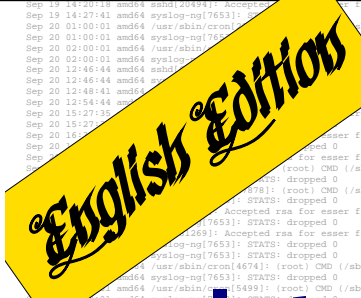


```

Sep 19 14:20:41 amd64 sshd[10494]: Accepted password for root from ::ffff:87.234.201.207 port 6159
Sep 19 14:27:41 amd64 syslog-ng[7653]: STAT: dropped 0
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Sep 20 12:46:44 amd64 sshd[20988]: Accepted rsa for esser from ::ffff:87.234.201.207 port 62004
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Sep 20 12:54:44 amd64 sshd[20988]: Accepted rsa for esser from ::ffff:87.234.201.207 port 62514
Sep 20 15:27:35 amd64 sshd[20988]: Accepted rsa for esser from ::ffff:87.234.201.207 port 64248
Sep 20 15:27:35 amd64 sshd[20988]: Accepted rsa for esser from ::ffff:87.234.201.207 port 63375
Sep 20 15:27:35 amd64 sshd[20988]: Accepted rsa for esser from ::ffff:87.234.201.207 port 63546
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Sep 20 15:27:35 amd64 sshd[20988]: Accepted rsa for esser from ::ffff:87.234.201.207 port 64391

```



Interrupts (2/2)

```

Sep 23 18:04:05 amd64 sshd[6554]: Accepted publickey for esser from ::ffff:192.168.1.15 port 59771 ssh2
Sep 23 18:04:05 amd64 syslog-ng[7653]: STAT: dropped 0
Sep 23 18:04:34 amd64 sshd[6554]: Accepted rsa for esser from ::ffff:87.234.201.207 port 62093
Sep 24 01:00:01 amd64 /usr/sbin/cron[12436]: (root) CMD (/sbin/evlogmgr -c "severity=DEBUG")
Sep 24 01:00:01 amd64 syslog-ng[7653]: STAT: dropped 0
Sep 24 02:00:01 amd64 /usr/sbin/cron[13253]: (root) CMD (/sbin/evlogmgr -c "age > '30d'")
Sep 24 02:00:01 amd64 syslog-ng[7653]: STAT: dropped 0
Sep 24 11:15:48 amd64 sshd[20988]: Accepted rsa for esser from ::ffff:87.234.201.207 port 64456
Sep 24 13:49:08 amd64 sshd[9372]: Accepted rsa for esser from ::ffff:87.234.201.207 port 61330
Sep 24 13:49:08 amd64 syslog-ng[7653]: STAT: dropped 0
Sep 24 15:42:07 amd64 kernel: amd_seg_midi_event: unsupported module, tainting kernel.
Sep 24 15:42:07 amd64 kernel: amd_seg_oss: unsupported module, tainting kernel.
Sep 24 20:25:31 amd64 sshd[29399]: Accepted rsa for esser from ::ffff:87.234.201.207 port 62566
Sep 24 20:25:31 amd64 syslog-ng[7653]: STAT: dropped 0
Sep 25 01:00:02 amd64 /usr/sbin/cron[662]: (root) CMD (/sbin/evlogmgr -c "severity=DEBUG")
Sep 25 01:00:02 amd64 syslog-ng[7653]: STAT: dropped 0
Sep 25 02:00:01 amd64 /usr/sbin/cron[1484]: (root) CMD (/sbin/evlogmgr -c "age > '30d'")
Sep 25 02:00:02 amd64 syslog-ng[7653]: STAT: dropped 0
Sep 25 10:59:25 amd64 sshd[8889]: Accepted rsa for esser from ::ffff:87.234.201.207 port 64183
Sep 25 10:59:25 amd64 syslog-ng[7653]: STAT: dropped 0
Sep 25 10:59:47 amd64 sshd[8821]: Accepted rsa for esser from ::ffff:87.234.201.207 port 64253
Sep 25 11:30:02 amd64 sshd[9372]: Accepted rsa for esser from ::ffff:87.234.201.207 port 62029
Sep 25 11:59:25 amd64 syslog-ng[7653]: STAT: dropped 0
Sep 25 14:05:37 amd64 sshd[11554]: Accepted rsa for esser from ::ffff:87.234.201.207 port 62822
Sep 25 14:05:37 amd64 syslog-ng[7653]: STAT: dropped 0
Sep 25 14:06:10 amd64 sshd[11686]: Accepted rsa for esser from ::ffff:87.234.201.207 port 62951
Sep 25 14:07:17 amd64 sshd[11608]: Accepted rsa for esser from ::ffff:87.234.201.207 port 63392
Sep 25 14:08:33 amd64 sshd[11630]: Accepted rsa for esser from ::ffff:87.234.201.207 port 63709
Sep 25 15:25:33 amd64 sshd[12930]: Accepted rsa for esser from ::ffff:87.234.201.207 port 62778

