

CAPSTONEPROJECTREPORT

ProjectTitle: Bash Scripting Suite for System
Maintenance

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1. Abstract

This project implements an automated System Maintenance Suite using Bash scripting for Linux environments.

The suite automates system-level tasks such as performing database backups, running updates and cleanup, monitoring logs, and managing file operations through a user-friendly menu-driven interface. These scripts collectively aim to simplify and automate system administration, improving efficiency, security, and maintainability.

2. Objectives

- To automate daily and periodic Linux system maintenance tasks.
- To implement modular scripts for backup, cleanup, update, and log monitoring.
- To create a central interactive interface for executing file operations.
- To ensure reliability and reusability across Linux and WSL environments.
- To maintain comprehensive logging and security for every operation.

3. System Overview

The System Maintenance Suite is composed of multiple Bash scripts that automate and streamline Linux administration.

Each script performs a specific maintenance operation, and together they form a complete toolkit for maintaining system health. The scripts are integrated under a central menu (`maintenance_menu.sh`), allowing system administrators to perform tasks easily such as running backups, checking logs, cleaning the system, or updating software packages. The suite also includes a setup script (`install.sh`) that configures the environment and optionally sets up a daily cron job for automation.

4. Implementation (Code)

backup.sh

```
#!/usr/bin/env bash
=====
#backup.sh-AutomatedBackupScript(Day1-Assignment5)
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#=====
#Usage:
#  sudo./backup.sh/path/to/source[another/source...]
#Description:
#Creates a timestamped compressedarchive(.tar.gz)
#ofthegivedirectories/filesandsavesittothe #backup
directory.Keeps only the latest7 backups.
#=====

set-euopipefail
IFS=$'\n\t'

---Configuration---
BACKUP_DIR="/var/backups/system-maintenance-
suite"LOG_DIR="$(dirname"$0")/../logs"LOGFILE="$
LOG_DIR/backup.log"
RETENTION_COUNT=7 #Keeplast7backups

---Functions---
timestamp(){date'+%Y-%m-%d_%H-%M-%S';}

log(){
    mkdir-p"$LOG_DIR"
    echo"$(timestamp) $*"\|tee-a"$LOGFILE"
}

error_exit(){
    log"ERROR:$1"e
    exit1
}

---Validations---
if["$#" -lt 1];then
    echo"Usage:$0/path/to/source[another/source...]"exit
    2
fi

if[$EUID"-ne0];then
    echo"Pleaserunasroot(sudo)toaccessalldirectories."exit3
fi

---PrepareBackupDirectory---
sudomkdir-p"$BACKUP_DIR"
sudochmod700"$BACKUP_DIR"

SRC_LIST=( "$@" )
SAFE_NAME=$(printf"%s_""${SRC_LIST[@]}##*/" |sed's/[A-Za-z0-9_-]//g'|sed
's/_$//')
ARCHIVE_NAME="${SAFE_NAME}_$(timestamp).tar.gz"ARCHIVE_PATH="$BA
CKUP_DIR/$ARCHIVE_NAME"

log"Startingbackupof:${SRC_LIST[*]}"
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#---Validateeachsourcepath---
for path in "${SRC_LIST[@]}";do
    if[ ! -e "$path" ];then
        error_exit"Sourcepathnotfound:$path"
    fi
done

#---CreateBackup(correcttarorder)---
iftar--warning=no-file-changed--ignore-failed-read \
    --exclude=/proc--exclude=/sys--exclude=/dev\
    -czf"${ARCHIVE_PATH}""${SRC_LIST[@]}"2>>"$LOGFILE";then
    chmod600"${ARCHIVE_PATH}"
    SIZE=$(du-h"${ARCHIVE_PATH}"|cut-f1)
    log"Backupcreated:${ARCHIVE_PATH}($SIZE)"else
    error_exit"Tarcommandfailedwhilebackingup${SRC_LIST[*]}"
fi

#---Rotateoldbackups---
mapfile-tfiles<<(ls-1t"${BACKUP_DIR}"/"${SAFE_NAME}"_*tar.gz2>/dev/null|| true)
if["#${files[@]}"-gt"${RETENTION_COUNT}"];then
    to_delete=("${files[@]}${RETENTION_COUNT}")
    forfin"${to_delete[@]}";do
        rm-f--"$f"&&log"Removedoldbackup:$f"done
    fi

log"Backupcompletedsuccessfullyfor:${SRC_LIST[*]}"echo"
✉Backupcomplete_Archivesavedto:${ARCHIVE_PATH}"exit0

