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Theory :

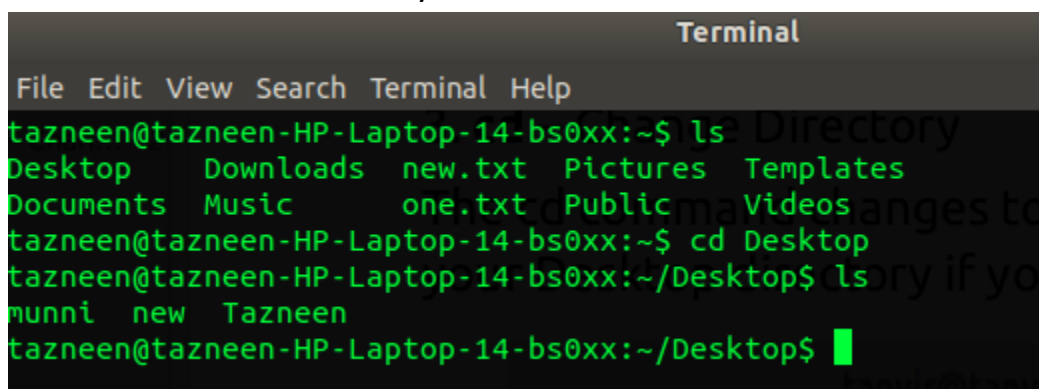
As you know that files are used to store the required information for its later uses. Just likely in Linux operating system, everything is organized in the form of files and directories. By setting permissions on files and directories, one can make sure that only authorized users are allowed to access a specific data. Each file in Linux is owned by a user and group. The user is the one who creates the file and group is the one to which the user belongs to.

File permissions consist of three permissions that you can apply to files and directories. In this section, you'll learn how the system works and how to modify these permissions. Before doing this, let's have a look at how to read the current permissions. The best method to do so is by using `ls-l` which will show you a list of all files and directories in the current directory. the first column shows the file permissions. the third column shows the user owner of the file. the fourth column shows the group owner of the file.

Working Process:

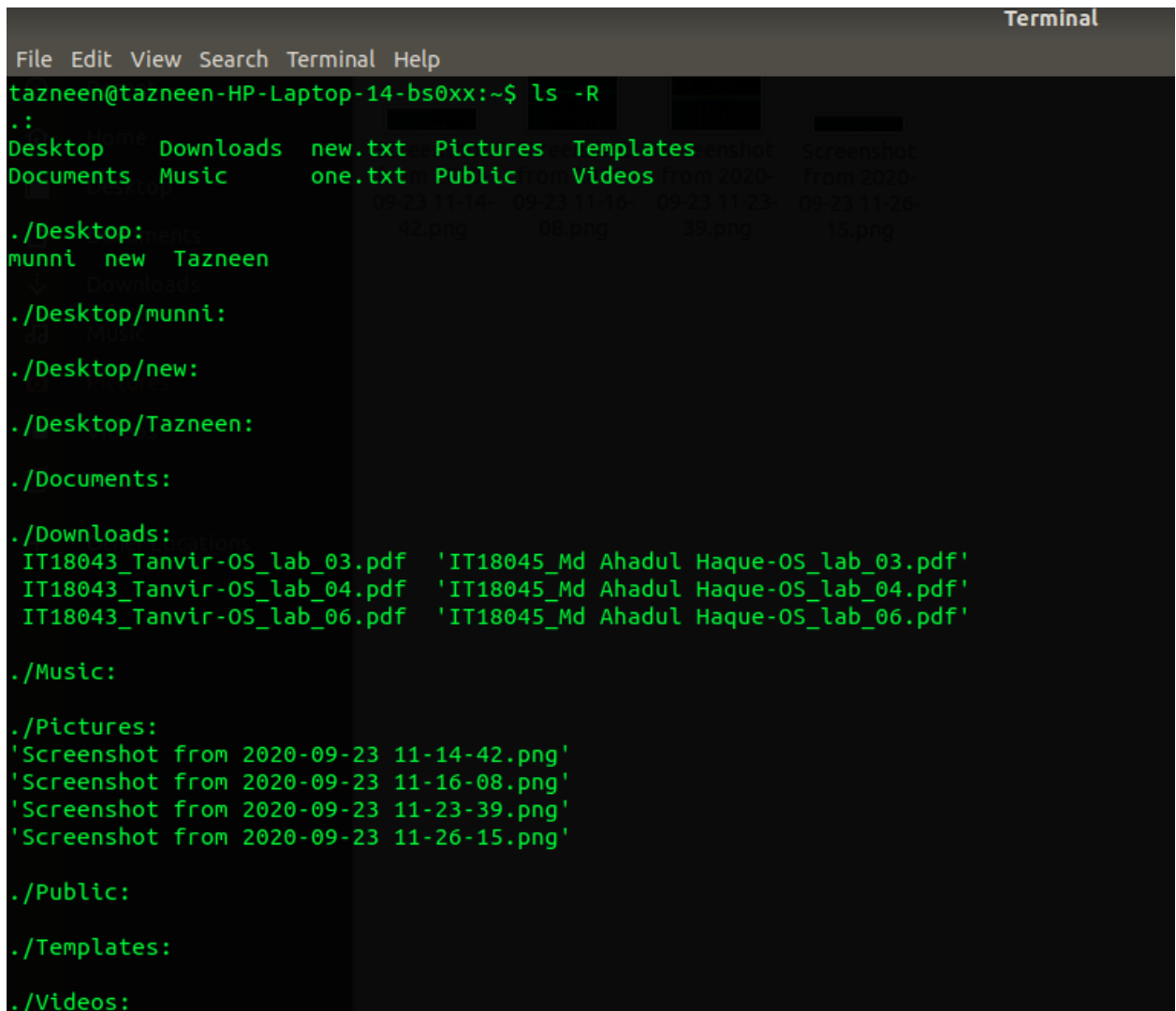
File Operation : To use the Linux terminal like a pro, we'll need to know the basics of managing files and navigating directories. Different file operation is given below.

