

**RHEL 134**  
**Week 1 Lab**  
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## Questions

i) Use `grep` to find all the log entries in `/var/log/messages` regarding the `Hostname` service and provide the output

You can see in Fig. 1a on Pg. 2, I ran the command `grep 'Hostname' /var/log/messages` from the terminal.

ii) Using `tail` and `grep`, provide the last 5 entries of `/var/log/messages` that start with the month of March

You can see in Fig. 1b on Pg. 2, I ran the command `grep '^Mar' /var/log/messages | tail -n 5` in the terminal to get the last 5 entries for the month of March.

iii) Using `vim`, create a short bash script that pings 8.8.8.8 with 1 ping packet. If the command is successful, print "SUCCESS". If the command is unsuccessful, print "FAILURE". Send all output from the ping command to `/dev/null`. Provide your script and the results of running your script

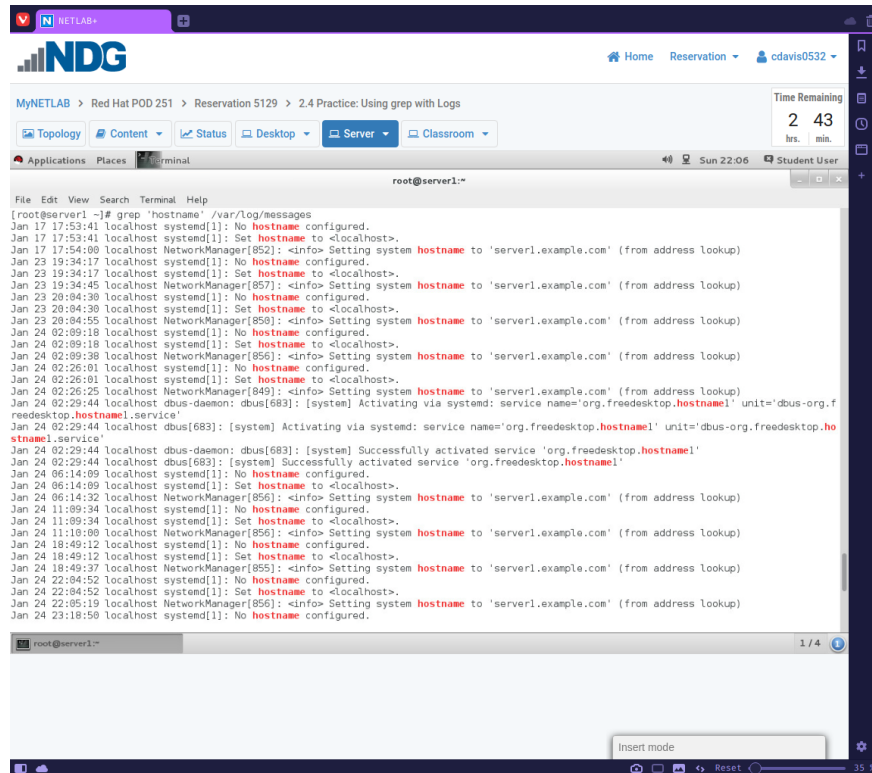
You can see in Fig. 2a on Pg. 3, I wrote a simple bash script in `vim`:

