

40. Illustrate the various File Access Permission and different types of users in Linux.

### **Aim**

To understand and demonstrate file access permissions and the types of users in Linux.

### **File Access Permissions**

In Linux, file permissions define how files and directories are accessed by users. These permissions are represented as:

- **Read (r)**: Allows viewing the content of a file or directory.
- **Write (w)**: Allows modifying the content of a file or adding/deleting files in a directory.
- **Execute (x)**: Allows running a file as a program or accessing a directory.

### **Permission Categories**

1. **Owner (u)**: The user who owns the file.
2. **Group (g)**: A group of users with shared access.
3. **Others (o)**: All other users on the system.

Permissions are displayed using the **ls -l** command, where:

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-rwxr-xr--
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- **First character**: File type (- for a file, d for a directory).
- **Next 3 characters**: Permissions for the owner (e.g., rwx).
- **Next 3 characters**: Permissions for the group (e.g., r-x).
- **Last 3 characters**: Permissions for others (e.g., r--).

### **Algorithm**

1. Open a terminal and create a file/directory using touch or mkdir.
2. Check the current permissions using the ls -l command.
3. Modify permissions using the chmod command.
  - chmod [permissions] [filename]
  - Permissions can be set symbolically (u, g, o) or numerically (e.g., 777).
4. Validate the changes by checking permissions again with ls -l.

## Code

Below is an example script that demonstrates file permission changes:

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bash
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echo "Creating a file named 'example.txt'..."
touch example.txt

echo "Default permissions for 'example.txt':"
ls -l example.txt

chmod u=rwx,g=rx,o= example.txt
echo "Modified permissions for 'example.txt':"
ls -l example.txt

chmod 777 example.txt
echo "Permissions after setting to 777:"
ls -l example.txt

rm example.txt
echo "File 'example.txt' deleted."
```

## Output

When the above script is executed, the output will resemble the following:

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plaintext
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Creating a file named 'example.txt'...
Default permissions for 'example.txt':
-rw-r--r-- 1 user user 0 Dec 16 14:35 example.txt
Modified permissions for 'example.txt':
-rwxr-x--- 1 user user 0 Dec 16 14:35 example.txt
Permissions after setting to 777:
-rwxrwxrwx 1 user user 0 Dec 16 14:35 example.txt
File 'example.txt' deleted.
```

## **Result**

- Demonstrated the default file permissions in Linux.
- Successfully modified file permissions using both symbolic and numeric modes.
- Observed how permissions affect access for the owner, group, and others.