```

Interrupt Handler (2)

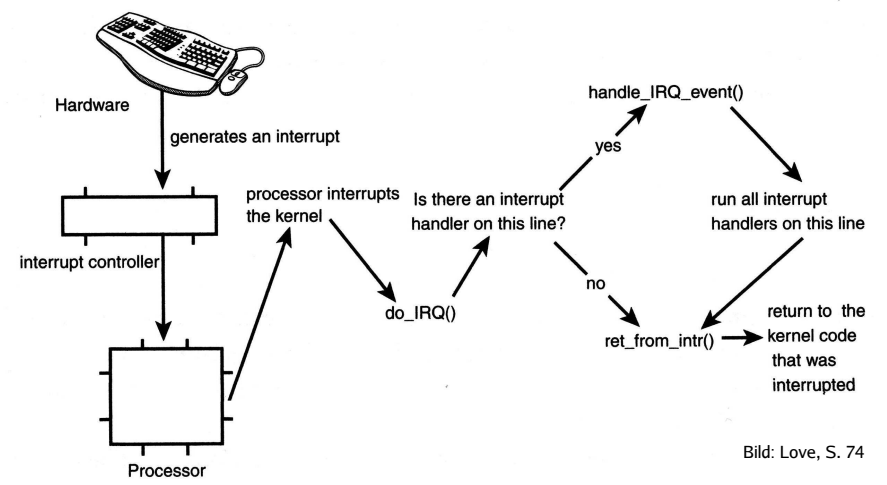


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Interrupt Handler (1)

Register drivers with interrupt handler:

```

int request_irq(
    unsigned int irq,                /* Which IRQ number?          */
    irqreturn_t (*handler)(int, void *, struct pt_regs *),
    unsigned long irqflags,
    const char * devname,           /* devicename->/proc/int..*/
    void *dev_id);

```

- Interrupt with IRQ number `irq` occurs
- OS calls interrupt handler `handler()`
- Flags:
 - `SA_SHIRQ`: Interrupt for several drivers
 - `SA_INTERRUPT`: Disable local interrupts
 - `SA_SAMPLE_RANDOM`: Interrupts are "random" – use that: increase entropy, for random numbers

Interrupt Handler (3)

Example: Timer, RTC chip on mainboard

drivers/char/rtc.c, rtc_init()

```

if (request_irq(
    RTC_IRQ,                        /* RTC Interrupt: 8          */
    rtc_interrupt,                 /* Interrupt handler         */
    SA_INTERRUPT,                  /* Flag: disable local int. */
    "rtc",                          /* device name "rtc"        */
    (void *)&rtc_port))           /* ID                         */
{
    printk(KERN_ERR "rtc: cannot register IRQ %d\n", RTC_IRQ);
    return -EIO;                    /* EIO: I/O Error           */
}

```

Interrupt Handler (4)

```
irqreturn_t rtc_interrupt(int irq, void *dev_id, struct pt_regs *regs) {
    spin_lock (&rtc_lock);
    rtc_irq_data += 0x100;          /* global variable! */
    rtc_irq_data &= ~0xff;
    rtc_irq_data |= (CMOS_READ(RTC_INTR_FLAGS) & 0xF0);

    if (rtc_status & RTC_TIMER_ON)
        mod_timer(&rtc_irq_timer, jiffies + HZ/rtc_freq + 2*HZ/100);

    spin_unlock (&rtc_lock);

    /* Now do the rest of the actions */
    spin_lock(&rtc_task_lock);
    if (rtc_callback)
        rtc_callback->func(rtc_callback->private_data);
    spin_unlock(&rtc_task_lock);
    wake_up_interruptible(&rtc_wait);

    kill_fasync (&rtc_async_queue, SIGIO, POLL_IN);

    return IRQ_HANDLED;
}
```

