

Lab 06 exercise 02

In order to not send unneeded data over the pipe, before transmitting the filename its length is sent as integer over the pipe.

This introduces a problem since many children may be waiting to receive the filename's length and could read the starting portion of the filename as an integer.

In order to solve this problem a fourth pipe has been introduced.

This pipe contains a "token" that a child process has to read before reading the filename. After the filename has been correctly received the process releases the token into the pipe with a **write**, unlocking another process that was stuck at the **read** of this pipe, (called **lock**).

This program is not parallelized since only one child at a time is actually sorting a file in the directory **dir**.

The execution could be parallelized by satisfying every request (until no file has to be sorted anymore) on **request_pipe** before elaborating the responses on **answer_pipe**.