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shell prompt	

- # Super User
- \$ normal user

simple commands

date	display current date and time
cal	display current month calendar
df	displays disk usages
free	display memory usage

Navigation

cd	change the current diretcory	
ls	list the directory	
cd - : change to previous working directory cd ~username : change to home directory		
Exploring Filesystem		
file	Determine file type	
less	view file contents	

ls

- -I diplay in long format
- -h human readable
- -a list all files even those hidden,
- -d directory
- -F option will append an indictor charactor

to the end of listed names

- -r display result in reverse order
- -S sort by file Size
- -t modification time

Manipulating Files and Directories		
ср	copy the files	
mv	move the files from one folder to other	
mkdir	creates a directory	
rm	remove files and directories	



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Manipulating Files and Directories (cont)		
In	create Hard and symbolic link	
* any character ? any single character [character] any character that is a member of character [! character] any character that is not a member of character [[:class:]] any character that is a member of class		
	mmand Ontiona Lon my	
	mmand Options : cp, mv	
i	interactive	same in mv
а	copy files and directories of all attributes, ownership and permission	-
r	recursively copies directories and contents	same in mv
u	copy the files that don't exists	same in mv
V	verbose, informative message	same in mv
0		
Co	mmand Substitution	

echo \$(ls)	
ls -l \$(which cp)	new method
ls-I which cp	back tick, old method

Process

ps	reports snap shot of current process
top	diskplays task
jobs	list active jobs
bg	place a job in the background
fg	place a job in the foreground
kill	send a signal to process

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killall	kill process by name
Process co	mmands
ps aux	BSD style ouptut
fg %1	jobs
kill -1 1345	6 kill process id 13456

SIGNALS: HUP, INT, KILL, TERM, C-ONT, STOP, QUIT, SEGV, TSTP. WINCH

Find command		
cmin	match attributes/files/dir modified, n minutes	
cnewer	match file/dir whose content or attribute were last modified n*24 ago	
ctime n	match file or direct whose content or attribute were modified n*24 hrs ago	
empty	match empty files and directories	
group name	match files or direc belonging to group name	
iname	pattern like the iname test but case insensitive	
inum n	match files with inode number	
mmin n	match files or dir whose content were modified n minutes ago	
mtime n	match files or dir whose content were modified n*24 hours ago	

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Find command (cont)		
name pattern	match files and dir with specified wildcard pattern	
nouser	match files and dir that don't belong to valid user	
nogroup	match files and dir that don't belong to valid group	
perm mode	match files and directories set to specified mode	
samefile name	matches files that share the same inode number as file name	
size n	match file size of n	
type c	match file type of c	
user	match file and directories belong to user	
find %test %action %options		
find ~		
find ~ wc -l		
find ~ -type d wc -l		
b block		
c character special device		

c character special device d directory f regular file I symbolic link

Find Logical Operator

and

or

not

find ~ \(-type f -not -perm 0600 \) -or \(- type d -not -perm -700 \)

find -actions

delete

ls print



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find -actions (cont)

quite
find ~ -type f -name '*.BAR] -print find ~ -type f -and -name '*.BAR -and -print
Userdefined actions
-exec comman{}
find ~ -type f -name 'foo*' -exec ls -l '{}' +
find ~ -type f -name 'foo*' -exec ls -l '{}' ';'
Find Options - scope

depth	to process a directory files before the dir itself
maxdepth	max num of level that find will descend into a directory when performing test and action
mindepth	min num of level that find will descend into a directory when performing test and action
mount	direct find not to traverse directories that mounter on other filesystem

Tric

ITICKS	
clear	clears the screen
history	stores the history
script file	capture all command execution in a file
<pre>!!number !! : last co !?string : l !string : h</pre>	TRL + {R, P } : command history number mmand history containing last string istory containing last string STCONTROL=ignoredups

export HISTSIZE=10000

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Working With Commands

, end and end a	
type	Indicate how command name is interpreted
which	display which executable program will be executed
man	Display manual page
apropos	Display appropriate command
info	Display command Info entry
whatis	Display brief description of command
alias	create an alias for command

system commands	
dmidecode	provides valueable inisights into system hardware config- uration
lscpu	provides detailed information about cpu

man page options

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Redirection	
cat	concatenates files
sort	sort the file
uniq	report or omit repeated lines
grep	print lines matching pattern
head	prints first few lines of file
tail	prints las few lines of file
tee	reads stdin and send output to stdout and file
WC	count number of line, words, and bytes

