Programação Avançada (ProgA)

Chapter #1 - Processes

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Process

✓ Program

- An executable file (.exe in Windows)
- ✓ Process
 - A running program
 - Several processes can be runing the same program
 - Example: chrome.exe
 - Each process
 - Program counter (PC)
 - Owner, PID
 - Security attributes
 - Address space

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Processes in Linux (#1)

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√top

```
Número de tasks
(~processos)

Carga média do sistema

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```

top - 09:26:08 up 7:10, 1 user, load average: 0.10, 0.04, 0.05

Tasks: 157 total, 1 running, 156 sleeping, 0 stopped, 0 zombie

%Cpu(s): 0.7 us, 0.7 sy, 0.0 ni, 98.3 id, 0.3 wa, 0.0 hi, 0.0 si, 0.0 st

KiB Mem: 630988 total, 31236 free, 194964 used, 404788 buff/cache

KiB Swap: 0 total, 0 free, 0 used. 406196 avail Mem

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1996	root	20	0	253324	52416	9892 S	1.0	8.3	0:31.06 Xorg
2550	user	20	0	75592	25740	19148 S	0.0	4.1	0:39.78 vmtoolsd
2540	user	20	0	116076	25256	19776 S	0.0	4.0	0:03.64 pcmanfm
2707	user	20	0	99088	24160	18820 S	1.0	3.8	0:09.60 lxterminal
2454	user	20	0	95912	23544	18612 S	0.0	3.7	0:00.86 lxsession
2538	user	20	0	107580	23544	19428 S	0.0	3.7	0:21.26 lxpanel
2553	user	20	0	125216	22904	19044 S	0.0	3.6	0:01.10 nm-applet
14797	user	20	0	49928	17536	14512 S	0.0	2.8	0:00.06 vim
14785	user	20	0	49928	17476	14452 S	0.0	2.8	0:00.06 vim
2535	user	20	0	73604	17428	13056 S	0.0	2.8	0:05.07 openbox
14749	user	20	0	49928	17360	14332 S	0.0	2.8	0:00.06 vim
14737	user	20	0	49928	17340	14316 S	0.0	2.7	0:00.12 vim
14773	user	20	0	49928	17280	14256 S	0.0	2.7	0:00.06 vim
14761	user	20	0	49928	17264	14236 S	0.0	2.7	0:00.05 vim
2562	user	20	0	77116	16508	14308 S	0.0	2.6	0:00.24 xfce4-power+
4205	user	20	0	50096	15156	11876 S	0.0	2.4	0:00.79 vim
5537	user	20	0	49992	15028	11932 S	0.0	2.4	0:00.11 vim

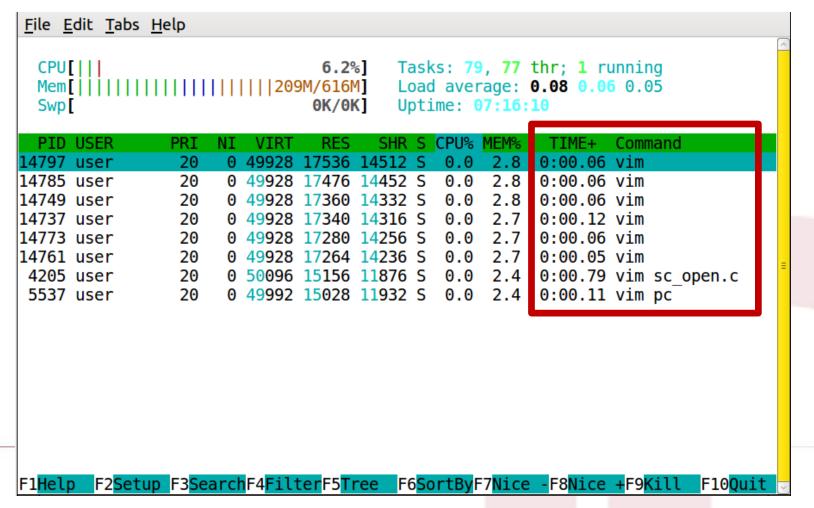


Processes no Linux (#2)

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✓ htop

- by default, htop is not installed in ubuntu
- sudo apt-get install htop





Processes in Linux (#3)

- The pseudo filesystem
 /proc keeps the data
 regarding the activity of
 the system
- For each process, there is a subdir in /proc
 - The name of the subdir is the PID of the process
 - NOTE: in bash, \$\$ holds
 the PID of the process
 running bash

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1323	1837	2244	2632	541	75	fs	slabinfo	
14	1842	2246	2635	544	7520	interrupts	softirqs	
14179	1843	23	2648	55	7535	iomem	stat	
14264	1846	24	2653	5537	76	ioports	swaps	
14725	1856	240	2658	558	78	irq	sys	
14736	1874	2445	2663	56	8	kallsyms	sysrq-trigger	
14737	1877	2446	2678	57	8436	kcore	sysvipc	
14738	1881	2454	2707	58	9	keys	thread-self	1
14749	1891	2502	2708	586	92	key-users	timer list	
14750	1898	2505	28	59	93	kmsg	timer stats	
14761	19	2506	29	598	94	kpagecgroup	tty	
14762	1902	2518	3	60	96	kpagecount	uptime	1
14773	191	2523	30	61	acpi	kpageflags	version	1
14774	1966	2535	31	62	asound	loadavg	version signature	1
14785	1978	2538	337	63	buddyinfo	locks	vmallocinfo	1
14786	199	2540	4190	64	bus	mdstat	vmstat	1
14797	1996	2550	4205	643	cgroups	meminfo	zoneinfo	
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14956	206	2576	5	68	crypto	mtrr		
user@u	buntu:/	proc\$						



Processes in Linux (#4)

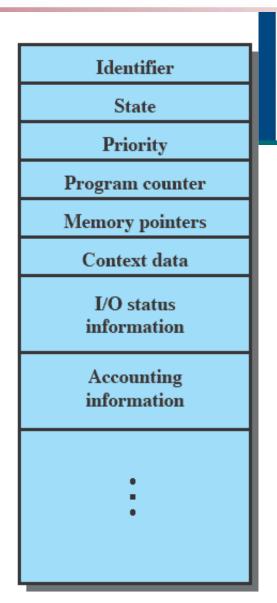
- File /proc/stat
 - Keeps stats regarding the operating system
- The watch command can be used to periodically execute a given command line
- -n 2: every 2 seconds

