

## Lab 2: Process

### Course: Operating Systems

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**Goal** This lab helps student to practice with the process in OS, and understand how we can manipulate process and perform multi-process interaction using communication mechanism.

**Contents** In detail, this lab requires student practice with examples `fork()` API to create processes and do interaction with these instances through the following experiments:

- retrieve the process information (with PID) and determine the process status in its life cycle
- examine the process memory regions
- create multi-process program and practice inter-process communication (IPC)
- create a multi-thread process using POSIX Pthread

Besides, the practices also introduces and includes some additional process interfaces i.e. environment, system call, arguments, IO and files.

**Result** After doing this lab, student can understand the definition of process and write a program with multi-process creation and communication.

**Requirements** Student need to review the theory of program and how to create a process from the associated program by executing it.

```
$ gcc -o hello hello.c
$ ./hello
$ ps auxf | grep hello
```

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# 1 Background

In this section, we recall the basic background material which is related to the process experiment.

- Process concept: program in execution and each process has an unique PID
- Process control block and one partial implementation in task\_struct.
- Process state and it life cycle diagram
- Memory layout.
- A tree of process.
- Process environment

## ❖ 1.1. Khái niệm tiến trình (Process Concept)

Tiến trình (process) là một chương trình đang được thực thi (program execution).

Mỗi tiến trình trong hệ điều hành đều có một định danh duy nhất, gọi là PID (Process ID) – thường là một số nguyên.  
Ví dụ: Trong Linux, lệnh ps có thể hiển thị danh sách tiến trình cùng l

**Process ID - pid** Most operating systems (including UNIX, Linux, and Windows) identify processes according to a unique process identifier (or PID) which is typically an integer number.

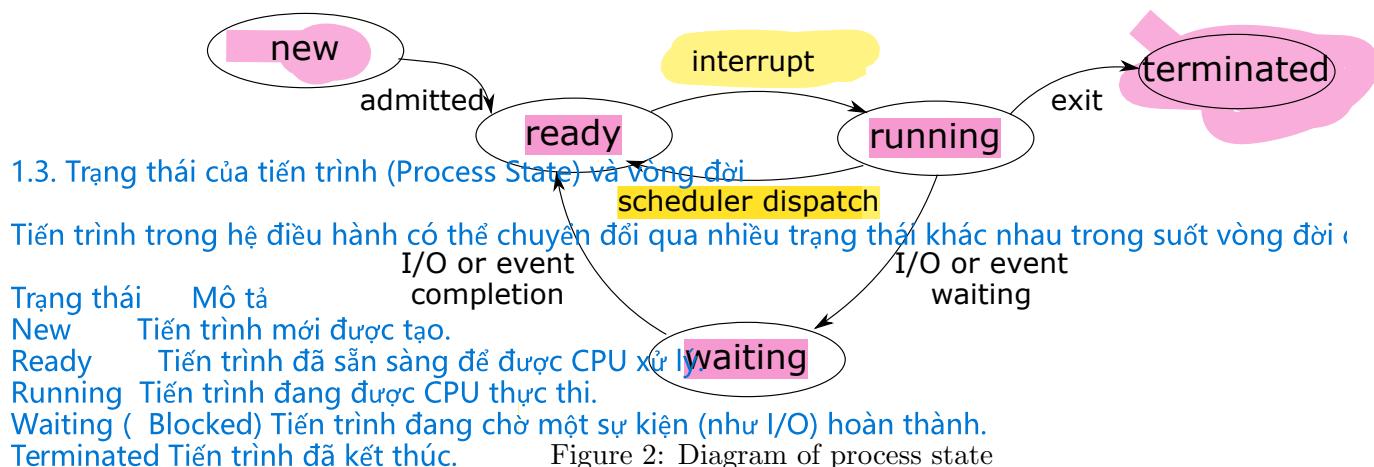
**Task struct** the task\_struct structure contains all the information about a process. Much information is investigated in this lab experiments.

### □ Represented by the C structure **task\_struct**

```
pid t_pid;                                /* process identifier */
long state;                                 /* state of the process */
unsigned int time_slice;                   /* scheduling information */
struct task_struct *parent;                /* this process's parent */
struct list_head children;                 /* this process's children */
struct files_struct *files;                /* list of open files */
struct mm_struct *mm;                      /* address space of this process */
```

Figure 1: Task struct representation

**Process state** The process state is represented in the following diagram. We can send a signal to a process to change its status. The detailed commands are introduced in section 2.3.2.



Bộ lập lịch (Scheduler) chịu trách nhiệm điều phối việc chuyển tiến trình từ trạng thái này sang trạng thái khác.

Ngoài ra, ta có thể gửi tín hiệu (signal) đến tiến trình để thay đổi trạng thái của nó.

- Memory layout** The memory layout of a process is typically divided into multiple sections.
- Text section: the executable code
  - Data section: global variables
  - Heap: memory allocated dynamically during program running
  - Stack: temporary data storage during function invoking
- Mô hình nhớ trong bộ nhớ được chia thành nhiều vùng (sections) khác nhau:
- Vùng nhớ Chức năng
  - Text section Chứa mã lệnh thực thi (code)
  - Data section Chứa các biến toàn cục (global variables).
  - Heap Dành cho vùng nhớ cấp phát động bằng malloc(), new, ...
  - Stack Lưu trữ các biến cục bộ, tham số hàm và địa chỉ trả về.

We have an examination in each section using the variable declaration in different program scope to illustrated the memory layout as Figure.3 in section 2.4

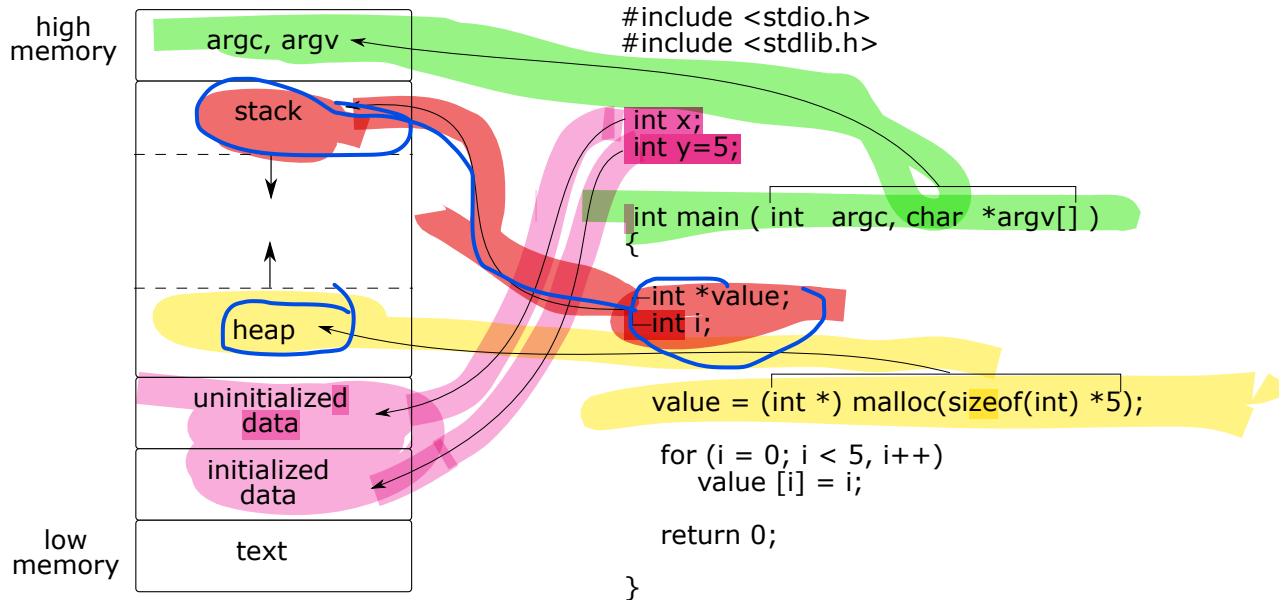


Figure 3: Memory layout of C program

**A tree of process** During the OS execution, a process, called parent process, may create several new processes which are referred as children of that process. Each of these new (child) processes may in turn create other processes, forming a tree of processes. An example of process tree is shown in Figure.4 and will be investigated in section 2.5

