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2 - Operating Systems & Linux Basics

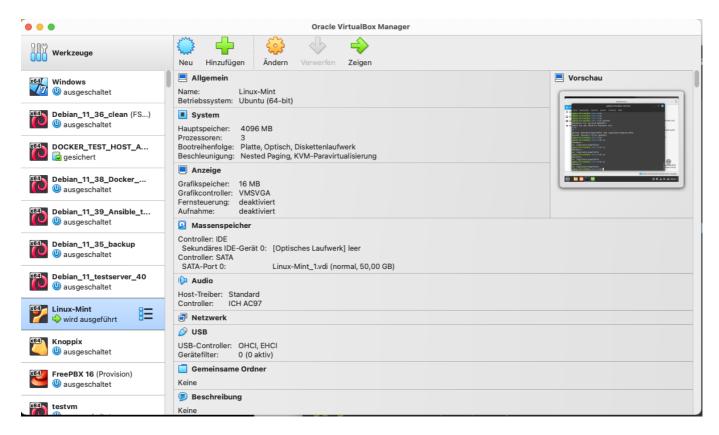
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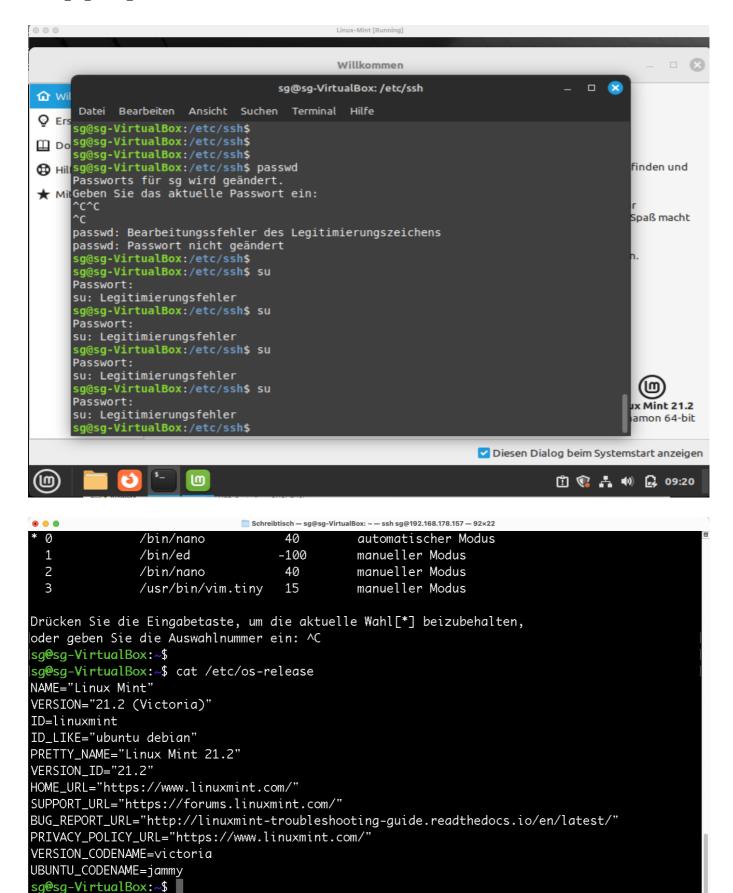
► Solution 1: Linux Mint Virtual Machine

Exercise 1: Linux Mint Virtual Machine

- Create a Linux Mint Virtual Machine on your computer.
- Check the distribution, which package manager it uses (yum, apt, apt-get).
- Which CLI editor is configured (Nano, Vi, Vim).
- What software center/software manager it uses.
- Which shell is configured for your user.