1. **ls – List Files** The `ls` command lists the files in a directory. By default, `ls` lists files in the current directory.



```
Terminal
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
tazneen@tazneen-HP-Laptop-14-bs0xx:~$ ls
Desktop  Downloads  new.txt  Pictures  Templates
Documents Music      one.txt  Public    Videos
tazneen@tazneen-HP-Laptop-14-bs0xx:~$ cd Desktop
tazneen@tazneen-HP-Laptop-14-bs0xx:~/Desktop$ ls
munni  new  Tazneen
tazneen@tazneen-HP-Laptop-14-bs0xx:~/Desktop$
```

2. We can also list files recursively — that is, list all files in directories inside the current directory — with **ls -R**.



```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
tazneen@tazneen-HP-Laptop-14-bs0xx:~$ ls -R
.:
Desktop Downloads new.txt Pictures Templates Screenshot
Documents Music one.txt Public Videos from 2020-
09-23 11-14-42.png 09-23 11-16-08.png 09-23 11-23-39.png 09-23 11-26-15.png

./Desktop:
munni new Tazneen

./Desktop/munni:

./Desktop/new:

./Desktop/Tazneen:

./Documents:

./Downloads:
IT18043_Tanvir-OS_lab_03.pdf 'IT18045_Md Ahadul Haque-OS_lab_03.pdf'
IT18043_Tanvir-OS_lab_04.pdf 'IT18045_Md Ahadul Haque-OS_lab_04.pdf'
IT18043_Tanvir-OS_lab_06.pdf 'IT18045_Md Ahadul Haque-OS_lab_06.pdf'

./Music:

./Pictures:
'Screenshot from 2020-09-23 11-14-42.png'
'Screenshot from 2020-09-23 11-16-08.png'
'Screenshot from 2020-09-23 11-23-39.png'
'Screenshot from 2020-09-23 11-26-15.png'

./Public:

./Templates:

./Videos:
```

3. **cd** – Change Directory The **cd** command changes to another directory. For example, **cd Desktop** will take you to your Desktop directory if you're starting from your home directory.

```
Terminal
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
tazneen@tazneen-HP-Laptop-14-bs0xx:~$ ls
Desktop  Downloads  new.txt  Pictures  Templates
Documents Music      one.txt  Public    Videos
tazneen@tazneen-HP-Laptop-14-bs0xx:~$ cd Desktop
tazneen@tazneen-HP-Laptop-14-bs0xx:~/Desktop$ ls
munni  new  Tazneen
tazneen@tazneen-HP-Laptop-14-bs0xx:~/Desktop$
```

4. **cd ..** - will take you up a directory.

```
Terminal
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
tazneen@tazneen-HP-Laptop-14-bs0xx:~$ cd ..
tazneen@tazneen-HP-Laptop-14-bs0xx:/home$ pwd
/home
tazneen@tazneen-HP-Laptop-14-bs0xx:/home$
```

