

**Question 1:** How many lines are printed when you run the program to the right?

**Question 2:** Now, suppose you uncomment the commented line. Then which of the following is true? Just type in the letter.

- **A:** `wait()` is called too few times. There will be zombies.
- **B:** `wait()` is called too few times. There will be orphans.
- **C:** `wait()` is called too few times, but the program will return.
- **D:** `wait()` is called the correct number of times. All is good.
- **E:** `wait()` is called too many times, and the program will never return.
- **F:** `wait()` is called too many times, and there will be a segmentation violation.
- **G:** `wait()` is called too many times. Some processes will return. Some won't.
- **H:** `wait()` is called too many times, but the program will return.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <sys/wait.h>

int main()
{
    int i, status;

    for (i = 0; i < 3; i++) fork();
    // for (i = 0; i < 3; i++) wait(&status);
    printf("Process %d exiting.\n", getpid());
    return 0;
}
```

Questions 3-5 refer to the code on the right, and use the following answer keys.  
You will answer *two* of these per question:

- **A:** The parent will become a zombie.
- **B:** The parent will become an orphan.
- **C:** The parent will become neither an orphan nor a zombie.
- **D:** It is undetermined what happens to the parent.
  
- **E:** The child will become a zombie.
- **F:** The child will become an orphan.
- **G:** The child will become neither an orphan nor a zombie.
- **H:** It is undetermined what happens to the child.

**Question 3:** In the shell, I call: `./a.out 5 10`

**Question 4:** In the shell, I call: `./a.out 10 5`

**Question 5:** In the shell, I call: `./a.out 5 5`

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

int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    int t;

    t = (fork() == 0) ? atoi(argv[1]) : atoi(argv[2]) ;
    sleep(t);
    return 0;
}
```

### Question 1

This example is similar to the example in the `fork()` lecture notes. It's a fork bomb. Let's count the processes from the top of the `for` loop:

- $i = 0$ : There is just the parent, which calls `fork()` once. So, two processes reach the bottom of the `for` loop with  $i = 0$ .
- $i = 1$ : Two processes start with  $i = 1$  and they both call `fork()`. So, four processes reach the bottom of the `for` loop with  $i = 1$ .
- $i = 2$ : Four processes start with  $i = 2$  and they both call `fork()`. So, four processes reach the bottom of the `for` loop with  $i = 2$ .
- $i = 3$ : Eight processes start with  $i = 3$  and they both call `fork()`. So, eight processes reach the bottom of the `for` loop with  $i = 3$ .

At that point, each of the eight processes will exit the `for` loop and print their lines. So eight lines will be printed:

```
UNIX> gcc src/clicker1.c
UNIX> ./a.out | wc
      8      24     184
UNIX>
```

### Question 2

It should be clear that `wait()` is called too many times. All of those processes that were created when  $i=3$  don't call `fork()`, so they have no children. The ones that were created when  $i=2$  called `fork()` once, so they only have one child each, not three. Etc.

On the flip side, if you call `wait()` with no children, then `wait()` simply returns. So the answer is:

**H:** `wait()` is called too many times, but the program will return.

```
UNIX> gcc src/clicker2.c
UNIX> ./a.out
Process 83010 exiting.
Process 83012 exiting.
Process 83013 exiting.
Process 83009 exiting.
Process 83014 exiting.
Process 83011 exiting.
Process 83008 exiting.
Process 83007 exiting.
UNIX>
```

### Questions 3-5

So, the parent sleeps for `atoi(argv[2])` seconds before exiting, and the child sleeps for `atoi(argv[1])` seconds before exiting.

**Question 3:** The child dies first. So the parent is alive and not waiting. That means that the child is a zombie. The parent is neither a zombie nor an orphan. The answers are *C* and *E*.

**Question 4:** The parent dies first. So the child is alive, but has no parent. That means that the child is an orphan. The parent is neither a zombie nor an orphan. The answers are *C* and *F*.

**Question 5:** Since they sleep for roughly the same amount of time, it's undetermined whether the child or parent dies first. So we don't know if the child becomes a zombie as in Question 3 or an orphan as in Question 4. The answers are *C* and *H*.

You'll note that in all cases the parent is neither a zombie nor an orphan. That's because the shell is waiting for it!