

DevSecOps with AWS - 88S

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Inode Symlink Hardlink

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-31-187 ~]$ ls  
linux.txt  
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-31-187 ~]$ ls -li  
total 0  
8768976 -rw-r--r--. 1 ec2-user ec2-user 0 Jan 30 11:34 linux.txt
```

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-31-187 ~]$ stat linux.txt  
File: linux.txt  
Size: 0          Blocks: 0          IO Block: 4096   regular empty file  
Device: 10301h/66305d  Inode: 8768976    Links: 1  
Access: (0644/-rw-r--r--)  Uid: ( 1000/ec2-user)  Gid: ( 1000/ec2-user)  
Context: unconfined_u:object_r:user_home_t:s0  
Access: 2026-01-30 11:34:36.344353743 +0000  
Modify: 2026-01-30 11:34:36.344353743 +0000  
Change: 2026-01-30 11:34:36.344353743 +0000  
Birth: 2026-01-30 11:34:36.344353743 +0000
```

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-31-187 ~]$ vim linux.txt  
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-31-187 ~]$ stat linux.txt  
File: linux.txt  
Size: 13         Blocks: 8          IO Block: 4096   regular file  
Device: 10301h/66305d  Inode: 8768996    Links: 1  
Access: (0644/-rw-r--r--)  Uid: ( 1000/ec2-user)  Gid: ( 1000/ec2-user)  
Context: unconfined_u:object_r:user_home_t:s0  
Access: 2026-01-30 12:58:21.325056651 +0000  
Modify: 2026-01-30 12:58:21.325056651 +0000
```

Change: 2026-01-30 12:58:21.325056651 +0000

Birth: 2026-01-30 12:58:21.325056651 +0000

Inode

Stores metadata of the file/directory

File type -> file/directory/link

Owner group

Permissions

Size

Create, update, etc

Actual memory block address

Inode does not store actual file content.

Symlink == shortlink == softlink

1. Short cut to the file/folder
2. Inode number is different for symlink
3. If actual file is removed, then symlink will break
4. Uses for backward compatibility, switching versions and rollback is easy
5. You can create symlink for folders and files also
6. You can create symlink across different filesystem

Steps:

1. Create one directory(links)
2. Go to link directory
3. Create link for linux.txt

Command: ln -s

\$ ln -s ./linux.txt link

4. Check link status

Command: stat link

```
File: link -> ./linux.txt
      Size: 12          Blocks: 0          IO Block: 4096   symbolic link
      Device: 10301h/66305d  Inode: 8768976  Links: 1
```

Note: Inode numbers of Symlinks are different

which dnf

```
/usr/bin/dnf
```

```
$ ls -l /usr/bin/dnf
```

```
lrwxrwxrwx. 1 root root 5 Feb 7 2025 /usr/bin/dnf -> dnf-3
```

```
$ ls -l /usr/bin/yum
```

```
lrwxrwxrwx. 1 root root 5 Feb 7 2025 /usr/bin/yum -> dnf-3
```

YUM -> Before RHEL-8 YUM is the package manager

RHEL-8 DNF is the package manager

```
$ touch dnf-3
$ ls
dnf-3  links
$ ln -s dnf-3 dnf
$ ls
dnf  dnf-3  links
$ touch dnf-4
$ ls
dnf  dnf-3  dnf-4  links
$ ls -l
lrwxrwxrwx. 1 ec2-user ec2-user 5 Jan 31 13:20 dnf -> dnf-3
-rw-r--r--. 1 ec2-user ec2-user 0 Jan 31 13:16 dnf-3
-rw-r--r--. 1 ec2-user ec2-user 0 Jan 31 13:25 dnf-4
drwxr-xr-x. 2 ec2-user ec2-user 18 Jan 31 12:13 links

$ ln -sfn dnf-4 dnf
$ ls -l
```

```
lrwxrwxrwx. 1 ec2-user ec2-user 5 Jan 31 13:26 dnf -> dnf-4
-rw-r--r--. 1 ec2-user ec2-user 0 Jan 31 13:16 dnf-3
-rw-r--r--. 1 ec2-user ec2-user 0 Jan 31 13:25 dnf-4
drwxr-xr-x. 2 ec2-user ec2-user 18 Jan 31 12:13 links
```

This is the switching versions safely without downtime.

If anything, problem occurs in dnf -4 we can revert back