```
watch -n 2 cat /proc/stat
```



Process Control Block - PCB

- ✓ Process Control Block PCB
 - OS struct that keeps the data of a process
 - PCB is essential for multitasking
 - It allows the process to be interrupted and then resumed from its precise execution point

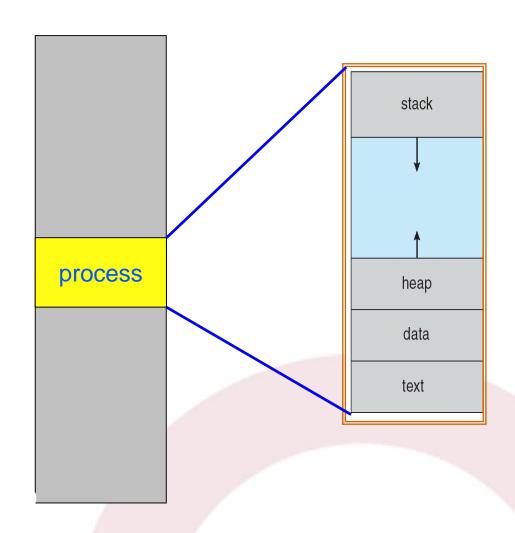




Process in memory

- ✓ A process has several (logical) segments in memory
 - Text segment
 - Data segment
 - Heap segment
 - Stack segment

Address Space





Process in memory (#2)

- ✓ Memory Image
 - (logical) representation of the process in memory
 - Several segments
- ✓ text segment
 - Holds the code/instruction of the process
- √ data segment
 - Holds variables in two subsections
 - data: global and "static" variables, initialized with a non-zero value
 - .bss: global and "static" variables, non-initialized



Process in memory (#3)

- √ Heap segment
 - Used for dynamic memory
 - Example: malloc, calloc, realloc,...
 - It has a variable length
- √ Stack segment
 - Holds the so-called automatic/local variables
 - Variables that are automatically created and destroyed in functions and methods
 - It has a variable length

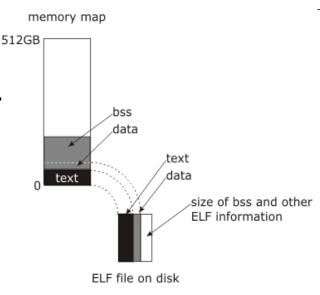


Executable file

- ✓ A process executes…an executable
- ✓ BSS: Block Started by Symbol
 - Data segment that hold static and globals variables set with zero as their initial value
 - BSS does not take space in the executable file

✓ DATA segment

- "static" and "globals" variables set
 with an initial value different from zero
- The executable file has a DATA segment





size command (1)

- size command
 - Unix tool that reports the length of each section and total size for a given executable file
- Example

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void) {
          printf("Programa em C\n");
          return 0;
}
```

