



제10장 신호(Signal)



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10.1 Signal Concepts



Signals

- Signals are software interrupts from unexpected events
 - a floating-point error
 - a power failure
 - an alarm clock
 - the death of a child process
 - a termination request from a user (Ctrl-C)
 - a suspend request from a user (Ctrl-Z)





Predefined signals

- 31 signals
 - `/usr/include/signal.h`
- Every signal has a name
 - begin with 'SIG'
 - `SIGABRT`: abort signal from `abort()`
 - `SIGALRM`: alarm signal from `alarm()`
- Actions of the default signal handler
 - **terminate** the process and generate a core(dump)
 - **ignores** and discards the signal(ignore)
 - **suspends** the process (suspend)
 - **resume** the process



Signal Generation

- Terminal-generated signals
 - CTRL-C → SIGINT
 - CTRL-Z → SIGSTP signal
- Hardware exceptions generate signals
 - divide by 0 → SIGFPE
 - invalid memory reference → SIGSEGV
- `kill()`
 - sends any signal to a process or process group
 - need to be owner or superuser
- Software conditions
 - SIGALRM: alarm clock expires
 - SIGPIPE: broken pipe
 - SIGURG: out-of-band network data



Unix Signals

- SIGABRT
 - generated by calling the abort function.
- SIGALRM
 - generated when a timer set with the alarm expires.
- SIGCHLD
 - Whenever a process terminates or stops, the signal is sent to the parent.
- SIGCONT
 - This signal(job-control) sent to a stopped process when it is continued.
- SIGFPE
 - signals an arithmetic exception, such as divide-by-0, floating point overflow, and so on
- SIGHUP
 - disconnect detected, session leader terminates



Unix Signals

- SIGILL
 - when the process has executed an illegal hardware instruction
- SIGINT
 - generated by the terminal driver when we type the interrupt key and sent to all processes in the foreground process group
- SIGIO
 - indicates an asynchronous I/O event
- SIGKILL
 - can't be caught or ignored. a sure way to kill any process.
- SIGPIPE
 - If we write to a pipeline but the reader has terminated, SIGPIPE is generated



Unix Signals

- SIGSEGV
 - indicates that the process has made an invalid memory reference
- SIGSTOP
 - This signal(job-control) stops a process and can't be caught or ignored
- SIGSYS
 - signals an invalid system call
- SIGTERM
 - the termination signal sent by the kill(1) command by default.
- SIGTSTP
 - Cntl-Z from the terminal driver which is sent to all processes in the foreground process group.



Unix Signals

- SIGTTIN
 - generated by the terminal driver when a background process tries to read from its controlling terminal
- SIGTTOU
 - generated by the terminal driver when a background process tries to write to its controlling terminal
- SIGPWR
 - related to power failure. (read the book for the detail)
- SIGQUIT
 - generated by the terminal driver when we type quit key and sent to all foreground processes
- SIGUSR1, SIGUSR2
 - user-defined signals for use in application programs



Handling of signals

- Action

- Process has to tell the kernel
“if and when this signal occurs, do the following.”

- 3 kinds of actions

- Ignore the signal
 - all signals can be ignored, except SIGKILL and SIGSTOP
- Catch the signal
 - Call a function of ours when a signal occurs.
- The default action
 - most are to terminate process



10.2 System call signal()



signal()

- **Signal handler 등록**
 - 하나의 signal에 대한 handler 함수를 등록한다.
- `signal(int signo, void (*func)())`
 - **specify the action for a signal**
 - *signo* → *func*
 - *func*
 - SIG_IGN
 - SIG_DFL
 - user-defined function
 - **return**
 - the previous signal handler function