```

system_update_and_cleanup.sh

```

#!/usr/bin/env bash
=====
#system_update_and_cleanup.sh-Day2:SystemMaintenance
=====
#Usage:
#  sudo ./system_update_and_cleanup.sh[--dry-run] #
#Description:
#  Updatesthesystempackages,removesunnecessaryfiles,
#  cleanscaches,rotatesoldlogs,andrecordsallactions. #
#  Use--dry-runtosimulateactionssafely.
#
=====

set-euopipefail
IFS=$'\n\t'

#---Configuration---

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LOG_DIR="$(dirname "$0")/../logs" LOGFILE="$LOG_DIR/system_update.log"
DRY_RUN=false

#---Functions---
timestamp(){date'+%Y-%m-%d_%H-%M-%S';}

log(){
    mkdir-p "$LOG_DIR"
    echo "$(timestamp) $* | tee-a "$LOGFILE"
}

run_cmd(){
    localcmd="$1"
    if ["$DRY_RUN"=true];then
        log "[DRY-RUN]Wouldexecute:$cmd"else
        log "Running:$cmd"
        eval"$cmd">>>"$LOGFILE"2>&1||log"Warning:commandfailed-$cmd"
    fi
}

#---Parsearguments---
if["${1:-}"="--dry-run"];then
    DRY_RUN=true
fi

#---Safetycheck---
if["$EUID"-ne0];then
    echo"Pleaserunasroot(sudo)."
    exit1
fi

log"==Starting system update and cleanup(dry-run=$DRY_RUN)==="#---

1.Update package lists and upgrade---
run_cmd"aptupdate-y"
run_cmd"aptupgrade-
y"run_cmd"aptfull-upgrade-y"

#---2.Remove unnecessary packages and clean caches---
run_cmd"aptautoremove-y"
run_cmd"aptautoclean-
y"run_cmd"aptclean-y"

#---3.Rotate or compress old apt logs---
APT_LOG_DIR="/var/log/apt"
if[-d"$APT_LOG_DIR"];then
    run_cmd"find$APT_LOG_DIR-typef-name'*.*-log.*'-mtime+14-
    delete"run_cmd" gzip-f$APT_LOG_DIR/*.*.log||true"
    log"Apt logs cleaned and compressed(older than 14 days removed)."else
    log"Apt log directory not found at $APT_LOG_DIR."
fi

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# --- 4.Cleargeneralsystemlogssolderthan30days(optional) ---
run_cmd"find /var/log -type f -name'*.*.log' -mtime+30 -exec rm -f {} +"

#---5.Updatesysteminformationdatabase---
run_cmd"updatedb"

log"==System update and cleanup completed successfully=="
echo"✓ System update and cleanup complete. Check $LOGFILE for details."exit 0

