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***SEM: 5***

***SUB: OS***

***LAB : 1***

***AIM: Implement “cat” and “cp”  
command***

# SYSTEM CALL:

In computing, a system call is the programmatic way in which a computer program requests a service from the kernel of the operating system it is executed on.

A system call is a way for programs to interact with the operating system. A computer program makes a system call when it makes a request to the operating system's kernel.

System call provides the services of the operating system to the user programs via Application Program Interface(API). It provides an interface between a process and operating system to allow user-level processes to request services of the operating system.

System calls are the only entry points into the kernel system. All programs needing resources must use system calls.

## Read System Call:

### Needed Library For using read() System call:

```
#include <unistd.h>
```

### Syntax :

```
ssize_t read(int fd, void *buf, size_t count);
```

here ssize\_t is return type

fd = file descriptor

buf = buffer in which we read data

count = byte count which we want to read-only

### Description:

read() attempts to read up to count bytes from file descriptor fd into the buffer starting at buf.

On success, the number of bytes read is returned (zero indicates end of file), and the file position is advanced by this number.

On error, -1 is returned, and errno is set appropriately.

Example: `n = read(0,buff,sizeof(buff))`

`fd = 0` means read from stander input

## **Write System Call:**

### **Needed Library For using write() System call:**

```
#include <unistd.h>
```

### **Syntax :**

```
ssize_t write(int fd, const void *buf, size_t count);
```

here `ssize_t` is return type

`fd` = file descriptor

`buf` = buffer in which we have read data

`count` = byte count which we want to Write

### **Description:**

`write()` writes up to `count` bytes from the buffer pointed `buf` to the file referred to by the file descriptor `fd`.

On success, the number of bytes written is returned (zero indicates nothing was written).

On error, -1 is returned, and `errno` is set appropriately.

Example: `write(1,buff,n)`

`fd = 1` means read from stander input

## **Open System Call:**

### **Needed Library For using open() System call:**

```
#include <sys/types.h>
```

```
#include <sys/stat.h>
```

```
#include <fcntl.h>
```

**Syntax :**

```
int open(const char *pathname, int flags);  
int open(const char *pathname, int flags, mode_t mode);
```

\*pathname = path for file which we want to open

flags = defines the one or more access mode

modes(optional) = defines the permissions for new file creation

**Description:**

Given a path-name for a file, open() returns a file descriptor, a small, non negative integer for use in subsequent system calls.

The argument flags must include one of the following access modes:

O\_RDONLY, O\_WRONLY, or O\_RDWR. These request opening the file read-only, write-only, or read/write, respectively.

In addition, zero or more file creation flags and file status flags can be bitwise-or'd in flags.

The file creation flags are O\_CLOEXEC, O\_CREAT, O\_DIRECTORY, O\_EXCL, O\_NOCTTY, O\_NOFOLLOW, O\_TRUNC, and O\_TTY\_INIT.

mode specifies the permissions to use in case a new file is created. This argument must be supplied when O\_CREAT is specified in flags; if O\_CREAT is not specified, then mode is ignored.

Example: fd = open("test.txt", O\_RDONLY)

**Close System Call:****Needed Library For using open() System call:**

```
#include <unistd.h>
```

**Syntax:**

```
int close(int fd);
```

fd = file descriptor which point to file which we want to close

**Description:**

close() closes a file descriptor, so that it no longer refers to any file and may be reused.

close() returns zero on success. On error, -1 is returned, and errno is set appropriately.

Example: close(fd)

## 1. Implementation of “CAT”:

```
#include<sys/types.h>
#include<sys/stat.h>
#include<fcntl.h>
#include<unistd.h>
int main(int argc, char *argv[] ){
    int fd, n;
    char buf[1000], file_name[100];
    //1st version of cat command no argument given so behave like echo
    if(argc<2){
        while(1){
            n = read(0, buf, sizeof(buf));
            write(1, buf, n);
        }
    }
    else{
        for(i=1; i< argc; i++)
        {
            fd = open(argv[i], O_RDONLY);
            n = read(fd, buf, sizeof(buf));
            write(1, buf,n);
            close(fd);
        }
    }
}
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

## OUTPUT:

### 1. cat without argument