### 1.5. Cây tiến trình (Process Tree)

Trong hệ điều hành, một tiến trình có thể tạo ra tiến trình khác bằng cách gọi fork().  
Tiến trình gốc được gọi là tiến trình cha (parent process), tiến trình được tạo ra là tiến trình con (child process).

Khi nhiều tiến trình con tiếp tục tạo tiến trình mới, ta có cấu trúc cây tiến trình (process tree).

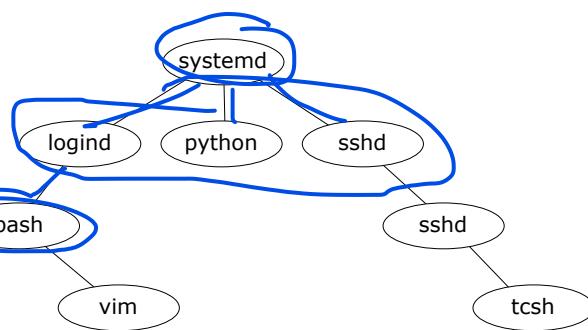


Figure 4: A tree of process in Linux

## Multi processes and multi-thread process

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**IPC - InterProcess Communication** There are two fundamental models of interprocess communication: shared memory and message passing.

In the **shared-memory model**, a region of memory that is shared by the cooperating processes is established. Processes can then exchange information by reading and writing data to the shared region. In the message-passing model, communication takes place by means of messages exchanged between the cooperating processes.

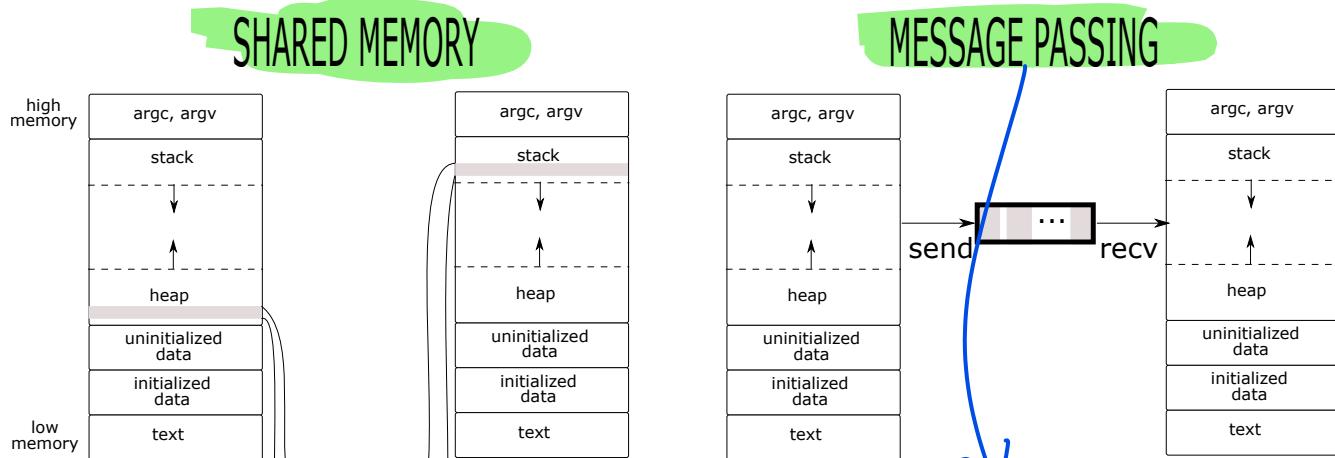


Figure 5: Two type of communication models

**POSIX thread** A traditional process has a **single thread of control**. If a process has **multiple threads of control**, it can perform more than one task at a time. Figure 6 illustrates the difference between a **traditional single-threaded process** and a **multi-threaded process**.

We use the **POSIX thread library (Pthread)** to create additional thread inside a traditional single-thread process. The details instructions and guidelines are at section 2.8.

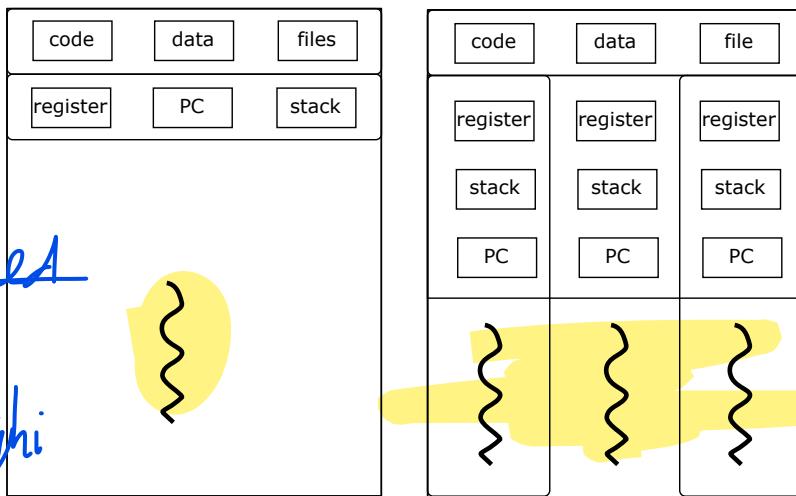


Figure 6: A traditional single-threaded process and a multi-threaded process

## 2 Programming interface

### 2.1 Fork API

`fork()` creates a new process by duplicating the calling process. The new process, referred to as the child, is an exact duplicate of the calling process, referred to as the parent

```
#include <unistd.h>
pid_t fork(void);
```