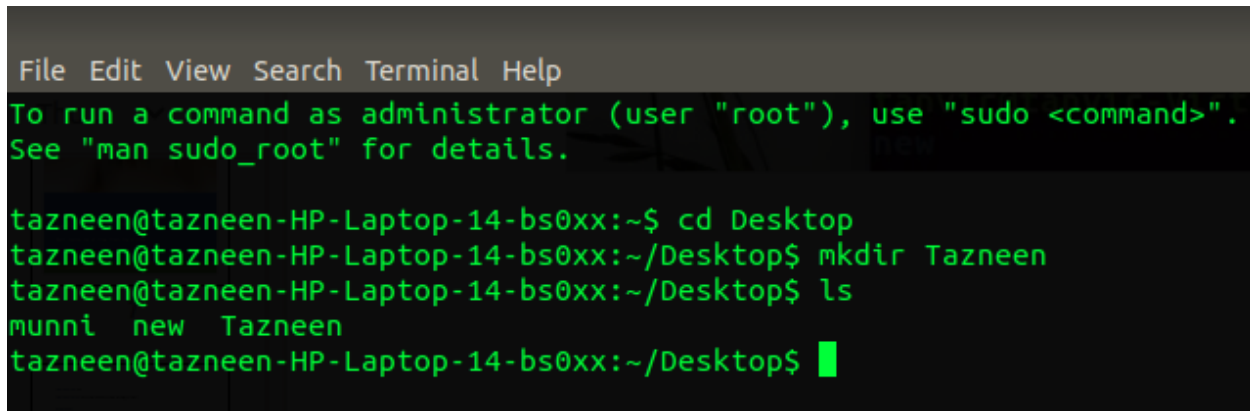
5. **rmdir** – Remove Directories

The **rmdir** command removes an empty directory. **rmdir** directory would delete the directory named “directory” in the current directory.

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
tazneen@tazneen-HP-Laptop-14-bs0xx:~$ ls
Desktop  Downloads  new.txt  Pictures  Templates
Documents Music      one.txt  Public    Videos
tazneen@tazneen-HP-Laptop-14-bs0xx:~$ cd Desktop
tazneen@tazneen-HP-Laptop-14-bs0xx:~/Desktop$ ls
munni  new  Tazneen
tazneen@tazneen-HP-Laptop-14-bs0xx:~/Desktop$ rmdir Tazneen
tazneen@tazneen-HP-Laptop-14-bs0xx:~/Desktop$ ls
munni  new
tazneen@tazneen-HP-Laptop-14-bs0xx:~/Desktop$
```

6.mkdir – Make Directories

The mkdir command makes a new directory. mkdir example will make a directory with the name “example” in the current directory.

A terminal window with a dark background and green text. The menu bar at the top shows 'File Edit View Search Terminal Help'. A message reads: 'To run a command as administrator (user "root"), use "sudo <command>". See "man sudo_root" for details.' The command history shows: 'tazneen@tazneen-HP-Laptop-14-bs0xx:~\$ cd Desktop', 'tazneen@tazneen-HP-Laptop-14-bs0xx:~/Desktop\$ mkdir Tazneen', and 'tazneen@tazneen-HP-Laptop-14-bs0xx:~/Desktop\$ ls'. The output of the ls command is 'munni new Tazneen'. The prompt 'tazneen@tazneen-HP-Laptop-14-bs0xx:~/Desktop\$' is followed by a green cursor block.

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
To run a command as administrator (user "root"), use "sudo <command>".
See "man sudo_root" for details.

tazneen@tazneen-HP-Laptop-14-bs0xx:~$ cd Desktop
tazneen@tazneen-HP-Laptop-14-bs0xx:~/Desktop$ mkdir Tazneen
tazneen@tazneen-HP-Laptop-14-bs0xx:~/Desktop$ ls
munni  new  Tazneen
tazneen@tazneen-HP-Laptop-14-bs0xx:~/Desktop$
```

There are 3 types of permissions:

- 1) Read
- 2) Write
- 3) Execute permission

Read (r): this gives permission to merely open a file or folder and view its contents.

Write (w): this gives permission to overwrite, append-to or delete a file or folder.

Execute (x): this gives permission to "run" a file. For example to run a script or a program.