I have installed Linux Mint from this source Linux Mint Source





Nano was my default editor:

```
sudo update-alternatives --config editor
```

```
. .
                               Schreibtisch — sg@sg-VirtualBox: ~ — ssh sg@192.168.178.157 — 92×22
sg@sg-VirtualBox:~$
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sa@sa-VirtualBox:~$
sg@sq-VirtualBox:~$ sudo update-alternatives --config editor
[sudo] Passwort für sg:
Es gibt 3 Auswahlmöglichkeiten für die Alternative editor (welche /usr/bin/editor bereitstel
len).
  Auswahl
                Pfad
                                    Priorität Status
                /bin/nano
                                     40
                                                automatischer Modus
  0
  1
                                    -100
                /bin/ed
                                                manueller Modus
                /bin/nano
                                     40
                                                manueller Modus
  2
                                                manueller <u>Modus</u>
  3
                /usr/bin/vim.tiny
                                     15
Drücken Sie die Eingabetaste, um die aktuelle Wahl[*] beizubehalten,
oder geben Sie die Auswahlnummer ein:
```

It uses as default the apt packet manager.

```
Schreibtisch — sg@sg-VirtualBox: ~ — ssh sg@192.168.178.157 — 92×22
sg@sg-VirtualBox:~$ cat /etc/os-release
NAME="Linux Mint"
VERSION="21.2 (Victoria)"
ID=linuxmint
ID_LIKE="ubuntu debian"
PRETTY_NAME="Linux Mint 21.2"
VERSION_ID="21.2"
HOME_URL="https://www.linuxmint.com/"
SUPPORT_URL="https://forums.linuxmint.com/"
BUG_REPORT_URL="http://linuxmint-troubleshooting-guide.readthedocs.io/en/latest/"
PRIVACY_POLICY_URL="https://www.linuxmint.com/
VERSION_CODENAME=victoria
UBUNTU_CODENAME=jammy
sg@sg-VirtualBox:~$ if command -v apt >/dev/null; then echo "APT (Debian/Ubuntu/Linux Mint)"
elif command -v yum >/dev/null; then echo "YUM (RHEL/CentOS)";
elif command -v dnf >/dev/null; then echo "DNF (Fedora)";
elif command -v pacman >/dev/null; then echo "Pacman (Arch)";
else echo "Unknown package manager";
fi
<u> APT (Debian/Ubuntu/Linux Mint)</u>
sg@sg-VirtualBox:~$
```

It uses the software manager:

```
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ID_LIKE="ubuntu debian"
PRETTY_NAME="Linux Mint 21.2"
VERSION_ID="21.2"
HOME_URL="https://www.linuxmint.com/"
SUPPORT_URL="https://forums.linuxmint.com/"
BUG_REPORT_URL="http://linuxmint-troubleshooting-quide.readthedocs.io/en/latest/"
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else echo "Unknown package manager";
APT (Debian/Ubuntu/Linux Mint)
sg@sg-VirtualBox:~$ which mintinstall
/usr/bin/mintinstall
sg@sg-VirtualBox:~$ which synaptic
/usr/sbin/synaptic
sg@sg-VirtualBox:~$
```

I have used the following methods to identify the shell, it uses the bash shell:

```
echo $SHELL
ps -p $$
echo $0
echo $BASH
bash
```

```
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sq@sq-VirtualBox:~$ which mintinstall
/usr/bin/mintinstall
sg@sq-VirtualBox:~$ which synaptic
/usr/sbin/synaptic
sg@sg-VirtualBox:~$ echo $SHELL
/bin/bash
sg@sg-VirtualBox:~$ getent passwd sg
sg:x:1000:1000:SG,,,:/home/sg:/bin/bash
sg@sg-VirtualBox:~$
```

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▶ Solution 2: Bash script to install java and check the java version

EXERCISE 2: Bash Script - Install Java

- Write a bash script using Vim editor that installs the latest java version and checks whether java was installed successfully by executing a java -version command. After installation command, it checks 3 conditions:
- whether java is installed at all
- whether an older Java version is installed (java version lower than 11)
- whether a java version of 11 or higher was installed

It prints relevant informative messages for all 3 conditions. Installation was successful if the 3rd condition is met and you have Java version 11 or higher available.

```
#!/bin/bash
apt update
package_name="default-jre"
apt_policy_output=$(apt policy $package_name)
installed_version=$(echo "$apt_policy_output" | awk '/Installiert:/ {print
$2}')
echo "$installed_version"
if [ "$installed version" == "(keine)" ]
then
 echo "Java isn't installed, i will install java"
 install_result=$(apt install default-jre)
 echo "Java is installed, i will do nothing"
fi
java_version=$(java --version)
version=$(echo "$java_version" | head -n 1 | awk '{print $2}' | awk -F'.'
'{print $1}')
echo "$version"
version_int=$(expr $version + 0)
if [ "$version" == "" ]
then
     echo "The java installation has failed"
elif [ $version_int -lt 11 ]
then
     echo "An older java version is installed"
elif [ $version_int -ge 11 ]
then
     echo "The java version 11 or greater installed sucessfully installed"
fi
```

▶ Solutions 3-4-5: Bash script to sort the specific user processes

EXERCISE 3: Bash Script - User Processes Write a bash script using Vim editor that checks all the processes running for the current user (USER env var) and prints out the processes in console.

