Operating Systems EE5012 - Laboratory

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# *SDip in Embedded Systems Engineering*

**Laboratory Assignment #5**

# **Assignment objectives**

1. Learn how to use a bash shell array in a script program
2. Learn how to use dd command and bc utility from the bash shell
3. Learn how to measure UNIX elapsed time to high resolution
4. Experimentally measure file transfer rates

**Description of solution**

The copy\_rate.sh script begins by creating an array of file names, which will be used later in the script to iterate through the actual files that we will create on the filesystem in the next step.

We use the dd (convert and copy) command to create 5 separate files of varying size.

From here we create a function to gather the information we need. I called this function copyRate\_function, and within this function we have:

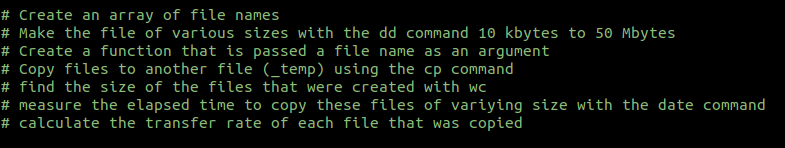
* A startTime variable that uses the date command to mark a point in UNIX time, converting it nanoseconds and then to milliseconds.
* The next step is to use the copy (cp) command to copy a file (represented by $1) to a file I named \_temp
* Again we use the date command in the same fashion for the endTime variable.
* To calculate the elapsed time we only need to minus the startTime from endTime (endTime – startTime).
* To determine the file size we just need to utilise the wc command with the -c option to count the bytes of the file.
* So with this information, we can determine the transfer rate of each file. (file size/elapsed time).
* Finally, for the end of this function we just format the data we gathered into something presentable.

After the function was created I created the column headings for each section of data obtained.

I called the function within a while loop, and using the while loop was able to iterate through all the files in the array to perform the tasks set above in the function.

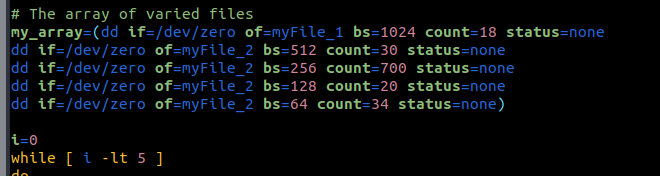
To remove all the temporary, I used the same method with the while loop and used the rm command to remove the unneeded files. Also, remove the \_temp file we created and exit the script.

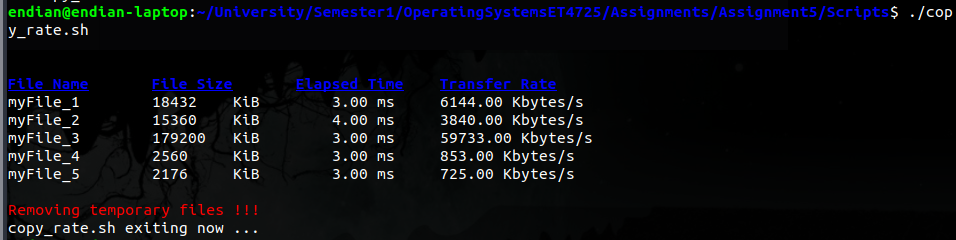
**Testing and results**

For the testing with this script, I wrote out bullet points in my text editor as to how the script would be structured. This was useful to keep me on track as to the tasks I need to complete.

A little problem I had was misinterpreting what was asked in the assignment document.

I thought I was to create an array where the actual files of varying size would be created as part of the array, rather than the file names. This lead to interesting diversion as to the goals that were outlined.

Thankfully though that was the only problem I had with this assignment, after a couple of minutes I went back and re-read the instructions and found I was going about it the wrong way and I corrected myself.



**Statement of completion**

This was an interesting assignment, I can see further expansion using the date command. Other commands like dd seem very powerful and I would like to create some side projects in my spare time using some of the techniques I developed from this exercise.

Between reading, writing the code and writing this report, I think this assignment took about 9-11 hours.

**Source code**

copy\_rate.sh

# Title: copy\_rate.sh

# Description: A program to create some files of abratrary size and show the elapsed copy

# times of these files.

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# Create an array of file names

# Make the file of various sizes with the dd command 10 kbytes to 50 Mbytes

# Create a function that is passed a file name as an argument

# Copy files to another file (\_temp) using the cp command

# find the size of the files that were created with wc

# measure the elapsed time to copy these files of variying size with the date command

# calculate the transfer rate of each file that was copied

# The array of file names

my\_array=("myFile\_1" "myFile\_2" "myFile\_3" "myFile\_4" "myFile\_5")

# Creating our files of varirying size

dd if=/dev/zero of=myFile\_1 bs=1024 count=18 status=none

dd if=/dev/zero of=myFile\_2 bs=512 count=30 status=none

dd if=/dev/zero of=myFile\_3 bs=256 count=700 status=none

dd if=/dev/zero of=myFile\_4 bs=128 count=20 status=none

dd if=/dev/zero of=myFile\_5 bs=64 count=34 status=none

copyRate\_function ()

{

# Calulating the data

startTime=$(( $(date +%s%N/1000000) ))

cp $1 \_temp

endTime=$(( $(date +%s%N/1000000) ))

elapsedTime=$((endTime-startTime))

size=$(wc -c < $1)

transferRate=$((size/elapsedTime))

# Format of the data gathered

echo -en "$1\t"

echo -en "$size\t KiB\t"

awk "BEGIN {printf\" %.2f ms\t\",$elapsedTime}"

awk "BEGIN {printf\"%.2f Kbytes/s\n\",$transferRate}"

}

# Column headings

echo -en "\n\n\e[1m\e[4m\e[94mFile Name\e[0m\t"

echo -en "\e[1m\e[4m\e[94mFile Size\e[0m\t"

echo -en "\e[1m\e[4m\e[94mElapsed Time\e[0m\t"

echo -en "\e[1m\e[4m\e[94mTransfer Rate\e[0m\n"

# execute the data that has been gathered in the copyRate\_function

i=0

while [ $i -lt 5 ]

do

copyRate\_function "${my\_array[i]}"

let i=i+1

done

# Remove the files with the use of the array

echo -e "\n\e[91mRemoving temporary files !!!\e[0m"

j=0

while [ $j -lt 5 ]

do

rm "${my\_array[j]}"

let j=j+1

done

rm \_temp

echo "copy\_rate.sh exiting now ..."

exit 0