

Operating Systems Lab
Assignment 01
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QUESTION 1:

#INCLUDE <STDIO.H>

This header file is included for standard Input and Output - on terminal as well as files. Some functions of this header file are *printf()*, *fopen()*, *fclose()*, *fprintf()*, *fscanf()* etc.

#INCLUDE <STDLIB.H>

When we have to do memory allocation or process allocation. It has some conversion functions like *atoi()*, mathematical functions like *div()*, process control functions like *system()*, sorting functions like *qsort()* etc.

#INCLUDE <UNISTD.H>

This header file provides access to POSIX compliant operating system API. *NULL* is defined in this header file. *Fork()*, *execv()*, *getpid()*, *getppid()* are also a part of this header file. Some operations related to file access mode are *o_ronly()* for reading only, *o_rdwr()* for reading and writing, *o_wonly()* for writing only.

#INCLUDE <SYS/TYPES.H>

This header file is included when we are working with processes and threads. Some important datatypes are also a part of this header file; *pid_t* for storing process ids. *key_t* which is used in shared memory. *pthread_t* which is used in creating threads.

#INCLUDE <SYS/DIR.H>

This header file is included when we want to work with directories. C language has no support for directories so this header file is included. Some functions in this header file which also may be defined as macros are *opendir()*, *readdir()*, *closedir()* etc.

#INCLUDE <FCNTL.H>

This header file is included when we want to do operations on open file descriptor. When working with locks this header file is needed. Some functions related to locks are *f_rdlck()* is for shared or read lock, *f_unlck()* is for unlocking, *f_wrlck()* is for writing locks.

#INCLUDE <SYS/STAT.H>

This header file facilitates getting information about file attributes. It defines the structure of data returned by *stat()*, *fstat()*, *lstat()*. Some functions in this header file are *fstat()* which is passed a file descriptor argument and returns attributes of that file, *stat()* and *lstat()* are passed filename as argument, if the file is link then *stat()* returns attributes of target of link whereas *lstat()* returns attributes of link.