

## Sistemas de Operação / Fundamentos de Sistemas Operativos

Processes in Unix/Linux

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## Outline

1 Program vs. Process

Process in Unix/Linux

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#### **Process**

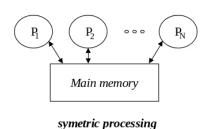
#### Program vs. process

- Program set of instructions describing how a task is performed by a computer
  - In order for the task to be actually performed, the corresponding program has to be executed
- Process an entity that represents a computer program being executed
  - it represents an activity of some kind
  - it is characterized by:
    - addressing space code and data (actual values of the diferent variables) of the associated program
    - input and output data (data that are being transferred from input devices and to output devices)
    - process specific variables (PID, PPID, ...)
    - actual values of the processor internal registers
    - state of execution
- Different processes can be running the same program
- In general, there are more processes than processors multiprogramming

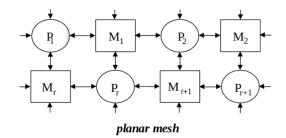
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# Multiprocessing vs. Multiprogramming Multiprocessing

- Parallelism ability of a computational system to simultaneously run two or more programs
  - more than one processor is required (one for each simultaneous execution)
- The operating systems of such computational systems supports multiprocessing



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# Multiprocessing vs. Multiprogramming Multiprogramming

- Concurrency illusion created by a computational system of apparently being able to simultaneously run more programs than the number of existing processors
  - The existing processor(s) must be assigned to the different programs in a time multiplexed way
- The operating systems of such computational systems supports multiprogramming

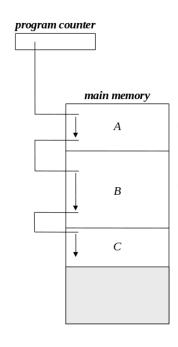


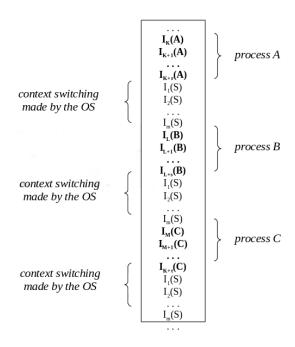
 Programs A and B are executing concurrently in a single processor computational system

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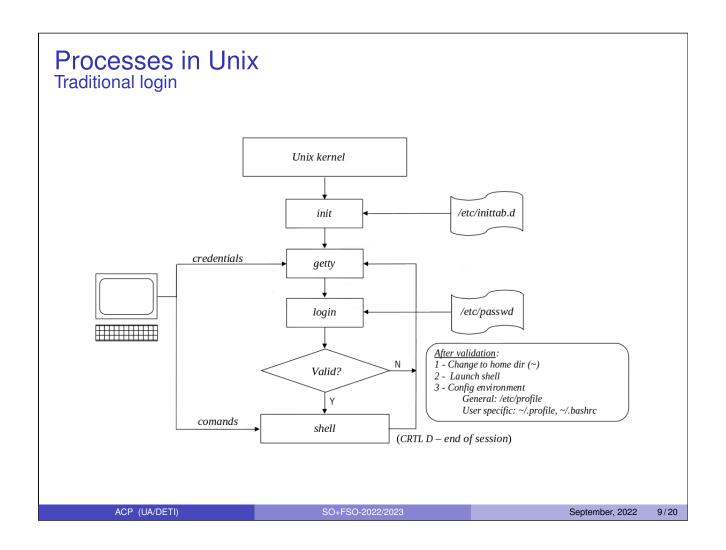
### **Process**

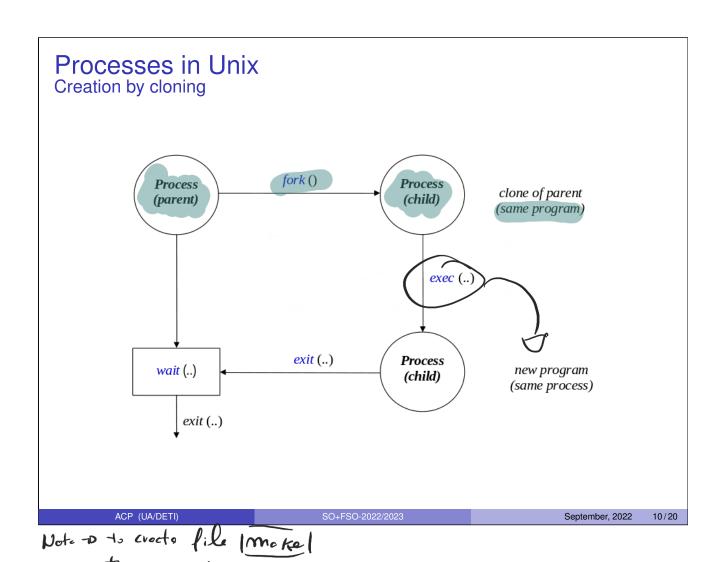
Execution in a multiprogrammed environment





