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Activity 4.2 – Process & Process Management

1. Modify the wait.c by putting the wait() function after the sleep() function. Compile and run the result in the background. Take some screenshots. 2. Take a screenshot of the process table. What happens with the child process?

Step 1 – Modify the wait(NULL) to replace it after the sleep() function by using nano

```
ramzy@ramzy-VirtualBox:-$ nano wait.c
ramzy@ramzy-VirtualBox:-$ cat wait.c
#include <stdio.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <sys/types.h>

int main(){
    pid_t p;
    printf("Starting the fork\n");
    p = fork();

    //block of code for the child process
    if(p == 0){
        printf("I am a child process: %d\n", getpid());
        printf("My parent id is %d\n", getppid());
    }
    //block of code for parent process
    else{
        printf("I am parent process: %d\n", getpid());
        printf("My child id is %d\n", p);
        sleep(15);
        wait(NULL);
    }
}
```

Step 2 – Compile the program and run the program in the background

```
ramzy@ramzy-VirtualBox:~$ ./wait.out &
[2] 13632
ramzy@ramzy-VirtualBox:~$ Starting the fork
I am parent process: 13632
My child id is 13633
I am a child process: 13633
My parent id is 13632
```

2. Take a screenshot of the process table. What happens with the child process?

```
ramzy@ramzy-VirtualBox:~$ ps -u
           PID %CPU %MEM
                            VSZ
                                              STAT START
USER
                                 RSS TTY
                                                          TIME COMMAND
            886 0.0 0.0 171040 6080 tty2
                                              Ssl+ 19:27
                                                          0:00 /usr/libexec
ramzy
            900 0.0 0.1 231684 15392 tty2
                                              Sl+ 19:27
                                                          0:00 /usr/libexec
ramzy
          12585 0.0 0.0 20316 5904 pts/0
                                              Ss
                                                   21:43
                                                          0:00 bash
ramzy
ramzy
          12602 0.0 0.0 17028 1044 pts/0
                                              S
                                                   21:43
                                                          0:00 sleep 10000
          13632 0.0 0.0
                          2772
                                  928 pts/0
                                              S
                                                   22:49
                                                          0:00 ./wait.out
ramzy
          13633 0.0 0.0
                                                          0:00 [wait.out] <
                           0
                                    0 pts/0
                                              Z
                                                   22:49
ramzy
          13634 0.0 0.0 21328 3616 pts/0
                                              R+
                                                   22:49
                                                          0:00 ps -u
ramzy
ramzy@ramzy-VirtualBox:~$
```

Taking a closer look at the process table above, the child process (13633) is still in the (Z) Zombie state while the parent process (13632) is in the (S) interruptible sleep state. This happens since the parent's process took a longer process and the program works in a procedural way in which it reads the wait() function right after the sleep(). Making the Zombie state occurs during the execution where the parent process has not finished, thus zombie state that appears from the child would not be clear yet.