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# PROJECT

## Objective:

Shell Script that sorts files.

### 1. Bash Sort Files Alphabetically

The **ls -l** command below to get a list of files in a directory in ascending order. The **-l** flag tells the **ls** command to print the returned output in a long list format.

```
$ ls -l
```

### 2. Bash Sort Order Files by Size

To sort files by size, pass the **-S** flag to tell the **ls** command to sort the list of files by file size.

```
$ ls -lS
```

### 3. Sort Files by Modification Time via Bash Sort

In a case where we need to sort files by the time they were modified. Run the command below where the **-t** parameter tells the **ls** command to sort the files by modification time.

```
$ ls -lt
```

### 4. Sorting Files by File Extension

When we're looking for a file with a particular file type, sorting files by file extension is the ideal solution. The command to list files (**ls**) in the working directory and sort based on their extensions (**-lx**) can be used.

```
$ ls -lX
```

## 5. Sorting Contents in a Text File

The sort command sorts file contents depending on the flag we'll be adding.

```
$ sort fruits.txt
```

## 6. Sorting a List of Numbers in a Text File

The command to sort numbers is similar to sorting texts in a file, but we'll be adding the **-n** flag instead.

```
$ sort -n scores.txt
```

## 7. Sorting a List of Version Numbers in a Text File

If we have a list of version numbers in a text file you want to sort. If so, adding the **--version-sort** option to the sort command will do the trick. The **--field-separator** option tells the sort command that the numbers in each version are separated by a **dot (.)**.

```
$ sort --version-sort --field-separator=. versions.txt
```

## main.sh script

```
#!/bin/bash

function sort_file_contents() {
    while true
    do
        echo ''
        echo '===== SORT FILE CONTENT MENU ====='
        echo '1. Ascending Order'
        echo '2. Descending Order'
        echo '3. List of Numbers'
        echo '4. List of Version Numbers'
        echo '0. Exit'
        echo ''

        read -p 'Enter your choice: ' ch
        echo ''

        if [ $ch -ne 0 ]
        then
            read -p 'Enter the file path: ' file
            fi

        case "$ch" in
            1)
                echo -e '\n===== Ascending Order Sorting ====='
                sort $file
                ;;
            2)
                echo -e '\n===== Descending Order Sorting ====='
                sort -r $file
                ;;
            3)
                echo -e '\n===== Numbers Sorting ====='
                sort -n $file
                ;;
            4)
                echo -e '\n===== Version Numbers Sorting ====='
                sort --version-sort --field-separator=. $file
                ;;
            0)
                echo 'Exiting...'
                exit
                ;;
            *)
                echo "INVALID CHOICE\!\\! TRY AGAIN\!\\!"
                ;;
        esac
    done
}
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        esac
    done
}

while true
do
    echo ''
    echo '===== SORT MENU ====='
    echo '1. Alphabetically'
    echo '2. Size'
    echo '3. Time Modified'
    echo '4. File Extension'
    echo '5. Sort File Contents'
    echo '0. Exit'
    echo ''

    read -p 'Enter your choice: ' choice
    echo ''

    if [ $choice -ne 0 ] && [ $choice -gt 0 ] && [ $choice -lt 6 ]
    then
        read -p 'Enter the path: ' path
    fi

    case "$choice" in
        1)
            echo -e '\n===== Alphabetical Sorting ====='
            ls -l $path
            ;;
        2)
            echo -e '\n===== Size Sorting ====='
            ls -ls $path
            ;;
        3)
            echo -e '\n===== Time Modified Sorting ====='
            ls -lt $path
            ;;
        4)
            echo -e '\n===== File Extension Sorting ====='
            ls -lX $path
            ;;
        5)
            sort_file_contents
            ;;
        0)
            echo 'Exiting...'
            exit
            ;;
    esac
done
```

```

*)
echo -e "\nINVALID CHOICE\!\!\! TRY AGAIN\!\!\!"
;;
esac
done

```

## Outputs

```

(root@kali)-[~/Python_Pracs]
# echo "Project Shubhang Gupta $(date)"
Project Shubhang Gupta Wed Oct 19 11:38:09 PM EDT 2022

(root@kali)-[~/Python_Pracs]
# ./main.sh

===== SORT MENU =====
1. Alphabetically
2. Size
3. Time Modified
4. File Extension
5. Sort File Contents
0. Exit

Enter your choice: 1

Enter the path: /root/Python_Pracs/LAB_05/

===== Alphabetical Sorting =====
total 88
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 10240 Sep 22 07:03 arcv.tar
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 108 Sep 22 07:09 arcv.tgz
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 53 Sep 24 14:29 a.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 53 Sep 24 14:30 b.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 44 Sep 22 07:16 fruits
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 188 Sep 24 14:17 geekfile.txt
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 15952 Oct 3 10:38 hello
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 95 Oct 3 10:38 hello.c
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 106 Oct 3 12:49 hello.java
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 421 Oct 3 13:24 HelloWorld.class
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 20 Sep 24 15:04 OUTPUT
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 25 Oct 16 16:16 scores.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 36 Oct 3 10:09 table1.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 8 Oct 3 10:13 table2.txt
-rwxr--r-- 1 root root 44 Oct 3 10:30 test.sh
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 20 Sep 24 15:03 trs.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 26 Oct 16 16:18 versions.txt

