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Practical 02

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- ❖ **Aim:** To understand and demonstrate the use of basic commands in different operating systems (Windows, Linux, and UNIX) for managing files, directories, permissions, and user interactions through a terminal or command-line interface.

❖ **Objectives:**

1. To learn and practice fundamental command-line operations for file and directory management.
2. To explore and utilize user and permission management commands effectively.
3. To enhance system administration skills by working with commands across different operating systems.

❖ **Requirements:**

Hardware Requirements:

- **Processor:** Multi-core CPU, Intel Core i3 (3.0 GHz) or higher
- **RAM:** Minimum 4 GB (8 GB recommended for optimal performance)
- **Storage:** 100 GB HDD or SSD (Solid State Drive) for faster access
- **Network Interface:** Ethernet or Wi-Fi adapter for connectivity



Software Requirements:

- **Operating System:** Windows 10/11, Linux (Ubuntu 20.04/CentOS 8), UNIX-based OS
- **Command-line Interface:** PowerShell or Command Prompt (Windows), Terminal (Linux/UNIX)
- **Text Editor:** Nano, Vim, or Visual Studio Code for file editing
- **Administrative Privileges:** Superuser (Linux/UNIX) or Administrator (Windows) access

❖ **Theory:**

In system administration, command-line interfaces (CLI) are essential tools for managing and interacting with operating systems like Windows, Linux, and UNIX. Commands allow users to perform various tasks such as navigating directories, managing files, controlling permissions, and monitoring system performance. Each operating system provides a set of built-in commands, such as 'man', 'ls', 'cd', 'mkdir', and 'chmod', to facilitate efficient system management. Understanding these commands and their syntax is crucial for automating tasks, enhancing security, and ensuring optimal system functionality. This practical aims to develop foundational skills in executing and applying basic commands across different platforms.

❖ **Commands:**

1. Display User Manual of a Command

- Functionality: Shows the manual page with details about a command's usage, options, and arguments.

- Syntax: `man <command>`

- Example: `man ls`

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Last login: Mon Jan 19 19:39:58 on ttys000
[devanshu@Mac-2 ~ % git --version
git version 2.52.0
[devanshu@Mac-2 ~ % clear
```

2. Change Current Working Directory.

- Functionality: Changes the terminal's current working directory.

- Syntax: `cd <directory-path>`

- Example: `cd /home/user/Documents.`

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[devanshu@Mac-2 ~ % cd /Users/devanshu/Desktop/OS_CD24015
[devanshu@Mac-2 OS_CD24015 % ls
```

3. List Contents of the Current Directory.

- Functionality: Lists all files and directories in the current location.

- Syntax: `ls`

- Example: `ls`

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[devanshu@Mac-2 ~ % cd /Users/devanshu/Desktop/OS_CD24015
[devanshu@Mac-2 OS_CD24015 % ls
text.txt
```

4. Read/Modify/Concatenate Text Files.

- Functionality: Displays or manipulates file content.

- Syntax:

- Read: `cat <filename>`

- Modify: `'nano <filename>`

- Concatenate: `cat <file1> <file2> > <outputfile>`

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[devanshu@Mac-2 OS_CD24015 % ls
README.md      text.txt
[devanshu@Mac-2 OS_CD24015 % cat README.md
# OS_CD24015
```

5. Create a New Directory.

- Functionality: Creates a new directory at the specified path.

- Syntax: `mkdir <directory-name>`

- Example: `mkdir newdir`

6. Display Current Working Directory.

- Functionality: Prints the current directory path.
- Syntax: pwd
- Example: pwd

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[devanshu@Mac-2 ~ % cd /Users/devanshu/Desktop/OS_CD24015  
[devanshu@Mac-2 OS_CD24015 % ls
```

7. Write Arguments to Standard Output.

- Functionality: Prints the provided string or variables.
- Syntax: echo <arguments>
- Example: echo Hello World

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text.txt  
[devanshu@Mac-2 OS_CD24015 % echo "# OS_CD24015" >> README.md  
[devanshu@Mac-2 OS_CD24015 % ls
```

8. Remove a File.

- Functionality: Deletes a specified file.
- Syntax: rm <filename>
- Example: rm file.txt

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[devanshu@Mac-2 OS_CD24015 % git status  
On branch master  
  
No commits yet  
  
Untracked files:  
  (use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be committed)  
    .DS_Store  
    README.md  
    text.txt  
  
nothing added to commit but untracked files present (use "git add" to track)  
[devanshu@Mac-2 OS_CD24015 % rm -rf .DS_Store  
[devanshu@Mac-2 OS_CD24015 % git status  
On branch master  
  
