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1. Introduction

A system call which either only terminates all the children of a given process or terminates all children, all siblings and their children of a given process is written (The process itself is not terminated). Only processes having root privileges can successfully execute this system call.

The “exit” system call is also modified. If the “nice” value of the process which has executed the “exit” system call is greater than 10, then the “exit” system call also use the new system call (**my_process_terminator**) we have written with flag=0, all children of the exiting process are terminated along with the process itself. If a parent process terminated, children process of terminated process are adopted by init (pid:1) process in Linux.

2. Compilation and Installation

The custom kernel is compiled with a bash script with modified Makefile:

```
#!/bin/bash

make-kpkg clean

time fakeroot make-kpkg --initrd --append-to-version=-custom kernel_image kernel_headers
```

```
itucs@ubuntu:~/compiledir/linux-source-3.8.0$ ls
arch      CREDITS  drivers  fs        kbuild   MAINTAINERS  modules.order  README  security  System.map  virt
block     crypto   dropped.txt  include  Kconfig  Makefile     Module.symvers  READING  signing_key.priv  tools      vmlinux
compile.sh  debian   extra_certificates  init     kernel   mm           my_process_terminator  samples  signing_key.x509  ubuntu     vmlinux.o
COPYING   Documentation  firmware  iac      lih      modules.builtin  net           scripts  sound        usr        x509.genkey

itucs@ubuntu:~/compiledir/linux-source-3.8.0$ cat compile.sh
#!/bin/bash
make-kpkg clean
export CLEAN_SOURCE=no
export CONCURRENCY_LEVEL=8
time fakeroot make-kpkg --initrd --append-to-version=-custom kernel_image kernel_headers
itucs@ubuntu:~/compiledir/linux-source-3.8.0$ ./compile.sh
```



Compilation finished about half an hour:

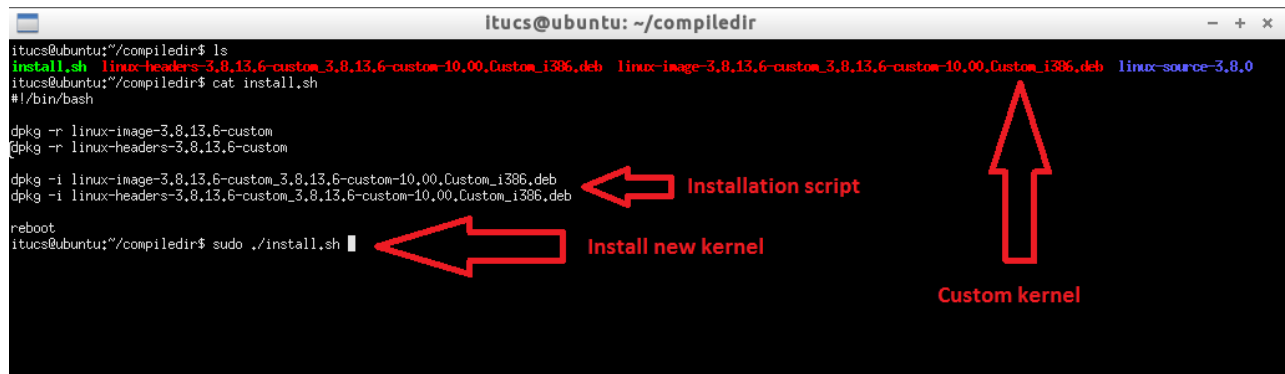
```
-e 's@B@x86_64$' \
./debian/pkg/headers/postinst > /home/itucs/compiledir/linux-source-3.8.0/debian/linux-headers-3.8.13.6-custom/DEBIAN/prerm
chmod 755
sed -e 's=/3.8.13.6-custom/g' -e 's=/B/g' /home/itucs/compiledir/linux-source-3.8.0/debian/linux-headers-3.8.13.6-custom/DEBIAN/prerm
-e 's=/ST/linux/g' -e 's=/R/g' \
-e 's=/KPM/12.036+mmu3/g' \
-e 's=/K/vmlinux/g' \
-e 's=/L/YES/g' -e 's=/D_/boot,g' \
-e 's=/P/linux-headers-3.8.13.6-custom/g' \
-e 's@B@x86_64$' \
-e 's@B@x86_64$' \
./debian/pkg/headers/postinst > /home/itucs/compiledir/linux-source-3.8.0/debian/linux-headers-3.8.13.6-custom/DEBIAN/postrm
chmod 755
cp -pf debian/control debian/control.dist
k='find /home/itucs/compiledir/linux-source-3.8.0/debian/linux-headers-3.8.13.6-custom -type f | ( while read i; do
if file -b $i | egrep -q "ELF,executable,dynamically linked" ; then \
j="$j $i";
fi;
done; echo $j; )'; test -z "$k" || dpkg-shlibdeps $k;
echo "ELF Files: $k" > /home/itucs/compiledir/linux-source-3.8.0/debian/linux-headers-3.8.13.6-custom/usr/share/doc/linux-headers-3.8.13.6-custom/elf
files: test -n "$k" || perl -pli" -e 's/^\s{shlibs:Depends}\s{,}??/g' debian/control
test ! -e debian/control || rm -f debian/control
dpkg-gencontrol -isp -DArchitecture=i386 -plinux-headers-3.8.13.6-custom \
-P/home/itucs/compiledir/linux-source-3.8.0/debian/linux-headers-3.8.13.6-custom/
create_md5sums_fn() { cd $1; find . -type f ! -regex './DEBIAN/*' ! -regex './var/*' -printf '%P\n' | xargs -r0 md5sum > DEBIAN/md5sums; if [ -z "DEBIAN/md5sums" ]; then rm -f "DEBIAN/md5sums"; fi; }; create_md5sums_fn
chown -R root:root /home/itucs/compiledir/linux-source-3.8.0/debian/linux-headers-3.8.13.6-custom
chmod -R og-rx /home/itucs/compiledir/linux-source-3.8.0/debian/linux-headers-3.8.13.6-custom
dpkg --build /home/itucs/compiledir/linux-source-3.8.0/debian/linux-headers-3.8.13.6-custom ..
dpkg-deb: building package 'linux-headers-3.8.13.6-custom' in './linux-headers-3.8.13.6-custom-3.8.13.6-custom-10.00.Custom_i386.deb'.
cp -pf debian/control.dist debian/control
make[2]: Leaving directory /home/itucs/compiledir/linux-source-3.8.0/
make[1]: Leaving directory /home/itucs/compiledir/linux-source-3.8.0/

real    32m51.115s
user    98m52.060s
sys      23m13.296s
itucs@ubuntu:~/compiledir/linux-source-3.8.0$
```



