

COMP 2400 UNIX Tools

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Fundamental Character API

- `int toupper(int c)`
- `int tolower(int c)`
- `int isspace(int c)`
- `int isupper(int c)`
- `int isdigit(int c)`
- `int isXXXXXX(int c)`

Strings

- 0-terminated
- unchecked operations
- high security risk
- `const char * s = "foo";`

`const char *`

- Do not update
- Do not free
- Do not assign to plain `char *`
- Do use whenever possible

Fundamental String API (1/3)

- `size_t strlen(const char * s)`
- `int strcmp(const char * s1, const char * s2)`
- `int strncmp(const char * s1, const char * s2, size_t n)`
- `char * strcpy(char * dst, const char * src)`
- `char * strncpy(char * dst, const char * src, size_t n)` –
DANGEROUS

Fundamental String API (2/3)

- `char * strchr(const char * s, int c)`
- `char * strstr(const char * s, const char * needle)`
- `char * strtok(char * s1, const char * s2)` – use `strtok_r`
- `int strcasecmp(const char * s1, const char * s2)`
- `int strncasecmp(const char * s1, const char * s2, size_t n)`

Fundamental String API (3/3)

- `char * basename(char * path)`
- `char * basename(const char * path)` – GNU!
- `char * dirname(char * path)`
- `char * strdup(const char * s)`
- `char * strcat(char * dest, const char * s)` –
DANGEROUS

Parsing Strings

- `int atoi(const char * nptr)`
- `long int strtol(const char * nptr, char ** endptr, int base)`
- `int sscanf(const char * str, const char * format, ...)`
- `int vsscanf(const char * str, const char * format, va_list ap)`

Variable Argument Lists

- `void va_start(va_list ap, last)`
- `type va_arg(va_list ap, type)`
- `void va_end(va_list ap)`

Fundamental Memory API

- `int memcmp(const void * s1, const void * s2, size_t n)`
- `void * memcpy(void * dst, const void * src, size_t n)`
- `void * memmove(void * dst, const void * src, size_t n)`
- `void * memset(void * s, int c, size_t n)`
- `void * malloc(size_t size)`
- `void free(void * ptr)`

Error Reporting

- `errno`
- `void perror(const char * s)`
- `char * strerror(int errnum)`

Low-level File Operations

- `int open(const char * path, int oflag, ...)`
- `int close(int fd)`
- `ssize_t read(int fd, void * buf, size_t nbytes)`
- `ssize_t write(int fd, const void * buf, size_t nbytes)`
- `off_t lseek(int fd, off_t offset, int whence)`
- `int dup(int fd)`

Pipes

- `int pipe(int filedes[2])`

High-level File Operations

- `FILE * fopen(const char * filename, const char * type)`
- `int fclose(FILE * stream)`
- `char * fgets(char * s, int n, FILE * stream)`
- `int fputs(const char * s, FILE * stream)`
- `int fseek(FILE * stream, long offset, int whence)`

Temporary files

- `int mkstemp(char * template)`

Everything is a File

- Files
- Directories
- Sockets
- Soft links
- Hard links
- Devices

Information about Files

- `int stat(const char * path, struct stat * st)`
- `int lstat(const char * path, struct stat * st)`
- `int fstat(int fd, struct stat * st)`
- `int readlink(const char * path, void * buf, size_t bufsiz)`

struct stat

- st_mode: S_ISDIR()? S_ISLNK()?
- st_uid
- st_gid
- st_size
- st_mtime

Changing directories

- `int chown(const char * path, uid_t owner, gid_t group)`
- `int truncate(const char * path, off_t length)`
- `int unlink(const char * path)`
- `int rename(const char * old, const char * new)`
- `int mkdir(const char * path, mode_t mode)`
- `int rmdir(const char * path)`

Reading Directories

- `DIR * opendir(const char * path)`
- `struct dirent * readdir(DIR * dp)`
- `int closedir(DIR * dp)`
- `dirent: char * d_name`

ioctl and fcntl

- `int ioctl(int d, int request, ...)`
- `int fcntl(int fd, int cmd, ...)`
- Uses:
 - locking
 - signal handling
 - non-blocking IO

select

- `FD_ZERO(fd_set *set)`
- `FD_SET(int fd, fd_set *set)`
- `int select(int n, fd_set *readfds, fd_set *writefds, fd_set *exceptfds, struct timeval *timeout)`

mmap

- `void * mmap(void *start, size_t length, int prot, int flags, int fd, off_t offset)`
- `int munmap(void *start, size_t length)`

Process termination

- `void exit(int status)`
- `void abort(void)`
- `int kill(pid_t pid, int sig)`
- `unsigned int sleep(unsigned int seconds)`

Sorting

- `void qsort(void *base, size_t nmemb, size_t size, int(*compar)(const void *, const void *))`
- `typedef int (*Compare)(const void * a1, const void * a2);`
- Compare `scmp` = casesensitive ? `&strcasecmp` : `&strcmp`;

Searching

- `void * bsearch(const void *key, const void *base, size_t nmemb, size_t size, int (*compar)(const void *, const void *))`

Questions



Exercise

Implement a program `ls-1` which produces the same output as the standard shell command `ls -l`.

Research how to map the user ID to the actual login name.