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## Study Guide

# LPIC-1 Exam

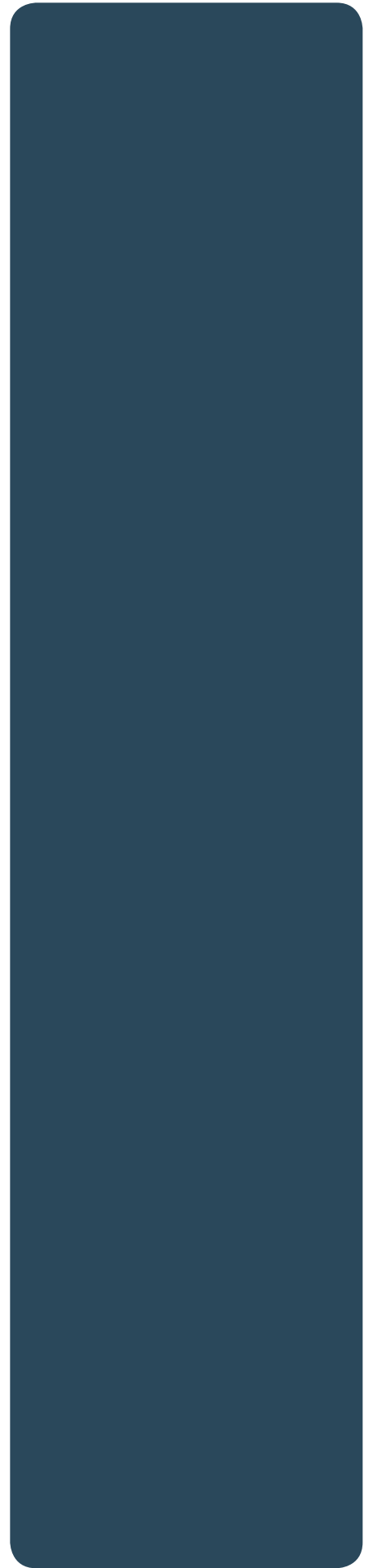
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# Shells, Scripting and Data Management

- Skills:
  - » Customize shell environments
  - » Modify global and user profiles
  - » Set environmental variables at log-in or shell creation
  - » BASH functions
  - » Maintain skeleton directories
  - » Set command search paths with the appropriate directory
- **/etc/profile** • Set shell variables for all users
- **set** • Displays options related to bash operation
- **~/.bash\_login** • File is executed when user logs in to shell
- **~/.bash\_logout** • File is executed when user logs out of shell
- **env** • Run in modified environment; without flags, outputs all environmental variables
  - » **-u** • Remove variable from environment
- **unset** • Unset a variable
- **Function** • Part of a script containing a certain task
- **export** • Sets variable in working environment
- **~/.bash\_profile** • File used to alter environment of login shells
- **~/.bashrc** • File used to alter environment of non-login shells
- **declare -f** • Prints all available shell commands
- **alias** • Creates a shortcut for a command
- **\$EDITOR** • Environmental variable for opening files in a text editor
- **#!/bin/bash** • Determines interpreter with which to run the script; in that instance, Bash
- **#!/bin/sh** • Symlink; also to run script in Bash
- **bash -r** • Run Bash in restrictive mode

## Write and Customize Simple Scripts

- Skills:
  - » Use `sh` syntax
  - » Use command substitution
  - » Test return values for success and failure information
  - » Perform conditional mailing
  - » Set the script interpreter
  - » Manage location, ownership, execution and SUID rights
  - » Shift arguments

### Loops

#### **for**

```
for d in file.txt ;  
do  
echo $d  
done
```

#### **until**

```
until [ condition ] ;  
do  
command  
done
```

#### **while**

```
while [ condition ] ;  
do  
command  
done
```

### Commands

- **read** • Read user input
- **test** • Test two objects against each other based on conditions
  - » **-f** • Test file name against file
  - » **-d** • Test if directory

- **[ -x filename ]** • Test if filename is a file
  - » **-x** • Test if file exists and executable
  - » **+f** • Test if file exists and is a plain file
- **seq** • Print sequence of numbers
  - » **seq [first] [increment] [last]** • Count up by increment, starting at the first number until the last number is reached

## SQL Data Management

- Skills:
  - » Query databases
  - » Manipulate data with basic SQL commands
  - » Join tables
  - » Subselects