• size a.exe

```
text=877, data=256, bss=8, dec=1141, hex=475, filename=a.exe
- 877 + 256 + 8 = 1141 bytes (ou seja, 475 hexadecimal)
```

- Size of the executable file
 - 7136 bytes



size command (2)

• Example #2

```
#include <stdio.h>
char A[100000];  /* Vetor com 100000 chars = 100000 bytes */
int main(void) {
         printf("Programa em C\n");
         return 0;
}
```

• size a.exe

```
text=877, data=256, bss=100032, dec=101165, hex=18b2d, filename=a.exe - 877 + 256 + 100032 = 101165 bytes (ou seja, 18b2d hexadecimal)
```

- Size of the executable file
 - 7145 bytes
- Conclusion
 - Despite the declaration of the A vector to hold 100000 chars, the executable only increased 9 bytes (7136 to 7145 bytes)
 - Why? A is kept in BSS



Processes in Unix (1)

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✓ Processes in Unix

- All are descendant
 - from the *init* (PID=1) process
- A process is created...by another process
 - Parent / son relationship
 - Tree of processes

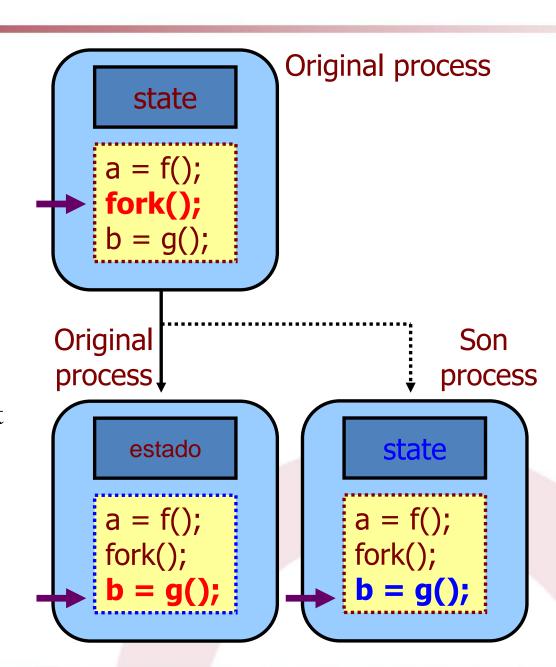
```
user@ubuntu: ~
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init-+-ModemManager---2*[{ModemManager}]
      -NetworkManager-+-dhclient
                       -dnsmasq
                       -3*[{NetworkManager}]
      -accounts-daemon---2*[{accounts-daemon}]
      -acpid
      -avahi-daemon---avahi-daemon
      -bluetoothd
      -cron
      -cups-browsed
      -cupsd
      -dbus-daemon
      -6*[getty]
      -kerneloops
      -lightdm-+-Xorg
                |-lightdm-+-init-+-at-spi-bus-laun-+-dbus-daemon
                                                    `-3*[{at-spi-bus-laun}]
                                  -at-spi2-registr---{at-spi2-registr}
                                  -dbus-daemon
                                  -aconfd-2
                                  -qvfs-afc-volume---2*[{qvfs-afc-volume}]
                                  -gvfs-gphoto2-vo---{gvfs-gphoto2-vo}
                                  |-qvfs-mtp-volume---{qvfs-mtp-volume}
 -More--
```



