

Assignment 2: Bash Shell Basics

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Task 1: File and Directory Manipulation

1. Create a directory called "my_directory".

```
(kali@kali)-[~]  
$ mkdir my_directory
```

This command creates a new directory named "my_directory" in the current working directory.

2. Navigate into the "my_directory".

```
(kali@kali)-[~]  
$ cd my_directory
```

This command changes the current working directory to "my_directory".

3. Create an empty file called "my_file.txt".

```
(kali@kali)-[~/my_directory]  
$ touch my_file.txt
```

The **touch** command is used to create an empty file. In this case, it creates a file named "my_file.txt" in the current directory.

4. List all the files and directories in the current directory.

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/my_directory]
$ ls
my_file.txt
```

The `ls` command lists the files and directories in the current directory.

5. Rename "my_file.txt" to "new_file.txt".

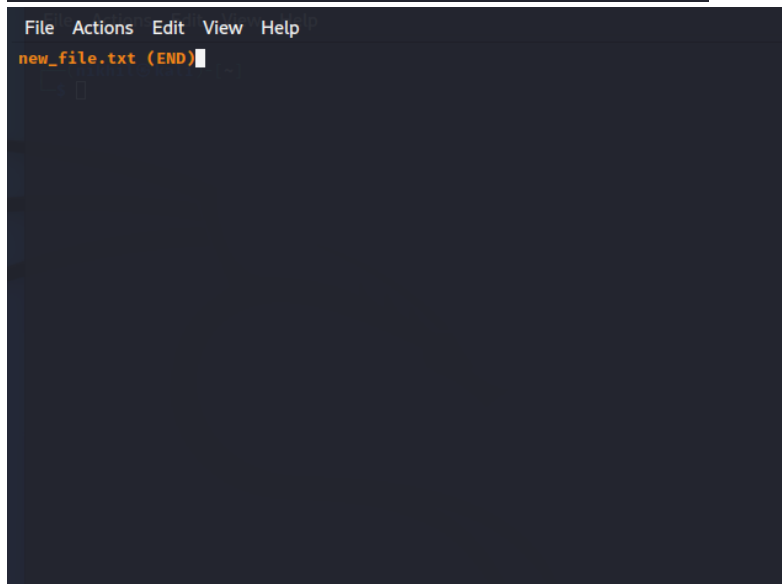
```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/my_directory]
$ mv my_file.txt new_file.txt

(kali㉿kali)-[~/my_directory]
$ ls
new_file.txt
```

The `mv` command is used to move or rename files. In this case, it renames the file "my_file.txt" to "new_file.txt".

6. Display the content of "new_file.txt" using a pager tool of your choice

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/my_directory]
$ less new_file.txt
```



The screenshot shows a terminal window with a menu bar (File, Actions, Edit, View, Help) and a title bar (new_file.txt (END)). The main area is empty, indicating the end of the file content.

The **less** command is a pager tool that allows you to view the content of a file page by page. In this case, it displays the content of the file "new_file.txt". You can scroll through the content using the arrow keys and press "q" to exit.

7. Append the text "Hello, World!" to "new_file.txt".

```
(kali@kali)-[~/my_directory]
$ echo "hello" >> new_file.txt
```

The **echo** command is used to print text. The >> operator is used to append the output to a file. In this case, it appends the text "Hello, World!" to the file "new_file.txt"

8. Create a new directory called "backup" within "my_directory".

```
(kali@kali)-[~/my_directory]
$ mkdir backup
```

This command creates a new directory named "backup" within the "my_directory" directory.

9. Move "new_file.txt" to the "backup" directory.

```
(kali@kali)-[~/my_directory]
$ mv new_file.txt backup/
```

This command moves the file "new_file.txt" to the "backup" directory.

10. Verify that "new_file.txt" is now located in the "backup" directory.

```
(kali@kali)-[~/my_directory]
$ ls backup/
new_file.txt
```

This command lists the contents of the "backup" directory to verify that "new_file.txt" is present there.

