

Memory Management

1. open - [Link 1](#)

- `int open(const char *pathname, int flags);`
- The `open()` system call opens the file specified by `pathname`. The argument `flags` must include one of the following access modes: `O_RDONLY`, `O_WRONLY`, or `O_RDWR`. These request opening the file read-only, write-only, or read/write, respectively.

2. fstat - [Link 1](#), [Link 2](#) - Definition of `struct stat`

- `int fstat(int fildes, struct stat *buf);`
- The `fstat()` function shall obtain information about an open file associated with the file descriptor `fildes`, and shall write it to the area pointed to by `buf`.

3. mmap - [Link 1](#), [Link 2](#)

- `void *mmap(void addr[.length], size_t length, int prot, int flags, int fd, off_t offset);`
- `mmap()` creates a new mapping in the virtual address space of the calling process. The starting address for the new mapping is specified in `addr`. The `length` argument specifies the length of the mapping (which must be > 0).
- More about `mmap` will be covered in the tutorial sheet.

4. write - [Link 1](#)

- `ssize_t write(int fd, const void buf[.count], size_t count);`
- `write()` writes up to `count` bytes from the buffer starting at `buf` to the file referred to by the file descriptor `fd`.

5. munmap - [Link 1](#)

- `int munmap(void *addr, size_t len);`
- The `munmap()` function shall remove any mappings for those entire pages containing any part of the address space of the process starting at `addr` and continuing for `len` bytes.

Problem 0:

Create a C program that dynamically allocates an array of integers using `mmap`. The program should create an array of size `N` and initialize the array elements. After initializing the array, print the elements from the memory to the console.

Ans:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <sys/mman.h>

int main(){

    int N=5;
    int *ptr = mmap ( NULL, N*sizeof(int),
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        PROT_READ | PROT_WRITE, MAP_PRIVATE | MAP_ANONYMOUS, 0, 0 );

if(ptr == MAP_FAILED){
    printf("Mapping Failed\n");
    return 1;
}

for(int i=0; i<N; i++)
    ptr[i] = i*10;

printf("The elements of the array => ");
for(int i=0; i<N; i++)
    printf("[%d] ",ptr[i]);

printf("\n");
int err = munmap(ptr, 10*sizeof(int));
if(err != 0){
    printf("UnMapping Failed\n");
    return 1;
}

return 0;
}

```

Recommended reads for more information:

<https://www.golinuxcloud.com/tutorial-linux-memory-management-overview/>
<https://www.baeldung.com/linux/file-system-caching>
<https://www.linuxfordevices.com/tutorials/linux/memory-management-linux>