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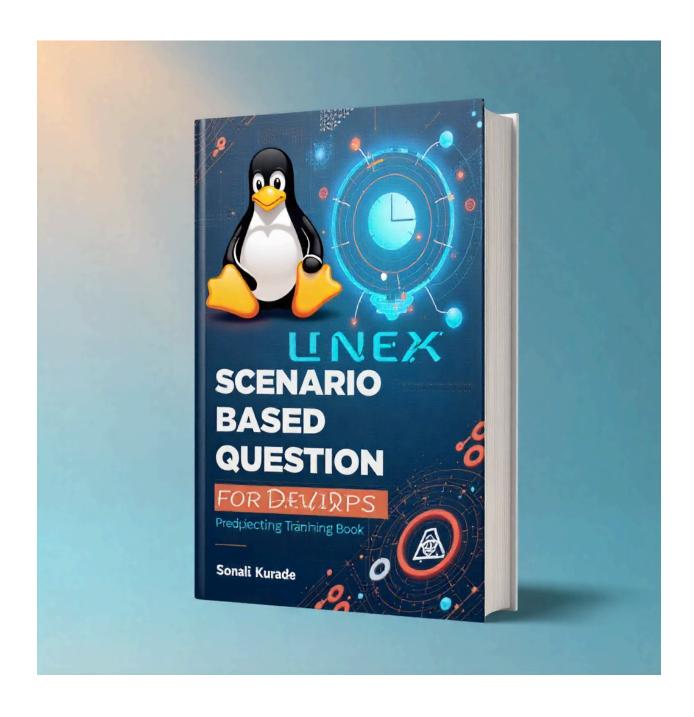
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## Real-Time Linux + DevOps Scenarios

## Scenario 1: Debugging a Failed Deployment (Linux **Architecture + File System + File Commands)**

#### Situation:

You deployed a new microservice on an application server, but the application is failing to start. You need to quickly debug.

#### Steps (Concept Mapping):

#### 1. Kernel & User Space

- You run dmesg | tail -20 to check if the kernel is throwing memory or process-related errors.
- You also verify process states with ps -ef (running in user space).

#### 2. File System Hierarchy

- Check configuration files in /etc/myapp/config.yaml.
- Review logs in /var/log/myapp/error.log.
- Look at temporary files in /tmp which may cause conflicts if left behind.

#### 3. File/Directory Commands

- Use cd /etc/myapp/ and ls -1 to verify the config file exists.
- Copy a backup config using cp config.yaml config.yaml.bak.
- Edit the file with vi config.yaml.











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#### 4. File Viewing & Editing

o Run tail -f /var/log/myapp/error.log to watch real-time logs while restarting the service.

#### Outcome:

You found a wrong database path in /etc/myapp/config.yaml, fixed it, restarted the service, and the application came up successfully.

## Scenario 2: Optimizing Build Pipeline (Links + File Commands + File System)

#### **Situation:**

Your CI/CD pipeline in Jenkins is failing because the build agent is running out of disk space while compiling a large application.

### Steps (Concept Mapping):

#### 1. File System Hierarchy

- Build artifacts are stored in /var/lib/jenkins/workspace/.
- Older builds were archived in /opt/builds/.

#### 2. File/Directory Commands

- Check space usage with du -sh /var/lib/jenkins/workspace/\*.
- Move older logs/artifacts to another partition with mv.











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#### 3. Links (Hard vs Soft Links)

- Instead of duplicating large artifacts, create soft links from /var/lib/jenkins/workspace/build-latest → /opt/builds/build-123.
- This saves space and ensures Jenkins always points to the latest successful build.

#### 4. File Viewing & Editing

Update the Jenkins build script using nano build.sh to point to the symlink instead of the full build path.

#### Outcome:

Disk space was optimized using symbolic links, and the Jenkins pipeline successfully completed without failing due to low storage.

## 1. Linux Architecture (Kernel, Shell, User space)

#### Scenario 1:

A Kubernetes node crashes frequently. You run dmesg and see **OOM (Out of Memory)** errors from the kernel. You decide to set pod resource limits in YAML and monitor with top from user space.

