

Operating System Lab # 12

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Lab Tasks:

Q1: Which command would you use to find the process ID (PID) of a process named OSLab without running it. After obtaining the PID, which command would you use to kill the process?

Answer:

Finding the Process ID (PID) of "OSLab" Without Running It

To find the PID of a process named "OSLab" without actually starting it, you can use the pgrep command. This command searches for all running processes that match the given name and returns their Process ID(s).

Killing the Process After Finding the PID

After obtaining the PID of the "OSLab" process, you can use the kill command to terminate it. The kill command sends a termination signal to the process, asking it to stop.

Syntax: kill <PID>

Q2: How would you write a script that uses a signal trap to handle specific signals, and what is the purpose of a signal trap in such a script?

Answer:

Signal Trap in a Script

A **signal trap** in a script is a way to catch certain signals (like interruptions or requests to stop) and handle them in a custom way, instead of letting the script exit or behave unexpectedly.

```
#!/bin/bash
trap 'echo "SIGINT recieved. Cleaning up..."; exit' SIGINT
trap 'echo SIGTERM recieved. Exiting Gracefully.."; exit' SIGTERM
echo "Script is running. press ctrl+c to send SIGINT or use kill to SIGTERM."
while true
do
sleep 1
done
```

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"task.sh" [New] 8L, 243B written
[root@localhost ~]# chmod 777 task.sh
[root@localhost ~]# ./task.sh
Script is running. press ctrl+c to send SIGINT or use kill to SIGTERM.
^CSIGINT recieved. Cleaning up...
[root@localhost ~]# |
```

Purpose of a Signal Trap:

- **Custom Signal Handling**: Allows you to specify how to handle different signals, such as cleaning up resources, saving work, or gracefully terminating a process.
- **Prevent Unintended Termination**: For example, if a process receives the SIGINT (interrupt) signal, a script can handle it to prevent the process from just exiting unexpectedly.
- **Graceful Shutdown**: You can trap signals like SIGTERM to clean up resources (like closing files, saving state, etc.) before the process ends.

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