

LAB Assignment 1

1. Introduction to the Operating System with Key Functions:

- An operating system (OS) is software that manages computer hardware and provides services for computer programs.
- Key functions include managing resources (CPU, memory, storage), providing user interfaces, and executing and managing applications.

2. Introduction to Unix/Linux (Architecture):

- Unix/Linux is an operating system that follows a multi-user, multitasking architecture.
- It is based on the principles of simplicity, modularity, and the use of text files for configuration.

3. Concept of Shell:

- The shell is a command-line interface that allows users to interact with the OS.
- It interprets user commands and communicates with the kernel to execute those commands.

4. Types of Shell:

- Common Unix/Linux shells include Bash (Bourne Again Shell), sh (Bourne Shell), csh (C Shell), and zsh (Z Shell).
- Bash is the most widely used shell.

5. Command Structure:

- A command typically consists of the command name and optional arguments.
- Options can modify a command's behavior, and arguments provide input data.

6. Introduction to Basic Linux Commands (e.g., sudo, ls, pwd, mkdir, rmdir, rm, cd, cp, wc, mv, cmp, passwd, who, uname):

- `sudo`: Execute a command with superuser privileges.

- `ls` : List files and directories in the current directory.
- `pwd` : Print the current working directory.
- `mkdir` : Create a new directory.
- `rmdir` : Remove an empty directory.
- `rm` : Remove files and directories.
- `cd` : Change the current directory.
- `cp` : Copy files and directories.
- `wc` : Count lines, words, and characters in a file.
- `mv` : Move or rename files and directories.
- `cmp` : Compare two files byte by byte.
- `passwd` : Change user password.
- `who` : Show who is logged on.
- `uname` : Display system information.

7. How to Install, Update, Upgrade, and Remove Any Package in Linux (apt-get):

- `apt-get` is a package management tool for Debian-based Linux distributions.
- Use `apt-get install` to install packages, `apt-get update` to update package lists, `apt-get upgrade` to upgrade installed packages, and `apt-get remove` to remove packages.

8. `>`, `>>` Option for Directing the Output of a Command:

- `>` is used to redirect the output of a command to a file, overwriting the file if it exists.
- `>>` is used to append the output of a command to a file, creating the file if it doesn't exist.

9. `cat` Command:

- `cat` is used to display the content of a file on the terminal.
- It can also be used to concatenate and display the content of multiple files.

10. Compressing and Archiving Files (zip, tar):

- `zip` is used to compress and archive files into a ZIP format.
- `tar` is used to create tape archives and is often used for creating compressed tarballs.