An example of fork calling program

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <unistd.h>

int main(int argc, char* argv[])
{
    int pid;

    printf("Start - of - main ... \n");

    pid = fork(); Gán giá trị
    if (pid > 0) { /*parent process*/
        printf("Parent - section ... \n");
    } /*child process*/
    else if (pid == 0) {
        printf("\nfork - created ... \n");
    }
    else {
        /*fork creation failed*/
        printf("\nfork - creation - failed !!!\n");
    }

    return 0;
}
```

*Ghi Phản*

fork() là hàm được dùng để tạo một tiến trình con (child process) bằng cách nhân bản (duplicate) tiến trình hiện tại (gọi là tiến trình cha – parent).

Cả hai tiến trình (cha và con) sẽ chạy song song từ vị trí ngay sau lời gọi fork().

Khi gọi fork():

Giá trị trả về > 0: Là PID của tiến trình con (được trả về cho tiến trình cha).

Giá trị trả về = 0: Đây là tiến trình con.

Giá trị trả về < 0: Gặp lỗi (tạo tiến trình thất bại).

💡 Hiểu đơn giản:  
fork() giúp bạn có hai tiến trình hoạt động song song một bản sao y hệt của chương trình gốc.

### 2.2 Proc FS

**ProcFS** presents the information about processes and other system information. It provides a more convenience and standardized method for dynamically accessing process data held in kernel instead of tracing and direct accessing to kernel memory. For example, the GNU version of processing report utility ps used the proc filesystem to obtain data, without using any specialized system calls.

We can retrieve various information in read-only part of /proc file system:

1. Process-specific subdirectories (/proc/PID)
2. Kernel info in /proc/
3. Network info in /proc/net

/proc là một hệ thống tệp ảo (virtual file system) mà Linux dùng để lưu thông tin về các tiến trình và nhân điều hành (kernel).

→ Thay vì phải truy cập trực tiếp vào bộ nhớ kernel, ta thể đọc các file trong /proc để lấy thông tin.

4. SCSI info in /proc/scsi
5. Parallel port info in /proc/parport
6. TTY info in /proc/tty
7. Miscellaneous kernel statistic in /proc/stat
8. Filesystem info in /proc/fs/ $\backslash$ FS\_ID $\backslash$
9. Console info in /proc/console

Một số thư mục và tệp phổ biến trong /proc:

| Thư mục / File | /proc/[PID]                       |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| /proc/cpuinfo  | Thông tin CPU                     |
| /proc/meminfo  | Thông tin bộ nhớ                  |
| /proc/net/     | Thông tin mạng                    |
| /proc/stat     | Thông kê kernel                   |
| /proc/fs/      | Thông tin hệ thống tệp            |
| /proc/tty/     | Thông tin thiết bị TTY (terminal) |

Ý nghĩa  
 Thư mục riêng cho mỗi tiến trình, chứa thông tin chi tiết của tiến trình đó  
 Thông tin CPU  
 Thông tin bộ nhớ  
 Thông tin mạng  
 Thông kê kernel  
 Thông tin hệ thống tệp  
 Thông tin thiết bị TTY (terminal)

Each process is mapped to a process-specific subdirectory a under the path associated with its Pid as /proc/<pid>

☞ Ví dụ: Để xem thông tin về tiến trình có PID = 1

### 2.3 Process specification

cat /proc/1234/status

By using the cat, more, or less commands on files within the /proc/ directory, users can immediately access enormous amounts of information about the system.

Bằng cách sử dụng cat, more hoặc less, ta có thể đọc nội dung các tệp trong /proc/[PID] để lấy dữ liệu c

Một số file quan trọng

| File        | Content   |
|-------------|---|
| clear_refs  | Clears page referenced bits shown in smaps output       |
| cmdline     | Nội dung<br>Các tham số dùng lệnh启动 khi chạy tiến trình |
| cwd         | Liên kết đến thư mục làm việc hiện tại                  |
| environ     | Các biến môi trường của tiến trình                      |
| exe         | Liên kết đến file thực thi                              |
| fd/         | Danh sách các file descriptor đang mở                   |
| maps        | Các vùng nhớ của tiến trình                             |
| mem         | Vùng nhớ thực của tiến trình                            |
| stat        | Trạng thái chi tiết của tiến trình                      |
| status      | Thông tin trạng thái đọc được (để hiểu hơn stat)        |
| ...<br>root | Link to the root directory of this process              |
| stat        | Process status  |
| statm       | Process memory status information                       |
| status      | Process status in human readable form                   |
| pagetable   | Page table  |
| stack       | A symbolic trace of the process's kernel stack          |
| ...         | ...   |

proc trạng thái

#### 2.3.1 Process state

File /proc/[pid]/status chứa trạng thái tiến trình ở dạng dễ

filepath /proc/[pid]/status Provides much of the information in a format that's easier for humans to parse. The state is under file path /proc/<pid>/status

```
$ head -n 10 /proc/<pid>/status
Name: helloworld
State: S (sleeping)
Tgid: 1163
Ngid: 0
```

```

Pid:      1163
PPid:     1162
TracerPid: 0
Uid:      1000 1000 1000 1000
Gid:      1000 1000 1000 1000
...

```

The fields are as follows:

Name Command run by this process

State Current state of the process "R (running)", "S (sleeping)", "D (disk sleep)", "T (stopped)", "t (tracing stop)", "Z (zombie)", or "X (dead)".

Pid Thread ID PPid PID of parent process.

### 2.3.2 Send signal to specified process

*gửi tín hiệu*

The command kill sends the specified signal to the specified processes or process groups. If no signal is specified, the TERM signal is sent.

\$ kill -SIGNAL <pid>

\$ killall -SIGNAL name

kill dùng để gửi tín hiệu (signal) đến tiến trình, nhằm thay đổi trạng thái của nó.

For example:

kill -SIGCONT 2378

killall hello

The list of support sign is as follows:

- |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1) SIGHUP       | 2) SIGINT       | 3) SIGQUIT      | 4) SIGILL       | 5) SIGTRAP      |
| 6) SIGABRT      | 7) SIGBUS       | 8) SIGFPE       | 9) SIGKILL      | 10) SIGUSR1     |
| 11) SIGSEGV     | 12) SIGUSR2     | 13) SIGPIPE     | 14) SIGALRM     | 15) SIGTERM     |
| 16) SIGSTKFLT   | 17) SIGCHLD     | 18) SIGCONT     | 19) SIGSTOP     | 20) SIGTSTP     |
| 21) SIGTTIN     | 22) SIGTTOU     | 23) SIGURG      | 24) SIGXCPU     | 25) SIGXFSZ     |
| 26) SIGVTALRM   | 27) SIGPROF     | 28) SIGWINCH    | 29) SIGIO       | 30) SIGPWR      |
| 31) SIGSYS      | 34) SIGRTMIN    | 35) SIGRTMIN+1  | 36) SIGRTMIN+2  | 37) SIGRTMIN+3  |
| 38) SIGRTMIN+4  | 39) SIGRTMIN+5  | 40) SIGRTMIN+6  | 41) SIGRTMIN+7  | 42) SIGRTMIN+8  |
| 43) SIGRTMIN+9  | 44) SIGRTMIN+10 | 45) SIGRTMIN+11 | 46) SIGRTMIN+12 | 47) SIGRTMIN+13 |
| 48) SIGRTMIN+14 | 49) SIGRTMIN+15 | 50) SIGRTMAX-14 | 51) SIGRTMAX-13 | 52) SIGRTMAX-12 |
| 53) SIGRTMAX-11 | 54) SIGRTMAX-10 | 55) SIGRTMAX-9  | 56) SIGRTMAX-8  | 57) SIGRTMAX-7  |
| 58) SIGRTMAX-6  | 59) SIGRTMAX-5  | 60) SIGRTMAX-4  | 61) SIGRTMAX-3  | 62) SIGRTMAX-2  |
| 63) SIGRTMAX-1  | 64) SIGRTMAX    |                 |                 |                 |

### 2.3.3 Process statistics environment

filepath /proc/[pid]/stat information about the process. This is used by ps.

\$ cat /proc/<pid>/stat

**filepath /proc/[pid]/statm** Provides information about memory usage, measured in pages.

