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MarauderOS User's Manual

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- + `load_r3` command
- + `yield` command
- PCB create command

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- + All PCB related commands
- + Update `setdate` and `settime` to show new parameter format

1 Standard Commands

1.1 version

The `version` command in MarauderOS serves as a handy tool for users seeking to gain insights into the current state of the operating system. When executed, this command displays the version on the command line, including the OS's major and minor version numbers, along with the date it was compiled. The major version number signifies the milestone the OS is on. The minor version number signifies the number of features and smaller enhancements that have been incorporated since the last major release.

Usage

The `version` command take in no parameters. An example usage of the command can be seen below in Figure 1.



```

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Welcome to MarauderOS | Use 'help' command to see list of commands
> version
v1.9 last compiled on 09-08-23
> █
```

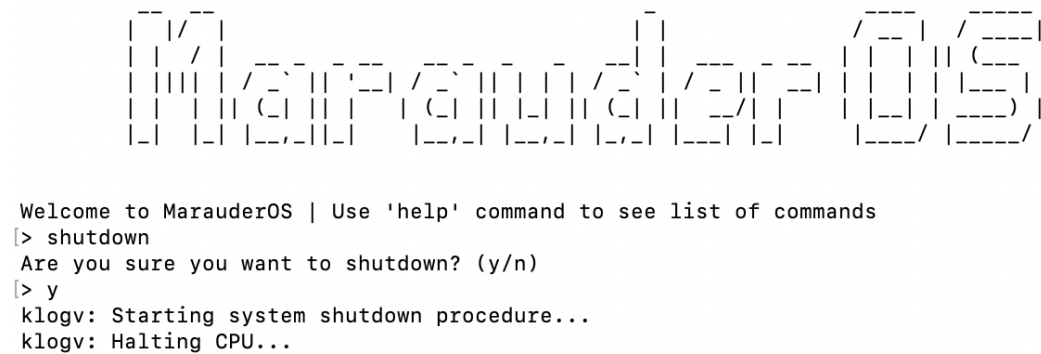
Figure 1: Example Usage of the `version` Command

1.2 shutdown

The `shutdown` command within MarauderOS serves as a way to halt the operating system's operations. When this command is executed, it ask the user if they are sure they want to shutdown the operating system. Its primary function is to bring the OS to a complete stop, ensuring a clean and efficient termination of all running processes, thus maintaining system stability and reliability. A user can immediately shutdown the system without confirmation by executing `shutdown!` instead.

Usage

The `shutdown` command takes in no parameters. An example usage of the command can be seen below in Figure 2.

Figure 2: Example Usage of the `shutdown` Command

1.3 load_r3

The `load_r3` command in MarauderOS provides users a way to load faux processes into the system. Within the command there are five user processes that are loaded. These processes print their status information to the terminal. The priority of these processes are chosen such that the first process has the lowest priority and the last process has the largest priority.

Usage

The `load_r3` command takes in no parameters. An example usage is seen in Figure 3.

Figure 3: Example Usage of the `load_r3` Command

1.4 yield

The `yield` command in MarauderOS provides users a way to make the command handler to yield to the CPU. This will cause the processes in the ready queue to run. The command handler yields until the ready queue is empty. Running this command after the running of `load_r3` will result in the five faux processes to run.

Usage

The `yield` command takes in no parameters. An example of its usage after the `load_r3` is run is seen in Figure 4.

```
[> yield
dispatched proc1
exiting proc1
dispatched proc2
dispatched proc2
exiting proc2
dispatched proc3
dispatched proc3
dispatched proc3
exiting proc3
```

