

1. Which command is used to list the contents of a directory? Justify with proper example.

- The `ls` command is the primary tool to list directory contents. For example, typing `ls /home` displays all files and folders inside the `/home` directory, giving you a quick overview of what's stored there.

2. Write the command to create a new directory named `123test_dir`.

- Use the command `mkdir 123test_dir`. This command acts like creating a new folder, providing a dedicated space for your files or projects.

3. What is the purpose of the `sed` command? Justify with proper example.

- `sed`, short for stream editor, is used to perform text transformations on the fly. For example, `sed 's/apple/orange/g' fruits.txt` searches through `fruits.txt` and replaces every occurrence of "apple" with "orange" without opening the file manually.

4. Which distinct command is used to display one-line descriptions of any commands?

- The command `whatis` fulfills this purpose. For example, `whatis ls` will quickly give you a brief description of the `ls` command.

5. Write the command to create an empty file named "notes.txt".

- You can create a blank file using `touch notes.txt`. Think of it as adding a new empty sheet in your folder, ready for you to write on later.

6. Differentiate between `grep` and `awk` commands with an example.

- `grep` searches for specific patterns in text files; for example, `grep "error" logfile.log` shows only lines containing "error."
- `awk` is a powerful text processor, especially for columns; for example, `awk '{print $1}' logfile.log` displays only the first word of each line, useful for extracting specific data.
- . Write the command to give read, write, and execute permission to the owner of a file `script.sh`.
- Use `chmod u+rx script.sh`. This grants the owner full control over the script, allowing them to read, modify, or execute it.

8. How is `chown` different from `chgrp`? Give one example for each.

- `chown` changes the owner of a file—e.g., `chown user1 file.txt` transfers ownership to `user1`.
- `chgrp` changes the group associated with a file—e.g., `chgrp staff file.txt` assigns the group "staff" to the file.

9. A user complains that they cannot execute a file even though it exists in their directory. How would you troubleshoot this using `ls -l`, `chmod`, and `whoami`?

- The first step is to check permissions with `ls -l filename`. If the execute permission (`x`) is not set for the user, the file won't run. Use `whoami` to verify the current user. If needed, grant execute permission with `chmod u+x filename`. Afterward, the user should be able to run the file.

10. Design a command pipeline to: find all `.log` files modified in the last 2 days in `/var/log`, display them on screen, and save the results into a file `recent_logs.txt` using `tee` command.

- The command is: `find /var/log -name "*.log" -mtime -2 | tee recent_logs.txt`
- This command searches for `.log` files changed in the past two days, displays the list on your terminal, and simultaneously saves it into `recent_logs.txt`.