#### Scenario 2:

During an automated deployment, a Jenkins job hangs. You use the shell to run ps -ef and kill the stuck process with kill -9 <PID>. This clears the issue and the pipeline proceeds.







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# 2. File System Hierarchy (/etc, /var, /home, /opt, /tmp, /proc)

#### Scenario 3:

An Nginx web server deployed in a VM fails to start. You check /etc/nginx/nginx.conf for syntax errors, then verify error logs in /var/log/nginx/error.log.

#### Scenario 4:

A build agent is consuming too much /tmp space. You clean stale files with rm -rf /tmp/\* and restart the agent, freeing space for new builds.

#### Scenario 5:

Your CI/CD tool is installed in /opt/jenkins. You update its configuration in /etc/systemd/system/jenkins.service and reload the daemon with systemctl daemon-reload.

#### Scenario 6:

To check CPU usage issues in production, you read /proc/cpuinfo and /proc/meminfo. Based on this, you scale pods vertically in Kubernetes.

# 3. File/Directory Commands (Is, cd, pwd, mkdir, touch, rm, cp, mv, find, locate)

#### Scenario 7:

A developer asks for access to logs of their app. You cd  $\/\$ var/log/myapp/ and use ls -1rt to find the latest logs.

#### Scenario 8:

You need to create a new workspace for a project. You run mkdir/home/devops/projectX && cd /home/devops/projectX.









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#### Scenario 9:

While troubleshooting, you must quickly find a missing config.yaml. You use find / -name config.yaml 2>/dev/null to locate it.

#### Scenario 10:

An application build needs a backup before upgrading. You cp -r /opt/myapp /opt/myapp\_bkp before applying the patch.

#### Scenario 11:

You want to archive old deployment artifacts. Move them using mv build-2024.tar.gz /opt/archives/.

## 4. File Viewing & Editing (cat, less, head, tail -f, nano, vi)

#### Scenario 12:

Your microservice crashes after deployment. You use tail -f /var/log/myservice/error.log to monitor real-time logs while restarting.

#### Scenario 13:

You need to check only the first 20 lines of a Kubernetes manifest file. Use head -20 deployment.yaml.

#### Scenario 14:

While investigating a huge log file, you use less +G /var/log/syslog to jump to the end without crashing the terminal.

#### Scenario 15:

A pipeline script has a typo. You open it in vi build.sh, correct it, save, and rerun the pipeline.

#### Scenario 16:

A team member forgot to update credentials. You quickly edit nano /etc/myapp/credentials.env to add the right values.







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## 5. Links (Hard link vs Soft link)

#### Scenario 17:

Your build server generates large artifacts in /var/lib/jenkins/workspace/. To save space, you create a soft link (ln -s /opt/builds/latest /var/lib/jenkins/workspace/latest) pointing to the latest artifact.

#### Scenario 18:

A monitoring tool requires log access from multiple locations. Instead of copying logs, you create a hard link from /var/log/app1.log to /var/monitor/app1.log.

#### Scenario 19:

You migrate a config file to /opt/configs/, but old scripts still expect it in /etc/app/config.yaml. You solve it with a soft link: ln -s /opt/configs/config.yaml /etc/app/config.yaml.

#### Scenario 20:

A Jenkins job deletes an artifact accidentally. Since a hard link existed in /opt/artifacts/, the file was preserved and pipeline recovery was possible.

Perfect | Let's build the 50 real-time Linux + DevOps scenarios set. I'll keep the 20 you already have (architecture, filesystem, commands, editing, links) and expand with more categories:

- Permissions & Ownership
- Processes & Services
- Networking & Firewalls







- Package Management
- Scripting & Automation
- Monitoring & Performance
- Troubleshooting

## 6 50 Real-Time Linux + DevOps Scenarios

## Already Covered (20 Scenarios Recap)

- Linux Architecture (2)
- File System Hierarchy (4)
- File/Directory Commands (5)
- File Viewing & Editing (5)
- Links (4)

## Permissions & Ownership (6 Scenarios)







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#### Scenario 21:

A deployment script fails because it doesn't have permission to write logs in /var/log/app/. You fix it with:

chown jenkins:jenkins /var/log/app/

chmod 755 /var/log/app/

#### Scenario 22:

A developer accidentally commits sensitive credentials. You secure the file with:

chmod 600 secrets.env

#### Scenario 23:

You onboard a new DevOps engineer. Create a user and give sudo privileges:

useradd devops1

passwd devops1

usermod -aG sudo devops1

#### Scenario 24:

A Docker build fails due to permission issues on mounted volumes. You run:

Is -ld /data/volume

chown 1000:1000 /data/volume

#### Scenario 25:

You need to share logs with a QA team but prevent modifications. Set directory as **read-only**:









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chmod -R 444 /var/log/app/

#### Scenario 26:

In a shared server, you restrict one user from accessing another's files by checking /home/\* permissions.

## Processes & Services (5 Scenarios)

#### Scenario 27:

An application keeps crashing. You run ps aux | grep app to check the running process and restart with systemctl restart app.service.

#### Scenario 28:

Jenkins service stops after reboot. You enable auto-start:

systemctl enable jenkins

#### Scenario 29:

A CPU spike is observed. You use top to identify a rogue process and kill it.

#### Scenario 30:

To debug memory leaks, you run htop and sort by memory usage.

#### Scenario 31:

You need to stop all Python processes for a failed pipeline run:

pkill -f python











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### **Networking & Firewalls (6 Scenarios)**

#### Scenario 32:

Pods cannot reach a VM. You test connectivity with ping <ip> and curl http://<ip>:8080.

#### Scenario 33:

A Jenkins webhook from GitHub fails. You open firewall port:

ufw allow 8080/tcp

#### Scenario 34:

DNS resolution fails in a container. You check /etc/resolv.conf.

#### Scenario 35:

SSH login is slow. You disable reverse DNS lookups by editing /etc/ssh/sshd\_config.

#### Scenario 36:

App communication between two regions is blocked. You verify routing with:

traceroute <ip>

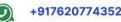
#### Scenario 37:

You monitor network usage with:

iftop











## Package Management (5 Scenarios)

#### Scenario 38:

An app requires curl but it's missing. You install with:

apt-get install curl -y

#### Scenario 39:

Your pipeline fails because Python is outdated. You upgrade:

yum update python3

#### Scenario 40:

A CI/CD tool requires Node.js. You add repo and install:

curl -fsSL https://deb.nodesource.com/setup\_18.x | bash -

apt-get install -y nodejs

#### Scenario 41:

You need to check installed packages:

dpkg -l | grep nginx

#### Scenario 42:

Roll back a broken update by removing the latest version:

yum downgrade package\_name









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## Scripting & Automation (5 Scenarios)

#### Scenario 43:

Write a script to back up /etc/ daily into /opt/backups/.

#### Scenario 44:

Automate cleaning /tmp every night with a cron job.

#### Scenario 45:

Script to check if a service (nginx) is running; if not, restart it.

#### Scenario 46:

Automate Jenkins workspace cleanup older than 10 days:

find /var/lib/jenkins/workspace/ -mtime +10 -exec rm -rf {} \;

#### Scenario 47:

Send an email alert if disk usage > 80%.

## **Monitoring & Performance (5 Scenarios)**

#### Scenario 48:

App is slow. You run vmstat 5 to monitor CPU/IO.

#### Scenario 49:

Check disk performance with:

iostat -x 5

#### Scenario 50:

Monitor real-time logs for multiple apps using multitail.









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#### Scenario 51:

Measure network latency using ping to the DB server.

#### Scenario 52:

Set up sar to collect CPU utilization every 5 minutes.

## **Troubleshooting (6 Scenarios)**

#### Scenario 53:

A pipeline fails with "permission denied". You use 1s -1 to check file ownership.

#### Scenario 54:

A server is unresponsive. You check system logs:

journalctl -xe

#### Scenario 55:

Deployment failed because of missing library. You locate it with 1dd binary\_name.

#### Scenario 56:

A pod fails due to "read-only filesystem". You check mount options in /etc/fstab.

#### Scenario 57:

SSH key authentication fails. You verify file permissions:

chmod 600 ~/.ssh/id\_rsa

chmod 700 ~/.ssh

#### Scenario 58:

Disk full error during deployment. You find large files:

du -sh \* | sort -h