Scheduling Tasks

- the cron program allows the scheduling of tasks to run on any date, time, and week
- its automatically started by the boot scripts
- works by waking up once a minute and checking the crontab file
- it contains the user's list of events that he or she wants executed at a particular date and time
- its a tool that allows you to add entries to the crontab file
- verifies the permissions and then invokes a text editor to edit the files
- It allows amy user in the system to schedule a program to run on any date, at any time, or on a particular day of week