```
$ ln -snf dnf-3 dnf
$ ls
dnf dnf-3 dnf-4 links
$ ls -l
total 0
lrwxrwxrwx. 1 ec2-user ec2-user 5 Jan 31 13:46 dnf -> dnf-3
-rw-r--r--. 1 ec2-user ec2-user 0 Jan 31 13:16 dnf-3
-rw-r--r--. 1 ec2-user ec2-user 0 Jan 31 13:25 dnf-4
drwxr-xr-x. 2 ec2-user ec2-user 18 Jan 31 12:13 links
```

App-3

App-4

```
$ mkdir app-3
ls
app-3 dnf dnf-3 dnf-4 links
$ ln -s app-3 app
$ ls -l
total 0
lrwxrwxrwx. 1 ec2-user ec2-user 5 Jan 31 13:56 app -> app-3
drwxr-xr-x. 2 ec2-user ec2-user 6 Jan 31 13:53 app-3
```

```
$ mkdir app-4
$ ln -s app-4 app
$ ls -l
total 0
lrwxrwxrwx. 1 ec2-user ec2-user 5 Jan 31 13:56 app -> app-3

$ ln -sf app-4 app
$ ls -l
total 0
lrwxrwxrwx. 1 ec2-user ec2-user 5 Jan 31 13:57 app -> app-4
```

/var/lib/jenkins -> jenkins-2.8

Jenkins-2.9

/var/lib/jenkins -> jenkins-2.9

Hardlink

1. You can't create hardlink in another filesystem

```
$ touch aws.txt  
$ vim aws.txt  
$ ls -l  
-rw-r--r--. 1 ec2-user ec2-user 20 Jan 31 14:18 aws.txt
```

```
$ ln aws.txt /tmp/aws-1.txt  
ln: failed to create hard link '/tmp/aws-1.txt' => 'aws.txt': Invalid cross-device  
link
```

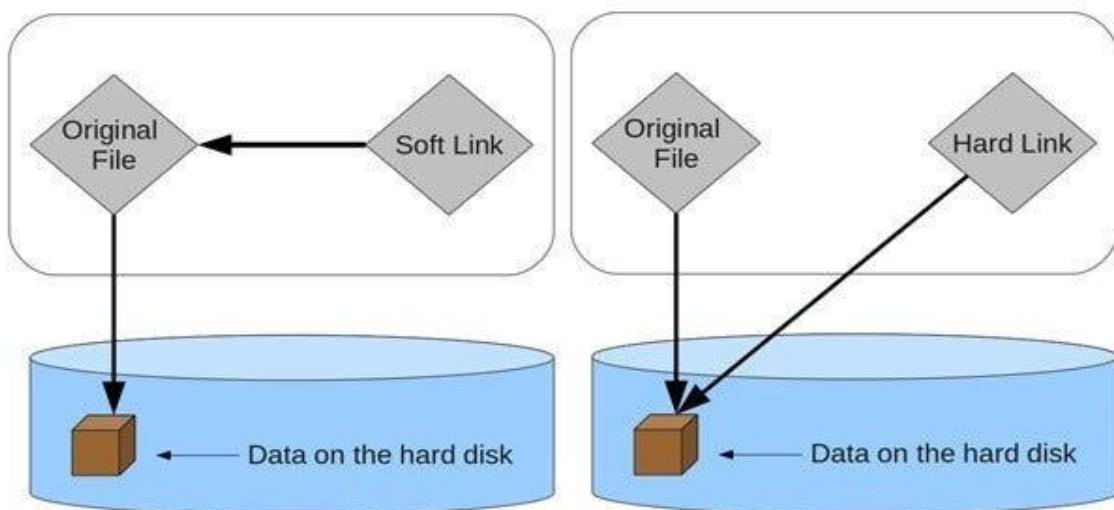
2. Hardlink is same as original file but can be different name

```
ln aws.txt aws-1.txt  
$ ls -l  
-rw-r--r--. 2 ec2-user ec2-user 20 Jan 31 14:18 aws-1.txt  
-rw-r--r--. 2 ec2-user ec2-user 20 Jan 31 14:18 aws.txt
```

3. Hardlink inode numbers are same.

