

# Shell Script Assignment



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Requirement:

build a shell script that does a following task.

- 1- Search the files in the given directory and specific file, and do a report about the file's information like name, last modified, size and owner and generate a summary file that contains the number of files and total size.
- 2- Implement user-friendly with help section

My script is divided into the four parts

the first part is the help function, it will display the instruction and what each parameter do

the second part is to check what parameter is provided  
and validation if the directory parameter exists and if the user put the directory or not

the third part is to generate the report file which name is file\_analysis,  
put the head of the table, which is the File Name Size (bytes) Owner  
Permissions and Last Modified

They do the sorting thing and it depends on the user, so if the user put -s it will  
sort depending on the size of the files, the smallest file first,  
etc.,

the fourth part is to generate the summary file,  
make 2 counters, a counter for the number of files, and a counter for the size of  
each file,

### First part show\_help function :

When user type -h or --help the window will display and it will explain how to use the script and lists available options.

```
#!/bin/bash

# Function to display help section
show_help() {
    echo "Usage: ./file_summary.sh [OPTIONS] DIRECTORY"
    echo "Searches for files with specific extensions in the directory"
    echo
    echo "Options:"
    echo "  -h, --help           Display this help message"
    echo "  -d, --directory DIRECTORY Specify the directory to search"
    echo "  -e, --extensions EXT Specify file extensions to search for"
    echo "  -s, --size           Sort files by size"
    echo "  -p, --permissions PERMISSIONS Filter files by permissions"
    echo "  -m, --modified DATE Sort files by last modified date"
    echo
}
```

## Part two validation:

\$# mean number of parameters and -gt mean greater than

I will check how many parameters they are

and do the validation as follow, using switch statement

```
3 while [[ "$#" -gt 0 ]]; do
4     case $1 in
5         -h|--help) show_help; exit 0;;
6         -d|--directory) directory="$2"; shift ;;
7         -e|--extension) extension="$2"; shift ;;
8         -s|--size) sort_size=true ;;
9         -p|--permissions) permissions="$2"; shift ;;
10        -m|--modified) sort_modified=true ;;
11        *) echo "Unknown parameter passed: $1"; exit 1
12    esac
13    shift
14 done
15
16 # Check if directory argument is provided
```

when you type the directory it will check if the directory exists, or if the client didn't put the directory as parameter

```
3     done
4 done
5
6
7 # Check if directory argument is provided
8 if [ -z "$directory" ]; then
9     echo "No directory specified."
10    exit 1
11 fi
12
13 # Check if directory exists
14 if [ ! -d "$directory" ]; then
15     echo "Directory '$directory' does not exist."
16     exit 1
17 fi
18
19 # Search for files
```

### Part three generates the file\_analysis,

first thing put a general structure of the file, then append the content to it

```
echo "File Analysis Report" > "$report_file"
echo "-----" >> "$report_file"
echo "| File Name      | Size (bytes) | Owner      | Permissions | Last Modified |" >> "$report_file"
echo "-----" >> "$report_file"
```

I will use the find command to find the files with a specific extension, and then store them in a variable,

I put a basic parameter to the find command, then append to that command another parameter, extensions, and sorting depending on the size or last modification, and then store it in the file\_analysis file

```
find_command="find . -type f"
if [ -n "$extension" ]; then
    find_command+=" -name \"*.$extension\""
fi
if [ -n "$permissions" ]; then
    find_command+=" -perm $permissions"
fi

if $sort_size; then
    find_command+=" -exec du -b {} + | sort -n -k1,1 | cut -f2-"
fi

if $sort_modified; then
    find_command+=" -exec stat -c '%Y %n' {} + | sort -rn | cut -d' ' -f2-"
fi

eval "$find_command" | xargs stat -c "%n %s %U %A %y" | awk -F" " '{ file = $1; gsub("./", "", file); printf "| %-15s | %"
# Summary variables
```

```
10s | %-12s | %-19s |\n", file, $2, $3, $4, $5 }' >> "$report_file"
```



## Part four: generate the summary file

build a basic structure for the file

```
# Generate the summary report
echo "Summary Report" > "$summary_file"
echo "-----" >> "$summary_file"
echo "Total Files: $total_files" >> "$summary_file"
echo "Total Size: $total_size bytes" >> "$summary_file"
echo "-----" >> "$summary_file"
```

summary file the number of files and the total size of the files

I will make 2 counters which are the number of files and the total size

```
# Summary variables
total_files=0
total_size=0

# Loop through the files and calculate statistics
while IFS= read -r file; do
    # Increment file count
    ((total_files++))

    # Extract the file size
    size=$(stat -c "%s" "$file")

    # Increment total size
    ((total_size += size))
done << (eval "$find_command")
```

End

Thank you !