

Topic Name:

The main aim of this lab session is to provide hands-on experience on

- Explore file structure
- File management commands
- Absolute path and Relative path
- Globbing
- Scripting

File Structure

1. Under the root directory there are many files like

/bin , /boot , /dev , /etc ,

Find out the importance of those files

Example : /etc is for user account details

S.No	Directory	Usage
1	/	Root directory.
2	/bin	Binary files .
3	/boot	Contains all the files required for the Linux Boot Process.
4	/dev	Special Device Files for all Devices.
5	/etc	Houses Configuration files for System services and Daemons.
6	/home	Personal workspace for each user.
7	/lib	Shared library images and kernel modules that are essential for booting the system and running commands in the root filesystem.
8	/proc	A virtual file system that provides information about the system's kernel and processes.
9	/sbin	System administration commands and binaries that are primarily used by the system administrator
10	/tmp	A temporary storage location for files and directories that are created and accessed during system runtime
11	/var	A standard directory that stores variable files, or files that change frequently while the system is running

2. In Linux, there are three different files

Regular file:

Regular files in Linux are the most common type of file and contain data that can be read and modified.

Directory File:

A directory file in Linux is a type of file that stores other files and directories, and contains the information the system needs to access them

Special file:

Special files, also known as device files, are associated with a computer system's hardware devices or other resources.

Block file:

Used to access and manage storage devices at the block level.

Character file:

Facilitate direct communication between user programs and hardware devices.

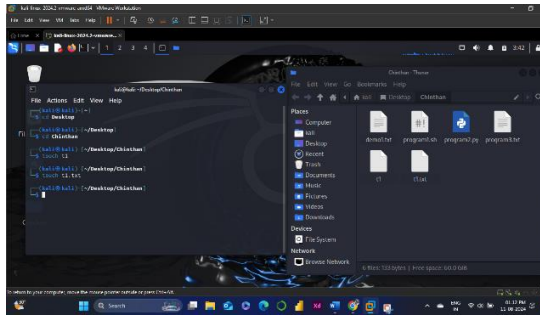
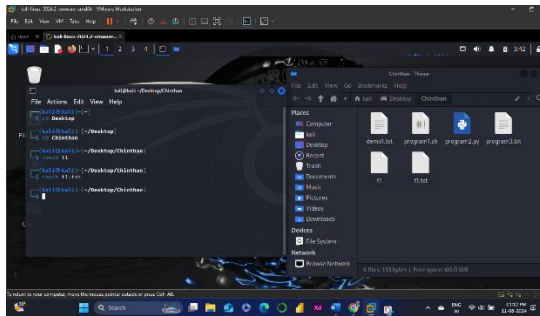
Socket file:

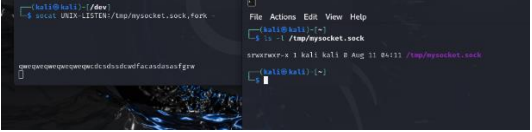
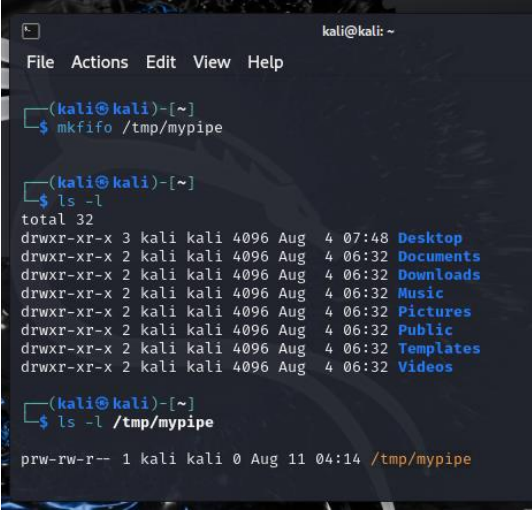
A file descriptor that acts as a communication endpoint for processes running on the device.

