

Operating Systems Assignment 2 Question 1

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How to run the code.

Use command 'make run1' to run part 1 i.e the fork()

And 'make run2' to run part 2 i.e the pthread_create()

fork()

- It makes duplicates of all processes memories.
- Since both, the process will have identical but separate address spaces variables announced before the fork() will have the same initial values but if the parent changes the value of its variable, the modification will only affect the variable in the parent process's address space. Other address spaces created by fork() calls will not be affected even though they have identical variable names.

Note: We can use waitpid() to wait for the child to complete before returning 0 from main (parent process) but sir asked us not to use it. Hence there might be a case in which the current process is terminated as soon as the parent reaches 100. The child process becomes a zombie process and is allocated a parent internally and it is completed in the next cycle.

pthread_create()

- It makes a partial copy of the processes memories
- Threads are not independent of one other like processes as a result threads share with other threads their code section, data section, and OS resources like open files and signals. But, like process, a thread has its own program counter (PC), a register set, and a stack space.
- Unlike the fork() process, the variables shared between threads are not independent to each other and hence any changes in any thread will result in changes in all necessary threads too.

