

Linux Command Exercise

1. Move the files 'p1' and 'p2' to the directory 'dest'.

```
(callous@kali)-[~]
$ nano p1.txt
(callous@kali)-[~]
$ nano p2.txt
(callous@kali)-[~]
$ mv p1.txt p2.txt workshop
(callous@kali)-[~]
$ cd workshop
(callous@kali)-[~/workshop]
$ ls
abc  new1.txt  new2.txt  p1.txt  p2.txt  sss  t1.txt  t2.txt  t3.txt
```

2. List the contents of files 't1', 't2' and 't3' using a single command.

```
(kali@kali)-[~/dest]
$ cat p1.txt p2.txt
aaaaaaaaaaaaa
bbbbbbbbbbbbb
cccccccccccccc
ddddddddddddd
eeeeeeeeeeeeee
ffffffffffffff
ggggggggggggg
hhhhhhhhhhhhhhh
iiiiiiiiiii
jjjjjjjjjjjjjjj
kkkkkkkkkkkkkkk
lllllllllll
mmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmm
nnnnnnnnnnnnnnnn
ooooooooooooooo
ppppppppppppppp
qqqqqqqqqqqqqq
rrrrrrrrrrrrrrr
ssssssssssssssss
11111111
22222222
33333333
44444444
5555555555
666666666666
77777777777
888888888888
999999999999
101010101010
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
```

3. List all the lines in a file ending with a semicolon.

```
(kali@kali)-[~/dest]
$ grep '0$' p2.txt
101010101010
```

4. List all the lines in a file which do not end with a semicolon.

```
(kali@kali)-[~/dest]
$ grep -v '0$' p1.txt
aaaaaaaaaaaaa
bbbbbbbbbbbbb
cccccccccccccc
ddddddddddddd
eeeeeeeeeeeeee
ffffffffffffff
ggggggggggggg
hhhhhhhhhhhhhhh
iiiiiiiiiii
jjjjjjjjjjjjjjj
kkkkkkkkkkkkkkk
lllllllllll
mmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmm
nnnnnnnnnnnnnnnn
ooooooooooooooo
ppppppppppppppp
qqqqqqqqqqqqqq
rrrrrrrrrrrrrrr
ssssssssssssssss
```

5. Display the last 5 lines of a file.

```
(kali@kali)-[~/dest]
$ tail -5 p1.txt
oooooooooooooooo
pppppppppppppppp
qqqqqqqqqqqqqq
rrrrrrrrrrrrrrr
ssssssssssssssss
```

6. Find out the number of files in a directory.

```
(kali@kali)-[~]
$ ls -l | grep -v '^d' | wc -l
5

(kali@kali)-[~]
$
```

7. Write down the default permission of a file. Write a command to set all permission for the user and remove all permission for the group and others.

```
(blackbird@kali)-[~/dest]
$ ls
p1 p2

(kali@kali)-[~/dest]
$ chmod 700 p1

(kali@kali)-[~/dest]
$ ls
p1 p2
```

8. Redirect the number of lines of a file 'aaa' to a file 'sss'.

```
(blackbird@kali)-[~]
$ touch aaa

(kali@kali)-[~]
$ nano aaa

(kali@kali)-[~]
$ touch sss

(kali@kali)-[~]
$ nano sss

(kali@kali)-[~]
$ wc -l aaa > sss

(kali@kali)-[~]
$ nano sss

(kali@kali)-[~]
$
```

9. Create two sub-directories, say 'abc' and 'pqr', under the root directory. Enter the sub-directory 'abc'.

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ sudo su
(root㉿kali)-[/home/kali]
# mkdir /abc /pqr

(root㉿kali)-[/home/kali]
# cd /abc

(root㉿kali)-[/abc]
#
```

10. Create a text file 'pp' using vi editor, enter 3 – 4 lines, save the file and quit from the editor.

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ vi pp

(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ cat pp

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11. Move the file 'pp' from 'abc' directory to 'pqr'

```
(blackbird㉿kali)-[~/dest]
$ pqr

(blackbird㉿kali)-[~/dest/pqr]
$ ls
abc
```

12. Delete the sub-directory 'pqr'

```
(blackbird㉿kali)-[~/dest]
$ ls
p1 p2 pqr t1 t2 t3

(blackbird㉿kali)-[~/dest]
$ rm -r pqr
```

13. At the root, list all the files/directories having "s" as the first character.

```
(blackbird㉿kali)-[~/dest]
$ ~

(blackbird㉿kali)-[~]
$ ls / | grep '^s'

sbin
srv
sys
```

14. Delete sub-directory 'abc'.

```

(blackbird@kali)-[~/dest]
$ ~

(blackbird@kali)-[~]
$ ls / | grep '^s'
sbin
srv
sys

```

15. Combine the contents of file 't1' and 't2' into another file 't1t2'

```

(root@kali)-[/home/kali]
# cat file.txt p2.txt > dest
zsh: is a directory: dest

```

16. Convert all uppercase letters in a file 'f1' to lowercase letters.