The new kernel installed with a bash script:

```
#!/bin/bash
dpkg -r linux-image-3.8.13.6-custom
dpkg -r linux-headers-3.8.13.6-custom
dpkg -i linux-image-3.8.13.6-custom_3.8.13.6-custom-10.00.Custom_i386.deb
dpkg -i linux-headers-3.8.13.6-custom_3.8.13.6-custom-10.00.Custom_i386.deb
reboot
```



A terminal window titled 'itucs@ubuntu: ~/compiledir' showing the execution of a script to install a custom kernel. The terminal output includes the following commands and their results:

```
itucs@ubuntu:~/compiledir$ ls
install.sh  linux-headers-3.8.13.6-custom_3.8.13.6-custom-10.00.Custom_i386.deb  linux-image-3.8.13.6-custom_3.8.13.6-custom-10.00.Custom_i386.deb  linux-source-3.8.0
itucs@ubuntu:~/compiledir$ cat install.sh
#!/bin/bash
dpkg -r linux-image-3.8.13.6-custom
dpkg -r linux-headers-3.8.13.6-custom
dpkg -i linux-image-3.8.13.6-custom_3.8.13.6-custom-10.00.Custom_i386.deb
dpkg -i linux-headers-3.8.13.6-custom_3.8.13.6-custom-10.00.Custom_i386.deb
reboot
itucs@ubuntu:~/compiledir$ sudo ./install.sh
```

Red annotations are present in the terminal screenshot:

- A red arrow points from the text 'Installation script' to the `cat install.sh` command.
- A red arrow points from the text 'Install new kernel' to the `sudo ./install.sh` command.
- A red arrow points from the text 'Custom kernel' to the `linux-image-3.8.13.6-custom_3.8.13.6-custom-10.00.Custom_i386.deb` file in the `ls` output.

After reboot, now we are working on new kernel.

