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Advanced Linux commands

Objective:

To get familiar with some advance command of Linux

Procedure

Try the following steps, explain the result and get screenshots and attached to the document. **For username, use your name.**

Part 1:**Create new users, “adduser”**

1. Log in to your server as the root user.
2. Use the **adduser** command to add a new user to your system.

Be sure to replace **username** with the user that you want to create.

adduser **username**

Set and confirm the new user’s password at the prompt. A strong password is highly recommended!

```
Set password prompts:
Enter new UNIX password:
Retype new UNIX password:
passwd: password updated successfully
```

Follow the prompts to set the new user’s information. It is fine to accept the defaults to leave all of this information blank.

```
User information prompts:
Changing the user information for username
Enter the new value, or press ENTER for the default
Full Name []:
Room Number []:
Work Phone []:
Home Phone []:
Other []:
Is the information correct? [Y/n]
```

```
root@beaglebone:/# ls
bin    dev    home  lost+found  mnt    proc    run    selinux  sys    usr
boot  etc    lib    media      opt    root    sbin   srv      tmp    var
root@beaglebone:/# adduser leonardo
Adding user `leonardo' ...
Adding new group `leonardo' (1001) ...
Adding new user `leonardo' (1001) with group `leonardo' ...
Creating home directory `/home/leonardo' ...
Copying files from `/etc/skel' ...
Enter new UNIX password:
Retype new UNIX password:
passwd: password updated successfully
Changing the user information for leonardo
Enter the new value, or press ENTER for the default
    Full Name []: Leonardo Fusser
    Room Number []:
    Work Phone []:
    Home Phone []:
    Other []:
Is the information correct? [Y/n] Y
Adding new user `leonardo' to extra groups ...
Adding user `leonardo' to group `dialout' ...
Adding user `leonardo' to group `i2c' ...
Adding user `leonardo' to group `spi' ...
Adding user `leonardo' to group `cdrom' ...
Adding user `leonardo' to group `floppy' ...
Adding user `leonardo' to group `audio' ...
Adding user `leonardo' to group `video' ...
Adding user `leonardo' to group `plugdev' ...
Adding user `leonardo' to group `users' ...
root@beaglebone:/#
```

New user “*leonardo*” created with fixed password

New user permissions

3. Now in a new window log in as this new user and try to do `sudo su`. What happens?
Command fails because user "leonardo" is not a superuser.

```
leonardo@beaglebone:~$ logout

Debian GNU/Linux 7 beaglebone tty00

BeagleBoard.org Debian Image 2015-11-12

Support/FAQ: http://elinux.org/Beagleboard:BeagleBoneBlack\_Debian

default username:password is [debian:temppwd]

The IP Address for usb0 is: 192.168.7.2
beaglebone login: leonardo
Password:
Last login: Thu Nov 12 19:25:44 UTC 2015 on tty00
Linux beaglebone 3.8.13-bone79 #1 SMP Tue Oct 13 20:44:55 UTC 2015 armv7l

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permitted by applicable law.
leonardo@beaglebone:~$ sudo su
[sudo] password for leonardo:
leonardo is not in the sudoers file. This incident will be reported.
leonardo@beaglebone:~$
```

Logged in as new user "leonardo" and trying *sudo su* command

4. Try the following commands: `sudo ls -la /root`. What happens?

Command still fails because "leonardo" is still not a superuser.

```
leonardo@beaglebone:~$ logout

Debian GNU/Linux 7 beaglebone tty00

BeagleBoard.org Debian Image 2015-11-12

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default username:password is [debian:temppwd]

The IP Address for usb0 is: 192.168.7.2
beaglebone login: leonardo
Password:
Last login: Thu Nov 12 19:25:29 UTC 2015 on tty00
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leonardo@beaglebone:~$ sudo ls -la/root

We trust you have received the usual lecture from the local System
Administrator. It usually boils down to these three things:

    #1) Respect the privacy of others.
    #2) Think before you type.
    #3) With great power comes great responsibility.

[sudo] password for leonardo:
leonardo is not in the sudoers file.  This incident will be reported.
leonardo@beaglebone:~$
```

Logged in as new user "leonardo" and trying *sudo ls -la/root* command

Change the priorities of this user to allow it to access super user powers, use `usermod`

5. Back in the root user window use the **`usermod`** command to add the user to the sudo group.

```
usermod -aG sudo username
```