### Commands

- **INSERT** • Insert row into database
  - » **INSERT INTO tablename (field1,field2) VALUES ("value1","value2")**
- **DELETE** • Delete row from database
  - » **DELETE FROM table\_name**
  - » **DELETE FROM table\_name WHERE field="field"**
- **GROUP BY** • Group results by field
  - » **SELECT \* FROM products GROUP BY type;**
- **UPDATE** • Update a row where id=1
  - » **UPDATE table\_name SET field='content' WHERE id=1**
- **FROM** • Select field from table
  - » **SELECT \* FROM table\_name**
  - » **SELECT field1,field2 FROM table\_name**
- **ORDER BY** • Order by field description; ascending or descending order
  - » **SELECT \* FROM products ORDER BY price DESC** • Descending order
  - » **SELECT \* FROM products ORDER BY price ASC** • Ascending order

- **SELECT** • Select rows with given condition from table
  - » **SELECT \* FROM table\_name** • Select any fields and rows from table
  - » **SELECT field1,field2 FROM table\_name** • Select only *field1* and *field2* from table
- **WHERE** • Select rows that match condition
  - » **SELECT \* FROM products WHERE type="toy"**
- **JOIN** • Join multiple tables together
  - » **SELECT \* FROM orders LEFT JOIN customers ON orders.customer\_id=customers.id;**

## User Interfaces and Desktops

### Install and Configure X11

- Skills:
  - » Verify video card and monitor are supported by X server
  - » Awareness of X font server
  - » Understanding of X window configuration file
  - » Understanding of X11 configuration file (*/etc/X11/xorg.conf*)
  - » Understanding of X Windows startup process

#### Commands

- **xwininfo** • Window information utility; displays parameters of open window
- **xhost** • Allow or disallow X forwarding
  - » **-** • Disallow host
  - » **+** • Allow host
- **xdpyinfo** • Display information utility for X
- **startx** • Start X server
  - » **xinit** • **xinitrc** • **Xclients** • Scripts and files used in the startup process

### Set Up a Display Manager

- Skills:

- » Enable/disable display manager
- » Change display manager greeting
- » Change default color depth
- » Configure display managers used by X
- **DISPLAYMANAGER** • Display manager variable
- **/etc/issue** • Display the user seeds *before* logging in
- **VertRefresh Value** • This and the resolution determine the monitor's refresh rate
- **/etc/X11/gdm • /etc/gdm/custom.conf** • GDM configuration files
- **/etc/gdm/custom.conf** • Location of GNOME display greeting
- **/etc/X11/xdm/Xresources** • Configuration file for XDM greeting
- **/etc/X11/xdm/xdm-config** • XDM configuration file
- **/etc/X11/kdm • /etc/kde/kdm** • KDM configuration files

## Accessibility

- Keyboard accessibility:
  - » Repeat rate
  - » **Sticky keys** • Causes Ctrl, Alt, Shift key(s) to behave as if they were being pushed until the next key is pressed; same effect as holding Ctrl + C
  - » **Slow keys** • Requires key to be pressed longer for it to register
  - » **Bounce/debounce keys** • Reduces error rate of hitting same key multiple times
  - » **Simulated mouse clicks** • Define action to simulate a mouse click
  - » Settings for keyboard accessibility in X configuration file
- High contrast desktop themes
- Braille display
- Mouse gestures
- Emacspeak • Assists users with visual impairments
- Large print desktop screens
- **Kmag** • Screen magnifier
- **Orca** • Screen reader



- **GOK** • On-screen keyboard for X

## Administrative Tasks

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### Manage User and Group Accounts, Related System Files

- **/etc/passwd** • Contains list of users on system
  - » **username:password:UID:primaryGID:comment:homedir:defaultShell**
  - » User IDs under 100 are reserves for system users
  - » User accounts have IDs between 500 and 1000
  - » The file can be directly edited to add, remove, or modify users
  - » Setting the default shell to */bin/false* prevents a user from logging in
  - » Readable by all
- **/etc/shadow** • Password file; readable only by superusers
  - » **username:password:daysUntilChangeAllowed:daysUntilChangeRequired:daysofWarning:daysBetweenExpirationActivation:expirationDate:specialFlag**
- **pwck** • Verified integrity of *passwd* and *shadow* files; ensure entries are in proper format
- **/etc/skel** • Skeleton file for new users
- **useradd** • **adduser** • Create a user
  - » **-c** • Comment
  - » **-d** • Set home directory
  - » **-e** • Account expire date; YYYY-MM-DD
  - » **-p** • Set encrypted password
  - » **-M** • Do not create home directory
  - » **-m** • **Create home directory, based on /etc/skel**
  - » **-G** • Add groups (not primary group)
  - » **-g** • Set default group
  - » **-f** • Number of days after password expiration until an account is permanently disabled
  - » **-k** • Define while skeleton file to use

