Four of a Kind



User Manual

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User Commands

Version()- to call on this function the user will type in version and the terminal will print the current version of MPX and the completion date. This will be updated for every module completion.

Gettime()- This function gets the current time set in the terminal. A user simply needs to call the function and it will show the hour, minute and second of the current time when called

Settime(int hrs, int min, int sec)- the user is able to call this function to set the current time in the terminal. The parameters will take in the hour, minute and second that the user inputs and sets that as the current time.

Getdate()- This function gets the current date set in the terminal. A user will call the function by typing getdate() and it will show the date including the month, day and year.

Setdate(int month, int day, int year)- the user is able to call this function to set the current date in the terminal. It will have three parameters to get the information from the user and then set those requests as the current date.

Help() - This function when called will pop up a screen with all the commands a user has access to and what each command can do.

Shutdown()- this function exits the command handler loop and will return to kmain() and the system will halt. However before it does all that it will ask for confirmation from the user asking if they are sure they want to shut down and the user must enter Y for yes or N for no before the function completes.

AllocatePCB()- This function will use sys_alloc_mem() to allocate memory for a new PCB, possibly including the stack, and perform any reasonable initialization. It will return the pcb pointer if successful.

FreePCB()- This function will use sys_free_mem() to free all memory associated with a given PCB (the stack, the PCB itself, etc.).

SetupPCB()- This function will call AllocatePCB() to create an empty PCB, initializes the PCB information, sets the PCB state to ready, not suspended. It will return PCB Pointer when successfull

FindPCB()- This function will search all queues for a process with a given name. It will return pcb pointer if successful.

InsertPCB()- This function will insert a PCB into the appropriate queue.

RemovePCB()- This function will remove a PCB from the queue in which it is currently stored.

Suspend()- This function will suspend a pcb and place it in the suspended block state

Resume()- This function will take the pcb from the suspended state and put it back into the ready queue

Set Priority(int prio)- This function will set a priority for the pcb that the user gives.

Show PCB(char *name)- This function will show all the information of the pcb

Show all Processes()- This function will show all the processes no matter what state

Show Ready Processes()- This function will show all the PCBs in the ready state

Show Blocked Processes()- This function will show all the PCBs in the blocked state

Delete PCB()- The Delete PCB command will remove a PCB from the appropriate queue and then free all associated memory. This method will need to find the pcb, unlink it from the appropriate queue, and then free it

sys_call_isr()- This will push all the general purpose register to the stack and return from interrupt

sys_call()- This declares a PCB as a global variable and checks to see if sys call has been called before. If sys_call has not been called, save a reference to old (the caller's) context in a global variable. Otherwise, return the context

Yield()- This function is temporary only in R3. It will cause the commhand to yield to other processes

loadr3()- This function will load all R3 processes into memory in a suspended ready

setAlarm()- This function will allow a user to choose to set an alarm with whatever message they want and choose what time for it to go off.

idle()- This function will be used for dispatching if no other processes are available to execute

Temporary Commands for R2 – will be removed for R3/R4

Create PCB()-The Create PCB command will call SetupPCB() and insert the PCB in the appropriate queue

Block()- This function will find a PCB sets its state to blocked and reinserts it into the appropriate queue

Unblock()- This function will place a PCB in the unblocked state and reinserts it into the appropriate queue