• Hint: use ps aux command and grep for the user.

EXERCISE 4: Bash Script - User Processes Sorted

 Extend the previous script to ask for a user input for sorting the processes output either by memory or CPU consumption, and print the sorted list.

EXERCISE 5: Bash Script - Number of User Processes Sorted

• Extend the previous script to ask additionally for user input about how many processes to print. Hint: use head program to limit the number of outputs.

```
# Solution 3
#! /bin/bash

CURRENT_USER=$(printenv | grep USER | awk -F'=' '{print $2}')
echo "The current is: $CURRENT_USER"

USER_PROCESSES=$(ps aux | grep $CURRENT_USER)
echo -e "The processes from the user: $CURRENT_USER are :
\n$USER_PROCESSES"
```

```
# Solution 4
#! /bin/bash

read -p "Please enter CPU or MEM for user sorted processes list:"
MEM_CPU_ENUM

CURRENT_USER=$(printenv | grep USER | awk -F'=' '{print $2}')
echo "The current is: $CURRENT_USER"
echo "your entered input is: $MEM_CPU_ENUM"

if [ "$MEM_CPU_ENUM" == "CPU" ]
then
    USER_PROCESSES=$(ps aux --sort -pcpu | grep $CURRENT_USER)
    echo -e "The processes sorted by CPU from the user: $CURRENT_USER are :
\n$USER_PROCESSES"

elif [ "$MEM_CPU_ENUM" == "MEM" ]
then
```

```
USER_PROCESSES=$(ps aux --sort -pmem | grep $CURRENT_USER)
  echo -e "The processes sorted by memory from the user: $CURRENT_USER
  are : \n$USER_PROCESSES"
  else
    echo "No valid input was entered! "

fi
```

```
# Solution 5
#! /bin/bash
read -p "Please enter CPU or MEM for user sorted processes list:"
MEM CPU ENUM
read -p "Please enter the line count you want to show:" LINE_COUNT
CURRENT USER=$(printenv | grep USER | awk -F'=' '{print $2}')
echo "The current is: $CURRENT USER"
echo "your entered input is: $MEM CPU ENUM"
if [ "$MEM CPU ENUM" == "CPU" ]
then
   USER_PROCESSES=$(ps aux --sort -pcpu | grep $CURRENT_USER | head -n
$LINE_COUNT)
   echo -e "The processes sorted by CPU from the user: $CURRENT_USER are:
\n$USER_PROCESSES"
elif [ "$MEM CPU ENUM" == "MEM" ]
   USER_PROCESSES=$(ps aux --sort -pmem | grep $CURRENT_USER | head -n
$LINE_COUNT)
   echo -e "The processes sorted by memory from the user: $CURRENT_USER
are : \n$USER_PROCESSES"
else
   echo "No valid input was entered! "
fi
```

► Solutions 6-7: Bash script to start a nodejs app

Context: We have a ready NodeJS application that needs to run on a server. The app is already configured to read in environment variables.

EXERCISE 6: Bash Script - Start Node App

Write a bash script with following logic:

- Install NodeJS and NPM and print out which versions were installed
- Download an artifact file from the URL: https://node-envvars-artifact.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/bootcamp-node-envvars-project-1.0.0.tgz. >
- Hint: use curl or wget
- Unzip the downloaded file
- Set the following needed environment variables: APP_ENV=dev, DB_USER=myuser, DB_PWD=mysecret
- Change into the unzipped package directory
- Run the NodeJS application by executing the following commands: npm install and node server.js

Notes: Make sure to run the application in background so that it doesn't block the terminal session where you execute the shell script If any of the variables is not set, the node app will print error message that env vars is not set and exit It will give you a warning about LOG_DIR variable not set. You can ignore it for now.