```
C cat.c > ...
6   int fd, n;
7   char buf[1000], file_name[100];
8   //1st version of cat command no argument given so behave like echo
9   if(argc<2){
10      while(1){
11          n = read(0, buf, sizeof(buf));
12          write(1, buf, n);
13      }
14  }
15  }
16  else{
17      fd = open(argv[1], O_RDONLY);
18      n = read(fd, buf, sizeof(buf));
19      write(1, buf, n);
20      close(fd);
21  }
22  }
```

PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL

```
sahiljariwala@sahiljsy:~/Desktop/SEM_5/OS/Lab$ gcc cat.c
sahiljariwala@sahiljsy:~/Desktop/SEM_5/OS/Lab$ ./a.out
hi
hi
hello
hello
fun here
fun here
□
```

### 2. cat with argument

```
C cat.c > ...
6      int fd, n;
7      char buf[1000], file_name[100];
8      //1st version of cat command no argument given so behave like echo
9      if(argc<2){
10         while(1){
11             n = read(0, buf, sizeof(buf));
12             write(1, buf, n);
13         }
14     }
15     else{
16         fd = open(argv[1], O_RDONLY);
17         n = read(fd, buf, sizeof(buf));
18         write(1, buf,n);
19         close(fd);
20     }
21 }
22

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fun here
^C
sahiljariwala@sahiljsy:~/Desktop/SEM_5/OS/Lab$ ./a.out echo.c
#include <unistd.h>
int main(){
    int fd, n;
    char buf[50];
    while(1)
    {
        n = read(0, buf, sizeof(buf));
        write(1, buf, n);
    }
}

sahiljariwala@sahiljsy:~/Desktop/SEM_5/OS/Lab$
```

## 2. Implement “CP”

```
#include<sys/types.h>
#include<sys/stat.h>
#include<fcntl.h>
#include<unistd.h>
int main(int argc, char *argv[]){
    int fd, n;
    char buf[1000];
    fd = open(argv[1], O_RDONLY);
    n = read(fd, buf, sizeof(buf));
    close(fd);
    fd = open(argv[2], O_WRONLY | O_CREAT, 777);
    write(fd, buf,n);
    close(fd);
}
```

## OUTPUT:

### 1. Destination file is present

The screenshot shows an IDE with a file explorer on the left containing files: a.out, cat.c, copy.txt (selected), cp.c, and echo.c. The main editor displays the code in copy.txt:

```
1 #include <unistd.h>
2 int main(){
3     int fd, n;
4     char buf[50];
5     while(1)
6     {
7         n = read(0, buf, sizeof(buf));
8         write(1, buf, n);
9     }
10 }
11
12
```

The bottom panel shows the terminal output:

```
sahiljariwala@sahiljsy:~/Desktop/SEM_5/OS/Lab$ ./a.out echo.c
#include <unistd.h>
int main(){
    int fd, n;
    char buf[50];
    while(1)
    {
        n = read(0, buf, sizeof(buf));
        write(1, buf, n);
    }
}

sahiljariwala@sahiljsy:~/Desktop/SEM_5/OS/Lab$ gcc cp.c
sahiljariwala@sahiljsy:~/Desktop/SEM_5/OS/Lab$ ./a.out echo.c
sahiljariwala@sahiljsy:~/Desktop/SEM_5/OS/Lab$
```

## 2. If File does not exists

The screenshot shows the same IDE with a file explorer on the left containing files: a.out, cat.c, co.txt (selected), copy.txt, cp.c, and echo.c. The main editor displays the code in co.txt:

```
1 #include <unistd.h>
2 int main(){
3     int fd, n;
4     char buf[50];
5     while(1)
6     {
7         n = read(0, buf, sizeof(buf));
8         write(1, buf, n);
9     }
10 }
11
12
```

The bottom panel shows the terminal output:

```
sahiljariwala@sahiljsy:~/Desktop/SEM_5/OS/Lab$ gcc cp.c
sahiljariwala@sahiljsy:~/Desktop/SEM_5/OS/Lab$ ./a.out echo.c copy.txt
sahiljariwala@sahiljsy:~/Desktop/SEM_5/OS/Lab$ ./a.out echo.c co.txt
sahiljariwala@sahiljsy:~/Desktop/SEM_5/OS/Lab$
```



