



Operating System

Lab 05 Tasks

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Q1.

You are working on a project that requires generating and formatting timestamps for log files. You need to create a report that includes the following information for each log entry:

1. The time of the log entry in the 12-hour format with AM/PM.
2. The date of the log entry in the "Month Day Year" format.
3. The full weekday name for the log entry.
4. The numerical representation of the month.
5. The last two digits of the year.

You need to write a script that captures this information in a standardized format. Note: Include screenshots, required to illustrate your explanation. (02 Marks)

Solution:

```
[root@localhost ~]# log_time=$(date +%r)
[root@localhost ~]# log_date=$(date +%D)
[root@localhost ~]# weekday=$(date +%A)
[root@localhost ~]# numeric_month=$(date +%m)
[root@localhost ~]# last_two_digits_year=$(date +%y)
[root@localhost ~]# {
> echo "Log entry:"
> echo "Time: $log_time"
> echo "Date: $log_date"
> echo "WeekDay: $weekday"
> echo "Month (numerical): $numeric_month"
> echo "Year (last two digits): $last_two_digits_year"
> } > logEntry.txt
[root@localhost ~]# cat logEntry.txt
Log entry:
Time: 07:56:48 AM
Date: 09/15/24
WeekDay: Sunday
Month (numerical): 09
Year (last two digits): 24
[root@localhost ~]#
```

Q2.

What command would you use to display the current time in a 24-hour format with only hours and minutes? (0.5 Marks)

Solution:

```
[root@localhost ~]# date +%H:%M  
09:37
```

Q3.

What is the command to get the current year in four-digit format? (0.5 Marks)

Solution:

```
[root@localhost ~]# date +%Y  
2024
```

Q4.

How can you get the current date in a combined format of numerical day, month, and year and Time? (0.5 Marks)

Solution:

```
[root@localhost ~]# date +%d-%m-%Y %H:%M:%S  
15-09-2024 09:40:03
```

Q5.

You need to determine the date of the previous day from today. Write the command that you would use to get yesterday's date. (0.5 Marks)

Solution:

```
[root@localhost ~]# date --date="yesterday" +%d-%m-%Y  
14-09-2024
```

Q6.

You are preparing a schedule and need to find out the date for the following day. What command should you use to display tomorrow's date? (0.5 Marks)

Solution:

```
[root@localhost ~]# date --date="tomorrow" +%d-%m-%Y  
16-09-2024
```

Q7.

Suppose you are working on a report that needs to include the date exactly 10 days before today. Which command will help you find this date? (0.5 Marks)

Solution:

```
[root@localhost ~]# date --date="10 days ago" +"%d-%m-%Y"
05-09-2024
```

Q8.

You need to quickly view the calendar for the current month to check upcoming events. What is the command to display the calendar for the current month? (0.5 Marks)

Solution:

```
[root@localhost ~]# cal
      September 2024
Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa
  1  2  3  4  5  6  7
  8  9 10 11 12 13 14
15 16 17 18 19 20 21
22 23 24 25 26 27 28
29 30
```

Q9.

You are organizing a historical review and need to view the calendar for May 2024. Write the command that will show the calendar for this specific month and year. (0.5 Marks)

Solution:

```
[root@localhost ~]# cal 05 2024
      May 2024
Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa
           1  2  3  4
  5  6  7  8  9 10 11
12 13 14 15 16 17 18
19 20 21 22 23 24 25
26 27 28 29 30 31
```

Q10.

You are creating a simple shell script to automate a routine task for your team. The script needs to display a series of important messages to the user, and then it should clear the terminal screen to prepare for the next set of instructions.

1. First, you want to print a welcoming message that includes the current date and time. Use the echo command for this purpose. (01 Mark)
2. After displaying the welcoming message, the screen should be cleared to keep the terminal uncluttered before moving on to the next part of the script. (01 Mark)

Solution:

1.

```
[root@localhost ~]# echo "Welcome! Today's date and time is: $(date)"  
Welcome! Today's date and time is: Sun Sep 15 09:46:10 AM UTC 2024
```

2.

```
[root@localhost ~]# clear
```

```
[root@localhost ~]#
```

Q11.

(A) You have a file named data.txt containing a list of strings, one per line. How would you sort these strings in reverse alphabetical order? (01 Marks)

(B) You have a file named records.txt where each line contains several fields separated by spaces. How would you sort this file based on the values in the second column? (01 Marks)

Solution:

(A)

```
[root@localhost ~]# cat > data.txt
Mango
Apple
Date
Grapes
Fig
[root@localhost ~]# sort -r data.txt
Mango
Grapes
Fig
Date
Apple
[root@localhost ~]#
```

(B)

```
localhost:~# cd records
localhost:~/records# cat > data.txt
apple
mango
orange
pineapple
localhost:~/records# sort -k 2 records.txt
sort: records.txt: No such file or directory
localhost:~/records# sort -k 2 data.txt
apple
mango
orange
pineapple
localhost:~/records#
```