

## Lab 05 exercise 01

Write a C program, **using the system call `system`**, which takes as its argument a number `k`.

It must produce two text files, `F1.txt` and `F2.txt`, each including `k` random generated integer numbers, in range `[0 - 1000000]`, one per line. Initialize the random seed with your ID.

It then generates a child. Parent and child must sort, in ascending order, `F1.txt` and `F2.txt`, respectively, using the shell command `sort`. The parent process must wait the end of its child.

(Command `sort -n -o fname fname` sorts in ascending order the content of `fname`, and by means of the `-o` option rewrites the content of file `fname` with the sorted numbers. Option `-n` indicates numeric rather than alphabetic ordering.)

Then, the parent process reads both files, `F1.txt` and `F2.txt`, and convert them to binary format, producing the files `F1.bin` and `F2.bin`.

Finally, the parent process will merge these sorted files, **properly reading one integer at a time from the two files**, and writing the smallest on the output file `F12.sorted`. Before terminating, the parent process removes the files `F1.bin`, and `F2.bin`.

You cannot read in memory the content of the two files for sorting, but you can look at this function to inspire the final part of your main program. Function `merge` merges two sorted vectors, `v1` and `v2`, and produces the sorted vector `v3`.

```
void merge(int *, int *v2, int *v3, int N1, int N2){
    i=j=k=0;
    while(i<N1 && j<N2){
        if(v1[i] < v2[j])
            v3[k++] = v1[i++];
        else
            v3[k++] = v2[j++];
    }
    // Copy the remaining values of one of the two vectors
    while(i<N1)
        v3[k++] = v1[i++];
    while(j<N2)
        v3[k++] = v2[j++];
}
```