- **chage** • Manage user expiry information
  - » **-E** • Expire date
  - » **-I** • Days of inactivity after password expiration to lock account
  - » **-m** • Set minimum days between password changes
  - » **-M** • Set maximum days that a password is valid
- **groupdel** • Delete group; if group is a user's default group, cannot be deleted
- **groupmod** • Modify group name or ID
  - » **-g** • Set group ID
  - » **-o** • Allows two groups to share the same ID
  - » **-n** • New group name
- **userdel** • Delete user account and files
  - » **-f** • Force deletion of logged-in user, removes home directory and mail
  - » **-r** • Remove home directory and mail; does not remove user-owned files in other directories
- **usermod** • Modify user account
  - » **-d** • Set new home directory
  - » **-e** • Set date account with expire; YYYY-MM-DD
  - » **-f** • Number of days after password expiration to disable account
  - » **-g** • Set default group
  - » **-G** • Add additional groups
  - » **-l** • Change login name
  - » **-L** • Lock account
- **/etc/group** • List of groups and group members
  - » **groupName:password:GUID:userlist**
- **groupadd** • Create a group
  - » **-g** • Specify group ID
  - » **-r** • System picks group ID
  - » **-f** • Force group creation
- **passwd** • Set user's password

- » **-x** • Number of days before password expiration
- » **-n** • Minimum amount of days between password changes
- » **-i** • Make count inactive after a certain number of days past password expiration
- **echo \$\$** • Display current shell process
  - » **\$?** • Display exit value
  - » **#!** • PID of last job to run in background
  - » **\$\*** • Expand all parameters passed
  - » **\$@** • Each parameter passed expands into word
  - » **\$0** • Show name of shell or script
  - » **\_** • Set at shell start; contains absolute file name of shell/script

## Automate System Administration Tasks by Scheduling Jobs

- **/etc/crontab** • System cron jobs; files must end in new line
- **/var/spool/cron/\*** • Location of crontabs for users
- **atq** • List users' pending AT jobs; if user not a superuser, displays only user's jobs
- **/etc/at.deny** • Users in file are denied AT access
- **/etc/cron.allow** • Users lists have cron access
- **crontab** • Maintains crontab files for individual users
- **atrm** • Removes job for pending AT task
- **/etc/at.allow** • Users listed have AT access
- **/etc/cron.deny** • Users listed are denied cron access
- **at** • Command or script to be executed "at" a later time
  - » **at now + 1 minute**
  - » **at> echo "hello"**
  - » **CTRL+D**
  - » Accepts following time formats:
    - hh:mm
    - midnight

- noon
  - teatime
- » Can specify AM or PM
- » Can specify full dates; **now + 1 day**
- Cron examples:
  - » **\* \* \* \* \* /command**
  - » **15 1,5 \* \* \* \*/command** • Run command at 1:15 and 5:15 every day
  - » **/2 \* \* \* \* /command** • Run command every two minutes
  - » **21 0-23/2 \* \* \* /command** • Run command at the 21 minute mark of every hour, every two days
  - » **00 18-07 \* \* 1-5 /command** • Run command every hour between 18 and 07, on days 1 to 5

## Localization and Internationalization

- **Locale settings** • How Linux specifies the language, and associated country information
- Add to *.bash\_profile* to change language to Portuguese:
  - » **export LANG="pt"**
  - » **export LC\_MESSAGES="pt"**
- **Timezone settings** • Are not part of locale settings
- **/etc/timezone** • Location of timezone file; to change timezone symlink to the correct **/usr/share/localtime** file
  - » **tzconfig**
- **UTF** • 8-bit Unicode Transformation Format extended by supporting variable-byte extensions
- **Unicode** • Character set designed to support as many languages as possible
- **ASCII** • American Standard Code for Information Interchange; oldest encoding method
- **iconv** • Converts between character sets

# Essential System Services

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## Maintain System Time

- Skills:
  - » Set hardware clock to UTC
  - » Configure correct timezone
  - » Basic NTP knowledge
  - » pool.ntp.org
- **/usr/share/zoneinfo** • Location of timezone files
- **/etc/ntp.conf** • NTP configuration and list of NTP servers
- **ntpd** • Daemon for NTP server
- **date** • Print or set the system date and time
- **ntptime** • Set or view the date and time via NTP
- **hwclock** • View or set the hardware clock
  - » **-w** • Set to current system time
  - » **-s** • Set to current hardware time
- **pool.ntp.org** • Virtual cluster of timeservers for easy NTP

