

Working with filescontinue

Q. How many ways do you know to create a file?

Ans: I know three way of file creation

- i) Using touch command
- ii) Using cat command
- iii) Using editors

Q. When we should we go with touch command?

Ans: i) If we want to create an empty file then we should go with touch command

- ii) If we want to change time stamp of file then we should go with touch command

Note: time stamp of a file means- date of creation or date of modification

Q. What is syntax of touch command to create an empty file?

Ans: touch File_name

Q. What is syntax of touch command to create multiple empty files at a time?

Ans: touch File1_name file2_name file3_name

Second Way to Create a file : using cat command

-> cat stands cantenation

-> with the help of cat command we can

- i) create a new File
- ii) we can append data in the existing file

Syntax of creating a file using cat command

```
cat > File_name  
//content goes  
//here  
// after adding content  
//press ctrl+D to save and exit from cat
```

Example

```
cat > May_2022.txt  
Hello Friends Good Morning  
Welcome on Linux  
Please listen carefull  
otherwise you may get problem  
to understand the concept  
  
ctrl+d => To save the content into file and to exit from  
cat command
```

Practical

```
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If we want to display the content of file then use cat command

```
cat File_name
```

```
Example cat May_2022.txt
```

```
cat -n File_name
```

To display the content with line number

```
Example cat -n May_2022
```

```
cat > May_2022.txt
```

When this command get execute we have two possibly

Possibility 1: If given file is already present with some content then all the existing content will get deleted and new content get added in that file

Possibility 2: If given file is not present then new file get created

Q. How we use cat command to perform append operation?

```
cat >> File_name  
type content here  
press ctrl+d : to save the content
```

Q. How we use cat command to perform overriding and append operation?
Ans :

```
use > for overriding  
use >> for appending
```

Q. What is difference between cat and touch command?

Ans: with touch command we can create only empty file
but with the help of cat command we create a file with some content

Q. If we are using touch command but file is already available what will happen?

Ans: The content of the file won't be changed, but last modified date and time will be updated

When we should go for touch command to change the time stamp?

Assume we have one shell script, job of that shell script is to select today's date files and send to remote server. Assume that On Sunday this script is not executed due to some reason. On Monday we have to re-execute that shell script but problem with script is it selects only today's date not yesterday's files. So, here we use touch command to change the time stamp file to make available for today.

To view the content, we have different commands and these are as below

1) cat command

2) tac command

3) rev command

4) head command

5) tail command

6) more command

7) less command

1) Display the content using cat command

syntax : cat file_name

or

Syntax : cat -n File_name

To display content with line number

2) tac command : To display the content

-> it is reverse of cat

-> I will display file content in reverse order of lines.
First line will become last line and last line will become first

-> This is vertical reverse

Example :

```
root@DESKTOP-1VT9LL4:~# cat Test.java
Java is programming language
It invented by James
it is invented in 1961
it is popular programming language
Java is platform independet
Java programs can be executed on Linux
as well as windows
```

```
root@DESKTOP-1VT9LL4:~# tac Test.java
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```

3) rev command

-> rev means reverse

--> Here each line content will be reversed

-> It is horizotal reverse

Syntax : rev File_name

Example

```
root@DESKTOP-1VT9LL4:~# rev Test.java
egunla gnimmargorp si avaJ
semaJ yb detnevni tI
1691 ni detnevni si ti
egaunla gnimmargorp ralupop si ti
tednepedni mroftalp si avaJ
xuniL no detucexe eb nac smargorp avaJ
swodniw sa llew sa
```

4) head command

--> This command is used to display top lines from a file

--> Syntax

```
head File_name
```

Example head Test.java

It will display top 10 lines from a file

10 is default value of number of lines

Other Examples

```
head -5 Test.java
```

It will display top 5 lines

```
head -8 Test.java
```

It will display top 8 lines

```
head -15 Test.java
```

It will display top 15 lines