Managing Modern Desktops

Managing Modern Desktops (MAMD)			
Assignment Number	1		
Assignment Name	Formative Assessment		
NQF Level			
Credits	N/A		
Due Date			
Marks	Total marks = 150 Formative assessments through the semester contribute towards the student's module mark and are used to assess progress and identify areas for improvement. This formative assessment will contribute 25% towards final mark. Take note of the following with regards to late submissions: a. One (1) day late (-5%) b. Two (2) days late (-10%) c. Three (3) days late (-15%)		
Individual / Group Assignment	Individual		
	Lecturer Information		
Lecturer			
Lecturer E-mail			

Learning Objective:

Formative assessment 1 will cover the following concepts:

a. Concepts covered in the Linux+ prescribed text book on Perlego.

Attributes/Competencies Assessed:

The learner should demonstrate the following knowledge in this assessment:

- a. Unit standard(s)
 - a. N/A

Technical Aspects:

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- a. Font: Arial
- b. Size: 12 and 14 for headings
- c. Font colour: Black

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Please complete the following and sign as requested for Portfolio of Evidence (POE)

- a. Pre-Assessment agreement (Save, sign and submit as PDF)
- b. Assessment Feedback Agreement (Save, sign and submit as PDF)

Mark allocation for report

See Mark allocation sheet below









Question 1 (55)

a) In your own words, describe what your understanding of what a Linux Server is.

(15)

ANSWER:

A Linux server is a powerful computer system running the Linux operating system, specifically designed to manage network resources and host various services for multiple users and applications. It is renowned for its stability, security, and flexibility.

For example, web hosting companies like Amazon Web Services (AWS) and Bluehost use Linux servers to host websites. These servers handle incoming web traffic, manage requests, and deliver web pages to users' browsers efficiently. The popular web server software, Apache or Nginx, often runs on Linux servers, providing robust and reliable web hosting solutions.

Another example is database management. Companies like Facebook and Google use Linux servers to store and manage vast amounts of data. These servers run database software like MySQL, PostgreSQL, or MongoDB, enabling efficient data retrieval and storage. The stability and performance of Linux servers ensure that these databases can handle high transaction volumes and large datasets without issues.

Additionally, email services such as Gmail utilize Linux servers to manage and deliver emails to millions of users. The servers handle the sending, receiving, and storing of emails, ensuring secure and efficient communication. Mail transfer agents like Postfix and Exim, running on Linux servers, are crucial components in the email delivery process.

Moreover, cloud service providers like Microsoft Azure and Google Cloud Platform use Linux servers to offer virtual machines, forage solutions, and other cloud-based services. The scalability and flexibility of Linux servers make them ideal for these dynamic and resource-intensive environments.

Linux servers are preferred in these scenarios because they offer exceptional performance and reliability. Unlike desktop operating systems, Linux servers are often optimized for resource efficiency by running without a graphical user interface (GUI). This headless operation allows more system resources to be dedicated to running services and applications, which is critical in high-demand environments where uptime and performance are paramount.

By choosing Linux servers, organizations benefit from a secure, versatile, and high-performing platform that can be tailored to meet a wide range of needs, from hosting websites and managing databases to delivering emails and providing cloud services.

b) Complete the following table with regards to Common Internet well-known port numbers. (13)

Port number	Protocol	Description				
20 an 21	FTP	File Transfer Protocol, used for transferring files				









22	SSH	ANSWER: Secure Shell, used for secure remote logicand other secure network services			
23	Telnet	ANSWER: Telnet protocol, used for unencrypted tellocommunications			
25	SMTP	ANSWER: Simple Mail Transfer Protocol, used for sending emails			
53	DNS	ANSWER: Domain Name System, used for translating domain names to IP addresses			
67	DHCP	ANSWER: Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol, use for network configuration of devices			
80	HTTP	ANSWER: HyperText Transfer Protocol, used for web traffic			
109 and 110	POP	ANSWER: Post Office Protocol, used for retrieving emails from a server (POP2 uses port 109, POP3 uses port 110)			
137-139	SMB	ANSWER: Server Message Block, used for file sharing and printer sharing on local networks			
143,220	IMAP	ANSWER: Internet Message Access Protocol, used for retrieving emails (IMAP uses port 143, IMAP3 uses port 220)			
389	LDAP	ANSWER: Lightweight Directory Access Protocol, used for accessing and maintaining distributed directory information services			
443	HTTPS	ANSWER: HyperText Transfer Protocol Secure, used for secure web traffic			