11. Delete the "backup" directory and all its contents.

```
(kali@kali)-[~/my_directory]
$ rm -r backup/
```

The `rm` command is used to remove files and directories. The `-r` option is used to recursively remove directories and their contents. In this case, it deletes the "backup" directory and all its contents

Task 2: Permissions and Scripting

- Create a new file called "my_script.sh".

```
(kali@kali)-[~/my_directory]
$ touch my_script.sh
```

This command creates a new file named "my_script.sh" in the current directory.

- Edit "my_script.sh" using a text editor of your choice and add the following lines:

bash

```
#!/bin/bash
```

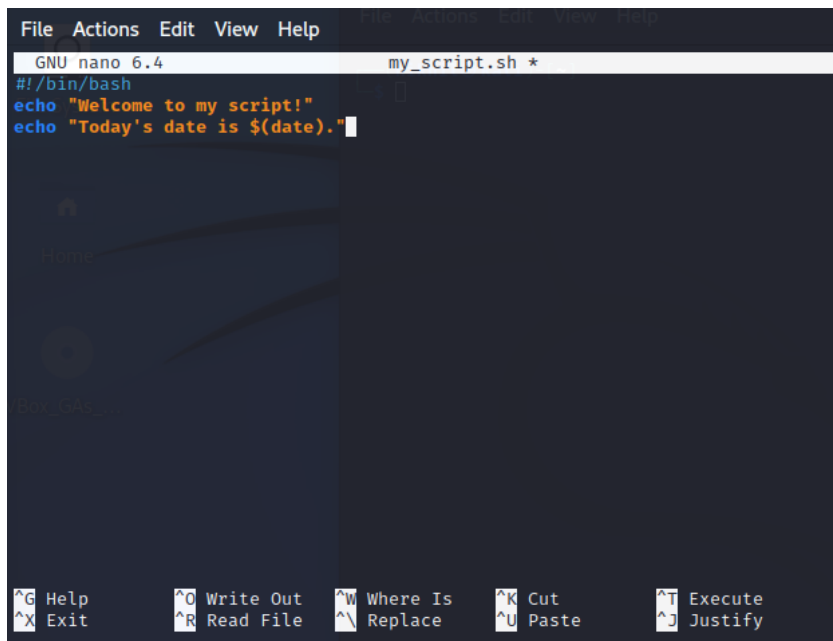
```
echo "Welcome to my script!"
```

```
echo "Today's date is $(date)."
```

Save and exit the file.

```
(kali@kali)-[~/my_directory]
$ nano my_script.sh
```

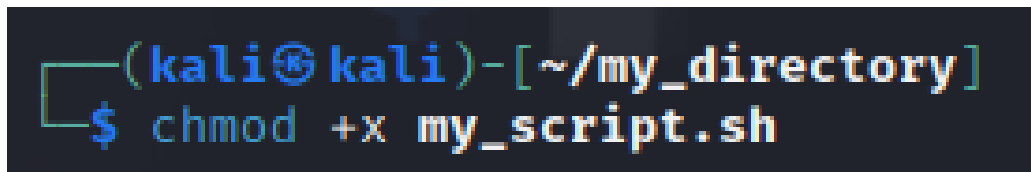
This command opens the "my_script.sh" file in the nano text editor, allowing you to edit the file

A screenshot of the GNU nano 6.4 text editor. The title bar shows 'GNU nano 6.4' and 'my_script.sh *'. The editor contains three lines of text: '#!/bin/bash', 'echo "Welcome to my script!"', and 'echo "Today's date is \$(date)."' followed by a cursor. The bottom status bar shows various keyboard shortcuts like ^G Help, ^O Write Out, ^W Where Is, ^K Cut, ^T Execute, ^X Exit, ^R Read File, ^_ Replace, ^U Paste, and ^J Justify.

```
File Actions Edit View Help
GNU nano 6.4 my_script.sh *
#!/bin/bash
echo "Welcome to my script!"
echo "Today's date is $(date)."
```

These lines are added to the "my_script.sh" file. The first line specifies the interpreter (`#!/bin/bash`), and the subsequent lines use the `echo` command to print text.

