$CREPRC
Create Process

Creates a subprocess or detached process on behalf of the calling process.

Format

SYS$CREPRC [pidadr], [image], [input], [output], [error], [prvadr], [quota], [prcnam], [baspri], [uic], [mbxunt], [stsfig]

Arguments

pidadr
OpenVMS usage: process_id
type: longword (unsigned)
access: write only
mechanism: by reference

Process identification (PID) of the newly created process. The pidadr argument is the address of a longword into which $CREPRC writes the PID.

image
OpenVMS usage: logical_name
type: character-coded text string
access: read only
mechanism: by descriptor–fixed length string descriptor

Name of the image to be activated in the newly created process. The image argument is the address of a character string descriptor pointing to the file specification of the image.

The image name can have a maximum of 63 characters. If the image name contains a logical name, the equivalence name must be in a logical name table that the created process can access.

To create a process that will run under the control of a command language interpreter (CLI), specify SYS$SYSTEM:LOGINOUT.EXE as the image name.

input
OpenVMS usage: logical_name
type: character-coded text string
access: read only
mechanism: by descriptor–fixed length string descriptor

Equivalence name to be associated with the logical name SYS$INPUT in the logical name table of the created process. The input argument is the address of a character string descriptor pointing to the equivalence name string.

output
OpenVMS usage: logical_name
type: character-coded text string
access: read only
mechanism: by descriptor–fixed length string descriptor

Equivalence name to be associated with the logical name SYS$OUTPUT in the logical name table of the created process. The output argument is the address of a character string descriptor pointing to the equivalence name string.
**error**

OpenVMS usage: logical_name
type: character-coded text string
access: read only
mechanism: by descriptor–fixed length string descriptor

Equivalence name to be associated with the logical name SYS$ERROR in the logical name table of the created process. The **error** argument is the address of a character string descriptor pointing to the equivalence name string.

Note that the **error** argument is ignored if the **image** argument specifies SYS$SYSTEM:LOGINOUT.EXE; in this case, SYS$ERROR points to SYS$OUTPUT.

**prvadr**

OpenVMS usage: mask_privileges
type: quadword (unsigned)
access: read only
mechanism: by reference

Privileges to be given to the created process. The **prvadr** argument is the address of a quadword bit vector wherein each bit corresponds to a privilege; setting a bit gives the privilege. If the **prvadr** argument is not specified, the current privileges are used.

Each bit has a symbolic name; the **$PRVDEF** macro defines these names. You form the bit vector by specifying the symbolic name of each desired privilege in a logical OR operation. Table SYS1–2 gives the symbolic name and description of each privilege.

