MiniShell

Deadline: October 31st, 2014. **For this assignment you may work in pairs.**

1 Instructions

You must implement a program `minish` which can be used as a Unix shell.

`minish` must support at least simple commands with zero or more arguments, and commands separated by semicolons. Extra whitespace must be condensed. For example `echo hello ; echo world` must behave the same as `echo hello;echo world`. The shell must also support the built-in commands `exit` and `cd`; both with either zero or one argument.

You must then choose a selection of features in the following set to achieve a passing grade and beyond, see Grading below:

- Command pipelines, eg. `ls | grep foo`
- Simple redirections at the end of simple commands, eg. `tr a-z A-Z <fin >fout`
- File globbing: support for expanding `*`, `?` etc. in a command line into a list of files/directories using `glob(3)`.
- Setting or unsetting environment variables with `setenv` and `unsetenv`. (Note: you need not implement variable expansion. If you do, it must be unsurprising.)
- Simple quoting: `"foo bar"` is passed as a single argument. Must support simple `\` escapes: `"foo\"bar"` counts as one argument with 7 characters (`foo"bar`). If globbing is supported, quoting must disable globbing, ie. `"*"` is not expanded and passed as a single character.
- Command groups enclosed in `{...}` (same shell) or `(...)` (sub-shell).
- Job control: `command &` detaches; Ctrl+Z suspends, `jobs` lists the currently managed jobs; `fg`/`bg` resumes a job in the foreground or background.
- Any extra feature you deem particularly useful.

Constraints:

- You must only depend on standard C functions (either from ISO C 1999/2011 or POSIX).
- You must not use `system` or any other mechanism that invokes an existing shell to execute the command lines.

2 Example commands

```
$ echo hello; touch /tmp/hello.txt
hello
$ ls /tmp | grep .txt
hello.txt
$ ls /dev >/tmp/hello.txt
$ tr d @ </tmp/hello.txt | grep st@
st@err
st@in
st@out

# Example globbing:
$ ls /dev/std* /tmp/*.c

# Example quoting:
$ echo "hello;\n world"
hello;n world

# Example environment variables:
$ setenv MY hello
$ bash -c "echo $MY"
hello

# Example command groups:
$ ( echo hello; echo world ) >hello.txt
$ tr \n . <hello.txt
hello.world

$ setenv I hello; { setenv I world }; bash -c "echo $I"
world
$ setenv I hello; ( setenv I world ); bash -c "echo $I"
hello
```

3 Grading

- 3 points if your shell properly handles simple commands separated by semicolons, and if the built-ins `exit` and `cd` are properly implemented.
- +2 points if command pipelines are properly supported.
- +1 point if simple redirections are properly supported.
- +1 point if `setenv/unsetenv` are properly supported.
- +1 point if simple quoting is properly supported.
- +2 points if file globbing is properly supported.
- +2 points if command groups are properly supported.
- +4 points if job control is properly implemented.
- +2 point if any additional feature is implemented and duly documented in an enclosed `README` file, and your examinator agrees it is indeed useful.

Tips: the maximum grade is 10; there are multiple ways to get there. As usual, go for correctness before completeness. Test a lot. Use version control. Consider pair programming.

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