```
$ cat /proc/<pid>/statm
```

**filepath /proc/[pid]/stack** This file provides a symbolic trace of the function calls in this process's kernel stack.

```
$ cat /proc/<pid>/stack
```

**filepath /proc/[pid]/environment** This file contains the initial environment that was set when the currently executing program was started.

```
$ strings /proc/<pid>/environ
```

## 2.4 Proces memory layout

File /proc/[pid]/maps hiển thị các vùng nhớ hiện tại của tiến trình.

Các vùng chính:

**filepath /proc/[pid]/maps** A file containing the currently mapped memory regions and their access permissions.

```
$ cat /proc/<pid>/maps
```

There are additional helpful pseudo-paths:

[stack] The initial process's (also known as the main thread's) stack.

[heap] The process's heap.

An example of the output

Text: Chứa mã thực thi (code).  
Data: Chứa biến toàn cục, tĩnh (global/static).

Heap: Vùng cấp phát động (malloc, new...).

Stack: Vùng chứa biến cục bộ, lời gọi hàm.

[heap], [stack]: Các vùng được đánh dấu trong file /proc/pid/maps.

|   |                               |
|---|-------------------------------|
| 00400000-00401000 r-xp 00000000             | /home / ... / multivar_heap   |
| 00600000-00601000 r--p 00000000             | /home / ... / multivar_heap   |
| 00601000-00602000 rw-p 00001000             | /home / ... / multivar_heap   |
| 024a2000-024c3000 rw-p 00000000             | [ heap ]                      |
| 7f61f1996000-7f61f1b54000 r-xp 00000000     | /lib / ... / libc - 2.19 . so |
| 7f61f1b54000-7f61f1d54000 ---p 001be000     | /lib / ... / libc - 2.19 . so |
| 7f61f1d54000-7f61f1d58000 r--p 001be000     | /lib / ... / libc - 2.19 . so |
| 7f61f1d58000-7f61f1d5a000 rw-p 001c2000     | /lib / ... / libc - 2.19 . so |
| 7f61f1d5a000-7f61f1d5f000 rw-p 00000000     |                               |
| 7f61f1d5f000-7f61f1d82000 r-xp 00000000     | / lib / ... / ld - 2.19 . so  |
| 7f61f1f78000-7f61f1f7b000 rw-p 00000000     |                               |
| 7f61f1f80000-7f61f1f81000 rw-p 00000000     |                               |
| 7f61f1f81000-7f61f1f82000 r--p 00022000     | / lib / ... / ld - 2.19 . so  |
| 7f61f1f82000-7f61f1f83000 rw-p 00023000     | / lib / ... / ld - 2.19 . so  |
| 7f61f1f83000-7f61f1f84000 rw-p 00000000     |                               |
| 7ffe4cce4000-7ffe4cd0b000 rw-p 00000000     | [ stack ]                     |
| 7ffe4cd90000-7ffe4cd93000 r--p 00000000     | [ vvar ]                      |
| 7ffe4cd93000-7ffe4cd95000 r-xp 00000000     | [ vdso ]                      |
| ffffffff600000-ffffffff601000 r-xp 00000000 | [ vsyscall ]                  |

## 2.5 Process Tree

Linux tổ chức các tiến trình theo dạng cây (tree), trong đó mỗi tiến trình có thể tạo ra nhiều tiến trình con.

`pstree` is a Linux command that shows the running processes as a tree

```
$ pstree
init+- cron
| - dbus-daemon
| - dhclient
| - 4*[ getty ]
| - login --- bash --- pstree
| - login --- bash --- msgrcv
| - rsyslogd --- 3*[ { rsyslogd } ]
| - sshd --- 2*[ sshd --- sshd --- sftp - server ]
| - systemd - logind
| - systemd - udevd
| - upstart - file - br
| - upstart - socket -
`- upstart - udev - br
```

In addition, we can use the process-specific information retrieved from /proc filesystem to identify the parent pid and the list of child pid.

From child process, we can get the ppid (the PID of parent process)

Xem PID cha và con:

```
$ head -n 10 <pid>
```

+ Từ tiến trình con → ch

Meanwhile, the parent process can retrieve the list of its child list under the pathname

```
$ cat /proc/<pid>/task/<pid>/children
```

+ Từ tiến trình cha → danh sách  
con:

By getting the ppid and the children list we can traverse through the process tree manually.

## 2.6 Inter-process Communication Programming Interfaces

POSIX Interprocess Communication (IPC) is a variation of System V interprocess communication. These interfaces are included in a set of programming interface which allow a programmer to coordinate activities among various program processes. We introduce the two basic illustrations of IPC mechanism which are Shared memory and Message Passing.

### 2.6.1 Shared Memory

**shmget** allocates a System V shared memory segment

```
#include <sys/shm.h>
```

```
int shmget(key_t key, size_t size, int shmflg); // Tạo vùng nhớ chia :
```

**shmat** attaches the System V shared memory segment identified by *shmid* to the address space of the calling process

Có hai mô hình chính để trao đổi dữ liệu giữa các tiến trình:

Shared Memory (Bộ nhớ chia sẻ): Các tiến trình đọc/ghi lên cùng một vùng nhớ dùng chung

Message Passing (Truyền thông điệp): Các tiến trình gửi/nhận thông điệp qua hàng đợi (message que)

```
#include <sys/shm.h>
// Gắn vùng nhớ vào tiến trình
void *shmat(int shmid, const void *shmaddr, int shmflg);
```

**shmdt** detaches the shared memory segment located at the address specified by *shmaddr* from the address space of the calling process.

```
#include <sys/shm.h>

int shmdt(const void *shmaddr) // Gỡ vùng nhớ ra khỏi tiến trình
```

### 2.6.2 Message Passing - An illustration of Message Queue

To illustrate the message passing mechanism, we use here the message queue library.

**msgget** This system call creates or allocates a System V message queue

```
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/ipc.h>
#include <sys/msg.h>

int msgget(key_t key, int msgflg) // Tạo hàng đ
```

- The first argument, *key*, identifies the message queue. The key can be either an arbitrary value.
- The second argument, *msgflg*, specifies the required message queue flags such as IPC\_CREAT (creating message queue if not exists) or IPC\_EXCL (Used with IPC\_CREAT to create the message queue and the call fails, if the message queue already exists). Need to pass the permissions as well.

**msgbuf - The message buffer structure** the structure of message is defined the following form:

```
struct msgbuf {
    long mtype; // Loại thông điệp
    char mtext[1]; // Nội dung thông đi
};
```

- The variable mtype is used for communicating with different message types
- The variable mtext is an array or other structure whose size is specified by msgsz (positive value).

**msgsnd** This system call sends/appends a message into the message queue

```
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/ipc.h>
#include <sys/msg.h>
// Nhấn nút gửi (Gửi tin)
```