Interrupt Handler (6)

handler will be called in

kernel/irq/handle.c, handle_IRQ_event():

```
int handle_IRQ_event(unsigned int irq, struct pt_regs *regs,
                    struct irqaction *action) {
    int ret, retval = 0, status = 0;

    if (!(action->flags & SA_INTERRUPT))
        local_irq_enable();

    do {
        ret = action->handler(irq, action->dev_id, regs);
        if (ret == IRQ_HANDLED)
            status |= action->flags;
        retval |= ret;
        action = action->next;
    } while (action);

    if (status & SA_SAMPLE_RANDOM)
        add_interrupt_randomness(irq);
    local_irq_disable();

    return retval;
}
```

Interrupt Handler (5)

RTC: I/O addresses

- 0x70 (read)
- 0x71 (write)

```
/usr/include/linux/mc146818rtc.h:
extern spinlock_t rtc_lock; /* serialize CMOS RAM access */

#define RTC_PORT(x) (0x70 + (x))

#define CMOS_READ(addr) ( {
    outb_p((addr), RTC_PORT(0));
    inb_p(RTC_PORT(1));
} )
```

Interrupt Handler (7)

How programs can access driver data

```
ssize_t rtc_read(struct file file, char *buf, size_t count, loff_t *ppos) {
    DECLARE_WAITQUEUE(wait, current);
    unsigned long data; ssize_t retval;

    add_wait_queue(&rtc_wait, &wait);
    current->state = TASK_INTERRUPTIBLE;
    do {
        spin_lock_irq(&rtc_lock);
        data = rtc_irq_data; /* global variable; also in */
        rtc_irq_data = 0; /* interrupt service routine! */
        spin_unlock_irq(&rtc_lock);

        if (data != 0) break;
        [.....]
        schedule(); /* go to sleep */
    } while(1);
    retval = put_user(data, (unsigned long *)buf);
    [.....]

    current->state = TASK_RUNNING;
    remove_wait_queue(&rtc_wait, &wait);
    return retval;
}
```

Interrupt Handler (8)

Important: What runs in what context?

- **User Context:** interruptible (HW or SW interrupts), can issue system calls
- **Process Context:** entered after software interrupt (from user context), runs in the kernel, transfer data between Kernel and process spaces, only interruptible by HW interrupts
- **Kernel Context:** functions of the kernel, no data transfer between Kernel and user space, only interruptible by HW interrupt
- **Interrupt Context:** software and hardware interrupts

Interrupt Handler (10)

Top and bottom half / Tasklet

Bottom half was renamed in Linux-Kernel (since version 2.6) as **Tasklet**

- Interrupt Service Routine (top half) handles the most important (time critical) tasks, generates tasklet and terminates – meanwhile interrupts disabled
- Tasklets run longer calculations which are part of processing the interrupt – with interrupts enabled

Interrupt Handler (9)

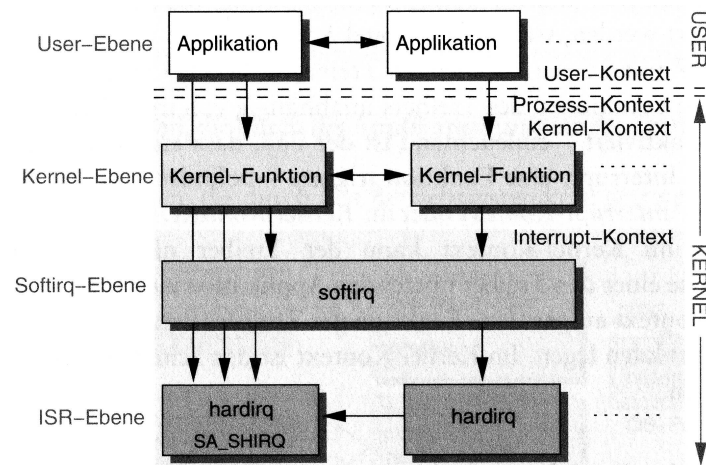


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Interrupt Handler (10)