Figure 4: Example Usage of the `yield` Command

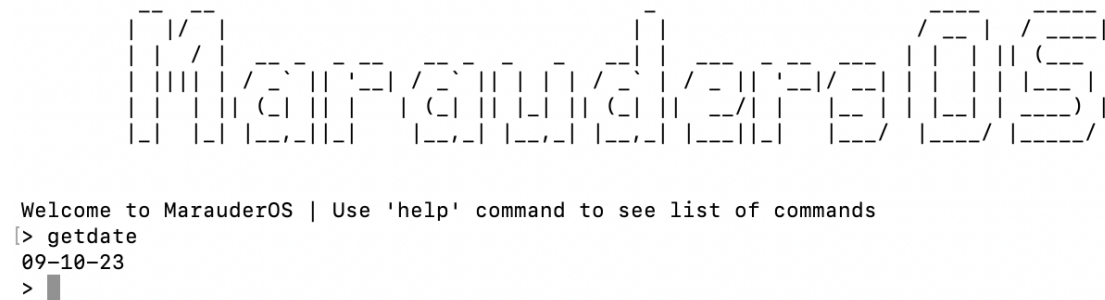
2 Date & Time Commands

2.1 getdate

The `getdate` command in MarauderOS provides users with a convenient way to retrieve and display the current date directly within the terminal interface. Upon execution, this command promptly generates the date in a user-friendly format: `mm-dd-yy`, where `mm` represents the numerical month, `dd` stands for the day of the month, and `yy` indicates the last two digits of the current year. The year is assumed to be in the 21st century, so the current years supported is from 2000 to 2099. The `getdate` command ensures that users can easily access and utilize the current date within the MarauderOS environment.

Usage

The `getdate` command takes in no parameters. An example usage of the command can be seen below in Figure 5.

Figure 5: Example Usage of the `getdate` Command

2.2 setdate

The `setdate` command in MarauderOS provides users with a practical means to configure and set the system's date directly from the terminal interface. This command accepts a single parameter, the desired date, provided in the format `mm-dd-yy`, where "mm" represents the numerical month, "dd" denotes the day of the month, and "yy" indicates the last two digits of the year. The `setdate` command empowers users to maintain precise control over the system's date configuration, enhancing the overall functionality and usability of MarauderOS.

Usage

The `setdate` command takes in one parameter; the date the user wants to set the system to in the mm-dd-yy format. The user must use the `-d` flag before the date is specified. The user will face error messages if the date is out of range or format is incorrect. An example usage of the command can be seen below in Figure 6.

Figure 6: Example Usage of the `setdate` Command

2.3 gettime

The `gettime` command in MarauderOS offers users a straightforward way to access and display the current time within the terminal interface. Upon execution, this command promptly provides the current time in Greenwich Mean Time (GMT), utilizing the 24-hour time format for enhanced precision. The time is presented in the format `hh:mm:ss`, where "hh" represents the hour, "mm" denotes the minutes, and "ss" indicates the seconds. The `gettime` command ensures efficient access to GMT in the 24-hour format within the MarauderOS environment.

Usage

The `gettime` command takes in no parameters. An example usage of the command can be seen below in Figure 7.

Figure 7: Example Usage of the `gettime` Command

2.4 settime

The `settime` command in MarauderOS provides users with a powerful tool to configure and set the system's time directly from the terminal interface. This command accepts a single parameter, which is the desired time in the 24-hour GMT format. The time is specified using the `hh:mm:ss` format, where "hh" represents the hour, "mm" denotes the minutes, and "ss" indicates the seconds. This command empowers users to maintain fine-grained control over the system's time configuration within MarauderOS, enhancing overall accuracy and usability.

Usage

The `settime` command takes in one parameter; the time the user wants to set the system to in the `hh:mm:ss` format. The user must use the `-t` flag before the time is specified. The user will face error messages if the time is out of range or the format is incorrect. Note that the time is in 24-hour GMT format. An example usage of the command can be seen below in Figure 8.

Figure 8: Example Usage of the `settime` Command

3 Process Control Block (PCB) Commands

The Process Control Block (PCB) commands are all under the `pcb` command. The PCB command can complete many actions: delete a PCB, block a PCB, unblock a PCB, suspend a PCB, resume a PCB, change a PCB's priority, and list created PCBs. These PCB actions are selected through the flags.

The general form for executing a PCB command is as follows,

`pcb [options] [process name] [suboptions] [suboption arguments]`

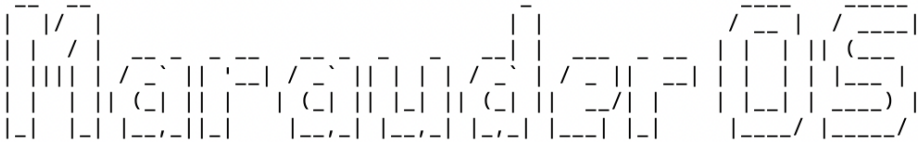
where the options indicate the user command to be run by the use of a flag, process name is the name of the PCB, suboptions are used to indicate the extra information needed in some commands, and the suboption arguments are the values of the extra information needed. The options are indicated with a hyphen then a single character, where the suboptions are indicated with double hyphens and the suboption.

