

Linux Shell Commands

Introduction

- Many people says that Linux is a command based operating system.
- So many of us thinks that Linux is not so user friendly OS.
- But it is not true. Linux is a GUI based OS with a Shell which is more powerful than its counter part in Windows OS.
- We will be familiar with some shell commands.

Identity

- Type ***uname*** and Linux will tell his name to you
- If you want to know your name type ***whoami***

Manual

- For each command Linux contains manual. To view the manual : ***man*** name
 - ***man uname***

Editors

- To view files a large number of editors are available.
They are:
 - kwrite
 - emacs
 - gedit
 - vi
- To view : *editorname filename*
 - *kwrite file.txt*

User

- In Linux , root is the most powerful user. But other users can be created easily. Each linux user must be under certain group.
 - To add a group : ***groupadd group1***
 - To delete a group : ***groupdel group1***
 - To add a user : ***useradd -g groupname username***
 - To delete a user : ***userdel username***
 - To change a user : ***su user1***
 - To update the passwd : ***passwd user1***

View Text

- To view a line of text in the shell: *echo*
 - *echo 'welcome to linux'*
- To clear the shell : *clear*

Directory and File Permissions

- Each file or directory has 3 security groups.
 - Owner
 - Group
 - All Others
- Each security group has 3 flags that control the access status : read, write, execute
- They are listed as 'rwx' or a '-' if the access is turned off.
 - ***rwxrwxrwx*** [read, write and executable for owner, group and all others]
 - ***rw-r--r--*** [read and write by owner, read only for group and all others]

Directory and File Permissions

- To change the permissions type ***chmod***
 - u, g, o or all [whose permission you are changing]
 - + or - [type of change: add or subtract permission]
 - combination of r , w or x [which permission you are changing: read, write or execute]
 - file or directory [name of file or directory to change]
 - ***chmod go+rw file1 file2*** add read and write access for group and others for files 'file1' and 'file2'
 - ***chmod a+rw file1*** add read, write and execute for everyone for 'file1'.
 - ***chmod 555 file1***

Directory and File Permissions

- To change the owner of a file or directory type ***chown***.
- ***chown*** username <file or directory>
 - ***chown user1 file***
- To change the group of a file or directory type ***chgrp***.
- ***chgrp*** groupname <file or directory>
 - ***chgrp group1 file1 file2***

Directory and File Listings

- To list information about directory or files : *ls*
- This command contains some options.
 - *-a* [do not hide entries starting with .]
 - *-A* [do not list implied . and ..]
 - *-h* [print sizes in human readable format]
 - *-l* [use a long listing format]
 - *-S* [sort by file size]
 - Permissions.Directories.Owner.Group. Size. Date. Name
drwx---rwx . 2 . oracle . oinstall . 1206 . Jan 22 15:10 . a

Directory Operations

- To print the current directory : ***pwd***
- To change the current directory : ***cd dirname***
 - The variable HOME is the default directory.
- To make a new directory : ***mkdir***
 - -m [set permission mode (as in chmod)]
 - -v [print a message for each created directory]
- To delete an empty directory : ***rmdir***

Directory Operations

- To move to a directory pushing the current directory to stack : *pushd dirname*
- Effect:
 - adds a directory to the top of the directory stack
 - or rotates the stack making the new top of the stack the current working directory

Directory Operations

- To moves to the directory at the top of the stack as well as to remove the topmost entry : *popd*
- Effect:
 - removes the top directory from the stack
 - performs a *cd* to the new top directory.