Tasklets

- Tasklet is not a process (struct tasklet_struct), runs directly in Kernel; in Interrupt Context
- Two priorities:
 - *tasklet_hi_schedule*: starts immediately after ISR
 - *tasklet_schedule*: only starts when there are no more soft IRQs

Interrupt Handler (11)

More Information:

- [1] Linux Kernel 2.4 Internals, Kapitel 2,
http://www.faqs.org/docs/kernel_2_4/ki-2.html
- [2] J. Quade, E.-K. Kunst: „Linux-Treiber entwickeln“,
dpunkt-Verlag,
<http://ezs.kr.hsnr.de/TreiberBuch/html/>

System Calls (2)

Software Interrupts

- Put arguments into registers
- Execute machine instruction `int 0x80`
→ Trap (Software Interrupt), switch to Kernel mode
- Execute function `system_call` in
`arch/i386/kernel/entry.S`
- There: call `sys_call_table+4*(syscall_number from %eax)`
→ Jump into C routines, `sys_*` (`sys_open`, `sys_exit`
etc.)
- Syscall table defined in `arch/i386/kernel/syscall_table.S`

System Calls (1)

`asm/unistd.h`: More than 300 system calls

```
/*
 * This file contains the system call
 * numbers.
 */
#define __NR_restart_syscall 0
#define __NR_exit 1
#define __NR_fork 2
#define __NR_read 3
#define __NR_write 4
#define __NR_open 5
#define __NR_close 6
#define __NR_waitpid 7
#define __NR_creat 8
#define __NR_link 9
#define __NR_unlink 10
#define __NR_execve 11
#define __NR_chdir 12
#define __NR_time 13
#define __NR_mknod 14
#define __NR_chmod 15
#define __NR_lchown 16

#define __NR_break 17
#define __NR_oldstat 18
#define __NR_lseek 19
#define __NR_getpid 20
#define __NR_mount 21
#define __NR_umount 22
#define __NR_setuid 23
#define __NR_getuid 24
#define __NR_stime 25
#define __NR_ptrace 26
#define __NR_alarm 27
#define __NR_oldfstat 28
#define __NR_pause 29
#define __NR_utime 30
#define __NR_stty 31
#define __NR_gtty 32
#define __NR_access 33
#define __NR_nice 34
#define __NR_ftime 35
#define __NR_sync 36
#define __NR_kill 37
...
```

In `fs/open.c`: System Calls (3)

```
long do_sys_open(int dfd, const char __user *filename, int flags, int mode)
{
    char *tmp = getname(filename);
    int fd = PTR_ERR(tmp);

    if (!IS_ERR(tmp)) {
        fd = get_unused_fd();
        if (fd >= 0) {
            struct file *f = do_filp_open(dfd, tmp, flags, mode);
            if (IS_ERR(f)) {
                put_unused_fd(fd);
                fd = PTR_ERR(f);
            } else {
                fsnotify_open(f->f_dentry);
                fd_install(fd, f);
            }
            putname(tmp);
        }
        return fd;
    }

    asmlinkage long sys_open(const char __user *filename, int flags, int mode)
    {
        long ret;

        if (force_o_largefile())
            flags |= O_LARGEFILE;

        ret = do_sys_open(AT_FDCWD, filename, flags, mode);
        /* avoid REGPARM breakage on x86: */
        prevent_tail_call(ret);
        return ret;
    }
}
```

System Calls (4)