2049	NFS	ANSWER: Network File System, used for distributed file system access

c) Briefly discuss the following database servers:

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i. PostgreSQL server

ANSWER:

PostgreSQL is an advanced, open-source relational database management system (RDBMS) known for its robustness, extensibility, and standards compliance. It supports a wide range of data types and complex queries, including JSON and XML, making it suitable for various applications. PostgreSQL is favored for its ACID compliance, ensuring reliable transactions, and its ability to handle large volumes of data and concurrent users. Features like full-text search, indexing, and support for custom functions and triggers contribute to its popularity in enterprise environments.

ii. MySQL server

ANSWER:

MySQL is a widely-used open-source relational database management system, known for its speed, reliability, and ease of use. It is commonly used in web applications, often as part of the LAMP (Linux, Apache, MySQL, PHP) stack. MySQL supports various storage engines, including InnoDB and MyISAM, offering flexibility in how data is stored and accessed. Its features include replication, clustering, and support for large databases, making it a popular choice for applications ranging from small websites to large-scale enterprise systems.

iii. MongoDB server

ANSWER:

MongoDB is a popular open-source NoSQL database known for its scalability, flexibility, and performance. Unlike traditional relational databases, MongoDB stores data in flexible, VSON-like documents, allowing for a more dynamic and schemaless data model. This makes it particularly well-suited for applications that require fast, iterative development and handle large volumes of unstructured or semi-structured data. Features like horizontal scaling, replication, and a rich query language make MongoDB a preferred choice for modern web applications, big data solutions, and real-time analytics.

d) Discuss the two (2) common MDA programs used in Linux.

(8)

ANSWER:

Dovecot

ANSWER: Dovecot is a popular open-source mail delivery agent (MDA) used in Linux. It supports IMAP and POP3 protocols and is known for its security, high performance, and ease of configuration. Dovecot provides efficient mailbox access and is designed to handle a large number of concurrent connections, making it suitable for both small and large-scale email systems. It includes features like mail filtering, indexing for fast searches, and support for various mailbox formats, including Maildir and mbox.









2. Procmail

ANSWER: Procmail is another widely used MDA in Linux environments. It is primarily used for filtering and sorting email, as well as for implementing mail forwarding and autoresponders. Procmail operates by processing incoming mail through a series of user-defined rules specified in configuration files, which can direct email to different folders, forward it to other addresses, or even trigger external programs. Its flexibility and powerful scripting capabilities make it a versatile tool for managing email workflows.

e) Complete the following table with regards to *ls* command's commonly used. (12)

Short	Long	Description
-a	a W	Do not ignore entries starting with .
-d	directory	List directories themselves, not their contents
-F	classify	Append indicator
-i	inode	Print the index number of each file
-1	long	Use a long listing format
-R		List subdirectories recursively
	recursive/	

Question 2 (50)

a) Complete the following table with regards to *cat* commands commonly used. (14)

Short	Long	Description				
-A	show-all	Display non-printing characters, end of lines, and tabs				
-Ę∕	show-ends	Display a \$ when a newline linefeed is encountered				
-n	number	Number all output lines				
18	squeeze-blank	Do not display repeated blank empty text file lines				
-T	show-tabs	Display a 'I when a Tab character is encountered				
₩	show- nongrinting	Display nonprinting characters when encountered using either ^ and/or M- notation				

- b) Name the locations from which most BIOS setups allow you to load the bootloader program. (6) ANSWER: Most BIOS setups allow you to load the bootloader program from the following locations:
- 1. Hard drive
- CD/DVD drive/
- 3. USB drive









- 4. Network (PXÉ boot)
- 5. Floppy drive
- 6. SSD (Solid State Drive)
- c) Complete the following table with regards to GRUB Legacy global commands.

(6)

Setting	Description
color	Sets the color for the GRUB menu text
default	Specifies the default boot entry
fallback	Specifies the fallback boot/entry if the default fails
hiddenmenu	Hides the GRUB menu unless a key is pressed
splashimage	Sets the background mage for the GRUB menu
timeout	Sets the timeout period for the GRUB menu

d) Describe the Linux boot process.