By default, on Ubuntu, members of the sudo group have sudo privileges.

```
root@beaglebone:/# ls
bin    dev    home   lost+found  mnt    proc    run    selinux  sys    usr
boot  etc    lib    media      opt    root    sbin   srv      tmp    var
root@beaglebone:/# cd /home
root@beaglebone:/home# ls -i
2104 debian    653 leonardo
root@beaglebone:/home# usermod -aG sudo leonardo
root@beaglebone:/home#
```

Using ***`usermod -aG`*** command for new user “*leonardo*”

(logged in as user “*root*” to change user “*leonardo*” to superuser privileges)

6. Test sudo access on new user account (in the window with the new-user login)

Use the `su` command to switch to the new user account.

```
su username
```

As the new user, verify that you can use sudo by prepending “sudo” to the command that you want to run with superuser privileges.

```
sudo command_to_run
```

For example, you can list the contents of the `/root` directory, which is normally only accessible to the root user.

```
sudo ls -la /root
```

The first time you use `sudo` in a session, you will be prompted for the password of the user account. Enter the password to proceed.

Output:

```
[sudo] password for username:
```

If your user is in the proper group and you entered the password correctly, the command that you issued with `sudo` should run with root privileges.

```
leonardo@beaglebone:~$ logout

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default username:password is [debian:temppwd]

The IP Address for usb0 is: 192.168.7.2
beaglebone login: leonardo
Password:
Last login: Thu Nov 12 19:34:42 UTC 2015 on tty00
Linux beaglebone 3.8.13-bone79 #1 SMP Tue Oct 13 20:44:55 UTC 2015 armv7l

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leonardo@beaglebone:~$ sudo ls -la /root
[sudo] password for leonardo:
total 32
drwx-----  5 root root 4096 Nov 12  2015 .
drwxr-xr-x 22 root root 4096 Nov 12 19:12 ..
-rw-----  1 root root 1406 Nov 12 19:32 .bash_history
-rw-r--r--  1 root root  570 Jan 31  2010 .bashrc
drwxr-xr-x  8 root root 4096 Nov 12 19:27 .c9
drwxr-xr-x  3 root root 4096 Nov 12 19:24 .cache
drwxr-xr-x  3 root root 4096 Nov 12 19:27 .node-gyp
-rw-r--r--  1 root root  140 Nov 19  2007 .profile
leonardo@beaglebone:~$
```

Testing command `sudo ls -la/root` again with superuser privileges on account “leonardo”

7. Delete a user!

Create a new user just so you can delete it by using: `userdel new-user`

Try deleting the user while he is logged into another window!

Then log him out and try again

```
COM6 - PuTTY
Debian GNU/Linux 7 beaglebone ttyO0
BeagleBoard.org Debian Image 2015-11-12
Support/FAQ: http://elinux.org/Beagleboard:BeagleBoneBlack_Debian
default username:password is [debian:temppwd]
The IP Address for usb0 is: 192.168.7.2
beaglebone login: root
Password:
Last login: Thu Nov 12 19:52:34 UTC 2015 on ttyO0
Linux beaglebone 3.8.13-bone79 #1 SMP Tue Oct 13 20:44:55 UTC 2015 armv7l

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root@beaglebone:~# userdel leonardo
userdel: user leonardo is currently used by process 3012
root@beaglebone:~#
```

```
COM3 - PuTTY
BeagleBoard.org Debian Image 2015-11-12
Support/FAQ: http://elinux.org/Beagleboard:BeagleBoneBlack_Debian
default username:password is [debian:temppwd]
The IP Address for usb0 is: 192.168.7.2
beaglebone login: leonardo
Password:
Last login: Thu Nov 12 20:35:46 UTC 2015 on ttyGS0
Linux beaglebone 3.8.13-bone79 #1 SMP Tue Oct 13 20:44:55 UTC 2015 armv7l

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leonardo@beaglebone:~$ clear
leonardo@beaglebone:~$ userdel leonardo
userdel: user leonardo is currently used by process 3196
leonardo@beaglebone:~$
```

Top window: logged in as “root”

Bottom window: logged in as “leonardo”

Trying to delete user “leonardo” from “root” window (fails) using *userdel* command

```
root@beaglebone:~# userdel leonardo
root@beaglebone:~#
```

With user “*leonardo*” logged out, *userdel* command is used again and works

(deleted user “*leonardo*” using user “*root*”)

8. Password change command

To change your own password type:

```
$ passwd (guidelines: must be longer than 8 characters)
```

You will get

```
(current) UNIX password:
```

```
Enter new UNIX password:
```

```
Retype new UNIX password:
```

```
passwd: password updated successfully
```

```
root@beaglebone:/# ls
bin    dev    home   lost+found  mnt    proc    run    selinux  sys    usr
boot  etc    lib    media      opt    root    sbin   srv      tmp    var
root@beaglebone:/# cd /home
root@beaglebone:/home# ls
debian  leonardo
root@beaglebone:/home# passwd
Enter new UNIX password:
Retype new UNIX password:
passwd: password updated successfully
root@beaglebone:/home#
```

Changed “*root*” password using *passwd* command

9. Password change command from the superuser.

If you forget the password of your new user you are out of luck! Unless you are superuser!

