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CS8461 - OPERATING SYSTEM LAB

Lab Exercise 6 InterProcess Communications using Shared Memory

Study the following system calls.

Shared memory - shmget, shmat, shmdt, shmctl

Pipe - pipe, mkfifo, mknod, open, read, write, close

Message Queue – msgget, msgsnd, msgrcv, msgctl

Aim:

Develop the following applications that uses interprocess communication concepts using shared memory.

1. Develop an application for getting a name in parent and convert it into uppercase in child using shared memory.
2. Develop an client / server application for file transfer using shared memory.
3. Develop an client/server chat application using shared memory.

Some Examples :

Shared memory :

```
#include <sys/ipc.h>
# define NULL 0
#include <sys/shm.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
# include <unistd.h>
# include <stdio.h>
# include <stdlib.h>
# include <string.h>
#include <sys/wait.h>
#include <stdio_ext.h>
// parent writing a char in shared memory and child reads it and prints it.
int main()
{
    int pid;
    char *a,*b,c;
    int id,n,i;
    // you can create a shared memory between parent and child here or you can //create
    inside them separately.
    id=shmget(111,50,IPC_CREAT | 00666);
    pid=fork();
```

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if(pid>0) //parent
{
    // id=shmget(111,50,IPC_CREAT | 00666);
    a=shmat(id,NULL,0);
    a[0]='d';
    wait(NULL);
    shmdt(a);
}
else //child
{
    sleep(3);
    //id=shmget(111,50,0);
    b=shmat(id,NULL,0);
    printf("\n child %c\n",b[0]);
    shmdt(b);
}
shmctl(id, IPC_RMID,NULL);
}
```