15-410
“Luckily the stack is a simple data structure.”

The Process
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Synchronization

Project 0 due tonight

- Please make sure you can write into your hand-in directory before 18:00 today
- Please see hand-in instructions on P0 web page
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P2/P3/P4 partners

- 3 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

Stack

Heap

Data

Code

Registers

stdin

stdout

timer
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/stdout
- 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

_registers

/bin/sh

stdin

stdout

timer t=4
Load New Code, Data From File

Stack

Data /u/b/gcc

Registers

stdin

stdout

timer t=4
Reset Stack, Heap

Stack

[Heap]
Data
/u/b/gcc

Registers

stdin
stdout
timer t=4
Fix “Stuff”

[Heap]
Data
/\u/b/gcc

Stack

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?

```
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

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

Result is

```c
main(int argc,
    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())
Work

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"
- 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"

- (polychlorinated biphenol?)
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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

4080 MB

16 MB

Kernel Data
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)