Example: sigusr.c

```
#include <signal.h> /* sigusr.c */

static void sig_usr(int signo) /* argument is signal number */
{
    if (signo == SIGUSR1)
        printf("received SIGUSR1 \n");
    else if (signo == SIGUSR2)
        printf("received SIGUSR2 \n");
    else
        perror("received signal %d\n", signo);
    return;
}

int main(void) {
    if (signal(SIGUSR1, sig_usr) == SIG_ERR)
        perror("can't catch SIGUSR1");
    if (signal(SIGUSR2, sig_usr) == SIG_ERR)
        perror("can't catch SIGUSR2");

    for (;;)
        pause( );
}
```



sigusr.c: Results

\$ a.out &

[1] 4720

\$ kill -USR1 4720

received SIGUSR1

\$ kill -USR2 4720

received SIGUSR2

\$ kill 4720

[1] + Terminated a.out &

start process in background

job number & process ID

send SIGUSR1

send SIGUSR2

send SIGTERM



Program Startup

- When a process is forked,
 - the child inherits the parent's signal actions.
- When a program is `execed`
 - the action of all signals
→ default action or ignore



Signal handling: Background process

- Background process
 - Shell sets the action of interrupt and quit signals in background to be ignored
- Catches the signals in foreground process

```
int sig_int(), sig_quit();  
  
if (signal(SIGINT, SIG_IGN) != SIG_IGN)  
    signal(SIGINT, sig_int);  
if (signal(SIGQUIT, SIG_IGN) != SIG_IGN)  
    signal(SIGQUIT, sig_quit);
```



10.3 SIGCHLD



SIGCHLD

- SIGCHLD
 - Whenever a process terminates or stops, the signal is sent to the parent.



Example: Time Limit

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <signal.h>
int delay;
childHandler( );

int main(int argc; char *argv[ ];)
{
    int pid;
    signal(SIGCHLD,childHandler);
    pid = fork();
    if (pid == 0) {
        execvp(argv[2], &argv[2]);
        perror("Limit");
    } else {
        sscanf(argv[1], "%d", &delay);
        sleep(delay);
        printf("Child %d exceeded limit and is being killed\n, pid);
        kill(pid, SIGINT); }
}
```



Example: Time Limit

```
childHandler( ) /* Executed if the child dies before the parent */  
{  
    int childPid, childStatus;  
    childPid = wait(&childStatus);  
    printf("Child %d terminated within %d seconds\n", childPid,  
    delay);  
    exit(0);  
}
```

■ Usage

%limit 5 ls

%limit 4 sleep 100



10.4 kill()/raise()



kill() / raise()

```
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <signal.h>
```

```
int kill(pid_t pid, int signo);
int raise(int signo);
```

Both return: 0 if OK, 1 on error

- kill
 - sends a signal to a process or a group of process
- raise
 - allows a process to send a signal to itself



kill()

- $pid > 0$:
 - signal to the process whose process ID is pid
- $pid == 0$:
 - signal to the processes whose process group ID equals that of sender
- $pid < 0$:
 - signal to the processes whose **process group ID** equals abs. of pid
- $pid == -1$:
 - POSIX.1 leaves this condition unspecified (used as a broadcast signal in SVR4, 4.3+BSD)



kill()

- **Permission to send signals**
 - The superuser can send a signal to any process
 - The user ID of the sender == the user ID of the receiver
 - SIGCONT can be sent to any member process of the same session
- **NULL signal**
 - signo == 0
 - Sent with kill for error checking
 - e.g. to check if a process exists
 - **If the process doesn't exist,**
 - kill returns -1



10.5 alarm()



alarm()

```
#include <unistd.h>
```

```
unsigned int alarm (unsigned int seconds);
```

```
Returns: 0 or number of seconds until previously set alarm
```

- **alarm()** sets a timer to expire at a specified time
 - when timer expires, **SIGALRM** signal is generated,
 - default action of the signal is to terminate the process.
- **only one alarm clock per process**
 - previously registered alarm clock is replaced by the new value
 - return # of sec. left for the previous alarm
- **alarm(0)**
 - a previous unexpired alarm is cancelled



pause()

```
#include <unistd.h>
```

```
int pause (void);
```

Returns: -1 with errno set to EINTR

- suspends the calling process until a signal is caught.
- returns only if a signal handler is executed and that handler returns.



alarm: timeout on blocking operation

- Timeout

- A read operation on a "slow" device can block for a long time
- An upper time limit can be imposed using the alarm function and SIGALRM



Timeout