3. Running

a. New Process Terminator System Call

New system call can be tested by our test programs. First program (**forker1**) generates children and grandchildren processes with fork system call, second program (**my_process_terminator_syscall**) calls new **my_process_terminator** system call with parameters PID and flag.

System calls tested with and without root permission. New process tree is shown after termination.

i. Flag 0

Firstly, **my_process_terminator** system call called with flag 0 in test program (**my_process_terminator_syscall**):

Parent process 1898
forker1(1898) forker1(1899) forker1(1901) forker1(1906)
forker1(1905) forker1(1912)
forker1(1911) forker1(1921)
forker1(1931)
forker1(1900) forker1(1904) forker1(1910)
forker1(1909) forker1(1919)
forker1(1918) forker1(1929)
forker1(1936)
forker1(1902) forker1(1907) forker1(1915)
forker1(1914) forker1(1925)
forker1(1923) forker1(1924)
forker1(1932) forker1(1933)
forker1(1937)
forker1(1903) forker1(1908) forker1(1917)
forker1(1916) forker1(1928)
forker1(1926) forker1(1927)
forker1(1934) forker1(1935)
forker1(1938)
sh(1939) pstree(1940)

itucs@ubuntu: ~/hw2/test
itucs@ubuntu:~/hw2/test\$./my_process_terminator_syscall 1899 0
Operation not permitted
itucs@ubuntu:~/hw2/test\$ sudo ./my_process_terminator_syscall 1899 0
Success
itucs@ubuntu:~/hw2/test\$ pstree -p 1898
forker1(1898) forker1(1899) forker1(1910) forker1(1920)
forker1(1900) forker1(1904) forker1(1919)
forker1(1909) forker1(1919)
forker1(1918) forker1(1929)
forker1(1936)
forker1(1902) forker1(1907) forker1(1915)
forker1(1914) forker1(1925)
forker1(1923) forker1(1924)
forker1(1932) forker1(1933)
forker1(1937)
forker1(1903) forker1(1908) forker1(1917)
forker1(1916) forker1(1928)
forker1(1926) forker1(1927)
forker1(1934) forker1(1935)
forker1(1938)

Nov 25 18:40:53 ubuntu kernel: [434.058918] Child 1901 killed
Nov 25 18:40:53 ubuntu kernel: [434.059018] Child 1905 killed
Nov 25 18:40:53 ubuntu kernel: [434.059103] Child 1911 killed
Nov 25 18:40:53 ubuntu kernel: [434.059157] pid: 1901 nice: 0 exited
Nov 25 18:40:53 ubuntu kernel: [434.059257] pid: 1911 nice: 0 exited
Nov 25 18:40:53 ubuntu kernel: [434.059318] pid: 1905 nice: 0 exited
Nov 25 18:40:53 ubuntu kernel: [434.059357] pid: 1943 nice: 0 exited
Nov 25 18:40:53 ubuntu kernel: [434.062445] pid: 1945 nice: 0 exited
Nov 25 18:40:53 ubuntu kernel: [434.062574] pid: 1944 nice: 0 exited
Nov 25 18:40:53 ubuntu kernel: [434.063321] pid: 1942 nice: 0 exited
Nov 25 18:41:00 ubuntu kernel: [440.981838] pid: 1946 nice: 0 exited

Forker program generates children and grand children processes

Without root permission A program which calls my_process_terminator system call for pid: 1899 and flag: 0

New process tree after termination

Terminated and killed process on kernel log

After calling system call with flag 0, children processes are terminated but process itself, siblings and grandchildren processes are alive.

After termination of process with flag 0, orphan processes are adopted by init process:

The image shows a terminal window with a process tree and a log of kernel messages. The process tree shows a hierarchy of 'forker1' processes. The kernel log shows messages about child processes being killed and exiting.

