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Assignment Question:

- On a Linux server setup, a cron job for copying example data with *rsync* periodically.
- Ensure the copying is handled in the background and independently of the user session.

Step 1: Manually create two directories

- 1) cronjob_task
- 2) cronjob_rsync

Step 2: Create two files in cronjob_task directory

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saifrehman@all-MS-7D35:~$ pwd
/home/saifrehman
saifrehman@all-MS-7D35:~$ ls
cronjob_rsync Downloads
cronjob_task GitHubDesktop-linux-2.9.0-linux2.deb
Desktop Music
Documents notes
saifrehman@all-MS-7D35:~$ cd cronjob_task
saifrehman@all-MS-7D35:~$ cd cronjob_task
saifrehman@all-MS-7D35:~/cronjob_task$ touch file1
saifrehman@all-MS-7D35:~/cronjob_task$ ../
bash: ../: Is a directory
saifrehman@all-MS-7D35:~/cronjob_task$ cd ../
```

Step 3: Look there is no cronjob running

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saifrehman@all-MS-7D35:-$ crontab -e
no crontab for saifrehman - using an empty one
crontab: installing new crontab
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Step 4: Using rsync to backup files those above created files

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# Edit this file to introduce tasks to be run by cron.

# Each task to run has to be defined through a single line
# indicating with different fields when the task will be run
# and what command to run for the task

# To define the time you can provide concrete values for
# minute (m), hour (h), day of month (dom), month (mon),
# and day of week (dow) or use '*' in these fields (for 'any').

# Notice that tasks will be started based on the cron's system
# daemon's notion of time and timezones.

# Output of the crontab jobs (including errors) is sent through
# email to the user the crontab file belongs to (unless redirected).

# For example, you can run a backup of all your user accounts
# at 5 a.m every week with:
# 0 5 * * 1 tar -zcf /var/backups/home.tgz /home/
# For more information see the manual pages of crontab(5) and cron(8)

# m h dom mon dow command
* * * * * rsync /home/saifrehman/cronjob_task/* /home/saifrehman/cronjob_rsync/
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Result:

