

Operating System

LAB1 PROCESSES

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II Creating and Running a Process (1) - fork

1.

Read the man

2. *This question was written with Ines MEUNIER who initially in Gr1 but change to Gr3*

Once the fork is called the process is duplicate. The calling process is known as the parent and the duplicate one as the child. If the fork succeeds, the function returns the PID of the child to the parent and 0 to the child as a default value that corresponds to no PID of any process. If the fork fails the function return -1 to the parent and as long, there's no child and an errno (number of last error) is set to indicate an error.

Difference between parent and child process :

- The child has its own process ID (PID) which has a different ID than its parent
- The child-parent PID is different from the parent's parent PID (same thing for child's child PID and parent's child PID)
- The child has its own memory lock (space in RAM)
- Child time process, asynchronous I/O operations, timers and its resources are set to their default value and there are no pending signals
- Child semaphore adjustments are reset, to its parent's first version
- The child does not inherit process-associated record locks from its parent
- The child is an exact duplicate of its parents with its own PID and all values set to default except the file description locks and locks that it inherits from its parent.

3.

Code :

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <unistd.h>

int main()
{
    int child = fork();

    if( !child )
    {
        printf("Hello I am a child !! My ID is : %d\nMy parent id is %d !!\n\n", getpid(), getppid());
    }
    else
    {
        printf("Hello I am a parent my ID is %d\nMy child's ID is %d\nMy parent's id is : %d\n\n", getpid(), child, getppid());
    }

    return 0;
}
```

Result :

```
Hello I am a parent my ID is 3277
My child's ID is 3278
My parent's id is : 2283

Hello I am a child !! My ID is : 3278
My parent id is 3277 !!
```

In this code, we create a child process with the function `fork()`. After this we just implement a condition to print the child and parent ID.

4.

Code :

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <sys/wait.h>

int main()
{
    int child = fork();
    int i=5;

    if( !child )
    {
        i++;
        printf("Hello I am a child !! My ID is : %d\nMy parent id is %d !!\ni=%d\n\n", getpid(), getppid(),i);
    }
    else
    {
        wait(NULL);
        printf("Hello I am a parent my ID is %d\nMy child's ID is %d\nMy parent's id is : %d\ni=%d\n\n", getpid(), child, getppid(), i);
    }

    return 0;
}
```

Result :

```
Hello I am a child !! My ID is : 3314
My parent id is 3313 !!
i=6

Hello I am a parent my ID is 3313
My child's ID is 3314
My parent's id is : 2283
i=5
```

We can see here that the data between the child and parent process are not shared. The incrementation of the i variable in the child process doesn't affect the parent process.

5.

Yes it is possible to create more than one child process.

Code :

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <sys/wait.h>

int main()
{
    int child = fork();
    int i = 0;
    if( !child )
    {
        child = fork();
        if( !child )
        {
            i++;
            printf("Hello I am a child of a child !! My ID is : %d\nMy parent id is %d !!\nValeur de i : %d\n\n", getpid(), getppid(), i);
        }
        else
        {
            i++;
            printf("Hello I am a parent and a child, my ID is %d\nMy child's ID is %d\nMy parent's ID is : %d\nValeur de i : %d\n\n", getpid(), child, getppid(), i);
        }
    }
    else
    {
        int child2 = fork();
        if( !child2 )
        {
            i++;
            printf("Hello I am a child !! My ID is : %d\nMy parent id is %d !!\nValeur de i : %d\n\n", getpid(), getppid(), i);
        }
        else
        {
            i++;
            printf("Hello I am a parent my ID is %d\nMy children's ID is %d and %d\nValeur de i : %d\n\n", getpid(), child, child2, i);
        }
    }
    wait(NULL);
    return 0;
}
```

Result :

```
Hello I am a parent my ID is 6029
My children's ID are 6030 and 6031
Valeur de i : 1

Hello I am a child !! My ID is : 6031
My parent id is 6029 !!
Valeur de i : 1

Hello I am a parent and a child, my ID is 6030
My child's ID is 6032
My parent's ID is : 6029
Valeur de i : 1

Hello I am a child of a child !! My ID is : 6032
My parent id is 6030 !!
Valeur de i : 1
```

In this code we create two childs of the same parent. We can see that for the same parent ID we have to child with two different IDs.

III Creating and Running a Process

A. read man

B.

Code :

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <unistd.h>

int main()
{
    printf("PID : %d\n", getpid());

    char *args[2];
    args[0] = (char*)"/usr/bin/gedit";
    args[1] = NULL;

    execv(args[0],args);

    return 0;
}
```

Result :

```
9872 pts/1    00:00:00 gedit
polocto@polocto-desktop: /media/polocto/Commun/Documents/ING4/OS/lab1$ ./fork.3.2.o
PID : 9872
```

With the following command, we obtain a list of processes and their id: `ps -e`. The first number in the terminal represents the PID of the process. We can conclude that the process id of the running application is the same as the original one since they share the same PID.

C.

The data between parent and child processes can be shared using shared memory. This can work when we are using the fork function. If we run a program from another process, without using the function `fork()` all datas from the initial process will be erase. To prevent this we use the function `fork()` to be able to keep the datas between parent's process and his child.

D.

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #include <unistd.h>
3 #include <sys/wait.h>
4
5 int main()
6 {
7     int i = 5;
8     if (fork() == 0)
9     {
10         // write an exec call
11         char *args[2];
12         args[0] = (char*)"/usr/bin/ps";//set the path to the command that show processes
13         args[1] = (char*)"-f";//argument for full-format listing
14         args[2] = NULL;
15         execv(args[0],args); //execution of a command
16         //Process seems to stop here after the command stopped it looks like there is no come back to this program
17         i++;
18         printf("i: %d\n", i); // this line is not executed
19     }
20     else {
21         printf("PID : %d\n", getpid()); //print the process id of the running application parent
22     }
23     wait(NULL);
24     return 0;
25 }
```

polocto@polocto-desktop:/media/polocto/Commun/Documents/ING4/OS/lab1\$./fork.3.4.o

UID	PID	PPID	C	STIME	TTY	TIME	CMD
polocto	8883	8786	0	sept.14	pts/1	00:00:00	/usr/bin/bash
polocto	12311	8883	0	00:22	pts/1	00:00:00	./fork.3.4.o
polocto	12312	12311	0	00:22	pts/1	00:00:00	/usr/bin/ps -f

polocto@polocto-desktop:/media/polocto/Commun/Documents/ING4/OS/lab1\$

```
polocto@polocto-desktop:/media/polocto/Commun/Documents/ING4/OS/lab1$ ./fork.3.4.o
PID : 14046
^Z[1]  Fini                                ./fork.3.4.o

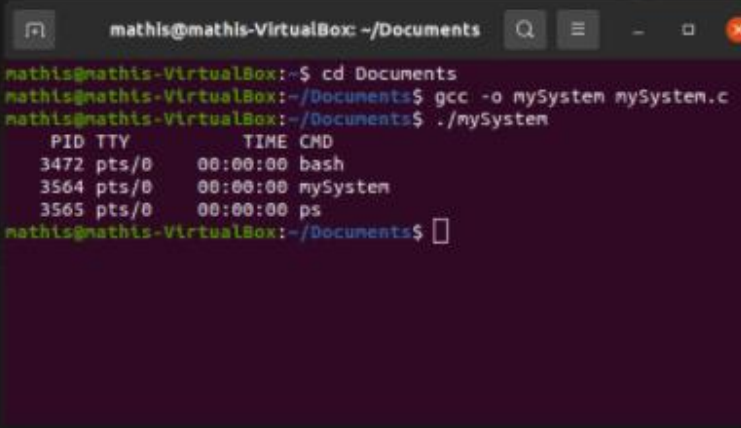
[2]+  Arrêté                                ./fork.3.4.o
polocto@polocto-desktop:/media/polocto/Commun/Documents/ING4/OS/lab1$ bg
[2]+  ./fork.3.4.o &
polocto@polocto-desktop:/media/polocto/Commun/Documents/ING4/OS/lab1$ ps
  PID TTY          TIME CMD
  8883 pts/1        00:00:00 bash
 14046 pts/1        00:00:00 fork.3.4.o
 14047 pts/1        00:00:00 gedit
 14106 pts/1        00:00:00 ps
polocto@polocto-desktop:/media/polocto/Commun/Documents/ING4/OS/lab1$ ./fork.3.2.o
PID : 14176
^Z[2]  Fini                                ./fork.3.4.o

[3]+  Arrêté                                ./fork.3.2.o
polocto@polocto-desktop:/media/polocto/Commun/Documents/ING4/OS/lab1$ bg
[3]+  ./fork.3.2.o &
polocto@polocto-desktop:/media/polocto/Commun/Documents/ING4/OS/lab1$ ps
  PID TTY          TIME CMD
  8883 pts/1        00:00:00 bash
 14176 pts/1        00:00:00 gedit
 14273 pts/1        00:00:00 ps
```

First we call the fork function in order to create a child process. In the program of the child process we called an exec function using the path of the used command. When the command is executed, the process stop and doesn't continue to run the program after the exec function (l17-18).

IV Last question : lookup the system function in the manual & implement your own function (void mySystem(char *cmd)).

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #include <unistd.h>
3 #include <sys/wait.h>
4
5
6 void mySystem(char *arg)
7 {
8     if (!fork())
9         execl(arg, arg, (char*)NULL);
10    else
11        wait(NULL);
12
13 }
14
15
16
17 int main()
18 {
19     char *arg = "/usr/bin/ps";
20     mySystem(arg);
21
22     return 0;
23 }
24
25
```



```
mathis@mathis-VirtualBox: ~/Documents
mathis@mathis-VirtualBox:~$ cd Documents
mathis@mathis-VirtualBox:~/Documents$ gcc -o mySystem mySystem.c
mathis@mathis-VirtualBox:~/Documents$ ./mySystem
  PID TTY          TIME CMD
 3472 pts/0    00:00:00 bash
 3564 pts/0    00:00:00 mySystem
 3565 pts/0    00:00:00 ps
mathis@mathis-VirtualBox:~/Documents$
```