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# Outline of a Shell Program



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```
// functions in italics are to be written
for (;;) {
    parse_input_line(arg_vector);
    if built_in_command(arg_vector[0]) {
        do_it(arg_vector);
        continue;
    } // built-in command
    pathname = find_path(arg_vector[0]);
    create_process(pathname, arg_vector);
    if (interactive())
        wait_for_this_child();
} /* for loop */
```

- The real shells are more complicated because they also handle I/O redirection, pipes (as in `ls -alg | more`), command aliasing, wildcard characters (such as `*`) and so forth.

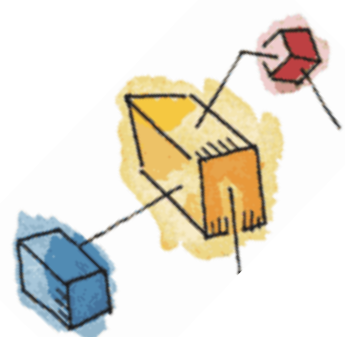
# Outline of a Shell

- *With fork(), execve(), and wait(), our shell program thus becomes:*

```
for (;;) {
    parse_input_line(arg_vector);
    if (builtin_command(arg_vector[0])) {
        do_it(arg_vector);
        continue;
    } //builtin command
    pathname = find_path(arg_vector[0]);
    if ((pid = fork()) == 0) {
        // code executed by child
        //put here I/O redirection
        execve(pathname, arg_vector, envp);
        exit(1); /* in case execve fails */
    } //child process
    if (interactive())
        while (wait(0) != pid);
} // main for loop /
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- Separating the creation of the new process (**fork()**) and the loading of the new program (**execve(...)**) allows the shell to do the I/O redirection within the new process before the new program is loaded
- The **exit(1)** library call is only executed if the **execve(...)** system call fails:
  - without it the child process would start executing the parent code.



# Expanded UNIX Shell

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for (;;) {
    parse_input_line(arg_vector);
    if built_in_command(arg_vector[0]) {
        do_it(arg_vector);
        continue;
    } //built_in command
    pathname = find_path(arg_vector[0]);
    if ((pid = fork()) == 0) {
        // code executed by child
        if (!ispiped) {
            if (stdout_redirect) {
                // open target file and create it if needed
                fd = open(outfile, O_WRONLY | O_CREAT, 0644);
                close(1); // close stdout/
                dup(fd); // dup into stdout
                close(fd); // good practice
            }
            if (stdin_redirect) {
                fd = open(infile, O_RDONLY);
                close(0); // close stdin/
                dup(fd); // dup into stdin
                close(fd); // good practice
            }
            execve(pathname, arg_vector, envp);
            exit(1); /* in case execve fails */
        }
        else exec_pipe(.....);
    } //child process
    if (interactive())
        while (wait(0) != pid);
} // main for loop /
```

```
exec_pipe(.....) {

    int pd[2];
    pipe(pd); //creates the pipe
    ...
    if ((pid = fork()) == 0) {
        // child does producer/
        close(1); // close stdout
        dup(pd[1]); // dup into stdout
        close(pd[0]); close(pd[1]); //
        goody
        execve(leftsidecommand, p_argv,
        p_envp);
        exit(1); // should execve fail
    } /* end of child
    // parent does consumer
        close(0); // close stdin
        dup (pd[0]; // dup into stdin
        close (pd[0]); close(pd[1]); //
        goody
        execve(rightsidecommand, c_argv,
        c_envp);
        exit(2); // if execve fails
    }
} // main for loop /
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    pathname = find_path(arg_vector[0]);
    if ((pid = fork()) == 0) {
        // code executed by child
        if (!ispipe) {
            if (stdout_redirect) {
                // open/create target file
                fd = open(outfile, O_WRONLY | O_CREAT,
                           0644);

                close(1); // close stdout/
                dup(fd); // dup into stdout
                close(fd); // good practice
            }
            if (stdin_redirect) {
                fd = open(infile, O_RDONLY);
                close(0); // close stdin/
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            }
        }
    }
}
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