

Linux assignment –8

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1. What is a user-defined function in shell scripting? Explain with an example.

Ans: user defined function is the block of code written by the user to perform the script task. Instead of writing the same code repeatedly we use the user defined function in the shell scripting language.

Example: #!/bin/bash

```
greet() {  
    echo "Hello, Welcome "  
}  
  
greet
```

Here the user defines a function called greet which prints the specific words. When the user wants to run this process repeatedly, he will call the function how many times he wants.

2. Write a bash script with a function that multiplies two integer numbers.

Ans: #!/bin/bash

```
multiply() {  
    result=$(( $1 * $2 ))  
    echo "The product is: $result "  
    echo "Enter first number:"  
    read a  
    echo "Enter second number:"  
    read b  
    multiply $a $b
```

3. Explain how arrays (1D, 2D, and 3D) are declared in bash scripting

Ans: in the bash programming the the array is used to store the multi values through insertion in a single variable which may use 1d 2d 3d array can be simulate using the required loop

1d array

```
Arr=(10 ,20 ,30, 40)
```

```
${arr[ 1]}
```

2d array

```
arr[0,0]=1
```

```
arr[0,1]=2
```

```
arr[1,0]=3
```

```
arr[1,1]=4
```

```
echo ${arr[1,1]}
```

3D Array

You can use multidex variables likes arr[x,y,z]=value, but they are treated as stringkeys, not true 3D arrays.

4. Write a shell script to display elements of an array.

Ans;

```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
Arr=(apple ,banana ,mango ,orange)
```

```
echo "array elements are :"
```

```
for item in "${arr[@]}"
```

```
do
```

```
echo $item
```

```
Done
```

Here the array store the name of the. Fruites by using the loop statement we can inserted and printed the array.

5. What is the purpose of cron in Linux?

Ans:

The corn service in klinux is used tio schedule task to run the automatically at secific time line or intervals it will helpfull for the automating repetivative job like backups and cleanups

The tasks are defined inside a **cron tab file** which will tell the system that in which it what we have to do . Cron make system management easier by running things automatically without any user interaction.

6. Write a cron job to run a backup script every day at midnight.

Ans:

To run the backup job at every night we add the below line in the cron tab.

```
( 0 0 * * * /home/user/backup.sh. ).
```

Here

0 0 minute and hour

* * * every day, every month, every year

/home/user/backup.sh path to the bash script to execute

This will backup script runs automatically at 12.00 am every day.

7. How do you schedule a one-time job using at command?

Ans: the “at” is specially used to schedule the time to execute the specific command within the time intervals and it will happen only once.

Example: at 10:00pm

Here the after. Entering the enter after the enter what command we will write it will happen in the given time intervals

at 1.00pm

sh /home/user/cleanup.sh

After this we have to save the command by clicking the ctrl+d

8. Write a script to display disk usage using df and du.

Ans:

```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
echo "disk space usage "
```

```
df -h
```

```
echo ""  
echo "directory usage "  
du -h --max-depth=1
```

Here

df -h it will shows the total disk space and free used space in readable format.

du -h --max-depth=1 it will shows the size of each folder in current directories

9. . How can you log the output of a script using the tee command?

Ans: tee command is used to see the output and also save it in a specific files or other things at the same time interval.

```
#!/bin/bash  
  
echo "system information " | tee systemlog.txt  
  
date | tee -a systemlog.txt  
  
df -h | tee -a systemlog.txt
```

The -a option append the output instead of overwriting the file .

10. Explain with an example how shell scripting can automate system administration tasks.

Ans: Shell scripting is used to make system administration tasks which are usually repetitive and time-consuming.

For example, admin write a script that automatically backs up files, and clears old logs, updates packages, or monitors disk space.

```
#!/bin/bash
```

backup_dir="/backup"

src_dir="/home/user"

cp -r \$src_dir \$backup_dir

echo "backup completed successfully on \$(date)"