```

(blackbird@kali)-[~]
$ tr '[:upper:]' '[:lower:]' <f5> f5_lowercase

(blackbird@kali)-[~]
$ cat f5
hello linux
i am bluebird

```

17. To save the output in some other file named 'toggle_f1'. Note separately converting lower to upper and upper to lower will now work.

```

(blackbird@kali)-[~]
$ cat f5 | tr 'a-zA-Z' 'A-Za-z' > toggle_f5

(blackbird@kali)-[~]
$ cat f5
HELLO LINUX
I AM BLUEBIRD

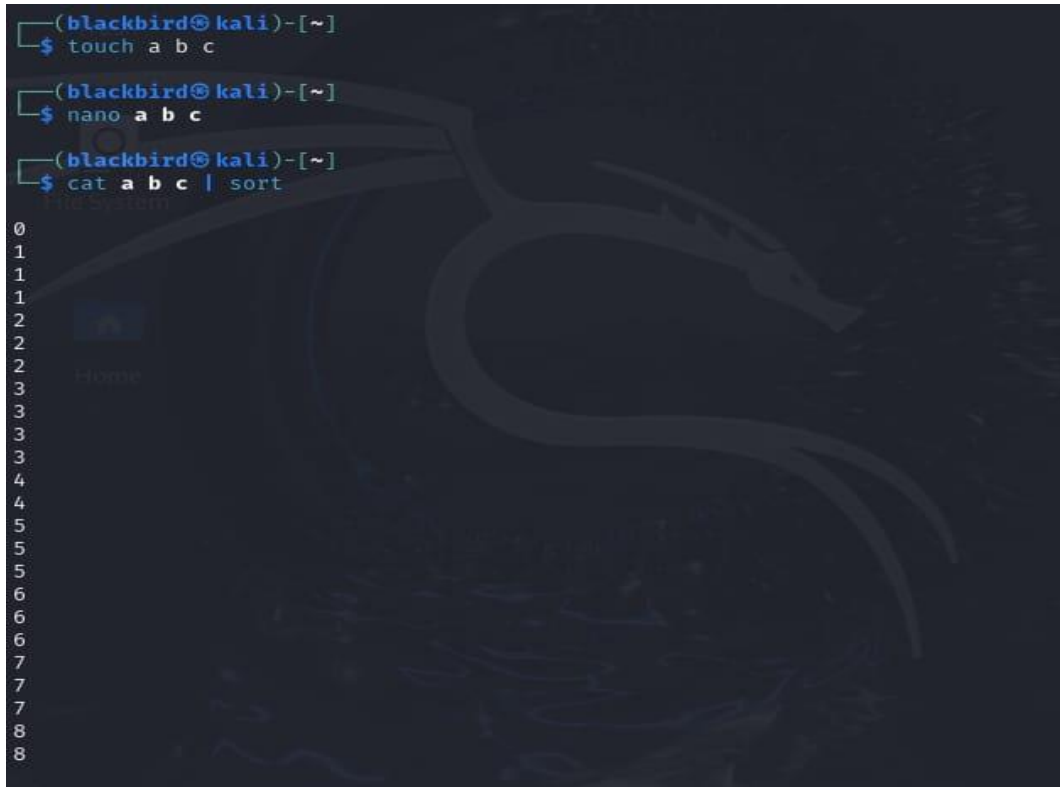
```

18. Merge and sort the contents of three text files, say 'a', 'b' and 'c', and display the sorted output on the screen.

```
(blackbird@kali)-[~]
$ touch a b c

(blackbird@kali)-[~]
$ nano a b c

(blackbird@kali)-[~]
$ cat a b c | sort
```



19. Display the list of last 15 files present in the current directory.

```
(blackbird@kali)-[~]
$ ls -lt | tail -n 15
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blackbird blackbird 19 Jan 11 02:24 c
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blackbird blackbird 18 Jan 11 02:24 b
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blackbird blackbird 20 Jan 11 02:22 a
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blackbird blackbird 0 Jan 11 02:19 toggle
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blackbird blackbird 0 Jan 11 02:19 f1
drwxrwxr-x 2 blackbird blackbird 4096 Jan 11 02:16 dest
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blackbird blackbird 7 Jan 10 20:16 sss
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blackbird blackbird 25 Jan 10 20:15 aaa
drwxr-xr-x 2 blackbird blackbird 4096 Jan 8 10:43 Desktop
drwxr-xr-x 2 blackbird blackbird 4096 Jan 8 10:43 Documents
drwxr-xr-x 2 blackbird blackbird 4096 Jan 8 10:43 Downloads
drwxr-xr-x 2 blackbird blackbird 4096 Jan 8 10:43 Music
drwxr-xr-x 2 blackbird blackbird 4096 Jan 8 10:43 Public
drwxr-xr-x 2 blackbird blackbird 4096 Jan 8 10:43 Templates
drwxr-xr-x 2 blackbird blackbird 4096 Jan 8 10:43 Videos
```

20. A file 'f1' contains a word "district" in some lines. Redirect those lines to a file 'bbb'.