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  (use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be committed)  
    README.md  
    text.txt
```

9. Delete a Directory.

- Functionality: Removes an empty directory.
- Syntax: `rmdir <directory-name>`
- Example: `rmdir olddir`

10. Copy a File or Directory.

- Functionality: Copies a file or directory to a destination.
- Syntax: `cp <source> <destination>`
- Example: `cp file.txt backup/`

11. Switch to Root User.

- Functionality: Gains root privileges temporarily.
- Syntax: `sudo su`
- Example: `sudo s`

12. Move Files or Directories.

- Functionality: Moves or renames files and directories.
- Syntax: `mv <source> <destination>`
- Example: `mv file.txt newdir/`

13. Search for a String in a File.

- Functionality: Searches for a specific word or pattern in a file.
- Syntax: `grep "<string>" <file>`
- Example: `grep "error" log.txt`

14. Print Top N Lines of a File.

- Functionality: Displays the first N lines of a file.
- Syntax: `head -n <N> <file>`
- Example: `'head -n 10 file.txt'`

15. Print Last N Lines of a File.

- Functionality: Displays the last N lines of a file.
- Syntax: `tail -n <N> <file>`
- Example: `'tail -n 10 file.txt'`

16. Remove Read Permission from Owner.

- Functionality: Revokes the owner's read permission for a file.
- Syntax: `chmod u-r <filename>`
- Example: `chmod u-r file.txt`

17. Change Specific Permissions.

- Functionality: Sets or removes specific file permissions.
- Syntax: `chmod u+r,w-x,g+w <filename>`
- Example: `chmod u+r,w-x,g+w file.txt`

18. Add Write Permission to Owner, None to Others.

- Functionality: Allows write access for the owner only.
- Syntax: `chmod u+w,o-rwx <filename>`
- Example: `chmod u+w,o-rwx file.txt`

19. Assign Permissions to Users.

- Functionality: Modifies file access for users, groups, and others.
- Syntax: `chmod u+rwx,g+rx,o+r <filename>`
- Example: `'chmod u+rwx,g+rx,o+r file.txt`

20. Assign R/W/X to Others.

- Functionality: Gives read, write, and execute permissions to others.
- Syntax: `chmod o+rwx <filename>`
- Example: `chmod o+rwx file.txt`

21. Remove All Permissions from All Users.

- Functionality: Clears all permissions on a file.
- Syntax: `'chmod a-rwx <filename>`
- Example: `'chmod a-rwx file.txt`

22. Remove Read Permission Using Absolute Mode.

- Functionality: Uses numeric mode to restrict read access.
- Syntax: `chmod 700 <filename>`
- Example: `chmod 700 file.txt`

23. Set R/W for Owner, None for Group/Other.

- Functionality: Assigns permissions in numeric mode.
- Syntax: `chmod 600 <filename>`
- Example: `chmod 600 file.txt'`

24. Add Execute for Owner, Read for Group/Others.

- Functionality: Adds execution and read access.
- Syntax: `chmod u+x,g+r,o+r <filename>`

- Example: `chmod u+x,g+r,o+r file.txt`

25. Add Execute Permission to All Users.

- Functionality: Enables execution by everyone.

- Syntax: `chmod a+x <filename>`

- Example: `chmod a+x script.sh`

❖ **Conclusion:** In conclusion, understanding and using essential operating system commands like **'ls', 'cd', 'cp', 'mv', and 'chmod'** enables efficient file management, navigation, and permission control. Tools like **'grep', 'head', and 'tail'** enhance data processing. Mastery of these commands improves system administration, task automation, and overall system security and performance.

❖ **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is the significance of the pwd command in a Linux environment?

Answer: The `pwd` (print working directory) command displays the absolute path of the current working directory. It helps verify the user's present location in the file system. Syntax: `pwd`.

2. Explain the function of the cp command and its common options.

Answer: The `cp` command copies files or directories. Syntax: `cp <source> <destination>`. Options like `-r` copy directories recursively, and `-i` prompts before overwriting.

3. How does chmod 700 affect file permissions, and what does each digit represent?

Answer: `chmod 700` grants full permissions (read, write, execute) to the owner and no permissions to others. The digits represent permissions for the owner, group, and others, respectively.

4. Describe the difference between head and tail commands in Linux.

Answer: The `head` command displays the first N lines of a file, while `tail` shows the last N lines. Both accept the `-n` option to specify the number of lines.

5. What is the purpose of the grep command, and how is it used with regular expressions?

Answer: The `grep` command searches for patterns within files using regular expressions. Syntax: `grep <pattern> <file>`. It supports options like `-i` for case-insensitive search and `-v` to invert the match.