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# Processes in Unix Process creation: fork1

PID = Process ID
PPID = ProcessID

#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <unistd.h>

int main(void)
{
 printf("Before the fork:\n");
 printf(" PID = %d, PPID = %d.\n",
 getpid(), getppid());

 fork();

 printf("After the fork:\n");
 printf("PID = %d, PPID = %d.\n"
 "Am I the parent or the child?"
 "How can I know it?\n",
 getpid(), getppid());

 return EXIT\_SUCCESS;

- The fork clones the executing process, creating a replica of it
- The address spaces of the two processes are equal
  - actually, just after the fork, they are the same
  - typically, a copy on write approach is followed
- The states of execution are the same
  - including the program counter
- Some process variables are different (PID, PPID, ...)
- What can we do with this?

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### Processes in Unix

Process creation: fork2 and fork3

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <unistd.h>

int main(void)
{
    printf("Before the fork:\n");
    printf(" PID = %d, PPID = %d.\n",
        getpid(), getppid());

int ret = fork();

printf("After the fork:\n");
    printf("PID = %d, PPID = %d.\n",
        getpid(), getppid());
    printf(" ret = %d\n", ret);

return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```

- The value returned by the fork is different in parent and child processes
  - in the parent, it is the PID of the child
  - in the child, it is always 0

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#### Processes in Unix

Process creation: fork2 and fork3

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include < stdlib . h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <unistd.h>
int main(void)
  printf("Before the fork:\n");
printf(" PID = \dd, PPID = \dd.\n",
       getpid(), getppid());
  int ret = fork();
  if (ret == 0)
    printf("I'm the child:\n");
    printf("PID = %d, PPID = %d n",
         getpid(), getppid());
  else
    printf("I'm the parent:\n");
     printf(" PID = %d, PPID = %d n",
         getpid(), getppid());
  return EXIT_SUCCESS;
```

- The value returned by the fork is different in parent and child processes
  - in the parent, it is the PID of the child
  - in the child, it is always 0
- This return value can be used as a boolean variable
  - so we can distinguish the code running on child and parent
- Still, what can we do with it?

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## Processes in Unix

Process creation: fork3

return EXIT\_SUCCESS:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include < stdlib . h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <unistd.h>
int main(void)
  printf("Before the fork:\n");
  printf(" PID = \%d, PPID = \%d.\n",
      getpid(), getppid());
  int ret = fork();
  if (ret == 0)
    printf("I'm the child:\n");
    printf(" PID = %d, PPID = %d\n",
        getpid(), getppid());
  else
    printf("I'm the parent:\n");
    printf(" PID = \%d, PPID = \%d\n",
        getpid(), getppid());
```

- In general, used alone, the fork is of little interest
- In general, we want to run a different program in the child
  - exec system call
  - there are different versions of exec
- Sometimes, we want the parent to wait for the conclusion of the program running in the child
  - wait system call
- In this code, we are assuming the fork doesn't fail
  - in case of an error, it returns −1

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### Process creation in Unix

Launching a program: fork + exec

```
<stdio.h>
#include
#include
           <stdlib.h>
#include
           <unistd.h>
#include
            <\!sys/types.h>
#include
            <sys/wait.h>
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
  /* check arguments */
  if (argc != 2)
    fprintf(stderr, "launch << cmd>> \n");
    exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
  char *aplic = argv[1]; pros prive
  /* clone phase */
  int pid;
  \quad \textbf{if} \quad ((pid = fork()) < 0)
   perror("Fail cloning process");
    exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
```

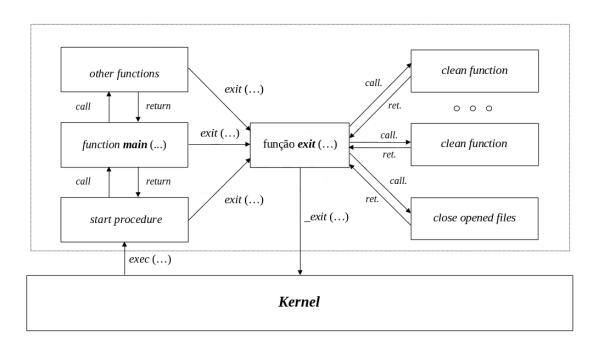
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# Processes in Unix Execution of a C/C++ program



