

UNIX-:

The unix operating system is set of program that act as a link between the computer and the user.

The computer program that allocate the system resources and coordinate all details of the computer's internals is called the operating system \otimes the kernel

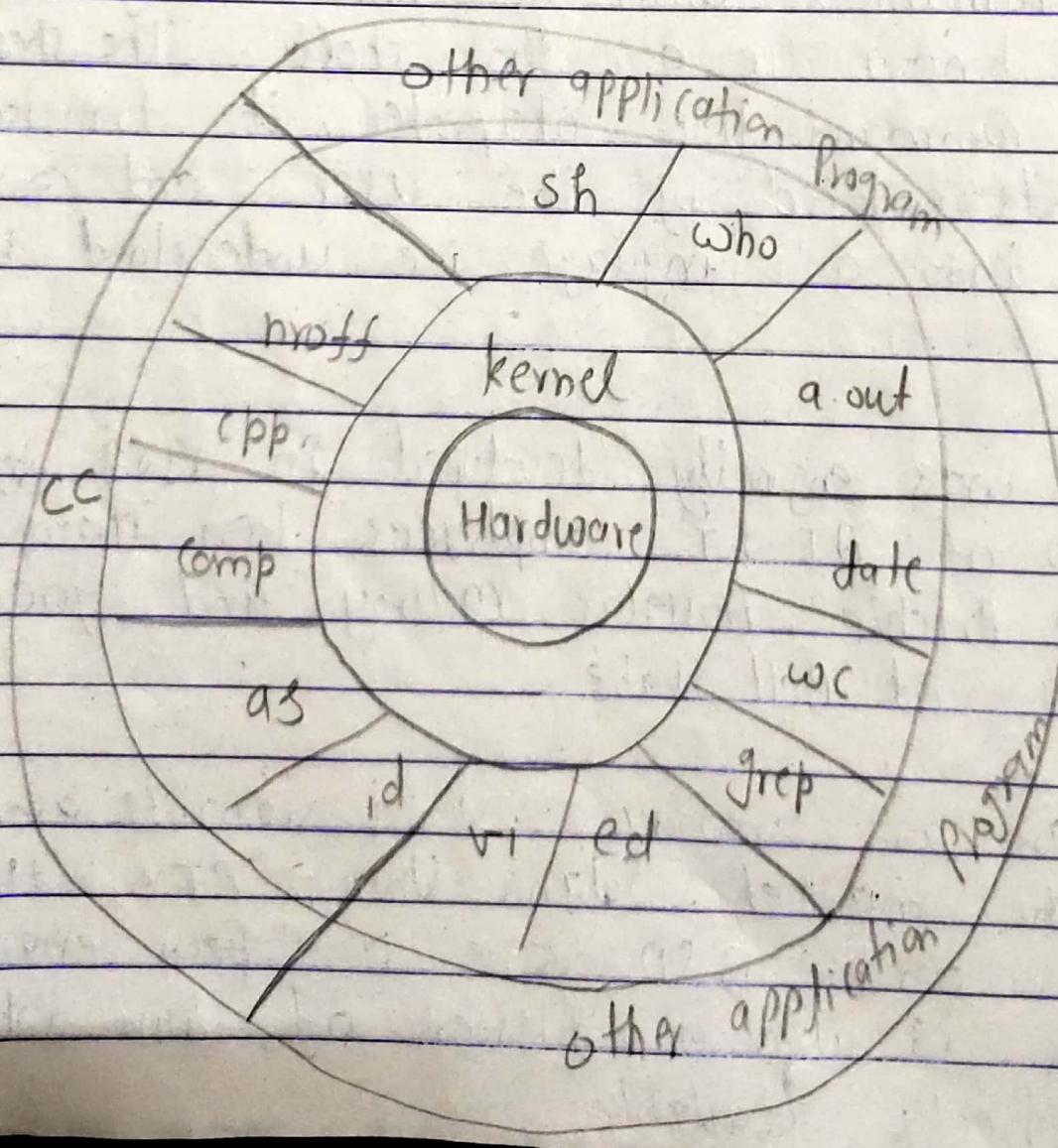
Users communicate with the kernel through a program known as a the shell . The shell is a command line interpreter , it translates commands entered by the user and convert them into a language i.e understood by kernel

\rightarrow Unix was originally developed in 1969 by a group of AT & T employees Ken Thompson, Dennis Ritchie, Douglas McIlroy, and Joe Ossand at Bell Labs

\rightarrow There are various unix variants available in the market . Solaris Unix, AIX, HP Unix and BSD are a few examples. Linux is also a flavor of Unix which is freely available.