Pipe file:

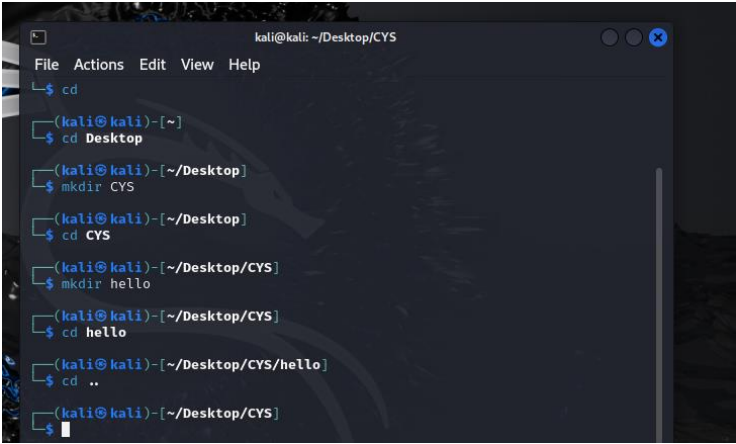
Unnamed objects created to allow two processes to communicate.

Fill the below table:

File Type	Represented by (Hints)	Role	How to create	How to check	Location	Screen shot
Regular file	-	Stores data such as text, images, etc.	touch t1	NA	/home/kali/Desktop/Chinthan	
- Text file	-	Contains plain text	touch t1.txt	NA	/home/kali/Desktop/Chinthan	
- Compressed	-	Stores data in a compressed	gzip filename	NA	/home/kali/Desktop/Chinthan	

		communi cation (IPC)				
pipe file	p	Used for IPC (inter- process communi cation)	NA	NA	/tmp	

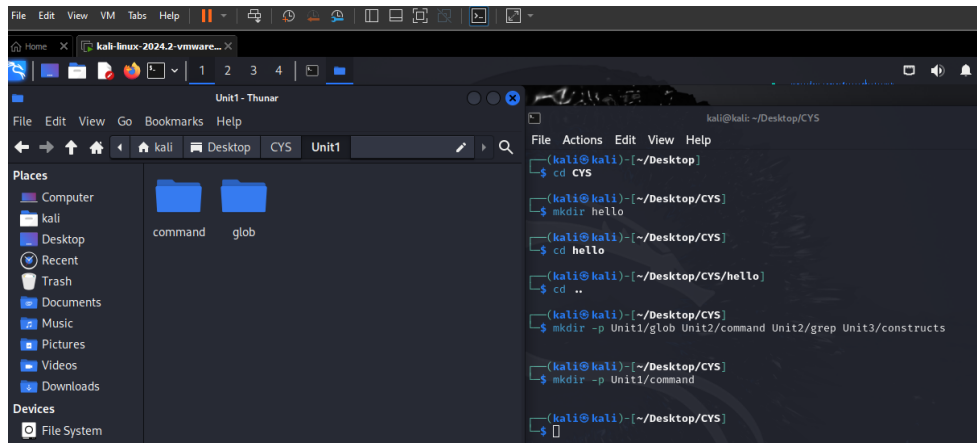
3. Globbing
- a. Go back to CYS



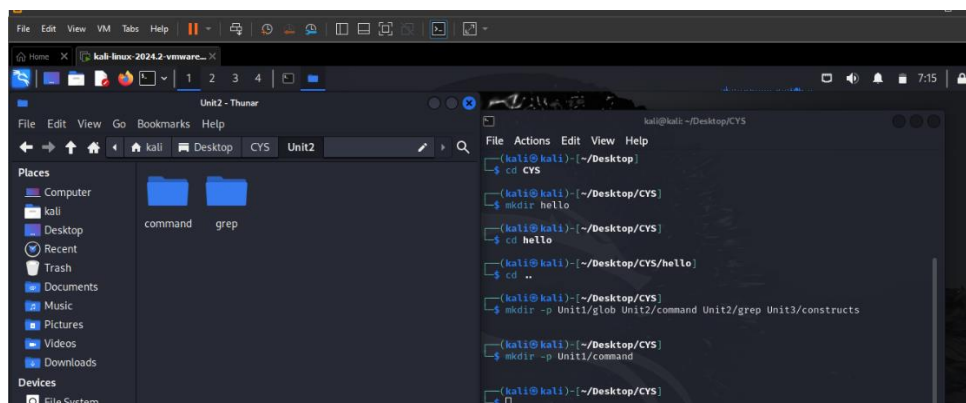
- b. Create multiple subdirectories using single command
- LS

