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Shared Memory

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- In computer software, shared memory can be defined in two ways:
  - A method of interprocess communication (IPC). So it is a way of exchanging data between programs running at the same time. A process will create a space in RAM that other processes can access.
  - A method of conserving memory space by using virtual memory maps or, with the explicit support of the program in question, directing access to a single instance to what would normally be copies of a piece of data.

Shared Memory System Calls

Libraries to be used for operations related to shared memory space in Unix:

- sys/ipc.h
- sys/shm.h
- sys/types.h

Shared Memory Space Allocation:

```
int shmget(key_t key, size_t size, int shmflg);
```

To change permissions and other properties of a shared memory area:

```
int shmctl(int shmid, int cmd, struct shmid_ds *buf);
```

To add a shared memory space to a process address space after it has been created:

```
void *shmat(int shmid, const void *shmaddr, int shmflg);
```

To de-allocate (remove) memory space from process memory space:

```
int shmdt(const void *shmaddr);
```

Example 1 - Headers and Definitions

```c
/* to be able to involve an integer variable in strcat */
#define _GNU_SOURCE
/* for shared memory and semaphores */
#include <sys/ipc.h>
#include <sys/shm.h>
#include <sys/sem.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
/* for handling signals */
#include <signal.h>
/* to use fork */
#include <unistd.h>
/* other necessary headers */
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

/* The ftok() function returns a key based on path and id that
is usable in subsequent calls to semget() and shmget() */
#define KEYSEM ftok(strcat(get_current_dir_name(),argv[0]),1)
#define KEYSEM2 ftok(strcat(get_current_dir_name(),argv[0]),2)
#define KEYSHM ftok(strcat(get_current_dir_name(),argv[0]),3)
```

Example 1 - Semaphore Operations

```c
/* semaphore increment operation */
void sem_signal(int semid, int val){
    struct sembuf semaphore;
    semaphore.sem_num=0;
    semaphore.sem_op=val;
    semaphore.sem_flg=1;    /* relative: add sem_op to value */
    semop(semid, &semaphore, 1);
}

/* semaphore decrement operation */
void sem_wait(int semid, int val){
    struct sembuf semaphore;
    semaphore.sem_num=0;
    semaphore.sem_op=(-1*val);
    semaphore.sem_flg=1;    /* relative: add sem_op to value */
    semop(semid, &semaphore, 1);
}
```

Example 1 - Signal Handler

```c
/* signal-handling function */
void mysignal(int signum){
    printf("Received signal with num = %d.\n", signum);
}

void mysigset(int num){
    struct sigaction mysigaction;
    mysigaction.sa_handler=(void *)mysignal;
    /* using signal-catching function identified by sa_handler */
    mysigaction.sa_flags=0;
    /* sigaction system call is used to change the action taken by a
    process on receipt of a specific signal (specified with num) */
    sigaction(num,&mysigaction,NULL);
}
```

Example 1 - Creating Child Processes

```
1  int main (int argc, char *argv[]){
2      mysigset(12);   /* signal handler with num=12 */
3      int shmid = 0;   /* shared memory id */
4      int *globalcp = NULL;   /* shared memory area */
5      int localInt;   /* a locally defined integer */
6      int termSem = 0, lock = 0;   /* semaphore ids */
7      int f;   /* return value of fork() */
8      int child[2];   /* child process ids */
9      int i, myOrder = 0;   /* order of the running child process */
10
11     /* creating 2 child processes */
12     for (i=0; i<2; i++){
13         f=fork();
14         if (f==-1){
15             printf("FORK error....\n");
16             exit(1);
17         }
18         if (f==0)
19             break;
20         child[i]=f;
21     }
```

Example 1 - Parent Process

```
1     if (f != 0){
2         /* creating a semaphore for synchronization(value=0)
3         between parent and its children */
4         termSem = semget(KEYSEM2, 1, 0700|IPC_CREAT);
5         semctl(termSem, 0, SETVAL, 0);
6         /* creating a semaphore for mutual exclusion(value=1)
7         between child processes */
8         lock = semget(KEYSEM, 1, 0700|IPC_CREAT);
9         semctl(lock, 0, SETVAL, 1);
10        /* creating a shared memory area with the size of an int */
11        shmid = shmget(KEYSHM, sizeof(int), 0700|IPC_CREAT);
12        /* attaching the shared memory segment identified by shmid
13        to the address space of the calling process (parent) */
14        globalcp = (int *)shmat(shmid, 0, 0);
15        /* initializing the value in the shared memory as 0 */
16        *globalcp = 0;
17        /* detaching the shared memory segment from the address
18        space of the calling process (parent) */
19        shmdt(globalcp);
20        sleep(2);    /* waiting for 2 seconds */
```

Example 1 - Parent Process (Cont.)

```
1           /* sending the signal 12 to start child processes */
2           printf("Parent has created resources. \n");
3           printf("Now, it will start the child processes. \n");
4           for (i=0; i<2; i++)
5                kill(child[i],12);
6           /* decreasing semaphore value by 2(wait for all children) */
7           sem_wait(termSem,2);
8           printf("All child processes have finished their jobs.\n");
9           /* removing the created semaphores and shared memory */
10          semctl(termSem,0,IPC_RMID,0);
11          semctl(lock,0,IPC_RMID,0);
12          shmctl(shmid,IPC_RMID,0);
13          /* parent process is exiting */
14          exit(0);
15      }
```