Process model in UNIX

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- fork()
 - system call to create a process
 - It is called by the parent process
- The son process inherits all characteristics of the parent process
 - Variables, program counter, open files, allocated memory, etc.
 - The son is a snapshot of the parent
- After "fork", each process executes separately
 - The change of a variable in one process does **not** reflect on the other one





fork system call

```
✓pid t fork(void);
```

- ✓ The fork system call returns an integer:
 - 0 to the newly created son process
 - -> 0 to the calling parent process
 - The return value corresponds to the PID of the newly created process
- ✓ It can also returns -1 if an error has ocurred
 - errno holds the error code
 - strerror(errno) returns the error string



Example – fork system call

```
#include <stdio.h>
                                          user@ubuntu: ~
#include <unistd.h>
#include <sys/wait.h>
                                        <u>File Edit Tabs Help</u>
#include <sys/types.h>
                                       user@ubuntu:~$ ./fork.exe
                                        [10567] I'm the father!
int main()
                                        [10568] I'm the son!
                                        [10567] My parent is: 10567
  pid_t id;
  id = fork(); /* returns 0: son process; > 0 to the parent */
  if (id == 0)
    { /* code only executed by the son process */
      printf("[%d] I'm the son!\n", getpid());
      printf("[%d] My parent is: %d\n", getppid(), getppid());
  else if (id > 0)
    {/* code only executed by the parent process */
      printf("[%d] I'm the father!\n", getpid());
      wait(NULL);
  return 0;
```



Example – fork in a for loop

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✓ How many processes are created by the following code?

```
#include <...>
int main(void){
    int i;
    for(i=0;i<3;i++)
              if( fork() == 0 ){
                        printf("PID=%u\n", getpid());
                        fflush(stdout);
                                          Only newly created processes print their PID
                                                           Answer: 7
     return 0;
                                                        2<sup>n</sup> -1, with n=3
```



Memory cost of a fork

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- ✓ The fork system call creates a new process by cloning the current one
 - Does this mean that all the memory assigned to the cloned process is copied/duplicated?
 - NO, otherwise, a fork will be computationally expensive...
 - Unix uses the "copy-on-write" mechanism

Copy-on-write mechanism >>



Copy-on-Write (#1)

- √ The OS organizes memory in fixed-size blocks called pages ("paged memory")
 - Usually, a page has 4 KiB
- ✓ To avoid memory duplication, after a fork, the father and son process share the same memory pages
 - So there is no duplication of memory content

Continue >>



Copy-on-Write (#2)

- ✓ The shared pages are marked as readonly
- ✓ When one of the process tries to write a shared page (e.g, to change the value of a variable: i++)
 - The OS flags it and creates a copy of the page
 - Thereafter, both father and son processes have their own page
 - They still share the other pages
- ✓ Only written pages ("dirty") are duplicated
 - This scheme is also known as copy-on-demand

copy on write

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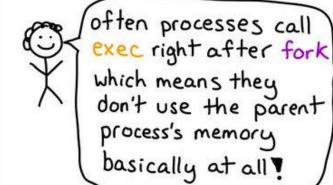
On Linux, you start new processes using the fork () or clone () system call calling fork gives you a child process that's a copy of you

the cloned process has EXACTLY the same memory

- same heap
- → same stack
- → same memory maps

if the parent has 36B of memory, the child will too

copying all that memory every time we fork would be slow and a waste of RAM

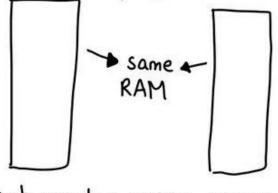


child so Linux lets them share physical RAM and only copies the memory when one of them tries to write.

parent

I'd like to change process that memory ok I'll make you) Your own copy!

