	17:24	0:00	/usr/sbin/cupsd -

(b) Filter the list of processes using grep (or awk) such that only processes no kernel threads, e.g. [ kworker ]]) running as username root remain.

I consult the man page of ps and find the **--user** switch.

--user userlist

Select by effective user ID (EUID) or name. Identical to -u and U.

Like in (a) I use **nu** and pipe the output into grep.

Here I filter out lines with closing brackets using the **-v** switch.

These correspond to kernel threads for the following reason:

A post on stackexchange tells me that ps prints the command in brackets when the process args are unavailable. Another page indicates that "these will be kernel threads implementing helper functions, specific subsystems, work queues, etc."

```
moritzpfeffer@debian:~$ ps --user root nu | grep -v ]
   USER
          PID %CPU %MEM
                          VSZ
                                RSS TTY
                                             STAT START
                                                         TIME COMMAND
            1 0.0 0.1 28308 6552 ?
                                                         0:01 /sbin/init
                                            Ss
                                                 14:45
          212 0.0 0.1 11776 6712 ?
                                                 14:45
                                                         0:01
/lib/systemd/systemd-journald
          241 0.0 0.0 21868 1528 ?
                                            Ss 14:45
                                                         0:00 /sbin/lvmetad -f
          242 0.0 0.1 16240 4100 ?
                                                 14:45
                                                         0:00
                                            Ss
/lib/systemd/systemd-udevd
          432 0.0 0.0
                         6612 1940 ?
                                            Ss
                                                 14:45
                                                         0:00
/usr/sbin/irgbalance --foreground
          433 0.0 0.1
                        7456 4716 ?
                                                 14:45
                                                         0:00
                                            Ss
/lib/systemd/systemd-logind
          462 0.0 0.4 101864 15860 ?
                                            Ssl 14:45
                                                         0:00
/usr/sbin/NetworkManager --no-daemon
          465 0.0 0.1 39360 6424 ?
                                            Ssl 14:45
                                                         0:00
/usr/lib/accountsservice/accounts-daemon
          466 0.0 0.0 23528 2996 ?
                                            Ssl 14:45
                                                         0:00
/usr/sbin/rsyslogd -n
          468 0.0 0.2 51904 8392 ?
                                            Ssl 14:45
                                                         0:00
/usr/sbin/ModemManager
          486 0.0 0.2 39616 8200 ?
                                            Ssl 14:45
                                                         0:00
/usr/lib/policykit-1/polkitd --no-debug
                                                         0:00 /usr/sbin/sshd -D
          539 0.0 0.1 10496 5160 ?
                                            Ss
                                                 14:45
          710 0.0 0.2 49556 7568 ?
                                            Ssl 14:45
                                                         0:00 /usr/sbin/gdm3
      9
          717 0.0 0.0 31868 2988 ?
                                            Sl
                                                 14:45
                                                         0:03
/usr/sbin/VBoxService --pidfile /var/run/vboxadd-service.sh
          741 0.0 0.0
                         2100
                                52 ?
                                                 14:45
                                            Ss
                                                         0:00
/usr/sbin/minissdpd -i 0.0.0.0
      0 1003 0.0 0.2 51332 7736 ?
                                            Ssl 14:45
                                                         0:00
/usr/lib/upower/upowerd
      0 1051 0.0 0.1 10796 4472 ?
                                                 14:45
                                                         0:00
/sbin/wpa_supplicant -u -s -0 /run/wpa_supplicant
      0 1052 0.0 0.3 64484 13244 ?
                                            Ssl 14:45
                                                         0:00
/usr/lib/packagekit/packagekitd
      0 6174 0.0 0.0
                        5256 2864 ?
                                            Ss
                                                 15:38
                                                         0:00 /usr/sbin/cron -f
      0 10735 0.0 0.1
                         8124 3744 ?
                                            S
                                                 17:19
                                                         0:00 /sbin/dhclient -d
-q -sf /usr/lib/NetworkManager/nm-dhcp-helper -pf /var/run/dhclient-enp0s3.pid -lf
/var/lib/NetworkManager/dhclient-2b5ae656-5993-4431-82a4-da96c10b4d7e-enp0s3.lease
-cf /var/lib/NetworkManager/dhclient-enp0s3.conf enp0s3
      0 11456 0.0 0.2 55620 7480 ?
                                            Ssl 17:19
                                                         0:00
/usr/lib/udisks2/udisksd --no-debug
                                      Ss
                                                         0:00 /usr/sbin/cupsd -
      0 11994 0.0 0.1 14656 7172 ?
                                                 17:24
1
```