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<td>Create processes for which no accounting is done</td>
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<td>ALLSPOOL</td>
<td>PRV$V_ALLSPOOL</td>
<td>Allocate a spooled device</td>
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<td>ALTPRI</td>
<td>PRV$V_ALTPRI</td>
<td>Set (alter) any process priority</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>+AUDIT</td>
<td>PRV$V_AUDIT</td>
<td>Generate audit records</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BUGCHK</td>
<td>PRV$V_BUGCHK</td>
<td>Make bugcheck error log entries</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BYPASS</td>
<td>PRV$V_BYPASS</td>
<td>Bypass UIC-based protection</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CMEXEC</td>
<td>PRV$V_CMEXEC</td>
<td>Change mode to executive</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CMKRNLS</td>
<td>PRV$V_CMKRNLS</td>
<td>Change mode to kernel</td>
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<tr>
<td>DETACH</td>
<td>PRV$V_DETACH</td>
<td>Create detached processes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DIAGNOSE</td>
<td>PRV$V_DIAGNOSE</td>
<td>Can diagnose devices</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>+DOWNGRADE</td>
<td>PRV$V_DOWNGRADE</td>
<td>Can downgrade classification</td>
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<tr>
<td>EXQUOTA</td>
<td>PRV$V_EXQUOTA</td>
<td>Can exceed quotas</td>
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<tr>
<td>GROUP</td>
<td>PRV$V_GROUP</td>
<td>Group process control</td>
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<tr>
<td>GRPNAM</td>
<td>PRV$V_GRPNAM</td>
<td>Place name in group logical name table</td>
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<td>Group access via system protection field</td>
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<td>†IMPORT</td>
<td>PRV$V_IMPORT</td>
<td>Mount a nonlabeled tape volume</td>
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<tr>
<td>LOG_IO</td>
<td>PRV$V_LOG_IO</td>
<td>Perform logical I/O operations</td>
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<tr>
<td>MOUNT</td>
<td>PRV$V_MOUNT</td>
<td>Issue mount volume QIO</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NETMBX</td>
<td>PRV$V_NETMBX</td>
<td>Create a network device</td>
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<tr>
<td>OPER</td>
<td>PRV$V_OPER</td>
<td>All operator privileges</td>
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<tr>
<td>PFNMAP</td>
<td>PRV$V_PFNMAP</td>
<td>Map to section by physical page frame number</td>
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<tr>
<td>PHY_IO</td>
<td>PRV$V_PHY_IO</td>
<td>Perform physical I/O operations</td>
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<td>PRMCEB</td>
<td>PRV$V_PRMCEB</td>
<td>Create permanent common event flag clusters</td>
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<td>PRMGBL</td>
<td>PRV$V_PRMGBL</td>
<td>Create permanent global sections</td>
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<td>PRMMBX</td>
<td>PRV$V_PRMMBX</td>
<td>Create permanent mailboxes</td>
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<tr>
<td>PSWAPM</td>
<td>PRV$V_PSWAPM</td>
<td>Change process swap mode</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>READALL</td>
<td>PRV$V_READALL</td>
<td>Possess read access to everything</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SECURITY</td>
<td>PRV$V_SECURITY</td>
<td>Can perform security functions</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SETPRV</td>
<td>PRV$V_SETPRV</td>
<td>Set any process privileges</td>
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<tr>
<td>SHARE</td>
<td>PRV$V_SHARE</td>
<td>Can assign a channel to a non-shared device</td>
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<td>SYSGBL</td>
<td>PRV$V_SYSGBL</td>
<td>Create system global sections</td>
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<td>SYSLCK</td>
<td>PRV$V_SYSLCK</td>
<td>Queue systemwide locks</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SYSNAM</td>
<td>PRV$V_SYSNAM</td>
<td>Place name in system logical name table</td>
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<tr>
<td>SYSPRV</td>
<td>PRV$V_SYSPRV</td>
<td>Access files and other resources as if you have a system UIC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TMPMBX</td>
<td>PRV$V_TMPMBX</td>
<td>Create temporary mailboxes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>†UPGRADE</td>
<td>PRV$V_UPGRADE</td>
<td>Can upgrade classification</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VOLPRO</td>
<td>PRV$V_VOLPRO</td>
<td>Override volume protection</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WORLD</td>
<td>PRV$V_WORLD</td>
<td>World process control</td>
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You need the user privilege SETPRV to grant a process any privileges other than your own. If the caller does not have this privilege, the mask is minimized with the current privileges of the creating process; any privileges the creating process does not have are not granted, but no error status code is returned.

**quota**

OpenVMS usage: `item_quota_list`
type: longword (unsigned)
access: read only
mechanism: by reference

Process quotas to be established for the created process. These quotas limit the created process’s use of system resources. The *quota* argument is the address of
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a list of quota descriptors, where each quota descriptor consists of a 1-byte quota name followed by a longword that specifies the desired value for that quota. The list of quota descriptors is terminated by the symbolic name PQL$_LISTEND.

If you do not specify the *quota* argument or specify it as 0, the operating system supplies a default value for each quota.

For example, in MACRO you can specify a quota list, as follows:

```
QLIST: .BYTE PQL$_PRCLM ; Limit number of subprocesses
      .LONG 2 ; Max = 2 subprocesses
      .BYTE PQL$_ASTLM ; Limit number of asts
      .LONG 6 ; Max = 6 outstanding asts
      .BYTE PQL$_LISTEND ; End of quota list
```

The $PQLDEF macro defines symbolic names for quotas.

**Individual Quota Descriptions** A description of each quota follows. The description of each quota lists its minimum value (a SYSGEN parameter), its default value (a SYSGEN parameter), and whether it is deductible, nondeductible, or pooled. These terms have the following meaning:

- **Minimum value**
  - You cannot create a process if it does not have a quota equal to or greater than this minimum. You obtain the minimum value for a quota by running SYSGEN to display the corresponding SYSGEN parameter.

- **Default value**
  - If the quota list does not specify a value for a particular quota, the system assigns the process this default value. You obtain the default value by running SYSGEN to display the corresponding SYSGEN parameter.

- **Deductible quota**
  - When you create a subprocess, the value for a deductible quota is subtracted from the creating process's current quota and is returned to the creating process when the subprocess is deleted. There is currently only one deductible quota, the CPU time limit. Note that quotas are never deducted from the creating process when a detached process is created.