Process Tree (Top Window):

```
Parent process 1898
forker1(1898)
  forker1(1899)
    forker1(1901)
    forker1(1905)
    forker1(1911)
    forker1(1900)
      forker1(1904)
      forker1(1909)
      forker1(1918)
      forker1(1902)
        forker1(1907)
        forker1(1914)
        forker1(1923)
        forker1(1903)
          forker1(1908)
          forker1(1916)
          forker1(1926)
          sh(1939)
            pstree(1940)
```

Kernel Log (Bottom Window):

```
Nov 25 18:40:53 ubuntu kernel: [ 434.058918] Child 1901 killed
Nov 25 18:40:53 ubuntu kernel: [ 434.059018] Child 1905 killed
Nov 25 18:40:53 ubuntu kernel: [ 434.059103] Child 1911 killed
Nov 25 18:40:53 ubuntu kernel: [ 434.059197] pid: 1901 nice: 0 exited
Nov 25 18:40:53 ubuntu kernel: [ 434.059180] pid: 1905 nice: 0 exited
Nov 25 18:40:53 ubuntu kernel: [ 434.059257] pid: 1911 nice: 0 exited
Nov 25 18:40:53 ubuntu kernel: [ 434.059257] pid: 1943 nice: 0 exited
Nov 25 18:40:53 ubuntu kernel: [ 434.062445] pid: 1945 nice: 0 exited
Nov 25 18:40:53 ubuntu kernel: [ 434.062574] pid: 1944 nice: 0 exited
Nov 25 18:40:53 ubuntu kernel: [ 434.063321] pid: 1942 nice: 0 exited
Nov 25 18:41:00 ubuntu kernel: [ 440.981838] pid: 1946 nice: 0 exited
Nov 25 18:43:00 ubuntu kernel: [ 560.641619] pid: 1947 nice: 0 exited
Nov 25 18:43:13 ubuntu kernel: [ 573.813475] pid: 1948 nice: 0 exited
Nov 25 18:43:28 ubuntu kernel: [ 589.312541] pid: 1949 nice: 0 exited
Nov 25 18:43:31 ubuntu kernel: [ 591.861478] pid: 1950 nice: 0 exited
```

Annotations:

- Red arrows point to the 'forker1(1899)' process in the tree and the 'ps -l 1906' command in the terminal.
- Red text: "Children of 1899 are terminated"
- Red text: "Grand child of terminated process's new parent is 1"

ii. Flag 1

Secondly, **my_process_terminator** system call called with flag 1 in test program (**my_process_terminator_syscall**):

The screenshot displays a terminal window with the following content:

```
Parent process 1898
forker1(1898)
  forker1(1899)
    forker1(1901)
      forker1(1906)
      forker1(1913)
    forker1(1905)
      forker1(1912)
      forker1(1922)
    forker1(1911)
      forker1(1921)
      forker1(1931)
  forker1(1900)
    forker1(1904)
      forker1(1910)
      forker1(1920)
    forker1(1909)
      forker1(1919)
      forker1(1930)
    forker1(1918)
      forker1(1929)
      forker1(1936)
  forker1(1902)
    forker1(1907)
      forker1(1915)
      forker1(1925)
    forker1(1914)
      forker1(1924)
      forker1(1933)
    forker1(1923)
      forker1(1932)
      forker1(1937)
  forker1(1903)
    forker1(1908)
      forker1(1917)
      forker1(1928)
    forker1(1916)
      forker1(1927)
      forker1(1935)
    forker1(1926)
      forker1(1934)
      forker1(1938)
sh(1939)---pstree(1940)
```

