

Search the files that satisfy certain requirements

Write a bash script that searches in a directory and its subdirectories for the files that are owned by a specific user and have read permissions for all users. The script takes two arguments. The first argument is the pathname of the directory and the second argument is a user id.

Note that your script needs to traverse the directory and check the files under its subdirectories, sub-subdirectories, etc. **For the purposes of practice, DO NOT use `find` command, and DO NOT use the built-in option `-R` in `ls` commands (you can use `ls` command and its options other than `-R`).** During the traversal, for each file (assuming file name saved in variable `filename`), your script need to 1) use command `ls -l ${filename}` to get the information of the file, 2) analyze the permission field and the owner field of the line generated by the above `ls` command using `grep` or `expr` and determine whether the file satisfies the requirements or not, and 3) if the file satisfies the requirements, print out the following information of the file:

- file name
- permissions (a group of 9 characters consists of r, w, or x, do not include the character for file type at the beginning of the line)
- time of creation or last modification.

For the format of the information printed out by `ls -l`, refer to these pages: <https://cr.yp.to/ftp/list/binls.html>, <https://linuxize.com/post/how-to-list-files-in-linux-using-the-ls-command/>. Check the owner field and the read permissions to determine whether a file satisfies the requirements. For a file having read permissions for all users, `ls -l ${filename}` shows three “r” in the permission field.

When you extract the time of creation or last modification, your code should be flexible to handle two time formats: month+day+hour+minute for files modified/created within the last six months, and month+day+year for other files.

To use `grep` to process the line printed out by `ls -l`, you can use a pipe to connect `ls` command and `grep` command. For example, the following commands extracts the first field (- and permissions).

```
$ ls -l /bin/bash | grep -o '^\{10\}'
-rwxr-xr-x
```

This exercise is for you to practice the use of regular expressions. DO NOT use commands `find` and `cut` in your script. To extract the desired information from a string, consider to use sub-string, and `grep -o`. This is particularly useful when extracting the modification/creation time field from the `ls` output. For example, to extract the second field from the `ls` output, you can first extract using regex and remove the first field using sub-string, and then use another `grep -o` and regex, which describe the pattern of the second field.

```
$ ls_output=`ls -l /bin/bash`
$ first_field=`echo "${ls_output}" | grep -o '^\{10\}'`
$ len=${#first_field}
$ remaining=${ls_output:len+1} #cut the 1st field off
$ second_field=`echo "$remaining" | grep -o '[0-9]\{1,\}'`
$ echo $second_field
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```

Note: 1. The following trick can simplify the regular expressions used in `grep -o`: cut off the substring before the field that you want to extract and use the `^` anchor to match from the beginning of the

remaining part. With this method, you only need to design a regular expression that matches the field that you want to extract; (you may leverage the spaces between fields;) you don't need to refine the regular expression to exclude the matches in other parts of the string (e.g., in the middle).

2. Use double quotes to enclose `$var` in echo command. Otherwise, the output of echo may not exactly match the contents in `var`. For example, if there are two consecutive spaces in `var`, without double quotes, `var` will be divided at the spaces, and the parts are printed out with a single space in between.

3. Escape ("") parentheses and braces if you use BRE.

Testing: to test the script, run it with “root” and “/usr/share/docutils/writers/” as arguments, you should see the information of all 36 files. Randomly select a few of these files, and manually check whether the information printed out by your script matches the corresponding information printed out by `ls -l`. Run your script with your own username and “/usr/share/docutils/writers/” as arguments. You should not see any information printed out because you don't have any files in that directory.