```

log_monitor.sh

```

#!/usr/bin/env bash
=====
#log_monitor.sh-Day3:LogMonitoringandAlerting
=====
#Usage:
# sudo ./log_monitor.sh#
#Description:
#   Scans system logs for errors, warnings, and failed logins. #
#       Generates a summary report in the logs directory.
#
=====

set -euo pipefail
IFS=$'\n\t'

#---Configuration---
LOG_DIR="$(dirname "$0")/../logs"
REPORT_FILE="$LOG_DIR/log_monitor_report.txt" MAIN_LOG="$LOG_DIR/log_monitor.log"

#Logs to scan (common Debian/Ubuntu locations) LOG_FILES=(
#    "/var/log/syslog" "/var/log/auth.log"
#    "/var/log/kern.log"
#)
#Keywords to detect KEYWORDS=(
#    "error" "failed"
#    "critical" "unauthorized" "denied" "panic" "segmentation fault"
#)
#---Functions---
timestamp(){date'+%Y-%m-%d_%H-%M-%S';}

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log(){
    mkdir-p "$LOG_DIR"
    echo "$(timestamp) $* | tee-a \"$MAIN_LOG\""
}

#---Safetycheck---
if["$EUID"-ne0];then
    echo"Please run as root(sudo)."
    exit1
fi

log"====Starting log monitoring====#--"

-Initializereport-
echo"====System Log Monitoring Report($(timestamp))====>"$REPORT_FILE"
echo>>"$REPORT_FILE"

#---Scan each logfile---
for file in "${LOG_FILES[@]}";do
    if[-f"$file" ];then
        echo"Analyzing:$file">>"$REPORT_FILE" fork
        keywordin"${KEYWORDS[@]}";do
            matches=$(grep -i "$keyword" "$file" | tail -n 10 || true) if[-
            n"$matches" ];then
                echo"----Matches for '$keyword'----"
                ">>\"$REPORT_FILE\" echo\"$matches\">>\"$REPORT_FILE\""
                echo>>"$REPORT_FILE"
            fi
        done
        echo"----->>\"$REPORT_FILE\""
    else
        echo"Log file not found:$file">>"$REPORT_FILE"
    fi
done

#---Summary---
echo>>"$REPORT_FILE"
echo"====End of Report====>>\"$REPORT_FILE\""

log"Monitoring completed. Report saved at $REPORT_FILE"
echo"↙ Log monitoring complete. Check:$REPORT_FILE" exit0

```

maintenance_menu.sh(Updated)

```

#!/usr/bin/env bash
=====
#maintenance_menu.sh-
UnifiedMaintenanceDashboard(Fixed)=====
=====
#Usage:
#   sudo ./maintenance_menu.sh#
#Description:
#   Provides an interactive menu to run:

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#      -Backup
#      -SystemUpdate&Cleanup #
#      -LogMonitoring
#      -ViewLogs&Reports
=====

set-euopipefail
IFS=$'\n\t'

#---Configuration---
SCRIPT_DIR="$(cd "$(dirname "${BASH_SOURCE[0]}")" && pwd)"LOG_D
IR="$SCRIPT_DIR/../logs"BACKUP_SCRIPT="$SCRIPT_DIR/backup.sh"U
PDATE_SCRIPT="$SCRIPT_DIR/system_update_and_cleanup.sh"MONITOR_S
CRIPT="$SCRIPT_DIR/log_monitor.sh"

#---UtilityFunctions---
timestamp(){date'+%Y-%m-%d_%H-%M-%S';}

pause(){
    echo
    read-rp"PressEnter to continue..."
}

check_root(){
    if["$EUID"-ne0];then
        echo"Please run as root(sudo)." exit1
    fi
}

log(){
    mkdir-p"$LOG_DIR"
    echo"$(timestamp) $*"\|tee-a"$LOG_DIR/menu.log"
}

#---MenuFunctions---
run_backup(){
    echo
    read-rp"Enter the directory path(s) to backup (space-separated):"path_list
    if[-z"$path_list"];then
        echo"No paths entered. Returning to menu."return
    fi

    log"User initiated backup for:$path_list"

    #FIX: Properly split input into an array for multiple paths
    IFS='read-r-apath_array<<<"$path_list"

    # Run backup script with array-expanded arguments
    sudo"$BACKUP_SCRIPT""${path_array[@]}"

    pause
}

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}

run_update(){
    echo
    read-rp"Runindry-runmodefirst?(y/n):"choice if
    [[ "$choice"="~^ [Yy] $ "]];then
        sudo"$UPDATE_SCRIPT"--dry-run
    else
        sudo"$UPDATE_SCRIPT"
    fi
    pause
}

run_monitor(){
    log"Runninglogmonitor..."sudo"
    $MONITOR_SCRIPT"
    pause
}

view_logs(){
    echo
    echo"Availablelogsin$LOG_DIR:"ls-
    1"$LOG_DIR"||true
    echo
    read-rp"Enterlog/reportfilenameview(orpressEntercancel):"file
    if[-n"$file"];then
        if[-f"$LOG_DIR/$file"];then echo
            echo"---Showinglast50lineeof$file-----"
            tail-
            n50"$LOG_DIR/$file"else
            echo"Filenofound:$LOG_DIR/$file"
        fi
    fi
    pause
}

#---MainMenuLoop--- check_root
mkdir-p"$LOG_DIR"

whiletrue;do
    clear
    echo"=====
    echo"□ SystemMaintenanceSuite (Day4-
Fixed)"echo"=====
    ====="
    echo"1 RunBackup"
    echo"2 RunSystemUpdate&Cleanup"ec
    ho"3 RunLogMonitoring"
    echo"4 ViewLogs/Reports"ec
    ho"5 Exit"
    echo"=====
    read-rp"Chooseanoption[1-5]:choice