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### Processes in Unix

Executing a C/C++ program: atexit

```
#include
                    <stdio.h>
         #include
                   <stdlib.h>
         #include <unistd.h>
         #include <assert.h>
         /* cleaning functions */
         static void atexit_1 (void)
             printf("atexit 1\n");
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         static void atexit_2(void)
             printf("atexit 2\n");
         /* main programa */
         int main(void)
             /* registering at exit functions */
             assert(atexit(atexit_1) == 0);
             assert(atexit(atexit_2) == 0);
```

- The atexit function allows to register a function to be called at the program's normal termination
- They are called in reverse order relative to their register
- What happens if the termination is forced?

assert(atexit(atexit\_1) == 0);
assert(atexit(atexit\_2) == 0);

/\* normal work \*/
printf("hello world 1!\n");

for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++) sleep(1);

 $\begin{array}{c} \textbf{return} \ \ \mathsf{EXIT\_SUCCESS}; \\ \} \end{array}$ 

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### Processes in Unix

}

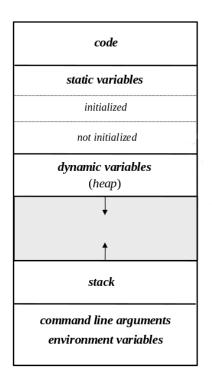
Command line arguments and environment variables

```
#include
              <stdio.h>
#include
              <stdlib.h>
              <unistd.h>
#include
int main(int argc, char *argv[], char *env[])
     /* printing command line arguments */
     printf("Command line arguments:\n");
     for (int i = 0; argv[i] != NULL; i++)
          printf(" %s\n", argv[i]);
     /* printing all environment variables */
     printf("\nEnvironment variables:\n");
     for (int i = 0; env[i] != NULL; i++)
          printf(" % \n", env[i]);
     /* printing a specific environment variable */
    printf("\nEnvironment variable:\n");
printf(" env[\"HOME\"] = \"%s\"\n", getenv("HOME"));
printf(" env[\"zzz\"] = \"%s\"\n", getenv("zzz"));
    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
```

- argv is an array of strings
- argv[0] is the program reference
- env is an array of strings, each representing a variable, in the form name-value pair
- getenv returns the value of a variable name

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# Processes in Unix Address space of a Unix process



- loaded by **exec** system call (...)

- initialized by  $\mathbf{exec}$  system call  $(\ldots)$ 

reserved by malloc, calloc, realloc, new (C++)
 released by free, delete (C++)

- function calls

reserved by alloca

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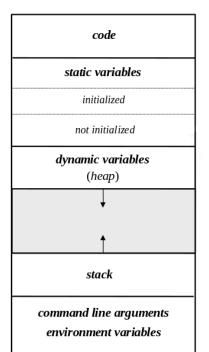
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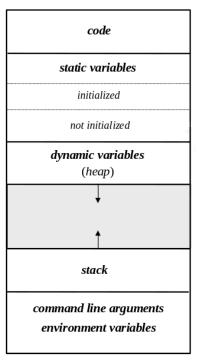
### **Processes in Unix**

Address space of a Unix process (2)



```
int n1 = 1;
static int n2 = 2;
int n3;
static int n4;
int n5;
static int n6 = 6;
int main(int argc, char *argv[], char *env[])
    extern char** environ;
    static int n7;
    static int n8 = 8;
   int *p9 = (int*) malloc(sizeof(int));
   int *p10 = new int;
   int *p11 = (int*)alloca(sizeof(int));
    int n12;
   int n13 = 13;
   int n14;
    printf("\ngetenv(n0): %p\n", getenv("n0"));
printf("\nargv: %p\nenviron: %p\nenv: %p\nmain: %p\n\n",
           argv, environ, env, main);
    printf("\n\&argc: \%p\n\&argv: \%p\n\&env: \%p\n",
```

# Processes in Unix Address space of a Unix process (3)



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```
#include
            <stdio.h>
#include
            <stdlib.h>
#include
            <unistd.h>
#include
             <wait.h>
int n01 = 1;
int main(int argc, char *argv[], char *env[])
    int pid = fork();
    if (pid != 0)
         fprintf(stderr, "%5d: n01 = \%-5d (\%p) \setminus n",
        wait (NULL);
fprintf (stderr, "%5d: n01 = %-5d (%p)\n",
pid, n01, &n01);
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        fprintf(stderr, "%5d: n01 = \%-5d (\%p) \setminus n",
                 pid, n01, &n01);
        n01 = 1111;
         fprintf(stderr, "%5d: n01 = \%-5d (\%p) \setminus n",
                 `pid, n01, &n01);
    return 0;
}
```

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