```

```

===== SORT MENU =====
1. Alphabetically
2. Size
3. Time Modified
4. File Extension
5. Sort File Contents
0. Exit

Enter your choice: 2

Enter the path: /root/Python_Pracs/LAB_05/

===== Size Sorting =====
total 88
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 15952 Oct  3 10:38 hello
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 10240 Sep 22 07:03 arcv.tar
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root  421 Oct  3 13:24 HelloWorld.class
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root  188 Sep 24 14:17 geekfile.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root  108 Sep 22 07:09 arcv.tgz
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root  106 Oct  3 12:49 hello.java
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root   95 Oct  3 10:38 hello.c
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root   53 Sep 24 14:29 a.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root   53 Sep 24 14:30 b.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root   44 Sep 22 07:16 fruits
-rwxr--r-- 1 root root   44 Oct  3 10:30 test.sh
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root   36 Oct  3 10:09 table1.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root   26 Oct 16 16:18 versions.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root   25 Oct 16 16:16 scores.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root   20 Sep 24 15:04 OUTPUT
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root   20 Sep 24 15:03 trs.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root    8 Oct  3 10:13 table2.txt

```

```

===== SORT MENU =====
1. Alphabetically
2. Size
3. Time Modified
4. File Extension
5. Sort File Contents
0. Exit

Enter your choice: 3

Enter the path: /root/Python_Pracs/LAB_05/

===== Time Modified Sorting =====
total 88
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 26 Oct 16 16:18 versions.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 25 Oct 16 16:16 scores.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 421 Oct 3 13:24 HelloWorld.class
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 106 Oct 3 12:49 hello.java
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 15952 Oct 3 10:38 hello
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 95 Oct 3 10:38 hello.c
-rwxr--r-- 1 root root 44 Oct 3 10:30 test.sh
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 8 Oct 3 10:13 table2.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 36 Oct 3 10:09 table1.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 20 Sep 24 15:04 OUTPUT
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 20 Sep 24 15:03 trs.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 53 Sep 24 14:30 b.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 53 Sep 24 14:29 a.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 188 Sep 24 14:17 geekfile.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 44 Sep 22 07:16 fruits
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 108 Sep 22 07:09 arcv.tgz
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 10240 Sep 22 07:03 arcv.tar

```



```

===== SORT MENU =====
1. Alphabetically
2. Size
3. Time Modified
4. File Extension
5. Sort File Contents
0. Exit

Enter your choice: 4

Enter the path: /root/Python_Pracs/LAB_05/

===== File Extension Sorting =====
total 88
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root    44 Sep 22 07:16 fruits
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 15952 Oct  3 10:38 hello
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root    20 Sep 24 15:04 OUTPUT
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root    95 Oct  3 10:38 hello.c
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root   421 Oct  3 13:24 HelloWorld.class
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root   106 Oct  3 12:49 hello.java
-rwxr--r-- 1 root root    44 Oct  3 10:30 test.sh
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 10240 Sep 22 07:03 arcv.tar
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root   108 Sep 22 07:09 arcv.tgz
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root    53 Sep 24 14:29 a.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root    53 Sep 24 14:30 b.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root   188 Sep 24 14:17 geekfile.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root    25 Oct 16 16:16 scores.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root    36 Oct  3 10:09 table1.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root     8 Oct  3 10:13 table2.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root    20 Sep 24 15:03 trs.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root    26 Oct 16 16:18 versions.txt

```

```
65
===== SORT MENU =====
1. Alphabetically
2. Size
3. Time Modified
4. File Extension
5. Sort File Contents
0. Exit

66
Enter your choice: 5

67
68
69
===== SORT FILE CONTENT MENU =====
1. Ascending Order
2. Descending Order
3. List of Numbers
4. List of Version Numbers
0. Exit

70
Enter your choice: 1

71
Enter the file path: /root/Python_Pracs/LAB_05/fruits

72
73
74
===== Ascending Order Sorting =====
apple
custard apple
grapes
orange
pineapple
75
76
77
78
79
80
81
82
83
84
85
86
87
88
89
90
91
92
93
94
95
96
97
98
99
```

```
===== SORT FILE CONTENT MENU =====
1. Ascending Order
2. Descending Order
3. List of Numbers
4. List of Version Numbers
0. Exit

76
Enter your choice: 2

77
Enter the file path: /root/Python_Pracs/LAB_05/fruits

78
79
80
===== Descending Order Sorting =====
pineapple
orange
grapes
custard apple
apple
81
82
83
84
85
86
87
88
89
90
91
92
93
94
95
96
97
98
99
```

```
===== SORT FILE CONTENT MENU =====
1. Ascending Order
2. Descending Order
3. List of Numbers
4. List of Version Numbers
0. Exit

Enter your choice: 3

Enter the file path: /root/Python_Pracs/LAB_05/scores.txt

===== Numbers Sorting =====
3
5
21
45
52
69
78
```

```
===== SORT FILE CONTENT MENU =====
1. Ascending Order
2. Descending Order
3. List of Numbers
4. List of Version Numbers
0. Exit

Enter your choice: 4

Enter the file path: /root/Python_Pracs/LAB_05/versions.txt

===== Version Numbers Sorting =====
1.0.0.1
4.0.0.2
6.2.1.0
```

```
===== SORT FILE CONTENT MENU =====
1. Ascending Order
2. Descending Order
3. List of Numbers
4. List of Version Numbers
0. Exit

Enter your choice: 0

Exiting...
```