Unit1

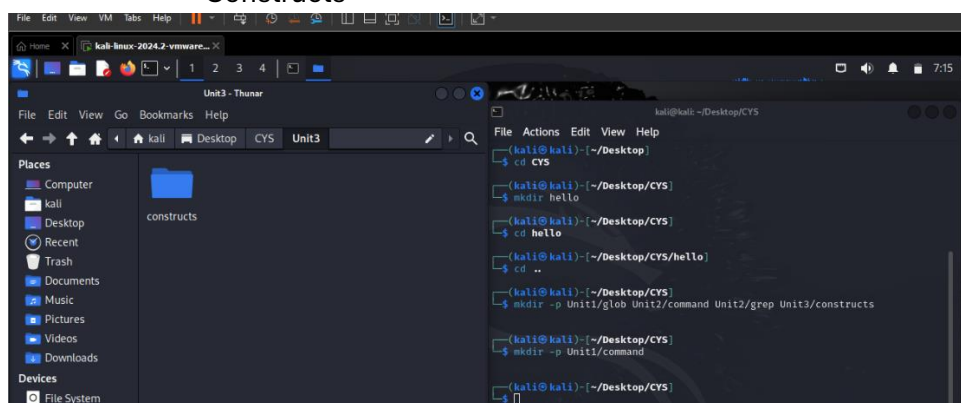
command
glob



Unit2
command
grep



Unit3
Constructs



- c. Navigate to unit1/glob

```
kali@kali: ~/Desktop/CYS/Unit1/glob
File Actions Edit View Help
(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop/CYS]
$ mkdir hello
(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop/CYS]
$ cd hello
(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop/CYS/hello]
$ cd ..
(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop/CYS]
$ mkdir -p Unit1/glob Unit2/command Unit2/grep Unit3/constructs
(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop/CYS]
$ mkdir -p Unit1/command
(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop/CYS]
$ cd Unit1/glob
(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop/CYS/Unit1/glob]
$
```

d. Create the following files:

Commands.txt

Commands1.txt

Commands2.txt

page1.html

page2.html

page3.html

file1

file10

file11

file2

File2

File3

file33

fileAB

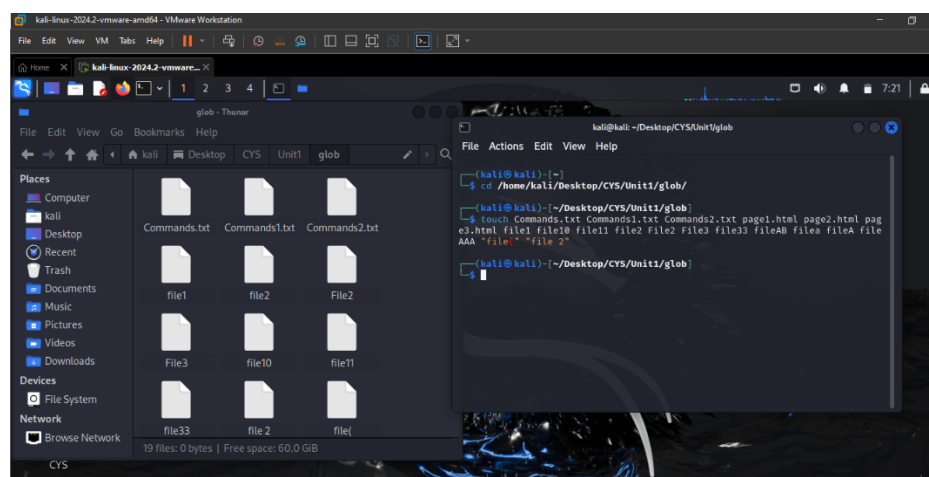
filea

fileA

fileAAA

file(

file2



- i. List all files starting with file

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ cd /home/kali/Desktop/CYS/Unit1/glob/

(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/CYS/Unit1/glob]
$ touch Commands.txt Commands1.txt Commands2.txt page1.html page2.html pag
e3.html file1 file10 file11 file2 File2 File3 file33 fileAB filea fileA file
AAA "file(" "file 2"

(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/CYS/Unit1/glob]
$ ls file*

'file('  file10  'file 2'  file33  fileA  fileAB
file1    file11   file2    filea  fileAAA
File2  File3
```

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```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ cd /home/kali/Desktop/CYS/Unit1/glob/

(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/CYS/Unit1/glob]
$ touch Commands.txt Commands1.txt Commands2.txt page1.html page2.html pag
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AAA "file(" "file 2"

(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/CYS/Unit1/glob]
$ ls file*

'file('  file10  'file 2'  file33  fileA  fileAB
file1    file11   file2    filea  fileAAA
File2  File3

(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/CYS/Unit1/glob]
$ ls File*

File2  File3
```

- iii. List all files starting with file and ending in a number.