So, how can we put this all into context? Let's have a look at the contents of a typical folder. I used the command `ls -l` to bring up this list:

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
tazneen@tazneen-HP-Laptop-14-bs0xx:~$ ls -l
total 36
drwxr-xr-x 4 tazneen tazneen 4096 2023-11-30 11:30 Desktop
drwxr-xr-x 2 tazneen tazneen 4096 2021-11-18 18:19 Documents
drwxr-xr-x 2 tazneen tazneen 4096 2023-11-13 11:13 Downloads
drwxr-xr-x 2 tazneen tazneen 4096 2021-11-18 18:19 Music
-rw-r--r-- 1 tazneen tazneen    0 2021-11-18 18:56 new.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 tazneen tazneen    0 2021-11-18 18:52 one.txt
drwxr-xr-x 2 tazneen tazneen 4096 2023-11-31 11:31 Pictures
drwxr-xr-x 2 tazneen tazneen 4096 2021-11-18 18:19 Public
drwxr-xr-x 2 tazneen tazneen 4096 2023-11-31 11:31 Tazneen
drwxr-xr-x 2 tazneen tazneen 4096 2021-11-18 18:19 Templates
drwxr-xr-x 2 tazneen tazneen 4096 2021-11-18 18:19 Videos
tazneen@tazneen-HP-Laptop-14-bs0xx:~$
```

we can also do this via the command-line. Go to a directory that has files in it and type the following command to view all files in a list:

ls -al

```
Terminal
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
tazneen@tazneen-HP-Laptop-14-bs0xx:~$ ls -al
total 76
drwxr-xr-x 16 tazneen tazneen 4096 Nov 23 11:31 .
drwxr-xr-x  3 root    root    4096 Nov  8 2020 ..
-rw-r--r--  1 tazneen tazneen  791 Nov 23 11:34 .bash_history
drwxr-xr-x 15 tazneen tazneen 4096 Nov 23 11:34 .cache
drwxr-xr-x 14 tazneen tazneen 4096 Nov 23 11:34 .config
drwxr-xr-x  4 tazneen tazneen 4096 Nov 23 11:30 Desktop
drwxr-xr-x  2 tazneen tazneen 4096 Nov 21 18:19 Documents
drwxr-xr-x  2 tazneen tazneen 4096 Nov 23 11:13 Downloads
drwxr-xr-x  3 tazneen tazneen 4096 Nov 21 18:18 .gnupg
-rw-r--r--  1 tazneen tazneen 1194 Nov 23 11:08 .ICEauthority
drwxr-xr-x  3 tazneen tazneen 4096 Nov  8 2020 .local
drwxr-xr-x  5 tazneen tazneen 4096 Nov 21 18:24 .mozilla
drwxr-xr-x  2 tazneen tazneen 4096 Nov 21 18:19 Music
-rw-r--r--  1 root    root    1533 Nov 23 09:52 .mysql_history
-rw-r--r--  1 tazneen tazneen    0 Nov 21 18:56 new.txt
-rw-r--r--  1 tazneen tazneen    0 Nov 21 18:52 one.txt
drwxr-xr-x  2 tazneen tazneen 4096 Nov 23 11:34 Pictures
drwxr-xr-x  2 tazneen tazneen 4096 Nov 21 18:19 Public
-rw-r--r--  1 tazneen tazneen    0 Nov 21 18:49 .sudo_as_admin_successful
drwxr-xr-x  2 tazneen tazneen 4096 Nov 23 11:31 Tazneen
drwxr-xr-x  2 tazneen tazneen 4096 Nov 21 18:19 Templates
drwxr-xr-x  2 tazneen tazneen 4096 Nov 21 18:19 Videos
tazneen@tazneen-HP-Laptop-14-bs0xx:~$
```

Next to each file and directory, we'll see a special section that outlines the permissions it has. It looks like this:

-rwx rw- r--

The r stands for “read,” the w stands for “write,” and the x stands for “execute.” Directories will be start with a “d” instead of a “-”. You'll also notice that there are 10 spaces which hold value. You can ignore the first, and then there are 3 sets of 3. The first set is for the owner, the second set is for the group, and the last set is for the world.

To change a file or directory's permissions, let's look at the basic form of the chmod command.

chmod [class][operator][permission] file

chmod [ugoa][+ or -] [rwx] file

u: This is for the owner.

g: This is for the group.

o: This is for all others.

a: This will change permissions for all of the above.

+: The plus sign will add the permissions which follow.

-: The minus sign will remove the permissions which follow.

r: Allows read access.

w: Allows write access.

x: Allows execution.

Discussion: File permissions are required to be changed when the user want to restrict the operations permissible on a file. It can gives us option that we can secure our personal files from clients or other person. By doing this lab we have gain a clear idea about File Operation and Permission.