Example 1 - Child Process

```
1     else{
2         /* to show which child process is running */
3         myOrder = i;
4         /* wait until receiving a signal (kill signal) */
5         pause();
6         printf("child %d is starting ....\n",myOrder);
7         /* returning the semaphore ids for KEYSEM and KEYSEM2 */
8         lock = semget(KEYSEM, 1, 0);
9         termSem = semget(KEYSEM2, 1, 0);
10        /* returning the shared memory id associated with KEYSHM */
11        shmid = shmget(KEYSHM, sizeof(int), 0);
12        /* attaching the shared memory segment identified by shmid
13        to the address space of the calling process (child) */
14        globalcp = (int *) shmat(shmid,0,0);
15        for (i=0; i<5; i++){
16            /* waiting for the semaphore with id=lock to enter
17            the critical section */
18            sem_wait(lock, 1);
19            printf(" child %d: Found the value: %d, i:%d\n",
20                    myOrder, *globalcp, i);
```

Example 1 - Child Process (Cont.)

```
            /* updating the value of the shared memory segment */
            localInt = *globalcp;
            sleep(1);   /* waiting for a second */
            localInt += i;
            *globalcp = localInt;
            printf(" child %d: Made the value: %d, i:%d\n",
                    myOrder, *globalcp, i);
            /* making the critical section available again */
            sem_signal(lock,1);
            sleep(1);   /* waiting for a second */
        }
        /* detaching the shared memory segment from the address
        space of the calling process (child) */
        shmdt(globalcp);
        /* increase semaphore by 1(synchronization with parent) */
        sem_signal(termSem, 1);
        exit(0);   /* child process is exiting */
    }
    return 0;
}
```

Output of Example 1

```
Parent has created resources.
Now, it will start the child processes.
Received signal with num = 12.
child 1 is starting ....
Received signal with num = 12.
child 0 is starting ....
 child 0: Found the value: 0, i:0
 child 0: Made the value: 0, i:0
 child 1: Found the value: 0, i:0
 child 1: Made the value: 0, i:0
 child 0: Found the value: 0, i:1
 child 0: Made the value: 1, i:1
 child 1: Found the value: 1, i:1
 child 1: Made the value: 2, i:1
 child 0: Found the value: 2, i:2
 child 0: Made the value: 4, i:2
 child 1: Found the value: 4, i:2
 child 1: Made the value: 6, i:2
 child 0: Found the value: 6, i:3
 child 0: Made the value: 9, i:3
 child 1: Found the value: 9, i:3
 child 1: Made the value: 12, i:3
 child 0: Found the value: 12, i:4
 child 0: Made the value: 16, i:4
 child 1: Found the value: 16, i:4
 child 1: Made the value: 20, i:4
All child processes have finished their jobs.
```

Example 2 - Creating a shared memory segment with permission flags

```c
#include <stdio.h>
#include <sys/shm.h>    /* shared memory */
#include <sys/stat.h>    /* S_IRUSR and S_IWUSR */

int main (){
  /* Allocate a Shared Memory Location */
  int segment_id;
  const int shared_segment_size = 0x6400;
  segment_id = shmget(IPC_PRIVATE, shared_segment_size,
                      IPC_CREAT | IPC_EXCL | S_IRUSR | S_IWUSR);
  /* IPC_PRIVATE:shared memory cannot be accessed by other processes
     IPC_CREAT:create the segment if it doesn't already exist
     IPC_EXCL:fail if segment already exists
     S_IRUSR:read permission, owner
     S_IWUSR:write permission, owner */
```

Example 2 - Attaching to a variable and writing

```
1   /* Attach a Connection */
2   char* shared_memory;
3   shared_memory = (char*) shmat(segment_id, 0, 0);
4   printf("Shared Memory Attached Address %p\n", shared_memory);
5
6   /* Learn the Segment Size */
7   int segment_size;
8   struct shmid_ds shmbuffer;
9   shmctl(segment_id, IPC_STAT, &shmbuffer);
10  segment_size = shmbuffer.shm_segsz;
11  printf("Segment size is: %d\n", segment_size);
12
13  /* Write a String into the Shared Memory Location*/
14  sprintf(shared_memory, "Hello, World.");
15
16  /* Detach Connection */
17  shmdt(shared_memory);
```

Example 2 - Attaching to another address and reading

```
1   /* Make a Shared Memory Connection to another Address */
2   shared_memory = (char*) shmat(segment_id, (void*) 0x5000000, 0);
3   printf("Shared Memory New Connection Address %p\n",shared_memory);
4
5   /* Read String from the Shared Memory Location */
6   printf("%s\n", shared_memory);
7
8   /* Detach Connection */
9   shmdt(shared_memory);
10
11  /* Remove the Shared Memory Segment */
12  shmctl(segment_id, IPC_RMID, 0);
13
14  return 0;
15 }
```

Output of Example 2

```
Shared Memory Attached Address 0xb778e000
Segment size is: 25600
Shared Memory New Connection Address 0x5000000
Hello, World.
```