```
int msgsnd(int msgid, const void *msgp, size_t msgsz,
           int msgflg)
```

- The first argument, **msgid**, recognizes the message queue i.e., message queue identifier. The identifier value is received upon the success of msgget()
- The second argument, **msgp**, is the pointer to the message, sent to the caller, defined in the structure of msgbuf
- The third argument, **msgsz**, is the size of message (the message should end with a null character)
- The fourth argument, **msgflg**, indicates certain flags such as IPC\_NOWAIT (returns immediately when no message is found in queue or MSG\_NOERROR (truncates message text, if more than msgsz bytes)

**msgrecv** This system call retrieves the message from the message queue

```
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/ipc.h>          // Nhận tin
#include <sys/msg.h>

int msgrecv(int msgid, const void *msgp, size_t msgsz, long msgtype, int msgflg)
```

- The first argument, **msgid**, recognizes the message queue i.e., the message queue identifier. The identifier value is received upon the success of msgget()
- The second argument, **msgp**, is the pointer of the message received from the caller. It is defined in the structure of msgbuf
- The third argument, **msgsz**, is the size of the message received (message should end with a null character)
- The fourth argument, **msgtype**, indicates the type of message.
  - If msgtype is 0 (or NULL): Reads the first received message in the queue
- The fifth argument, **msgflg**, indicates certain flags such as IPC\_NOWAIT (returns immediately when no message is found in the queue or MSG\_NOERROR (truncates the message text if more than msgsz bytes)

**msgctl** The system call performs control operations of the message queue

```
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/ipc.h>
#include <sys/msg.h>          // Quản lý hàng đợi

int msgctl(int msgid, int cmd, struct msqid_ds *buf)
```

- The first argument, **msgid**, recognizes the message queue i.e., the message queue identifier. The identifier value is received upon the success of msgget()
- The second argument, **cmd**, is the command to perform the required control operation on the message queue. Valid values for cmd are

## 2.7 Mapped memory

```
#include <sys/mman.h>
void *mmap(void *start, size_t length,
           int prot, int flags,
           int fd, off_t offset);
```

**Ý tưởng:**  
Hàm mmap() được dùng để ánh xạ (map) một file ho  
một vùng bộ nhớ ảo vào không gian địa chỉ của tiến  
trình.

Điều này cho phép ta truy cập dữ liệu trong file giống  
như đang thao tác trực tiếp trên bộ nhớ RAM, thay vì  
phải dùng read() hay write().

The **mmap()** function asks to map length bytes starting at offset offset from the file (or other object) specified by the file descriptor **fd** into memory, preferably at address **start**. If start is NULL, then the kernel chooses the (page-aligned) address at which to create the mapping; this is the most portable method of creating a new mapping. (In the case that start is not NULL, you can read more details in <https://man7.org/linux/man-pages/man2/mmap.2.html>).

The prot argument is used to determine the access permissions of this process to the mapped memory.

The available options for prot are as below.

| Option     | Integer Value | Description   |
|------------|---------------|---|
| PROT_READ  | 1             | Read access is allowed.   |
| PROT_WRITE | 2             | Write access is allowed. Note that this value assumes PROT_READ also. |
| PROT_NONE  | 3             | No data access is allowed.  |
| PROT_EXEC  | 4             | This value is allowed, but is equivalent to PROT_READ.                |

The **flags** argument is used to control the nature of the map. The following are some common options of flags.

| Flag                     | Description  |
|--------------------------|--|
| MAP_SHARED               | This flag is used to share the mapping with all other processes, which are mapped to this object. Changes made to the mapping region will be written back to the file.               |
| MAP_PRIVATE              | When this flag is used, the mapping will not be seen by any other processes, and the changes made will not be written to the file.   |
| MAP_ANONYMOUS / MAP_ANON | This flag is used to create an anonymous mapping. Anonymous mapping means the mapping is not connected to any files. This mapping is used as the basic primitive to extend the heap. |
| MAP_FIXED                | When this flag is used, the system has to be forced to use the exact mapping address specified in the address. If this is not possible, then the mapping will fail.                  |

## 2.8 POSIX Thread (pthread) library

**pthread\_create** - create a new thread

```
#include <pthread.h>
```

**Ý tưởng:**

Thư viện pthread cho phép một tiến trình tạo nhiều  
luồng (threads) để chạy song song trong cùng một  
không gian bộ nhớ. Mỗi luồng có thể thực hiện một  
công việc riêng, giúp tận dụng CPU hiệu quả hơn.

```

int pthread_create(pthread_t *thread, const pthread_attr_t *attr,
                   void *(*start_routine) (void *), void *arg);
// hàm mà luồng mới sẽ chạy // tham số truyền vào hàm

```

The `pthread_create()` function starts a new thread in the calling process. The new thread starts execution by invoking `start_routine()`; `arg` is passed as the sole argument of `start_routine()`.

The new thread terminates in one of the following ways:

It calls `pthread_exit()`, specifying an exit status value that is available to another thread in the same process that calls `pthread_join()`.

It returns from `start_routine()`. This is equivalent to calling `pthread_exit()` with the value supplied in the return statement.

It is canceled (see `pthread_cancel()`).

Some basic routines are available in pthread library:

- `pthread_create()`
- `pthread_join()`
- `pthread_exit()`

Khi gọi `pthread_create()`, một luồng mới sẽ bắt đầu chạy hàm `start_routine(arg)` song song với luồng chính.

◊ Kết thúc luồng:

Có 3 cách để một luồng kết thúc:

Gọi `pthread_exit()` để thoát và trả về giá trị kết quả.  
Hàm `start_routine()` kết thúc bằng `return`, tương đương với việc gọi `pthread_exit()`.

Bị huỷ bởi luồng khác thông qua `pthread_cancel()`.

The calling procedure of POSIX library can be illustrated in Figure 7.

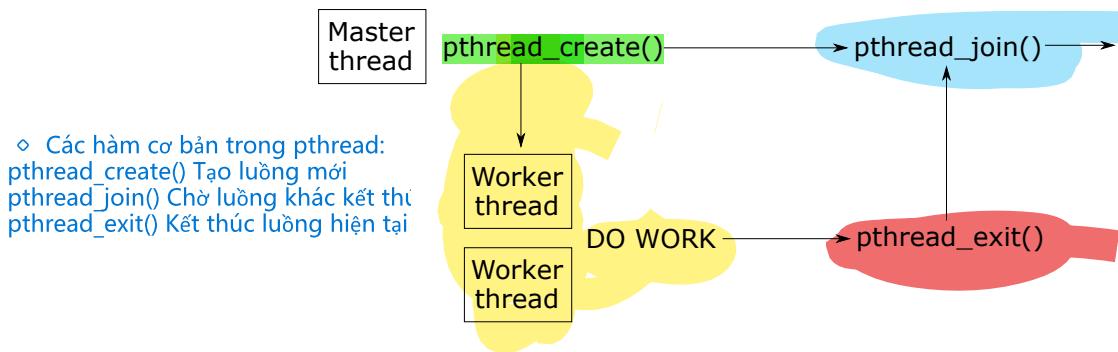


Figure 7: A calling procedure of pthread library's routines

An example of passing more than one-element argument to thread function.