- Several people can use a Unix computer at the same time; hence Unix is called a multiuser system.
- A user can also run multiple programs at the same time; hence Unix is a multitasking environment.

Unix Architecture :-



kernel :-

The kernel is a part of the OS. It interacts directly with the hardware of the computer through a device i.e. built into it the kernel.

- The kernel takes responsibility for deciding at any time which of the many running programs should be allocated to processor.
- The kernel is responsible for deciding which memory each process can use, and determining what to do when not enough is available.
- The kernel allocates requests from applications to perform I/O to an appropriate device and provides convenient methods for using the device.
- Kernel also provides methods for synchronization and communication b/w processes (called inter-process communication IPC).

Main fⁿ:- Memory Management
Controlling access to the computer
maintaining the file system

Handling interrupts

Handling errors

Performing input & output of services

Allocate the resources of the computer among users.

Shell :-

It is a software program and it acts as a mediator b/w the kernel and the user. It reads the command and then interpret them and sends a request to execute a program. So shell is also called a command interpreter.

It contains nearly 100 system calls. System calls tell the kernel to carry out various tasks for the program.

Opening a file

Writing a file

Obtaining information about a file

Executing programs

Terminating a process

Changing the priority of process

Getting the time & date

Hardware - :

The hardware includes all the parts of a computer including clocks, timers, devices, parts etc. in the Unix OS architecture.

Unix Command & Libraries - :

This layer of Unix architecture includes user-written applications, using shell programming language and libraries of Unix.

feature of Unix:

- It is a multi-user system where the same resources can be shared by different users
- It provides multi-tasking, where in each user can execute many processes at the same time.
- It was first OS that was written in HLL (C language). This made it easy to port to other machine with minimum adaptations.
- It provides a hierarchical file structure which allows easier access and maintenance of data.
- Unix has built-in networking fn so that different user can easily exchange information.
- Unix functionality can be extended through user programs built on a standard programming interface

Portability -:

System hides the machine architecture from the user, making it easier to write the application that can run.

Unix Shell -:

Unix has facilities called pipes and filters, which permit the user to create complex program from simpler programs.

Utilities

Background Processing

Software development Tools.

Maturity -,

Unix is a home-tested operating system. It offers a bug free environment and high level of reliability.

Internal and External Commands:-

The unix
is command-based i.e. things happen
because of the commands. All unix
commands are seldom more than four
characters long.

They are grouped into two categories:-

Internal Commands:

Internal commands are
something which is built into the shell.
For the shell built-in commands, the
execution speed is really high. It
is because no process needs to be
spawned for executing it.

for eg> when using the "cd" command,
no process is created. The current
directory simply gets changed on
executing it.

External Commands:

External command are not built into the shell. These are executable present in a separate file. When an external command has to be executed, a new process has to be spawned and the command gets executed.

for eg -> when you execute the "cat" command, which usually is at /usr/bin, the executable /usr/bin/cat gets executed.

Getting list of internal command

If you are using bash shell you can get the list of shell built-in commands with "help" command.

\$ help

// this will list all the shell built-in command //

How to find out whether a command is internal or external - ?

To know whether it is internal or external with help of "type" command.

Eg> \$ type cat

cat is /bin/cat

// specifying that cat is external type

\$ type cd

cd is a shell built-in

General Purpose Utilities:-

Some common general utilities are as follows:

File System:-

Unix file system is a logical method of organizing and storing large amounts of information in a way that makes it easy to manage.