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```
1  #! /usr/bin/bash
2  ping -c1 8.8.8.8 > /dev/null
3  if [ $? -eq 0 ]
4  then
5      echo "SUCCESS"
6      exit 0
7  else
8      echo "FAILURE"
9  fi
```

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Where `ping -c1` means send the ping command only once, then the ipaddress, The output of which will be sent to `/dev/null`. Then, using an if/else statement I'm using `[ $? -eq 0 ]` to get the exit status of the most recently run command, 0 being true, anything else being no or an error. and if the exit status was 0, then print "SUCCESS", but if its not true (else) print "FAILURE" to the comandline. I also realized when I was going to run the script I forgot to make it executable and so ran `sudo chmod +x ping.sh`. Then, I was able to run `./ping.sh`. You can see in Fig. 2b on Pg. 3, that we got "FAILURE".

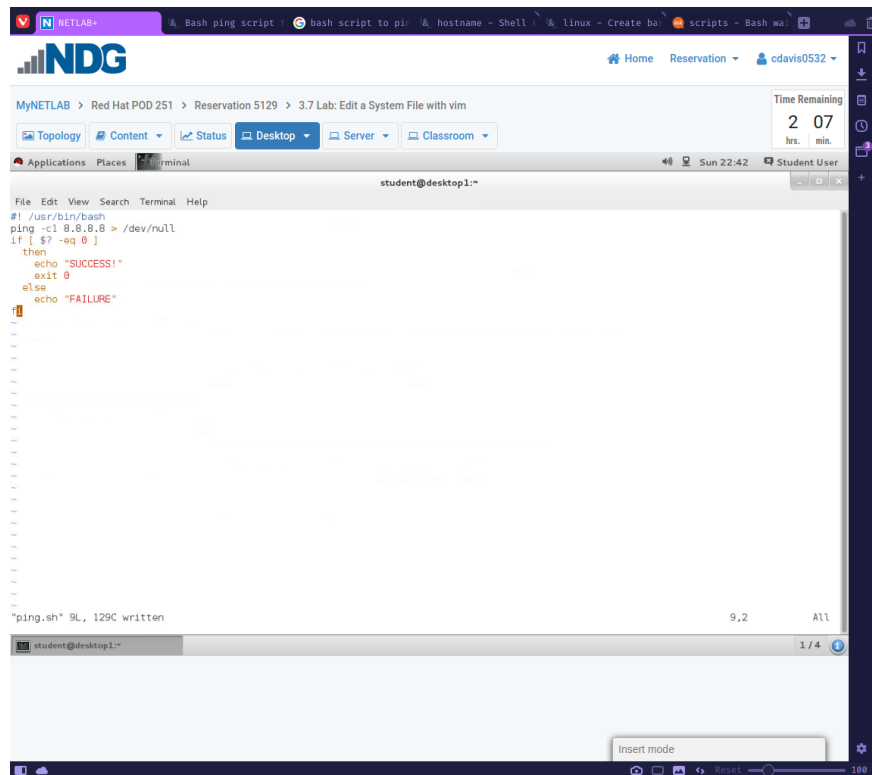


(a) Grepping Hostname

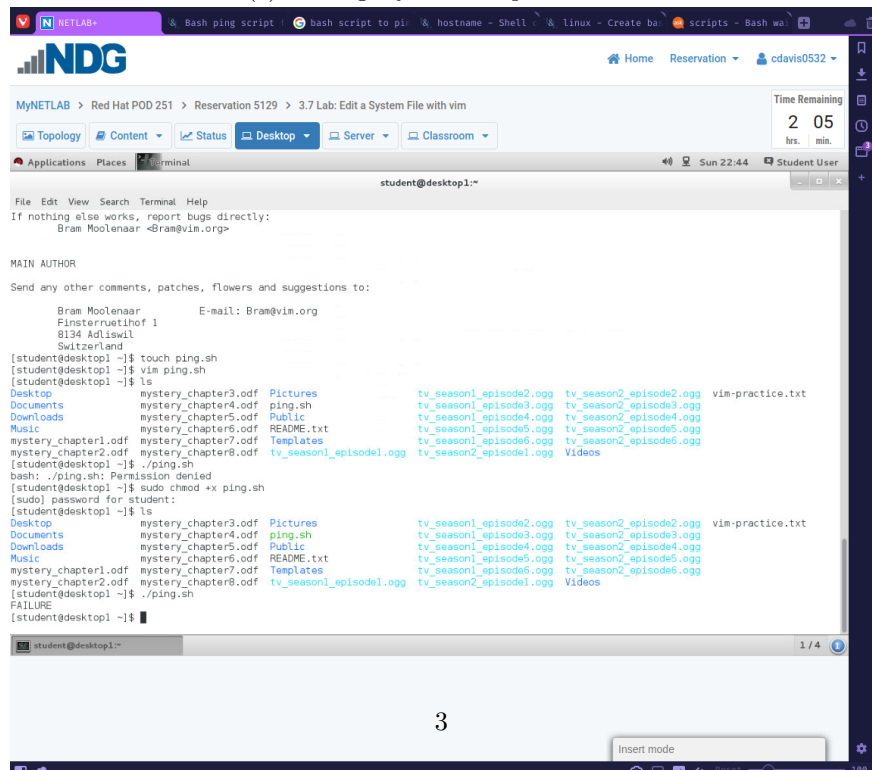
```
[root@server1 ~]# grep '^Mar' /var/log/messages | tail -n 5
Mar  8 22:00:21 server1 dbus-daemon: dbus[692]: [system] Successfully activated service 'com.redhat.SubscriptionManager'
Mar  8 22:00:21 server1 dbus[692]: [system] Successfully activated service 'com.redhat.SubscriptionManager'
Mar  8 22:01:01 server1 systemd: Created slice user-0.slice.
Mar  8 22:01:01 server1 systemd: Starting Session 3 of user root.
Mar  8 22:01:01 server1 systemd: Started Session 3 of user root.
[root@server1 ~]#
```

(b) Grepping the last five entries for March

Figure 1: Chapter 02 Screenshots



(a) Writing my bash script inside vim



(b) Running my Bash script from the commandline

Figure 2: Chapter 03 Screenshots