Then i verify that this really yields the expected number of processes.

```
moritzpfeffer@debian:~$ ps --user root nu | grep -v ] | wc -l
23
```

23 - 1 (header line) = 22. This matches the number indicated in the exercise description of (c). Thus, my command appears to be correct.

(c) For each of the remaining (~22) processes, provide a 2-3 sentences describing the functionality of each process (Hint: use man / Arch)

Program Name	Description
/sbin/init	
/lib/systemd/systemd-journald	
/sbin/lvmetad -f	
/lib/systemd/systemd-udevd	
/usr/sbin/irqbalance	
/lib/systemd/systemd-logind	
/usr/sbin/NetworkManager	
/usr/lib/accountsservice/accounts- daemon	
/usr/sbin/rsyslogd	It provides support for message logging while avoiding autobackgrounding.
/usr/sbin/ModemManager	provides a unified high level API for communicating with mobile broadband modems, regardless of the protocol used to communicate with the actual device (Generic AT, vendor-specific AT, QCDM, QMI, MBIM).
/usr/lib/policykit-1/polkitd	polkitd provides the org.freedesktop.PolicyKit1 D-Bus service on the system message bus. Users or administrators should never need to start this daemon as it will be automatically started by dbusdaemon(1) whenever an application calls into the service.
/usr/sbin/sshd	Provides secure encrypted communications between two untrusted hosts over an insecure network. When this option is specified, sshd will not detach and does not become a daemon. This allows easy monitoring of sshd.
/usr/sbin/gdm3	gdm3 reads /etc/gdm3/custom.conf for its configuration. For each local display, gdm starts an X server and runs a minimal GNOME session including a graphical greeter. If configured so, the main gdm process also listens for XDMCP requests from remote displays.
/usr/sbin/VBoxService	Enables interoperability between host and the VM such as copy paste, shared folders etc. Also writes the process ID of the service to a file in /var/run/vboxadd-service.sh.

Program Name	Description
/usr/sbin/minissdpd	It listens for SSDP traffic and keeps track of what are the UPnP devices up on the network while the name or IP address of the interface used to listen to SSDP packets coming on multicast address 0.0.0.0.
/usr/lib/upower/upowerd	
/sbin/wpa_supplicant	
/usr/lib/packagekit/packagekitd	
/usr/sbin/cron	
/sbin/dhclient	
/usr/lib/udisks2/udisksd	

/usr/sbin/cupsd

/usr/sbin/rsyslogd -n

- > It provides support for message logging while avoiding auto-backgrounding. /usr/sbin/ModemManager
- > provides a unified high level API for communicating with mobile broadband modems, regardless of the protocol used to communicate with the actual device (Generic AT, vendor-specific AT, QCDM, QMI, MBIM...).

/usr/lib/policykit-1/polkitd --no-debug

> polkitd provides the org.freedesktop.PolicyKit1 D-Bus service on the system message bus. Users or administrators should never need to start this daemon as it will be automatically started by dbus-daemon(1) whenever an application calls into the service.

