Simple Unix Shell

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Introduction

A **Unix shell** is a command-line interpreter or **shell** that provides a command line user interface for **Unix**-like operating systems. The **shell** is both an interactive command language and a scripting language, and is used by the operating system to control the execution of the system using **shell** scripts.

Requirements

It is required to implement a Unix shell program. A shell is simply a program that conveniently allows you to run other programs.

Your shell must support the following:

1. The internal shell command "exit" which terminates the shell

- o Concepts: shell commands, exiting the shell.
- System calls: exit()

2. A command with no arguments

- **Example**: ls, cp, rm ...etc
- Details: Your shell must block until the command completes and, if the return code is abnormal, print out a message to that effect.
- Concepts: Forking a child process, waiting for it to complete and synchronous execution.
- System calls: fork(), execvp(), exit(), wait()

- 3. A command with arguments
 - **Example**: ls –l
 - **Details**: Argument 0 is the name of the command.
 - o **Concepts**: Command-line parameters.
- 4. A command, with or without arguments, executed in the background using &.
 - Example: firefox &
 - Details: In this case, your shell must execute the command and return immediately, not blocking until the command finishes.
 - Concepts: Background execution, signals, signal handlers, processes and asynchronous execution.

Organization of Code

There are three parts of the project:

- 1. UnixShell.h: declares class Shell and all its associated functions without implementation, acts like an interface.
- 2. UnixShell.cpp : defines the class Shell and all its methods with detailed implementation and commented code.
- 3. Main.cpp : creates an object from the Class Shell and execute the Shell program.

The Class Shell represents the core part of my Code and includes the following functions:

1. ParseInput method: takes a user input and split it into different parts to represent the appropriate command form and return the array of all parts.

- ExecuteCommand method: takes a command as an arguament and execute it by creating a new process via fork and pass the command to execvp method to execute the command.
- 3. Cd method: handle cd command that is built-in command and isn't exist in system path.
- 4. runShell method: the controller of the Shell, it waits for a user input, then calls the appropriate functions based on the current state of the Shell.
- 5. signalHandler method: handle interrupt that come from terminating a child process that runs in the background.

Sample Run

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    mahmoud sharshar@MahmoudSharshar: ~/eclipse-workspace/simple shell/Debug

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mahmoud_sharshar@MahmoudSharshar:~$ cd "/home/mahmoud_sharshar/eclipse-workspace/simple shell/^
Debug/'
mahmoud sharshar@MahmoudSharshar:~/eclipse-workspace/simple shell/Debug$ ./"simple shell"
simple shell$ clear
simple shell$ pwd
/home/mahmoud_sharshar/eclipse-workspace/simple shell/Debug
simple shell$ ls -l -a -h
total 272K
drwxrwxr-x 3 mahmoud_sharshar mahmoud_sharshar 4.0K أَتُكُ أً 23:20
drwxrwxr-x 6 mahmoud_sharshar mahmoud_sharshar 4.0K أ 11 23:17 ..
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-rw-rw-r-- 1 mahmoud_sharshar mahmoud_sharshar 1.4K مثل 11 23:20 makefile
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drwxrwxr-x 2 mahmoud_sharshar mahmoud_sharshar 4.0K أعك أ 23:20 src
simple shell$ date
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simple shell$ cd ..
simple shell$ pwd
/home/mahmoud_sharshar/eclipse-workspace/simple shell
simple shell$ cd /
simple shell$ pwd
simple shell$
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"ahmoud_sharshar@MahmoudSharshar:~/eclipse-workspace/simple shell/Debug$ ./"simple shell
 simple shell$ ls
 empty logfile.txt make
simple shell$ mv empty src
                                  makefile objects.mk 'simple shell' sources.mk
 simple shell$ ls src
 empty main.d main.o subdir.mk UnixShell.d UnixShell.o
 simple shell$ cp src/empty .
 simple shell$ ls
 empty logfile.txt makefile objects.mk 'simple shell' sources.mk src
simple shell$ pwd
 /home/mahmoud_sharshar/eclipse-workspace/simple shell/Debug
 simple shell$ mkdir newDir
simple shell$ ls
empty logfile.txt makefile newDir objects.mk 'simple shell' sources.mk
simple shell$ rm newDir
 rm: cannot remove 'newDir': Is a directory
simple shell$ rm -R newDir
simple shell$ ls -a
. .. empty logfile.txt makefile objects.mk 'simple shell' sources.mk src
simple shell$ ls -alh
total 272K
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