```

(blackbird@kali)-[~]
$ cat p1
i live in my district
thane is a district
pune is my district
i live in wagholi

(blackbird@kali)-[~]
$ grep 'district' p1 > bbb

(blackbird@kali)-[~]
$ cat bbb
i live in my district
thane is a district
pune is my district

```

21. There are two text files. Write a command to display the total number of words in both the files.

```

(blackbird@kali)-[~]
$ wc -w a b
10 a
9 b
19 total

```

22. List all the file-names starting with "a", "b" or "s".

```

(blackbird@kali)-[~]
$ ls [abs]
a b

```

23. Report the number of lines containing a given number, say 60, in all the files in the current directory.

```

(blackbird@kali)-[~]
$ grep -r '8' * | wc -l
grep: Pictures/Screenshot_2025-01-10_20-20-15.png: binary file matches
grep: Pictures/Screenshot_2025-01-11_02-17-44.png: binary file matches
grep: Pictures/Screenshot_2025-01-11_02-08-38.png: binary file matches
grep: Pictures/Screenshot_2025-01-11_02-25-57.png: binary file matches
grep: Pictures/Screenshot_2025-01-10_20-29-18.png: binary file matches
grep: Pictures/Screenshot_2025-01-10_20-09-04.png: binary file matches
grep: Pictures/Screenshot_2025-01-11_02-27-54.png: binary file matches
grep: Pictures/Screenshot_2025-01-10_20-32-08.png: binary file matches
grep: Pictures/Screenshot_2025-01-10_20-43-29.png: binary file matches
grep: Pictures/Screenshot_2025-01-11_02-35-37.png: binary file matches
grep: Pictures/Screenshot_2025-01-11_02-37-05.png: binary file matches
grep: Pictures/Screenshot_2025-01-10_20_16_55.png: binary file matches
grep: Pictures/Screenshot_2025-01-10_19-57-08.png: binary file matches
grep: Pictures/Screenshot_2025-01-10_20-26-10.png: binary file matches
grep: Pictures/Screenshot_2025-01-11_02-11-15.png: binary file matches
grep: Pictures/Screenshot_2025-01-11_02-05-39.png: binary file matches
grep: Pictures/Screenshot_2025-01-11_02-15-15.png: binary file matches
grep: Pictures/Screenshot_2025-01-10_20-35-31.png: binary file matches
grep: Pictures/Screenshot_2025-01-10_21-07-41.png: binary file matches
grep: Pictures/Screenshot_2025-01-10_20-17-21.png: binary file matches
5

```

24. List the first 10 lines of a given file 'f1'


```
(blackbird@kali)-[~]
$ head -n 10 f1
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
```

25. Create several empty files 'f1', 'f2', 'f3' quickly by one command.

```
(blackbird@kali)-[~]
$ ls
a  aaa  b  bbb  c  Desktop  dest  Documents  Downloads  f1  Music  Pictures  Public  sss  Templates  toggle  Videos

(blackbird@kali)-[~]
$ touch f2 f3 f4

(blackbird@kali)-[~]
$ ls
a  aaa  b  bbb  c  Desktop  dest  Documents  Downloads  f1  f2  f3  f4  Music  Pictures  Public  sss  Templates  toggle  Videos
```

26. Create a file with some text in it. Display the first two lines of the file containing the string "kaushik".

```
(blackbird@kali)-[~]
$ nano f3

(blackbird@kali)-[~]
$ grep -i 'kaushik' f3 | head -n 2
Hello kaushik
kaushik loves coding
```

27. Create a file with some text in it. Count number of occurrences of the word "rocks" in it.

```
(blackbird@kali)-[~]
$ nano f2

(blackbird@kali)-[~]
$ grep -o 'rocks' f2 | wc -l
9
```

28. Write a command to display the list of directories to be searched in your system to execute a command.

```
(blackbird@kali)-[~]
$ echo $PATH
/home/blackbird/.local/bin:/usr/local/sbin:/usr/sbin:/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/bin:/bin:/usr/local/games:/usr/games:/home/blackbird/.dotnet/tools
```

29. Write a command to display the following: "There are _____ files in the current directory." (without the quotes)
The _____ (dash) is to be replaced with the number of files in the current directory.

```
(blackbird@kali)-[~]
$ echo "There are $(ls | wc -l) files in the current directory."
There are 20 files in the current directory.
```

30. Create two regular files 'file1' and 'file2'. Fill up the files with some text. Write a command to display the differences in the files, if any.

```
(blackbird@kali)~$ diff a b
1,3d0
< 5
< 8
< 3
5,6c2,3
< 0
< 2 file system
—
> 8
> 7
7a5,6
> 5
> 4
8a8
> 2
10d9
< 7
```

31. Create a file containing some text. Display the first line of file containing the string "Good Day".

```
(blackbird@kali)~$ nano f4

(blackbird@kali)~$ grep -m 1 "Good day" f4
Good day to all
```

32. List all the files in the current directory whose second character is a digit.

```
(blackbird@kali)~$ ls ?[0-9]
f1 f2 f3 f4
```