Redirection Operator	
ls -l /usr/bin >file	default stdout to file
ls -l /usr/bin 2>file	redirects stderr to file
ls -l /usr/bin > ls- output 2>&1	redirects stderr & stdout to file
ls -l /usr/bin &> ls- output	redirects stderr & stdout to file
ls -l /usr/bin 2> /dev/null	/dev/null bitbucket

Pipelines	
	pipelines
ls -l /usr/bin/	tee reads stdin and writes
tee out sort	to files and stdout

view the world as SHELL viewed

echo *	expands all files in the path
echo D*	expands all files with starting D
\$((expression))	Arithematic expression
echo \$((\$((5 <i>*2))</i> 3))	75
ls-lwhich cp	backtick instead of expression

Braces Expansion	
echo Front-{A,-	Front-A-Back,
B,C}-Back	Front-B-Back,
	Front-C-Back
echo {ZA}	ZYXWVUA
mkdir {200920-	creates a directory
11}-0{19}	for 12 months in
{20092011}-{1-	2009 to 2011
012}	

EnvironmetprintenvPrint part of all of the environment
nmentsetset shell optionsexportexport environment to subsequently executed programsaliascreate an alias for command

Login & Non Login Shell

Login Shells :

/etc/profile : global configuration ~/.bash_profile : personal startup efile /.bash_login. : if /.bash_profile is not found, bash attempts to read this script

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Login & Non Login Shell (cont)

/.profile : if neither /.bash_profile & ~/.bash_login bash reads this file Non Login shells : /etc/bash.bashrc : Global configuration ~/.bashrc : User configuration

Quoting echo This is a test; space is stripped This is a test echo This is a test

echo "This is a test"	This is a test
echo '\$(echo foo) \$((2+2))'	\$(echo foo) \$((2+2))
echo the total is \$500.00	\$5 is undefined variable so it supress the value, output will be like the total is 00.00
" " : all special character looses its meaning, exception (\$, `) ' ' : all special character looses its meaning, and no exceptions	

Searching For Files		
locate	find files by name	
find	search for files in a dir	
xargs	build and exec cmd lines from stdin	
touch	change the file times	
stat	display file or filesystem status	

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Networking	
Ping	Send ICMP packets
traceroute	Print route packets to a network
netstat	print network connection, routing table, interface stats
ftp/lftp	Internet file transfer program
wget	Non Interactive network downloader
ssh	OpenSSH SSH Client (remote login program)
scp	secure copy
sftp	Secure File transfer program

OpenSSH package includes two programs that can make use of an SSH encrypted tunnel to copy file across the network. a) scp b) sftp

SFTP doesn't require ftp server to connect, it needs only SSH running in machines, any machine that has ssh running, we can able to transfer files to server

Archiving and Backup		
gzip	Compress or expand files	
bzip2	A block sorting file compressor	
tap	tape archving utility	
zip	Package and compress files	
rsync	remote file and dir synchronization	
unzip	Unzip the gzip files	
compression algorithm: Lossy and Lossless		

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Examples:

ssh remote-sys 'tar cf - Document' tar xf -
find playground -name 'file-A' tar czf
playground.tgz -T -
find playground -name 'file-A' tar cjf playgr-
ound.tgz -T -
rsync -avdeletersh=ssh /etc /home
/usr/local remote-sys:/backup
To copy ssh public to remote machine
ssh-copy-id -i xxxxx_ext_2023-08-22.pub
username@hostname
- or Hyphen is the stdin and stdout

Text processing examples		
cat -A \$FILE	To find any CTRL character introduced	
sort file1.txt file2.txt file3.txt > final_sor- ted_list.txt	sort all files once	
ls - I sort -nr -k 5	key field 5th column	
sortkey=1,1 key=2n distor.txt	key field 1,1 sort and second column sort by numeric	
sort foo.txt uniq -c	to find repetition	
cut -f 3 distro.txt	cut column 3	
cut -c 7-10	cut character 7 - 10	
cut -d ':' -f 1 /etc/p- assword	delimiter :	

Text processing examples (cont)

sort -k 3.7nbr -k	3 rd field 7 the
3.1nbr -k 3.4nbr	character, 3rd field 1
distro.txt	character
paste file1.txt file2.txt > newfil-	merge two files
e.txt	
join file1.txt file2.txt	join on common two fields