- **Nondeductible quota**
  - Nondeductible quotas are established and maintained separately for each process and subprocess.

- **Pooled quota**
  - Pooled quotas are established when a detached process is created, and they are shared by that process and all its descendent subprocesses. Charges against pooled quota values are subtracted from the current available totals as they are used and are added back to the total when they are not being used.

To run SYSGEN to determine the minimum and default values of a quota, enter the following sequence of commands:

```
$ RUN SYS$SYSTEM:SYSGEN
SYSGEN> SHOW/PQL
```

Minimum values are named PQL_Mxxxxx, where xxxxx are the last five characters of the quota name.

Default values are named PQL_Dxxxxx, where xxxxx are the last five characters of the quota name.
Individual Quotas

**PQLS\_ASTLM**
AST limit. This quota restricts both the number of outstanding AST routines specified in system service calls that accept an AST address and the number of scheduled wakeup requests that can be issued.

- Minimum: PQL\_MASTLM
- Default: PQL\_DASTLM
- Nondeductible

**PQLS\_BIOLM**
Buffered I/O limit. This quota limits the number of outstanding system-buffered I/O operations. A buffered I/O operation is one that uses an intermediate buffer from the system pool rather than a buffer specified in a process's $QIO request.

- Minimum: PQL\_MBIOLM
- Default: PQL\_DBIOLM
- Nondeductible

**PQLS\_BYTLM**
Buffered I/O byte count quota. This quota limits the amount of system space that can be used to buffer I/O operations or to create temporary mailboxes.

- Minimum: PQL\_MBYTM
- Default: PQL\_DBYTLM
- Pooled

**PQLS\_CPULM**
CPU time limit, specified in units of 10 milliseconds. This quota limits the total amount of CPU time that a created process can use. When it has exhausted its CPU time limit quota, the created process is deleted and the status code SS\_EXCPUTIM is returned.

If you do not specify this quota and the created process is a detached process, the detached process receives a default value of 0, that is, unlimited CPU time.

If you do not specify this quota and the created process is a subprocess, the subprocess receives half the CPU time limit quota of the creating process.

If you specify this quota as 0, the created process has unlimited CPU time, provided the creating process also has unlimited CPU time. If, however, the creating process does not have unlimited CPU time, the created process receives half the CPU time limit quota of the creating process.

The CPU time limit quota is a consumable quota; that is, the amount of CPU time used by the created process is not returned to the creating process when the created process is deleted.

- Minimum: PQL\_MCPULM
- Default: PQL\_DCPULM
- Deductible

**PQLS\_DIOLM**
Direct I/O quota. This quota limits the number of outstanding direct I/O operations. A direct I/O operation is one for which the system locks the pages containing the associated I/O buffer in memory for the duration of the I/O operation.
Minimum: PQL_MDIOLM
Default: PQL_DDIOLM
Nondeductible

PQL$_ENQLM
Lock request quota. This quota limits the number of lock requests that a process can queue.

Minimum: PQL_MENQLM
Default: PQL_DENQLM
Pooled

PQL$_FILLM
Open file quota. This quota limits the number of files that a process can have open at one time.

Minimum: PQL_MFILLM
Default: PQL_DFILLM
Pooled

PQL$_JTOQUOTA
Job table quota. This quota limits the number of bytes of system paged pool used for the job logical name table. If the process being created is a subprocess, this item is ignored.

Minimum: PQL_MJTOQUOTA
Default: PQL_DJTOQUOTA
Deductible

PQL$_PGFLQUOTA
Paging file quota. This quota limits the number of pages (on VAX systems) or pagelets (adjusted up or down to represent CPU-specific pages on AXP systems) that can be used to provide secondary storage in the paging file for the execution of a process.

Minimum: PQL_MPFLQUOTA
Default: PQL_DPFLQUOTA
Pooled

PQL$_PRQLM
Subprocess quota. This quota limits the number of subprocesses a process can create.

Minimum: PQL_MPRQLM
Default: PQL_DPRQLM
Pooled

PQL$_TQELM
Timer queue entry quota. This quota limits both the number of timer queue requests a process can have outstanding and the creation of temporary common event flag clusters.

Minimum: PQL_MTQELM
Default: PQL_DTQELM
Pooled
**PQLS_WSDEFAULT**
Default working set size. This quota defines the number of pages (on VAX systems) or pagelets (adjusted up or down to represent CPU-specific pages on AXP systems) in the default working set for any image the process executes. The working set size quota determines the maximum size you can specify for this quota.