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text.txt
[devanshu@Mac-2 OS_CD24015 % echo "# OS_CD24015" >> README.md
[devanshu@Mac-2 OS_CD24015 % ls
README.md      text.txt
[devanshu@Mac-2 OS_CD24015 % cat README.md
# OS_CD24015
[devanshu@Mac-2 OS_CD24015 % git init
hint: Using 'master' as the name for the initial branch. This default branch name
hint: will change to "main" in Git 3.0. To configure the initial branch name
hint: to use in all of your new repositories, which will suppress this warning,
hint: call:
hint:
hint:   git config --global init.defaultBranch <name>
hint:
hint: Names commonly chosen instead of 'master' are 'main', 'trunk' and
hint: 'development'. The just-created branch can be renamed via this command:
hint:
hint:   git branch -m <name>
hint:
hint: Disable this message with "git config set advice.defaultBranchName false"
Initialized empty Git repository in /Users/devanshu/Desktop/OS_CD24015/.git/
[devanshu@Mac-2 OS_CD24015 % ls
README.md      text.txt
[devanshu@Mac-2 OS_CD24015 % ls -al
total 15840
drwxr-xr-x   6 devanshu  staff   192 19 Jan 19:59 .
drwx-----@ 107 devanshu  staff  3424 19 Jan 19:59 ..
-rw-r--r--@   1 devanshu  staff   6148 19 Jan 19:56 .DS_Store
drwxr-xr-x   10 devanshu  staff   320 19 Jan 19:59 .git
-rw-r--r--   1 devanshu  staff    13 19 Jan 19:58 README.md
-rw-r--r--@   1 devanshu  staff 8095617 7 Sep 20:51 text.txt
[devanshu@Mac-2 OS_CD24015 % git status
On branch master

No commits yet

Untracked files:
  (use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be committed)
      .DS_Store
      README.md
      text.txt

nothing added to commit but untracked files present (use "git add" to track)
[devanshu@Mac-2 OS_CD24015 % rm -rf echo .DS_Store
[devanshu@Mac-2 OS_CD24015 % git status
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        text.txt

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[devanshu@Mac-2 OS_CD24015 % git add .
[devanshu@Mac-2 OS_CD24015 % git status
On branch master

No commits yet

Changes to be committed:
  (use "git rm --cached <file>..." to unstage)
        new file:   README.md
        new file:   text.txt

Untracked files:
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        .DS_Store

[devanshu@Mac-2 OS_CD24015 % rm -rf .DS_Store
[devanshu@Mac-2 OS_CD24015 % git status
On branch master

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        new file:   text.txt

[devanshu@Mac-2 OS_CD24015 % git commit -m "first commit"
[master (root-commit) ad5752a] first commit
 2 files changed, 1 insertion(+)
 create mode 100644 README.md
 create mode 100644 text.txt
[devanshu@Mac-2 OS_CD24015 % git branch -M main
[devanshu@Mac-2 OS_CD24015 % git branch
* main
[devanshu@Mac-2 OS_CD24015 % git config --global user.name "DevanshuPs0102"
[devanshu@Mac-2 OS_CD24015 % git config --global user.email "despaunikar143@gmail.com"
[devanshu@Mac-2 OS_CD24015 % git config --list
credential.helper=osxkeychain
user.name=DevanshuPs0102
user.email=despaunikar143@gmail.com
color.ui=auto
user.email=despaunikar143@gmail.com
core.repositoryformatversion=0
core.filemode=true
core.bare=false
core.logallrefupdates=true
core.ignorecase=true
core.precomposeunicode=true

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[devanshu@Mac-2 OS_CD24015 % git branch -M main
[devanshu@Mac-2 OS_CD24015 % git branch
* main
[devanshu@Mac-2 OS_CD24015 % git config --global user.name "DevanshhuPs0102"
[devanshu@Mac-2 OS_CD24015 % git config --global use.email "despaunikar143@gmail.com"
[devanshu@Mac-2 OS_CD24015 % git config --list
credential.helper=osxkeychain
user.name=DevanshhuPs0102
user.email=despaunikar143@gmail.com
color.ui=auto
use.email=despaunikar143@gmail.com
core.repositoryformatversion=0
core.filemode=true
core.bare=false
core.logallrefupdates=true
core.ignorecase=true
core.precomposeunicode=true
[devanshu@Mac-2 OS_CD24015 % git remote add origin https://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@github.com/Devanshh[uPs0102/OS_CD24015.git
[devanshu@Mac-2 OS_CD24015 % git push -u origin main
Enumerating objects: 4, done.
Counting objects: 100% (4/4), done.
Delta compression using up to 8 threads
Compressing objects: 100% (3/3), done.
Writing objects: 100% (4/4), 5.76 MiB | 1.64 MiB/s, done.
Total 4 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 0 (from 0)
To https://github.com/DevanshhuPs0102/OS_CD24015.git
 * [new branch]      main -> main
branch 'main' set up to track 'origin/main'.
devanshu@Mac-2 OS_CD24015 %
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