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#### Introduction

We have some exercises which have tried to hone our command line sharpening and also to bring training on how UNIX operates. UNIX is an operating system providing utility programs for managing files and directories as well as achieving operations on the system. By creating a directory structure, generating files, and running different commands, we come across ordinary to even advanced features from cat, grep, alias, and history. These utilities are among the most important tools for performing everyday tasks and processes in UNIX.

Exercises are made to hone the command line and training on how UNIX works. UNIX is an operating system which provides utility programs for managing files, directories, and performing work on systems. We created a directory structure, created files, and ran a range of commands. Thus, we experienced through ordinary to advanced features of cat, grep, alias, and history. These utilities are some of the important tools for routine tasks and processes in UNIX.

#### **Objective**

The primary objective of this task is to:

- 1. Familiarize ourselves with common UNIX utilities such as cat and grep.
- 2. Understand how to create, navigate, and manipulate files and directories using commands.
- 3. Learn how to define, use, and remove command aliases.
- 4. Practice accessing and managing command history for efficiency.
- 5. Compare results with peers to improve understanding of system configurations.

1. Create the directory structure presented in the figure below.

```
ubuntu@ubuntu:-$ mkdir -p ~/W8/8cat-grep
ubuntu@ubuntu:-$ ls
Desktop Downloads Pictures Templates W8
Documents Music Public Videos snap
ubuntu@ubuntu:-$ tree W8
W8
L 8cat-grep
2 directories, 0 files
ubuntu@ubuntu:-$
```

Figure 1: Creating home directory

First, we started by making the directory using mkdir with the option -p.

2. Change to the 8cat-grep directory by one step using a relative pathname.

```
ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ cd W8/8cat-grep
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/W8/8cat-grep$
```

Figure 2:Changing to directory by one step

Then after we were done making the directory we used cd to move to that folder.

#### 3. Using the cat utility, create two files.

```
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/W8/8cat-grep$ cat >> testa
Kkkll
llllmm
oo-oo
mmmdd
ddkkk
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/W8/8cat-grep$ ls
testa
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/W8/8cat-grep$ cat testa
Kkkll
llllmm
oo-oo
mmmdd
ddkkk
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/W8/8cat-grep$
```

Figure 3: Creating testa file

```
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/W8/8cat-grep$ cat > testb
KKKKK
LLLLL
MMMMMM
DDDDD
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/W8/8cat-grep$ ls
testa testb
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/W8/8cat-grep$ cat testb
KKKKK
LLLLL
MMMMM
DDDDD
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/W8/8cat-grep$
```

Figure 4: Creating testb file

#### 4. Give the following commands and explain the results for yourself

#### · grep II testa

```
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/W8/8cat-grep$ grep ll testa
Kkkll
llllmm
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/W8/8cat-grep$
```

Figure 5: Using grep II testa command

#### • grep -v II testa

```
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/W8/8cat-grep$ grep -v ll testa
oo-oo
mmmdd
ddkkk
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/W8/8cat-grep$
```

Figure 6: Using grep -v II testa command

#### • grep -n II testa

```
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/W8/8cat-grep$ grep -n ll testa
1:Kkkll
2:llllmm
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/W8/8cat-grep$
```

Figure 7: Using grep -n II testa command

#### • grep -l II \*

```
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/W8/8cat-grep$ grep -l ll *
testa
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/W8/8cat-grep$
```

Figure 8: Using grep -I II \* command

#### grep -i II \*

```
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/W8/8cat-grep$ grep -i ll *
testa:Kkkll
testa:llllmm
testb:LLLLL
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/W8/8cat-grep$
```

Figure 9: Using grep -i II \* command

• grep -c II \*

```
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/W8/8cat-grep$ grep -c ll *
testa:2
testb:0
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/W8/8cat-grep$
```

Figure 10: Using grep -c II \* command

• grep '^k' testa testb

```
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/W8/8cat-grep$ grep '^K' testa testb
testa:Kkkll
testb:KKKKK
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/W8/8cat-grep$
```

Figure 11: Using grep '^K' testa testb command

• grep -n'^' testa

```
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/W8/8cat-grep$ grep -n '^' testa
1:Kkkll
2:llllmm
3:oo-oo
4:mmmdd
5:ddkkk
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/W8/8cat-grep$
```

