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• Ask me if something is not clear in the questions.

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• Mysterious or unsupported answers will not receive full credit. A correct answer, unsupported by explanation will receive no credit; an incorrect answer supported by substantially correct explanations might still receive partial credit.

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1. Basic page tables.

(a) (5 points) Illustrate organization of the x86, 4K, 32bit 2-level page tables through an simple example. Assume that the hardware translates the virtual address '0xc04005' (binary 0b1100 0000 0100 0000 0000 0101) into the physical address '0x55005'. The physical addresses of the page table directory and the page table (Level 2) involved in the translation of this virtual address are 0x8000 and 0x2000. Draw a diagram, provide a short explanation.
2. Xv6 shell implements a pipe command (e.g., `ls — wc`) as follows:

```c
8650  case PIPE:
8651  pcmd = (struct pipecmd*)cmd;
8652  if(pipe(p) < 0)
8653       panic("pipe");
8654  if(fork1() == 0){
8655       close(1);
8656       dup(p[1]);
8657       close(p[0]);
8658       close(p[1]);
8659       runcmd(pcmd>left);
8660    }
8661  if(fork1() == 0){
8662       close(0);
8663       dup(p[0]);
8664       close(p[0]);
8665       close(p[1]);
8666       runcmd(pcmd>right);
8667    }
8668  close(p[0]);
8669  close(p[1]);
8670  wait();
8671  wait();
8672  break;
```

(a) (5 points) Why does the child process that runs the left-side of the pipe close file descriptor 1 and why does the child process that runs the right-side of the pipe close file descriptor 0?

(b) (5 points) It looks that in the sh.c code above after the first fork() (at line 8654) both parent and child will reach the second fork() (line 8661) creating two child processes. Both child processes will start reading from the pipe and will try to execute the right side of the pipe. This seems wrong. Can you explain what is happening?
3. OS isolation and protection

(a) (5 points) In xv6 user processes cannot access kernel memory. Explain why.

(b) (5 points) Imagine you have hardware that is identical to x86, but does not have a user bit in the page tables. What changes need to be made to xv6 to ensure isolation of the kernel from user-processes?
4. OS organization. Imagine you want to optimize xv6 to run a large number of very small processes. A realistic example can be a web server that implements a Facebook’s login page—you have to isolate each user in its own process, otherwise a single exploit from any user reveals accounts of all users going through the login page, but at the same time each process is very small (it just sends out a simple HTML page). Entire logic of such web server program can fit in 2-3K of memory.

(a) (10 points) You start by analyzing the overheads involved into creating a process. How many pages of memory are allocated when xv6 creates a smallest process? Count both user-level and kernel resources.

(b) (10 points) Suggest a set of changes to xv6 aimed at minimizing the number of pages that are required for creating very small processes, e.g., the ones that are 1K in size.