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/CYS/Unit1/glob]
$ ls file*[0-9]

file1  file10  file11  'file 2'  file2  file33
```

- iv. List all files starting with file and ending with a letter

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/CYS/Unit1/glob]
$ ls file*[a-zA-Z]

filea  fileA  fileAAA  fileAB
```

- v. List all files starting with File and having a digit as fifth character.

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/CYS/Unit1/glob]
$ ls File????[0-9]*

ls: cannot access 'File????[0-9]*': No such file or directory
```

- vi. List all files starting with File and having a digit as fifth character and nothing else.


```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/CYS/Unit1/glob]
$ ls File????[0-9]

ls: cannot access 'File????[0-9]': No such file or directory
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/CYS/Unit1/glob]
```

- vii. List (with ls) all files starting with a letter and ending in a number.

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/CYS/Unit1/glob]
$ ls [a-zA-Z]*[0-9]

file1  file10  file11  'file 2'  file2  File2  File3  file33
```

- viii. List (with ls) all files that have exactly five characters.

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/CYS/Unit1/glob]
$ ls ?????
'file('  file1  file2  File2  File3  filea  fileA
```

- ix. List (with ls) all files that start with f or F and end with 3 or A.

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/CYS/Unit1/glob]
$ ls [fF]*[A3]

File3  file33  fileA  fileAAA
```

- x. List (with ls) all files that start with f have i or R as second character and end in a number.

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/CYS/Unit1/glob]
$ ls f[iR]*[0-9]

file1  file10  file11  'file 2'  file2  file33
```

- xi. List all files that do not start with the letter F.

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/CYS/Unit1/glob]
$ ls [^F]*
Commands1.json  'file('  file11  file33  fileAAA
Commands2.json  file1    'file 2'  filea   fileAB
Commands.json   file10   file2    fileA
```

- xii. Remove all the *.html

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/CYS/Unit1/glob]
$ rm *.html

(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/CYS/Unit1/glob]
$ ls
Commands1.txt  'file('  file11  File2  filea  fileAB
Commands2.txt  file1    'file 2'  File3  fileA
Commands.txt   file10   file2    file33  fileAAA
```

- xiii. Rename *.txt to *.json


```
(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop/CYS/Unit1/glob]
$ for file in *.txt; do
  mv "$file" "${file%.txt}.json"
done

(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop/CYS/Unit1/glob]
$ ls
Commands1.json 'file(' file11 File2 filea fileAB
Commands2.json file1 'file 2' File3 fileA
Commands.json file10 file2 file33 fileAAA
```

4. Absolute path and relative path

Use rm, mv, cp, ls with absolute path and relative path as per your choice.

- **ls:**

Relative Path:

```
(kali@kali)-[~]
$ ls Desktop/CYS/
chmod.exercises File2 File4 hello new Unit2 work
File1 File3 File5 myfile.txt Unit1 Unit3
```

Absolute Path:

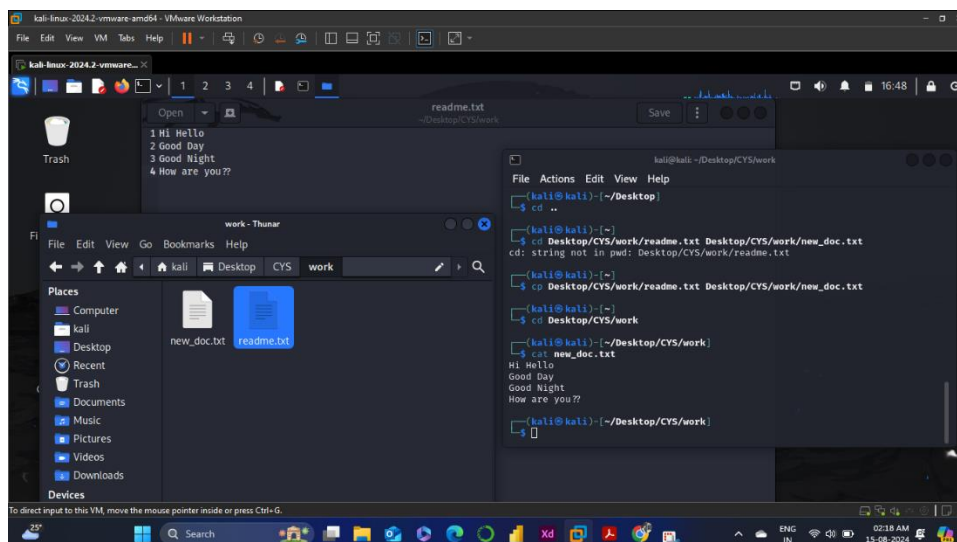
```
(kali@kali)-[~]
$ ls Desktop/
Chinthan CYS

