

Lab 05/Part02 – Linux

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1. Compress a file by compress, gzip, zip commands and decompress it again. State the differences between compress and gzip commands.

1. compress & uncompress

```
sharaf@sharaf:~/Desktop$ compress -vf file
file:  -- replaced with file.Z Compression: -41.66%
sharaf@sharaf:~/Desktop$ uncompress -v file.Z
file.Z: -41.7% -- replaced with file
```

2. gzip & gunzip

```
sharaf@sharaf:~/Desktop$ gzip -vf file
file:  -16.7% -- replaced with file.gz
sharaf@sharaf:~/Desktop$ gunzip -v file
file.gz:  -16.7% -- replaced with file
```

3. zip & unzip

```
sharaf@sharaf:~/Desktop$ zip file.zip file
adding: file (stored 0%)
sharaf@sharaf:~/Desktop$ unzip file.zip
Archive:  file.zip
replace file? [y]es, [n]o, [A]ll, [N]one, [r]ename: y
extracting: file
sharaf@sharaf:~/Desktop$
```

compress	gzip	zip
Compress only one file at time	Compress one file at time (multiple file need tar)	Compress and Archiving
Low eff	High eff	Moderate eff

2. What is the command used to view the content of a compressed file.

```
sharaf@sharaf:~/Desktop$ echo "hello linux" > hi
sharaf@sharaf:~/Desktop$ compress -vf hi
hi:  -- replaced with hi.Z Compression: -41.66%
sharaf@sharaf:~/Desktop$ zcat hi.Z
hello linux
sharaf@sharaf:~/Desktop$
```

3. Backup /etc directory using tar utility.

```
sharaf@sharaf:~$ tar -cvf Desktop/backup /etc
```

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4. Starting from your home directory, find all files that were modified in the last two days.

```
sharaf@sharaf:~$ find ~ -type f -mtime 2
n (exactly n ago) / -n (less than n ago) / +n (more than n ago)
```

5. Starting from /etc, find files owned by root user.

```
sharaf@sharaf:~$ find /etc -type f -user root
```

6. Find all directories in your home directory.

```
sharaf@sharaf:~$ find ~ -type d
```

7. Write a command to search for all files on the system that, its name is ".profile".

```
sharaf@sharaf:~$ find / -name .profile 2> /dev/null
/home/sharaf/.profile
/etc/skel/.profile
/snap/core22/2045/etc/skel/.profile
/snap/core22/2139/etc/skel/.profile
```

8. Identify the file types of the following: /etc/passwd, /dev/pts/0, /etc, /dev/sda.

```
sharaf@sharaf:~$ file /etc/passwd
/etc/passwd: ASCII text
sharaf@sharaf:~$ file /dev/pts/0
/dev/pts/0: character special (136/0)
sharaf@sharaf:~$ file /etc/dev/sda
/etc/dev/sda: cannot open `/etc/dev/sda' (No such file or directory)
sharaf@sharaf:~$
```

9. List the inode numbers of /, /etc, /etc/hosts.

```
sharaf@sharaf:~$ ls -li /
12 bin          4456449 etc          11 lost+found 2621441 root        131073 srv
1703937 bin.usr-is-merged 917505 home      3276801 media     1 run         16 swap.img
2359297 boot       13 lib        2490369 mnt        15 sbin        1 sys
393217 cdrom      14 lib64      1572865 opt       786433 sbin.usr-is-merged 3014657 tmp
1 dev          524289 lib.usr-is-merged 1 proc      2752513 snap      262145 usr

sharaf@sharaf:~$ ls -li /etc
4456816 adduser.conf  4456499 fwupd      4456858 lsb-release  4456559 rsyslog.d
4456462 alsa          4456835 gai.conf   4456859 machine-id  4456879 rygel.conf
4456463 alternatives    4456500 gdb        4456860 magic       4456560 sane.d
4456817 anacrontab    4456501 gdm3       4456861 magic.mime  4456561 security
4456818 app.conf       4456502 geoclue    4456862 manpath.config 4456562 selinux

sharaf@sharaf:~$ ls -li /etc/hosts
4456840 /etc/hosts
```

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10. Copy /etc/passwd to your home directory, use the commands diff and cmp, and Edit in the file you copied, and then use these commands again, and check the output.

```
sharaf@sharaf:~/Desktop$ cp /etc/passwd ~/pass_copy
sharaf@sharaf:~/Desktop$ echo "hi" > ~/pass_copy
sharaf@sharaf:~/Desktop$ diff /etc/passwd ~/pass_copy
1,49c1
sharaf@sharaf:~/Desktop$ cmp /etc/passwd ~/pass_copy
/etc/passwd /home/sharaf/pass_copy differ: byte 1, line 1
```

diff

Show line differences

cmp

Show first byte difference

11. Create a symbolic link of /etc/passwd in /boot.

```
sharaf@sharaf:~$ sudo ln -s /etc/passwd /boot/soft_link
sharaf@sharaf:~$ ls -li /boot/soft_link
2359312 lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 11 Nov 10 14:50 /boot/soft_link -> /etc/passwd
```

12. Create a hard link of /etc/passwd in /boot. Could you? Why?

```
sharaf@sharaf:~$ ln /etc/passwd /boot/hard_link
ln: failed to create hard link '/boot/hard_link' => '/etc/passwd': Operation not permitted
sharaf@sharaf:~$
```

- Not Same Partitions

