

BDBP106: Linux and Python programming

Learning goals: Linux OS commands with piping, shell types, parent/child relationships, internal and external commands, environment variables, PATH variable, variable arrays and other commands not seen in theory classes

NOTE: Save screenshots of each exercise, and upload your work to your github account as Lab6.pdf by end of Thursday Aug 7.

(1) The echo command can be used simply to display a piece of text (useful in programs). Use echo to create a sentence. Pipe the output of this command to count the number of words in the sentence. How do I use the wc to count the number of lines in this sentence?

```
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~/bin$ echo " My Self Nilesch Sunil Kambale" > Ques1 | cat Ques1 | wc -w
5
```

(Snap No.1)

(2) Execute the following command, and explain the meaning of the output. This concerns the appearance of the command prompt, and you should be able to dissect the output completely and explain it part by part. Make a list of the parts of the output and write your explanations against each part. The command is cat .bashrc | grep 'PS1'

ANS:-

```
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~$ cat .bashrc | grep 'PS1'
PS1='${debian_chroot:+($debian_chroot)}\[\033[01;32m\]\u@\h\[\033[00m\]:\[\033[01;34m\]\w\[\033[00m\]\$ '
PS1='${debian_chroot:+($debian_chroot)}\u@\h:\w\$ '
PS1="\[\e]0;${debian_chroot:+($debian_chroot)}\u@\h: \w\a\]$PS1"
```

(Snap.No.2)

Comand:- **cat .bashrc | grep 'PS1'**

Cat – lists the details of file

.bashrc - is the file where all bash process program are saved more this is the file which executed every time when you open the new terminal

Pipe | command create a separation between two command thus two command can be pass is single command line. Previous command is executed then next command

grep – command list the data of file as per given the pattern here '**PS1**' is pattern thus all line of the .bashrc file will be listed by this command with details

(3) In the above exercise, filter the output based on 'HIST' pattern. You will see a list of environment variables. Figure out what they stand for and what the current values mean.

ANS

```
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~$ cat .bashrc | grep 'HIST'
HISTCONTROL=ignoreboth
# for setting history length see HISTSIZE and HISTFILESIZE in bash(1)
HISTSIZE=1000
HISTFILESIZE=2000
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~$ cat .bashrc
# ~/.bashrc: executed by bash(1) for non-login shells.
```

(Snap No.3)

don't put duplicate lines or lines starting with space in the history.
See bash(1) for more options
HISTCONTROL=ignoreboth

for setting history length see HISTSIZE and HISTFILESIZE in bash(1)
HISTSIZE=1000
HISTFILESIZE=2000

(4) The whereis command searches for a program in a predefined set of standard binary directories such as /bin, /usr/bin and /usr/sbin. Type whereis ls and study the output. What is the difference between which and whereis commands?

Ans

```
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~$ which rm
/usr/bin/rm
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~$ which mkdir
/usr/bin/mkdir
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~$ whereis mkdir
mkdir: /usr/bin/mkdir /usr/share/man/man2/mkdir.2.gz /usr/share/man/man1/mkdir.1.gz
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~$
```

(Snap No.4)

Which < Any Command > = Gives the path of the command where it is saved

Whereis < Any Command > = Searches & Gives locate the binary, source, and manual page files for a command returns path , as well as any source or binary's path where command is mention

(5) The command dirname is used to retrieve the directory name in a given file path. Nav-igate to a previous lab folder such as Lab4 and list the files. Then type the command dirname <filename> where give some existing filename in this command. What is the output?

```
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~/Lab4$ dirname age_sorted.out
.
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~/Lab4$ dirname age_sorted.out
.
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~/Lab4$ dirname lab4 014.pdf
```

(Snap No.5)

```
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~$ sudo apt install <deb name>
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~$ dirname Hate.csv
.
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~$ dirname /Lab4/file2/test_extract
/Lab4/file2
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~$ dirname /Lab4/file2/test_extract/fil3/fil1
/Lab4/file2/test_extract/fil3
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~$
```

(Snap No.6)

Ans :- output '.' (meaning the current directory) & strip last component from file name

(6) Create a local variable called mylabdir, and set it to the following value: /home/ibab/Lab6(which means that if you have not created a Lab6 folder you should do so). Print the value of this variable using the echo command, and then the dirname command output with a file you are working with, under the Lab6 directory.

```
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~$ mylabdir=/home/ibab/Lab6
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~$ echo $mylabdir
/home/ibab/Lab6
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~$ ls
```