(kali@kali)-[~]
$ cd Desktop

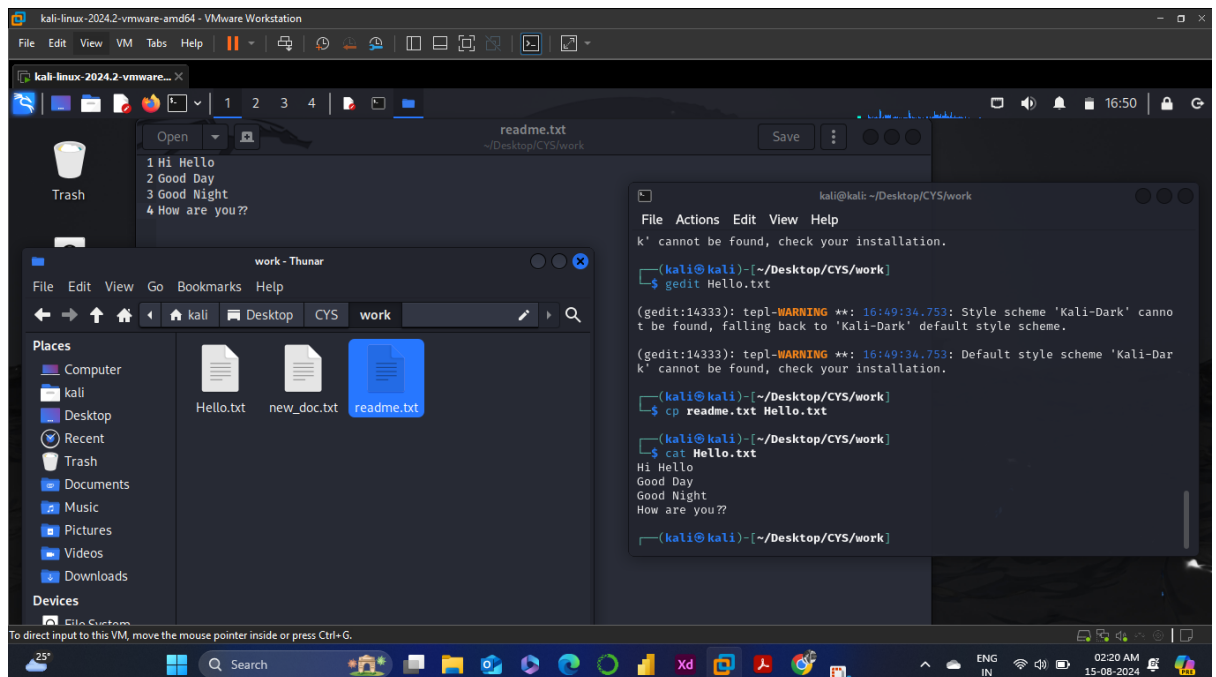
(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop]
$ ls CYS/
chmod.exercises File2 File4 hello new Unit2 work
File1 File3 File5 myfile.txt Unit1 Unit3
```

- **cp:**

Relative Path:

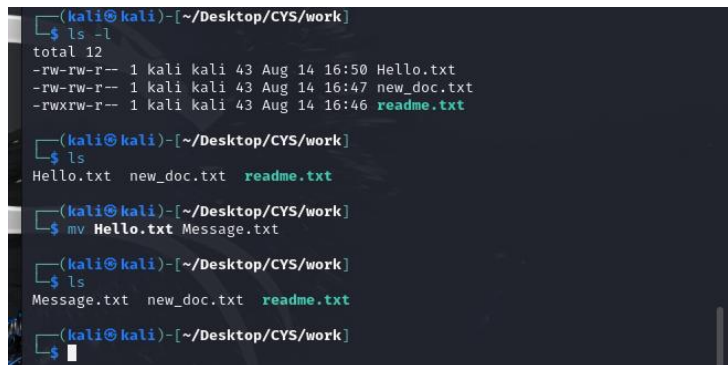


Absolute Path:

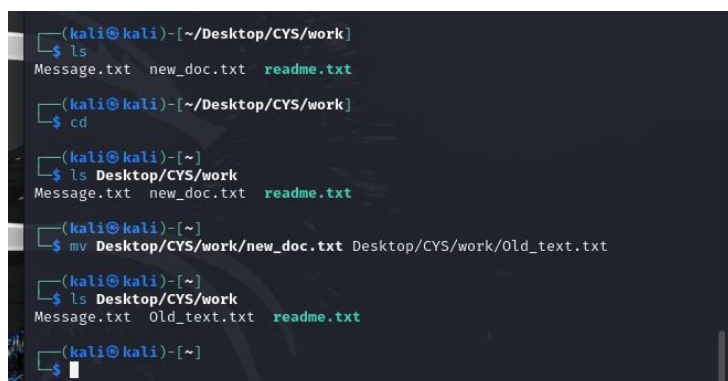


- mv

Relative Path:



Absolute Path:



- **rm**

Absolute path:

```
(kali@kali)-[~]
$ ls Desktop/CYS/work
Message.txt Old_text.txt readme.txt

(kali@kali)-[~]
$ rm Desktop/CYS/work/Old_text.txt

(kali@kali)-[~]
$ ls Desktop/CYS/work
Message.txt readme.txt

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

Relative path:

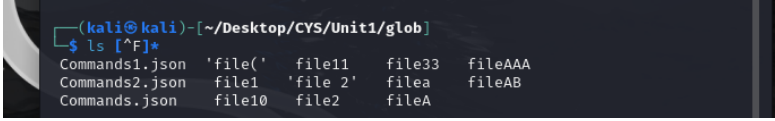
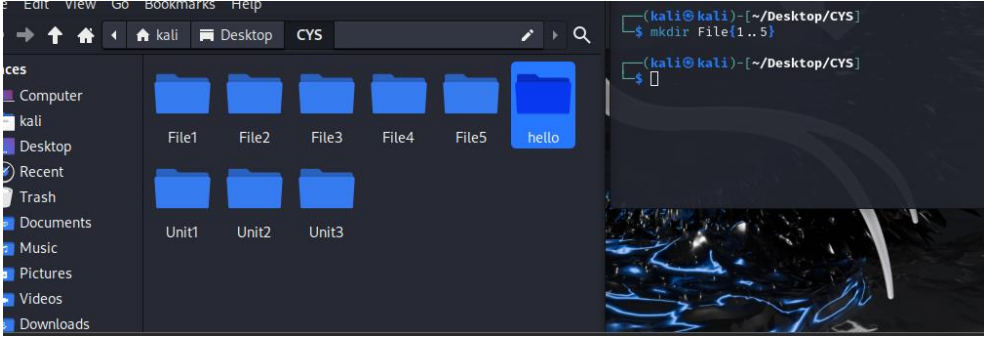
```
(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop/CYS/work]
$ rm Message.txt

(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop/CYS/work]
$ ls
readme.txt

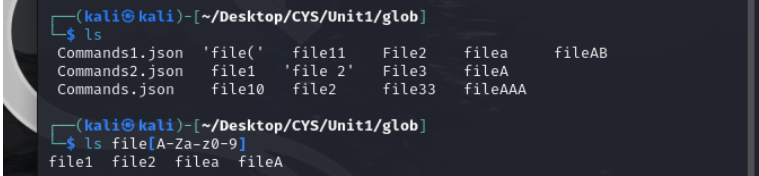

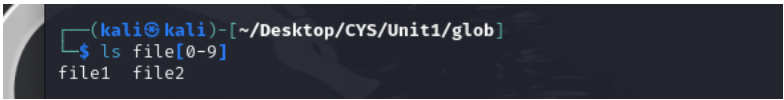
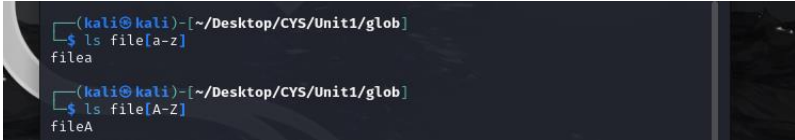
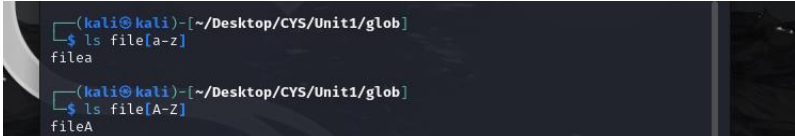
(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop/CYS/work]
$
```

