

# Operating Systems (CS3000)

## Lecture – 11 (fork() System Call)



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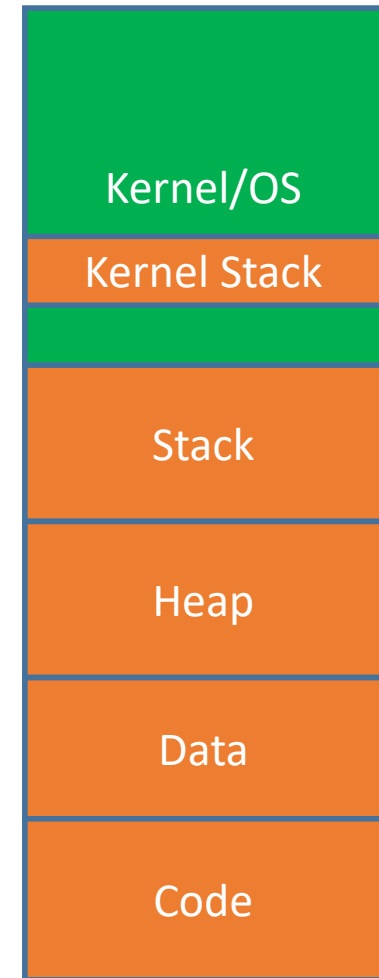
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# Examples of Windows and Unix System Calls

	Windows	Unix
<b>Process Control</b>	CreateProcess() ExitProcess() WaitForSingleObject()	fork() exit() wait()
<b>File Manipulation</b>	CreateFile() ReadFile() WriteFile() CloseHandle()	open() read() write() close()
<b>Device Manipulation</b>	SetConsoleMode() ReadConsole() WriteConsole()	ioctl() read() write()
<b>Information Maintenance</b>	GetCurrentProcessID() SetTimer() Sleep()	getpid() alarm() sleep()
<b>Communication</b>	CreatePipe() CreateFileMapping() MapViewOfFile()	pipe() shmget() mmap()
<b>Protection</b>	SetFileSecurity() InitializeSecurityDescriptor() SetSecurityDescriptorGroup()	chmod() umask() chown()

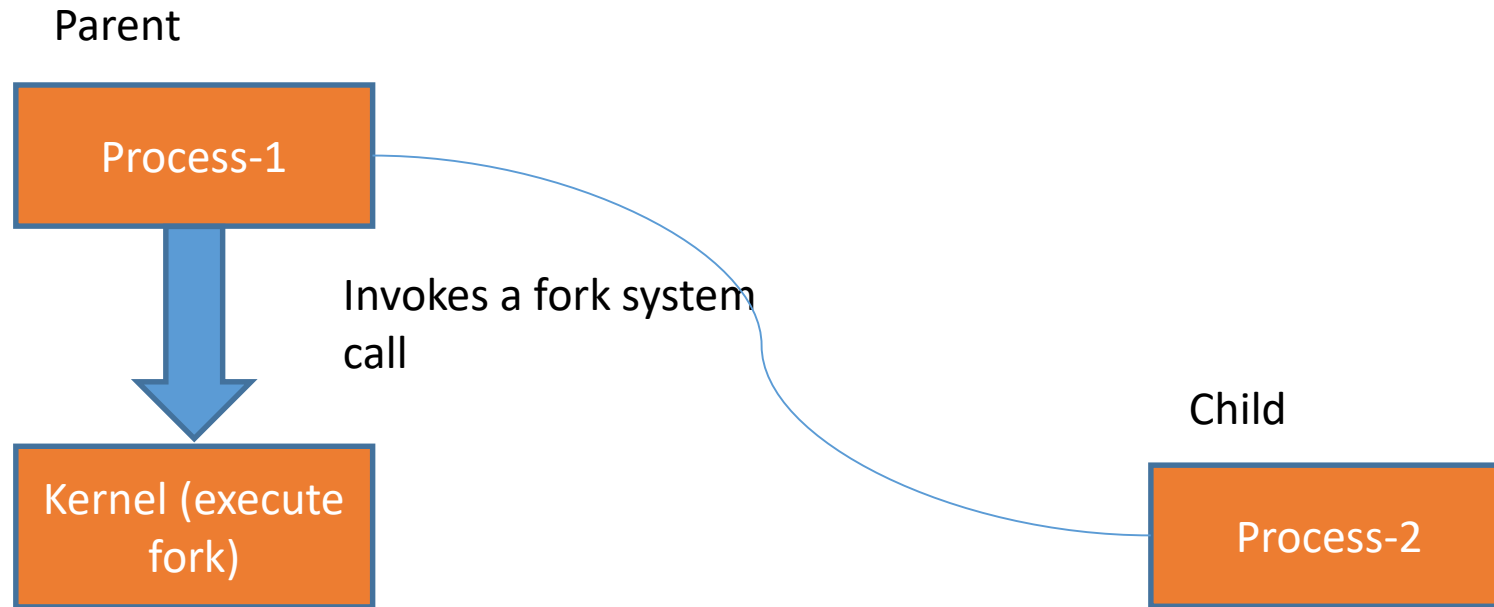
# What Metadata of a Process Kernel Stores?

