"Luckily the stack is a simple data structure."

The Process
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Synchronization

Project 0 due tonight
- 11 students have already turned something in
  - Turning something in early is a good idea
  - Please see hand-in instructions on P0 web page

P2/P3/P4 partners
- 7 groups have signed up (to some extent)
  » BOTH PARTNERS must register
- Already know who your partner is?
  - Please register now
  - It makes it easier for others to partner
  - It will stem the tide of annoying reminder e-mail
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Reminders on collaboration

- Project 1 will be *individual*
- Talking about code is ok
- Possessing the code of another is *not ok*
- Different classes have different policies
- We expect you to read and follow the policies of *this* class
  - (As found in the syllabus, which you are required to read)
  - If something is unclear, please mail us
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**What is source code “for”?**
- What is done with it?
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The purpose of code is for people to read
- By a reviewer / security auditor
- By your group
- By your manager
- By your successor
- By you six months later (6 hours later if no sleep)

Oh, yeah, the compiler reads it too
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Anybody reading comp.risks?

This lecture

- OSC: Chapter 3, but not exactly!
  - We are skipping 3.5 and 3.6, including the terrifying “POSIX Shared Memory”
- OS:P+P: Sections 3.1-3.3, but not exactly
Outline

Process as pseudo-machine
  - (that's *all* there is)

Process life cycle

Process kernel states

Process kernel state

P1/P3 memory layout
  - (just a teaser for now)
A Computer

Stack

Program

Registers

Keyboard

Screen

Timer
A Process
Process life cycle

Life cycle
- Birth
  - (or, well, fission)
- School
- Work
- Death

Nomenclature
- courtesy of The Godfathers [1988]
Birth

Where do new processes come from?
- (Not: under a cabbage leaf, by stork, ...)

What do we need?
- Memory contents
  - Text, data, stack
- CPU register contents (N of them)
- “I/O ports”
  - File descriptors, e.g., stdin/stdout/stderr
- Hidden “stuff”
  - timer state, current directory, umask
Birth

Intimidating?

How to specify all of that stuff?
- What is your {name,quest,favorite_color}?  

Gee, we already have *one* process we like...
- Maybe we could use its settings to make a new one...
- Birth via “cloning”
Birth – fork() - 1

“fork” - Original Unix process creation system call

Memory
- Copy all of it
- Later lecture: VM tricks may make copy cheaper

Registers
- Copy all of them
  - All but one: parent learns child's process ID, child gets 0
Birth – fork() - 2

File descriptors
- Copy all of them
- Can't copy the files!
- Copy references to open-file state

Hidden stuff
- Do whatever is "obvious"

Result
- Original, “parent”, process
- Fully-specified “child” process – despite 0 parameters to fork()
Now what?

Two copies of the same process is *boring*

Transplant surgery!

- Implant new memory!
  - New program text
- Implant new registers!
  - Old ones don't point well into the new memory
- Keep (most) file descriptors
  - Good for cooperation/delegation
- Hidden state?
  - Do what's “obvious”
Original Process

Stack

Heap/Data

/bin/sh

Registers

stdin

stdout

timer t=4
Toss Heap, Data

- Stack
- /bin/sh
- Registers
- stdin
- stdout
- timer t=4
Load New Code, Data From File

Stack

Data

/u/b/gcc

Registrers

stdin

stdout

timer t=4
Reset Stack, Heap

Stack

[Heap]

Data

/\u/b/gcc

Registers

stdin

stdout

timer t=4
Fix “Stuff”

Stack

[Heap]
Data

/\u/b/gcc

Registers

stdin
stdout
timer off
Initialize Registers

Stack

[Heap]

Data

/\u/b/gcc

Registers

stdin

stdout

timer off
Begin Execution

Stack

Heap
Data
/u/b/gcc

Registers

stdin
stdout
timer off
What's The Implant Procedure Called?

```c
int execve(
    char *path,
    char *argv[ ],
    char *envp[ ]
)
```
Birth - other ways

There is another way

- Well, two

spawn()

- Carefully specify all features of new process
  - Complicated
  - Win: don't need to copy stuff you will immediately toss

Plan 9 rfork() / Linux clone()

- Build new process from old one
- Specify which things get shared vs. copied
  - “Copy memory, share files, copy environment, share ...”
Old process called

execve(
    char *path,
    char *argv[ ],
    char *envp[ ]);
School

How does the magic work?

- 15-410 motto: No magic

Kernel process setup: we saw...

- Toss old data memory
- Toss old stack memory
- Load executable file

Also...
The Stack!

Kernel builds new stack for the process

- Transfers argv[] and envp[] to top of new stack
- Hand-crafts stack frame for ~main()
- Sets registers
  - Stack pointer (to top frame)
  - Program counter (to start of ~main())
Process states

- Running
  - User mode or kernel mode

- Blocked
  - Awaiting some event
    - I/O completion, exit of another process, message, ...
    - Maybe sleeping for a fixed period of time
  - Scheduler: “do not run”
  - Q: User mode, kernel mode, both, neither?

- Runnable
  - Q: User mode, kernel mode, both, neither?
    - Be sure to understand this
Work

Other process states
- Forking
  - Obsolete, once used for special treatment
- Zombie
  - Process has called exit(), parent hasn't noticed yet

“Exercise for the reader”
- Draw the state transition diagram
Death

Voluntary

```c
void exit(int reason);
```

Hardware exception

- SIGSEGV - no memory there for you!

Software exception

- SIGXCPU – used "too much" CPU time
Death

System call - kill(pid, sig);

- “Deliver sig to process pid”
  - (negative values of pid have “interesting” behaviors)
- Keyboard ^C ⇒ equivalent of
  - kill(getpid(), SIGINT);
- Start/stop logging
  - kill(daemon_pid, SIGUSR1);
  - % kill -USR1 33
  - % kill -USR2 33
  - This is a “non-kill” use of kill()
- Any other key uses of kill()?
Death

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    » No, I apologize for that apology...
Process cleanup

**Resource release**

- Open files: close() each
  - TCP: 2 minutes (or more)
  - Solaris disk offline - forever ("None shall pass!")
- Memory: release

**Accounting**

- Record resource usage in a magic file

**Gone?**
“All You Zombies...”

**Zombie process**
- Process state reduced to exit code
- Waits around until parent calls wait()
  - Exit code copied to parent's memory
  - PCB deleted from kernel
Kernel process state

The dreaded "PCB"

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**Process Control Block

- “Everything without a user-visible memory address”
  - Kernel management information
  - Scheduler state
  - The “stuff”
Sample PCB contents

- Pointer to CPU register save area
- Process number, parent process number
- Countdown timer value
- Memory segment info
  - User memory segment list
  - Kernel stack reference
- Scheduler info
  - linked list slot, priority, “sleep channel”
15-410 Virtual Memory Layout

Stack

↓

Program

Stack

↓

Program

Stack

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Program

Stack

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Program

Kernel Data

Kernel Program

4080 MB

16 MB
15-410 Physical Memory Layout

User Memory: 240 MB

Kernel Memory: 16 MB
Ready to Implement All This?

Not so complicated...

- getpid()
- fork()
- exec()
- wait()
- exit()

What could possibly go wrong?
Summary

Parts of a Process

- **Physical** – Memory pages, registers, I/O devices
- **Virtual** – Memory regions, registers, I/O “ports”

Birth, School, Work, Death

“Big Picture” of system memory – both of them

- (Numbers & arrangement are 15-410–specific)