

Exercise problems on fcntl() System call

1. **File Locking**:

Use the ``fcntl`` system call to implement a simple file locking mechanism.

Write a C program that takes a file name as a command-line argument and allows two processes to lock and unlock the same file concurrently using ``fcntl``.

Ensure that one process cannot modify the file while it is locked by another process.

2. **File Descriptor Duplication**:

Write a C program that opens a file and then duplicates the file descriptor using ``fcntl``.

Create two file descriptors that refer to the same open file description.

Test if changes made through one descriptor affect the other.

3. **Set Non-blocking Mode**:

Implement a program that opens a file in non-blocking mode using ``fcntl``.

Read data from the file descriptor, and when no data is available, handle the EAGAIN/EWOULDBLOCK error and continue processing.

4. **File Descriptor Flags**:

Create a program that opens a file and retrieves the flags associated with the file descriptor using ``fcntl``. Modify the flags to include or exclude `O_APPEND` and `O_NONBLOCK`, and then set the updated flags using ``fcntl``.

5. **File Locking with Timeout**:

Modify the file locking program from problem 1 to include a timeout mechanism.

If a process attempts to acquire a lock and it cannot do so within a specified time limit, it should return an error. Implement this using ``fcntl`` and a signal handler for timeout handling.

6. **Record Locking**:

Extend the file locking program to perform record-level locking instead of file-level locking.

Create a program that allows multiple processes to lock and unlock specific records within a file. Use ``fcntl`` to manage record locks efficiently.

7. **Check for File Lock**:

Write a C program that checks if a given file is locked by another process.

Provide a command-line argument with the file name and use ``fcntl`` to determine if the file is currently locked. Print a message indicating whether the file is locked or not.

8. **Asynchronous I/O with `fcntl`**:

Create a program that performs asynchronous I/O using the ``fcntl`` system call.

Open a file and use ``fcntl`` to set it up for asynchronous reads and writes. Implement a mechanism to read and write data to the file asynchronously and handle the completion of I/O operations.

9. **Change File Descriptor Ownership**:

Write a program that changes the ownership of a file descriptor to another process using ``fcntl``. Demonstrate how one process can pass a file descriptor to another process, allowing the second process to access the same file.

10. **File Descriptor Flags and File Status Flags**:

Write a program that opens a file and uses ``fcntl`` to retrieve both the file descriptor flags and the file status flags associated with the file. Print the values of these flags and explain their meanings.