Minimum: PQL_MWSDEFAULT  
Default: PQL_DWSDEFAULT  
Nondeductible

**PQLS_WSEXTENT**
Working set expansion quota. This quota limits the maximum size to which an image can expand its working set size with the Adjust Working Set Limit ($ADJWSL) system service.

Minimum: PQL_MWSEXTENT  
Default: PQL_DWSEXTENT  
Nondeductible

**PQLS_WSQUOTA**
Working set size quota. This quota limits the maximum size to which an image can lock pages in its working set with the Lock Pages in Memory ($LCKPAG) system service.

Minimum: PQL_MWSQUOTA  
Default: PQL_DWSQUOTA  
Nondeductible

**Use of the Quota List** The values specified in the quota list are not necessarily the quotas that are actually assigned to the created process. The $CREPRC service performs the following steps to determine the quota values that are assigned:

1. It constructs a default quota list for the process being created, assigning it the default values for all quotas. Default values are SYSGEN parameters and so might vary from system to system.

2. It reads the specified quota list, if any, and updates the corresponding items in the default list. If the quota list contains multiple entries for a quota, only the last specification is used.

3. For each item in the updated quota list, it compares the quota value with the minimum value required (also a SYSGEN parameter) and uses the larger value. Then, the following occurs:
   - If a subprocess is being created or if a detached process is being created and the creating process does not have DETACH privilege, the resulting value is compared with the current value of the corresponding quota of the creating process and the lesser value is used.

Then, if the quota is a deductible quota, that value is deducted from the creating process's quota, and a check is performed to ensure that the creating process will still have at least the minimum quota required. If not, the condition value SS$-_EXQUOTA is returned and the subprocess or detached process is not created.

Pooled quota values are ignored.
• If a detached process is being created and the creating process has DETACH privilege, the resulting value is not compared with the current value of the corresponding quota of the creating process and the resulting value is not deducted from the creating process’s quota. The $CREPRC service does not check that a specified quota value exceeds the maximum allowed by the system.

prcnam
OpenVMS usage: process_name
type: character-coded text string
access: read only
mechanism: by descriptor–fixed length string descriptor

Process name to be assigned to the created process. The prcnam argument is the address of a character string descriptor pointing to a 1- to 15-character process name string.

If a subprocess is being created, the process name is implicitly qualified by the UIC group number of the creating process. If a detached process is being created, the process name is qualified by the group number specified in the uic argument.

baspri
OpenVMS usage: longword_unsigned
type: longword (unsigned)
access: read only
mechanism: by value

Base priority to be assigned to the created process. The baspri argument is a longword value in the range 0 to 31, where 31 is the highest priority and 0 is the lowest. Usual priorities are in the range 0 to 15, and real-time priorities are in the range 16 to 31.

If the baspri argument is not specified, the priority defaults to 2 for VAX MACRO and VAX BLISS–32 and to 0 for all other languages. If you want a subprocess to have a higher priority than its creating process, you must have ALTPRI privilege to raise the priority level. If the caller does not have this privilege, the specified base priority is compared with the caller’s priority and the lower of the two values is used.

uic
OpenVMS usage: uic
type: longword (unsigned)
access: read only
mechanism: by value

User identification code (UIC) to be assigned to the created process. The uic argument is a longword value containing the UIC.

If you do not specify the uic argument or specify it as 0 (the default), $CREPRC creates a process and assigns it the UIC of the creating process.

If you specify a nonzero value for the uic argument, $CREPRC creates a detached process. This value is interpreted as a 32-bit octal number, with two 16-bit fields:

- bits 0–15—member number
- bits 16–31—group number

You need DETACH privilege to create a detached process with a UIC that is different from the UIC of the creating process.
If the image argument specifies the SYS$SYSTEM:LOGINOUT.EXE, the UIC of the created process will be the UIC of the caller of $CREPRC, and the UIC parameter is ignored.

**mbxunt**

OpenVMS usage: word unsigned
type: word (unsigned)
access: read only
mechanism: by value

Unit number of a mailbox to receive a termination message when the created process is deleted. The `mbxunt` argument is a word containing this number.

If you do not specify the `mbxunt` argument or specify it as 0 (the default), the operating system sends no termination message when it deletes the process.

The Get Device/Volume Information ($GETDVI) service must be used to obtain the unit number of the mailbox.