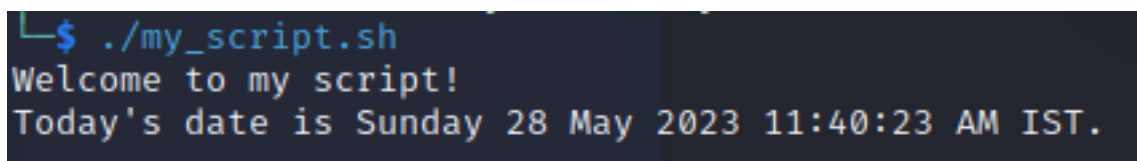
- Make "my_script.sh" executable

A terminal window screenshot showing the command prompt '(kali@kali)-[~/my_directory]' and the command '\$ chmod +x my_script.sh' being entered.

```
(kali@kali)-[~/my_directory]
$ chmod +x my_script.sh
```

The `chmod` command is used to change the permissions of a file. The `+x` option makes the file executable, allowing it to be run as a script.

- Run "my_script.sh" and verify that the output matches the expected result.

A terminal window screenshot showing the command './my_script.sh' being executed, followed by the output: 'Welcome to my script!' and 'Today's date is Sunday 28 May 2023 11:40:23 AM IST.'

```
$ ./my_script.sh
Welcome to my script!
Today's date is Sunday 28 May 2023 11:40:23 AM IST.
```

This command executes the "my_script.sh" file, and the output should display the text specified in the script, including the current date and time

Task 3: Command Execution and Pipelines

- List all the processes running on your system using the "ps" command.

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/my_directory]
$ ps aux
```

USER	PID	%CPU	%MEM	VSZ	RSS	TTY	STAT	START	TIME	COMMAND
root	1	0.0	0.4	167592	12112	?	Ss	02:57	0:01	/sbin/init
root	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	02:57	0:00	[kthreadd]
root	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	I<	02:57	0:00	[rcu_gp]
root	4	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	I<	02:57	0:00	[rcu_par_g
root	5	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	I<	02:57	0:00	[slub_flus
root	6	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	I<	02:57	0:00	[netns]
root	8	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	I<	02:57	0:00	[kworker/0
root	10	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	I<	02:57	0:00	[mm_percpu
root	11	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	I	02:57	0:00	[rcu_tasks
root	12	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	I	02:57	0:00	[rcu_tasks
root	13	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	I	02:57	0:00	[rcu_tasks
root	14	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	02:57	0:00	[ksoftirqd
root	15	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	I	02:57	0:00	[rcu_preem
root	16	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	02:57	0:00	[migration
root	17	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	I	02:57	0:00	[kworker/0
root	18	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	02:57	0:00	[cpuhp/0]
root	19	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	02:57	0:00	[cpuhp/1]
root	20	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	02:57	0:00	[migration
root	21	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	02:57	0:00	[ksoftirqd
root	24	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	02:57	0:00	[cpuhp/2]
root	25	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	02:57	0:00	[migration
root	26	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	02:57	0:00	[ksoftirqd
root	28	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	I<	02:57	0:00	[kworker/2
root	32	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	02:57	0:00	[kdevtmpfs

The **ps** command is used to display information about active processes. The **aux** options provide a detailed list of all processes running on the system.

- Use the "grep" command to filter the processes list and display only the processes with "bash" in their name.
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```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/my_directory]
└─$ ps aux | grep bash
kali      12309  0.0  0.0   6332  2144 pts/0    S+   03:25   0:00 grep --col
or=auto bash
```

The **grep** command is used to search for specific patterns in the input. In this case, it filters the output of the **ps aux** command to display only the processes that contain the word "bash"

- Use the "wc" command to count the number of lines in the filtered output.

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/my_directory]
└─$ ps aux | grep bash | wc -l
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```

The **wc** command is used to count the number of lines, words, and characters in the input. The **-l** option tells **wc** to count only the lines. In this case, it counts the number of lines in the filtered output of the previous command, giving the total number of processes with "bash" in their name.