# System Calls and I/O Appendix

## More System Calls

Directory and File System Management	
s = mkdir(name, mode)	Create a new directory
s = rmdir(name)	Remove an empty directory
s = link(name, name)	Create a new entry, name, pointing to name
s = unlink(name)	Remove a directory entry
s = mount(special, name, flag)	Mount a file system
s = umount(special)	Unmount a file system
Miscellaneous	
s = chdir(dirname)	Change the working directory
s = chmod(name, mode)	Change a file's protection bits
s = kill(pid, signal)	Send a signal to a process
seconds = time(&seconds)	Get the elapsed time since January 1, 1970

#### Example (open())

```
Argument: string
#include <fcntl.h>
                                  Output: the string, a colon, and a
#include <errno.h>
                                  description of the error condition
                                  stored in errno
int main() {
   int fd;
   fd = open("foo.txt", p RDONLY | O CREAT);
       if (fd == -1) {
               perror("Program");
               exit(1);
   printf("%d\n", fd);
```

#### Example (close())

```
#include <fcntl.h>
main(){
   int fd1;
   if(( fd1 = open("foo.txt", O_RDONLY)) < 0){</pre>
       perror("c1");
       exit(1);
   }
      (close(fd1) < 0) {
       perror("c1");
       exit(1);
   printf("closed the fd.\n");
```

### Example (close())

```
#include <fcntl.h>
main(){
   int fd1;
   if(( fd1 = open("foo.txt", O_RDONLY)) < 0){</pre>
       perror("c1");
       exit(1);
                                After close, can you still use the
                                file descriptor?
   if (close(fd1) < 0) {
       perror("c1");
                                Why do we need to close a file?
       exit(1);
   printf("closed the fd.\n");
```

#### Example (read())

```
sz = read(fd, c, 10);
#include <fcntl.h>
main() {
                                      printf("called
   char *c;
                                          read(%d, c, 10).
   int fd, sz;
                                          returned that %d
                                          bytes were
   c = (char *) malloc(100)
                                          read.\n", fd, sz);
                                      c[sz] = ' \setminus 0';
              * sizeof(char));
   fd = open("foo.txt",
                                      printf("Those bytes
              O RDONLY);
   if (fd < 0) {
                                          are as follows:
                                          %s\n", c);
       perror("r1");
       exit(1);
                                      close(fd);
                                   }
```

#### Example (write())

```
sz = write(fd, "cs241\n",
#include <fcntl.h>
                                    strlen("cs241\n"));
main()
   int fd, sz;
                                 printf("called write(%d,
                                    \"cs241\\n\", %d).
                                    it returned %d\n",
   fd = open("out3",
                                    fd, strlen("cs241\n"),
      O RDWR | O CREAT |
      O APPEND, 0644);
                                    sz);
   if (fd < 0) {
      perror("r1");
                                 close(fd);
      exit(1);
```

#### File: Statistics

```
#include <sys/stat.h>
int stat(const char* name, struct stat* buf);
    Get information about a file
   Returns:
        0 on success

    -1 on error, sets errno

    Parameters:
        name: Path to file you want to use
            Absolute paths begin with "/", relative paths do not
        buf: Statistics structure
        • off t st size: Size in bytes
           mode t st mode: protection
           time t st mtime: Date of last modification
    Also
int fstat(int filedes, struct stat *buf);
```

#### Useful Macros: File types

- Is file a symbolic link
  - S\_ISLNK(st\_mode)
- Is file a regular fileS ISREG(st mode)
- Is file a character device
  - S\_ISCHR(st\_mode)

- Is file a block device
  - S\_ISBLK(st\_mode)
- Is file a FIFO
  - S ISFIFO(st mode)
- Is file a unix socket
  S ISSOCK(st mode)



## Useful Macros: File Modes

- S\_IRWXU(st\_mode)
  - read, write, execute, owner
- S IRUSR(st mode)
  - read permission, owner
- S\_IWUSR(st\_mode)
  - write permission, owner
- S\_IXUSR(st\_mode)
  - execute, owner