3.1 Delete a PCB

The `-d` flag under the `pcb` command in MarauderOS provides users with a straightforward method to remove a PCB from the system. When executed, this command first identifies the queue in which the target PCB resides. It then proceeds to remove the PCB from that specific queue, effectively deleting it from the system's process management. This capability is valuable for users who need to terminate processes efficiently, ensuring that resources are released and system performance is optimized.

Usage

To delete a PCB, use the `-d` as the flag and specify the process name. If the process name does not exist in any of the queues, the user will face an error message. This command does not require any suboptions. An example usage of the delete command can be seen in Figure 9.



```
Welcome to MarauderOS | Use 'help' command to see list of commands
[> pcb -c user_proc1 --class user --pri 1
INFO: PCB Created
[> pcb -d user_proc1
INFO: PCB deleted
> █
```

Figure 9: Example Usage of the `pcb -d` Command

3.2 Block a PCB

The `-b` flag within the `pcb` command in MarauderOS offers users halt and manage processes within the system. When invoked, this command initiates a series of actions to suspend a specified PCB. First, it removes the PCB from its current queue. Next, it alters the PCB's running state to "blocked," indicating that it's currently in a suspended state. Depending on the PCB's dispatching state, the command then places it into either the general "blocked" queue or the "suspended blocked" queue, allowing for precise control over process suspension.

Usage

To block a PCB, use the `-b` flag and specify the process name. If the process name does not exist in any of the queues, the user will face an error message. This command does not require any suboptions. An example usage of the delete command can be seen in Figure 10.

3.3 Unblock a PCB

The `-d` flag within the `pcb` command in MarauderOS provides users with a tool to re-activate and manage previously suspended processes within the system. When executed, this command initiates a series of actions to unblock a specified PCB. First, it removes the PCB from its current queue, ensuring it is no longer held in a suspended state. Next, it changes the PCB's running state to "unblocked," indicating that it's ready for execution. Depending on the PCB's dispatching state, the command then places it into either the general "ready" queue or the "suspended ready" queue, effectively preparing it for execution.

Usage

To unblock a PCB, use the `-u` flag and specify the process name. If the process name does not exist in any of the queues, the user will face an error message. This command does not require any suboptions. An example usage of the delete command can be seen in Figure 10.



```
Welcome to MarauderOS | Use 'help' command to see list of commands
[> pcb -c user_proc1 --class user --pri 1
INFO: PCB Created
[> pcb -b user_proc1
INFO: PCB blocked
[> pcb -u user_proc1
INFO: PCB unblocked
[> █
```

Figure 10: Example Usage of the `pcb -b` and `pcb -u` Command

3.4 Suspend a PCB

The `-s` flag within the `pcb` command in MarauderOS grants users the capability to temporarily halt processes within the system. When invoked, this command performs a series of actions to suspend a designated PCB. Firstly, it removes the PCB from its current queue, effectively taking it out of active circulation within the system. Subsequently, it alters the PCB's dispatching state to "suspended," indicating that it is now in a state of suspension. Depending on the PCB's running state at the time of suspension, the command places it into either the "suspended ready" queue or the "suspended blocked" queue, ensuring that suspended processes are categorized appropriately for future reactivation or further management.

Usage

To suspend a PCB, use the `-s` flag and specify the process name. If the process name does not exist in any of the queues, the user will face an error message. A user cannot suspend a system process. This command does not require any suboptions. An example usage of the suspend command can be seen in Figure 11.

3.5 Resume a PCB

The `-r` flag within the `pcb` command in MarauderOS offers users a means to reactivate previously suspended processes within the system. When executed, this command initiates a

series of actions to resume a specified Process Control Block (PCB). Firstly, it removes the PCB from its current queue, ensuring that it's no longer in a suspended state. Subsequently, it changes the PCB's dispatching state to "ready," signifying that it's prepared for execution. Depending on the PCB's running state at the time of resumption, the command places it into either the "suspended ready" queue or the "suspended blocked" queue, effectively categorizing it for further management or execution.

