Day-7 SRE Training

Topic - Linux Commands and Basic Shell Scripting

rmdir $-p \rightarrow$ removes **empty** directories along with their parent directories **recursively** if they are also empty.

mkdir -p a/b/c \rightarrow Creates nested directories a/b/c, ensuring parent directories exist.

rmdir -p a/b/c \rightarrow Removes c, then b (if empty), then a (if empty).

```
veenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~/LinuxPractice/linux$ mkdir -p a/b/c
veenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~/LinuxPractice/linux$ ls -lrt
total 4
drwxr-xr-x 3 veenaroot veenaroot 4096 Feb 18 15:59 a
veenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~/LinuxPractice/linux$ rmdir -p a/b/c
veenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~/LinuxPractice/linux$ ls -lrt
total 0
```

mkdir -p x/y/z

touch x/y/file.txt # Creates a file inside 'y'

rmdir -p x/y/z # Removes only 'z' because 'y' is not empty

```
veenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~/LinuxPractice/linux$ mkdir -p x/y/z
veenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~/LinuxPractice/linux$ ls -lrt
total 4
drwxr-xr-x 3 veenaroot veenaroot 4096 Feb 18 16:01 x
veenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~/LinuxPractice/linux$ cd x
veenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~/LinuxPractice/linux/x$ cd y
veenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~/LinuxPractice/linux/x/y$ touch new.txt
veenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~/LinuxPractice/linux/x/y$ cd ../..
veenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~/LinuxPractice/linux$ rmdir -p x/y/z
rmdir: failed to remove directory 'x/y': Directory not empty
veenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~/LinuxPractice/linux$ cd x
veenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~/LinuxPractice/linux/x$ cd y
veenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~/LinuxPractice/linux/xy$ ls -lrt
total 0
-rw-r--r- 1 veenaroot veenaroot 0 Feb 18 16:01 new.txt
```

```
    uname -a → Displays all system information (kernel name, version, architecture, etc.).
    uname -s → Shows the kernel name (e.g., Linux).
    uname -r → Displays the kernel release version.
```

uname $-m \rightarrow Shows$ the system architecture (e.g., x86_64).

uname \rightarrow By default, prints the kernel name (same as uname -s).

```
veenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~/LinuxPractice/linux/x/y$ uname -a
Linux LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM 5.15.167.4-microsoft-standard-WSL2 #1 SMP Tue Nov 5 00:21:55 UTC 2024 x86_64 x86_64 x86_64 GNU/Lin
ux
veenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~/LinuxPractice/linux/x/y$ uname -s
Linux
veenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~/LinuxPractice/linux/x/y$ uname -r
5.15.167.4-microsoft-standard-WSL2
veenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~/LinuxPractice/linux/x/y$ uname -m
x86_64
veenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~/LinuxPractice/linux/x/y$ uname
Linux
```

ps aux → Lists all running processes with detailed information.

kill processid → Terminates a process by its Process ID (PID).

kill -9 processid → Forcefully terminates a process.

sort → Sorts lines of text in ascending order.

By default, sort is case-sensitive. Uppercase letters come before lowercase letters in the

ASCII table. To ignore case sensitivity, use the -f flag.

sort $-r \rightarrow$ Sorts lines of text in reverse (descending) order.

sort $-n \rightarrow$ Sorts lines of text numerically.

```
veenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~/LinuxPractice$ sort a.txt
Hi
Mahalakshmi
a
b
d
d
e
f
g
r
s
v
vveenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~/LinuxPractice$ sort -f a.txt
a
b
d
d
d
e
f
f
g
hi
Mahalakshmi
r
s
```

wc -w filename.txt \rightarrow Counts the number of words in the file `filename.txt` wc -l filename.txt \rightarrow Counts the number of lines in the file `filename.txt` wc -c filename.txt \rightarrow Counts the number of bytes (characters) in the file `filename.txt` wc * \rightarrow Counts words, lines, and bytes for all files in the current directory

```
veenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~/LinuxPractice$ wc -w a.txt
13 a.txt
veenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~/LinuxPractice$ wc -l a.txt
12 a.txt
veenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~/LinuxPractice$ wc -c a.txt
41 a.txt
veenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~/LinuxPractice$ wc *
wc: a: Is a directory
      0
              0
                      0 a
     12
             13
                     41 a.txt
      1
                      5 b.txt
              1
wc: linux: Is a directory
                      0 linux
      0
              0
      2
              6
                  10240 new.tar
     15
                     40 num.txt
             15
     30
             35
                  10326 total
```

ncal → Displays the current month's calendar.