Linux does this by giving both the processes identical page tables



but marks every page as read only

when a process tries to write to a shared memory address There's a ≥ page fault =

- (2) Linux makes a copy of the page & updates the page table
- 3 the process continues, blissfully ignorant

: of It's just like I have } Lmy own copy



Process ID (PID) – #1

- ✓ Process ID (PID)
 - Integer identifier of a process
- ✓ The Linux kernel allocates process IDs to processes in a strictly linear fashion.
 - If pid 37 is the highest number currently allocated, pid
 38 will be allocated next, even if the process last
- ✓ For compatibility with old UNIX, the max value for PID is 32768 (16-bit signed int)
- ✓ This value can be changed
 - -/proc/sys/kernel/pid_max



Process ID (PID) - #2

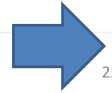
✓ Within a C program, the PID of the calling process
is returned with getpid()

```
-pid t getpid (void);
```

✓ The PID of the parent process is available through getppid()

```
-pid_t getppid(void);
```

```
printf ("My pid=%jd\n", getpid ());
printf ("Parent's pid=%jd\n", getppid ());
```





What is intmax t?

- ✓intmax_t
 - Signed integer capable of representing any value of any signed integer type
- ✓ Defined by C99 and C11
 - It requires #include <inttypes.h>
- √ The format string for printf is %jd (decimal)
 - There is also the format string for hexadecimal representation
 - ■%jX



Running applications

✓But...

- If all new processes execute the code of their parents, how can new applications be run?
 - The fork system call creates a clone of the parent process
- ✓ How do we run an application?
 - -vim, ps, ls, find, firefox,...
- ✓ Answer
 - The "exec" family of system calls
 - These syscalls replace the image of the calling process



The exec family of system calls

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√ "exec" system calls

```
int execl(const char *path, const char *arg, ...);
int execlp(const char *file, const char *arg, ...);
int execle(const char *path, const char *arg, ..., char *const envp[]);
int execv(const char *path, char *const argv[]);
int execvp(const char *file, char *const argv[]);
```

- ✓ Usage of an exec system call is
 - exec...(application_to_be_run)
- √ "exec"
 - Replaces the image of the current process by another one from a given executable
 - Functions with "p" are "PATH"-aware
 - Functions with "v" get their parameters from a vector of strings
 - Functions with "I" get their parameters from a list, where itens are separated by "," and the list ends with NULL
- ✓ Example: execl("/bin/ps", "ps", "aux", NULL);

Example - running "ls" (1)

- ✓ Running "Is -a" resorting to "execlp"
- ✓ Question
 - √ Why the "This cannot happen!" message?

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
int main(){
  if (execlp("ls", "ls", "-a", NULL) == -1)
    perror("Error executing ls: ");
  else
    printf("This cannot happen!\n");
  return 0;
}
```



Example – running "ls" (2)

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✓ Process launches "Is" via execlp

- The exec system calls <u>NEVER</u> return when the execution is successful
- The calling process image is replaced by the image of the executable called via "exec"
 - The calling process runs the executable
 - "Is" in our example
 - Therefore, printf("This cannot happen!") is removed from memory (as well as all the code of the calling process)
 - The code is replaced by the code of "Is -a"

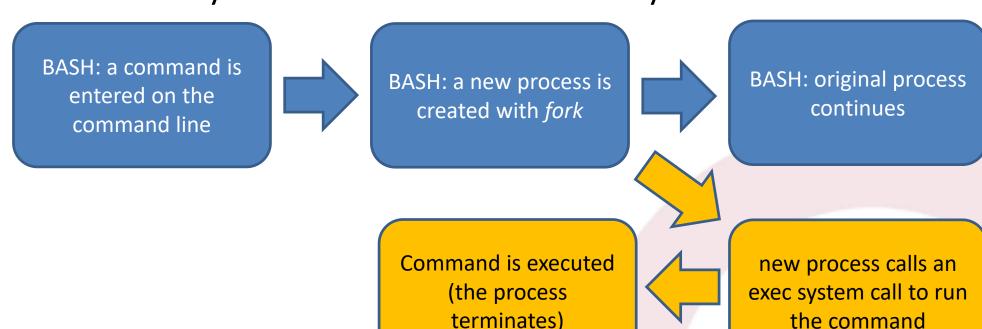


Executing a command

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✓ Executing a command

- Example with bash
 - Applies to other shells (sh, zsh, etc.)
 - 1st fork
 - 2nd system call from the exec family





wait system call

✓ wait and waitpid