/usr/sbin/sshd -D

- > provide secure encrypted communications between two untrusted hosts over an insecure network. When this option is specified, sshd will not detach and does not become a daemon. This allows easy monitoring of sshd.
  /usr/sbin/gdm3
- > gdm3 reads /etc/gdm3/custom.conf for its configuration. For each local display, gdm starts an X server and runs a minimal GNOME session including a graphical greeter. If configured so, the main gdm process also listens for XDMCP requests from remote displays.

/usr/sbin/VBoxService --pidfile /var/run/vboxadd-service.sh

- > Write the process ID to a file in /var/run/vboxadd-service.sh.
  /usr/sbin/minissdpd -i 0.0.0.0
- > It listens for SSDP traffic and keeps track of what are the UPnP devices up on the network while the name or IP address of the interface used to listen to SSDP packets coming on multicast address 0.0.0.0.

# Exercise 2

(a) Run the binary and show the process tree using pstree and the parent PID. While the fork file is excuting, switch to another tty:

```
fangwenliao@debian:~/Downloads/OS_Lab2/fork$ make
gcc -w -Werror -o fork fork.c
fangwenliao@debian:~/Downloads/OS_Lab2/fork$ ./fork
Main process PID: 1845
Child PID: 1848
Child PID: 1847
Child PID: 1846
Child PID: 1850
Child PID: 1849
Child PID: 1851
Child PID: 1852
Press ENTER key to Continue
Process 1847 ended
Process 1846 ended
Process 1848 ended
Process 1852 ended
Process 1850 ended
Process 1851 ended
Process 1849 ended
Process 1845 ended
```

#### Meanwhile switch to another TTY, and run:

- (b) Explain the number of running processes based on the source code in fork.c. According to man page of fork, the fork() copies the calling process in a seperate memory space and the child process has the same content. In the source code there are 3 fork() calls. When process 1845 fork for the first time, it creates 1846, at this point both 1845 and 1846 will run the second fork. In the second fork, 1845 and 1846 create correspondly 1849 and 1847, after that 1845, 1846, 1847 1849 are prepared for the third fork. Finally 1852, 1851, 1850 1848 are forked.
- (c) Do these processes share memory or other resources? Why (not)? Arrording to man page of fork, they are in different memory space, however fork() in Linux use copy-to-write technique, they actually share the same physical memory, because they didn't write anything.

# Exercise 3

(a) Implement an application in C that uses (1) a clone() system call to create a process, (2) a clone() system call to create a thread, and (3) a fork() (in that specific order)

```
#include <stdio.h> // printf()
#include <unistd.h> // sleep(), getpid(), getppid()
#include <signal.h> // SIGCHLD flag
#include <linux/sched.h> // CLONE flags
void printids(void) {
  printf("TGID: %d\n", getpid()); // Print the TGID of the current process
 printf("PPID: %d\n", getppid()); // Print the PPID of the current process
 printf("\n\n");
 sleep(1);
}
int child(void *arg)
 printids();
}
int main(void)
  printf("This is the parent process.\n");
  printids(); // IDs of the main process
 getchar();
  printf("This is a child process created by clone().\n");
 void *child_stack;
  child_stack = (void*)malloc(1024);
  clone(&child, child_stack+1024, SIGCHLD, 0);
  getchar(); // Press a key to continue
  printf("This is a thread created by clone().\n");
  clone(&child, child stack+2048, CLONE VM|CLONE FS|CLONE FILES|CLONE SIGHAND, 0);
  getchar();
  printf("This is a fork().\n");
  fork();
  getchar();
 return 0;
}
```

(b) For each of the created processes and threads, print and clearly show the TGID and PPID.

```
fangwenliao@debian:~/Downloads/OS_Lab2/clone$ ./clone
This is the parent process.
TGID: 1739
PPID: 1676
```

```
This is a child process created by clone().
TGID: 1743
PPID: 1739

This is a thread created by clone().
TGID: 1744
PPID: 1739

This is a fork().
```

```
fangwenliao@debian:~/Downloads/OS_Lab2/clone$ pstree -pg 1739
clone(1739,1739)—clone(1743,1739)
—clone(1744,1739)
—clone(1745,1739)
```

(c) Explain why each of the TGIDs and PPIDs have the values as shown.