ncal 12 2025 \rightarrow Displays the calendar for December 2025.

```
/eenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~/LinuxPractice$ ncal
    February 2025
       2 9 16 23
Su
       3 10 17 24
       4 11 18 25
We
       5 12 19 26
       6 13 20 27
Τh
       7 14 21 28
    1 8 15 22
veenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~/LinuxPractice$ ncal 12 2025
    December 2025
       7 14 21 28
Su
Мо
    1 8 15 22 29
Tu
   2 9 16 23 30
    3 10 17 24 31
   4 11 18 25
    5 12 19 26
   6 13 20 27
```

ncal -3 \rightarrow Displays the previous, current, and next months' calendars. ncal 1990 \rightarrow Displays the calendar for the entire year 1990.

```
veenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~/LinuxPractice$ ncal -3
   January 2025
                     February 2025
      5 12 19 26
                        2 9 16 23
                                         2 9 16 23 30
Мо
      6 13 20 27
                       3 10 17 24
                                         3 10 17 24 31
                       4 11 18 25
      7 14 21 28
                                         4 11 18 25
   1 8 15 22 29
                        5 12 19 26
                                         5 12 19 26
  2 9 16 23 30
                       6 13 20 27
                                         6 13 20 27
   3 10 17 24 31
                        7 14 21 28
                                         7 14 21 28
```

find -name "*.txt" → This command finds all files with a `.txt` extension in the current directory and subdirectories.

find . -type $d \to This$ command finds all directories (excluding files) starting from the current directory (`.`).

find . -name "*.tmp" -exec rm $\{\}\$; \to This command finds all files with a `.tmp` extension in the current directory and subdirectories and removes them.

```
veenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~/LinuxPractice$ find -name "*.txt"
./linux/x/y/new.txt
./b.txt
./a.txt
./num.txt
```

history | grep command \rightarrow history displays the list of all previously used commands in the terminal.

| is the pipe operator, which passes the output of the history command to the next command.
grep command searches through the output of history for any command that contains the
word command (you can replace command with any text you want to search for).

```
veenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~/LinuxPractice$ history | grep sort
164   sort a.txt
165   sort -f a.txt
166   sort -rf a.txt
169   sort -n num.txt
183   history | grep sort
```

```
tar -cvf archive.tar directory/
```

- tar: The command for working with tar archives.
- -c: Create a new archive.
- -v: Verbose mode, shows the progress.
- -f: Specifies the name of the archive (in this case archive.tar).

tar -xvf archive.tar

- -x: Extract the contents of the archive.
- -v: Verbose mode, shows the extraction process.
- -f: Specifies the archive file (archive.tar).

tar -tvf archive.tar

- -t: List the contents of the archive without extracting it.
- -v: Verbose mode, lists files in detail.
- -f: Specifies the archive file.

```
tar -czvf archive.tar.gz directory/
```

- -z: Compress the archive using gzip.
- archive.tar.gz: The name of the compressed archive file.

```
tar -xzvf archive.tar.gz
```

- -z: Decompress the archive using gzip.
- archive.tar.gz: The compressed archive to extract.

```
veenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~/LinuxPractice$ tar -xvf new.tar
a.txt
b.txt
veenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~/LinuxPractice$ ls -lrt
total 20
-rw-r--r-- 1 veenaroot veenaroot 8 Feb 18 09:52 a.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 veenaroot veenaroot 5 Feb 18 09:52 b.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 veenaroot veenaroot 10240 Feb 18 09:53 new.tar
```

```
/eenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~/LinuxPractice$ vi a.txt
/eenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~/LinuxPractice$ vi b.txt
/eenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~/LinuxPractice$ ls -lrt
total 8
-rw-r--r-- 1 veenaroot veenaroot 8 Feb 18 09:52 a.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 veenaroot veenaroot 5 Feb 18 09:52 b.txt
/eenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~/LinuxPractice$ cd ...
/eenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~$ cd LinuxPractice
veenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~/LinuxPractice$ tar -cvf new.tar a.txt b.txt
a.txt
b.txt
veenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~/LinuxPractice$ ls -lrt
total 20
-rw-r--r-- 1 veenaroot veenaroot
                                     8 Feb 18 09:52 a.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 veenaroot veenaroot
                                     5 Feb 18 09:52 b.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 veenaroot veenaroot 10240 Feb 18 09:53 new.tar
```

alias j1="ls -lrt" \rightarrow Creates an alias named j1 for the ls -lrt command.

1sof \rightarrow Lists open files and processes that have those files open, useful for identifying which process is using which file.

ip a \rightarrow Displays network interfaces, their IP addresses, and other details about the network configuration.

ncdu . \rightarrow A disk usage analyzer that helps visualize disk usage in a user-friendly format when run in a directory (like . for the current directory).

 $tmux \rightarrow A$ terminal multiplexer that allows running multiple terminal sessions within one window, helping manage multiple tasks.

ping www.google.com → Sends ICMP echo requests to www.google.com and waits for a reply, testing network connectivity.

echo \$SHELL → Prints the value of the \$SHELL environment variable, showing the current shell being used (e.g., /bin/bash, /bin/zsh).

head -2 name.txt \rightarrow Displays the first 2 lines of the file name.txt.

tail -2 name.txt \rightarrow Displays the last 2 lines of the file name.txt.

awk ' $\{print $1\}$ ' data.txt \rightarrow Prints the first column of each line in the data.txt file.

awk ' $\{print $1 $2 $3\}$ ' data.txt \rightarrow Prints the first, second, and third columns of each line in the data.txt file without any space between them.

