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Lab Experiment No.	3.1	Roll No.	
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Expt. Title	To study process management in OS (System calls and Unix commands)		
CO Mapping	LO1,LO2,LO5		

**Aim:** To study process management in OS using system calls.

**Objectives of the Experiment:**

To study system calls fork, getpid, getppid, wait, sleep...

**Theory:**

**1. System Call : int fork()**

System call **fork()** is used to create processes. It takes no arguments and returns a process ID. The purpose of **fork()** is to create a *new* process, which becomes the *child* process of the caller. After a new child process is created, *both* processes will execute the next instruction following the **fork()** system call.

- If **fork()** returns a negative value, the creation of a child process was unsuccessful.
- **fork()** returns a zero to the newly created child process.
- **fork()** returns a positive value, the *process ID* of the child process, to the parent. The returned process ID is of type **pid\_t** defined in **sys/types.h**. Normally, the process ID is an integer. Moreover, a process can use function **getpid()** to retrieve the process ID assigned to this process.

**2. System Call: int getpid(), int getppid()**

getpid() and getppid() return a process's id and parent process's id numbers, respectively.

**3. System Call: int exit(int status)**

exit() closes all of a process's file descriptors, deallocates its code, data, and stack, and then terminates the process.

**4. System Call: int wait(int\* status)**

wait() causes a process to suspend until one of its children terminates. A successful call to wait() returns the pid of the child that terminated and places a status code into status

**Terminology:**

**1. Orphan Processes**

If a parent dies before its child, the child is automatically adopted by the original "init" process, PID 1.

## 2. Zombie processes

When a child process terminates, it sends its parent a SIGCHLD signal and waits for its termination code status to be accepted. A process that is waiting for its parent to accept its return code is called a zombie process.

1. Command to check status of current processes with examples and output
2. A parent process will create a child process.
3. The parent process should wait for child to complete executing and then exit the program.
4. Create orphan process
5. Create Zombie process

### Post Lab Assignment:

Explore following commands with examples

- fg ,bg, stop, jobs, at
- batch, nohup,nice, kill

### Evaluation:

Timeline (2)	Understanding(2)	Performance (4)	Postlab (2)	Total(10)

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