```
$ ls -li  
8769002 -rw-r--r--. 2 ec2-user ec2-user 20 Jan 31 14:18 aws-1.txt  
8769002 -rw-r--r--. 2 ec2-user ec2-user 20 Jan 31 14:18 aws.txt
```

4. They points to same memory location, so memory is not wasted



5. You can't create hardlink to folders
6. Hardlinks are used for backup.
7. When all links are deleted, then only file will be deleted.

```
$ rm aws.txt
$ ls -l
-rw-r--r--. 1 ec2-user ec2-user 20 Jan 31 14:18 aws-1.txt
$ cat aws-1.txt
I am learning linux
```

Using inode number and find command within the same File System.

```
$ ln aws-1.txt app-3/aws.txt
$ ln aws-1.txt app-4/aws.txt
```

```
cd app-3/
$ ls
app-4 aws.txt
$ cd app-4
$ ls
aws.txt
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-28-112 ~]$ ls -li
1639586 drwxr-xr-x. 2 ec2-user ec2-user 34 Jan 31 15:40 app-3
8768999 drwxr-xr-x. 2 ec2-user ec2-user 21 Jan 31 15:40 app-4
8769002 -rw-r--r--. 3 ec2-user ec2-user 20 Jan 31 14:18 aws-1.txt
$ sudo find / -inum 8769002
/home/ec2-user/app-3/aws.txt
/home/ec2-user/app-4/aws.txt
/home/ec2-user/aws-1.txt
```

Disadvantages of doing manual

1. Time taking
2. Human errors
3. Everytime from the scratch
4. Can't rely
5. If scale is increased manual way is not possible

Scripting

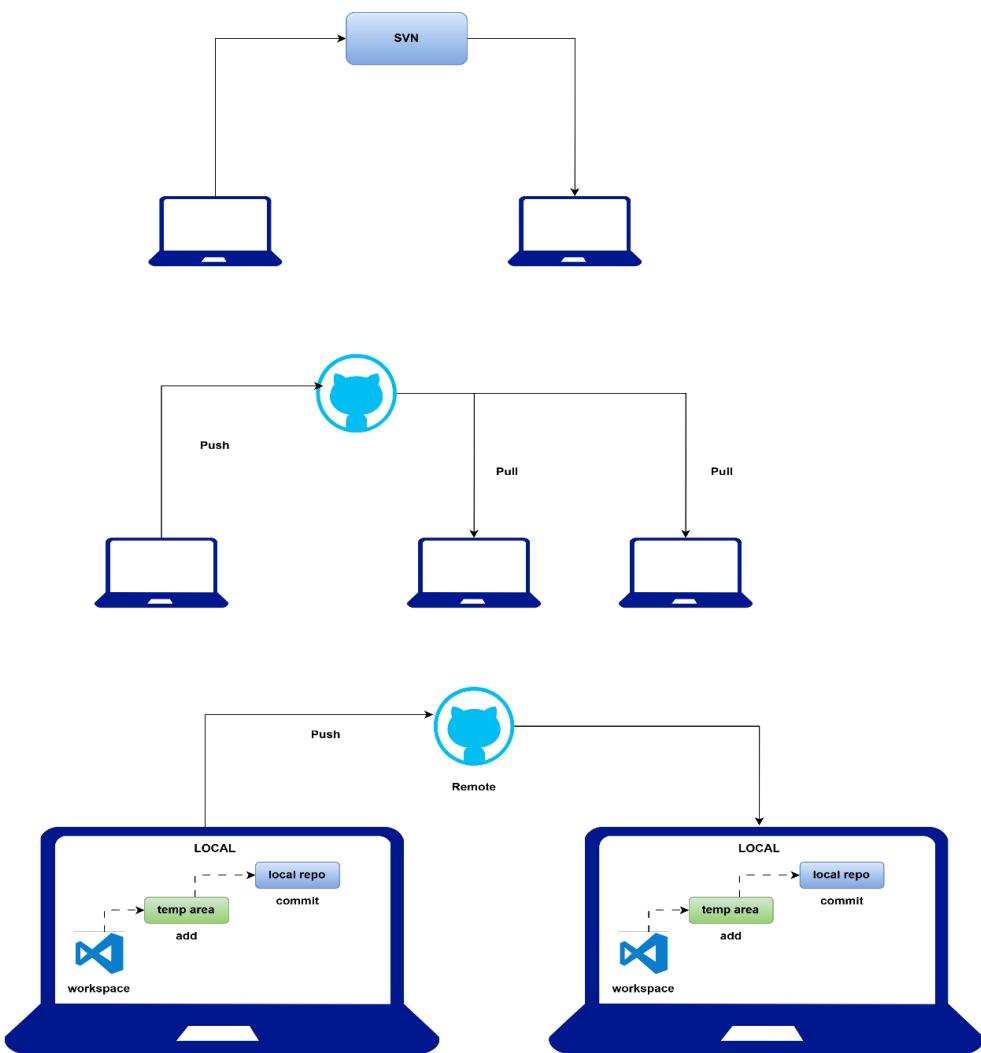
Commands in a file and run it called scripting.

Where to store scripts?

Version control system

Git -> VCS

1. Version control
2. Who did the changes, when did the changes
3. You can track who did the changes
4. Restoring is easy
5. Review is also easy -> Pull Requests
6. Secure place to store the code



Centralised vs distributed

SVN -> sub version control

10 files

9 files

Staging/temp area -> add 9 files to staging area

Then commit to local repo

Git commands

1. Clone the repo -> first time download

Main/master is the default branch

#!/bin/bash -> shebang

Shebang is the interpreter of the code in shell script that checks and compiles for errors

Bash scripting == shell scripting

2. Add files to staging area

Git add <filename>

Git config --global user. email "info@joindevops.com"

Git config --global user.name "Sivakumar Reddy M"

3. Commit to local repo

Git commit -m "hello world completed"

Git push origin main

Don't edit files inside linux server...

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1. Create repo either in organization or directly
2. Clone repo in laptop
3. write something
4. git add., git add <filename>
5. git commit -m "message"
6. git push origin main

git config --global user.name

git config --global user.email

write only in laptops

don't write in linux servers
only pull linux
95% thinking+design 5% coding
pseudo code -> no syntax, just assumption

if today is sunday, enjoy the holiday otherwise go to school