```
pid_t wait(int *status);
pid_t waitpid(pid_t pid, int *status, int options);
```

- system calls used to synchronize a parent process with its children
- Wait for state changes on their children processes
 - Child is stopped (SIGSTOP) or terminates
 - Child is resumed by a signal (SIGCONT)
- Example
 - wait(&status); -- waits until a children process terminates
 - waitpid(-1, &status, 0); -- same as above



Zombie process

- ✓ A child that terminates, but has not been waited for becomes a "zombie"
- ✓ The kernel maintains a minimal set of information about the zombie process
 - PID, termination status, resource usage information
- ✓ As long as a zombie is not removed from the system via wait, it will consume a slot in the kernel process table
- ✓ If a parent process terminates, then its "zombie" children (if any) are adopted by *init*, which automatically performs a wait to remove the zombies



Creating zombies...

```
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <sys/wait.h>
void worker() {
  printf("[%d] Hi, I'm a worker process! Going to die...\n",
         getpid());
int main()
{ int i;
  for (i=0; i<5; i++) {
    if (fork() == 0) {
                                 Question: how many
      worker();
                                processes are created?
      exit(0);
  system("ps aux | grep -i zombie");
  printf("[%d] Big father is sleeping!\n", getpid());
  sleep(10);
  return 0;
```



Creating zombies...

✓ Results

```
user@ubuntu: ~/SO
                                                                                          _ _ X
File Edit Tabs Help
user@ubuntu:~/SO$ ./zombie.exe
[17512] Hi, I'm a worker process! Going to terminate...
[17513] Hi, I'm a worker process! Going to terminate...
[17514] Hi, I'm a worker process! Going to terminate...
[17511] Hi, I'm a worker process! Going to terminate...
[17510] Hi, I'm a worker process! Going to terminate...
         17467 0.2 0.4 12348 4616 pts/16
                                                            0:00 vim zombie.c
user
                                               S+
                                                    12:59
         17509
                           2024
                                                    13:02
                                                            0:00 ./zombie.exe
user
               0.0
                     0.0
                                  276 pts/5
                                                            0:00 [zombie.exe] <defunct>
         17510
               0.0
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                                    0 pts/5
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user
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                                                            0:00 [zombie.exe] <defunct>
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user
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                                                            0:00 [zombie.exe] <defunct>
               0.0
                    0.0
                                    0 pts/5
                                               Z+
user
                                                            0:00 sh -c ps aux | grep -i zombie
         17515
                    0.0
                           2268
                                  552 pts/5
                                                    13:02
               0.0
user
         17517 0.0 0.0
                           4680
                                  832 pts/5
                                                    13:02
                                                            0:00 grep -i zombie
user
                                               S+
[17509] Big father is sleeping!
user@ubuntu:~/S0$
```



The system function

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✓ In the zombie code, we have the following line of code