Directory Operations

- To display the list of currently remembered directories : *dirs*
- The default display is on a single line with directory names separated by spaces.
- How to add to the list : *pushd*
- How to remove from the list : *popd*

File Operations

- To copy a file : ***cp***
- Copy source to destination or multiple sources to directory
 - ***-i*** [prompt before overwrite]
 - ***-r*** [copy directories recursively]
 - ***-u*** [copy only when the src file is newer than the dest file or when the dest file is missing]

File Operations

- To remove a file or directory : ***rm***
 - ***-f*** [ignore nonexistent files, never prompt]
 - ***-i*** [prompt before any removal]
 - ***-r*** [remove the contents of directories recursively]
 - ***-v*** [explain what is being done]

File Operations

- To move or rename a file : ***mv***
 - rename src to dest or move src(s) to directory
 - ***-i*** [prompt before overwrite]
 - ***-u*** [move only when the src file is newer than the dest file or when the dest file is missing]
 - ***-v*** [explain what is being done]

File Operations

- To determine file type : ***file filename***
- File tests each argument in an attempt to classify it. This causes the file type to be printed
 - - ***i*** [show the mime type].
 - - ***v*** [Print the version of the file]
 - ***file a.txt*** : a.txt: very short file
 - ***file a.xls*** : a.xls: Microsoft Office Document
 - ***file -i a.xls*** : a.xls: \012- application/msword

File Operations

- To concat files and print on the standard output : ***cat***
file1 file2 file3 ...
 - ***-n*** [number all output lines]
 - ***-s*** [never more than one single blank line]

File Viewing

- To view files in shell use: *more* or *less*.
 - *more filename*
 - *less filename*
- The main difference between more and less is that
 - less allows backward and forward movement using the arrow keys.
 - more only uses the [Spacebar] and the [B] key for forward and backward navigation.

File Viewing

- To output the first lines of files : ***head file1 file2 file3 ...***
- Print the first 10 lines of each file to standard output
- With more than one file , precede each with a header giving the file name
 - **-n** [output the first n lines, instead of the first 10]

File Viewing

- To output the last lines of files : ***tail file1 file2 file3 ...***
- Print the last 10 lines of each file to standard output
- With more than one file, precede each with a header giving the file name
 - **-n** [output the last n lines, instead of the last 10]

File Viewing

- To sort lines of a text files : ***sort file1 file2 file3...***
- Write sorted concatenation of all file(s) to standard output.

File Viewing

- To print the number of lines, words and bytes in files :
wc file1 file2 file3 ...
- print byte, word, and newline counts for each file and a total line if more than one file is specified.
 - **-l** [print the newline counts]
 - **-w** [print the word counts]

Standard I/O/E

- By default, three default files known as standard files are automatically opened when a command is executed.
- They are standard input (***stdin***), standard output (***stdout***) and standard error (***stderr***).
- For example, the command ***ls -a*** scans the current directory and collects a list of all the files, produces a human readable list, and outputs the result to the terminal window.

Redirection

- Linux redirection features can be used to detach the default files from ***stdin***, ***stdout*** and ***stderr*** and attach other files to them.
- **Input redirection:**
 - < - get input from file instead of the keyboard
- **Output redirection:**
 - > - send output to file instead of the terminal window
- **Append output:**
 - >> - command is used to append to a file if it already exists

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 - *head -20 a.txt | tail -5*

Grep

- grep matches a pattern in a given a list of files or standard input and outputs only the matching lines.
 - ***grep*** pattern filename
 - ***grep abc file.txt***
- grep patterns are case sensitive by default.
- Some options
 - ***-i*** [case insensitive search]
 - ***-c*** [count of total matches]
 - ***-E*** [regular expressions can be provided as patterns]
 - ***-n*** [display the line numbers of the matched lines]

Find

- Search for files in a directory hierarchy.
- By default, find returns all files below the current working directory.
 - ***find .***
- To search a pattern : ***find . -name '*txt*'***
- To search for a file type :
 - ***find . -type d*** [find all directories]
 - ***find . -type f*** [find all regular files]
- Find executes the '***-print***' action by default. To change it to style such as '***ls***' : ***find . -type f -ls***

Find

- To search all the directories (not recommended)
 - ***find / -name '*.java' -type f***
- To search a specific directory
 - ***find /home/dir1 -name '*.java' -type f***
- To search multiple directories
 - ***find dir1 dir2 -name '*.java' -type f***
- To search for all files owned by a user
 - ***find . -user userid***
- To take an action
 - ***find . -type f -name '*x*' -exec chmod a+rwx {} \;***
 - ***{}*** is replaced with the name of the file
 - The ***;*** indicates the end of the command.

Thanks