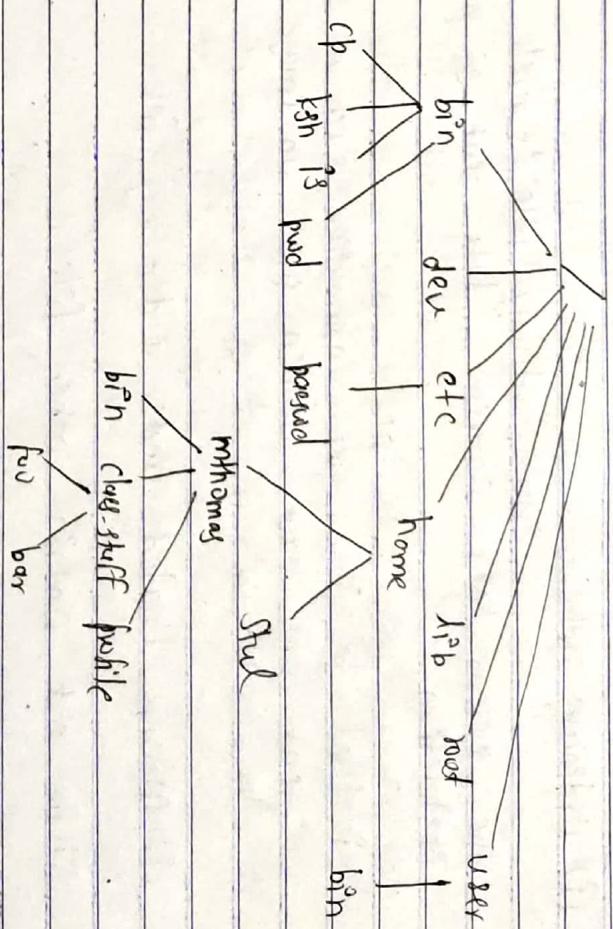
A file is a smallest unit in which the information is stored.

Unix file system has several important features. All data in Unix is organized into files. All files are organized into directories. These directories are organized into a tree-like structure called file system.

Types of Unix file Systems:-

File in Unix system are organized into multi-level hierarchy structure known as directory tree.

At very top of the file system is a directory called "root" which is represented by a "/" . All other file are "descendants" of root.



- (i) Ordinary files
- (ii) Directories
- (iii) Special files
 - (iv) Pipes
 - (v) Socket
 - (vi) Symbolic links

(i) Ordinary files -

An ordinary file is a file on the system that contains data, text, or program instruction.

Used to store your information, such as some text you have written or an image you have drawn.

Always located under a directory file.

Do not contain other files.

In long format output of ls -l, this type of file is specified by the "-" symbol.

(ii) Directories -

Directories store both special and ordinary files. For users familiar with Windows, Mac OS, Unix directories are equivalent to folders.

(iii) Special files -

A directory file contains an entry for every file and subdirectory that it has.

If you have 10 files in a directory, there

will be 10 entries in the directory. Each entry has two components:

(i) The filename

(ii) A unique identification number for the file or directory (called the inode number).

→ Branching points in the hierarchical tree.

→ Used to organize groups of files.

→ May contain ordinary files, special file or other directories.

→ Never contain "real" information which you would work with (such as text).

→ All files are descendants of the root directory, (named /) located at the top of tree.

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(i) Character Special file

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Nodes:-

Special file is used for device Input/Output, data is transferred one character at a time. This type of access is called access.

An inode number is a uniquely existing number for all files in Linux and all Unix type system.

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When a file is created on a system, a file name and Inode number is assigned to it.

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Generally, to access a file, a user uses +

file name but internally file name is first mapped with respective Inode number stored in a table

Note :- Inode doesn't contain the file name reason for this is to maintain hard links for files. When all other information is separated from the file name then only we can have various file names pointing to same Inode

Inode Content :- An inode is a data structure containing metadata about the file.

