

LINUX - Lab 1



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LINUX – DEVOPS

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1. Install CentOS /RHEL

Already have Linux – CentOS 8

2. What is the difference between cat and more command?

The difference between Cat, less, more is in the display way of the file's content:

Cat: display the entire content of a file at once and is useful for small files

More: display a content one screenful at a time

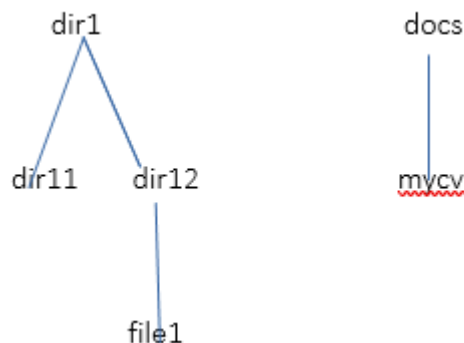
Less: same as more but allow you to scroll and search in the file

3. What is the difference between rm and rmdir using man?

Rm: is remove files

Rmdir: is to remove empty directories (if there is no recursive option)

4. Create the following hierarchy under your home directory



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Activities Terminal Apr 7 20:34
kdawoud@localhost:~
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
34 directories, 33 files
[kdawoud@localhost ~]$ touch dir1/docs/mycv
touch: cannot touch 'dir1/docs/mycv': No such file or directory
[kdawoud@localhost ~]$ touch docs/mycv
[kdawoud@localhost ~]$ tree
.
├── Desktop
├── dir1
│   ├── dir11
│   └── dir12
│       └── file1
├── docs
└── mycv

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a. Remove dir11 in one-step. What did you notice? And how did you overcome that?

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34 directories, 34 files
[kdawoud@localhost ~]$ rmdir dir1/dir11
[kdawoud@localhost ~]$ ls
Desktop dir1 docs Documents Downloads loda Music Pictures Public Study Templates test1 Videos
[kdawoud@localhost ~]$ ls dir1
dir12
[kdawoud@localhost ~]$

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b. Then remove dir12 using rmdir -p command. State what happened to the hierarchy (Note: you are in your home directory).

Won't be able to remove the directories as it is not empty, we have to use recursive option to delete all subsidiaries.

c. The output of the command pwd was /home/user. Write the absolute and relative path for the file mycv

/home/kdawoud/docs/mycv

5. Copy the /etc/passwd file to your home directory making its name is mypasswd.

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[kdawoud@localhost ~]$ cp /etc/passwd mypasswd
[kdawoud@localhost ~]$ ls
Desktop dirl docs Documents Downloads lodaa Music mypasswd Pictures Public Study Templates test1 Videos
[kdawoud@localhost ~]$
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6. Rename this new file to be oldpasswd.

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[kdawoud@localhost ~]$ mv mypasswd oldpasswd
[kdawoud@localhost ~]$ ls
Desktop dirl docs Documents Downloads lodaa Music oldpasswd Pictures Public Study Templates test1 Videos
[kdawoud@localhost ~]$
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7. You are in /usr/bin, list four ways to go to your home directory

- Write cd
- Write cd ~
- Write cd /home/kdawoud
- Write cd ../../home/kdawoud

8. List Linux commands in /usr/bin that start with letter w

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[kdawoud@localhost ~]$ ls /usr/bin/w*
/usr/bin/w      /usr/bin/watchgnupg  /usr/bin/wget      /usr/bin/whiptail  /usr/bin/wnck-urgency-monitor  /usr/bin/wvgain
/usr/bin/wait   /usr/bin/wavpack     /usr/bin/whatls    /usr/bin/who       /usr/bin/wodim               /usr/bin/wvtag
/usr/bin/wall   /usr/bin/wc          /usr/bin/whereis   /usr/bin/whoami    /usr/bin/word-list-compress    /usr/bin/wvunpack
/usr/bin/watch  /usr/bin/wdctl       /usr/bin/which     /usr/bin/withsctp  /usr/bin/write
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9. Display the first 4 lines of /etc/passwd

