

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 all 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 all 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:
#Createsa timestamped compressedarchive(.tar.gz)
#ofthegivendirectories/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
    xit1
}

#---Validations---
if["$#"-lt1];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---
forpathin"${SRC_LIST[@]}";do
    if[!-e"$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/envbash
#=====
#system_update_and_cleanup.sh-Day2:SystemMaintenance
#=====
#Usage:
#  sudo./system_update_and_cleanup.sh[--dry-run] #
#Description:
#  Updates the system packages, removes unnecessary files,
#  cleans caches, rotates old logs, and records all actions. #
#  Use--dry-run to simulate actions safely.
#
#=====

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

#---Configuration---

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LOG_DIR="$(dirname "$0")/../../logs" LOGFILE="$LOG_DIR/system_u
pdate.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"===Startingsystemupdateandcleanup(dry-run=$DRY_RUN)===">#---

1.Updatepackagelistsandupgrade---
run_cmd"aptupdate-y"
run_cmd"aptupgrade-
y"run_cmd"aptfull-upgrade-y"

#---2.Removeunnecessarypackagesandcleancaches---
run_cmd"aptautoremove-y"
run_cmd"aptautoclean-
y"run_cmd"aptclean-y"

#---3.Rotateorcompressoldaptlogs---
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$APT_LOG_DIR/*.log||true"
    log"Aptlogscleanedandcompressed(olderthan14daysremoved).-else
    log"Aptlogdirectorynotfoundat$APT_LOG_DIR."
fi

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# --- 4.Cleargeneralsystemlogsolderthan30days(optional) ---
run_cmd"find/var/log -type f -name'*.log' -mtime+30 -execrm -f{}+"

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

log"===Systemupdateandcleanupcompletedsuccessfully===
echo"✔Systemupdateandcleanupcomplete.Check$LOGFILEfordetails."exit0
```

log_monitor.sh

```
#!/usr/bin/envbash
#=====
#log_monitor.sh-Day3:LogMonitoringandAlerting
#=====
#Usage:
#  sudo./log_monitor.sh#
#Description:
#  Scanskeysystemlogsforerrors,warnings,andfailedlogins. #
#  Generatesasummaryreportinthelogsdirectory.
#
#=====

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

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

#Logstoscan(commonDebian/Ubuntulocations) LOG_FILES=(
  "/var/log/syslog""/var/log/auth.lo
g""/var/log/kern.log"
)

#Keywordstodetect KEYWORDS=(
  "error""failed
  ""critical""una
  uthorized""den
  ied""panic""s
  egfault"
)

#---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"Pleaserunasroot(sudo).\"
    exit1
fi

log"===Startinglogmonitoring===\"#--

-Initializereport---
echo"====SystemLogMonitoringReport($(timestamp))====>"$REPORT_FILE"
echo>>"$REPORT_FILE"

#---Scaneachlogfile---
forfilein"${LOG_FILES[@]}";do
    if[-f"$file" ];then
        echo"Analyzing:$file">>"$REPORT_FILE"fork
        eywordin"${KEYWORDS[@]}";do
            matches=$(grep-i"$keyword""$file"|tail-n10||true) if[-
            n"$matches" ];then
                echo"----Matchesfor'$keyword'----
                ">>"$REPORT_FILE"echo"$matches">>"$REPORT_FILE"
                echo>>"$REPORT_FILE"
            fi
        done
        echo"-----">>"$REPORT_FILE"
    else
        echo"Logfilenotfound:$file">>"$REPORT_FILE"
    fi
done

#---Summary---
echo>>"$REPORT_FILE"
echo"====EndofReport====>>"$REPORT_FILE"

log"Monitoringcompleted.Reportsavedat$REPORT_FILE"
echo"✔Logmonitoringcomplete.Check:$REPORT_FILE"exit0

```

maintenance_menu.sh(Updated)

```

#!/usr/bin/envbash
#=====
#maintenance_menu.sh-
UnifiedMaintenanceDashboard(Fixed)#=====
=====
#Usage:
#  sudo./maintenance_menu.sh#
#Description:
#  Providesaninteractivemenutorun:

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```

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

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

#---Configuration---
SCRIPT_DIR="$(cd "$(dirname "${BASH_SOURCE[0]}")"&&pwd)"LOG_DIR=
"$SCRIPT_DIR/./logs"BACKUP_SCRIPT="$SCRIPT_DIR/backup.sh"UP
DATE_SCRIPT="$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"PressEntertocontinue..."
}

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

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

#---MenuFunctions---
run_backup(){
    echo
    read-rp"Enterthedirectorypath(s)tobackup(space-separated):"path_list
    if[-z"$path_list"];then
        echo"Nopathsentere.Returningtomenu."return
    fi

    log"Userinitiatedbackupfor:$path_list"

    #✔️FIX:Properlysplitinputintoanarrayformultiplepaths
    IFS=' 'read-r-apat_array<<<"$path_list"

    #Runbackupscripwitharray-expandedarguments
    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/reportfilenametoview(orpresseEntertocancel):"file
    if[-n"$file"];then
        if[-f"$LOG_DIR/$file"];then echo
            echo"----Showinglast50linesof$file-----"
            tail-
            n50"$LOG_DIR/$file"else
                echo"Filenotfound:$LOG_DIR/$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
                Menu_exited_by_user."
                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 base 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..."

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

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

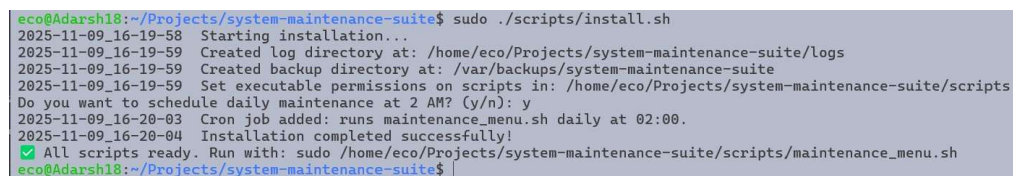
#---Optional cron setup---
read-rp"Doyou want to schedule daily maintenance at 2AM?(y/n):"choice
if[[ "$choice" =~ ^[Yy]$ ]];then
    (crontab-l2>/dev/null;echo"02***sudo
$SCRIPTS_DIR/maintenance_menu.sh>>$LOG_DIR/cron_run.log2>&1")|crontab-
    log"Cron job added: runs maintenance_menu.sh daily at 02:00."
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:



```

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.

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

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:Systemupdateandcleanupperformed successfully.

```
=====
🔧 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_monit
or_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.