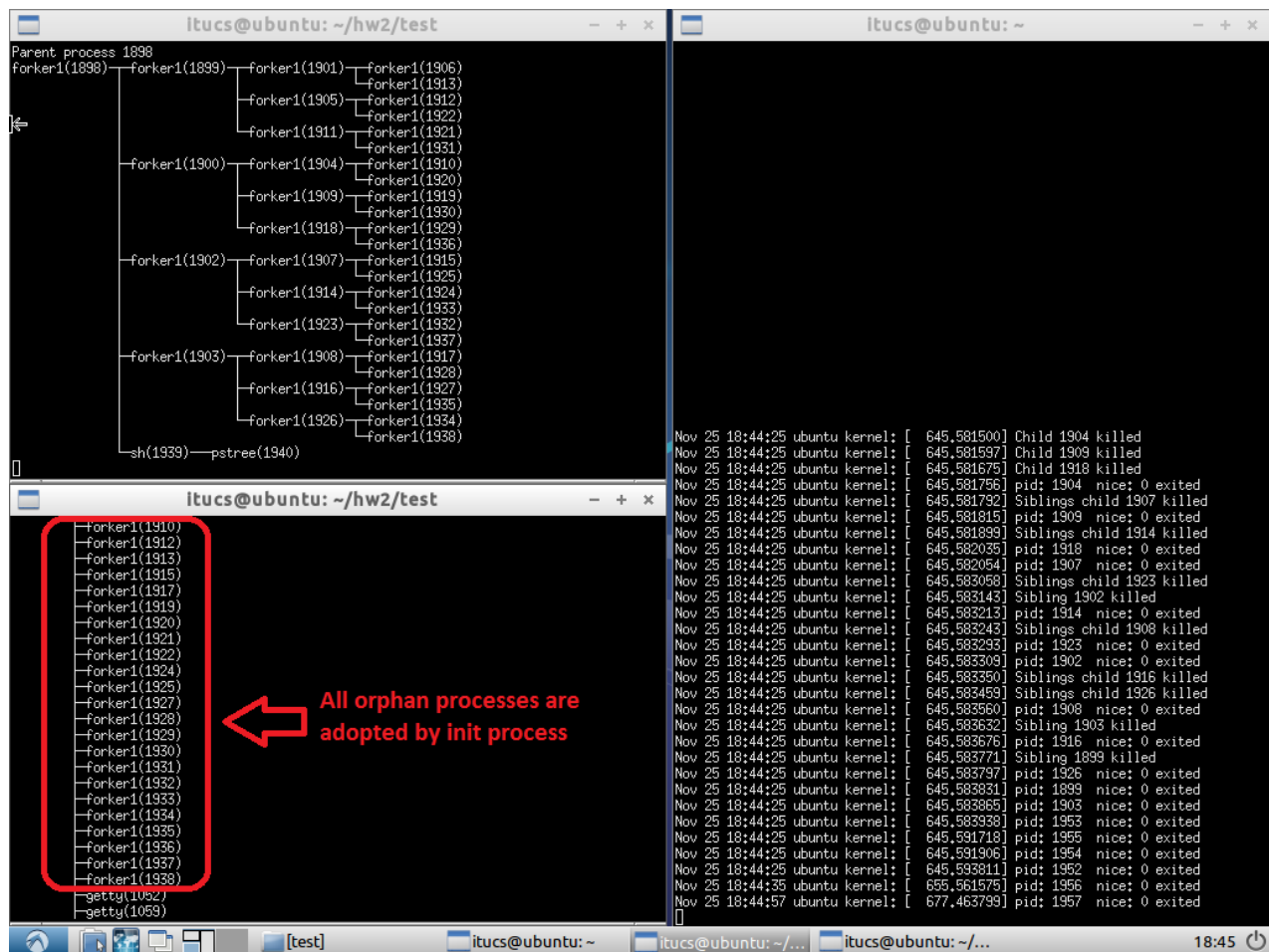
Below the process tree, the terminal shows the execution of the **my_process_terminator_syscall** system call with parameters **pid: 1900** and **flag: 1**. The output indicates success.

The syslog output shows the following messages:

```
Nov 25 18:44:25 ubuntu kernel: [ 645.581500] Child 1904 killed
Nov 25 18:44:25 ubuntu kernel: [ 645.581597] Child 1909 killed
Nov 25 18:44:25 ubuntu kernel: [ 645.581675] Child 1918 killed
Nov 25 18:44:25 ubuntu kernel: [ 645.581755] pid: 1904 nice: 0 exited
Nov 25 18:44:25 ubuntu kernel: [ 645.581792] Siblings child 1907 killed
Nov 25 18:44:25 ubuntu kernel: [ 645.581815] pid: 1909 nice: 0 exited
Nov 25 18:44:25 ubuntu kernel: [ 645.581899] Siblings child 1914 killed
Nov 25 18:44:25 ubuntu kernel: [ 645.582035] pid: 1918 nice: 0 exited
Nov 25 18:44:25 ubuntu kernel: [ 645.582054] pid: 1907 nice: 0 exited
Nov 25 18:44:25 ubuntu kernel: [ 645.583058] Siblings child 1923 killed
Nov 25 18:44:25 ubuntu kernel: [ 645.583143] Sibling 1902 killed
Nov 25 18:44:25 ubuntu kernel: [ 645.583213] pid: 1914 nice: 0 exited
Nov 25 18:44:25 ubuntu kernel: [ 645.583243] Siblings child 1908 killed
Nov 25 18:44:25 ubuntu kernel: [ 645.583293] pid: 1923 nice: 0 exited
Nov 25 18:44:25 ubuntu kernel: [ 645.583309] pid: 1902 nice: 0 exited
Nov 25 18:44:25 ubuntu kernel: [ 645.583350] Siblings child 1916 killed
Nov 25 18:44:25 ubuntu kernel: [ 645.583459] Siblings child 1926 killed
Nov 25 18:44:25 ubuntu kernel: [ 645.583560] pid: 1908 nice: 0 exited
Nov 25 18:44:25 ubuntu kernel: [ 645.583632] Sibling 1903 killed
Nov 25 18:44:25 ubuntu kernel: [ 645.583676] pid: 1916 nice: 0 exited
Nov 25 18:44:25 ubuntu kernel: [ 645.583771] Sibling 1899 killed
Nov 25 18:44:25 ubuntu kernel: [ 645.583797] pid: 1926 nice: 0 exited
Nov 25 18:44:25 ubuntu kernel: [ 645.583831] pid: 1899 nice: 0 exited
Nov 25 18:44:25 ubuntu kernel: [ 645.583865] pid: 1903 nice: 0 exited
```

