

Review: Processes

- **A *process* is an instance of a running program**
 - A *thread* is an execution context
 - Process can have one or more threads
 - Threads share address space (code, data, heap), open files
 - Threads have their own stack and register state
- **UNIX Process APIs:**
 - `fork()` - Creates an exact copy of a process
 - `waitpid()` - Waits for a child process to exit
 - `exit()` - Exit the current process
 - `kill()` - Kill a process
 - `execve()` Loads a program on top of the current process

- **POSIX Thread APIs:**

- `pthread_create()` - Creates a new thread
- `pthread_exit()` - Destroys current thread
- `pthread_join()` - Waits for thread to exit

OS/161 Naming Conventions

- `fork()`, `waitpid()`, `exit()` **in assignment 2a**
- `execv()` **in assignment 2b**
- `thread_fork()` **creates a kernel thread**
 - Five parameters: thread name, process, function pointer, two arguments
- **Code deep dive**