5. Wildcards (Pattern Matching)

Notation	Use	Example	Screenshot
*	To match zero or more characters in file names, paths or commands	ls file*	<pre>(kali@kali)-[~] \$ cd /home/kali/Desktop/CYS/Unit1/glob/ (kali@kali)-[~/Desktop/CYS/Unit1/glob] \$ touch Commands.txt Commands1.txt Commands2.txt page1.html page2.html page3.html file1 file10 file11 file2 File2 File3 file33 fileAB filea fileA fileAAA "file(" "file 2" (kali@kali)-[~/Desktop/CYS/Unit1/glob] \$ ls file* 'file(' file10 'file 2' file33 fileA fileAB file1 file11 file2 filea fileAAA (kali@kali)-[~/Desktop/CYS/Unit1/glob] \$ ls File* File2 File3</pre>
?	match exactly one single character in file names, paths or commands.	ls ?????? (For 5 Characters)	<pre>(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop/CYS/Unit1/glob] \$ ls ????? 'file(' file1 file2 File2 File3 filea fileA</pre>
[]	Allows for flexible and specific pattern matching by defining sets or ranges	Ls file*[0-9] (File ending with digits only)	<pre>(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop/CYS/Unit1/glob] \$ ls file*[0-9] file1 file10 file11 'file 2' file2 file33 (kali@kali)-[~/Desktop/CYS/Unit1/glob] \$</pre>

[!] Or [^]	Matches any character that is not a member of the set characters	ls [^F]* (Fetches files which is not starting with 'F')	
{ }	Creating or manipulating multiple files or directories with varying names and numbers.	mkdir file{1..5}	

More on Character class

Notation	Use	Example	Screenshot
[[:alnum:]]	Matches any alphanumeric character (letters and digits).	[0-9A-Za-z]	
[[:alpha:]]	Matches any alphabetic character (letters only).	[A-Za-z]	
[[:digit:]]	Matches any digit (0-9).	[0-9]	
[[:lower:]]	Matches any lowercase letter (a-z)	[a-z]	
[[:upper:]]	Matches any uppercase letter (A-Z).	[A-Z]	

4. change permission

- a) Change the permission set of /work/readme.txt so that only the user (owner) can read,write, and execute it. Use absolute mode.

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop]
$ chmod 700 CYS/work/readme.txt
```

- b) Change the permission set of /work/readme.txt so that any user can read it, the group can read/write to it and the user (owner) can read/write/execute it. Use absolute mode.

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop]
$ chmod 764 CYS/work/readme.txt
```

- c) Change the permission set of /bin/bash so that only the user (owner) can read/write/execute, group, and any user can execute it. However, whenever anyone executes it, it should run with the privileges of the owner user. Use absolute mode.

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop]
$ chmod 751 /bin/bash
chmod: changing permissions of '/bin/bash': Operation not permitted
```

- d) Change the permission set of /work/readme.txt so that only the user (owner) can read, write, and execute it. Use relative mode.

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop]
$ chmod u+rwx CYS/work/readme.txt
```

- e) Change the permission set of /work/readme.txt so that any user can read it, the group can read/write to it and the user (owner) can read/write/execute it. Use relative mode.

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop]
$ chmod u+rwx,g+rw,o+r CYS/work/readme.txt
```

- f) Change the permission set of /work/readme.txt so that only the user (owner) can read/write/ execute, group, and any user can execute it. However, whenever anyone executes it, it should run with the privileges of the group. Use absolute mode.

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop]
$ chmod 751 CYS/work/readme.txt
$ chmod g+s CYS/work/readme.txt
```

- g) Change the permission set of /work/readme.txt so that only the owner can rename or delete this file while maintaining the existing permissions. Use absolute mode.

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/CYS/work]
$ ls
readme.txt
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/CYS/work]
$ chmod 3711 readme.txt
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/CYS/work]
$ ls -l
total 4
-rwx--s--t 1 kali kali 43 Aug 14 16:46 readme.txt
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/CYS/work]
$
```

h) What are the default permissions for the new file?

