Practical -2 Basic file command & Basic shell script

• Echo command

Display message on the screen

Syntax : **echo** [OPTION]... [STRING]

- -n do not output the trailing newline
- -e to use backspace character
- \\ backslash
- \b backspace
- \n new line

Example:

1. echo \$HOME

/home/student

2. echo "this is \n new line"

this is \n new line

3. student@mcastaff:~\$ echo -e "this is \n new line"

this is

new line

4. student@mcastaff:~\$ echo -e "testing of \bback slash" testing ofback slash

wc command

print newline, word, and byte counts for each file

Syntax: wc [OPTION]... [FILE].

Option:

-w : count number of words-l : count number of lines-c : count number of bytes

-L: display maximum length line width

Example

\$ wc file1 fiel2

\$ wc -1 file2

\$ wc -w file2

Is command

it lists out the content of directory.

Syntax : ls [options] file/directory name

Options:

- -R Recursively list subdirectories encountered.
- -a Include files with a name starting with `.' in the listing. Include all
- -i Precede the output for the file by the file i-node number.
- -r: Reverse the order of the sort.
- -t : Sort by the timestamp shown.
- -u: Use the time of last access instead of the modification time for sorting
- -lu: sorts listing by last access time
- -l it show attributes of file like, file type, the number of links to the file, the owner name, the group name, the size of the file (in bytes), last modified time, file name
- -S sort by file size

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$ls - i // display file name with inode number
$ls - t // display file in sorted order according to modification time(latest modified display first)
$ls - r
$ls - R
$ls - lu // display file in sorted order according to most recently accessed file display first form current directory
$cat > .t
Testing of hidden file
^c
$ls - a
$ls - ls // display file in sorted order according to size of file
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• Wild card characters (used with 1)

*	Any no of characters including none
?	A single character
[ijk]	A single character – either i , j , k
[x-z]	A single character within ascii range [x and z]
[!ijk]	A single character that is no i, j, or k
[!x-z]	A single character that is not within x and Z

ps command

Ps display the processes owned by the user running command.

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Syntax : ps [option]
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      Sps

      PID TTY
      TIME CMD

      579 pts/0
      00:00:00 bash

      611 pts/0
      00:00:00 ps
```

Shell script basic

- A shell program runs in interpretive mode.
- It is not compiled to a separate executable file. Each statement is loaded into memory when it is to be executed.
- When a group of command have to be executed regularly, it has should be stored in a file, and file itself run as a shell script.
- It is stored with .sh extension.
- Shell script are executed in a separate child shell process. And sub shell need not be the same as the login shell.

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- # is used for the comment. Whatever characters after # sign is ignored by the shell.
- #! Is followed by the path name of the shell to be used in shell script.
- The first line of shell script is called the interpreter line which specify the type of shell used by script

• Create shell script

\$ gedit first.sh #! /bin/bash # first.sh echo "welcome"

• Run the shell script

\$ sh <scriptname> [arguments]

e.g \$ sh first.sh

Alternative

\$ chmod +x shellscriptname.sh // give the executable permission to file \$./shellscriptname.sh

e.g 2 two.sh

#! /bin/bash
two.sh
echo "home directory is \$HOME"
echo "current working directory is `pwd`"

Output

\$sh two.sh

home directory is /home/student current working directory is /home/student/script

\$ chmod +x two.sh \$./two.sh

e.g 3 Variable declare and display value

```
#! /bin/bash
echo "Testing of variable"
var=10
echo "value is $var"

Output
$sh vartest.sh
Testing of variable
value is 10
```

• Reading value of variable form user

read <variable name>: is used to read the value form the user and store it into variable name

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e.g
#! /bin/bash
echo "Enter the value"
read val
echo "Value is $val"

#read v1 v2
#echo $v1 $v2

student@mcastaff:~/script$ sh readtest.sh
Enter the value
5
Value is 5
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e.g read the file name from user and display the content of the file

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#!/bin/bash
#displaying file content of existing fille
echo "enter existing file name "
read fname
echo "content of the file is "
echo "-----"
cat $fname
```

Output

\$sh ftest.sh
Enter existing file name
File1
content of the file
----First line of the file.
OSLP.

expr for arithmetic operation in shell script

expr is used for performing arithmetic operation in shell script.

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#! /bin/bash
# exprtest.sh
echo "program for testing addition operation"
echo "enter no1"
read no1
echo "enter no2"
read no2
echo "addition without expr"
no3 = no1 + no2
echo $no3
echo "addition with expr"
no3='expr $no1 + $no2'
echo $no3
Output:
student@mcastaff:~/script$ sh exprtest.sh
program for testing addition operation
enter no1
enter no2
addition without expr
exprtest.sh: 10: exprtest.sh: +: not found // error
addition with expr
```

Command line argument

- Using the command line shell script can run noninteractively
- When arguments are specified with a shell script they are assigned to certain special variable.
- The first argument is read by shell into \$1 parameter
- Second argument is read into \$2 parameter like wise.. All the variables is read

Parameters	Significance
\$1, \$2	Positional parameters
\$#	Number of arguments in command line
\$0	Name of executed command
\$*	Complete set of positional parameter
"\$@"	Each quoted string as a separate arguments

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Eg. Script for testing the command line arguments.
#! /bin/bash
# testing command line arguments
echo "program name is: $0"
echo "The number of arguments is $# "
echo "The arguments are $* "
echo "The first argument is $1 "
echo "the second argument is $2 "
student@mcastaff:~$ sh cmdtest1.sh "hello" "second" 23 45 "new"
cmdtest1.sh: 1: cmdtest1.sh: Script: not found
program name is : cmdtest1.sh
The number of arguments is 5
The arguments are hello second 23 45 new
The first argument is hello
the second argument is second
Testing of $@ is hello second 23 45 new
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e.g 2 head and tail command applied to file passed as command line argument

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#! /bin/bash
# head command displays top lines of the file
# tail command displays bottom lines of the file.

echo "the file name is $1"
echo "the first $2 line of $1 are "
echo "------"
head -$2 $1
echo "the last $3 line of $1 are "
tail -$2 $1
```

Output
the file name is file2
the first 2 line of file2 are
----enter the data

the last line of file2 are new line new line is appended

Exercise

- 1. List out all file start and ends with digit.
- 2. count the number of lines of all the files available in newdir.
- 3. list out all the file having txt in file name
- 4. List out all the file in reverse order alphabetically sort.
- 5. List out all the file whose name does not start with r or s.
- 6. List out all the file whose name ends with t or p.

- 7. Write a shell script which present working directory and current active user name.(print output with proper message)
- 8. Write a shell script which pass the file name as argument and display its content, display number of lines and number of words of a file.
- 9. Write a shell script which pass two argument and perform all arithmetic operation on two number. (use * for multiplication)
- 10. Write a shell script which take filename as a input form user and move to other directory.
- 11. Write a shell script which take month and year as input from user and display calendar of given year's month.
- 12. Write a shell script which pass two arguments and rename the file passed in first argument, with second argument name.
- 13. write a shell script which read a directory name of user and display all the sinformation(attribute) of files inside given directory.