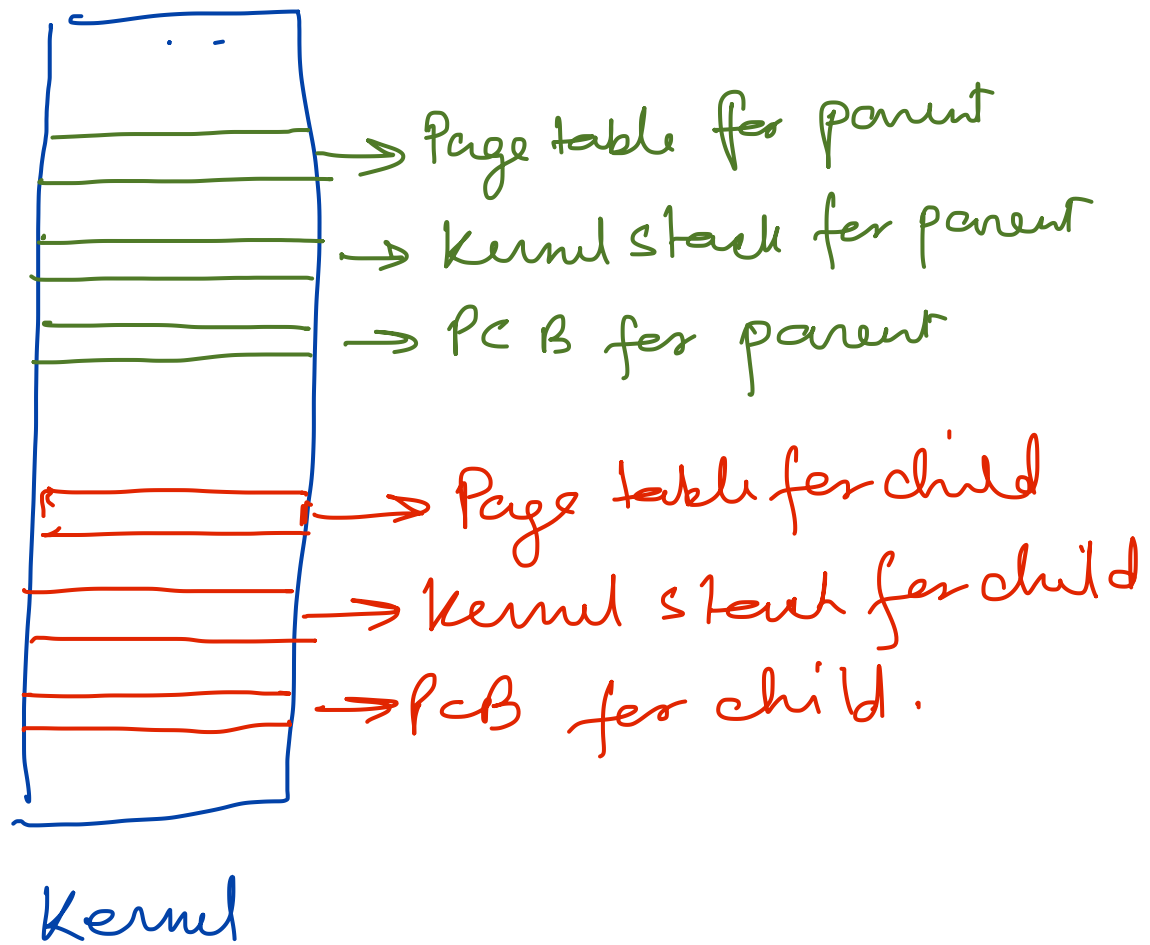
- PCB
- Kernel Stack for User Process
  - During System Calls
- Page Table for that User Process