```

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        case "$choice" in
            1) run_backup;;
            2) run_update;;
            3) run_monitor;;
            4) view_logs;;
            5)
                echo "Exiting Maintenance Menu. Goodbye!" > log
                MenuExitedByUser."
                exit 0
                ;;
        *)
            echo "Invalid option. Try again." >> sleep 1
            ;;
    esac
done

```

install.sh(Updated)

```

#!/usr/bin/env bash
#=====
#install.sh-Setup and Automation(Fixed version)
#=====
#Usage:
#  sudo./install.sh
#
#Works both from the project root or from within the scripts/folder.
#=====

set -euo pipefail
IFS=$'\n\t'

#---Detect based directories---
SCRIPT_PATH="$(cd "${(dirname)${BASH_SOURCE[0]}}")&&pwd)" if
[[ "$(basename $SCRIPT_PATH)" == "scripts" ]]; then
    BASE_DIR="$(dirname $SCRIPT_PATH)"
    SCRIPTS_DIR="$SCRIPT_PATH"
else
    BASE_DIR="$SCRIPT_PATH"
    SCRIPTS_DIR="$BASE_DIR/scripts"
fi

LOG_DIR="$BASE_DIR/logs" BACKUP_DIR="/var/backups
/system-maintenance-suite"

timestamp(){date'+%Y-%m-%d_%H-%M-%S';}
log(){echo "$(timestamp) $*";}

#---Safety Check---
if ["$EUID"-ne 0]; then
    echo "Please run as root(sudo)."
    exit 1
fi

```

```

log"Starting installation..."

#---Create directories---mkdir-
p"$LOG_DIR""$BACKUP_DIR"
chmod700"$BACKUP_DIR"

log"Created log directory at:$LOG_DIR"
log"Created backup directory:$BACKUP_DIR"

#---Make all scripts executable---
if[-d"$SCRIPTS_DIR"];then
    chmod+x"$SCRIPTS_DIR"/*.sh
    log"Set executable permissions on scripts in:$SCRIPTS_DIR"else
    log"WARNING: Script directory not found at $SCRIPTS_DIR"
fi

