



# **CS5354**

## **UNIX TOOL PROGRAMMING**

**Sed : STREAM EDITOR**

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# WHAT IS SED?

- A non-interactive stream editor
- Interprets sed instructions and performs actions
- Use sed to:
  - Automatically perform edits on file(s)
  - Simplify doing the same edits on multiple files
  - Write conversion programs

# Sed: THE STREAM EDITOR

Sed is a multipurpose tool which combine the work of several filters.

It uses very few options but all are very useful

Sed perform noninteractive operation on a data stream.

Syntax:

Sed [options] 'address action' files(s)

Adressing done in two ways

By one or two line number      By specifying a /-enclosed pattern which occurs in a line

# LINE ADDRESS

## Examples:

**\$sed '3q' input-file**

show only line 3 (address:3, action :quit)

```
adhoc@adhoc: ~/Desktop
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adhoc@adhoc:~/Desktop$ sed '3q' emp.lst
2233 | a.k.shukla | g.m. | sales | 12/12/52 | 6000
9876 | jai sharma | director | production | 12/03/50 | 7000
5678 | sumit chakrobarty | d.g.m. | marketing | 19/04/43 | 6000
adhoc@adhoc:~/Desktop$
```

**sed -n '1,2p' input-file**

print 2 line (option:n lines, address:  
start1,2p: print 2 line )

```
adhoc@adhoc:~/Desktop$ sed -n '1,2p' emp.lst
2233 | a.k.shukla | g.m. | sales | 12/12/52 | 6000
9876 | jai sharma | director | production | 12/03/50 | 7000
adhoc@adhoc:~/Desktop$ sed -n '2,2p' emp.lst
9876 | jai sharma | director | production | 12/03/50 | 7000
```

# LINE ADDRESS

```
$sed -n '$p' input-file
```

Print last line

## Selecting line from Anywhere

```
$sed -n '9,11p' input-file
```

Select/ print line from 9 through 11

## Selecting multiple groups of line

```
$sed -n '1,2p
```

```
7,9p
```

```
$p' input-file
```

```
adhoc@adhoc: ~/Desktop
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adhoc@adhoc:~/Desktop$ sed -n '1,2p
7,9p
$p' emp.lst
2233 | a.k.shukla      | g.m.   | sales    | 12/12/52 | 6000
9876 | jai sharma       | director | production | 12/03/50 | 7000
6213 | karuna ganguly   | g.m.   | accounts | 05/06/62 | 6300
1265 | s.n. dasgupta    | manager | sales     | 12/09/63 | 5600
4290 | jayant choudhury | executive | production | 07/09/50 | 6000
0110 | v.k.agrawal      | g.m.   | marketing | 31/12/40 | 9000
adhoc@adhoc:~/Desktop$
```

# LINE ADDRESS

## Negating the Action(!)

Select first two line == not select 3 through the end

\$sed -n '1,2p' file == \$sed -n '3,\$!p' file

```
adhoc@adhoc:~/Desktop$ sed -n '1,2p' emp.lst
2233 | a.k.shukla      | g.m.    | sales    | 12/12/52 | 6000
9876 | jai sharma        | director | production | 12/03/50 | 7000
adhoc@adhoc:~/Desktop$ sed -n '3,$!p' emp.lst
2233 | a.k.shukla      | g.m.    | sales    | 12/12/52 | 6000
9876 | jai sharma        | director | production | 12/03/50 | 7000
adhoc@adhoc:~/Desktop$
```

# Using Multiple Instruction (-e, -f)

-e: allow you to enter as many instruction as you wish

e.g

**\$sed -n -e '1,2p' -e '7,9p' -e '\$p' Input- file**

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
adhoc@adhoc:~/Desktop$ sed -n '1,2p'
> 7,9p
> $p' emp.lst
2233 | a.k.shukla | g.m. | sales | 12/12/52 | 6000
9876 | jai sharma | director | production | 12/03/50 | 7000
6213 | karuna ganguly | g.m. | accounts | 05/06/62 | 6300
1265 | s.n. dasgupta | manager | sales | 12/09/63 | 5600
4290 | jayant choudhury | executive | production | 07/09/50 | 6000
0110 | v.k.agrawal | g.m. | marketing | 31/12/40 | 9000
adhoc@adhoc:~/Desktop$ sed -n -e'1,2p' -e'7,9p' -e '$p' emp.lst
2233 | a.k.shukla | g.m. | sales | 12/12/52 | 6000
9876 | jai sharma | director | production | 12/03/50 | 7000
6213 | karuna ganguly | g.m. | accounts | 05/06/62 | 6300
1265 | s.n. dasgupta | manager | sales | 12/09/63 | 5600
4290 | jayant choudhury | executive | production | 07/09/50 | 6000
0110 | v.k.agrawal | g.m. | marketing | 31/12/40 | 9000
adhoc@adhoc:~/Desktop$
```

# Using Multiple Instruction (-e, -f)

**-f: Instruction from file**

