

SYSTEM SOFTWARE
SEMESTER- IV
LAB SHEET- 02

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1) AIM:

(A) Explain the following commands:

- a) clear: Clears the terminal screen, removing any text currently displayed.
- b) Cal: Displays a calendar for the current month or specified month and year.
- c) who: Lists currently logged-in users on the system, including their usernames, terminals, and idle times.
- d) date: Displays the current date and time in various formats depending on options.
- e) mkdir: Creates a new directory.
- f) rm: Removes files or directories.
- g) cat: Displays the contents of a file on the terminal.
- h) cd: Changes the current working directory.
- i) cp: Copies files or directories. Specify source and destination paths.
- j) grep: Searches text files for lines matching a specified pattern.
- k) ls: Lists files and directories in the current working directory
- l) mv: Moves or renames files or directories.
- m) rmdir: Removes an empty directories.

2) TOOLS/APPARTUS: Linux operating system

3) STANDARD PROCEDURES:

3.1) Analyzing the Problem:

Start the Linux and enter the user name and password. Now write startx and after that open the terminal. At the terminal try the different commands and see the output.

3.2) Designing the Solution:

At the terminal first perform the command CAL without and with the different options available for it.

Like \$ cal and then enter. The calendar will be displayed at the terminal.

\$ cal -m and then enter. In the calendar Monday will be displayed as the first day of the week.

Same way perform the other commands like CLEAR, WHO, DATE, MKDIR, RM etc.

3.3) Implementing the Solution:

Writing Source Code:

1) CAL:

At the terminal write the following

```
[user1@com]$ cal
```

```
[user1@com]$ cal -m
```

```
[user1@com]$ cal -j
```

```
[user1@com]$ cal -y
```

```
username@Linux:~$ cal
  February 2024
Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa
                1  2  3
 4  5  6  7  8  9 10
11 12 13 14 15 16 17
18 19 20 21 22 23 24
25 26 27 28 29

username@Linux:~$ cal -j
  February 2024
Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa
                32 33 34
35 36 37 38 39 40 41
42 43 44 45 46 47 48
49 50 51 52 53 54 55
56 57 58 59 60

username@Linux:~$ cal -m 2
  February 2024
Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa
                1  2  3
 4  5  6  7  8  9 10
11 12 13 14 15 16 17
18 19 20 21 22 23 24
25 26 27 28 29

username@Linux:~$ cal -y 2024
  2024
   January             February             March
Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa
   1  2  3  4  5  6           1  2  3           1  2
  7  8  9 10 11 12 13    4  5  6  7  8  9 10    3  4  5  6  7  8  9
14 15 16 17 18 19 20    11 12 13 14 15 16 17    10 11 12 13 14 15 16
21 22 23 24 25 26 27    18 19 20 21 22 23 24    17 18 19 20 21 22 23
28 29 30 31            25 26 27 28 29            24 25 26 27 28 29 30
                                     31

   April               May                June
Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa
   1  2  3  4  5  6           1  2  3  4           1
  7  8  9 10 11 12 13    5  6  7  8  9 10 11    2  3  4  5  6  7  8
14 15 16 17 18 19 20    12 13 14 15 16 17 18    9 10 11 12 13 14 15
21 22 23 24 25 26 27    19 20 21 22 23 24 25    16 17 18 19 20 21 22
28 29 30                26 27 28 29 30 31        23 24 25 26 27 28 29

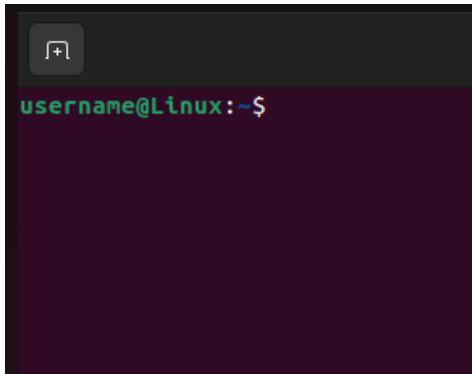
   July               August              September
Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa
   1  2  3  4  5  6           1  2  3           1  2  3  4  5  6  7
  7  8  9 10 11 12 13    4  5  6  7  8  9 10    8  9 10 11 12 13 14
14 15 16 17 18 19 20    11 12 13 14 15 16 17    15 16 17 18 19 20 21
21 22 23 24 25 26 27    18 19 20 21 22 23 24    22 23 24 25 26 27 28
28 29 30 31            25 26 27 28 29 30 31    29 30

   October            November            December
Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa
   1  2  3  4  5           1  2           1  2  3  4  5  6  7
  6  7  8  9 10 11 12    3  4  5  6  7  8  9    8  9 10 11 12 13 14
13 14 15 16 17 18 19    10 11 12 13 14 15 16    15 16 17 18 19 20 21
20 21 22 23 24 25 26    17 18 19 20 21 22 23    22 23 24 25 26 27 28
27 28 29 30 31        24 25 26 27 28 29 30    29 30 31
```