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ANSWER:

he Linux boot process involves several steps:

- 1. BIOS/UEFI Initialization: The system's firmware initializes the hardware and performs POST (Power-On Selfvest).
- 2. Bootloader Execution: The BIOS/UEFI loads the bootloader (GRUB, LILO, etc.) from the configured boot device.
- 3. Kernel Loading: The bootloader loads the Linux kernel into Memory.
- 4. Kernel Initialization: The kernel initializes the hardware and mounts the root filesystem.
- 5. init Process: The kernel starts the init process (or systemd), which is the first user-space process.
- 6. Startup Scripts: init runs startup scripts to initialize system services and configure the environment.
- e) Describe the Linux GRUB Legacy and GRUB2 bootloaders.

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ANSWER:

GRUB Legacy:

- The older version of the GRUB bootloader.
- Uses a configuration file /boot/grub/menu.lst or /boot/grub/grub.conf.
- Supports basic boot configurations, with limited scripting capabilities.
- Uses a simple command line interface for troubleshooting and manual booting.
 GRUB2:
- The modern version of the GRUB bootloader with more features and flexibility.
- Uses a configuration file /boot/grub/grub.cfg.
- Supports advanced scripting, themes, and complex boot configurations.









- Includes improved hardware support and modular architecture.
- Provides graphical and text-based boot menus, with automatic detection of operating systems.

f) Describe how to recover from a kernel panic.

(6)

ANSWER:

Reboot the System: If possible, reboot the system and select a different kernel from the bootloader menu.

Boot into Recovery Mode: Use the recovery mode or single-user mode to troubleshoot the issue.

Check Logs: Examine system logs (/var/log/syslog, /var/log/messages, or dmesg) to identify the cause of the paper.

Revert Recent Changes: Undo any recent changes to the system, such as kernel upgrades, hardware modifications, or configuration changes.

Reinstall Kernel: If the kernel is corrupted, boot from a live CD/USB and reinstall or repair the kernel

Seek Help: If the issue persists, seek help from forums, support communities, or professional support services.

Question 3 (30)

a) Describe network troubleshooting tools

(12)

ANSWER:

ping: A basic network utility used to test connectivity between two devices. It sends ICMP echo request packets to the target host and listens for ICMP echo replies, measuring the round-trip time. It helps determine if a host is reachable and the latency of the connection.

traceroute (or tracert on Windows): This tool traces the path packets take from the source to the destination, listing all intermediate hops. It helps identify where delays or failures occur in the network.

nslookup and dig: These tools query DNS servers to resolve domain names into IP addresses. They are useful for diagnosing DNS-related issues and ensuring that domain names are correctly mapped to IP addresses.

netstat: Displays network connections, routing tables, interface statistics, masquerade connections, and multicast memberships. It helps identify active connections and troubleshoot connectivity issues.

ifconfig (deprecated in favor of ip): Used to configure and display network interface parameters for Linux and Unix systems. It shows IP oddresses, netmasks, and interface statuses, aiding in interface-related troubleshooting.









ip: A modern replacement for if config, it manages network interfaces, IP addresses, routing tables, and ARP tables. It provides more comprehensive and detailed information for network troubleshooting.

tcpdump: A command-line packet analyzer that captures and displays network traffic passing through an interface. It helps in analyzing and diagnosing network traffic and identifying issues at the packet level.

wireshark: A graphical network protocol analyzer that captures and displays network packets in real-time. It allows deep inspection of network traffic and is used for diagnosing complex network issues.

mtr: Combines the functionality of ping and traceroute, providing a continuous analysis of the route between the source and destination. It helps identify packet loss and latency issues over time.

arp: Displays and modifies the system's ARP table, which maps IP addresses to MAC addresses. It helps resolve issues related to address resolution and connectivity on local networks.

route: Displays and manipulates the IP routing table. It helps troubleshoot routing issues by showing the path that data takes to reach its destination.

nmap: A network scanner used to discover hosts and services on a network. It helps identify open ports, running services, and potential security vulnerabilities.

b) Clarify the CPU troubleshooting procedures

(4)

ANSWER:

Check Connections: Ensure the CPU is properly seated in the socket and that the power connectors are securely attached. Verify that the CPU fan is connected and functioning to prevent overheating.

Monitor Temperatures: Use BIOS/UEFI settings or software tools to monitor CPU temperatures. Ensure the cooling system (fans, heatsinks) is adequate and functioning correctly to avoid overheating issues.

Run Diagnostic Tests: Use CPU diagnostic tools and stress tests (such as Prime95 or Intel's Processor Diagnostic Tool) to check for stability and performance issues. These tests help identify if the CPU is functioning correctly under load.