Example for a system call:
library function *fread()*

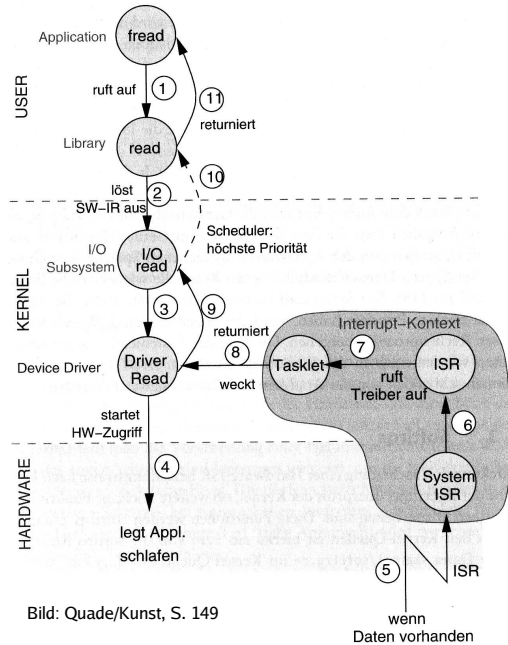


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Library Functions

open(): open file for read/write

```
int open(const char *pathname, int flags);
int open(const char *pathname, int flags, mode_t mode);
int creat(const char *pathname, mode_t mode);
```

Return value: File Descriptor

```
man 2 open
```

Example:

```
fd = open("/tmp/file.txt", O_RDONLY);
```

```
Sep 19 14:20:18 amd64 sshd[20494]: Accepted rsa for esser from ::ffff:87.234.201.207 port 61557
Sep 19 14:27:41 amd64 syslog-ng[7653]: STATS: dropped 0
Sep 20 01:00:01 amd64 /usr/sbin/cron[29278]: (root) CMD (/sbin/evlogmgr -c "severity=DEBUG")
Sep 20 01:00:01 amd64 syslog-ng[7653]: STATS: dropped 0
Sep 20 02:00:01 amd64 /usr/sbin/cron[50333]: (root) CMD (/sbin/evlogmgr -c "age > *30d")
Sep 20 02:00:01 amd64 syslog-ng[7653]: STATS: dropped 0
Sep 20 12:46:44 amd64 sshd[6516]: Accepted rsa for esser from ::ffff:87.234.201.207 port 62004
Sep 20 12:48:41 amd64 sshd[6609]: Accepted rsa for esser from ::ffff:87.234.201.207 port 62105
Sep 20 12:54:44 amd64 sshd[6694]: Accepted rsa for esser from ::ffff:87.234.201.207 port 62514
Sep 20 15:27:35 amd64 sshd[9077]: Accepted rsa for esser from ::ffff:87.234.201.207 port 64242
Sep 20 15:27:35 amd64 syslog-ng[7653]: STATS: dropped 0
Sep 20 16:37:11 amd64 sshd[10102]: Accepted rsa for esser from ::ffff:87.234.201.207 port 63375
Sep 20 16:37:11 amd64 syslog-ng[7653]: STATS: dropped 0
Sep 20 16:38:10 amd64 sshd[10140]: Accepted rsa for esser from ::ffff:87.234.201.207 port 63546
Sep 21 01:00:01 amd64 /usr/sbin/cron[17055]: (root) CMD (/sbin/evlogmgr -c "severity=DEBUG")
Sep 21 01:00:01 amd64 syslog-ng[7653]: STATS: dropped 0
Sep 21 02:00:01 amd64 /usr/sbin/cron[17878]: (root) CMD (/sbin/evlogmgr -c "age > *30d")
Sep 21 02:00:01 amd64 syslog-ng[7653]: STATS: dropped 0
Sep 21 17:43:26 amd64 sshd[31088]: Accepted rsa for esser from ::ffff:87.234.201.207 port 61666
Sep 21 17:43:26 amd64 syslog-ng[7653]: STATS: dropped 0
Sep 21 17:53:39 amd64 sshd[31269]: Accepted rsa for esser from ::ffff:87.234.201.207 port 61666
Sep 21 18:43:26 amd64 syslog-ng[7653]: STATS: dropped 0
Sep 21 19:43:26 amd64 syslog-ng[7653]: STATS: dropped 0
Sep 22 01:00:01 amd64 /usr/sbin/cron[4674]: (root) CMD (/sbin/evlogmgr -c "severity=DEBUG")
Sep 22 01:00:01 amd64 syslog-ng[7653]: STATS: dropped 0
Sep 22 02:00:01 amd64 /usr/sbin/cron[5489]: (root) CMD (/sbin/evlogmgr -c "age > *30d")
Sep 22 02:00:01 amd64 syslog-ng[7653]: STATS: dropped 0
Sep 22 20:23:21 amd64 syslog-ng[7653]: STATS: dropped 0
Sep 23 01:00:01 amd64 /usr/sbin/cron[24739]: (root) CMD (/sbin/evlogmgr -c "severity=DEBUG")
Sep 23 01:00:01 amd64 syslog-ng[7653]: STATS: dropped 0
Sep 23 02:00:01 amd64 /usr/sbin/cron[25555]: (root) CMD (/sbin/evlogmgr -c "age > *30d")
Sep 23 02:00:01 amd64 syslog-ng[7653]: STATS: dropped 0
Sep 23 18:04:05 amd64 sshd[6541]: Accepted publickey for esser from ::ffff:192.168.1.5 port 59771 ssh2
Sep 23 18:04:05 amd64 syslog-ng[7653]: STATS: dropped 0
Sep 23 18:04:34 amd64 sshd[6606]: Accepted rsa for esser from ::ffff:87.234.201.207 port 62093
Sep 24 01:00:01 amd64 /usr/sbin/cron[15489]: (root) CMD (/sbin/evlogmgr -c "age > *30d")
Sep 24 01:00:01 amd64 syslog-ng[7653]: STATS: dropped 0
Sep 24 02:00:01 amd64 /usr/sbin/cron[15489]: (root) CMD (/sbin/evlogmgr -c "age > *30d")
Sep 24 02:00:01 amd64 syslog-ng[7653]: STATS: dropped 0
Sep 24 11:15:48 amd64 sshd[20998]: Accepted rsa for esser from ::ffff:87.234.201.207 port 64456
Sep 24 11:15:48 amd64 syslog-ng[7653]: STATS: dropped 0
Sep 24 13:49:08 amd64 sshd[21397]: Accepted rsa for esser from ::ffff:87.234.201.207 port 62709
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Sep 25 14:05:37 amd64 sshd[11554]: Accepted rsa for esser from ::ffff:87.234.201.207 port 62822
Sep 25 14:05:37 amd64 syslog-ng[7653]: STATS: dropped 0
Sep 25 14:06:10 amd64 sshd[11586]: Accepted rsa for esser from ::ffff:87.234.201.207 port 62951
Sep 25 14:07:17 amd64 sshd[11608]: Accepted rsa for esser from ::ffff:87.234.201.207 port 63392
Sep 25 14:08:33 amd64 sshd[11630]: Accepted rsa for esser from ::ffff:87.234.201.207 port 63709
Sep 25 15:25:33 amd64 sshd[12930]: Accepted rsa for esser from ::ffff:87.234.201.207 port 62778
```