(Snap No.7)

```
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~$ cd lab
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~/lab$ cd Lab6
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~/lab/Lab6$ ls
lab6.pdf
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~/lab/Lab6$ echo $mylabdir
/home/ibab/Lab6
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~/lab/Lab6$ dirname $mylabdir/lab6.pdf
/home/ibab/Lab6
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~/lab/Lab6$ |
```

(Snap No.8)

(7) Create a new bash subshell in this terminal. Prove that you have created a subshell using the ps command with the appropriate options. Inside this subshell print the value of the variable mylabdir. What is the value? If it is empty, how do you convert it to a global variable? Do the conversion and show that mylabdir is indeed a global variable

```
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~$ unset mylabdir
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~$ export mylabdir=/home/ibab/lab6
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~$ bash
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~$ bash
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~$ bash
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~$ bash
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~$ ps --forest
  PID TTY          TIME CMD
 33898 pts/1        00:00:00 bash
 33918 pts/1        00:00:00  \_ bash
 34038 pts/1        00:00:00    \_ bash
 34045 pts/1        00:00:00      \_ bash
 34051 pts/1        00:00:00        \_ bash
 34057 pts/1        00:00:00          \_ bash
 34063 pts/1        00:00:00            \_ ps
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~$ echo mylabdir
mylabdir
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~$ echo $mylabdir
/home/ibab/lab6
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~$ |
```

(Snap No.8)

(8) Display the output of the command `echo $PATH`. Is `PATH` local or global variable? De-scribe two ways of finding this out.

ANS

```
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~$ echo $PATH
/home/ibab/bin:/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/bin:/usr/games:/usr/local/games:/snap/bin
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~$ bash
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~$ bash
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~$ bash
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~$ ps --forest
  PID TTY          TIME CMD
 32433 pts/0    00:00:00 bash
 34315 pts/0    00:00:00  \_ bash
 34321 pts/0    00:00:00    \_ bash
 34327 pts/0    00:00:00      \_ bash
 34333 pts/0    00:00:00        \_ ps
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~$ echo $PATH
/home/ibab/bin:/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/bin:/usr/games:/usr/local/games:/snap/bin
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~$ |
```

(Snap.No 9)

1) local vairable shell or terminal specific only if parent shell it works it may not work for child shell thus creating sub shell `$PATH` gives the same result thus it is global vairable see (Snap.No 9)

```
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~$ env | grep PATH
MANDATORY_PATH=/usr/share/gconf/ubuntu.mandatory.path
WINDOWPATH=2
DEFAULTS_PATH=/usr/share/gconf/ubuntu.default.path
PATH=/home/ibab/bin:/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/bin:/usr/games:/usr/local/games:/snap/bin
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~$ |
```

(Snap.No 10)

2) Another Way to chech `$PATH` is local vairable or Global vairable command **env** enlists the All Global Vairable By **pipng & grep** command thrugh `PATH` pattern we can check thus Path is Global Vairable
Command:- **env | grep PATH**

(9) The concept of a **directory stack**. Learning about this will allow you to know the **powerful navigation mechanisms** in Linux. The key commands in this exercise are **dirs**, **cd -**, **pushd** and **popd**. The **directory stack operates** like a **stack of plates** – the **last plate** on top is the first to be **taken out**. Try the following exercises to **understand this**.

(i) Execute `dirs -v -l`. What is the output? Learn more about the command and the options by looking up the man pages of what these options did. For each command below execute `dirs -v -l` to understand what happened to the directory stack.

Command :- **dirs -v -l**

dir :- list directorys content

s:- stands for Stack

-v :- natural sort of (version) numbers within text

-l :- -l use a long listing format


```

ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~$ dirs -v -l
0 /home/ibab
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~$ Lab5
Lab5: command not found
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~$ cd Lab5
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~/Lab5$ dirs -v -l
0 /home/ibab/Lab5
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~/Lab5$ cd
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~$ cd lab
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~/lab$ cd Lab6
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~/lab/Lab6$ dirs -v -l
0 /home/ibab/lab/Lab6
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~/lab/Lab6$ lab6.pdf
lab6.pdf: command not found
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~/lab/Lab6$ |

```

(Snap.No 11)

it gives 0 stack value

(ii) By default the directory stack contains only one entry – the path to your \$HOME. Let's add some entries to this stack using the following commands:

- (a) pushd /var/log
- (b) pushd /tmp
- (c) pushd /etc
- (d) pushd ~/Downloads
- (e) pushd ~/Documents

```

ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~$ pushd /var/log
/var/log ~
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:/var/log$ pushd /var/log
/var/log /var/log ~
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:/var/log$ pushd /tmp
/tmp /var/log /var/log ~
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:/tmp$ pushd /etc
/etc /tmp /var/log /var/log ~
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:/etc$ pushd ~/Downloads
~/Downloads /etc /tmp /var/log /var/log ~
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~/Downloads$ pushd ~/Documents
~/Documents ~/Downloads /etc /tmp /var/log /var/log ~
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~/Documents$ dirs -v -l
0 /home/ibab/Documents
1 /home/ibab/Downloads
2 /etc
3 /tmp
4 /var/log
5 /var/log
6 /home/ibab
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~/Documents$ |

```

(Snap.No 12)

(iii) Now execute `dirs -v -l` again. Explain the output.

```
/Documents /Downloads /etc /tmp /var/log /var/log
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~/Documents$ dirs -v -l
0 /home/ibab/Documents
1 /home/ibab/Downloads
2 /etc
3 /tmp
4 /var/log
5 /var/log
6 /home/ibab
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~/Documents$ |
```

(Snap.No 13)

It stacks directories one above one which derived by `pushd` command current one will be seen latest & having lower values & oldest one will have highest value

(iv) Execute the command `pushd +1`. Explain what happened.

```
/Downloads /etc /tmp /var/log /var/log ~/Documents
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~/Downloads$ dirs -v -l
0 /home/ibab/Downloads
1 /etc
2 /tmp
3 /var/log
4 /var/log
5 /home/ibab
6 /home/ibab/Documents
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~/Downloads$ |
```

(Snap.No 14)

Ans It Pushes newly stack directory as last & all slides one position up

(v) Execute `cd -`. What happened?

```
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~/Downloads$ cd
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~$ dirs -v -l
0 /home/ibab
1 /etc
2 /tmp
3 /var/log
4 /var/log
5 /home/ibab
6 /home/ibab/Documents
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~$ |
```

(Snap.No 15)

Ans `cd` returns to current directory & `dirs -v -l` still gives Stack but this time home directory assign as 0 thus it is latest directory

(vi) Execute `cd /tmp`. What happened? In this case, note that we simply changed directory to an entry in the directory stack without reference to the stack in any way.

```
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:/tmp$ dirs -v -l
0 /tmp
1 /etc
2 /tmp
3 /var/log
4 /var/log
5 /home/ibab
6 /home/ibab/Documents
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:/tmp$ |
```

(Snap.No 16)

now present working directory shifted to /tmp and it is assigned to 0 but home directory becomes second last

(vii) Execute `popd`. What happened? `popd` is responsible for removing the topmost “plate” in the stack and changes to the directory entry against index 1.

ANS it removes the first directory from stacking adds second one as first see the snap 17.

```
/Documents /Downloads /etc /tmp /var/log
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~/Documents$ dirs -v -l
0 /home/ibab/Documents
1 /home/ibab/Downloads
2 /etc
3 /tmp
4 /var/log
5 /home/ibab
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~/Documents$ popd
~/Downloads /etc /tmp /var/log ~
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~/Downloads$ dirs -v -l
0 /home/ibab/Downloads
1 /etc
2 /tmp
3 /var/log
4 /home/ibab
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~/Downloads$ |
```

(Snap.No 17)

(viii) Execute popd +2. What happened? How is this different from pushd +2?

ANS :- It removes the second directory from stacking & arranges other accordingly see Snap No 18

```
~/Downloads /etc /tmp /var/log ~
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~/Downloads$ dirs -v -l
0  /home/ibab/Downloads
1  /etc
2  /tmp
3  /var/log
4  /home/ibab
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~/Downloads$ popd +2
~/Downloads /etc /var/log ~
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~/Downloads$ dirs -v -l
0  /home/ibab/Downloads
1  /etc
2  /var/log
3  /home/ibab
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~/Downloads$ |
```

(Snap.No 18)

(ix) In all the above, what was happening the entry that was indexed against '0'? Explain what this entry represents.

```
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~/Downloads$ dirs -v -l
0  /home/ibab/Downloads
1  /etc
2  /var/log
3  /home/ibab
ibab@IBAB-MSc-BDB-Comp03:~/Downloads$ |
```

(Snap.No 19)

Ans :- entry of 0 represents the current working directory in stacking list & previous one in having according is FIFO order