Following contents are stored in the Inode from a file:

- (i) User ID of file
- (ii) Group ID of file
- (iii) Device ID
- (iv) File size
- (v) Date of creation
- (vi) Permission
- (vii) Owner of the file
- (viii) File protection flag
- (ix) Link counter to determine number of hard links

Inode Table :-

The Inode table contains all the Inodes and is created when file system is created.

The df -i command can be used to check how many nodes are free and left unused in the system.

Inode Number :-

Each Inode has a unique number and Inode number can be seen with the help of ls -l command.

Creating file -

User can create a file in unix using following ways

- (i) Using cat command
- (ii) Using touch command
- (iii) Using Echo and print command
- (iv) Using different text editors - vi emacs

After completion of your text you need to press Control+d which used to save the file and come out of the prompt.

(i) cat command in unix -

→ User can create a new file using 'cat' command in unix.

Syntax - \$ cat < file-name

(OR)
\$ cat file-name

→ Using shell prompt directly user create a file.

Note - for opening the file < operator is not mandatory.

→ Using 'cat' command user will able to open a specific file also.

Multiple file open -
\$ cat file1 file2 file3 --- file N

Syntax - \$ cat > file-name

Eg - \$ cat > test.txt

This is first test file.

Press: CTRL+D

(b) To change OR append date in file -

Syntax - \$ cat >> file-name

[ctrl+d] e (to save file)

Eg - \$ cat >> test.txt

This is first unix file and appending

CTRL + D

Note :- To append the data \oplus to change the data in file we need to use $>>$ operator.

Syntax
-> To create single zero byte file

\$ touch file-name

② touch command in unix :-

→ touch command is used to create the empty \ominus zero byte file.

Eg - :- \$ rm ! - To delete a file

→ touch command is basically used to create multiple files in linux \oplus unix.

Eg - :- \$ rm -i ! - To delete a file with confirmation

→ Using cat command one can create \oplus update one file at a time but using touch command user can only create multiple zero byte file but can't update multiple files at a time.

→ deleting multiple file -

\$ rm file1 file2 file3 --- fileN

③ Create a file using echo and printf command -

Eg> vi test.txt

Using Echo as well as printf command user can create file in unix.

Syntax:-

echo --- lines of file [\n] -> namedfile.txt

printf --- lines of file ---> namedfile.txt

Eg :- echo this is one line file > test.txt

printf this is 2 line file In this is Syntax -

Second line > test1.txt

④ Using Text Editor / Creating a file using vi editor -

cp [option] Source Destination

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Using Vi editor user can create a file. To create a file you can use Vi - command to create file

(1) Two file names -

If the command contain two file names, then it copy the

Syntax: Vi file name.txt

Content 1st file to 2nd file. If 2nd file not exist, then first it creates one then copy.

Syntax:-

```
cp src_file dest_file
```

Eg:- \$ ls

a.txt

```
$ cp a.txt b.txt
```

```
$ ls
```

a.txt

\$ ls new

```
$ cp a.txt b.txt new
```

\$ ls new

a.txt b.txt

(i) One or more arguments: If the

command has one or more arguments (which specify file name) and an argument specifying directory name then this command copies each source file to the destination (if it's not exist then first create).

(ii) Two Directory name:-

If the command contains two directory names, cp copies all files of the source directory to the destination directory, creating any file or directories needed.

Syntax:-

```
cp src_file src_file2 src_file3 Dest_directory
```

Eg:- cp -R src_directory Dest_directory

Eg:- suppose there is directory name geeksgEEKS having a text file a.txt, b.txt and a directory name new in which we are going to copy all files

Options -:

There are many options of cp command.