System Calls for programmers: standard functions in C and Python

Library Functions

fopen(): Open file for read/write

```
FILE *fopen(const char *path, const char *mode);
```

mode: r = read, w = write (truncate), a = write (append), r+ = read/write

Return value: File Pointer (not descriptor!)

```
man fopen
```

Example:

```
fp = fopen("/tmp/datei.txt", "r");
```

Library Functions

read(): Read from file (file descriptor)

```
ssize_t read(int fd, void *buf, size_t count);
```

Return value: number of bytes read

man 2 read

Example:

```
int bufsiz=128;
char line[bufsiz];
int fd = open( "/etc/fstab", O_RDONLY );
int len;
while ( len = read ( fd, line, bufsiz ) > 0 ) {
    printf ( line );
}
close(fd);
return 0;
}
```

bad C code...
see next slide

Library Functions

fread(): Read from file (file pointer)

```
size_t fread(void *ptr, size_t size, size_t nmemb, FILE *stream);
```

Return value: number of blocks read (not bytes)

man fread

Beispiel:

```
int bufsiz=128; int len;
char line[bufsiz]; FILE *fp;
fp = fopen( "/etc/fstab" "r" );
while ( !feof(fp) ) {
    if (fread ( line, bufsiz, 1, fp ) > 0) {
        printf ( line );
    }
}
close(fp);
printf("\n");
```

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More about read/open

```
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/stat.h>
#include <fcntl.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
int main (void) {
    int len;
    int bufsiz=128;
    char line[bufsiz+1];
    line[bufsiz] = '\0';

    int fd = open( "/etc/fstab", O_RDONLY );
    while ( (len = read ( fd, line, bufsiz )) > 0 ) {
        if ( len < bufsiz) { line[len]='\0'; }
        printf ("%s", line );
    }
    close(fd);
    return 0;
}
```

The local C guru looked at my C
programs... Thanks go to
Mirko Dölle!