2) CLEAR:

At the terminal write the following:

```
[user1@com]$ clear
```

A terminal window with a dark purple background. The prompt is 'username@Linux:~\$'. The screen is mostly blank, indicating the output of the 'clear' command has been cleared.

```
username@Linux:~$
```

3) WHO:

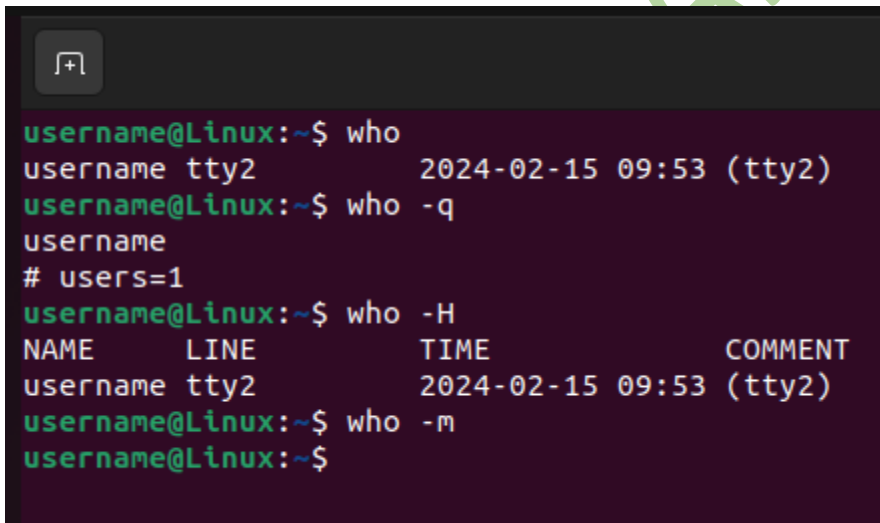
At the terminal write the following:

```
[user1@com]$ who
```

```
[user1@com]$ who -q
```

```
[user1@com]$ who -H
```

```
[user1@com]$ who -m
```

A terminal window showing the output of four 'who' commands. The first shows the current user and session. The second shows the number of users. The third shows a table of users with headers. The fourth shows the message of the day.

```
username@Linux:~$ who
username tty2          2024-02-15 09:53 (tty2)
username@Linux:~$ who -q
username
# users=1
username@Linux:~$ who -H
NAME      LINE      TIME          COMMENT
username  tty2      2024-02-15 09:53 (tty2)
username@Linux:~$ who -m
username@Linux:~$
```

4) DATE:

At the terminal write the following:

```
[user1@com]$ date
```

```
[user1@com]$ date -d "2 days ago"
```

```
[user1@com]$ date +%D
```

```
[user1@com]$ date +%d
```

```
[user1@com]$ date +%d%m%h
```

```

username@Linux:~$ date
Thursday 15 February 2024 10:24:41 AM IST
username@Linux:~$ date -d"2 days ago"
Tuesday 13 February 2024 10:25:23 AM IST
username@Linux:~$ date +%D
02/15/24
username@Linux:~$ date +%d
15
username@Linux:~$ date +%d%m%h
1502Feb