Figure 12: Using grep -n'^' testa command

# 5. Define the Isal alias for Is -al command. Show that your system stores it giving the alias command (without arguments)

```
ubuntu@ubuntu:-/W8/8cat-grep$ alias lsal='ls -al'
ubuntu@ubuntu:-/W8/8cat-grep$ alias
alias alert='notify-send --urgency=low -i "$([ $? = 0 ] && echo terminal || echo
error)" "$(history|tail -n1|sed -e '\''s/^\s*[0-9]\+\s*//;s/[;&|]\s*alert$//'\'
')"'
alias egrep='egrep --color=auto'
alias fgrep='fgrep --color=auto'
alias grep='grep --color=auto'
alias l='ls -CF'
alias la='ls -A'
alias l='ls -alF'
alias ls='ls --color=auto'
alias ls='ls --color=auto'
alias ls='ls --color=auto'
```

Figure 13: Defining the Isal alias for Is -al

```
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/W8/8cat-grep$ cd ~
ubuntu@ubuntu:-$ lsal
total 12
drwxr-x--- 18 ubuntu ubuntu 440 Dec 27 06:46
drwxr-xr-x 1 root root 80 Dec 27 06:41
-rw-r--r-- 1 ubuntu ubuntu 220 Dec 27 06:40 .bash_logout
-rw-r--r-- 1 ubuntu ubuntu 3771 Dec 27 06:40 .bashrc
drwx----- 9 ubuntu ubuntu 200 Dec 27 06:45 .cache
drwxr-xr-x 12 ubuntu ubuntu 400 Dec 27 06:45 .config
drwx----- 2 ubuntu ubuntu 80 Dec 27 06:45 gnupg
drwx----- 2 ubuntu ubuntu 40 Dec 27 06:40 .gvfs
drwx----- 4 ubuntu ubuntu 80 Dec 27 06:41 .local
-rw-r--r-- 1 ubuntu ubuntu 807 Dec 27 06:40 .profile
drwx----- 2 ubuntu ubuntu 40 Dec 27 06:45 .ssh
-rw-r--r-- 1 ubuntu ubuntu 0 Dec 27 06:42 .sudo_as_admin_successful
drwxr-xr-x 2 ubuntu ubuntu 60 Dec 27 06:40 Desktop
drwxr-xr-x 2 ubuntu ubuntu 40 Dec 27 06:42 Documents
drwxr-xr-x 2 ubuntu ubuntu 40 Dec 27 06:42 Downloads
drwxr-xr-x 2 ubuntu ubuntu 40 Dec 27 06:42 Music
drwxr-xr-x 2 ubuntu ubuntu 40 Dec 27 06:42 Pictures
drwxr-xr-x 2 ubuntu ubuntu 40 Dec 27 06:42 Public
drwxr-xr-x 2 ubuntu ubuntu 40 Dec 27 06:42 Templates
drwxr-xr-x 2 ubuntu ubuntu 40 Dec 27 06:42 Videos
```

Figure 14: Using the Isal command

#### 6. Remove the alias.

```
ubuntu@ubuntu:=$ unalias lsal
ubuntu@ubuntu:=$ alias
alias alert='notify-send --urgency=low -i "$([ $? = 0 ] && echo terminal || echo
error)" "$(history|tail -n1|sed -e '\''s/^\s*[0-9]\+\s*//;s/[;&|]\s*alert$//'\'
')"'
alias egrep='egrep --color=auto'
alias fgrep='fgrep --color=auto'
alias grep='grep --color=auto'
alias l='ls -CF'
alias la='ls -A'
alias l='ls -alF'
alias ls='ls --color=auto'
ubuntu@ubuntu:=$
```