Inspect BIOS/UEFI Settings: Ensure the BIOS/UEFI settings are correctly configured for the CPU. Update the BIOS/UEFI firmware if necessary to resolve compatibility issues or bugs.

c) Explain memory problems and solutions.

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Question 4 (15)

a) Summarize user access problems/solutions.

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ANSWER:

Common User Access Problems:

Forgotten Passwords:

Solution: Use password recovery tools or administrative intervention to reset the user's password.

Account Lockouts:

Solution: Unlock the account through the administrative console or command-line tools. Check for repeated tailed login attempts and advise on using correct credentials. Insufficient Permissions:

Solution: Adjust user permissions and access controls to ensure the user has the necessary rights to perform required tasks.

Network Connectivity Issues:

Solution: Verify network connections, troubleshoot network settings, and ensure the user is connected to the correct network.

Expired Accounts:

Solution: Reactivate or extend the user's account validity period through the administrative console or command-line tools.









Misconfigured Authentication Settings:

Solution: Check and correct authentication settings such as domain membership, group policies, and authentication servers.

b) Describe how Linux systems communicate with devices.

(4)

ANSWER:

Linux systems communicate with devices using a combination of kernel modules, device files, and system calls:

Kernel Modules: Kernel modules (drivers) are pieces of code that the Linux kernel uses to manage hardware devices. They provide the necessary instructions for the kernel to interact with the hardware.

Device Files: Located in the /dev directory, these special files represent hardware devices. Each device file corresponds to a physical or virtual device, allowing user-space programs to interact with hardware using standard file operations (read, write, etc.).

System Calls: User-space applications communicate with devices through system calls. These calls are routed through the kernel, which interacts with the appropriate device driver to execute the requested operations.

udev: The udev system dynamically manages device nodes in the /dev directory. It handles the addition and removal of devices, ensuring that device files are created or removed as needed.

c) Complete the following table with regards to directory permission effects. (5)

Permission	Effect
r 🗸	Allows user to display directory's files
W	Allows user to create, delete, and rename files within the directory
х	Allows user to access the directory and execute files within it









Mark allocation for student					
Section	Sub-section	Maximum Mark	Learner mark		
	Question 1.a	15	15		
	Question 1.b	13	13		
	Question 1.c	7	7		
	Question 1.d	8	8		
	Question 1.e	12	12		
	Question 2.a	14	14		
	Question 2.b	6	6		
	Question 2.c	6	6		
Assessment body	Question 2.d 6		6		
7 day	Question 2.e	12	12		
	Question 2.f	6	6		
	Question 3.a	12	12		
	Question 3.b	4	4		
	Question 3.c	14	14		
	Question 4.a	6	6		
	Question 4.b	4	4		
	Question 4.c	5	5		
Deductions	1 day late	-5			









2 days late	-10	
3 days late	-15	
Total:	150	150









PRE-ASSESSMENT AGREEMENT

Assessment Preparation: Preparing the Candidate

Student name and			Dat	e	
surname			Tim	ie	
Assessor name and			Ver	nue	
surname					
How to prepare t candidate	he	Document Requirement	nts	Agı (tid	Action Required
Explain to the candidate	,	Assessment Policy			
you are meeting and the purpose of the assessm		Assessment process			
Discuss the assessment in detail.	plan	Assessment strategy			
Explain assessment pro show assessment instru to candidate and descr assessment conditions.	iments ibe	Assessment instruments			
Identify the role-players	S	Assessors			
during assessment.		Moderator			
Describe the evidence required to be declared competent.		Examples of evidence			
Explain how evidence v judged.	vill be	Mark allocation explained	t		
Explain to the candidate to prepare: Give candic assessment task descrip	date	Assessment task descript	ion		
Confirm with the candid what he/she should bri the assessment.		Detailed briefing on exact requirements to be given candidate in writing			
Ensure that candidate		Appeals Policy			
understands the procedures of all assessment practices.		Appeals procedure			
		Assessment Policy			
		Assessment Procedure			
		Moderation Policy			
		Moderation procedure			
		Verification Policy			
		Verification Procedure			









Ask the candidate if he/she	List needs	
foresees any problems or		
identify any special needs.		