```

5) MKDIR and RM:

At the terminal write the following:

```

[user1@com]$ cd Desktop/
[user1@com]$ ls
[user1@com]$ cd newfiles/
[user1@com]$ ls
[user1@com]$ mkdir newfile1
[user1@com]$ ls
[user1@com]$ rm Sum_Of_Digits.txt
[user1@com]$ ls

```

```

username@Linux:~$ cd Desktop/
username@Linux:~/Desktop$ ls
username@Linux:~/Desktop$ mkdir newfile
username@Linux:~/Desktop$ ls
newfile
username@Linux:~/Desktop$ nano sample.txt
username@Linux:~/Desktop$ rm sample.txt
username@Linux:~/Desktop$ rmdir newfile
username@Linux:~/Desktop$ ls

```

6) cat

cat allows you to read multiple files and then print them out. You can combine files by using the > operator and append files by using >>.

Syntax: cat [argument] [specific file]

Example:

cat abc.txt

If you want to append three files (abc.txt, def.txt, xyz.txt), give the command as,

cat abc.txt def.txt xyz.txt > all

```

username@Linux:~$ cat > college.txt
System Software

```

```

username@Linux:~$ cat college.txt
System Software
username@Linux:~$

```

7) **cd, chdir**

cd (or **chdir**) stands for “change directory”. This command is the key command to move around your file structure.

Syntax: **cd** [name of directory you want to move to]

When changing directories, start with / and then type the complete file path, like **cd /vvs/abc/xyz**

```
username@Linux:~$ cd Desktop/dypiu/  
username@Linux:~/Desktop/dypiu$ ls
```

8) **cp**

The **cp** command copies files or directories from one place to another. You can copy a set of files to another file, or copy one or more files under the same in a directory. If the destination is an existing directory, then the file is copied into that directory.

Syntax: **cp**[options] file1 file 2

If you want to copy the file favourites.html into the directory called laksh, you give the command as:

cp favourites.html/vvs/laksh/

A handy option to use with **cp** is **-r**. This recursively copies a particular directory and all of its contents to the specified directory, so you won't have to copy one file at a time.

```
username@Linux:~$ cd Desktop/dypiu/  
username@Linux:~/Desktop/dypiu$ ls  
systemsoftware1.txt systemsoftware2.txt systemsoftware.txt  
username@Linux:~/Desktop/dypiu$ cp systemsoftware.txt systemsoftware1.txt  
username@Linux:~/Desktop/dypiu$ cp -i systemsoftware.txt systemsoftware2.txt  
cp: overwrite 'systemsoftware2.txt'? y  
username@Linux:~/Desktop/dypiu$
```

9) **grep**

The **grep** command searches a file or files for lines that match a provided regular expression (“grep” comes from a command meaning to globally search for a regular expression and then print the found matches).

Syntax: **grep** [options] regular expression [files]

To exit this command, type 0 if lines have matched, 1 if no lines match, and 2 for errors. This is very useful if you need to match things in several files. If you wanted to find out which files in our **vvs** directory contained the word “**mca**” you could use **grep** to search the directory and match those files with that word. All that you have to do is give the command as shown:

grep 'mca' /vvs/*

The ***** used in this example is called a meta-character, and it represents matching zero or more of the preceding characters. In this example, it is used to mean “all files and directories in this directory”. So, **grep** will search all the files and directories in **vvs** and tell you which files contain “**mca**”.

```

username@Linux:~/Desktop/dyplu$ ls
system systemsoftware1.txt systemsoftware2.txt systemsoftware.txt
username@Linux:~/Desktop/dyplu$ grep -i "system" systemsoftware.txt
cat > systemsoftware.txt
username@Linux:~/Desktop/dyplu$ grep -r "system" *
systemsoftware1.txt:system software
systemsoftware.txt: cat > systemsoftware.txt
username@Linux:~/Desktop/dyplu$

```

10) ls

ls will list all the files in the current directory. If one or more files are given, *ls* will display the files contained within "name" or list all the files with the same name as "name". The files can be displayed in a variety of formats using various options.

