



## Ways to kill a process

1. Ask it to terminate itself
2. Force termination

## Cascaded termination

### Using cloned memory space:

The death of a parent kills all children. Suspending a parent suspends the child.

### Using separate memory image (execvp):

Child becomes a child of init, rather than a child of its parent

## Execvp

Execute and load a program from the disk. Destroys the cloned memory space and spawns a child process.

## Background processes

Things running in the background that are no longer controlled by keystrokes in this window.

## Inter-process Communication: moving information between child and parent

- **Shared Memory**
  - Functions (part of the POSIX standard for shared memory)
  - shmget – establishes a unique identifier for a region of shared memory
  - shmat – attaches a particular shared memory region to a process so it can work with it
  - shmdt – detaches a memory region from a process
  - shmctl – allows for deleting, misc control of shared memory
- **Pipes**