awk '/exp/' data.txt → Prints lines from data.txt that contain the string "exp".

awk '2>25 {print 1 " is older than 25"}' data.txt \rightarrow Prints the first column followed by " is older than 25" for rows where the second column is greater than 25.

awk '\$2>25 && \$2<45 {print \$1 " is older than 25 and younger than 45"}' \rightarrow Prints the first column followed by " is older than 25 and younger than 45" for rows where the second column is greater than 25 and less than 45.

```
'{print "name " $1, "age " $2, "profession " $3}' data.txt
name bfjhgfn age 33 profession kdfng
name dfkjng age 44 profession knk
name nkdfgob age 22 profession mglk
name mfk age 45 profession mlml
              PTOP-S0KHU6AM:~$ awk '/knk/' data.txt
dfkjng 44 knk
veenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~$ awk '/knk/ {print $1}' data.txt
          @LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~$ awk '$2>25 {print $1 " is older than 25"}' data.txt
bfjhgfn is older than 25
dfkjng is older than 25
 ifk is older than 25
 eenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:∼$ awk '$2>25 && $2<45 {print $1 " is older than 25 and younger than 45"}'
 -
1]+ Stopped awk '$2>25 && $2<45 {print $1 " is older than 25 and younger than 45"}'
eenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~$ awk '$2>25 && $2<45 {print $1 " is older than 25 and younger than 45"}' data.txt
ofjhgfn is older than 25 and younger than 45
dfkjng is older than 25 and younger than 45
```

```
veenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~$ awk '{print $1}' data.txt
bfjhgfn
dfkjng
nkdfgob
mfk
veenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~$ awk '{print $1 $2 $3}' data.txt
bfjhgfn33kdfng
dfkjng44knk
inkdfgob22mglk
mfk45mlm1
```

Shell Scripting

```
echo "var_1var_2" \rightarrow Prints the concatenation of var_1 and var_2 (i.e., "Mahalakshmi"). unset var_1 \rightarrow Removes the variable var_1, effectively deleting its value. echo var_1 \rightarrow Since var_1 was unset, it prints an empty line (as var_1 no longer exists). readonly var_2 \rightarrow Makes the variable var_2 read-only, meaning its value cannot be modified after this command.
```

 ${\tt read}\ {\tt username} \to {\tt Waits}\ {\sf for}\ {\sf the}\ {\sf user}\ {\sf to}\ {\sf input}\ {\sf a}\ {\sf value}\ {\sf and}\ {\sf assigns}\ {\sf it}\ {\sf to}\ {\sf the}\ {\sf variable}\ {\sf username}.$

```
var_1="Maha"
var_2="lakshmi"
echo "$var_1$var_2"
unset var_1
echo $var_1
readonly var_2
#var_2="Maha"
echo "write your username:"
read username
echo $username
```

```
veenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~$ vi code.sh
veenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~$ ./code.sh
Mahalakshmi
write your username:
root
root
```

```
time=\$(date +\%H) \rightarrow Stores the current hour (in 24-hour format) into the variable time. date +%H extracts the hour from the current date. if [ \$time -lt 12 ]; then \rightarrow Starts an if statement to check if the current hour is less than 12 (i.e., morning). -lt is used to compare numbers (less than). fi \rightarrow Ends the if-elif-else block.
```

```
veenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~$ vi second.sh
veenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~$ ./second.sh
18
Good Evening User
```

```
var_name="Mahalakshmi"
var_age=24
echo "Name is $var_name and age is $var_age"
var_blood_group="0-"
readonly var_blood_group
echo var_blood_group
echo var_blood_group="B+"
```

echo var_blood_group="B+" → This will print the string var_blood_group=B+ because echo prints the literal string given to it. This does not change the value of the var_blood_group because it is read-only and cannot be reassigned.

 $timedatect1 \rightarrow Displays$ or sets system time and date information. It provides the current sudo timedatect1 set-timezone Asia/Kolkata \rightarrow Changes the system's time zone to "Asia/Kolkata" (Indian Standard Time).

```
while [ $i -lt 5 ]
do
    echo "$i"
    i=`expr $i + 1`
done
```

while [\$i -lt 5]:

- Starts a while loop. The condition [\$i -lt 5] checks if the value of i is less than 5.
- The loop will continue executing as long as the condition is true.

i=\expr \$i + 1``:

- Increments the value of i by 1 using the expr command.
- expr \$i + 1 adds 1 to the current value of i, and the result is stored back in i.

The [] is used for string comparisons or tests. (()) is used for performing arithmetic operations and comparisons.

```
read X
read Y
# echo `expr $X + $Y`
# echo `expr $X - $Y`
# echo `expr $X \* $Y`
# echo `expr $X / $Y`
echo $((X + Y))
echo $((X - Y))
echo $((X * Y))
echo $((X / Y))
```

In shell scripting, the * symbol is a **special character** that is used as a **wildcard** to match multiple files or directories. For example, *.txt would match all .txt files in the current directory.

The backslash \ ensures the shell treats * as the multiplication operator instead of a wildcard.