- S\_IRGRP(st\_mode)
  - read permission, group
- S\_IRWXO(st\_mode)
  - read, write, execute, others



#### Example - (stat())

```
#include <unistd.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <sys/stat.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
int main(int argc, char **argv) {
   struct stat fileStat;
   if(argc != 2)
       return 1;
   if(stat(argv[1], &fileStat) < 0)</pre>
       return 1:
   printf("Information for %s\n",argv[1]);
   printf("-----\n");
   printf("File Size: \t\t%d bytes\n", fileStat.st size);
   printf("Number of hard links: \t%d\n", fileStat.st nlink);
   printf("File inode number: \t\t%d\n", fileStat.st ino);
```

#### Example - (stat())

```
printf("File Permissions: \t");
printf( (S_ISDIR(fileStat.st_mode)) ? "d" : "-");
printf( (fileStat.st_mode & S_IRUSR) ? "r" : "-");
printf( (fileStat.st_mode & S_IWUSR) ? "w" : "-");
printf( (fileStat.st_mode & S_IXUSR) ? "x" : "-");
printf( (fileStat.st_mode & S_IRGRP) ? "r" : "-");
printf( (fileStat.st_mode & S_IWGRP) ? "w" : "-");
printf( (fileStat.st_mode & S_IXGRP) ? "x" : "-");
printf( (fileStat.st_mode & S_IROTH) ? "r" : "-");
printf( (fileStat.st_mode & S_IWOTH) ? "w" : "-");
printf( (fileStat.st_mode & S_IXOTH) ? "x" : "-");
printf("\n\n"); printf("The file %s a symbolic link\n",
  (S_ISLNK(fileStat.st_mode)) ? "is" : "is not");
return 0;
```

## Example - (stat())

## File: Seek

```
#include <unistd.h>
off_t lseek(int fd, off_t offset, int whence);
```

- Explicitly set the file offset for the open file
- Return: Where the file pointer is
  - the new offset, in bytes, from the beginning of the file
  - -1 on error, sets erro, file pointer remains unchanged

#### Parameters:

- fd: file descriptor
- offset: indicates relative or absolute location
- whence: How you would like to use 1seek
  - **SEEK SET**, set file pointer to offset bytes from the beginning of the file
  - SEEK\_CUR, set file pointer to offset bytes from current location
  - SEEK\_END, set file pointer to offset bytes from the end of the file



#### File: Seek Examples

- Random access
  - Jump to any byte in a file
- Move to byte #16

```
newpos = lseek(fd, 16, SEEK SET);
```

Move forward 4 bytes

```
newpos = lseek(fd, 4, SEEK CUR);
```

Move to 8 bytes from the end

```
newpos = lseek(fd, -8, SEEK_END);
```



#### Example (lseek())

```
c = (char *) malloc(100 *)
    sizeof(char));
fd = open("foo.txt", O RDONLY);
if (fd < 0) {
   perror("r1");
   exit(1);
sz = read(fd, c, 10);
printf("We have opened in1, and
    called read(%d, c, 10).\n",
    fd);
c[sz] = ' \setminus 0';
printf("Those bytes are as
    follows: %s\n", c);
```

```
i = lseek(fd, 0, SEEK CUR);
printf("lseek(%d, 0, SEEK CUR)
    returns that the current
   offset is %d\n\n", fd, i);
printf("now, we seek to the
   beginning of the file and
   call read(%d, c, 10)\n",
   fd);
lseek(fd, 0, SEEK SET);
sz = read(fd, c, 10);
c[sz] = ' \setminus 0';
printf("The read returns the
    following bytes: %s\n", c);
```

## Stream Processing - fscanf()

```
int scanf(const char *format, ...);
```

- Read from the standard input stream stdin
  - Stores read characters in buffer pointed to by s.
- Return
  - Number of successfully matched and assigned input items
  - EOF on error

#### Example: (scanf())

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
   int i;
   float x;
   char name[50];
   scanf("%2d%f %[0123456789]", &i, &x, name);
}
What are i, x, and name
   after the call to
   scanf()?
```