Suppose a directory name geeksforgeeks contain two files having same content name a.txt and b.txt.

```
$ cp -b a.txt b.txt  
$ ls  
a.txt b.txt b.txt~
```

(i) -i (interactive) -:

With this option system first warns the user before overwriting the destination file.

```
Eg> $ cp -i a.txt b.txt
```

cp : overwrite 'b.txt'?
If the system is unable to open destination file for writing operation because the user doesn't have writing permission for this file then by using -f option with cp command, destination file is deleted first and then copying of content is done from source to destination.

```
$ cat b.txt  
bfb
```

(ii) -b (backup) -:

With this option cp command

creates the backup of the destination file in the same folder with different name and in different format

```
Eg:- $ ls -l b.txt
```

```
-rwxrwxr-x+1 user user 3 Nov 24 08:45 b.txt
```

User, group and others doesn't have writing permission without -f option, command not executed.

```
$ cp a.txt b.txt
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```
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```

```
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```

```
Eg> $ ls  
a.txt b.txt
```

`cp: can't create regular file 'b.txt': permission denied.`

→ with -f option, command executed successfully

```
$ cp -f a.txt b.txt
```

② rename command -?

Syntax:

`rename [option] expression replacement file`

① rename -S (substitution) -?

This option rename the files ignoring the symbolic links

```
rename -S 's /root /' sym.lnk
```

① Renaming files with "mv" Command -?

Simple way to rename files and folders is with the mv command. Its primary purpose is moving files and folders, but it can also rename them.

Syntax:

```
mv (option) file.txt file2.txt
```

(1) rename -v (verbose) -?

This option is used to show which files is being renamed, if there is any.

```
rename -v 's /jpeg/png/*.* jpeg
```

(2) rename -n -{ no action} -?

This option comes into play when the user wants to see only the final change.

rename -n 's/png/jpeg/x.png

- (i) Soft links
- (ii) Hard links.

(iv) rename -o -^o. This option will not going to overwrite the existing files

rename -o 's/jpeg/png/*.jpeg'

These links behave differently when the source of the link is move or removed for ex -^o. If we have a file a.txt, if we create a hard link to the file and then delete the file, we can still access the file using hard link.

But if we create a soft link of the file and then delete the file, we can't access the file through the soft link

→ A link in UNIX is a pointer to a file

→ like pointers in any programming languages. Hard link -^o.

links in UNIX are pointers pointing to a file or a directory.

→ creating a link is a kind of shortcut to access a file.

→ There are two types of links.

(i) ls -l command shows all the links with link column shows number of links.

• Hard links have actual file contents

(iv) Removing any link just reduces the link count, but doesn't affect other links

(v) we can't create a hard link for a directory to avoid recursive loops.

(vi) If original file is removed then the link will still show the content of the file

(vii) Command - \$ ln [original filename] [link name]

(viii) command - \$ ls -l [original filename] [link name]

Soft links -

(1) A soft link is similar to the file shortcut feature which is used in Windows OS. Each soft link file contains a separate inode value that points to the original file

(ii) ls -l command shows all links with first column value l? and the link points to original file

(iii) Soft links containing the path for original file not content.

(iv) Removing soft link doesn't affect anything but removing original file, the link becomes dangling.

(v) A soft link can link to a directory.

(vi) command - \$ ln -s [original filename] [link name]

Absolute and Relative pathnames in Unix -

A path is a unique location to a file in a file system of an OS.

A path for a file is a combination of / and alpha-numeric characters.

∴ Absolute Path-name -

→ cat /home/kt/abc.sql

An absolute path is defined as specifying the location of a file or directory from the root directory (/).

Relative path is defined as the path related to the present working directory. It starts at your current directory and never starts with a /.

→ Start at the root directory (/) and work down.

Unix offers a shortcut in the relative pathname that uses either current or parent directory as referenced and specifies the path relative to it.

for eg:- \$ cat abc.sql
will work only if the file "abc.sql" exist in your current directory. However, if this file is not present in your working directory and is present somewhere else say in /home/kt, then command will work only if you will use it like shown below.

A relative path-name uses one of these cryptic symbols.

Note:- `..` → moving one level up.

`$ pwd`
`/home/kt/abc`

⇒ `(a single dot)` - this represents the current directory.

`$ cd ..`
`$ pwd`
`/home`

⇒ `(two dots)` - this represents the parent directory

Eg:- If we are currently in directory `/home/kt/abc` and now you can use `..` as an argument to `cd` to move to the parent directory `/home/kt` as:

`$ pwd`
`/home/kt/abc`

`$ cd ..`
`$ pwd`
`/home/kt`

Comparing file -:

(i) cmp -:

This command is used to compare two files character by character.

