

Question 1: Behold the following program:

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

int main()
{
    FILE *f;
    int i, j;

    f = fopen("f4.txt", "r");
    fscanf(f, "%d", &i);

    if (fork() != 0) sleep(1);
    fscanf(f, "%d", &j);
    printf("%d %d\n", i, j);
    return 0;
}
```

Suppose **f4.txt** has one line, which is "1 2 3 4". What four numbers are printed when we run the program? Enter them as four numbers separated by spaces.

Question 2: Behold the following program:

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

int main()
{
    int i;
    int fd, fd2;
    int status;

    fd = open ("f1.txt", O_WRONLY | O_CREAT | O_TRUNC, 0666);

    for (i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
        if (fork() == 0) {
            fd2 = open ("f2.txt", O_WRONLY | O_CREAT | O_TRUNC, 0666);
            write(fd2, "Binky\n", 6);
            i = 10;
        }
    }

    write(fd, "Fred\n", 5);

    close(fd);
    close(fd2);
    return 0;
}
```

After I run this program, how many lines are in **f1.txt** and **f2.txt** combined?

Answers to today's clicker questions

Question 1

The stdio library does buffering on input and output. With input, that means that when you call `fscanf(f...,` and `f` is a file, then the stdio library will do a big `read()` and store the results into a buffer. That way, the second `fscanf()` doesn't have to do a system call.

In the case of this program, the first `fscanf()` will read the entire file into a buffer and return 1. The `fork()` call then duplicates the buffer into the address space of the child. Because of that, *both* processes will read 2 in the second `fscanf()` statement. The answer is "1 2 1 2".

Question 2

In this program the parent calls `fork()` five times. The children all open `f2.txt` and write "Binky". Each child will overwrite the file, so at the end of the program, `f2.txt` contains a single line: "Binky."

The children all set `i` to 10, so they leave the `for` loop at that time.

All six processes (the parent and the five children) write "Fred" to `fd`, which, because of the `fork()` call, is shared. In particular, they all share the same `seek` pointer for the file, so each process appends "Fred" to the file.

At the end, there are six "Fred" lines in `f1.txt` and one "Binky" line in `f2.txt`. The answer is 7.

```
UNIX> gcc src/click3.c
UNIX> ./a.out
UNIX> cat -n f1.txt f2.txt
  1 Fred
  2 Fred
  3 Fred
  4 Fred
  5 Fred
  6 Fred
  1 Binky
UNIX>
```