Agreed Assessment Plan						
Student name and surn	ame:					
Assessor name and sur	name:					
Module name:		Managing Modern Desktops				
Unit Standard/s:		N/A				
Type of Assessment i.e. Formative assignment, Formative test, Formative Practical, Summative etc.		Formative Assessment 1				
Special Assessment Requirements:		N/A				
Event	Date, time and location	Resources required	Evidence to be generated			
Assessments due date		Assessments	Completed documentation			
Complete activity on MyAIE and upload to MyAIE			Completed Portfolio of Evidence			
Submit Portfolio of Evidence						

Assessor Roles and Responsibility				
Roles	Assessor			
	Guide			
	Feedback Agent			
	Reviewer			
Responsibilities	Consult candidate re-assessment, assessment process and plan.			
	Agree assessment process and plan with candidate.			
	Forward documentation to candidate: plan, guide and assessment instruments.			
	Assess candidate with the use of different instruments.			
	Provide feedback on assessment findings.			
	Support candidate through assessment process.			
	Source feedback from candidate on assessment process.			
	Review assessment process and outcome.			









Use assessment process as opportunity to transform assessment activities and outcomes.

Candidate Roles and Responsibility				
Roles	LeanerFeedback agentReviewer			
Responsibilities	 Be available for assessment. Be actively involved in the consultative process. Learn from the assessment process. Provide feedback to the assessor in terms of the assessment as learning activity. Provide feedback to the assessor on the efficacy of the assessment process. Review own role and assessor role in the assessment process. 			
Assessment Instruments	 Portfolio of Evidence Questionnaire Report Presentation Reflexive questions Work sample Practical's Group Activity Research activities 			

Assessment Process Evaluation of POE addressing Essential Embedded Knowledge in unit standards. Evaluation of Research Projects and other evidence addressing specific unit standards. Consultation: assessment plan and assessment activities and instruments. Pre-assessment moderation and interviews conducted at this stage. Observation: feedback on assessment against specific outcomes, critical outcomes in unit standards. Feedback: to candidate regarding sufficiency of evidence and possible interview to gain supplementary evidence. Feedback to candidate regarding assessment findings as well as review process. Feedback Written feedback to be given to all stakeholders at the end of the assessment process, as well as verbal feedback to the candidate during assessment activities.









Recording	Process and findings to be recorded and submitted for record
Process	keeping purposes as well as moderation and verification.
Review Process	The review process is the responsibility of the assessor and the
	candidate. Joint reviewing will take place after feedback has been
	given to the candidate.
Right to appeal	The candidate must be advised of the right to appeal.
Resources	Assignments
Required	• POE
	Assessments
	• Guides

I confirm that:

- I have been consulted on and have agreed to the training and assessment process as detailed in the assessment guide.
- I have been advised of my right to appeal against any assessment that is unfair, unreliable, invalid or impracticable.
- I have read and understood the appeal procedure.
- I know that assessments may be moderated or verified by an external party.
- The purpose of the assessment has been clearly explained to me.
- The criteria have been discussed with me, and I know I will be assessed against these criteria.
- I know when and where I will be assessed, and I was given fair notice.
- I know how the assessment will be done, and any other requirements related to the assessment.

Signed:			Date:		
Overall Assessment Decision	Competent	С	Not yet compe	tent	
Student's Signature			Date:		
Assessor's Signature			Date:		
Moderator's Signature			Date:		

ASSESSMENT FEEDBACK AGREEMENT

Assessment feedback: Feedback to learner









Qualification Name:	
Qualification SAQA Number:	
Subject Name:	Managing Modern Desktops
Subject Code:	MAMD
Assessment Name:	Formative Assessment 1
Assessment Code:	MAMD_FA1
Assessment Type:	Formative

Foodback was set	1st At	tempt	2nd Attempt		
Feedback report	С	NYC	С	NYC	
Unit standard Number(s)					
Question 1.a	С				
Question 1.b	С				
Question 1.c	С				
Question 1.d	С				
Question 1.e	С				
Question 2.a	С				
Question 2.b	С				
Question 2.c	С				
Question 2.d	С				
Question 2.e	С				
Question 2.f	С				
Question 3.a	С				









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Assessor name and surname:	7				Date:	









Assessor Signature:		
Moderator name and surname:	Date:	
Moderator Signature:		
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this assessment. If there are any areas v	lecturer to check that you have been found comp where you have been found not yet competent, y I resubmit within the stipulated time frame.	
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resubmit parts of the assessment where	e they were found not yet competent.	
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Supply comprehensive feedback why le	earner is found NYC	
Learner Number:		
Learner name and surname:	Date:	
Learner Signature:		
Lecturer name and surname:	Date:	









Lecturer Signature:		
Assessor name and surname:	Date:	
Assessor Signature:		
Moderator name and surname:	Date:	
Moderator Signature:		