## System Logging

- **syslog.conf** • Logging configuration
  - » Set priority with: **facility.priority action**
  - » **debug** • Logs most detailed information
  - » **emerg** • Logs most important information
    - **crit**
  - » **err** • Logs regular errors
  - » **alert** • Logs messages classified as alert
    - **!** • Reverse order of match
  - » **none** • Exclude all logging

- **logger** • Manually log data; good for scripting
  - » **-i** • Return process ID
  - » **-s** • Output standard error
  - » **-f** • Send contents to log file
  - » **-p** • Specify priority
  - » **-t** • Change name of tag shown in file
- **syslogd** • User space log daemon
- **klogd** • Kernel logging; standalone or as part of syslogd
- **/etc/logrotate.conf** • Configuration file to set the logrotate function
- **/var/log/wtmp** • If exists, **last** command displays recently logged-in users and current users

## Mail Transfer Agent Basics

- Skills:
  - » Create email aliases
  - » Configure email forwarding
  - » Send mail from command line
  - » Read mail from command line
- Mail transfer agents:
  - » Sendmail
  - » Exim
  - » Postfix
  - » Qmail
- **!~/.forward** • Input server, username, or email address of the email you would like mail to be forwarded to
- **mail** • Command line utility for sending mail; best used in scripts
  - » **-s** • Subject
  - » **-c** • CC
  - » **-b** • BCC

- » **-f** • Name of mail spool file (for reading mail)
- » **-u** • Username (for reading mail)
- » When done entering message, hit Ctrl + d
- » Press **d** to delete read message
- » Press **r** to reply to read message
- **mailq** • Shows all messages waiting to be sent
- **/var/spool/mqueue** • Undelivered remote mail
- **/var/spool/mail** • Delivered mail for users
- **newaliases** • Use after updating */etc/aliases*

## Printers and Printing

- Skills:
  - » Manage print queues
  - » Troubleshoot general printing problems
  - » Add and remove print jobs from queue
- **/etc/cups/** • Configuration file for printers
- **lpadmin** • Configure CUPS
- **lpd** • Legacy print interface
- **lpr** • Legacy; sends files to print queue
  - » **-r** • Delete file after print
  - » **-l** • Verbose
- **cat /etc/services | lpr - #2** • Print services file on second printer
- **lpq** • Show queue status
- **/etc/printcap** • Print queue definitions
- **lprm** • Remove job from queue
  - » **-a** • Remove all
  - » **-p** • Queue name
- **cupsdisposal** • Pause print jobs

- » **-c** • Cancel all jobs
- » **-r** • Reason
- » **-m** • Message
- **GhostScript** • Printer filter; converts PostScript data for non-PostScript printers
- **/etc/spool/lpd** • LPD queue directory

## Networking Fundamentals

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- Skills:
  - » Understand network masks
  - » Set default routes
  - » Understand private and public dotted quad IP addresses
  - » Understand difference between IPv4 and IPv6
- Common TCP and UDP ports:
  - » **20** • FTP, unencrypted, incoming
  - » **21** • FTP, outgoing
  - » **22** • SFTP and SSH; encrypted
  - » **23** • Telnet
  - » **25** • Simple Mail Transfer Protocol
  - » **53** • DNS
  - » **80** • HTTP
  - » **110** • POP3
  - » **119** • NTTP
  - » **139** • Samba file sharing
  - » **143** • IMAP
  - » **161** • SNMP
  - » **443** • HTTP over SSL
  - » **465** • SMTP over SSL
  - » **993** • IMAP over SSL



- » **995** • POP3 over SSL
- » **65535** • Highest numbered port
- **/etc/services** • ASCII file providing mapping between names and port numbers
- **ping** • Sends ICMP packets to network hosts; tests connection
- **UDP** • User Datagram Protocol
  - » Does not correct out-of-order packets
  - » Packet delivery not gaurenteed
  - » Faster
  - » Used up system and network file systems
- **TCP** • Transmission Control Protocol
  - » Full with error checking
  - » Slower
- **ICMP** • Internet Control Message Protocol
  - » Simple data transmission
  - » Error checking, connection testing
  - » **ping** can use ICMP
- **tcpdchk** • Check syntax of **/etc/inetd.conf**

## Basic Network Configuration

- **ifdown** • Deactivate network interface
- **/etc/hosts** • Maps from IP addresses to hostnames
- **route** • Manages IP routing table
  - » **add** • Add route
  - » **gw** • Gateway
  - » **del** • Delete route
- **ifconfig** • Configures network interfaces

## Basic Network Troubleshooting

- Skills:

- » Manually and automatically configure network interfaces
- » Change, view, configure network routing tables
- **dig** • Complex DNS lookups
- **host** • Returns DNS and IP information for designated host
- **hostname** • The "name" of the server used in routing; associated with an IP address

