

How to create instance?

`fork()` → new process . child process of parent process  
`execve()` → run program within child process  
code in kernel

in OS, all processes started from shell process  
a running shell is a process

info can be inherited by parent shell like the pwd

shell has its own PCB

### Example

Example:

Parent: the shell process

`% ./myprog`

Child: the myprog process

"PCB": process control block (i.e. proc states)

Flow of execution:

① `fork()` create a child process

copy process state (PC, ...)

`execve(myprog)`

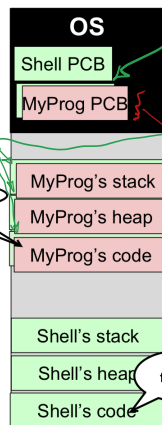
Take the program from disk

(/code/myprog) and overwrite the child's

code segment

Initialize the heap and stack for the new

program, and jump to `main()`



① copy all, put here create snapshot of parent program

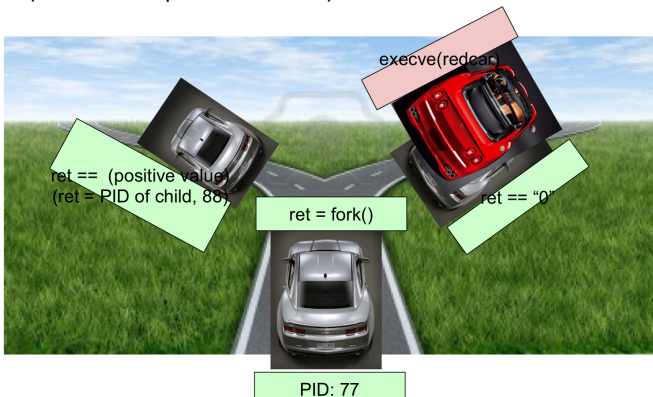
② in code, take program from disk & overwrite reinitialize heap & stack

OS provides `fork()` & `execve()`  
is a parent-child relationship  
child inherits same process state of parent

all children will return 0 from `fork()`  
parents return a pos. value  
each can have their own process id `getpid()`

now within child process, run `execve()`  
have own code, heap, stack separate from parent

(the road is the sequence of instructions)

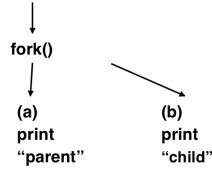


why 2 calls?

now, how to parallelize processes? → concurrency

```
void fork_ex9() {
    int ret = fork();
    if (ret == 0) {
        printf("Child");
    }
    else {
        printf("Parent");
    }
    exit();
}
```

Child  
Parent  
Parent  
Child  
See "child" first, then "parent" or vice versa (Depends on OS Scheduling)



(a) and (b) are concurrent

wait( ) → complete children processes first before parent  
↳ not concurrent

Talking to each other!

OS catches signals

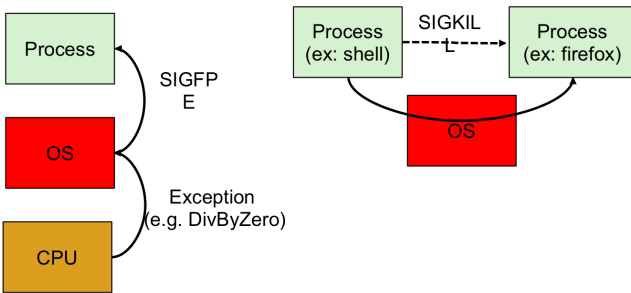
every program has a SIGFPE, signal handler specifies how app deals w/ specific signals unrelated to exceptions  
↳ written by app dev.

Signal - small "message" notifies process that event of some type has occurred

A **signal** is a small "message" that notifies a process that an event of some type has occurred in the system

- Signal type is identified by small integer IDs (1-30)
- Signals can come directly from the OS
- Signals can come from other processes (mediated by the OS)

from OS or some other process



register signal handlers

kill sends signal to process

```
// Examples of receiving signals, in YOUR PROGRAM
void my_fpe_handler(int sig) {
    printf("I received FPE signal %d\n", sig);
    exit(0);
}
void my_sigwinch_handler(int sig) {
    // adjust my window size here
    ...
}
int main() {
    // register the signal handlers (func address)
    signal(SIGFPE, my_fpe_handler);
    signal(SIGWINCH, my_winch_handler);
    // do some work
}

// A shell (an example of a SENDER), ex: kill -9 somePid
if (cmd == "kill -9") {
    pid = getPidToKillFromArg(args);
    kill(pid, SIGKILL); // system call (more in "man 3 kill")
}
```

```
KILL(2) BSD System
(2)
NAME
kill -- send signal to a process
SYNOPSIS
#include <signal.h>
int kill(pid_t pid, int sig);
```