

Description of the system:

The system is a command-line interface for executing various commands provided by the user. It shows the output of the result on the terminal itself. It is essentially a shell program for linux based systems. This shell executes various other programs according to the input provided by the user to the shell program. The various commands that the shell can handle are as below:

Internal commands-

1. cd

options available:

- a. -L: symlinks are not resolved
- b. ~: changes the directory to home directory

errors handled:

- a. no such directory found
- b. format not valid
- c. invalid option
- d. no option/path provided

2. pwd

options:

- a. -L
- b. -P

errors handled:

- a. invalid option
- b. invalid format

3. echo

assumptions:

it is required to pass an option with the command

options available:

- a. -n: Doesn't output the trailing new line.
- b. -E: Doesn't interpret the backslash escapes

errors handled:

- a. invalid format
- b. invalid option

External command:

1. ls

assumption:

it is required to pass an option with the command

options available:

- a. -a,--all: Doesn't ignore the files starting with '.'
- b. -i,--inode: prints the files with their index number

errors handled:

- a. option not valid
- b. option not provided as input in command

2. cat

assumption:

it is required to pass an option with the command

options available:

- a. -n: numbers all output lines
- b. -b: ignores blank lines while numbering the lines

errors handled:

- a. invalid option

- b. path provided doesn't point to a regular file
- c. option not provided
- d. path not provided

3. date

assumptions:

it is required to pass an option with the command

options available

- a. -u,--universal,--utc: prints the Universal time(UTC)
- b. -r: prints the last modified time of any file/directory specified

errors handled:

- a. invalid option provided
- b. if input doesn't match the required format, "invalid format" is printed

4. rm

assumption:

it is required to pass an option with the command

options available:

- a. -i: asks for confirmation before every removal of a file
- b. -v: displays what is being done

errors handled:

- a. Path provided doesn't point to a regular file for its deletion
- b. invalid option provided for confirmation regarding deletion of the file under the option '-i'
- c. invalid option
- d. option not provided
- e. path not provided

5. mkdir

assumption:

it is required to pass an option with the command

options available:

- a. -v: displays what is being done
- b. -p,--parent: makes parent directories if not already existing

errors handled:

- a. Directory already exists
- b. Not a valid path for a directory. For example a path that requires parent directories to be created first but the option chosen as input is not "-p" or "--parent"
- c. invalid option
- d. option not provided in the input
- e. path not provided in the input

The shell itself runs by two separate implementations:

- 1. using system calls: fork(),exec1() and wait() in order to handle external commands
- 2. using API function calls: system() and POSIX Pthread family of functions i.e., pthread create() in order to handle external commands

In order to run through second type of implementation, the user is required to provide "&t" in the end of each command, for example,"date -u" would be executed using first type of implementation while "date&t -u" would be executed using second type of implementation.

Assumption "test" folder should be present in the working directory in order to run the test case successfully.

TEST CASE:

ls -a

ls&t -i

cat&t -b ./test/testfile

cat -n ./test/testfile

date -u

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date&t -r ./test
rm -i ./test/testfile
rm&t -v ./test/testfile
mkdir -v ./fold1
mkdir&t -p ./fold2/fold1
cd ~
pwd -P
cd -L ..
pwd -L
echo -n hello there
echo -E hi there
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