```

#include <pthread.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

struct student_t {
    char* name;
    int sid;
};

// Hàm chạy trong luồng
void *print_info(void *input) {
    printf("name: %s\n", ((struct student_t *)input)->name);
    printf("student-ID: %d\n", ((struct student_t *)input)->sid);
}

int main() {
    struct student_t *John = (struct student_t *)malloc(sizeof(struct student_t));
    char jname[] = "John";
}

```

```
John->name = jname;
John->sid = 1122;
```

Luồng chính (main thread) tạo một luồng phụ tid để in thông tin sinh

Dữ liệu truyền qua hàm print\_info() thông qua con trỏ void\*.

Sau khi luồng phụ hoàn thành, luồng chính đợi nó bằng pthread\_join

```
pthread_t tid;
pthread_create(&tid, NULL, print_info, (void *)John); // Tạo luồng m
pthread_join(tid, NULL); // Chờ luồng hoàn thà
return 0;
```

```
}
```

◊ Các chế độ ánh xạ (flags):

Có Ý nghĩa

MAP\_SHARED Vùng nhớ được chia sẻ với các tiến trình khác. Nếu tiến trình ghi dữ liệu, thay đổi sẽ ghi lại vào file MAP\_PRIVATE Vùng nhớ riêng. Các thay đổi không ảnh hưởng đến file g và không chia sẻ với tiến trình khác.

MAP\_ANONYMOUS (hoặc MAP\_ANON) Tạo vùng nhớ ẩn danh, không gắn với file nào (thường dùng để mở rộng heap).

MAP\_FIXED Bắt buộc ánh xạ tại địa chỉ được chỉ định trong start. Nếu không thể, sẽ báo lỗi

### Tham số Ý nghĩa

start Địa chỉ bắt đầu của vùng bộ nhớ ánh xạ. Nếu đặt NULL, kernel sẽ tự chọn địa chỉ phù hợp (cách thông dụng nhất).

length Kích thước vùng bộ nhớ cần ánh xạ (tính theo byte).

prot Quyền truy cập (protection mode) – cho biết tiến trình có thể đọc, ghi, hay thực thi vùng nhớ này không.

flags Cách ánh xạ (mapping behavior) – cho biết vùng nhớ này chia sẻ với tiến trình khác hay riêng tư.

fd File descriptor – mô tả file sẽ được ánh xạ.

offset Vị trí (byte offset) trong file bắt đầu ánh xạ.

### 💡 Tổng kết:

Mục tiêu Ý nghĩa

mmap() Tạo vùng bộ nhớ ánh xạ giữa file và bộ nhớ tiến trình.

pthread Tạo nhiều luồng trong cùng tiến trình để chạy song song.

Cả hai Là công cụ mạnh để quản lý và tối ưu việc chia sẻ tài nguyên trong hệ điều h

### 3 Practices

#### 3.1 Practice 1: Create process

Recall the experiment of creating a process with additional IO waiting

##### Step1 Create a program with source code "hello\_wait.c"

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main( int argc , char* argv [] )
{
    printf("Hello world\n");
    getc(stdin);
    return 0;
}
```

printf("Hello world\n"); → In ra dòng chữ "Hello world".

getc(stdin); → Dừng chương trình lại, chờ người dùng nhập một ký tự (để giữ process còn tồn tại, giúp ta quan sát nó trong hệ thống).

Khi bạn chưa nhấn Enter, process này vẫn còn sống.

##### Step 2 Compile and execute the program to create process

```
$ gcc -o hello_wait hello_wait.c
```

Kết quả:

```
$ ./hello_wait
```

Hello worl

oslab 3279 0.0 0.1 1576 512 pts/1 S+ 12:00 0:00 ./hello\_
→ PID của process là 3279.

##### Step 3 Retrieve the process Pid and it associated /proc folder

Lấy PID và xem thông tin trong /pi

```
$ ps auxf | grep hello
```

Thư mục /proc/<pid> chứa toàn bộ thông tin về process, bao gồm: status: thông tin chung (PID, PPID, trạng thái, bộ nhớ,...) fd/: danh sách file descriptor cmdline: lệnh dùng để chạy process maps: sơ đồ vùng nhớ (memory map) task/: danh sách các thread của process

#### 3.2 Practice 2: Traverse the tree of processes

We create a process based on our previous example and add additional call of fork.

Tạo tiến trình cha và con bằng fork() và quan sát mối quan hệ giữa chúng

##### Step 1 Implement the source code of "hello\_fork.c"

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main( int argc , char* argv [] )
{
    fork();
    printf("Hello world\n");
    getc(stdin);

    return 0;
}
```

Giải thích:

fork() → Tạo ra một tiến trình con (child process).

Sau khi fork():

Tiến trình cha và con đều tiếp tục chạy cùng đoạn code.

Do đó printf("Hello world\n"); sẽ in 2 lần.

getc(stdin) giúp tiến trình tồn tại để ta quan sát.

**Step2** Compile and execute the created "hello\_fork.c" program.

```
$ gcc -o hello_fork hello_fork.c
$ ./hello_fork
Hello world
Hello world
```

→ Một dòng từ cha, một dòng từ con.

**Step3** Get the Pid of the create process

```
$ ps auxf | grep hello_fork
oslab      3287 ... \_ ./hello_fork
oslab      3288 ... \_ hello_fork
```

**Step4** Retrieve the information of parent and child processes:

```
$ head -n 10 /proc/<pid>/status
...
Pid: 3288
Ppid: 3287
...
$ cat /proc/<pid>/task/<pid>/children
3288
```

### 3.3 Practice 3: Examine the process memory regions

In this section, we try to touch the different regions in memory layout of the process

**Step 1** Implement the source code of "multivar.c"

The source code of "multivar.c"

```
#include <stdio.h>

int glo_init_data = 99;
int glo_noninit_data;

void func(unsigned long number) {
    unsigned long local_data = number;

    printf("Process-ID == %d\n", getpid());
    printf("Addresses of the process : \n");
    printf("1. glo_init_data == %p\n", & glo_init_data);
    printf("2. glo_noninit_data == %p\n", & glo_noninit_data);
    printf("3. print_func( ) == %p\n", & func);
    printf("4. local_data == %p\n", & local_data);
}
```

```

int main() {
    func(10);

    while (1)
        usleep(0);
}

```

**Step 2** Compile and execute the two program separately.

```

$ gcc -o multivar multivar.c
$ ./multivar
Process ID = 1429
Addresses of the process :
1. glo_init_data = 0x601058
2. glo_noninit_data = 0x601068
3. print_func () = 0x40060d
4. local_data = 0x7ffe08c57f68

```

Giải thích:

Mỗi dòng mô tả một vùng nhớ (memory region).

Các cột:

00400000-00401000: phạm vi địa chỉ.

r-xp, rw-p: quyền truy cập (read, write, execute, priv  
[stack], [heap], [vds0], [anon]... cho biết loại vùng n)

**Step 3** Get process memory mapping layout at /proc/<pid>/maps.