# Creating a Process by Cloning

- `fork()`
  - Child Process is duplicate of parent process
  - PID → Parent process is Child's PID
  - PID → Child process is 0





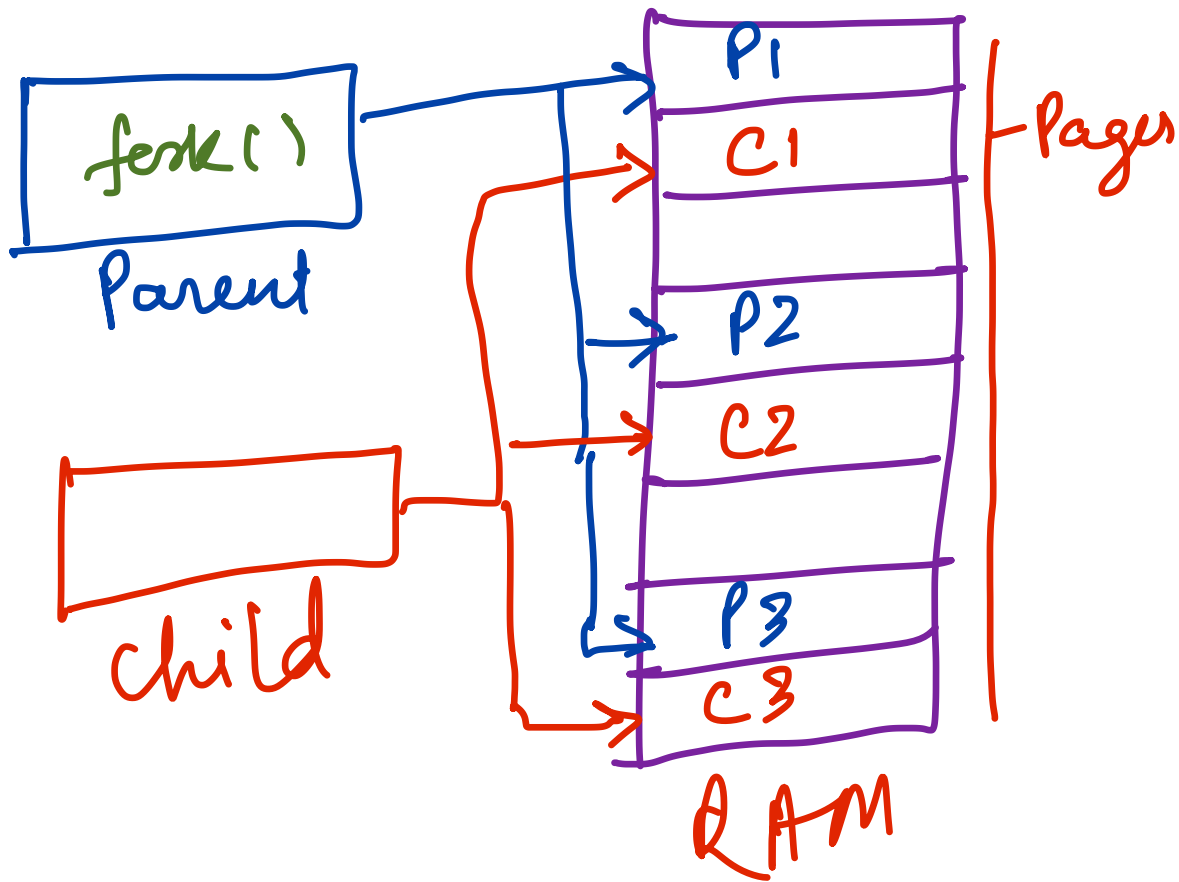
- \* fork system call creates exact replica of parent process
- \* Creates PT, kernel stack & PCB for child process.
  - set state to New for child process
  - Other information same as parent
- \* After completion of fork() it changes the state of child process to READY.
- \* Return child id to parent  
Return 0 to child.

