

test command

- **test command** is used to validate/judge conditions
- **What is a condition ?**
 - **Example:** `-e file`
- **Syntax:**
 - `test condition` or `[condition]` or `[[condition]]`
 - `[[]]` is the latest and advanced usage of `test` command
 - `test -e file`
 - We can combine test commands with logical **AND** , **OR** operators using this concept
 - If file exist then test command return or exits with status as zero(true) else non-zero(false)
- We have two types of operators to create conditions
 - **File Test Operators**
 - **Comparison Operators**

File Test Operators to create conditions

- `test -f file` or `[[-f file]]` → To validate file or path is a file or not
- `test -d file` or `[[-d file]]` → To validate file or path is a directory or not
- `test -e file` or `[[-e file]]` → To validate file exist or not
- `test -s file` or `[[-s file]]` → To validate file size is greater than zero or not
- `test -r file` or `[[-r file]]` → To validate file is having read permissions for the current user
- `test -w file` or `[[-w file]]` → To validate file is having write permissions for the current user
- `test -x file` or `[[-x file]]` → To validate file is having execution permissions for the current user

Comparison Operators to create conditions

➤ String Comparison:

- `test -z string` or `[[-z string]]` → To validate string is null or not
- `test -n string` or `[[-n string]]` → To validate string is not null or not
- `test str1 == str2` or `[[str1 == str2]]` → To validate two strings are equal or not
 - `test str1 = str2` or `[[str1 = str2]]`
- `test str1 != str2` or `[[str1 != str2]]` → To validate two strings are not equal or not

➤ Integer Numbers Comparison:

- `test num1 -eq num2` or `[[num1 -eq num2]]` → To validate two numbers are equal or not
- `test num1 -ne num2` or `[[num1 -ne num2]]` → To validate two numbers are not equal or not
- `test num1 -lt num2` or `[[num1 -lt num2]]` → To validate num1 is less than num2 or not
- `test num1 -le num2` or `[[num1 -le num2]]` → To validate num1 is less than or equal to num2
- `test num1 -gt num2` or `[[num1 -gt num2]]` → To validate num1 is greater than num2 or not
- `test num1 -ge num2` or `[[num1 -ge num2]]` → To validate num1 is greater than or equal to num2