```

$ ps auxf | grep multivar

$ cat /proc/<pid>/maps
00400000-00401000 r-xp 00000000 /home/.../multivar_heap
00600000-00601000 r--p 00000000 /home/.../multivar_heap
00601000-00602000 rw-p 00001000 /home/.../multivar_heap
024a2000-024c3000 rw-p 00000000 [heap]
7f61f1996000-7f61f1b54000 r-xp 00000000 /lib/.../libc-2.19.so
7f61f1b54000-7f61f1d54000 ---p 001be000 /lib/.../libc-2.19.so
7f61f1d54000-7f61f1d58000 r--p 001be000 /lib/.../libc-2.19.so
7f61f1d58000-7f61f1d5a000 rw-p 001c2000 /lib/.../libc-2.19.so
7f61f1d5a000-7f61f1d5f000 rw-p 00000000 /lib/.../ld-2.19.so
7f61f1d5f000-7f61f1d82000 r-xp 00000000 /lib/.../ld-2.19.so
7f61f1f78000-7f61f1f7b000 rw-p 00000000
7f61f1f80000-7f61f1f81000 rw-p 00000000
7f61f1f81000-7f61f1f82000 r--p 00022000 /lib/.../ld-2.19.so
7f61f1f82000-7f61f1f83000 rw-p 00023000 /lib/.../ld-2.19.so
7f61f1f83000-7f61f1f84000 rw-p 00000000
7ffe4cce000-7ffe4cd0b000 rw-p 00000000 [stack]
7ffe4cd90000-7ffe4cd93000 r--p 00000000 [vvar]
7ffe4cd93000-7ffe4cd95000 r-xp 00000000 [vds0]
ffffffffff600000-ffffffffff601000 r-xp 00000000 [vsyscall]

```

**Results** Notify the empty value of reader process output. Try to self explain based on the ordering of process execution to see something wrong when we execute the writer before the redeclar. Reverse the order of reader/writer execution and see the updated result.

## 3.4 Practice 4: Inter Process Communication

### 3.4.1 Shared Memory

In this section, we implement 2 separated program called "reader.c" and "writer.c". These two programs are implemented in different source code files and have 2 main function. During their execution, we can get 2 different Pid and process information.

The purpose of this experiment is providing an illustration of the shared information through a **shared memory** region where each process can access separately. With a correct setting, we can transfer a message "hello world" between the two process.

**Implement of message transferring** we implement the writer process which set the value to the pre-shared memory region obtained by `shmget()` and `shmat()`. In the other side, we implement another process called reader get the value from the same memory region.

The experiment is performed following these steps:

#### Step 1 Implement the source code of "reader.c" and "writer.c"

The source code of "reader.c"  Mục tiêu:

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

/*
 * Reader.c using the pre-shared key SHM_KEY 0x123
 */
#define SHM_KEY 0x123

int main(int argc, char * argv[]) {
    int shmid;
    char * shm;
    shmid = shmget(SHM_KEY, 1000, 0644 | IPC_CREAT);
    if (shmid < 0) {
        perror("shmget");
        return 1;
    } else {
        printf("shared-memory-ID: -%d\n", shmid);
    }
    shm = (char *) shmat(shmid, 0, 0);
    if (shm == (char *) -1) {
        perror("shmat");
        exit(1);
    }
    printf("shared-memory-mm: -%p\n", shm);
    if (shm != 0) {
        printf("shared-memory-content: -%s\n", shm);
    }
    sleep(10);
    if (shmctl(shm) == -1) {
        perror("shmctl");
        return 1;
    }
    return 0;
}
```

Hiểu cách hai tiến trình riêng biệt giao tiếp với nhau bằng hai cơ chế IPC cơ bản:  
**Shared Memory:** chia sẻ một vùng nhớ vật lý chung.  
**Message Queue:** truyền thông điệp thông qua hàng đợi quản lý bởi nhân hệ điều hành (kernel).

#### Mô tả thí nghiệm

Hai chương trình riêng biệt:

writer.c: ghi chuỗi "hello world" vào vùng nhớ chia sẻ.  
reader.c: đọc chuỗi đó từ cùng vùng nhớ chia sẻ.

Cả hai chương trình đều truy cập cùng một shared memory segment được định bởi cùng một key (SHMKEY = 0x123).

The source code of "writer.c"

```
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/ipc.h>
#include <sys/shm.h>
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
#include <unistd.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

/*
 * Writer.c using the pre-shared key SHM_KEY 0x123
 *
 */

#define SHM_KEY 0x123

int main(int argc, char * argv[]) {
    int shmid;
    char *shm;
    shmid = shmget(SHM_KEY, 1000, 0644 | IPC_CREAT);
    if (shmid < 0) {
        perror("Shared-memory");
        return 1;
    } else {
        printf("Shared-memory-ID: -%d\n", shmid);
    }
    shm = (char *) shmat(shmid, 0, 0);

    if (shm == (char *) -1) {
        perror("shmat");
        exit(1);
    }
    printf("shared-memory-mm: -%p\n", shm);
    sprintf(shm, "hello - world\n");
    printf("shared-memory-content: -%s\n", shm);
    sleep(10);

    // detach from the shared memory
    if (shmdt(shm) == -1) {
        perror("shmdt");
        return 1;
    }
    // Mark the shared segment to be destroyed .
    if (shmctl(shmid, IPC_RMID, 0) == -1) {
        perror("shmctl");
        return 1;
    }
    return 0;
}
```

**Step 2** Compile and execute the two program separately. Open one terminal for "reader.c"

```
$ gcc -o reader reader.c
$ ./reader
shared memory ID: 196608
shared memory mm: 0x7f45d3a73000
shared memory content:
```

Open another (different) terminal for "writer.c"

```
$ gcc -o writer writer.c
$ ./writer
Shared-memory ID: 131072
shared memory mm: 0x7f6f8c365000
shared memory content: hello world
```

**Aftermath** Recognize the different mm address of the different process since they are different program and hence, the local stack variable is placed in different layout. But by leveraging the shared memory technique, they "magically" can access to the exact same message content. Verify this result or further investigating by changing the message content and complete the experiment.

### 3.4.2 Message Passing - An illustration of Message Queue

We reproduce the same experiment in shared memory section except that the message is transferred using Message Queue in which it does not explicitly allocate memory to store the variable. Instead, it provides two basic operators called "send" and "receive" and the rest of data transferring mechanism is held by the system. Therefore, in this section, we use the two programs associated with their operation of sending/receiving and name "msgsnd.c"/"msgrcv.c"

**Implement of message transferring** we implement the writer process which set the value to the pre-shared memory region obtained by `shmget()` and `shmat()`. In the other side, we implement another process called reader get the value form the same memory region.