```
$sed -n -f inst.fil emp.lst
```

```
adhoc@adhoc:~/Desktop$ cat inst.fil
1,2p
7,9p
$p
adhoc@adhoc:~/Desktop$ sed -n -f inst.fil emp.lst
2233 | a.k.shukla      | g.m.    | sales    | 12/12/52 | 6000
9876 | jai sharma       | director | production | 12/03/50 | 7000
6213 | karuna ganguly   | g.m.    | accounts | 05/06/62 | 6300
1265 | s.n. dasgupta    | manager | sales     | 12/09/63 | 5600
4290 | jayant choudhury | executive | production | 07/09/50 | 6000
0110 | v.k.agrawal      | g.m.    | marketing | 31/12/40 | 9000
adhoc@adhoc:~/Desktop$
```

We

```
adhoc@adhoc:~/Desktop$ cat inst1
1,4p
adhoc@adhoc:~/Desktop$ cat inst2
6,7p
adhoc@adhoc:~/Desktop$ sed -n -f inst1 -f inst2 emp.lst
2233 | a.k.shukla      | g.m.    | sales    | 12/12/52 | 6000
9876 | jai sharma       | director | production | 12/03/50 | 7000
5678 | sumit chakrobarty | d.g.m.  | marketing | 19/04/43 | 6000
2365 | barun sengupta   | director | personnel | 11/05/47 | 7800
1006 | chanchal singhvi | director | sales     | 03/09/38 | 6700
6213 | karuna ganguly   | g.m.    | accounts | 05/06/62 | 6300
adhoc@adhoc:~/Desktop$
```



# Context Addresssing

Single pattern in all lines of input file

\$sed -n '/director/p' emp.lst (/SEARCH/)

```
adhoc@adhoc: ~/Desktop
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adhoc@adhoc:~/Desktop$ sed -n '/director/p' emp.lst
9876 | jai sharma | director | production | 12/03/50 | 7000
2365 | barun sengupta | director | personnel | 11/05/47 | 7800
1006 | chanchal singhvi | director | sales | 03/09/38 | 6700
6521 | lalit chowduryg* | director | marketing | 26/09/45 | 8200
adhoc@adhoc:~/Desktop$ sed -n '/sales/p' emp.lst
2233 | a.k.shukla | g.m. | sales | 12/12/52 | 6000
1006 | chanchal singhvi | director | sales | 03/09/38 | 6700
1265 | s.n. dasgupta | manager | sales | 12/09/63 | 5600
2476 | anil aggarwal | manager | sales | 01/05/59 | 5000
adhoc@adhoc:~/Desktop$ sed -n '/anil/p' emp.lst
2476 | anil aggarwal | manager | sales | 01/05/59 | 5000
adhoc@adhoc:~/Desktop$ sed -n '/gupta/p' emp.lst
2365 | barun sengupta | director | personnel | 11/05/47 | 7800
5423 | n.k.gupta | chairman | admin | 30/08/56 | 5400
1265 | s.n. dasgupta | manager | sales | 12/09/63 | 5600
adhoc@adhoc:~/Desktop$
```

# Using RE

## Select all agrawals

```
$sed -n '/[aA]gg*[ar][ar]wal/p' emp.lst
```

```
adhoc@adhoc: ~/Desktop
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
adhoc@adhoc:~/Desktop$ sed -n '/[aA]gg*[ar][ar]wal/p' emp.lst
2476 | anil aggarwal | manager | sales | 01/05/59 | 5000
3564 | sudhir Agarwal | executive| personnel | 06/07/47 | 7500
0110 | v.k.agrawal | g.m. | marketing | 31/12/40 | 9000
adhoc@adhoc:~/Desktop$
```

## More than one

```
$sed -n '/[aA]gg*[ar][ar]wal/p
/gupta /p' emp.lst
```

```
adhoc@adhoc:~/Desktop$ sed -n '/[aA]gg*[ar][ar]wal/p
/gupta/p' emp.lst
2365 | barun sengupta | director | personnel | 11/05/47 | 7800
5423 | n.k.gupta | chairman | admin | 30/08/56 | 5400
1265 | s.n. dasgupta | manager | sales | 12/09/63 | 5600
2476 | anil aggarwal | manager | sales | 01/05/59 | 5000
3564 | sudhir Agarwal | executive| personnel | 06/07/47 | 7500
0110 | v.k.agrawal | g.m. | marketing | 31/12/40 | 9000
adhoc@adhoc:~/Desktop$ sed -n '/50.....$/p' emp.lst
9876 | jai sharma | director | production | 12/03/50 | 7000
4290 | jayant choudhury | executive| production | 07/09/50 | 6000
adhoc@adhoc:~/Desktop$
```

# Writing selected line to a file(w)

**Select / write specific line (filed) into other file**

`$sed -n '/director/w destination_file' input file`

