

CS 241

Section Week #3

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Topics This Section

- MP2 overview
- `printf()` / `scanf()` example
- `fork()` / `exec()` / `wait()` ➔ `system()` example

MP2

- Simple Unix shell
- Built-in commands
 - Change directory
 - Termination
 - History
- Non built-in commands
- Error handling
- Concepts: process, fork, exec, wait, system

Read the command from stdin

- Let's look at 1.c

Running Non Built-in Commands

- Requires a new process to run the binary
 - `fork()` creates a new process
 - `exec()` runs executable
 - `wait ()` makes the parent wait for the child to finish
- Instead of `fork + exec + wait`, we use `system()`