After calling system call with flag 1, all siblings and children processes are terminated but process itself and grandchildren processes are alive.

After termination of process with flag 1, orphan processes are adopted by init process:



b. Modified Exit System Call

Modified exit system call can be tested by our test program (**forker2**) which generates children and grandchildren processes with fork system call. The program takes nice value as an argument.

System call tested with and without root permission. New process tree is shown after termination.

i. Nice value lower than 10

Firstly, modified **exit** system call called with nice value 5 (lower than 10) in test program (**forker2**):

The screenshot displays three terminal windows from a user named 'itucs' on an 'ubuntu' machine, working in a directory '~/hw2/test'.

Top Left Window: Shows the execution of `ls` and `./forker2 5`. The output includes the parent process ID (1961) and priority (5). A red arrow points to the `Parent priority: 5` line.

Top Right Window: Contains a red text annotation: "Forker program which has nice: 5 (lower than 10) and generates children process then it exits. Only the process itself terminated".

Bottom Left Window: Shows the output of `ps -l 1962` and `ps -l 1963`, displaying process details for the parent and its children. A red arrow points to the `PPID` column, which shows '1' for the parent process, indicating it is an orphan process adopted by `init`. Below this, a red text annotation reads: "Orphan processes adopted by init process".

Bottom Right Window: Displays kernel logs showing the exit of several processes with `nice: 5`. A red box highlights the line: "Nov 25 18:46:25 ubuntu kernel: [766.070658] pid: 1961 nice: 5 exited".

Only the process itself is terminated. Exit system call works as normally.

ii. Nice value greater than 10

Secondly, modified **exit** system call called with nice value 15 (greater than 10) in test program (**forker2**):

The screenshot displays three terminal windows from a user named 'itucs' on an 'ubuntu' machine, working in the directory '~/hw2/test'.

Top Left Window: Shows the execution of `./forker2 15`. It displays a process tree where the parent process (1985) forks multiple children (e.g., 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002). A red box highlights this tree, and a red arrow points to it with the text "Without root permission".

Top Right Window: Shows the execution of `sudo ./forker2 15`. It displays a process tree where the parent process (2005) forks multiple children (e.g., 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022). A red box highlights this tree, and a red arrow points to it with the text "Forker program which has nice: 15 (higher than 10) and generates children process then exits with modified exit system call. Children of process are also terminated."

Bottom Left Window: Shows the execution of `ps tree -p 2006`, `ps tree -p 2009`, `ps tree -p 2012`, `ps tree -p 2007`, and `ps tree -p 2011`. It displays the process trees for these specific PIDs. A red arrow points to the bottom of these trees with the text "Grand children are still alive".