```
system("ps aux | grep -i zombie");
```

- ✓ system launches a shell that executes the command given as string
 - It executes /bin/sh -c command_line and waits for its termination
 - The shell process is the one that actually executes the command line
 - It is costly, since it has to i) fork a process and then ii)
 exec its image to execute the Shell



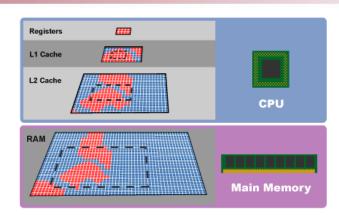
CPU affinity (1)

- ✓ On a multicore system, the scheduler needs to decide which processes runs on each CPU
- ✓ Once a process is running on a CPU, it should remain there
 - Avoid the "cold cache" effect of moving a process to another CPU/core
- ✓ How to enforce CPU affinity at the programming level?



CPU affinity (2)

✓ On a multicore system, the OS scheduler needs to decide which processes runs on each CPU



✓ Once a process is running on a CPU, the OS scheduler tries to keep it there

http://bit.ly/256cAlr

- Avoid the "cold cache" effect of moving a process to another CPU/core
 - When a process moves to another CPU/core, the cache(s) of the CPU/core do not have content of the process

The caches are cold (c) Patricio Domingues



CPU affinity (3)

- ✓ CPU affinity of a process can be controlled programatically
 - Hard affinity
- ✓ int sched_setaffinity(pid_t pid, size_t
 setsize,const cpu set t *set);
- ✓ int sched_getaffinity(pid_t pid, size_t
 setsize,cpu set t *set);
- ✓ void CPU_SET (unsigned long cpu, cpu_set_t *set);
- √ void CPU_CLR (unsigned long cpu, cpu set t *set);
- √ int CPU_ISSET (unsigned long cpu, cpu_set_t *set);
- ✓ void CPU_ZERO (cpu_set_t *set);



CPU affinity (4)

✓ Example

```
#define GNU SOURCE
#include <sched.h>
#include <stdio.h>cpu set t set;
int ret, i;
CPU ZERO (&set);
ret = sched getaffinity(0, sizeof (cpu set t), &set);
if (ret == -1) {
      perror ("sched getaffinity");
for (i=0; i < CPU SETSIZE; i++) {
       int cpu;
       cpu = CPU ISSET(i, &set);
      printf ("cpu=%i is %s\n", i, cpu?"set":"unset");
```



Termination of a process

✓ Reason for a process to terminate

- Regular termination
 - exit, return of main function, etc.
- Process has exceeded maximum CPU time (e.g., "ulimit" from bash)
- Not enough memory
- I/O failure
- Invalid instruction (e.g., "divide by zero")
- OS action
 - Deadlock or OOM (Out of Memory Killer)
- User action
 - Kill -9 PID or killall -9 process_name



the exit function

- ✓ The exit function terminates the calling process
 - void exit(int status);
- ✓ It returns the int **status** to the operating system
- ✓ The exit function can call other functions before terminating the process
 - It calls the function preivously registered with the following functions
 - atexit
 - on_exit



The _exit function

✓ What about to terminate the current process without calling the function registered with atexit(3) and on_exit(3)?



- ✓ Function _exit(2)
 - Note the leading underscore in the name



ulimits (bash)

✓ The bash shell has an internal set of limits

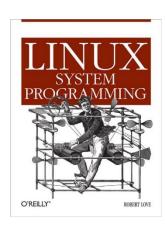
- -ulimit
 - internal command
 - Processed by bash,
 there is no ulimit
 executable
 - There is no man for ulimit
 - help ulimit
- -ulimit -a
 - List all limits for the current session

```
user@ubuntu: ~
                                               <u>File Edit Tabs Help</u>
user@ubuntu:~$ ulimit -a
core file size
                         (blocks, -c) unlimited
                         (kbytes, -d) unlimited
data seg size
scheduling priority
                                 (-e) 0
file size
                         (blocks, -f) unlimited
pending signals
                                 (-i) 7865
max locked memory
                         (kbytes, -l) 64
max memory size
                         (kbytes, -m) unlimited
open files
                                 (-n) 1024
pipe size
                     (512 bytes, -p) 8
                          (bytes, -q) 819200
POSIX message queues
real-time priority
                                 (-r) 0
stack size
                         (kbytes, -s) 8192
                        (seconds, -t) unlimited
cpu time
max user processes
                                 (-u) 7865
                         (kbytes, -v) unlimited
virtual memory
file locks
                                 (-x) unlimited
user@ubuntu:~$
```



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