

# CS 3214 lecture #8 job control shells

Processes: OS abstraction of a running program  
(safely multiplex H/w)

OS provider APIs for

- unified access to resource

open  
read  
write  
close } fd

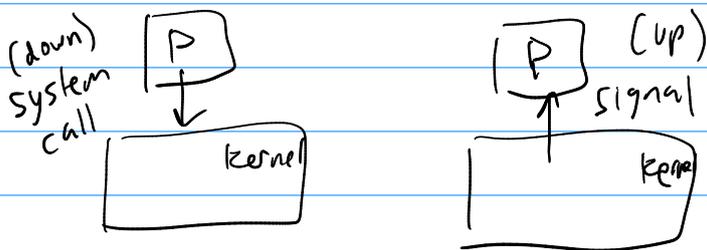
- creating new processes & running new programs  
fork/exec

- processes to communicate

pipes



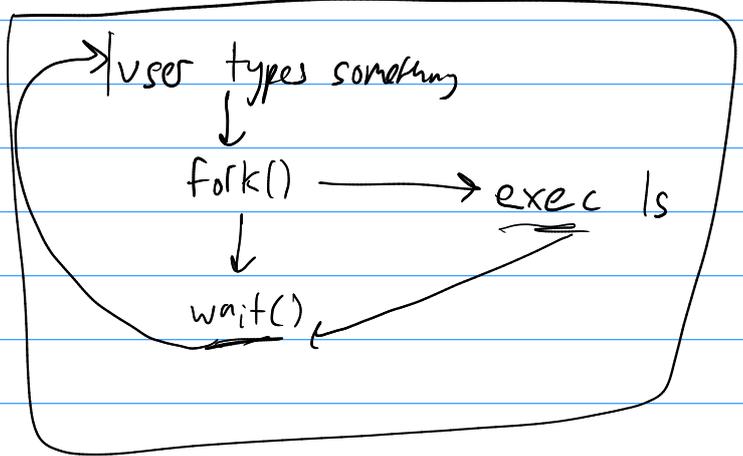
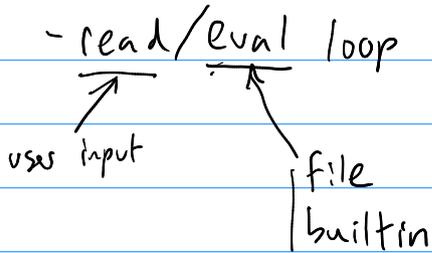
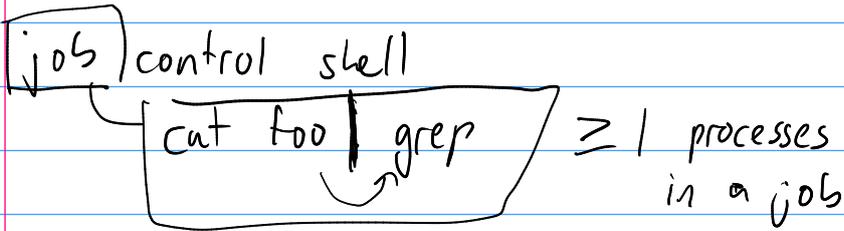
- communicate w/ the kernel



Creation  
communication  
signalling

} OS providing everything needed for a user program to manage/control lifecycle of all programs & capture user intent

shell



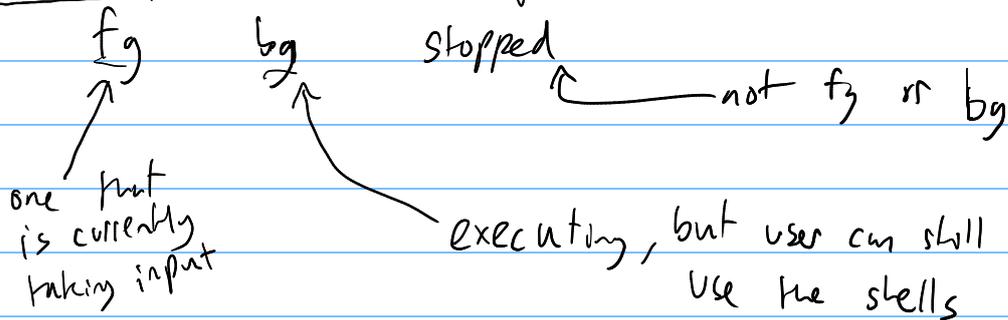
- Convenient way to pipe programs together

- fg vs. bg

- user can control job state (^C ^Z)

