



Computer Architecture and Technology Area

Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

# OPERATING SYSTEMS

## Lab 1. System Calls

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# Lab Statement

- Implementation of three programs in C that are capable of manipulating files and directories.
- Each program will be implemented in just one file
  - **mycat.c** → It shows on the screen the content of a file
  - **myls.c** → It shows on the screen the entries of a directory
  - **mysize.c** → It shows the name and size of the entries of a directory that correspond to regular files

# mycat

- `./mycat <path_to_input_file>`
- Result:
  - The program must show the **whole** content of a file on the screen.
  - The program must return -1 if no argument was introduced.
  - The program must return -1 if there was an error while opening the file (e.g. the file does not exist).
- Example:

```
1      $ ./mycat p1_tests/f1.txt
2      Name1      M      32      09834320      24500
3      Name2      F      35      32478973      27456
4      Name3      M      53      98435834      45000
```

# myls

- `./mys <dir> //List dir`
- `./mys //List current dir`
- Result:
  - List of directory entries. **One entry per line**
  - The program must return -1 if there was an error while opening the file (e.g. the file does not exist).
- Example:

```
1      $ ./mys p1_tests/  
2      dirC  
3      f1.txt  
4      dirA  
5      f2.txt  
6      .  
7      ..
```

# mysize

- `./mysize`
- Result:
  - List of regular files and their sizes.
  - The program will show **only** the data from regular files.
  - The program will show the data following this format:  
`<name><4_blank_spaces><size_in_bytes>`
  - The program should return -1 if there was an error opening the directory.
- Example:

```
1      $ cd p1_tests/  
2      $ ../mysize  
3      f1.txt      87  
4      f2.txt      87
```

# Initial Code

- A compressed folder including the files of the programs to be developed (*mycat.c*, *myls.c* and *mysize.c*) and a file to compile them (*Makefile*) is provided as the starting code.
- To compile: go to the folder and use the command `make`.



# Tester

- Students are provided with the script in **python (Version 3)** **checker\_os\_p1.py**
- The tester must be executed in the Linux computers of the Virtual Aulas of the university.
- The command to execute the tester is the following:

```
python3 checker_os_p1.py <submitted_file.zip>
```

- Example:

```
$ python3 checker_os_p1.py  
os_p1_100254896_100047014.zip
```

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# Assignment Submission & Rules

- Groups: 3 students maximum
- Delivery:
  - Source code in a compressed file
  - Lab report in PDF through TURNITIN
  - Only one member of the group may deliver
- Delivery date:  
**March 11<sup>th</sup> 2022 (until 23:55h)**

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# System Calls

- For **mycat** you must use the calls related to file manipulation (open, read, write, and close).
- For **myls** you must use calls related to directory manipulation (getcwd, opendir, readdir and closedir).
- For **mysize** you must mix both types of calls.
- The documentation of those calls can be found in the manuals (see appendix).

# Management of input arguments

- Extract the path of the files and directories that are passed as arguments to the program.
- **Implement error handling routines.**
- Example:

```
1      int main (int argc, char *argv[]){  
2          int returnValue = 0;  
3          if (argc >= 3){  
4              printf(argv[0]);  
5              printf(argv[1]);  
6              printf(argv[2]);  
7          }else{  
8              printf("Not enough arguments\n");  
9              returnValue = -1;  
10         }  
11         return returnValue;  
12     }
```

# Printing on the screen

## ■ mycat

- Write directly in the standard output the buffer that contains the data.

```
write(STDOUT_FILENO, buffer, SIZE_BUFFER);
```

## ■ myls

- Print with the call *printf* the field *d\_name* of the structure *dirent*.

```
printf("%s\n", input->d_name);
```

## ■ mysize

- Print with the call *printf* the field *d\_name* of the structure *dirent* and the obtained size, with four blank spaces between them.

```
printf("%s    %ld\n", input->d_name, tam);
```



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