If you specify the `mbxunt` argument, the mailbox is used only after the created process actually terminates. At that time, the $ASSIGN service is issued for the mailbox in the context of the terminating process and an accounting message is sent to the mailbox. If the mailbox no longer exists, cannot be assigned, or is full, the error is treated as if no mailbox had been specified.

The accounting message is sent before process rundown is initiated but after the process name has been set to null. Thus, a significant interval of time can occur between the sending of the accounting message and the final deletion of the process.

To receive the accounting message, the caller must issue a read to the mailbox.

When the I/O completes, the second longword of the I/O status block, if one is specified, contains the process identification of the deleted process.

The $ACCDEFF macro defines symbolic names for offsets of fields within the accounting message. The offsets, their symbolic names, and the contents of each field are shown in the following table. Unless stated otherwise, the length of the field is 4 bytes.

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<td>ACC$W_MSGTYP</td>
<td>MSG$_DELPROC (2 bytes)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>ACC$W_L_FINALSTS</td>
<td>Not used (2 bytes)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>ACC$W_PID</td>
<td>Exit status code</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>ACC$W_PPID</td>
<td>Process identification</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12</td>
<td>ACC$W_Q_TERMTIME</td>
<td>Not used (4 bytes)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16</td>
<td>ACC$W_T_ACCOUNT</td>
<td>Current time in system format at process termination (8 bytes)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>24</td>
<td>ACC$W_T_USERNAME</td>
<td>Account name for process, blank filled (8 bytes)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>32</td>
<td>ACC$W_L_CPUTIM</td>
<td>User name, blank filled (12 bytes)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>44</td>
<td>ACC$W_L_CPUTIM</td>
<td>CPU time used by the process, in 10-millisecond units</td>
</tr>
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</table>
The length of the termination message is equated to the constant ACC$KTERMLEN.

**stsfig**

OpenVMS usage: mask_longword
type: longword (unsigned)
access: read only
mechanism: by value

Options selected for the created process. The **stsfig** argument is a longword bit vector wherein a bit corresponds to an option. Only bits 0 to 10 are used; bits 11 to 31 are reserved and must be 0.

Each option (bit) has a symbolic name, which the $PRCDEF macro defines. You construct the **stsfig** argument by performing a logical OR operation using the symbolic names of each desired option. The following table describes the symbolic name of each option.

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<td>PRC$M_BATCH</td>
<td>Create a batch process. DETACH privilege is required.</td>
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<td>PRC$M_DETACH</td>
<td>Create a detached process.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PRC$M_DISAWS</td>
<td>Disable system initiated working set adjustment.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PRC$M_HIBER</td>
<td>Force process to hibernate before it executes the image.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PRC$M_IMGDMP</td>
<td>Enable image dump facility. If an image terminates due to an unhandled condition, the image dump facility writes the contents of the address space to a file in your current default directory. The file name is the same as the name of the terminated image. The file type is .DMP.</td>
</tr>
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<td>Symbolic Name</td>
<td>Description</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>PRC$M_INTER</td>
<td>Create an interactive process. This option is meaningful only if the image argument specifies SYS$SYSTEM:LOGINOUT.EXE. The purpose of this option is to provide you with information about the process. When you specify this option, it identifies the process as one that is in communication with another user (an interactive process). For example, if you use the DCL lexical function F$MODE to make an inquiry about a process that has specified the PRC$M_INTER option, F$MODE returns the value INTERACTIVE.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PRC$M_NETWRK</td>
<td>Create a process that is a network connect object. DETACH privilege required.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PRC$M_NOACNT</td>
<td>Do not perform accounting. ACNT privilege is required.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PRC$M_NOPASSWORD</td>
<td>Do not display the Username: and Password: prompts if the process is interactive and detached and the image is SYS$SYSTEM:LOGINOUT.EXE. If you specify this option in your call to $CREPRC, the process created by the call is logged in under the user name associated with the creating process. If you do not specify this option for an interactive process, SYS$SYSTEM:LOGINOUT.EXE prompts you for the user name and password to be associated with the process. The prompts are displayed at the SYS$INPUT device.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PRC$M_NOUAF</td>
<td>Do not check authorization file if the process is detached and the image is SYS$SYSTEM:LOGINOUT.EXE. You should not specify this option if a subprocess is being created. In previous versions of the operating system, the symbolic name of this option was PRC$M_LOGIN. The symbolic name has been changed to more accurately denote the effect of setting this bit. For compatibility with existing user programs, you can still specify this bit as PRC$M_LOGIN.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PRC$M_PSWAPM</td>
<td>Inhibit process swapping. PSWAPM privilege is required.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PRC$M_SSFEXCU</td>
<td>Enable system service failure exception mode.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PRC$M_SSRWAIT</td>
<td>Disable resource wait mode.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>+PRC$M_SUBSYSTEM</td>
<td>Inherit any protected subsystem identifiers. The default is that the new process does not inherit subsystem identifiers.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>+PRC$M_TCB</td>
<td>Mark a process as part of the Trusted Computing Base (TCB). As such, it is expected to perform its own auditing. DETACH privilege is required.</td>
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Note that options PRC$M_BATCH, PRC$M_INTER, PRC$M_UAF, PRC$M_NETWRK, and PRC$M_NOPASSWORD are intended for use by Digital software.