More about fread/fopen

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
int main (void) {

    int bufsiz=512;
    char line[bufsiz+1];
    line[bufsiz] = '\0';
    FILE *fp;

    fp = fopen( "/etc/fstab", "r" );
    int len;
    while ( !feof(fp) ) {
        if (fread ( line, bufsiz, 1, fp ) > 0) {
            if ( len < bufsiz) { line[len]='\0'; }
            printf ( "%s", line );
        }
    }
    fclose(fp);
    return 0;
}
```

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Library Functions

write(): write to file (file descriptor)

```
ssize_t read(int fd, void *buf, size_t count);
```

Return value: Number of bytes written

man 2 write

Example:

```
main() {
    char message[] = "Hello world\n";
    int fd = open( "/tmp/datei.txt",
                  O_CREAT | O_WRONLY, S_IRUSR | S_IWUSR );
    write ( fd, message, sizeof(message) );
    perror();
    close(fd);
    return 0;
}
```

Library Functions

close(): close file (file descriptor)

```
int close(int fd);
```

Return value: 0 if successful, otherwise -1
(errno contains reason)

man 2 close

Example:

```
close(fd);
```

Library Functions

fwrite(): write to file (file pointer)

```
size_t fread(void *ptr, size_t size, size_t nmemb, FILE *stream);
```

Return value: number of blocks written (not bytes)

man fwrite

Example:

```
main () {
    char message[] = "Hello world!\n";
    FILE *fp;

    fp = fopen( "/tmp/datei.txt", "w" );
    fwrite ( message, sizeof(message), 1, fp );
    close(fp);
    return 0;
}
```

Library Functions

fclose(): close file (file pointer)

```
int fclose(FILE *fp);
```

Return value: 0 if successful, otherwise EOF
(errno contains reason)

man fclose

Example:

```
close(fp);
```

Library Functions

Python: open, readlines, write, close

Example: Copy file line by line

```
#!/usr/bin/python
fd = open("/etc/fstab", "r")
lines = fd.readlines()
fd.close()

fd = open("/tmp/file.txt", "w")
for l in lines:
    fd.write(l)
fd.close()
```

Library Functions

fork(): Create a new process

```
pid_t fork(void);
```

Return value: Child-PID (in parent process);
0 (in child process); -1 (in case of error while trying to fork)

man fork

Example:
pid=fork()

Library Functions

exit(): leave program

```
void exit(int status);
```

No return value, but exit status is returned to father process.

man 3 exit

Example:
exit(0);

Library Functions

exec(): Load different program in process

```
int execl(const char *path, const char *arg, ...);
int execlp(const char *file, const char *arg, ...);
int execln(const char *path, const char *arg, ..., char * const envp[]);
int execv(const char *path, char *const argv[]);
int execvp(const char *file, char *const argv[]);
```

Return value: none (function does not return)
Parameters arg0 (program name), arg1, ...; last argument: NULL pointer

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Examples:
execl ("/usr/bin/vi", "", "/etc/fstab", (char *) NULL);
execlp ("vi", "", "/etc/fstab", (char *) NULL);

Library Functions

Python: Launch program just like in C

Warning: terminates Python interpreter

```
import os
os.execl("/usr/bin/vi", "", "/etc/fstab")
```

Library Functions

Python: fork() and wait() as in C programs

fork() starts 2nd Python process und executes the same Python script in it

```
#!/usr/bin/python
import os
import time
pid=os.fork()
if pid==0:
    time.sleep(5)
    print ">> I'm the child."
else:
    print "I'm the father. My child has PID ",pid
    print "Now I wait for the child..."
    os.wait()
    print "It finished."
```

Library Functions

Python: launch program and continue with Python script afterwards

```
import os
os.system("vi /etc/fstab")
```

process program output (pipe)

```
output=os.popen("cat /etc/fstab").read()
print output
```