

TRAINING DAY 9 REPORT:

• **Linux User Administration & File Permissions**

Today, I studied how **Linux handles users, file ownership, and permissions**, which are important for system security and administration.

1. Linux User Administration

- Every action in Linux is performed by a **user**.
- Linux has **three types of users**:

1. User (Owner of the file)

2. Group (A set of users)

3. Others (Everyone else)

2. Ownership of Files

Each file/directory in Linux is owned by:

- A **user (owner)**

- A **group**

Check ownership using: `ls -l filename`

Example output: `-rwxr-xr-- 1 **user group** 1234 date filename`

3. Permissions of Files

Linux files have **three types of permissions** for **user, group, and others**:

Permission	Symbol	Meaning
Read	r	View file or list directory
Write	w	Modify file or directory
Execute	x	Run file as program or script

Example: `-rwxr--r--`

Means:

- Owner can read/write/execute
- Group can read
- Others can read

4. Changing Permissions

a) Symbolic Mode

Symbol	Meaning
u	user (owner)
g	group
o	others
a	all (user+group+others)
+	add permission
-	remove permission
=	set exact permission

b) Absolute Mode (Octal Mode)

Permissions are set using **numbers**:

- $r = 4, w = 2, x = 1$

So:

Number	Meaning
7	rwX (read+write+execute)
6	rw-
5	r-X
4	r--
0	---

• Windows Run Commands:

Why Use Run Commands?

- Saves time
- Opens hidden or advanced settings
- Useful in troubleshooting
- Works on almost all versions of Windows

Commonly Used Run Commands:

Command	What It Opens
cmd	Command Prompt
powershell	PowerShell
control	Control Panel
msconfig	System Configuration
regedit	Registry Editor
appwiz.cpl	Add/Remove Programs
notepad	Opens Notepad
calc	Calculator
explorer	Opens File Explorer
taskmgr	Task Manager
devmgmt.msc	Device Manager
services.msc	Windows Services
compmgmt.msc	Computer Management
ncpa.cpl	Network Connections
inetcpl.cpl	Internet Options
diskmgmt.msc	Disk Management
sysdm.cpl	System Properties
gpedit.msc	Group Policy Editor (<i>not in Home Edition</i>)
dxdiag	DirectX Diagnostic Tool

How to Use:

1. Press **Win + R** on your keyboard.
2. Type the command (e.g., cmd)
3. Hit **Enter**

• DOS Commands (Disk Operating System)

DOS (Disk Operating System) commands, which are used to interact with the operating system using the **command-line interface (CLI)** — especially in older Windows or during system recovery.

What is DOS?

- **DOS** is an **early operating system** based on text commands.

- Even today, many **DOS commands still work** inside **Command Prompt (cmd.exe)** in Windows.

Types of DOS Commands:

1. Internal Commands

These are built into the **command interpreter (COMMAND.COM)** and don't need any external files.

Command	Description
DIR	Lists files and folders
CD	Changes directory
CLS	Clears the screen
COPY	Copies files
DEL	Deletes files
REN	Renames files
TYPE	Displays content of a text file
DATE	Displays or sets system date
TIME	Displays or sets system time
VER	Shows DOS version

2. External Commands

These require **separate executable files (.exe, .com, .bat)** and are stored on disk.

Command	Description
FORMAT	Formats a disk
DISKCOPY	Copies content of one disk to another
CHKDSK	Checks disk for errors
XCOPY	Advanced file and folder copy
DELTREE	Deletes folder and contents
FDISK	Disk partition management
EDIT	Opens simple text editor
MODE	Configures system devices
LABEL	Changes disk label

Examples:

DIR → Lists files in current directory
CD folder → Goes into the specified folder
COPY a.txt b.txt → Copies a.txt to b.txt
DEL old.txt → Deletes the file old.txt

Key Points:

- DOS is **case-insensitive** (DIR, dir, Dir all work).
- Commands are **executed line by line**.
- No GUI – **everything is done through typing**.

• **Hiding & Unhiding Computer Drives in Windows**

Hide or unhide drives (like D:, E:, F:) in my computer using simple methods.
This is useful to protect data or keep the desktop clean.

Method 1: Using Diskpart (Command Line)

To Hide a Drive:

1. Press Win + R → type cmd → press **Enter**
2. In Command Prompt, type : diskpart

Then : list volume

(It will list all drives. Note the volume number of the drive you want to hide.)

select volume X ← (Replace X with your volume number)

remove letter=E ← (Replace E with your drive letter)

This hides the drive from **File Explorer**, but it's still safe and data is not deleted.

To Unhide the Drive:

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diskpart  
list volume
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select volume X ← (Same volume as before)

assign letter=E ← (Reassign the original drive letter)

Your hidden drive is now visible again in **This PC**.

Method 2: Using Disk Management (GUI)

1. Press **Win + R** → type **diskmgmt.msc** → press **Enter**
2. Right-click on the drive you want to hide → Click "**Change Drive Letter and Paths**"
3. Click **Remove** → Confirm.
(Drive gets hidden)
4. To unhide, come back and click "**Add**" to reassign a letter.

Notes:

- This does **not delete any files**.
- You can still access the hidden drive via Command Prompt if needed.
- Best used for **privacy or system safety** (e.g., hiding recovery partitions).