```
today=Wednesday
if(today != sunday){
    print ("goto school")
}
else{
    print("take holiday, enjoy")
}
```

15

15/2 -> 1

if remainder is 0 -> even

otherwise, odd

number=15

remainder=15%2

remainder=1

```
if(remainder == 0){
    print("even number")
}
else{
    print("odd number")
}
```

variables

- data types
- conditions
- functions
- loops
- error handling

- let x=1, y=0
- derive the formula
- submit finally
- variables are like containers that holds something

- DRY -> Don't repeat yourself
- change in one place reflect everywhere you refer
- easy to maintain
- readable

```
PERSON1=Suresh
PERSON2=Ramesh
$VAR_NAME
${VAR_NAME}
sh 03-conversation.sh Suresh Ramesh
args == parameters
$1=Suresh
$2=Ramesh
```

```
echo "Enter your password"
read -s PASSWORD
read -s encrypts the password
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-28-112 Shell-practice]$ sh 05-Variables.sh
```

Enter your username::

Sivaram

Username is

Enter your password

I want a command to be executed and take the output into variable, how to do that?

VAR_NAME=\$(command)

Special variables

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\$1 \$2 ... \$N args passed to script

All variables passed to script: \$@

Number of variables passed to script: \$#

Script name: \$0

Present which directory you are in: \$PWD

Who is running this script: \$USER

Home directory of the user: \$HOME

PID of the script: \$\$

sleep 100 &

Background process id: \$!

Exit status of previous command: \$?

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\$(@) vs \$*

=====

\$@ treats args separately

\$* treats as single args

data types

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variables are holding data..

mobile number -> numbers

integers -> -33,768 -> 33,768

float -> 45.90

decimal -> long number

complex -> 4+8i

names -> string

major? -> yes or no boolean

skills -> devops aws docker kubernetes -> list of skills

skills -> map or dictionary

devops: 4 -> key -> value

docker: 3

kubernetes: 2

area=4 -> 5

speed round up -> 8.2km/sec -> 8km/sec

copied code

integer speed=8km/sec

integer speed=8.2km/sec

number

string

everything is string in shell

position/index in coding starts from 0

conditions

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if or when

if [expression]; then

 code here

fi

if [expression]; then

 code here

elif [expression]; then

 code here

else

 code here

fi

EXIT code

=====

0-127

0 -> success

anything else -> failure

nginx

dnf install nginx -y

if root user then success

otherwise failure

root user id -> 0

other users -> greater than 0