Figure 15: Removing the alias

#### 7. Define this alias again preserving it for the next session.

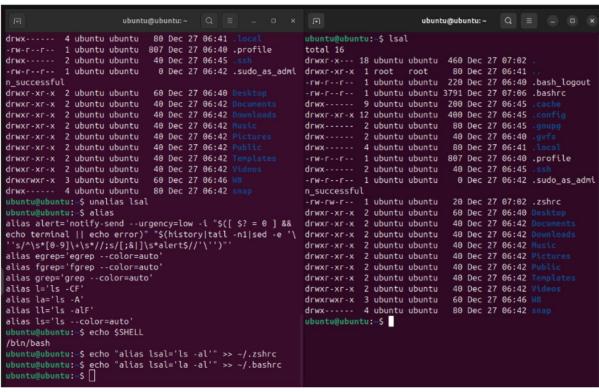


Figure 16: Saving the command and using it in next session

8. Define the nwho alias for the number of system file at UNIX computers.

```
ubuntu@ubuntu:-$ alias nwho='getent passwd | wc -l'
ubuntu@ubuntu:-$ alias
alias alert='notify-send --urgency=low -i "$([ $? = 0 ] && echo terminal || echo error)" "$(history|tail -n1|sed -e '\''
s/^\s*[0-9]\+\s*//;s/[;&|]\s*alert$//'\'')"'
alias egrep='egrep --color=auto'
alias fgrep='fgrep --color=auto'
alias l='ls -CF'
alias la='ls -A'
alias ll='ls -alF'
alias ls='ls --color=auto'
alias lsal='la -al'
alias nwho='getent passwd | wc -l'
ubuntu@ubuntu:-$
```

Figure 17: Defining the nwho

9. Give the command nwho. Compare the figure displayed with ones got by you UNIX-mates.

```
ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ nwho
50
ubuntu@ubuntu:~$
```

Figure 18: Used nwho

10. List your last commands executed giving the history command.

```
ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ history
    1 lsal
    2 clear
    3 alias nwho='getent passwd | wc -l'
    4 alias
    5 nwho
    6 history
ubuntu@ubuntu:~$
```

Figure 19: History of commands

11. Re-execute the last but one command using the redo(r) command and the number of the event fc-r.

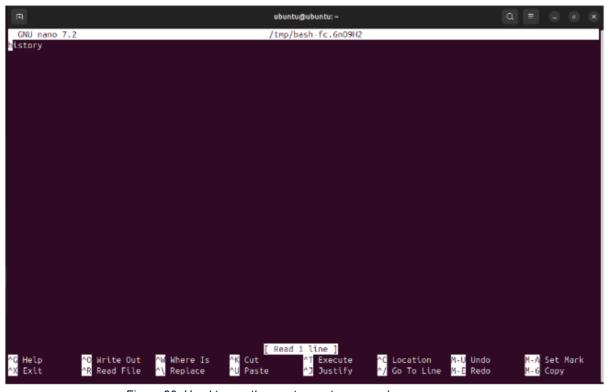


Figure 20: Used to see the most recent command

12. Re-execute the command given three commands ago using the negative integer.

```
ubuntu@ubuntu: ~/W8/8cat-grep
LS: command not found
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/W8$ ls
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/W8$ cd 8cat-grep
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/W8/8cat-grep$ ls
testa testb
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/W8/8cat-grep$ cat testb
LLLLL
MMMMM
DDDDD
cd 8cat-grep
bash: cd: 8cat-grep: No such file or directory
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/W8/8cat-grep$ cat testa
Kkkll
llllmm
00-00
mmmdd
ddkkk
-3: command not found
-: command not found
cat testa
Kkkll
llllmm
00-00
mmmdd
ddkkk
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/W8/8cat-grep$
```

Figure 21: To re execute the command we used 3 commands ago

13. Re-execute the last command which name begins with 'l'. fc -e-l

```
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/W8/8cat-grep$ fc -e l
/tmp/bash-fc.rh1Dco
cat testa
Kkkll
llllmm
oo-oo
mmmdd
ddkkk
ubuntu@ubuntu:~/W8/8cat-grep$
```

Figure 22: To re execute the command that start wit i

#### Conclusion

The practice improved our skills in the effective use of essential UNIX commands. We learned how to create files and directories, search for information in files using grep, and change how a command behaves using an alias. We also explored the history of the commands and how to re-execute them to save some time and effort. These are the skills needed for task management in UNIX and lay the groundwork for advanced scripting in addition to system administration. Comparing results with peers also made us realize the differences between system configurations and outputs that helped widen our understanding of UNIX systems.