

LAB NO.: 10

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DISK MANAGEMENT

Objectives:

In this lab, students will be able to

- Understand find the details of underlying operating systems disk space and file system information

System calls related to disk

df command

The 'df' (Disk Free) command is an inbuilt utility to find the available and the disk usage space on Linux servers/storage.

The following table provides an overview of the options of df command in Linux.

Options	Description
-a	-all: includes real files and virtual files like pseudo,pro, sysfs, lxc
-h	It prints the sizes in the human-readable format in power of 1024 (eg: 1K 1M 1G)
-H	--si : likewise '-h' but here in power of 1000
-i	--inodes: correspondence the inode details
-k	--block-size=1K display the disk space
-l	--local display local file systems only
-m	--megabytes display the disk space
-t	--type=TYPE To filter a particular file system type
-T	--print-type List the file system types
-x	--exclude-type=TYPE To exclude a particular file system type

1. How to check the details of disk space used in each file system?

```
# df
```

Output:

```

Filesystem      1K-blocks      Used Available Use% Mounted on
/dev/sda2       164962420 142892148  15301196  91% /
udev            10240         0      10240    0% /dev
tmpfs           3291620      329084   2962536  10% /run
tmpfs           8229048         0   8229048    0% /dev/shm
tmpfs           5120          0      5120     0% /run/lock
tmpfs           8229048         0   8229048    0% /sys/fs/cgroup
/dev/sda1        97167        76552    15598   84% /boot
tmpfs           1645812         0   1645812    0% /run/user/301703
tmpfs           1645812         0   1645812    0% /run/user/301677
tmpfs           1645812         0   1645812    0% /run/user/301483

```

Note: Using 'df' command without any option/parameter will display all the partitions and the usage information of the disk space. The result of the above command contains 6 columns which are explained here below:

Filesystem	-->	Mount Point Name
1K-blocks	-->	Available total space counted in 1kB (1000 bytes)
Used	-->	Used block size
Available	-->	Free blocks size
Use%	-->	Usage on percentage-wise
Mounted on	-->	Show the path of the mounted point

df -k

Note: Even using the '-k' option also provides the same output as the default 'df' command. Both outputs provide the same data usage of file systems in block size which is measured in 1024 bytes.

2. How to check the disk space in Human-Readable format?

```
# df -h
```

Output:

Filesystem	Size	Used	Avail	Use%	Mounted on
/dev/sda2	158G	137G	15G	91%	/
udev	10M	0	10M	0%	/dev
tmpfs	3.2G	322M	2.9G	10%	/run
tmpfs	7.9G	0	7.9G	0%	/dev/shm
tmpfs	5.0M	0	5.0M	0%	/run/lock
tmpfs	7.9G	0	7.9G	0%	/sys/fs/cgroup
/dev/sda1	95M	75M	16M	84%	/boot
tmpfs	1.6G	0	1.6G	0%	/run/user/301703
tmpfs	1.6G	0	1.6G	0%	/run/user/301483
tmpfs	1.6G	0	1.6G	0%	/run/user/301613
tmpfs	1.6G	0	1.6G	0%	/run/user/301677

Note: Using the '-h' option will list all the output in "Human Readable Format" used the power of 1024

3. How to sum up the total of the disk space usage?

```
# df -h --total
```

Output:

Filesystem	Size	Used	Avail	Use%	Mounted on
/dev/sda2	158G	137G	15G	91%	/
udev	10M	0	10M	0%	/dev
tmpfs	3.2G	322M	2.9G	11%	/run
tmpfs	7.9G	0	7.9G	0%	/dev/shm
tmpfs	5.0M	0	5.0M	0%	/run/lock
tmpfs	7.9G	0	7.9G	0%	/sys/fs/cgroup
/dev/sda1	95M	75M	16M	84%	/boot
tmpfs	1.6G	0	1.6G	0%	/run/user/301703
tmpfs	1.6G	0	1.6G	0%	/run/user/301483
tmpfs	1.6G	0	1.6G	0%	/run/user/301613
tmpfs	1.6G	0	1.6G	0%	/run/user/301677
total	183G	137G	40G	78%	-

Note: using '--total' along with '-h' will sum up the total disk usage of all the file systems.