Syntax: ***ls [options] [names]***

ls is a command you'll end up using all the time. It simply stands for list. If you are in a directory and you want to know what files and directories are inside that directory, type *ls*. Sometimes the list of files is very long and it flies past your screen so quickly you miss the file you want. To overcome this problem give the command as shown below:

ls / more

The character | (called pipe) is typed by using shift and the \ key. | ***more*** will show as many files as will fit on your screen, and then display a highlighted "***more***" at the bottom. If you want to see the next screen, hit enter (for moving one line at a time) or the spacebar (to move a screen at a time). / ***more*** can be used anytime you wish to view the output of a command in this way.

A useful option to use with *ls* command is ***-l***. This will list the files and directories in a long format. This means it will display the permissions (see *chmod*), owners, group, size, date and time the file was last modified, and the filename.

```

drwxrwxr-x vvs staff 512 Apr 5 09:34 sridhar.txt
-rwx-rw-r-- vvs staff 4233 Apr 1 10:20 resume.txt
-rwx-r--r-- vvs staff 4122 Apr 1 12:01 favourites.html

```

There are several other options that can be used to modify the *ls* command, and many of these options can be combined. ***-a*** will list all files in a directory, including those files normally hidden. ***-F*** will flag filenames by putting / on directories, @ on symbolic links, and * on executable files.

```

username@Linux:~$ cd Desktop/dyplu/
username@Linux:~/Desktop/dyplu$ ls
systemsoftware1.txt systemsoftware2.txt systemsoftware.txt
username@Linux:~/Desktop/dyplu$

```


11) **mv**

mv moves files and directories. It can also be used to rename files or directories.

Syntax: **mv** [options] source target

If you wanted to rename vvs.txt to vsv.txt, you should give the command as: **mv vvs.txt vsv.txt**

After executing this command, vvs.txt would no longer exist, but a file with name vsv.txt would now exist with the same contents.

```
username@Linux:~/Desktop$ ls
dyplu ss
username@Linux:~/Desktop$ mv ss ./dyplu/
username@Linux:~/Desktop$ ls
dyplu
username@Linux:~/Desktop$ cd dyplu/
username@Linux:~/Desktop/dyplu$ ls
ss system systemsoftware1.txt systemsoftware2.txt systemsoftware.txt
username@Linux:~/Desktop/dyplu$
```

12) **rm** and **rmdir**

rm removes or deletes files from a directory.

Syntax: **rm** [options] files

In order to remove a file, you must have write permission to the directory where the file is located. While removing a file which does't have write permission on, a prompt will come up asking you whether or not you wish to override the write protection.

The **-r** option is very handy and very dangerous. **-r** can be used to remove a directory and all its contents. If you use the **-i** option, you can possibly catch some disastrous mistakes because it'll ask you to confirm whether you really want to remove a file before going ahead and doing it.

rmdir allows you to remove or delete directories but not their contents. A directory must be empty in order to remove it using this command.

Syntax: **rmdir** [options] directories

If you wish to remove a directory and all its contents, you should use **rm -r**.

```
username@Linux:~$ cd Desktop/
username@Linux:~/Desktop$ ls
username@Linux:~/Desktop$ mkdir newfile
username@Linux:~/Desktop$ ls
newfile
username@Linux:~/Desktop$ nano sample.txt
username@Linux:~/Desktop$ rm sample.txt
username@Linux:~/Desktop$ rmdir newfile
username@Linux:~/Desktop$ ls
```