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[kdawoud@localhost ~]$ head -n4 /etc/passwd
root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash
bin:x:1:1:bin:/bin:/sbin/nologin
daemon:x:2:2:daemon:/sbin:/sbin/nologin
adm:x:3:4:adm:/var/adm:/sbin/nologin
[kdawoud@localhost ~]$
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10. Display the last 7 lines of /etc/passwd

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[kdawoud@localhost ~]$ tail -n4 /etc/passwd
officeboy:x:1004:1004::/home/officeboy:/bin/bash
dataentry:x:1005:1005::/home/dataentry:/bin/bash
accountant:x:1007:1007::/home/accountant:/bin/bash
recruiter:x:1008:1011::/home/recruiter:/bin/bash
[kdawoud@localhost ~]$
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11. Display the man pages of passwd the command and the file sequentially in one command.

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Activities Terminal Apr 7 22:20
kdawoud@localhost:usr/bin
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
[kdawoud@localhost bin]$ apropos passwd
chpasswd (8) - update group passwords in batch mode
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fgetpwent_r (3) - get passwd file entry reentrantly
getpwent_r (3) - get passwd file entry reentrantly
gpasswd (1) - administer /etc/group and /etc/gshadow
grub2-mkpasswd-pbkdf2 (1) - Generate a PBKDF2 password hash.
ldappasswd (1) - change the password of an LDAP entry
lpasswd (1) - Change group or user password
openssl-passwd (1ssl) - compute password hashes
pam_localuser (8) - require users to be listed in /etc/passwd
passwd (1) - update user's authentication tokens
passwd (5) - password file
passwd2des (3) - RFS password encryption
pwhistory helper (8) - Helper binary that transfers password hashes from passwd or shadow to opasswd
saslpasswd2 (8) - set a user's sasl password
smbpasswd (5) - The Samba encrypted password file
sslpaswd (1ssl) - compute password hashes
vncpasswd (1) - change the VNC password
[kdawoud@localhost bin]$ man passwd 5 passwd
--Man-- next: passwd(5) [ view (return) | skip (Ctrl-D) | quit (Ctrl-C) ]
[kdawoud@localhost bin]$

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12. Display the man page of the passwd file.

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Activities Terminal Apr 7 22:10
kdawoud@localhost:~$ man 5 passwd
kdawoud@localhost:~$

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Activities Terminal Apr 7 22:09
kdawoud@localhost:~$ man 5 passwd
NAME
passwd - password file

DESCRIPTION
The /etc/passwd file is a text file that describes user login accounts for the system. It should have read permission allowed for all users (many utilities, like ls(1) use it to map user IDs to usernames), but write access only for the superuser.

In the good old days there was no great problem with this general read permission. Everybody could read the encrypted passwords, but the hardware was too slow to crack a well-chosen password, and moreover the basic assumption used to be that of a friendly user-community. These days many people run some version of the shadow password suite, where /etc/passwd has an 'x' character in the password field, and the encrypted passwords are in /etc/shadow, which is readable by the superuser only.

If the encrypted password, whether in /etc/passwd or in /etc/shadow, is an empty string, login is allowed without even asking for a password. Note that this functionality may be intentionally disabled in applications, or configurable (for example using the "nullok" or "nonull" arguments to pam_unix.so).

If the encrypted password in /etc/passwd is "*NP*" (without the quotes), the shadow record should be obtained from an NIS+ server.

Regardless of whether shadow passwords are used, many system administrators use an asterisk (*) in the encrypted password field to make sure that this user can not authenticate him- or herself using a password. (But see NOTES below.)

If you create a new login, first put an asterisk (*) in the password field, then use passwd(1) to set it.

Each line of the file describes a single user, and contains seven colon-separated fields:

    name:password:UID:GID:GECOS:directory:shell

The fields are as follows:

    name      This is the user's login name. It should not contain capital letters.

    password  This is either the encrypted user password, an asterisk (*), or the letter 'x'. (See pwconv(8) for an explanation of 'x'.)

    UID       The privileged root login account (superuser) has the user ID 0.
Manual page passwd(5) line 1 (press h for help or q to quit)

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13. Display a list of all the commands that contain the keyword passwd in their man page.

Write “apropos man” or “man -k man”

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