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Discussion of Results

The results were surprisingly unexpected.

I though that the bash script would have ran at a faster speed but from my examination the result showed an 89.19% better runtime, nearly double!

Most of the time was spent in wait4 section of the system call, which could be caused by the pipes we have integrated with the script commands. (Zimmer)

On one hand this saved us a lot of coding time, but on the other it seems to be less efficient. We should choose to use the scripting method unless we have a mission critical situation which requires every drop of performance.

Source:

Zimmer, O. (2017, June 13). How to get a process out of a wait4() system call - Quora. Retrieved from <https://www.quora.com/How-do-I-get-a-process-out-of-a-wait4-system-call>

Strace from own program

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bash-4.4$ strace -c time ./scan c 2
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Found 8 files:
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    : 32764
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./scan.c : 2596
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Total size: 3933 bytes.
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0.00user 0.00system 0:00.00elapsed 60%CPU (0avgtext+0avgdata 3004maxresident)k
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0inputs+0outputs (0major+343minor)pagefaults 0swaps
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% time	seconds	usecs/call	calls	errors	syscall
70.38	0.002214	2214	1		wait4
21.90	0.000689	6	112		write
2.16	0.000068	3	18	16	openat
1.24	0.000039	39	1		clone
1.05	0.000033	4	8	7	stat
0.99	0.000031	6	5		mmap
0.83	0.000026	6	4		mprotect
0.41	0.000013	3	4		rt_sigaction
0.38	0.000012	12	1		munmap
0.22	0.000007	3	2		close
0.22	0.000007	3	2		fstat
0.13	0.000004	4	1		read
0.10	0.000003	3	1		arch_prctl
0.00	0.000000	0	1		brk
0.00	0.000000	0	1	1	access
0.00	0.000000	0	1		execve
100.00	0.003146		163	24	total

Strace from bash script

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bash-4.4$ strace -c time sh scan.sh c 2
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./scan.c 2596
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./myFind.c 1337
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Total size: 3933
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0.00user 0.00system 0:00.00elapsed 116%CPU (0avgtext+0avgdata 3684maxresident)k
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0inputs+0outputs (0major+908minor)pagefaults 0swaps
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% time	seconds	usecs/call	calls	errors	syscall
81.28	0.004838	4838	1		wait4
7.04	0.000419	3	112		write
3.14	0.000187	10	18	16	openat
1.78	0.000106	106	1		clone
1.56	0.000093	11	8	7	stat
1.44	0.000086	17	5		mmap
1.44	0.000086	21	4		mprotect
0.64	0.000038	38	1		munmap
0.64	0.000038	9	4		rt_sigaction
0.34	0.000020	10	2		fstat
0.30	0.000018	9	2		close
0.22	0.000013	13	1		read
0.17	0.000010	10	1		arch_prctl
0.00	0.000000	0	1		brk
0.00	0.000000	0	1	1	access
0.00	0.000000	0	1		execve
100.00	0.005952		163	24	total