## Client Side DNS

- **/etc/nsswitch.conf** • Informs Linux how to handle DNS and hosts; can alter the order DNS is read

# Security

## Perform Security Administration Tasks

- Skills:
  - » Audit a system using the SUID and SGID bit sets
  - » Set and change user passwords and password expiration requirements
  - » Use **nmap** and **netstat** to find open ports
- **/var/run/utmp** • Allow or deny commands for users

## Set Up Host Security

- Skills:
  - » Knowledge of shadow passwords
  - » Turn off unused services
  - » TCP wrappers
- **/etc/nologin** • Prevents non-root users from logging in
- **xinitd** • Extended super server program; provides TCP security wrappers
  - » **only\_from** • Define which IP addresses/network can access the server
  - » **no\_access** • Define with IP addresses/network cannot access the server
  - » **access\_times** • List times a user can access the server
- **/etc/xinetd.d/\*** • Individual server configuration files

- **/etc/inetd.conf** • Configure servers launched by inetd
- **/etc/xinetd.conf** • **Configure xinetd**
  - » **bind** • Specify network address/interface to offer service
  - » **disable** • Disable service
- **/etc/hosts.allow** • Allow hosts access to system
- **/etc/hosts.deny** • Deny hosts access to system

## Secure Data with Encryption

- Skills:
  - » OpenSSH client configuration
  - » GNUPG configuration
  - » SSH tunnels
- **ssh** • Secure remote access service
- **ssh-add** • Adds RSA key
- **~/.ssh/id\_rsa** • Default location for key
- **~/.ssh/authorized\_keys** • Public keys for accessing the remote server
- **~/.gnupg/\*** • Location of GPG keys
- **ssh-keygen** • Generate new OpenSSH keys
- **id\_dsa.pub** • Default public key name
- **/etc/ssh/ssh\_host\_dsa\_key** • Host key location
- **/etc/ssh\_known\_hosts** • Machines trusted to connect to via SSH
- **ssh-agent** • Add configuration keys to the password ring
- **gpg** • Digitally sign messages as encrypted
  - » **gpg --gen-key** • Generate a GPG key
  - » **gpg --export keyname > gpg.pub** • Public key
  - » **gpg --import keyname.pub** • Import another user's public key
  - » **gpg --list-keys** • List keys in keyring
  - » **gpg --out encrypted-file --recipient uid --armor** • Encrypt file

- » **gpg --out decrypted-file --decrypted encrypted-file** • Decrypt file
- » **gpg --clearsign original-file** • Creates a new *.gpg* file, encrypted with your private key
- » **gpg --edit-key** • Brings up interactive menu to manage keys
- **tcpdchk** • Checks syntax of */etc/inetd.conf*

## General Reference

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### getent

- Displays entries from databases
- **getent passwd username** • Shows */etc/passwd* entry
- **getent hosts** • Shows all hosts configured
- **getent hosts localhost** • Shows configuration for requested host

### anacron

- Executes commands periodically
- **-f** • Force all jobs
- **-u** • Update timestamps
- **-n** • Run job immediately
- **-t** • Use defined configuration file
- **-h** • Help

### who

- Prints information about users logged into system
- **-b** • Time of last system boot
- **-l** • Login processes
- **-q** • Number of users logged in
- **-u** • Logged in users and process IDs
- **-a** • All

## fuser

- Display process IDs of processes using specified files
- Display users accessing the processes
- Kick users from process
- **-k** • Kill all processes accessing a file
- **-i** • Interactive mode
- **-v** • Verbose
- **-u** • Append username
- **-a** • Display all filenames

## last

- Show list of last logged in users
- **-n** • Show specific number of users
- **-R** • Suppress hostname
- **-F** • Print log in and log out times and dates
- **-x** • Display system shutdown entries and changes in run level

## journalctl

- Collects and stores logging data
- **-n** • Define number of journal events to output
- **-k** • Only show kernel messages
- **-x** • Augment lines with explanation texts

## IPv6

- Benefits over IPv4:
  - » Larger address pool
  - » Simplified header format
  - » Automatic configuration
  - » More efficient routing

- » Improved quality of service and security
- » Compliance with regulatory requirements
- » Widespread in global markets

## dig

- DNS lookup
- **-x** • Reverse lookup

## host

- Basic DNS lookup
- Supported IPv4 and IPv6

## netcat

- Test network service that is not working
- **-v** • Verbose
- **-z** • Scan for listening daemons
- **-l** • Bind to a specific port to look for incoming connections