

Final Assignment

Question 1

awk

Description `awk` is a scripting language used for processing and displaying text. Awk can work from standard output or a text file.

Syntax: `awk + options + {awk command} + file + file to save (optional)`

Examples Printing the first column of every line of a file- `awk '{print $1}'`

`~/Documents/games.txt` Printing the first field of `/etc/passwd`- `awk -F: '{print $1}'`

`/etc/passwd` Printing the first and last field of `/etc/passwd`- `awk -F: '{print $1, " = ", NF}'`

`/etc/passwd`

cat

Description `cat` is the command used for displaying the content of a file.

Syntax: `cat + options + file(s) to display`

Examples Displaying the content of a file in the present working directory- `cat groceries.txt`

Displaying the content of a file with line numbers- `cat -n groceries.txt` Displaying the content of a file with line numbers without empty lines- `cat -b groceries.txt`

tac

Description `tac` displays the content of a file in reverse order.

Syntax: `tac + options + file(s) to display`

Examples Displaying the content of a file in the present working directory in reverse order- `tac`

`groceries.txt` Displaying the content of a file using absolute path in reverse order- `tac`

`~/Documents/groceries.txt` Displaying the content of a file with line numbers without empty lines in reverse order- `tac -b groceries.txt`

cp

Description `cp` is the command used for copying files/directories from their source to a destination.

Syntax: `cp + files to copy + destination`

Examples Copying `Documents/wallpapers.zip` to the `Pictures` directory- `cp`

`Documents/wallpapers.zip Pictures/` Copying the `Pictures` directory to the `Documents` directory-

`cp -r ~/Pictures/photos ~/Documents/` Copying the content of a directory to another directory-

``cp Downloads/wallpapers/* ~/Pictures/``

mv

Description `mv` moves and renames a file/directory

Syntax: `mv + source + destination`

Examples Moving a file from a directory to another using relative path- `mv Downloads/rock.py Documents/` Moving and renaming a file at the same time- `mv Downloads/rock.py Documents/stone.py` Renaming a file- `mv snap pans`

cut

Description `cut` cuts a specific section of each line of a file and displays it on screen.

Syntax: `cut + option + files`

Examples Displays a list of all the users in the system- `cut -d ':' -f1 /etc/passwd` Cuts a range of bytes per line- `cut -b 1-5 usernames.txt` Displays a list of all the users in the system, including their login shell- `cut -d ':' -f1,7 /etc/passwd`

grep

Description `grep` searches for text in a file. It searches on a line by line basis.

Syntax: `grep + option + search criteria + file(s)`

Examples Searches for the word "book" in a file- `grep 'book' ~/Documents/book.txt` Searches for the word "book" in a file with case insensitivity- `grep -i 'book' ~/Documents/book.txt` Searches for all the lines in a file that exclude the word "book"- `grep -v 'book' ~/Documents/book.txt`

head

Description `head` displays the first number of lines of a file. By default it prints the first 10 lines of a file.

Syntax: `head + option + file(s)`

Examples Displays the first 10 lines of book.txt- `head ~/Documents/book.txt` Displays the first 15 lines of book.txt- `head -15 ~/Documents/book.txt` Displays the first line of book.txt- `head -1 ~/Documents/book.txt`

tail

Description `tail` displays the last number of lines of a file. By default it print the last 10 lines of a file

Syntax: `tail + option + file(s)`

Examples Displays the last 10 lines of book.txt- `tail ~/Documents/book.txt` Displays the last 15 lines of book.txt- `tail -15 ~/Documents/book.txt` Displays the last line of book.txt- `tail -1 ~/Documents/book.txt`

mkdir

Description `mkdir` is used for creating either a single directory or multiple directories.

Syntax: `mkdir + name of directory`

Examples Creating the "Bread" directory in pwd- `mkdir Bread` Creating the "Bread" and "Pan" directories in pwd- `mkdir Bread Pan` Creating the "Bread" directory in a different directory using absolute path- `mkdir ~/Documents/Bread`

touch

Description `touch` is used to create files

Syntax: `touch + name of file`

Examples Creating the "hamburger.txt" file in pwd- `touch hamburger.txt` Creating the "hamburger.txt" and "cheeseburger.docx" files in pwd- `touch hamburger.txt cheeseburger.docx` Creating a file a space in its name- `touch "ham burger.txt"`

ls

Description `ls` displays all of the files inside a given directory. It will display all of the files in the pwd if a directory is not specified.

Syntax: `ls + directory to display`

Examples Displays the files in the pwd- `ls` Displays the files in the pwd sorted by file size- `ls -S` Long listing the files in the `~/Documents` directory with human readable file size without the group nor owner and sorted by file size- `ls -lhgGS ~/Documents`

man

Description

`man` opens the manual page of a command that explains what it does. To exit the man page, press the letter `q`.

Syntax: `man + command`

Examples Opens the manual page of a command- `man ls` Showing all of the available manual pages of a command- `man -a ls` Searching for a man page for a given word- `man -k file`

tr

Description `tr` translates or deletes characters from standard output.

Syntax: `standard output | tr + option + set + set`

Examples Translating one character to another- `cat games.txt | tr ' ' 'D'` Translating spaces into tabs- `cat games.txt | tr "[:space:]" '\t'` Translating tabs to space- `cat games.txt | tr -s "[:space:]" ' '`

tree

Description `tree` displays a tree of all the files and directories in a given directory.

Syntax: `tree + directory to display`

Examples Displays a tree of the pwd- `tree` Displays a tree of a directory using relative path- `Documents/Books` Displays a tree of a directory using absolute path- `~/Documents/Books`

Question 2

How to work with multiple terminals open?

To open another terminal, press `Ctrl + shift + t` or in Tilux, you can right click on the terminal and choose between a horizontal or vertical split. You can click on each of the terminals to work on a specific one. For example, you can open the man page of a command on one terminal and execute commands on another terminal.

How to work with manual pages?

You can open the man page of a command by inputting `man + command`. To look for a specific man page of a command, input `man + page number + command`. To search for a man page for a given word or phrase, input `man -k + word or phrase`.

How to parse (search) for specific words in the manual page

You can use `grep` and output redirection to search for a specific word in the man page. For example: `man ls | grep "human"`

How to redirect output (> and |)

To save output, input `command output + > + file`. To redirect the standard output of a file to the standard input of another, input `command_1 | command_2`.

How to append the output of a command to a file

To append the output of a command to a file, input `command output + > + file`. To save the output to a file and keep the old data, input `command output + >> + file`.

How to use wildcards

The `*` wildcard matches everything and nothing and matches any number of characters.

For example: `ls *.docx` lists all files starting with `.docx`

The `?` wildcard matches precisely one character.

For example: `ls .??*` lists all hidden characters by matching all files that start with a dot or two dots and have any character after it.

The `[]` wildcard matches a range of characters. Using an exclamation mark reverses the match to not show those characters.

For example: `ls f[aeiou]*` lists all the files with vowels after the letter f `ls f[!aeiou]*` lists all the files without vowels after the letter f

For copying and moving multiple files at the same time

To copy or move multiple files at the same time, you use the `mv` or `cp` commands + the `*` wildcard to move or copy multiple files at the same time.

How to use brace expansion To use brace expansion input `command + {}`. Brace expansion can be used to create multiple files in a single command.

For example: `touch file{A..Z}.txt` creates multiple .txt files starting from A to Z.

For creating entire directory structures in a single command To create entire directory structures in a single command, input `mkdir -p file1/{file2,file2}/{file3,file3}`