

Purpose:

This program is intended to read a csv file containing data of numerous students containing their student ids, sections and marks of their 4 assignments, and then compute the average marks of each student and display the computed results. The computation for each student belonging to section A is done by a child process which is created via fork() systemcall while the computation for the section B students id done by parent process itself.

In-built functions and system calls used :

- **fork()**
 - It is used to make a new process called child process. This child process concurrently with the process which calls the fork() (namely the parent process).
 - It takes no parameter.
 - Return an integer which indicates the whether the process creation was successful or not.
 - Negative value means that fork() call was unsuccessful
 - Zero means that the child process was created
 - Positive value is returned to the parent or caller. The value is nothing but the ID of the newly created process.
- **waitpid()**
 - It takes 3 parameters.
 - First is the pid which is returned by the fork().
 - Second parameter can be NULL as in this case
 - Third parameter can be zero as in this case.
 - It is used to make the parent process wait while the child process executes and then the parent process is resumed.
- **exit()**
 - Generally a status code is passed into it to show success or failure of your program.
 - In this case, it is 0 which indicates success.
- **fopen()**
 - It is an in-built function that is used to open the csv file.
 - It takes 2 parameters
 - First is the file path
 - Second is the mode you wish to open in which can be "r" for read, "w" for write and "a" for append.
 - It returns a file pointer which can be used to perform necessary actions.

- **fclose()**
 - It is used to close the file pointer.

References:

- <https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/fork-system-call/>