Text processing		
cat	concatenate files and print stdout	
sort	sort lines of text files	
uniq	report or omite repeated lines	
cut	remove section from each line of files	
paste	merge lines of files	
join	join lines of two files on a common field	
comm	compare two sorted files line by line	
diff	compare files	
patch	apply a diff file to original	
tr	translate	
sed	stream editor	
aspel	interactive spell checker	

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Fedora, CentOS, Redhat Enterprise, OpenSUSE,

Mandriva, PCLinuxOS

apt-get install package_name

yum install package_name

Debian

Style

(.dep) RedHat

debian

redhat

Debian :

apt-get update dpkg --list

package)

Redhat :

yum update rpm -u packagefile

rpm -qa. (list)

installed)

installed)

package installed)

rpm -i packagefile

yum erase package_name

yum info package_name

style(.rpm)

Install from Repo

Operation on Package File

dpkg --install packagefile apt-get remove package_name

dpkg --status package_name

apt-cache show package_name (info about

dpkg --search file_name (finding which

rpm -q package_name (check package

rpm -qf file_name (finding which package

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Permissions		
id	display user identity	
chmod	change's file mode	
umask	set the default file permission	
su	Run a shell as another user	
sudo	Execute command as another user	
chown	changes file's owner	
chgrp	change file groups owner	
passwd	change a user password	

Read,Write, Execute

- rwx rw- r-	type owner group world	
-	wonu	
type		
- regular file		
d directory		
l symbolic link		
c character devi	ce	
b block device		

File Mode [Octal]	
000	
001	X
010	-W-
011	-WX
100	r
101	r-x
110	ľW-
111	rwx
chmod 0600 file [rw- is set for owner]	

Mode symbolic notation	
ugo	user, group, others
u+x	giving exeute permission for user
u=rw,o=x	giveing user read write and others execute perm
chmod u=rw,o=x file.txt	

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Packaging Ssystem storage media

POSIX charcter class

character class alnum, word , alpha blank, cntrl, digit, graph,lowe, punct, print, space, upper, xdigit format: [:alnum:]

echo \$LANG export LANG=POSIX

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grep Options

- i ignore case
- v invert match
- c print number of matches
- I print the name of each file that contain matches
- L print only the names of files that don't match
- n print match line with the number
- h for multiple output supress the output of filename

grep [options] regex [file....]

metacharacters : ^ \$. [] {} - ? * + () | \

grep examples

grep -h '.zip' file.list	. is any character
grep -h '^zip' file.list	starts with zip
grep -h 'zip\$' file.list	ends with zip
grep -h '^zip\$' file.list	containing only zip
grep -h '[^bz]zip' file.list	not containing b and z
grep -h '^[A-Za-z0- 9]' file.list	file containing any valid names

grep Quantifiers

- ? match element zero or one time
- * match an element zero or more times
- + Match an element one or more times

grep Quantifiers (cont)

- {} match an element specfic number of times
- It always match the preceding element {n} match the preceding element occurs n times
- {n,m} match the preceding element occurs at least n times, but no more than m times{n,} match the preceding element if it occurs n or more times

{,m} match the preceding element if it occurs no more than m times

grep hacks

grep -E '^([0-9]{3}\).[0-9]{3}.[0-9]{3}\$' phone.txt

locate --regex 'bin/(bz|gz|zip)'

for i in {1..10}; do echo "(\${RANDOM:0:3})-\${RANDOM:0:3}-\${RANDOM:0:3}"; done >>phone.txt

Text Processing Hacks	
diff -c	context format
diff -u	unified format
<pre>diff -Naur oldfile newfile > diff_file</pre>	write the diff to diff file
patch < diff_file	applied to oldfile directly.
echo "secret text" tr a- zA-Z n-za-mN-ZA-M	frperg grkg ROT13 Encoding
echo "frperg grkg" tr a- zA-Z n-za-mN-ZA-M	secret text ROT13 Decoding

-, +, ! : deleted, added, line changes.

\$diff -Naur file1.txt file2.txt > diff_file.txt
\$patch < diff_file.txt
patching file file1.txt</pre>

rotate by 13 places (ROT13)



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Inode cheats

Backup of superblock	dumpe2fs /dev/sdX grep -i superblock
Restore of superblock	fsck -b 32768 /dev/sdX
dumps ext2/ext3/ext4 filesystem info including inode locations	dumpe2fs /dev/sdX
interactive tool to inspect inodes	debugfs /dev/sdX
shows inode number and metadata	stat filename

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