4. How to list the Inodes information of all file systems?

```
# df -i
```

Output:

Filesystem	Inodes	IUsed	IFree	IUse%	Mounted on
/dev/sda2	10240000	2491518	7748482	25%	/
udev	2054985	305	2054680	1%	/dev
tmpfs	2057262	767	2056495	1%	/run
tmpfs	2057262	1	2057261	1%	/dev/shm
tmpfs	2057262	11	2057251	1%	/run/lock
tmpfs	2057262	13	2057249	1%	/sys/fs/cgroup
/dev/sda1	25168	336	24832	2%	/boot
tmpfs	2057262	4	2057258	1%	/run/user/301703
tmpfs	2057262	4	2057258	1%	/run/user/301483
tmpfs	2057262	4	2057258	1%	/run/user/301613
tmpfs	2057262	4	2057258	1%	/run/user/301677

Note: Using '-i' will list the information about the Inodes of all the filesystem.

5. How to list the file system usage in MB (MegaByte)?

```
# df -m
```


Output:

Filesystem	1M-blocks	Used	Available	Use%	Mounted on
/dev/sda2	161097	139711	14776	91%	/
udev	10	0	10	0%	/dev
tmpfs	3215	322	2894	10%	/run
tmpfs	8037	0	8037	0%	/dev/shm
tmpfs	5	0	5	0%	/run/lock
tmpfs	8037	0	8037	0%	/sys/fs/cgroup
/dev/sda1	95	75	16	84%	/boot
tmpfs	1608	0	1608	0%	/run/user/301703
tmpfs	1608	0	1608	0%	/run/user/301483
tmpfs	1608	0	1608	0%	/run/user/301613

Note: Using the '-m' option we can get the output of all the file systems disk space usage in MB (megabytes).

6. How to check the file system type?

```
# df -T
```

Output:

Filesystem	Type	1K-blocks	Used	Available	Use%	Mounted on
/dev/sda2	ext4	164962420	143084916	15108428	91%	/
udev	devtmpfs	10240	0	10240	0%	/dev
tmpfs	tmpfs	3291620	329144	2962476	10%	/run
tmpfs	tmpfs	8229048	0	8229048	0%	/dev/shm
tmpfs	tmpfs	5120	0	5120	0%	/run/lock
tmpfs	tmpfs	8229048	0	8229048	0%	/sys/fs/cgroup
/dev/sda1	ext2	97167	76552	15598	84%	/boot
tmpfs	tmpfs	1645812	0	1645812	0%	/run/user/301703
tmpfs	tmpfs	1645812	0	1645812	0%	/run/user/301483
tmpfs	tmpfs	1645812	0	1645812	0%	/run/user/301613
tmpfs	tmpfs	1645812	0	1645812	0%	/run/user/301677

Note: Using the '-T' option we can get the list of file system types. As you can see types of file systems in the above example's 2nd column "TYPE" as "ext4, tmpfs, ext2".

7. How to check the disk space details of a specific file system type?

```
# df -t ext4
```

Output:

Filesystem	1K-blocks	Used	Available	Use%	Mounted on
/dev/sda2	164962420	143225180	14968164	91%	/

Note: Using the '-t' option we can filter the output of a specific file system. In this example, I have used the "ext4" file system. You can check it accordingly.

8. How to customize the output with certain columns?

```
# df -h / --output=size,used
```

Output:

Size Used

158G 137G

Note: Using '--output[=FIELD_LIST]' with df command you can customize your output with certain fields/columns. Check the example I used here.

```
# df --help or man help
```

Sample Program:

Read sectors from a disk

```
#include<stdio.h>
```

```
int main()
```

```
{
```

```
    int numSecteur=10;
```

```
    char secteur[1024];
```

```
    FILE* disqueF=fopen("/dev/sda6","r");
```

```
    fseek(disqueF, numSecteur*512,SEEK_SET);
```

```
    fread(secteur, 1024, 1, disqueF);
```

```

//printf("%s",se
for (int i = 0; i < sizeof(secteur); i++) {
    printf ("%x ", secteur[i]);
    if ((i + 1) % 16 == 0)
        printf ("\n");
}
fclose(disqueF);
return 0;
}

```

Lab Exercises:

1. Identify the number of hard disks connected to the system.
2. Write a program to read a sector from the pen drive?
3. Identify the number of partitions and other details with the pen drive.
4. Write a program to write to a particular sector of a flash drive and SSD?

Additional Exercises:

1. Identify the available memory in the system.
2. Display the list of devices connected to your system including the physical names and its instance number.