The TGID of the first one is also used as process ID. The other three processes are all created by the first process, so they share the same PPID which is the PID of the first one. The three child processes fully copy the parent process, each process is guaranteed a unique TGID used to identify.

# Exercise 4

(a) Implement the list\_processes function such that it outputs (prints) a list of all processes including the executable name, process ID, and thread group ID.

```
int init(void)
{
    printk(KERN_INFO "pm: init(void)\n");
    printk(KERN INFO "pm: Module author = %s\n", M AUTHOR);
    printk(KERN_INFO "pm: Module description = %s\n", M_DESC);
    list_processes(&init_task);
    return 0;
}
void exit(void)
{
    printk(KERN_INFO "pm: exit(void)\n");
}
module_init(init); // Define module entry point
module_exit(exit); // Define module exit point
MODULE_LICENSE("GPL");
MODULE_AUTHOR(M_AUTHOR);
MODULE_DESCRIPTION(M_DESC);
```

(b) Show the output of the kern.log related to your module.

```
Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503447] pm: init(void)
Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503448] pm: Module author = Moritz Pfeffer
<st152880@stud.uni-stuttgart.de>
Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503448] pm: Module description = Process
Module
Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503448] name pid tgid
Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503449] systemd
                                                            1
Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503450] kthreadd 2
                                                            2
Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503450] ksoftirqd/0
                                                                3
Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503451] kworker/0:0H 5
Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503451] rcu sched 7
                                                            7
Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503452] rcu_bh
                                                            8
Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503452] migration/0
                                                                9
Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503453] lru-add-drain 10
                                                                10
Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503453] watchdog/0
                                                                11
Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503454] cpuhp/0
Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503454] cpuhp/1
Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503455] watchdog/1
                                                            14
                                                                14
Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503455] migration/1
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                                                               15
Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503456] ksoftirqd/1
                                                            16
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Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503456] kworker/1:0H 18
                                                                18
Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503457] kdevtmpfs 19
                                                            19
Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503457] netns 20 20
```

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Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503458] khungtaskd
                                                            21
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Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503458] oom_reaper
                                                                22
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Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503459] writeback 23
                                                            23
Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503459] kcompactd0
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Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503460] ksmd 26 26
Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503461] khugepaged
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Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503461] crypto
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Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503462] kintegrityd
                                                            29
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Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503462] bioset
                                                            30
Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503463] kblockd
                                                            31
Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503463] devfreq_wq
                                                            32
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Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503464] watchdogd 33
                                                            33
Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503464] kswapd0
                                                            34
Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503465] vmstat
                                                        35
                                                            35
Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503466] kthrotld 47
                                                            47
Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503466] ipv6_addrconf 48
Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503466] ata_sff
                                                            85
Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503467] scsi_eh_0 87
Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503467] scsi tmf 0
Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503468] scsi_eh_1 91
Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503468] scsi_tmf_1
                                                            92
Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503469] bioset
                                                        109 109
Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503469] kworker/1:1H 112 112
Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503504] scsi_eh_2 114 114
Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503505] scsi_tmf_2
                                                            115 115
Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503506] scsi_eh_3 116 116
Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503506] scsi_tmf_3
                                                            117 117
Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503506] scsi_eh_4 118 118
Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503507] scsi_tmf_4
                                                            119 119
Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503507] scsi_eh_5 120 120
Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503508] scsi tmf 5
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Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503508] scsi eh 6 122 122
Nov 16 21:35:59 debian kernel: [ 3282.503508] scsi_tmf_6
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### (c) Which parts of the kernel module execute in kernel space?

All parts of the kernel module execute in kernel space. This can be seen from the fact that the kernel function *printk* is available in all the procedures i.e. init, exit and list\_processes.