```
adhoc@adhoc:~$ cd Desktop
adhoc@adhoc:~/Desktop$ sed -n '/director/w dist1' emp.lst
adhoc@adhoc:~/Desktop$ cat dist1
9876 | jai sharma          | director | production | 12/03/50 | 7000
2365 | barun sengupta         | director | personnel  | 11/05/47 | 7800
1006 | chanchal singhvi       | director | sales      | 03/09/38 | 6700
6521 | lalit chowduryg*       | director | marketing  | 26/09/45 | 8200
adhoc@adhoc:~/Desktop$
```

**Splitting file into more than one file**

```
$sed -n '/director/w dist1
      /manager / w mag1
      /executive /w ext1' emp.lst
```

Split file **main\_file** into two files. 1<sup>st</sup> (1-500 lines) and 2nd(501 to end)

```
$sed -n '1,500w file1
501,$W file2' main_file
```

# Text Editing

Sed can **insert** text and **change** existing text in file

## 1. Insert & Change lines (i,a,c)

### Insert c header files in foo.c file

```
$sed '1i\  
#include<stdio.h>\  
#include<conio.h>  
' foo.c > $$
```

**Note:** need to use \ before [enter]  
except last line. \$\$ is temp file

### Append blank line after every line of file

```
$sed 'a\  
' emp.lst
```

```
adhoc@adhoc:~/Desktop$ cat foo.c  
int main()  
{  
printf("hi");  
return 0;  
}  
adhoc@adhoc:~/Desktop$ sed '1i\  
> #include<stdio.h>\  
> #include<conio.h>  
> ' foo.c > $$  
adhoc@adhoc:~/Desktop$ cat foo.c  
int main()  
{  
printf("hi");  
return 0;  
}  
adhoc@adhoc:~/Desktop$ mv $$ foo.c  
adhoc@adhoc:~/Desktop$ cat foo.c  
#include<stdio.h>  
#include<conio.h>  
int main()  
{  
printf("hi");  
return 0;  
}  
adhoc@adhoc:~/Desktop$
```

# Text Editing

Delete line (d)

Delete all lines except those containing director

\$sed '/director/d' emp.lst

```
adhoc@adhoc:~/Desktop$ sed '/director/d' emp.lst
2233 | a.k.shukla | g.m. | sales | 12/12/52 | 6000
5678 | sumit chakrobarty | d.g.m. | marketing | 19/04/43 | 6000
5423 | n.k.gupta | chairman | admin | 30/08/56 | 5400
6213 | karuna ganguly | g.m. | accounts | 05/06/62 | 6300
1265 | s.n. dasgupta | manager | sales | 12/09/63 | 5600
4290 | jayant choudhury | executive | production | 07/09/50 | 6000
2476 | anil aggarwal | manager | sales | 01/05/59 | 5000
3212 | shyam saksena | d.g.m. | accounts | 12/12/55 | 6000
3564 | sudhir Agarwal | executive | personnel | 06/07/47 | 7500
2345 | j. b. sexena | g.m. | marketing | 12/03/45 | 8000
0110 | v.k.agrawal | g.m. | marketing | 31/12/40 | 9000
adhoc@adhoc:~/Desktop$
```

\$sed '/director/d' emp.lst > outlist

# Text Editing

Substitution(s) [Replace]

Syntax:

[address] s/exp1/exp2/ flags

\$sed 's/|/:/' emp.lst | head -n 2

```
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2233 | a.k.shukla | g.m. | sales | 12/12/52 | 6000
9876 | jai sharma | director | production | 12/03/50 | 7000
5678 | sumit chakrobarty | d.g.m. | marketing | 19/04/43 | 6000
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4290 | jayant choudhury | executive | production | 07/09/50 | 6000
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3564 | sudhir Agarwal | executive | personnel | 06/07/47 | 7500
2345 | j. b. sexena | g.m. | marketing | 12/03/45 | 8000
0110 | v.k.agrawal | g.m. | marketing | 31/12/40 | 9000
adhoc@adhoc:~/Desktop$ sed 's/|/:/' emp.lst | head -n 2
2233 : a.k.shukla | g.m. | sales | 12/12/52 | 6000
9876 : jai sharma | director | production | 12/03/50 | 7000
adhoc@adhoc:~/Desktop$
```