



# 操作系统原理

## Operating Systems Principles

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## 作业-3

任务一：完成教材习题3.3、3.4、3.6

任务二：完成以下编程任务，并简要解析代码；

1.

**Write a program that calls `fork()`. Before calling `fork()`, have the main process access a variable (e.g., `x`) and set its value to something (e.g., 100). What value is the variable in the child process? What happens to the variable when both the child and parent change the value of `x`?**

**`fork()`** creates copy of parent process.

However, child and parent process have their own private address space exclusive of each other. Both process (child and parent) can't interfere in each other's address space (memory).

So, each maintain their own copy of variables.



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2.

**Write a program that opens a file (with the `open()` system call) and then calls `fork()` to create a new process. Can both the child and parent access the file descriptor returned by `open()`? What happens when they are writing to the file concurrently, i.e., at the same time?**

**This Answer need verification** Both child and parent can access the file descriptor opened using `open()`.

Both are able to write to the file but the order in which they do is un-deterministic (*if we don't use `wait()`*).

**Note:** It may be possible that only one was able to write overwriting the other one.



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3.

**Write a program that calls `fork()` and then calls some form of `exec()` to run the program `/bin/ls`. See if you can try all of the variants of `exec()`, including `execl()`, `execle()`, `execvp()`, `execv()`, `execvp()`, and `execvP()`. Why do you think there are so many variants of the same basic call?**

Each variant serves its own purpose (although they can be interchangeably used with little modification).

1. **`execl`** and **`execv`** are nearly identical (have very little difference).
2. **`execvp`** and **`execv`** are nearly identical.
3. **`execle`** and **`execvpe`** are nearly identical.



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4.

**Now write a program that uses `wait()` to wait for the child process to finish in the parent. What does `wait()` return? What happens if you use `wait()` in the child?**

**`wait()`:** on success, returns the process ID of the terminated child;  
on error, -1 is returned.

If we use **`wait()`** in child process then **`wait()`** returns -1. Because, there is no child of child. So, there is no wait for any process (child process) to exit.



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