```
File Actions Edit View Help
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/CYS]
$ touch myfile.txt
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/CYS]
$ ls -l myfile.txt
-rw-rw-r-- 1 kali kali 0 Aug 12 11:05 myfile.txt
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/CYS]
$
```

i) What was the command to view the file permissions?

ls -l <filename>

```
File Actions Edit View Help
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/CYS]
$ touch myfile.txt
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/CYS]
$ ls -l myfile.txt
-rw-rw-r-- 1 kali kali 0 Aug 12 11:05 myfile.txt
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/CYS]
$
```

j) Change chmod.exercises permissions to -r--r--r--

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/work]
$ touch chmod.exercises
(kali㉿kali)-[~/work]
$ chmod 444 chmod.exercises
(kali㉿kali)-[~/work]
$ ls -l chmod.exercises
ls: cannot access 'chmod.exercises': No such file or directory
(kali㉿kali)-[~/work]
$ ls -l chmod.exercises
-r--r--r-- 1 kali kali 0 Aug 12 11:09 chmod.exercises
```

k) Change the file permissions to Read only for the owner, group and all other users.

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/work]
$ touch example.txt
(kali㉿kali)-[~/work]
$ chmod 444 example.txt
(kali㉿kali)-[~/work]
$ ls -l example.txt
-r--r--r-- 1 kali kali 0 Aug 12 11:12 example.txt
```

l) What was the command for changing the file permissions to -r--r--r--?


```
(kali@kali)-[~/work]
$ touch example.txt

(kali@kali)-[~/work]
$ chmod 444 example.txt

(kali@kali)-[~/work]
$ ls -l example.txt
-r--r--r-- 1 kali kali 0 Aug 12 11:12 example.txt
```

m) Change chmod.exercises permissions to -rw-r-----

```
(kali@kali)-[~/work]
$ chmod 640 chmod.exercises

(kali@kali)-[~/work]
$ chmod 640 chmod.exercises

(kali@kali)-[~/work]
$ ls -l chmod.exercises
-rw-r----- 1 kali kali 0 Aug 12 11:09 chmod.exercises
```

n) Change the file permissions to match the following:

- a. owner: Read and Write
- b. group: Read
- c. other: no permissions (None)

```
(kali@kali)-[~/work]
$ chmod 640 example.txt

(kali@kali)-[~/work]
$ ls -l example.txt
-rw-r----- 1 kali kali 0 Aug 12 11:12 example.txt
```

o) What was the command for changing the file permissions to -rw-r-----?

```
(kali@kali)-[~/work]
$ chmod 640 example.txt

(kali@kali)-[~/work]
$ ls -l example.txt
-rw-r----- 1 kali kali 0 Aug 12 11:12 example.txt
```

p) Change chmod.exercises permissions to -rwxr-x—x

```
(kali@kali)-[~/work]
$ chmod 751 chmod.exercises

(kali@kali)-[~/work]
$ ls -l chmod.exercises
-rwxr-x--x 1 kali kali 0 Aug 12 11:09 chmod.exercises

(kali@kali)-[~/work]
$
```

q) Change the file permissions to match the following:

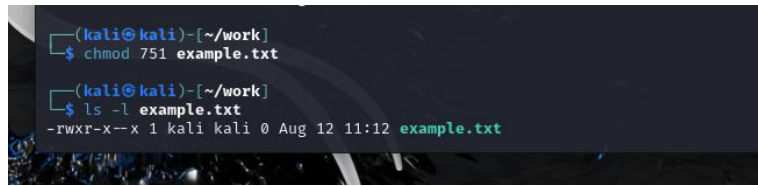
- a. owner: Read, Write and Execute
- b. group: Read and Execute
- c. other: Execute

```
(kali@kali)-[~/work]
$ chmod 751 example.txt

(kali@kali)-[~/work]
$ ls -l example.txt
-rwxr-x--x 1 kali kali 0 Aug 12 11:12 example.txt

(kali@kali)-[~/work]
$
```


r) What was the command for changing the file permissions to -rwxr-x--x?

A terminal window screenshot from a Kali Linux machine. The prompt is '(kali@kali)-[~/work]'. The user enters '\$ chmod 751 example.txt'. The prompt changes to '(kali@kali)-[~/work]' again. The user enters '\$ ls -l example.txt'. The output is '-rwxr-x--x 1 kali kali 0 Aug 12 11:12 example.txt'.

```
(kali@kali)-[~/work]
$ chmod 751 example.txt

(kali@kali)-[~/work]
$ ls -l example.txt
-rwxr-x--x 1 kali kali 0 Aug 12 11:12 example.txt
```

Evaluation :

Marks : 10 (Deadline : 4 – Originality :3 – Completeness :3)

Deadline: 15.08.2024

In life there are no shortcuts. All things are connected. For success there is no fast lane. Work hard. Focus your energy, practice, remain honest, Truthful, loyal and committed.

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