

# Homework 4: Fork and schedule

Answer all questions. Submit your hand-written answer sheets to the instructor before the lecture begins.

## 1 Fork

Execute the following program. `getpid()` returns the `pid` of the current process. `getppid()` returns the `pid` of the parent process.

```
#include <unistd.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <sys/wait.h>

int main ()
{
    int pid, i, status;

    printf ("main %d parent %d\n", getpid(), getppid());
    for (i = 0; i < 3; i++) {
        pid = fork ();
        if (pid < 0) {
            printf ("Unable to fork\n");
            return 0;
        }
        if (pid != 0) {
            waitpid (pid, &status, 0);
        }
    }
    printf ("process %d (parent %d) is terminating\n", getpid(), getppid());
    return 0;
}
```

### 1.1 Turn in:

- The output of the program.
- Draw a tree of the parent-child relationships. A node of the tree contains the `pid` of the process. A directed edge between two nodes represents the

parent-child relationship. E.g., 10 -> 11 means process with `pid` 10 is the parent of the process with `pid` 11.

## 2 Schedule

Look at the implementation of `schedule` and `switch_threads` routines in `Pintos`.

### 2.1 Turn in:

- Write a summary of the `schedule` routine.
- What are the input parameters of `switch_threads`?
- Whose `stack` `switch_threads` executes on?
- Whose stack `switch_threads` `returns` on?
- Why `switch_threads` is only saving `%ebx`, `%ebp`, `%esi`, `%edi` instead of all `registers`?