

Operating System lab2

Lab1: Introduction to Shell Scripts

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Agenda

- Linux Kernel
- Linux Shell
- Basic Linux Commands
- File Permissions
- Shell Scripts.

Linux Kernel

- The **Linux kernel** is the operating system kernel used by the Linux family of Unix-like systems. It is one of the most prominent examples of free and open source software.

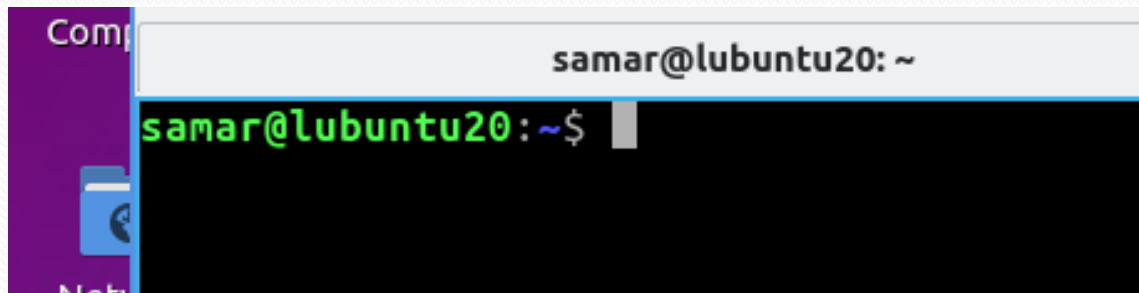
Linux Shell

- *Shell is a user program or its environment provided for user interaction. Shell is a command language interpreter that executes commands read from the standard input device (keyboard) or from a file.*
- *Shell is not part of system kernel, but uses the system kernel to execute programs, create files etc.*
- *There are several shells available like Bourne shell, C shell, Korn shell, etc. Each shell differs from the other in Command interpretation. The most popular shell is bash.*

Linux Shell

- *shell prompt*

- a character at the start of the command line which indicates that the shell is ready to receive the commands. The character is usually a '%' (percentage sign) or a '\$' (dollar sign).



A screenshot of a Linux terminal window. The window has a title bar with the text "samar@lubuntu20: ~". The terminal content shows the prompt "samar@lubuntu20:~\$" in green text on a black background, followed by a cursor. The window is partially obscured by a purple sidebar on the left with icons for "Comp" and "Net".

Linux Shell

- Linux commands are executable binary files located in directories with the name bin (for binary). Many of the commands that are generally used are located in the directory /usr/bin.
- Environment variables: Shell has built in variables which are called environment variables. For e.g. the user who has logged **\$USER**
- When the command name is entered, the shell checks for the location of the command in each directory in the **PATH** environment variable. If the command is found in any of the directories mentioned in PATH, then it will execute. If not found, will give a message Command not found.



Basic Linux Commands

File Permissions

- Access permissions define which users have permission to access a file or directory. Permissions are three types, read, write and execute.
- **Chmod command.**
 - *Permissions*
 - *u - User who owns the file.*
 - *g - Group that owns the file.*
 - *o - Other.*
 - *a - All.*
 - *r - Read the file.*
 - *w - Write or edit the file.*
 - *x - Execute or run the file as a program.*

Permission examples

`chmod g+r file`

Allow group to read

`chmod u+w file`

Allow user to write

`chmod a+x file`

Allow everyone (user, group, and other) to execute

`chmod o-r file`

Disallow others to read

`chmod ug+r file`

Disallow others to read

`chmod g+w,o-r file`

Allow group write, disallow other read

- **Octal numerical representation**

- **r** **4**
- **w** **2**
- **x** **1**

- For example: converting `rwxr-x---` to octal:

$$7 = 4 + 2 + 1 = r + w + x$$

$$5 = 4 + 1 = r + x \text{ (not write)}$$

0 = no rights

So `rwxr-x---` is 750 in octal.

- Octal values can be given to `chmod`, so `chmod 750 file`

Shell Scripts

- *Shell scripts* are short programs that are written in a *shell programming language* and interpreted by a *shell process*.
- A feature of bash and other shells used on Unix-like operating systems is that each contains a built-in programming language, referred to as a shell programming language or *shell scripting language*, which is used to create shell scripts.

• A First Script

- ❑ The script clears the monitor screen of all previous lines and then writes the text "*Hello World.*" on it.

```
#!/bin/bash  
clear  
echo "Hello World."
```

- ❑ Save the text file with **.sh**

- *After writing shell script set execute permission for your script using syntax:*

chmod permission your-script-name

- *Examples:*

\$ chmod +x your-script-name

\$ chmod 755 your-script-name

- *Execute your script using syntax:*

bash your-script-name

sh your-script-name

./your-script-name

- *Examples:*

\$ bash bar

\$ sh bar

\$./bar