# P1 - Local Shell

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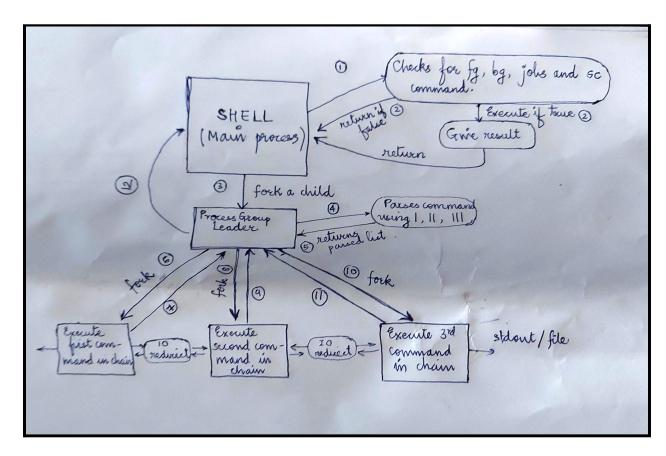
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## **Design Decisions:**

We implement a basic bash-like shell, as described in the problem statement, with support for job control, process chaining using pipes, input-output redirection, and some custom commands such as double pipes, triple pipes and shortcut mode.

### **Assumptions**:

- 1. **fg** and **bg** commands are always issued in the format **fg** %<num> and **bg** %<num>, where <num> for jobs can be obtained using **jobs** command.
- 2. Support for cd, cd ~ and cd <path> is included.
- 3. Background jobs end with &.
- 4. || and || operators should always be present at the end of the process command chain.
- 5. Redirection and piping combinations are allowed.
- 6. Input redirection and Output redirection in the same command are not allowed: e.g. sort < b.txt > a.txt.
- 7. Use **psc** command to display shortcut commands.
- 8. Use quit or exit command to close the shell.



#### **Implementation**:

For job control, we use a message queue to indicate when a job exits, becomes background, or comes to foreground. Message queue is used because we need to preserve the current state across all children. Job control table maintains the running or stopped status of each process.

#### **Execution flow:**

- 1. The main shell process shows the prompt to the user.
- 2. On receiving the command input, the main process checks for **fg**, **bg**, **jobs** and **sc** command.
  - a. If it is one of these commands, then the main process handles them. After completion of any one of these commands, it shows the user a prompt waiting for a new command.
  - b. If not, then for every new command(alternatively, process chain), main process creates a child, puts it in the new process group, gives the control of the terminal to the process chain if it is a foreground job, prints child details, adds process chain to the job control table if it is a background job, and waits for the command to complete if it is a foreground command. For a background command, the main process doesn't wait and simply shows the user a prompt waiting for new input.
- 3. The child process parses the input command (process chain) from shell, separates the command using |, ||, and |||, thus generating new individual commands. It also adjusts IO redirection for each individual command in the chain. The child then handles each individual command by forking a child(grand child of the main shell process), waits for this forked child to be over and then proceeds to the next individual command in the chain. The forked child(grand child of the main shell process) checks for path, arguments, and then uses execv() to run the command. This completes the wait of the child process(child of main shell) and then it proceeds to the next command in chain.

#### Usage:

Change to the directory in which the source code is present, then

Compile:

In the bash terminal, issue command: make or make shell

Run:

In the bash terminal, issue command: ./shell

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>> ls -l || grep h, grep j
Command : ls -l || grep h, grep j
Command Details:
    PID : 14934
    PGID : 14934
    Status : RUNNING
    Type : FOREGROUND
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-rw-rw-r-- 1 abdulkk49 abdulkk49 4360 Mar 23 04:21 job_control.c

-rw-rw-r-- 1 abdulkk49 abdulkk49 487 Mar 27 20:26 job_control.b

-rw-rw-r-- 1 abdulkk49 abdulkk49 7440 Mar 28 20:17 job_control.o

-rw-rw-r-- 1 abdulkk49 abdulkk49 1397 Mar 23 04:21 job_table.c

-rw-rw-r-- 1 abdulkk49 abdulkk49 615 Mar 20 00:35 job_table.b

-rw-rw-r-- 1 abdulkk49 abdulkk49 3600 Mar 28 20:17 job_table.o
  > sort < a.txt</pre>
Command : sort < a.txt
Command Details:
              PID : 15564
PGID : 15564
Status : RUNNING
Type : FOREGROUND
File name : a.txt
              Original fd: 0
              Remapped fd: 3
-rw-rw-r-- 1 abdulkk49 abdulkk49 3656 Mar 28 20:17 parse_command.o

-rw-rw-r-- 1 abdulkk49 abdulkk49 4432 Mar 28 20:17 sc_table.o

-rw-rw-r-- 1 abdulkk49 abdulkk49 573 Mar 27 20:26 parse_command.h

-rw-rw-r-- 1 abdulkk49 abdulkk49 574 Mar 23 19:27 shell.h

-rw-rw-r-- 1 abdulkk49 abdulkk49 9874 Mar 27 23:37 shell.c
 rwxrwxr-x 1 abdulkk49 abdulkk49 41240 Mar 28 20:17 shell
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```
>> ls -l | grep -a s > a.txt
Command : ls -l | grep -a s > a.txt
Command Details:
    PID : 14780
    PGID : 14780
    Status : RUNNING
    Type : FOREGROUND

Executing current command : ls -l
    PID: 14781
    PGID: 14780

    Read fd : 0
    Write fd : 4

Executing current command : grep -a s > a.txt
    PID: 14782
    PGID: 14780

    Read fd : 3
    Write fd : 1

File name : a.txt
    Original Write fd : 1
    Remapped Write fd : 3
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>> sleep 20 &
Command : sleep 20
Command Details:
    PID : 15487
    PGID : 15487
    Status : RUNNING
    Type : BACKGROUND

>>
Executing current command : sleep 20
    PID: 15488
    PGID: 15487
    Read fd : 0
    Write fd : 1

>> fg %0
Command : fg %0
Job no : 0

[0] Job Terminated sleep 20
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>> sc -i 1 ls -l | wc
Command : sc -i 1 ls -l | wc
ls -l | wc
>> sc -i 2 ls
Command : sc -i 2 ls
ls
>> ^C
>1
Executing current command : ls -l
PID: 17322
PGID: 17321
          Read fd : 0
Write fd : 4
Executing current command : wc
PID: 17323
PGID: 17321
          Read fd : 3
      24 209 1470
>> sc -i 1 ls
Command : sc -i 1 ls
ls
>> sc -i 2 df -h
Command : sc -i 2 df -h
df -h
>> sc -d 1
Command : sc -d 1
>> psc
Command : psc
[2] df -h
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