Syntax -: cmp [options] file1 file2

Eg -: \$ cmp file1 file2

(ii) comm -:

This command is used to compare two sorted files

Syntax -: comm [options] file1 file2

This command is used to compare the content of directories

This command works on older versions of Unix. In order to compare the directories in the newer version of Unix,

→ One set of options allows selection of 'column's' to suppress

Syntax -: diffcmp [options] dir1 dir2

- 1 : suppress lines unique to file1 (colⁿ1)
- 2 : suppress lines unique to file2 (colⁿ2)
- 3 : suppress lines common to file1 & file2
(colⁿ3)

\$ diffcmp dir1 dir2

Eg -: Only show column 3 that contains lines

Common b/w file1 & file2,
\$ comm -1 file1 file2

(iii) diff -:

This command is used to compare two files line by line

Syntax -: diff [options] file1 file2

Eg -: \$ diff file1 file2

(v) uniq -:

This command is used to filter the repeated lines in a file which are adjacent to each other.

Syntax:- `uniq [options] [input [output]]`

Eg:- Omit repeated lines which are adjacent to each other in file and print the repeated lines only once.

```
$ uniq file1
```

```
$ gzip Test.txt
```

Compress and decompress files -:

The most

common programs used to compress file in Unix-like systems are

(i) `gzip`
(ii) `bzip2`

• Compress and decompress files using `tar`.

Program -:
We can also use `gunzip` to decompress the files.

```
$ gunzip Test.txt.gz
```

The `gzip` is a utility to compress and decompress files using Lempel-Ziv Coding (LZ77) algorithm.

(a) compress files -:

To compress a file named `Test.txt`, replacing it with a zipped compression version, run:

```
$ gzip Test.txt
```

`gzip` will replace the original file `Test.txt` which is a with a zipped compressed version named `Test.txt.gz`.

(b) Decompress file -:

To decompress the file `Test.txt.gz`, replacing it with the original uncompressed version,

```
$ gzip -d Test.txt.gz
```

e) Compress and decompress file using bzip2 program -

The bzip2 is very similar to gzip program, but uses different compression algorithm named the Burrows-Wheeler block sorting text compression algorithm & Huffman coding.

The files compressed using bzip2 will end with .bz2 extension.

(a) Compress -:

To compress a file using bzip2, replacing it with compressed version,

(i) tar
(ii) zip

```
$ gzip test.txt
```

⇒ If you don't want to replace the original file, use -c flag and write the output to a new file.

```
$ bzip2 -c test.txt > output.txt.bz2
```

Archive files using Tar command -

Tar is an Unix command which stands for Tape Archive. It is used to combine ~~or~~ ^{one} or more multiple files into a single file. There are four main operating modes in tar utility

(b) Decompress -:

```
$ bzip2 -d test.txt.bz2
```

OR

```
$ bunzip2 test.txt.bz2
```

i) c - Create an archive from files (c)

\$ tar cf archive.tar files files

(ii) x - Extract an archive

(iii) r - Append files to the end on archive

(iv) t - list the contents of the archive

(a) Create a new archive:-

Let len that

containing these different types of files

Archive files and Directories using zip
program.

\$ ls len/
test.txt image.png song.mp3

(a) Creating a new archive:-

Now create a new archive of the directory len.

To archive a group of files into one,
simply do,

\$ tar cf len.tar len/

\$ zip file.zip file1 file2 file3

c -> Refers create new archive
f -> Refers the file name

Similarly, to create an archive from a set of files in the current working directory

we can create an archive named file.zip from file1, file2 & file3. You don't have to use the .zip extension at the end of the file name.

Similarly, to create an archive of a directory

```
$ zip directory.zip len/
```

(b) Extract archives:

Extracting archives is as simple as creating archives.

To extract an archive, simply do:

```
$ unzip directory.zip
```