Instructions

The purpose of this drill is to explore file system traversals with the find command.

find is a tool to scan a set of directories and print out the files that match particular conditions. In its simplest form:

```
$ find dir
```

it will print out all files and directories under dir.

Find also takes various *tests*, to filter the files that it prints. For example, this command:

```
$ find dir -type f
```

prints only regular files under dir.

You can have multiple tests; by default, they are joined with the *and* operator. So the following:

```
$ find dir -type f -size +1M
```

prints regular files that are at least 1 megabyte.

It also takes *actions*; the default action is -print, but you can also use -exec to execute a program on each file:

```
$ find dir -type d -exec chmod +x '{}' ';'
```

The '{}' will be replaced by the file or directory name, and ';' terminates the command. This find command will set the executable bit on all directories under dir. You can also pipe the result of find into another program; the xargs program reads files or arguments from standard in, and runs a command. So the following is (nearly) equivalent:

```
$ find dir -type d |xargs chmod +x
```

However, if files have spaces or newlines in their names, xargs can be confused. For this reason, find can print file names separated with null characters instead of newlines, and xargs (and other programs) can read such files. So this is better:

```
$ find dir -type d -print0 |xargs -0 chmod +x
```

You can read the full documentation, including examples, in the <u>GNU Find manual</u>; consult that documentation to answer the questions.

For this drill, write find command, possibly with xargs that will do each of the following.

1. Print all files, directories, etc. owned by user 'bob' under the directory /share

- 2. Print all regular files owned by user 'bob' under the directory /share
- 3. Print all empty directories under /usr/src
- 4. Set the setgid bit on all directories under /share/project
- 5. Make all executable files under /share/programs non-writeable.

To answer these questions, you will need to consult the Find documentation to find the appropriate options. Reading and understanding documentation is part of the pedagogical purpose of this exercise.