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#### Ex No: 7 IPC USING SHARED MEMORY

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## Aim:

To write a C program to implement Inter Process Communication (IPC) using shared memory between sender and receiver processes.

## Algorithm:

### **Sender Process**

- 1. Set the size of the shared memory segment.
- 2. Allocate the shared memory segment using shmget().
- 3. Attach the shared memory segment using shmat().
- 4. Write a string to the shared memory segment using sprintf().
- 5. Set delay using sleep().
- 6. Detach shared memory segment using shmdt().

# **Receiver Process**

- 1. Set the size of the shared memory segment.
- 2. Allocate the shared memory segment using shmget().
- 3. Attach the shared memory segment using shmat().
- 4. Print the shared memory contents sent by the sender process.
- 5. Detach shared memory segment using shmdt().

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Program Code: sender.c
#include <stdio.h>
#include <sys/ipc.h>
#include <sys/shm.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <string.h>
int main() { key_t key = ftok("shmfile",65); // Generate unique key int shmid
  = shmget(key, 1024, 0666 | IPC_CREAT); // Create shared memory
  char *str = (char*) shmat(shmid, (void*)0, 0); // Attach to shared memory
  sprintf(str, "Welcome to Shared Memory");
  printf("Message Sent: %s\n", str);
  sleep(5); // Delay to allow receiver to read
  shmdt(str); // Detach from shared memory
  return 0;
}
receiver.c
#include <stdio.h>
#include <sys/ipc.h>
#include <sys/shm.h>
#include <unistd.h>
int main() { key_t key = ftok("shmfile",65); // Generate same key int shmid =
  shmget(key, 1024, 0666 | IPC_CREAT); // Access shared memory
  char *str = (char*) shmat(shmid, (void*)0, 0); // Attach to shared memory
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printf("Message Received: %s\n", str);

shmdt(str); // Detach from shared memory shmctl(shmid,
    IPC_RMID, NULL); // Destroy the shared memory return 0;
}
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# **Sample Output:**

### Terminal 1:

[root@localhost student]# gcc sender.c -o sender

[root@localhost student]# ./sender

Message Sent: Welcome to Shared Memory

#### **Terminal 2:**

[root@localhost student]# gcc receiver.c -o receiver

[root@localhost student]# ./receiver

Message Received: Welcome to Shared Memory

## Result:

Thus, the C program for Inter Process Communication (IPC) using shared memory was successfully executed, and the message was successfully passed from the sender process to the receiver process.