- shell tells user what happened to job

Users perceive state of jobs



OS view:

minimal notion of fg/bg (+)

process groups

why? signals to entire group

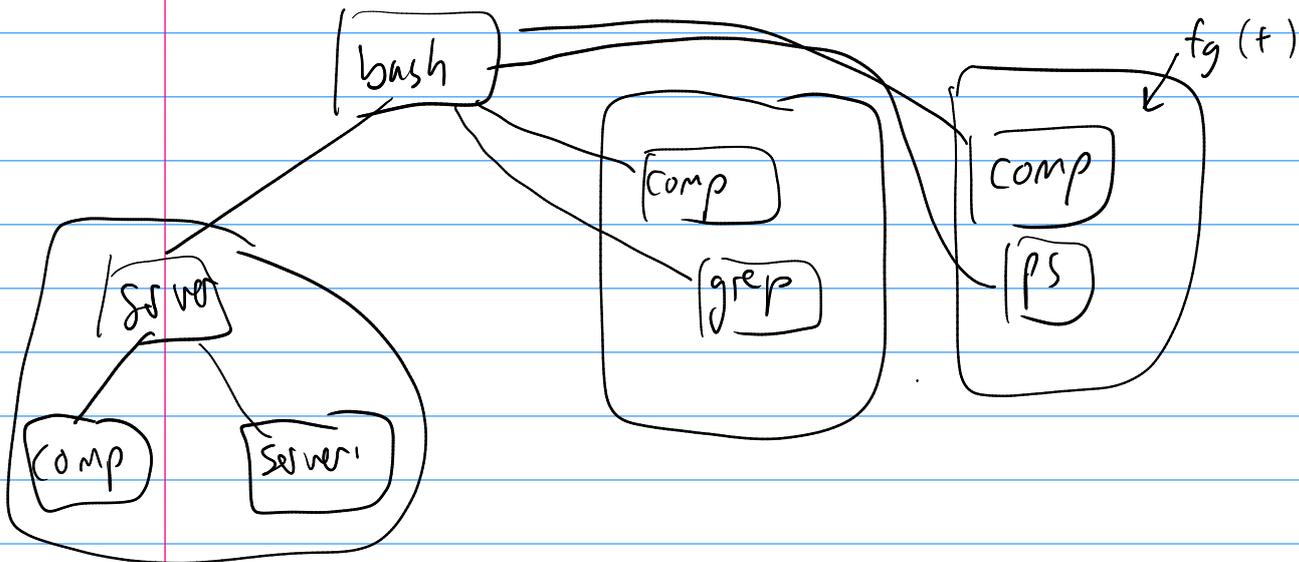
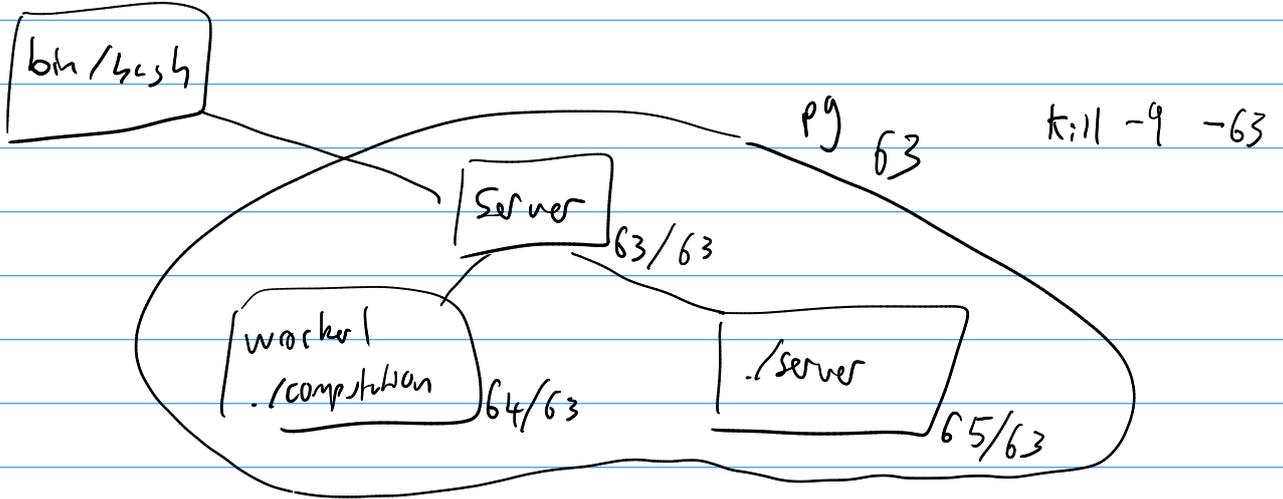
- every process has 1 group
- create a new process group (the leader)
- any process may join or be assigned to a pg

(pgid == pid)

job control shell

- arrange processes into <sup>process</sup> groups (jobs)
- forked children inherit pg by default

^C SIGTTOU  
^Z SIGTTIN



Undefined Behavior (UB) C

spec: SHOULD } compiler will take  
SHOULD NOT } advantage of

Result: surprising & horrible bugs

signed integer overflow

$x+1 > x$   
MAXINT  
 $x \neq 2/2$

compiler always true!

compiler: always x!

Why does C have UB?

essential for some compiler opt.

compiler power vs programmer responsibility

Contract: know UB in your language

in C

-Werror -Wall

-valgrind memcheck tool

clang experimental -f-catch-undefined-behavior

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