#---Optional cron setup---
read-rp"Do you want to schedule daily maintenance at 2AM? (y/n):"choice
if[[ "$choice" =~ ^[Yy]$ ]];then
    (crontab -l>/dev/null;echo"02***sudo
$SCRIPTS_DIR/maintenance_menu.sh>>$LOG_DIR/cron_run.log2>&1")|crontab-
    log"Cron job added: runs maintenance_menu.sh daily at 02:00."
else
    log"Cron setup skipped."
fi

log"Installation completed successfully!"
echo">All scripts ready. Run with: sudo $SCRIPTS_DIR/maintenance_menu.sh"
exit0

```

5. Execution and Output Screenshots

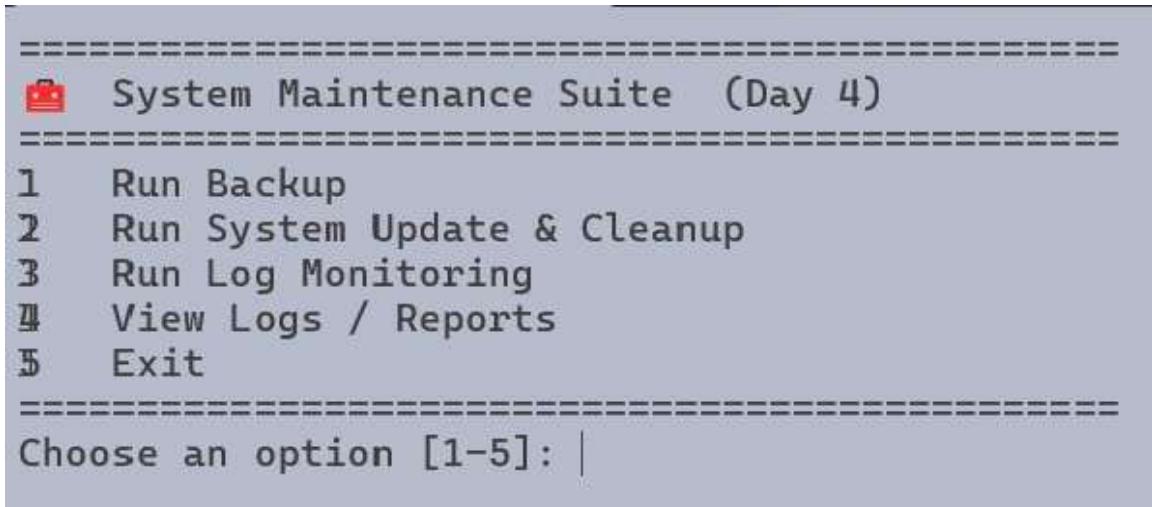
The following screenshots demonstrate the successful execution of the System Maintenance Suite:

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eco@Adarsh18:~/Projects/system-maintenance-suite$ sudo ./scripts/install.sh
2025-11-09_16-19-58 Starting installation...
2025-11-09_16-19-59 Created log directory at: /home/eco/Projects/system-maintenance-suite/logs
2025-11-09_16-19-59 Created backup directory at: /var/backups/system-maintenance-suite
2025-11-09_16-19-59 Set executable permissions on scripts in: /home/eco/Projects/system-maintenance-suite/scripts
Do you want to schedule daily maintenance at 2 AM? (y/n): y
2025-11-09_16-20-03 Cron job added: runs maintenance_menu.sh daily at 02:00.
2025-11-09_16-20-04 Installation completed successfully!
✓ All scripts ready. Run with: sudo /home/eco/Projects/system-maintenance-suite/scripts/maintenance_menu.sh
eco@Adarsh18:~/Projects/system-maintenance-suite$ 

```

Screenshot1: Installation process executed successfully via install.sh.



