

Lab 1 Introduction

Operating Systems Course
EDA093/DIT401

Logistics

- You **need** to be in a group to have access to the lab.
- **2 people** per group.
- You need to pass the **lab 1 preparation test** before you can submit!

Shell: A Quick Recap

- A *Command Line Interpreter* that provides a user interface to the operating system.
- Basic tasks
 - Get input commands from the user.
 - Execute commands and display output.
- The shell itself does not understand commands (with few exceptions)!
- It only searches for the binary of the given command and executes it with provided arguments.

Your task

- Develop a basic shell program, called **Ish**.
- **Ish** should be able to replicate the functionality of UNIX shells like sh, bash, csh, etc.

Prerequisites

- Operating System Concepts
 - Parent and child processes
 - Zombie/defunct processes
 - Background processes
 - UNIX signals, signal handling
 - System calls, such as fork, exec, execvp, clone, etc.
- Basic familiarity with Linux

Lab 1 Specifications 1

- Allow users to enter commands to execute programs installed on the system.
- Execute any binary found in the PATH environment variable.
- Example 1: Commands **without** arguments
 - ls, date, ps, etc.
- Example 2: Commands **with** arguments
 - ls -l, date -R, ps aux, etc.

Lab 1 Specifications 2

- Execute commands in the **background**
- For example: `sleep 20 &`
 - The `&` sign will spawn the `sleep` process in the background
 - lsh will be ready to immediately take the next command from the user.

Lab 1 Specifications 3

- Support the use of one or more **pipes**.
- Example: `ls | sort | wc -w`
 - `ls` outputs the list of all the files and directories in the current directory.
 - `sort` reads the output of `ls` and sorts it
 - `wc` reads the output of `sort` and counts the number of words it contains.
 - `ls`, `sort` and `wc` communicate using **pipes**

Lab 1 Specifications 4

- Allow **redirection** of `stdin` and `stdout` to files
- Example: `wc -l < /etc/passwd > out.txt`
 - The command creates a new file `out.txt` which contains the number of user accounts in the machine.

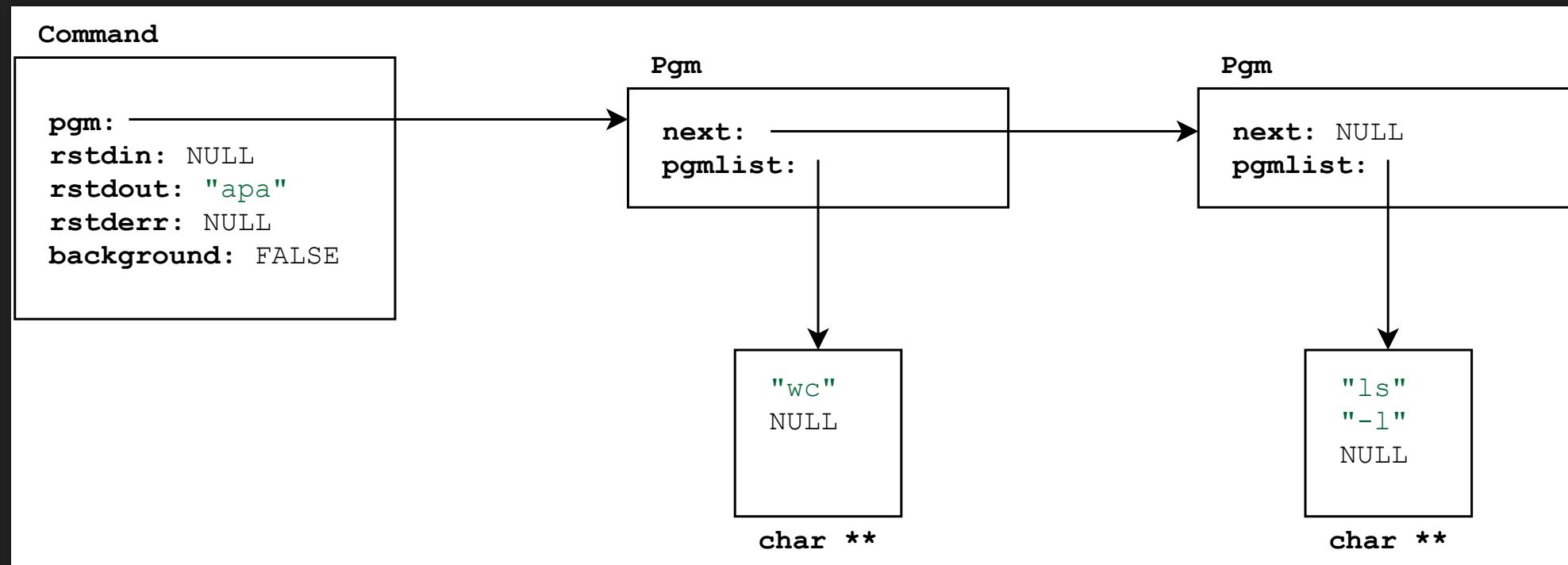
Lab 1 Specifications 5 & 6

- `cd` and `exit` are provided as built-in functions
- Pressing `Ctrl-C` should terminate the execution of a foreground program running on your shell **but not** the execution of the shell itself
- `Ctrl-C` should **not** terminate any background jobs either.

Getting Started

- Finish the **preparation test** in canvas.
- Download the from **lab instructions** and the **skeleton code** from canvas.
 - You must base your solution on the skeleton code.
 - It includes a parser which converts a command string to a command data structure.
 - Prints the command entered by the user.

Parsing Commands



Testing

- **Implement** and test the specifications one at a time and in the order given.
- **Verify** using **self-test examples** listed in lab instructions (and include in your report!).
- If you are unsure of the correct behavior, **compare** with bash or similar shell.
- Your shell should always remain in a **usable state**!
- Make sure your shell does not create **zombies**!

Before Submission

- **Clean Code!**

- Indentation (most editors can do this automatically!)
- Meaningful variable names.
- Explain difficult parts with comments.
- No debugging code (printfs etc.)

- **Test correctly!**

- Remove any temporary files before testing.
- `make clean` and `make` again before testing.
- We will test your code on `remote11.chalmers.se`. **You must do the same!**
Submissions that do not compile / work on `remote11.chalmers.se` will fail!
- Use the `prepare-submission` script to prepare your files and make sure you fulfil the requirements.

Report & Attendance

- You need to submit a lab report.
 - Provide a high-level description of the implementation of each feature.
 - Discuss problems you encountered and how you solved them.
 - Describe the execution of self-test examples (including the output of your shell!) and answer the related questions.
- You need to attend at least one lab session.
 - Discuss your solution with the TAs.

Read the lab instructions carefully!

Submission Deadline: 24 September