```
#include <signal.h> /* read1.c */

static void
sig_alm(int signo) {
    return; /* nothing to do, just return to interrupt the read */
}

int main(void) {
    int n;
    char line[MAXLINE];

    if (signal(SIGALRM, sig_alm) == SIG_ERR)
        perror("signal(SIGALRM) error");
    alarm(10);
    if ( (n = read(STDIN_FILENO, line, MAXLINE)) < 0)
        perror("read error");
    alarm(0);

    write(STDOUT_FILENO, line, n);
    exit(0);
}
```



10.6 abort()/sleep()



abort()

```
#include <stdlib.h>
```

```
void abort(void);
```

This function never returns

- **abnormal program termination**
 - This function sends the SIGABRT signal to the process
 - SIGABRT signal handler to perform any cleanup that it wants to do, before the process terminated



sleep()

```
#include <signal.h>
```

```
unsigned int sleep(unsigned int seconds) ;  
Returns: 0 or number of unslept seconds
```

- **causes the calling process to be suspended** until either
 - The amount of wall clock time has elapsed (returns 0)
 - A signal is caught by the process and the signal handler returns
(returns the number of unslept seconds)



Using alarm/pause to implement sleep

```
#include <signal.h> /* sleep1.c */
#include <unistd.h>

static void sig_alm(int signo) {
    return; /* nothing to do, just return to wake up the pause */
}

unsigned int sleep1(unsigned int nsecs) {
    if (signal(SIGALRM, sig_alm) == SIG_ERR)
        return nsecs;
    alarm(nsecs); /* start the timer */
    pause();      /* next caught signal wakes us up */
    return alarm(0); /* turn off timer, return unslept time */
}
```



sleep1.c: Implementation Problems

- If the caller of `sleep1()` already has an alarm set, the alarm is erased by the first call to `alarm`.
- **Modify the action for `SIGALRM`**
 - Save the action and restore it when we're done
- **Race condition:** between `alarm` & `pause`
 - the alarm goes off before the `pause()`
 - the signal handler may be called before `pause`
 - the called is suspended forever at `pause()`



sleep2.c

```
#include <setjmp.h> /* sleep2.c */
#include <signal.h>
#include <unistd.h>
static jmp_buf env_alm;

static void sig_alm(int signo) {
    longjmp(env_alm, 1);
}

unsigned int sleep2(unsigned int nsecs) {
    if (signal(SIGALRM, sig_alm) == SIG_ERR)
        return nsecs;
    if (setjmp(env_alm) == 0) {
        alarm(nsecs); /* start the timer */
        pause(); /* next caught signal wakes us up */
    }
    return alarm(0); /* turn off timer, return unslept time */
}
```



10.7 Job Control Signals



Job-Control Signals

SIGCHLD :	Child process has stopped or terminated
SIGCONT :	Continue process, if stopped
SIGSTOP :	Stop signal (can't be caught or ignored)
SIGTSTP :	Interactive stop signal
SIGTTIN :	Read from control terminal by background processes
SIGTTOU :	Write to control terminal by background processes

- A program that manages the terminal needs to handle job-control signals
- When type Control-Z (suspend Character), SIGTSTP sent to all foreground processes.



Example: Suspending and Resume

```
#include <signal.h>
#include <stdio.h>
main() {
    int pid1, pid2;
    pid1 = fork();
    if (pid1 == 0) {
        while(1) {
            printf("pid1 is alive\n");
            sleep(1);
        }
    }
    pid2 = fork();
    if (pid2 == 0) {
        while (1) {
            printf("pid2 is alive\n");
            sleep(1); }
    }
    sleep(3);
    sleep(3);
    sleep(3);
    kill(pid2, SIGINT);
    kill(pid1, SIGSTOP);
    kill(pid1, SIGCONT);
    kill(pid1, SIGINT);
}
```