Description

The Create Process service creates a subprocess or detached process on behalf of the calling process. The $CREPRC service requires system dynamic memory.

A detached process is a fully independent process. For example, the process that the system creates when you log in is a detached process.

A subprocess, on the other hand, is related to its creating process in a treelike structure; it receives a portion of the creating process's resource quotas and must terminate before the creating process. The uic argument or the PRC$M_DETACH flag controls whether the created process is a subprocess or a detached process.

Some error conditions are not detected until the created process executes. These conditions include an invalid or nonexistent image; invalid SYS$INPUT, SYS$OUTPUT, or SYS$ERROR logical name equivalence; inadequate quotas; or insufficient privilege to execute the requested image.

All subprocesses created by a process must terminate before the creating process can be deleted. If subprocesses exist when their creating process is deleted, they are automatically deleted.

A created process is unable to run an image that calls any run-time library procedure requiring a CLI, such as LIB$spawn, unless the process was created with the image argument specifying SYS$SYSTEM:LOGINOUT.EXE. This is because SYS$SYSTEM:LOGINOUT.EXE causes a command language interpreter to be mapped into the created process, a prerequisite for calling run-time library procedures.

A detached process is considered an interactive process only if (1) the process is created with the PRC$M_INTER option specified and (2) SYS$INPUT is not defined as a file-oriented device.

Required Privileges

The calling process must have the following:

- DETACH privilege to create any of the following types of process:
  - A detached process with a UIC that is different from the UIC of the calling process
  - A batch process
  - A network process
  - A trusted computing base process (VAX only)
- ALTPRI privilege to create a subprocess with a higher base priority than the calling process
- SETPRV privilege to create a process with privileges that the calling process does not have
- PSWAPM privilege to create a process with process swap mode disabled
- ACNT privilege to create a process with accounting functions disabled
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Required Quota
The number of subprocesses that a process can create is controlled by the subprocess (PRCLM) quota; this quota is returned when a subprocess is deleted.

The number of detached processes that a process can create with the same user name is controlled by the MAXDETACH entry in the user authorization file (UAF).

When a subprocess is created, the value of any deductible quota is subtracted from the total value the creating process has available, and when the subprocess is deleted, the unused portion of any deductible quota is added back to the total available to the creating process. Any pooled quota value is shared by the creating process and all its subprocesses.

Related Services
$SCANEXH, $DCLEXH, $DELPRL, $EXIT, $FORCEX, $GETJPI, $GETJPIW, $HIBER, $PROCESS_SCAN, $RESUME, $SETPRI, $SETPRN, $SETPRV, $SETRWM, $SUSPND, $WAKE

Condition Values Returned

SS$_ACCVIO
The caller cannot read a specified input string or string descriptor, the privilege list, or the quota list; or the caller cannot write the process identification.

SS$_DUPLNAM
The specified process name duplicates one already specified within that group.

SS$_EXPRCLM
The creation of a detached process failed because the creating process already reached its limit for the creation of detached processes. This limit is established by the MAXDETACH quota in the user authorization file (UAF) of the creating process.

SS$_EXQUOTA
At least one of the three following conditions is true:

• The process has exceeded its quota for the creation of subprocesses.

• A quota value specified for the creation of a subprocess exceeds the creating process's corresponding quota.

• The quota is deductible and the remaining quota for the creating process would be less than the minimum.

SS$_INSFMEM
The system dynamic memory is insufficient for the requested operation.

SS$_INSSWAPSPACE
The swap space is insufficient for creating the process.
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<td>No process control block is available; in other words, the maximum number of processes that can exist concurrently in the system has been reached.</td>
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