

Notes 6: Bash Shell

Explain how to use each of the following commands:

awk

Awk is a powerful text-processing tool in Unix/Linux environments. It operates on a per-line basis, making it great for processing structured text files, such as CSV, tab-separated values, and more. Also, the awk command helps you print a list of all the users in your system.

- example `awk -F ',' '{print $1}' data.txt`*

This option specifies the fields separator as ",". It tells awk to treat "," as the delimiter between fields.

sed

To use the 'sed' command in Linux, you can follow this structure `sed 's/old_pattern/new_pattern/'`. It can search, find and replace, insert, and deletion, by using SED you can edit files without opening them.

- example `sed -i 's/sed/awk/g' varios.txt`

*This option tells sed to edit files in place `s/sed/awk/g`: this is the substitution command. It searches for the string `sed` and replaces it with `awk`. The `g` flag stands for `global`, meaning it replaces all occurrences on each line.

less

The 'less' allows you to view text files, but unlike you to view text files, but unlike 'more', it supports both forward and backward navigation, as well searching within the file.

- Here's how you can use it:

`less example.txt`

Once you've opened the file with `less`, you can navigate through the content using the following **key**: Down Arrow or `j`: Move down one line at a time.

Page Up or `b`: Move up one page at a time.

Page Down or spacebar: Move down one page at a time.

alias

Aliases are shortcuts or alternate names for names for commands. They are particularly useful for saving time and typing effort by defining commands.

- here's how you can use examples `alias ll='ls -lF'`
- Aliases are particularly useful for simplifying commonly used commands. or they can be defined in your shell's configurations file (e.g., `'bashrc'`, `.bash_profile`, `.zshrc`) to make them persistent across terminal sessions.

Explain with examples how to use

- `*>`
The `'>'` symbol is a redirection operator used to redirect the output of a command to a file or another command. it's a fundamental feature of the shell that allows you to manage command output efficiently.
 - Here's how it work `command1 > output.txt | command2`
 - `command > output.txt`
The double greater than symbol (`>>`) appends the output to the end of the file instead of overwriting it.
Redirect Input (`<`): The less than symbol (`<`) is used to redirect input from a file to a command.
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- `*>>` symbol is a redirection operator used to append the output of a command to a file, rather than overwriting the file. It works similarly to the `>` operator, but instead of creating a new file or overwriting an existing one, it appends the output to the end of the file. Here's how it works:
`command >> output.txt`
 - `echo hello, world!" >> output.txt` this
 - This command appends the text "Hello, world!" to the file output.txt. If output.txt already exists, the text will be added to the end of the file. If output.txt does not exist, it will be created and the text will be written to it.*
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- `|`. In Linux, the vertical bar symbol `|` is known as the pipe operator, and it's used for connecting multiple commands together, allowing the output of one command to serve as the input of another command. This is referred to as "piping" in Linux. here is a example it work `command 1 | command 2`
- `ifconfig`
- *In this command, "ifconfig" is used to display information about network interfaces on the system. The "I" in "ifconfig" stands for "interface", and the command is commonly used for network configuration and troubleshooting*