# SED

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### **Deleting Operation**

- Linux Sed command allows you to delete only specific lines based on the line number or pattern matches Or part of line.
- "d" is a command for deleting the data from the pattern buffer.
- Syntax:

```
$ sed -n 'ADDRESS'd filename
```

OR

\$ sed -n '/PATTERN/d' filename

### **Deleting Operation**

Let us first create thegeekstuff.txt file that will be used in all the examples mentioned below.

#### \$ cat thegeekstuff.txt

- 1. Linux Sysadmin, Scripting etc.
- 2. Databases Oracle, mySQL etc.
- 3. Hardware
- 4. Security (Firewall, Network, Online Security etc)
- 5. Storage
- 6. Cool gadgets and websites
- 7. Productivity (Too many technologies to explore, not much time available)
- 8. Website Design
- 9. Software Development
- 10.Windows- Sysadmin, reboot etc.

## **Number Format**

Total: 4

Delete Nth Line: 'Nd' deletes the Nth line and prints the other lines.

sed 'Nd' filename

For example: 3d deletes 3rd line and prints other lines as shown below.

\$ sed 3d thegeekstuff.txt

- 1. Linux Sysadmin, Scripting etc.
- 2. Databases Oracle, mySQL etc.
- 4. Security (Firewall, Network, Online Security etc)
- 5. Storage
- 6. Cool gadgets and websites ..... Print till end of file

#### Delete Number1~Number2 Lines: M~Nd

Example :Delete Starting from 3rd line and every 2nd line from there.

```
$ sed '3~2d' thegeekstuff.txt
```

- 1. Linux Sysadmin, Scripting etc.
- 2. Databases Oracle, mySQL etc.
- 4. Security (Firewall, Network, Online Security etc)
- 6. Cool gadgets and websites
- 8. Website Design
- 10. Windows Sysadmin, reboot etc.

#### Delete Consecutive Lines M, Nd

Example :Delete from 4<sup>th</sup> to 8th line.

```
$ sed '4,8d' thegeekstuff.txt
```

- 1. Linux Sysadmin, Scripting etc.
- 2. Databases Oracle, mySQL etc.
- 3. Hardware
- 9. Software Development
- 10. Windows-Sysadmin, reboot etc.

Delete Last Lines: \$d

Example :Delete Last line from file

```
$ sed '$d' thegeekstuff.txt
```

- 1. Linux Sysadmin, Scripting etc.
- 2. Databases Oracle, mySQL etc.
- 3. Hardware......Print line till line number 9

## Pattern Format

Total: 4

#### Sed Pattern Format 1: /Pattern/d

Example :Delete line which contain "website" word in it. Delete line till end of file.

```
$ sed '/Website/,$d' thegeekstuff.txt
```

- 1. Linux Sysadmin, Scripting etc.
- 2. Databases Oracle, mySQL etc.
- 3. Hardware
- 4. Security (Firewall, Network, Online Security etc)
- 5. Storage
- 6. Cool gadgets and websites
- 7. Productivity (Too many technologies to explore, not much time available)

Sed Pattern Format 2: /PATTERN/,+N

Example :Deletes the line from which matches the given pattern and 2lines next to that.

```
$ sed '/Storage/,+2d' thegeekstuff.txt
```

- 1. Linux Sysadmin, Scripting etc.
- 2. Databases Oracle, mySQL etc.
- 3. Hardware
- 4. Security (Firewall, Network, Online Security etc)
- 8. Website Design
- 9. Software Development
- 10. Windows Sysadmin, reboot etc.

Sed Pattern Format 3: /^\$/

Example: Deletes blank line from file.

```
$ sed '/^$/d' thegeekstuff.txt
```

- 1. Linux Sysadmin, Scripting etc.
- 2. Databases Oracle, mySQL etc.
- 3. Hardware
- 4. Security (Firewall, Network, Online Security etc)...Print till end of file.

Sed Pattern Format 3: /^\$/

Example: Deletes blank line from file.

\$ sed '/^\$/d' thegeekstuff.txt

- 1. Linux Sysadmin, Scripting etc.
- 2. Databases Oracle, mySQL etc.
- 3. Hardware
- 4. Security (Firewall, Network, Online Security etc)...Print till end of file.