EXERCISE 7: Bash Script - Node App Check Status Extend the script to check after running the application that the application has successfully started and prints out the application's > > running process and the port where it's listening.

```
#!/bin/bash
# prepare environment, install all tools
apt update
echo "install tree, node, npm, curl, wget, net-tools"
apt install -y tree nodejs npm curl net-tools
working_dir=./node_js_app
if [ -d "$working_dir" ]; then
  echo "this working directory exists, remove everthing in this directory"
  rm -rf $working_dir/*
  cd $working_dir
else
echo "this directory doesn't exist, create the directory"
mkdir $working_dir
cd $working_dir
fi
echo "the working directory is: $(pwd)"
# fetch NodeJS project archive from s3 bucket
wget https://node-envvars-artifact.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/bootcamp-
node-envvars-project-1.0.0.tgz
# extract the project archive to ./package folder
tar -zxf ./bootcamp-node-envvars-project-1.0.0.tgz
echo "working tree view: $(tree)"
NODEJS_VERSION=$(node --version)
```

```
NPM_VERSION=$(npm --version)
echo "the installed NPM version is: $NPM_VERSION"
echo "the installed NODEJS version is: $NODEJS_VERSION"

#export the env variables
export APP_ENV=dev; export DB_PWD=mysecret; export DB_USER=myuser

cd ./package
echo "$(pwd)"

npm install

nohup node server.js &

ps aux | grep "node server.js" | grep -v grep

ss -tulpen | grep :3000
```

▶ Solutions 8-9: Bash script to start a nodejs app with a specific user and a specific log directory

EXERCISE 8: Bash Script - Node App with Log Directory

- Extend the script to accept a parameter input log_directory: a directory where application will write logs.
- The script will check whether the parameter value is a directory name that doesn't exist and will create the directory, if it does exist,
- it sets the env var LOG_DIR to the directory's absolute path before running the application, so the application can read the LOG_DIR environment variable and write its logs there.

Note: Check the app.log file in the provided LOG_DIR directory. This is what the output of running the application must look like: node-app-output.png

EXERCISE 9: Bash Script - Node App with Service user

 You've been running the application with your user. But we need to adjust that and create own service user: myapp for the application to run. So extend the script to create the user and then run the application with the service user.

```
#!/bin/bash
# create the new app user
new_user=appuser
useradd appuser -m
# prepare environment, install all tools
apt update
echo "install tree, node, npm, curl, wget, net-tools"
apt install -y tree nodejs npm curl net-tools
read -p "please enter the log directory in which the node-js app should
log: " log_dir
echo "entered log directory is: $log dir"
working_dir="/home/$new_user/node_js_app"
log_dir_app="$working_dir/$log_dir"
echo "LOG_DIR: $log_dir_app"
if [ -d "$working_dir" ]; then
  echo "this working directory exists, do nothing"
else
  echo "this directory doesn't exist, create the directory"
  mkdir $working_dir
fi
if [ -d "$log_dir_app" ]; then
 echo "this log directory exists"
else
  echo "this directory doesn't exist, create the directory"
  mkdir -p $log_dir_app
fi
touch $log_dir_app/app.log
```

```
chown $new_user:$new_user -R $log_dir_app
chown $new_user:$new_user -R $working_dir
cd $working_dir
echo "the working directory is: $(pwd)"
# fetch NodeJS project archive from s3 bucket
runuser -l $new_user -c "wget https://node-envvars-artifact.s3.eu-west-
2.amazonaws.com/bootcamp-node-envvars-project-1.0.0.tgz"
# extract the project archive to ./package folder
runuser -l $new_user -c "tar -zxf ./bootcamp-node-envvars-project-
1.0.0.tgz"
echo "working tree view: $(tree)"
NODEJS_VERSION=$(node --version)
NPM_VERSION=$(npm --version)
echo "the installed NPM version is: $NPM VERSION"
echo "the installed NODEJS version is: $NODEJS VERSION"
cd /home/$new_user/package
echo "$(pwd)"
runuser -l $new_user -c "printenv"
runuser -l $new_user -c "export APP_ENV=dev &&
                         export DB PWD=mysecret &&
                         export DB_USER=myuser &&
                         export LOG_DIR=$log_dir_app &&
                         npm install &&
                     node package/server.js &"
ps aux | grep "node server.js" | grep -v grep
ss -tulpen | grep :3000
```