The experiment is performed following these steps:

**Step 1** Implement the source code of "msgsnd.c" and "msgrcv.c"

The source code of "msgsnd.c"

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <errno.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/ipc.h>
#include <sys/msg.h>

/*
 * Filename: msgsnd.c
 */

#define PERMS 0644
#define MSG_KEY 0x123
struct my_msghbuf {
    long mtype;
    char mtext[200];
};

int main(void) {
    struct my_msghbuf buf;
    int msqid;
    int len;
    key_t key;
    system("touch -msgq.txt");

    if ((msqid = msgget(MSG_KEY, PERMS | IPC_CREAT)) == -1) {
        perror("msgget");
        exit(1);
    }
    printf("message - queue: - ready - to - send - messages.\n");
    printf("Enter - lines - of - text, - ^D - to - quit:\n");
    buf.mtype = 1; /* we don't really care in this case */

    while(fgets(buf.mtext, sizeof buf.mtext, stdin) != NULL) {
        len = strlen(buf.mtext);
        /* remove newline at end, if it exists */
        if (buf.mtext[len-1] == '\n') buf.mtext[len-1] = '\0';
        if (msgsnd(msqid, &buf, len+1, 0) == -1) /* +1 for '\0' */
            perror("msgsnd");
    }
    strcpy(buf.mtext, "end");
    len = strlen(buf.mtext);
    if (msgsnd(msqid, &buf, len+1, 0) == -1) /* +1 for '\0' */
        perror("msgsnd");

    if (msgctl(msqid, IPC_RMID, NULL) == -1) {
        perror("msgctl");
        exit(1);
    }
    printf("message - queue: - done - sending - messages.\n");
    return 0;
}
```

#### Mô tả thí nghiệm

Ở phần này, thay vì chia sẻ vùng nhớ, hai process giao tiếp thông qua hàng đợi thông điệp (message queue).

`msgsnd.c` → tiến trình gửi tin nhắn.  
`msgrcv.c` → tiến trình nhận tin nhắn.

The source code of "msgrcv.c"

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <errno.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/ipc.h>
#include <sys/msg.h>

/*
 * Filename: msgrcv.c
 */

#define PERMS 0644
#define MSGKEY 0x123
struct my_msghdr {
    long mtype;
    char mtext[200];
};

int main(void) {
    struct my_msghdr buf;
    int msqid;
    int toend;
    key_t key;
    if ((msqid = msgget(MSGKEY, PERMS | IPC_CREAT)) == -1) { /* connect to the queue */
        perror("msgget");
        exit(1);
    }
    printf("message queue: ready to receive messages.\n");

    for (;;) { /* normally receiving never ends but just to make conclusion
                 /* this program ends with string of end */
        if (msgrcv(msqid, &buf, sizeof(buf.mtext), 0, 0) == -1) {
            perror("msgrcv");
            exit(1);
        }
        printf("recv: \"%s\"\n", buf.mtext);
        toend = strcmp(buf.mtext, "end");
        if (toend == 0)
            break;
    }
    printf("message queue: done receiving messages.\n");
    system("rm msgq.txt");
    return 0;
}
```

**Step 2** Compile and execute the two program separately. Open one terminal for "reader.c"

```
$ gcc -o msgsnd msgsnd.c
$ ./msgsnd
message queue: ready to send message
Enter lines of text, ^D to quit:
```

Open another (different) terminal for "writer.c"

```
$ gcc -o msgrcv msgrcv.c
$ ./msgrcv
message queue: ready to receive message
```

**Kết luận:**

Message Queue giúp truyền dữ liệu an toàn hơn Shared Memo kernel đảm nhận việc đồng bộ hóa. Tuy nhiên, tốc độ chậm hơn cần sao chép dữ liệu giữa các tiến trình.

**Results** The input messages are sent from the msgsnd to the msgrcv.

**Aftermath** In this experiment, we have only one-way direction from msgsnd to msgrcv and this mode is officially called HALF-DUPLEX communication. There is another mode which support 2-way direction communication which we temporarily leave it to the exercise section.

### 3.5 Practice 5: Create thread using Pthread library

In this section, we use Pthread library to create a 2-thread program, then we execute it and listing the running thread.

**Step 1** : We implement a program using Pthread to create 2 threads. Since the execution of these threads will be terminated at the end of the passed function, we insert an I/O waiting with `getc()` to keep them alive. Implement the source code of the program "hello\_thread.c" as follows:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <pthread.h>

#define MAX_COUNT 10000
int count;

void *f_count(void *sid) {
    int i;
    for (i = 0; i < MAX_COUNT; i++) {
        count = count + 1;
    }
    printf("Thread -%s- holding -%d-\n", (char *) sid, count);
    getc(stdin);
}

int main(int argc, char* argv[])
{
    printf("Hello - world \n");
    pthread_t thread1, thread2;

    count = 0;
    /* Create independent threads each of which will execute function */
    pthread_create(&thread1, NULL, &f_count, "1");
    pthread_create(&thread2, NULL, &f_count, "2");

    // Wait for thread th1 finish
    pthread_join(thread1, NULL);

    // Wait for thread th1 finish
    pthread_join(thread2, NULL);
    getc(stdin);

    return 0;
}
```

**Step2** Compile and execute the program "hello\_thread.c". In this step, it need to remind that Pthread is 3rd party library in which it need an explicit declaration of library usage through `gcc` option **-pthread**

```
$ gcc -pthread -o hello_thread hello_thread.c
$ ./hello_thread
Hello world
Thread 2: holding 10000
Thread 1: holding 20000
```

**Step3** Get the Pid of this process

```
$ ps auxf | grep hello_thread
oslab      3314  ...      \_ ./hello_thread
oslab      3353  ...      \_ grep --color=auto hello_thread
```

**Results** In this experiment, we expect to see that there is only one process hello\_thread but it is existed two execution instances with the 3 different printing messages (remember the 3 messages of "Hello World", "Thread1:...", "Thread2\*..."). Verify this output and complete the experiment.

## 4 Exercise

### 4.1 Problem1

Firstly, downloading two text files from the url: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fgJqOeWbJC4ghMKHkuxfIP6dh2F911-E> These file contains the 100000 ratings of 943 users for 1682 movies in the following format:

```
userID <tab> movieID <tab> rating <tab> timeStamp
userID <tab> movieID <tab> rating <tab> timeStamp
...

```

Secondly, you should write a program that spawns two child processes, and each of them will read a file and compute the average ratings of movies in the file. You implement the program by using shared memory method.

### 4.2 Problem2

Given the following function:

$$\text{sum}(n) = 1 + 2 + \dots + n$$

This is the sum of a large set including  $n$  numbers from 1 to  $n$ . If  $n$  is a large number, this will take a long time to calculate the  $\text{sum}(n)$ . The solution is to divide this large set into pieces and calculate the sum of these pieces concurrently by using threads. Suppose the number of threads is  $\text{numThreads}$ , so the 1st thread calculates the sum of  $\{1, n/\text{numThreads}\}$ , the 2nd thread carries out the sum of  $\{n/\text{numThreads}+1, 2n/\text{numThreads}\}, \dots$

Write two programs implementing algorithm describe above: one serial version and one multi-thread version.

The program takes the number of threads and  $n$  from user then creates multiple threads to calculate the sum. Put all of your code in two files named "sum\_serial.c" and "sum\_multi-thread.c". The number of threads and  $n$  are passed to your program as an input parameter. For example, you will use the following command to run your program for calculating the sum of 1M :

```
$ ./ sum_serial 1000000
$ ./ sum_multi_thread 10 1000000
(#numThreads=10)
```

**Requirement:** The multi-thread version may improve speed-up compared to the serial version. There are at least 2 targets in the Makefile sum\_serial and sum\_multi-thread to compile the two program.

### 4.3 Problem3

Conventionally, message queue in the practice is used in a one-way communication method. However, we still can have some tricks to adapt it for two-way communication by using multi-thread mechanism.

### 4.4 Problem4

Use *mmap* to implement the mapping created file into local address space. After the address range mapping, use it as a demonstration for data sharing between the two processes.

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