Logon as superuser and change the password of your user:

```
passwd user_name
```

```
leonardo@beaglebone:/home$ logout

Debian GNU/Linux 7 beaglebone tty00

BeagleBoard.org Debian Image 2015-11-12

Support/FAQ: http://elinux.org/Beagleboard:BeagleBoneBlack\_Debian

default username:password is [debian:temppwd]

The IP Address for usb0 is: 192.168.7.2
beaglebone login: root
Password:
Last login: Thu Nov 12 19:44:33 UTC 2015 on tty00
Linux beaglebone 3.8.13-bone79 #1 SMP Tue Oct 13 20:44:55 UTC 2015 armv7l

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root@beaglebone:~# ls
root@beaglebone:~# cd ..
root@beaglebone:/# ls
bin    dev    home   lost+found  mnt    proc    run    selinux  sys    usr
boot  etc    lib    media      opt    root    sbin   srv      tmp    var
root@beaglebone:/# cd /home
root@beaglebone:/home# ls
debian leonardo
root@beaglebone:/home# passwd leonardo
Enter new UNIX password:
Retype new UNIX password:
passwd: password updated successfully
root@beaglebone:/home#
```

Changed password for user “leonardo” using *passwd* command while logged in as superuser (“root”)

Part 2

1. Other Linux commands

Try every command in ALL the PowerPoints up to now. Try the man and the --help for each command. Search on google if you need.

Understand each command, use each command, explore.

```
root@beaglebone:/home# man --help
Usage: man [OPTION...] [SECTION] PAGE...

-C, --config-file=FILE      use this user configuration file
-d, --debug                  emit debugging messages
-D, --default                reset all options to their default values
--warnings[=WARNINGS]      enable warnings from groff

Main modes of operation:
-f, --whatis                 equivalent to whatis
-k, --apropos                equivalent to apropos
-K, --global-apropos        search for text in all pages
-l, --local-file             interpret PAGE argument(s) as local filename(s)
-w, --where, --path, --location
                             print physical location of man page(s)
-W, --where-cat, --location-cat
                             print physical location of cat file(s)

-c, --catman                 used by catman to reformat out of date cat pages
-R, --recode=ENCODING        output source page encoded in ENCODING

Finding manual pages:
-L, --locale=LOCALE          define the locale for this particular man search
-m, --systems=SYSTEM         use manual pages from other systems
-M, --manpath=PATH           set search path for manual pages to PATH

-S, -s, --sections=LIST     use colon separated section list

-e, --extension=EXTENSION    limit search to extension type EXTENSION

-i, --ignore-case            look for pages case-insensitively (default)
-I, --match-case             look for pages case-sensitively

--regex                      show all pages matching regex
--wildcard                   show all pages matching wildcard

--names-only                 make --regex and --wildcard match page names only,
                             not descriptions

-a, --all                    find all matching manual pages
-u, --update                  force a cache consistency check

--no-subpages                don't try subpages, e.g. 'man foo bar' => 'man
                             foo-bar'

Controlling formatted output:
-P, --pager=PAGER            use program PAGER to display output
-r, --prompt=STRING          provide the 'less' pager with a prompt

-7, --ascii                  display ASCII translation of certain latin1 chars
-E, --encoding=ENCODING      use selected output encoding
--no-hyphenation, --nh       turn off hyphenation
--no-justification, --nj     turn off justification
-p, --preprocessor=STRING    STRING indicates which preprocessors to run:
                             e - [n]eqn, p - pic, t - tbl,
g - grap, r - refer, v - vgrind

-t, --troff                  use groff to format pages
-T, --troff-device[=DEVICE]  use groff with selected device

-H, --html[=BROWSER]         use www-browser or BROWSER to display HTML output
-X, --gxditview[=RESOLUTION] use groff and display through gxditview
                             (X11):
-X = -TX75, -X100 = -TX100, -X100-12 = -TX100-12
```

Using the *man --help* command

2. More Linux commands

Do the same for the following commands:

`tail head ps less more whatis whereis which whoami`
`grep fdisk userdel`

```
root@beaglebone:~# whereis
```

Usage:

`whereis [options] file`

Options:

`-f <file>` define search scope
`-b` search only binaries
`-B <dirs>` define binaries lookup path
`-m` search only manual paths
`-M <dirs>` define man lookup path
`-s` search only sources path
`-S <dirs>` define sources lookup path
`-u` search from unusual enties
`-V` output version information and exit
`-h` display this help and exit

See how to use file and dirs arguments from `whereis(1)` manual.

```
root@beaglebone:~#
```

Using *whereis* command

```
root@beaglebone:~# whoami
```

```
root
```

```
root@beaglebone:~#
```

Using *whoami* command

```
root@beaglebone:~# fdisk
Usage:
  fdisk [options] <disk>      change partition table
  fdisk [options] -l <disk>  list partition table(s)
  fdisk -s <partition>       give partition size(s) in blocks

Options:
  -b <size>                sector size (512, 1024, 2048 or 4096)
  -c[=<mode>]              compatible mode: 'dos' or 'nondos' (default)
  -h                        print this help text
  -u[=<unit>]              display units: 'cylinders' or 'sectors' (default)
  -v                        print program version
  -C <number>              specify the number of cylinders
  -H <number>              specify the number of heads
  -S <number>              specify the number of sectors per track

root@beaglebone:~# █
```

Using *fdisk* command

example you should be able to tell me what I am trying to do with the following command:

```
grep test /etc/* > file_test
```

```
root@beaglebone:~# grep test /etc/* > file_test
grep: /etc/acpi: Is a directory
grep: /etc/alternatives: Is a directory
grep: /etc/apache2: Is a directory
grep: /etc/apm: Is a directory
grep: /etc/apparmor.d: Is a directory
grep: /etc/apt: Is a directory
grep: /etc/avahi: Is a directory
grep: /etc/bash_completion.d: Is a directory
grep: /etc/binfmt.d: Is a directory
grep: /etc/bluetooth: Is a directory
grep: /etc/ca-certificates: Is a directory
grep: /etc/calendar: Is a directory
grep: /etc/chatscripts: Is a directory
grep: /etc/chromium: Is a directory
grep: /etc/ConsoleKit: Is a directory
grep: /etc/console-setup: Is a directory
grep: /etc/cron.d: Is a directory
grep: /etc/cron.daily: Is a directory
grep: /etc/cron.hourly: Is a directory
grep: /etc/cron.monthly: Is a directory
grep: /etc/cron.weekly: Is a directory
grep: /etc/dbus-1: Is a directory
grep: /etc/default: Is a directory
grep: /etc/dhcp: Is a directory
grep: /etc/dictionaries-common: Is a directory
grep: /etc/dpkg: Is a directory
grep: /etc/emacs: Is a directory
grep: /etc/fonts: Is a directory
grep: /etc/fstab.d: Is a directory
grep: /etc/gconf: Is a directory
grep: /etc/gdb: Is a directory
grep: /etc/groff: Is a directory
grep: /etc/gtk-2.0: Is a directory
grep: /etc/gtk-3.0: Is a directory
grep: /etc/hostapd: Is a directory
grep: /etc/ifplugd: Is a directory
grep: /etc/init: Is a directory
grep: /etc/init.d: Is a directory
grep: /etc/initramfs-tools: Is a directory
grep: /etc/insserv: Is a directory
grep: /etc/insserv.conf.d: Is a directory
grep: /etc/iproute2: Is a directory
grep: /etc/javascript-common: Is a directory
grep: /etc/kbd: Is a directory
grep: /etc/kernel: Is a directory
grep: /etc/ldap: Is a directory
grep: /etc/ld.so.conf.d: Is a directory
grep: /etc/libnl-3: Is a directory
grep: /etc/lightdm: Is a directory
grep: /etc/logcheck: Is a directory
grep: /etc/logrotate.d: Is a directory
grep: /etc/menu-methods: Is a directory
grep: /etc/modprobe.d: Is a directory
grep: /etc/modules-load.d: Is a directory
grep: /etc/network: Is a directory
grep: /etc/openal: Is a directory
grep: /etc/opt: Is a directory
grep: /etc/pam.d: Is a directory
grep: /etc/pcmcia: Is a directory
grep: /etc/perl: Is a directory
grep: /etc/pkcs11: Is a directory
grep: /etc/pm: Is a directory
```

3. **Going further**

If you didn't do before, work on understanding the:

- redirect vs the pipe..... > vs |
- shutdown vs halt