# Two ways to allocate space for child process

Case 1  
\* Different space for child, so the page table entries will also be different.

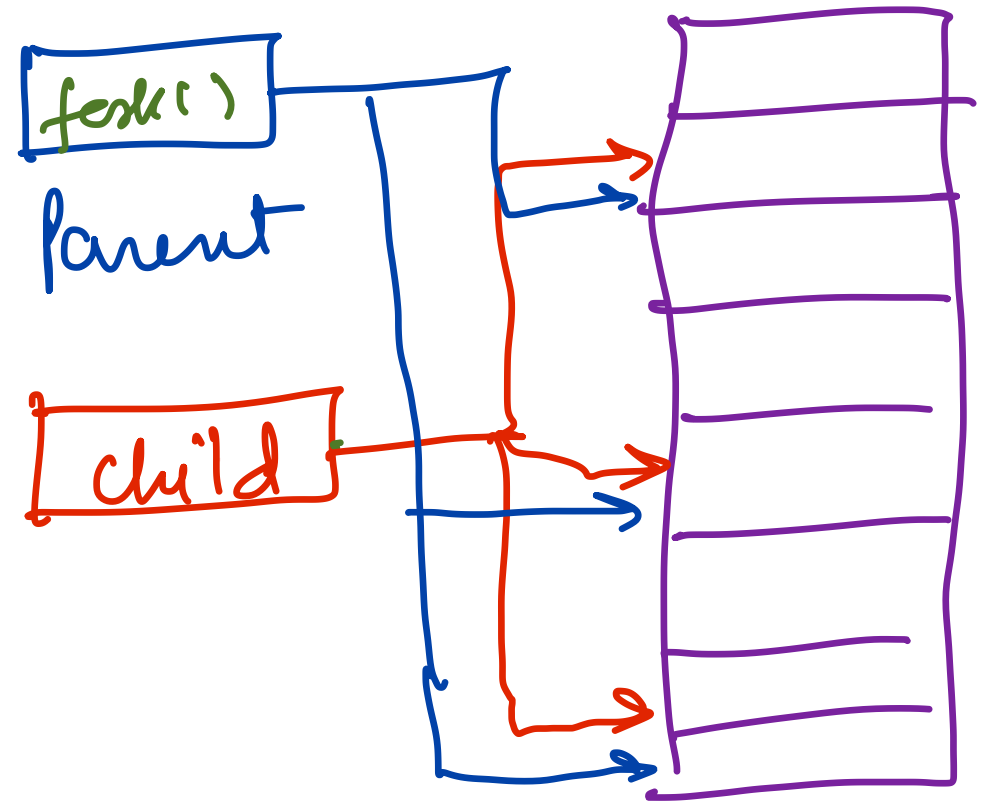
Case 2  
\* Share the same physical space as parent, so the page table entries will be same.





Case 1

Separate, duplicate Non-Shared pages



Case 2

Separate, duplicate, Shared pages

Parent

```
{
pid_t pid;
pid=fork();

if (pid<0)
    printf("error in fork \n");
else if (pid==0)
{
    fork();
    printf("child print \n");
}
else if (pid>0)
    printf("Parent Print \n");
printf("Main Print \n");
return 0;
}
```

child

```
{
pid_t pid;

if (pid<0)
    printf("error in fork \n");
else if (pid==0)
{
    fork();
    printf("child print \n");
}
else if (pid>0)
    printf("Parent Print \n");
printf("Main Print \n");
return 0;
}
```

fork( )

Grandchild

```
{
pid_t pid;

if (pid<0)
    printf("error in fork \n");
else if (pid==0)
{
    printf("child print \n");
}
else if (pid>0)
    printf("Parent Print \n");
printf("Main Print \n");
return 0;
}
```

Output :-

from parent process } Parent print  
Main print

child process } child print  
Main print

} child print  
Main print  
→ Grandchild.



Thank You

Any Questions?