Usage

To resume a PCB, use the `-r` flag and specify the process name. If the process name does not exist in any of the queues, the user will face an error message. This command does not require any suboptions. An example usage of the suspend command can be seen in Figure 11.



```
Welcome to MarauderOS | Use 'help' command to see list of commands
[> pcb -c user_proc1 --class user --pri 1
INFO: PCB Created
[> pcb -s user_proc1
INFO: PCB suspended
[> pcb -r user_proc1
INFO: PCB resumed
> █
```

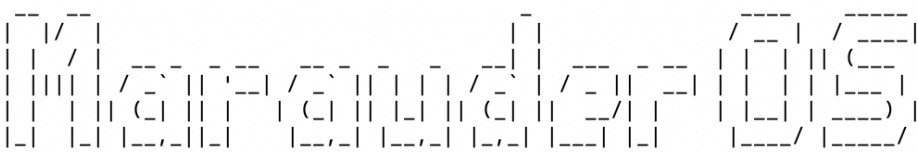
Figure 11: Example Usage of the `pcb -s` and `pcb -r` Command

3.6 Change a PCB's Priority

The `-p` flag within the `pcb` command in MarauderOS provides users with a tool to adjust the priority level of an existing process within the system. When invoked, this command facilitates the modification of a PCB priority setting, allowing users to fine-tune the importance or urgency of a specific process relative to others. By altering the priority, users can influence the process scheduling algorithm, affecting how CPU time is allocated among active processes.

Usage

To change a PCB's priority, use the `-p` as the flag and then specify the process. If the process name does not exist in any of the queues, the user will face an error message. This command requires one suboption: `--pri`. The priority takes an integer values from 0 to 9 inclusive. The user will face an error message if the suboption or value is incorrect. An example usage can be seen in Figure 12.



```
Welcome to MarauderOS | Use 'help' command to see list of commands
[> pcb -c user_proc1 --class user --pri 1
INFO: PCB Created
[> pcb -p user_proc1 --pri 2
INFO: PCB priority changed
> █
```

Figure 12: Example Usage of the `pcb -p` Command

3.7 List Current PCBs

The `-l` command within MarauderOS offers users a versatile means to retrieve and display vital information about the existing PCBs within the system. This command provides users with the flexibility to customize the output based on their specific needs. Users can choose to list all PCBs, or selectively list PCBs based on their current state, such as "ready" or "blocked." Additionally, users can opt to list a single PCB, providing detailed information about a particular process.

Usage

To list information about PCBs, use the `-l` as the flag. If there is no argument specified, then all of the PCBs in the system will print to the terminal (as seen in Figure 13). If the user wants to only print just the ready processes, then use `ready` after the `-l` flag. If the user wants

to see just the blocked processes, then use `blocked` after the `-l` flag. If the user wants to see information for just a single process, then specify the process name after the `-l` flag. If the user specifies a string after the flag that is not specified here, an error message is displayed. If the user specifies a process that does not exist, then they will see an error message.

```
[> pcb -l
```

=== Ready Not Suspended ===				
Name	Class	State	Suspended Status	Priority
sys2	system process	ready	not suspended	1
user5	user process	ready	not suspended	4
sys1	system process	ready	not suspended	4
sys3	system process	ready	not suspended	8

=== Ready Suspended ===				
Name	Class	State	Suspended Status	Priority
user1	user process	ready	suspended	1

=== Blocked Not Suspended ===				
Name	Class	State	Suspended Status	Priority
user4	user process	blocked	not suspended	1
user2	user process	blocked	not suspended	5

=== Blocked Suspended ===				
Name	Class	State	Suspended Status	Priority
user3	user process	blocked	suspended	3

Figure 13: Example Usage of the `pcb -l` Command — List All

3.8 Summary of PCB Commands

Seen below in Table 1 is a summary of the flags and their usage within the `pcb` command.

Flag	Usage	Suboptions Required
-d	Delete a PCB	N/A
-b	Block a PCB	N/A
-u	Unblock a PCB	N/A
-s	Suspend a PCB	N/A
-r	Resume a PCB	N/A
-p	Change PCB's Priority	--pri
-l	List Current PCBs	See Section 3.7

Table 1: Table of `pcb` Flags and Usage