Screenshot2:DisplayoftheSystemMaintenanceSuiteinteractivemenu.

```
=====
# System Maintenance Suite (Day 4 - Fixed)
=====
1 Run Backup
2 Run System Update & Cleanup
3 Run Log Monitoring
4 View Logs / Reports
5 Exit
=====
Choose an option [1-5]: 1

Enter the directory path(s) to back up (space-separated): /etc /home/eco/Projects
2025-11-09_16-31-33 User initiated backup for: /etc /home/eco/Projects
2025-11-09_16-31-33 Starting backup of: /etc
/home/eco/Projects
2025-11-09_16-31-33 Backup created: /var/backups/system-maintenance-suite/etc_Projects_2025-11-09_16-31-33.tar.gz (464K)
2025-11-09_16-31-33 Backup completed successfully for: /etc
/home/eco/Projects
✓ Backup complete. Archive saved to: /var/backups/system-maintenance-suite/etc_Projects_2025-11-09_16-31-33.tar.gz

Press Enter to continue...|
```

Screenshot3:Successfulexecutionofthebackup.sh script.

```
=====
# System Maintenance Suite (Day 4 - Fixed)
=====
1 Run Backup
2 Run System Update & Cleanup
3 Run Log Monitoring
4 View Logs / Reports
5 Exit
=====
Choose an option [1-5]: 2

Run in dry-run mode first? (y/n): n
2025-11-09_16-31-50 === Starting system update and cleanup (dry-run=false) ===
2025-11-09_16-31-50 Running: apt update -y
2025-11-09_16-31-54 Running: apt upgrade -y
2025-11-09_16-31-54 Running: apt full-upgrade -y
2025-11-09_16-31-55 Running: apt autoremove -y
2025-11-09_16-31-58 Running: apt autoclean -y
2025-11-09_16-31-59 Running: apt clean -y
2025-11-09_16-31-59 Running: find /var/log/apt -type f -name '*.log.*' -mtime +14 -delete
2025-11-09_16-31-59 Running: gzip -f /var/log/apt/*.log || true
2025-11-09_16-31-59 Apt logs cleaned and compressed (older than 14 days removed).
2025-11-09_16-31-59 Running: find /var/log -type f -name '*.log' -mtime +30 -exec rm -f {} +
2025-11-09_16-31-59 Running: updatedb
2025-11-09_16-31-59 Warning: command failed - updatedb
2025-11-09_16-31-59 === System update and cleanup completed successfully ===
✓ System update and cleanup complete. Check /home/eco/Projects/system-maintenance-suite/scripts/../logs/system_update.log for details.

Press Enter to continue...|
```

Screenshot4:Systemupdateandcleanupperformedsuccessfully.

```
=====
# System Maintenance Suite (Day 4 - Fixed)
=====
1 Run Backup
2 Run System Update & Cleanup
3 Run Log Monitoring
4 View Logs / Reports
5 Exit
=====
Choose an option [1-5]: 3
2025-11-09_16-32-19  Running log monitor...
2025-11-09_16-32-19  === Starting log monitoring ===
2025-11-09_16-32-19  Monitoring completed. Report saved at /home/eco/Projects/system-maintenance-suite/scripts/../logs/log_monitor_report.txt
 Log monitoring complete. Check: /home/eco/Projects/system-maintenance-suite/scripts/../logs/log_monitor_report.txt
Press Enter to continue...|
```

Screenshot5:Logmonitoringprocessandreport generation.

```
=====
# System Maintenance Suite (Day 4 - Fixed)
=====
1 Run Backup
2 Run System Update & Cleanup
3 Run Log Monitoring
4 View Logs / Reports
5 Exit
=====
Choose an option [1-5]: 5
Exiting Maintenance Menu. Goodbye!
2025-11-09_16-32-40  Menu exited by user.
eco@Adarsh18:~/Projects/system-maintenance-suite$ |
```

Screenshot6:SystemMaintenanceSuiteexitconfirmation message.

6. Conclusion

Project successfully automated key system maintenance tasks using Bash scripting. It included backup, system updates, and log monitoring with error handling and a user-friendly menu interface. The project enhanced understanding of Linux automation and improved scripting efficiency for real-world maintenance operations. It demonstrated effective use of shell commands for task scheduling and system monitoring. Overall, the project strengthened practical skills in Linux administration and scripting.