Bottom Right Window: Shows kernel logs. It displays messages such as "Nov 25 18:48:19 ubuntu kernel: [880.346663] pid: 2002 nice: 15 exited", "Nov 25 18:48:19 ubuntu kernel: [880.346669] pid: 2002 nice: 15 Modified exit needs root permission!", "Nov 25 18:48:19 ubuntu kernel: [880.346881] pid: 2001 nice: 15 exited", "Nov 25 18:48:19 ubuntu kernel: [880.346886] pid: 2001 nice: 15 Modified exit needs root permission!", "Nov 25 18:48:19 ubuntu kernel: [880.347193] pid: 1985 nice: 15 exited", "Nov 25 18:48:19 ubuntu kernel: [880.347204] pid: 1985 nice: 15 Modified exit needs root permission!", "Nov 25 18:48:19 ubuntu kernel: [880.348440] pid: 35 nice: 0 exited", "Nov 25 18:48:52 ubuntu kernel: [912.457271] pid: 2022 nice: 15 exited", "Nov 25 18:48:52 ubuntu kernel: [912.457619] pid: 2019 nice: 15 exited", "Nov 25 18:48:52 ubuntu kernel: [912.457961] pid: 2005 nice: 15 exited", "Nov 25 18:48:52 ubuntu kernel: [912.457911] Child 2006 killed", "Nov 25 18:48:52 ubuntu kernel: [912.457958] Child 2007 killed", "Nov 25 18:48:52 ubuntu kernel: [912.457988] Child 2008 killed", "Nov 25 18:48:52 ubuntu kernel: [912.458013] pid: 2006 nice: 0 exited", "Nov 25 18:48:52 ubuntu kernel: [912.458036] Child 2010 killed", "Nov 25 18:48:52 ubuntu kernel: [912.458170] pid: 2007 nice: 0 exited", "Nov 25 18:48:52 ubuntu kernel: [912.458174] pid: 2008 nice: 0 exited", "Nov 25 18:48:52 ubuntu kernel: [912.458400] pid: 2010 nice: 0 exited", "Nov 25 18:48:52 ubuntu kernel: [912.463414] pid: 2024 nice: 0 exited", "Nov 25 18:48:52 ubuntu kernel: [912.463765] pid: 2023 nice: 0 exited", "Nov 25 18:48:52 ubuntu kernel: [912.465465] pid: 2004 nice: 0 exited", "Nov 25 18:49:35 ubuntu kernel: [958.847589] pid: 2025 nice: 0 exited", "Nov 25 18:49:38 ubuntu kernel: [958.464794] pid: 2026 nice: 0 exited", "Nov 25 18:49:43 ubuntu kernel: [963.682129] pid: 2027 nice: 0 exited", "Nov 25 18:49:45 ubuntu kernel: [966.122734] pid: 2028 nice: 0 exited", "Nov 25 18:49:49 ubuntu kernel: [969.449432] pid: 2029 nice: 0 exited". A red box highlights the "Child 2006 killed" through "Child 2010 killed" messages.

The process and also children of the process are terminated. Exit system call works with new **my_process_terminator** system call.

4. Code

a. New Process Terminator System Call

Firstly root permission check is done:

```
if(! capable(CAP_SYS_ADMIN)){  
    return EPERM;  
}
```

Finding and killing child process of given PID:

```
struct task_struct *p; // process task struct  
struct task_struct *child_task;  
struct list_head *children_list;  
for_each_process(p){  
    if(p->pid == pid){  
        list_for_each(children_list, &(p->children)){  
            child_task = list_entry(children_list, struct task_struct,  
sibling);  
            printk("Child %d killed\n",child_task->pid);  
            sys_kill(child_task->pid,SIGKILL);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

for_each_process iterates over all process in the system, **list_for_each** iterates over process's children list and **sys_kill** kills processes with **SIGKILL** flag.

b. Modified Exit System Call

Exit system call modified with **exit.c** file under the kernel directory in Linux source code. In the **exit.c** file, only the **do_exit** function modified. These are added to head of the function:

```
printk("pid: %d  nice: %d exited\n", tsk->pid, task_nice(tsk));
if (task_nice(tsk) > 10){    // gets nice value of the process
    if(capable(CAP_SYS_ADMIN)){
        sys_my_process_terminator(tsk->pid,0);
    }
    else{
        printk("pid: %d  nice: %d Modified exit needs root permission!\n",
tsk->pid, task_nice(tsk));
    }
}
```

If nice value of process is greater than 10, modified code block runs instead of original code. **task_nice** macro gets nice value of process and then if process has permission new **sys_my_process_terminator** system call called with flag 0.