

1. You have a file with permissions `-rw-r--r--`, and you run `chmod +x file.sh`. What happens?

The file initially has read and write access for the owner and read-only for others. Running `chmod +x file.sh` adds execute permission to all, changing the permissions to `-rwxr-xr-x`. Now, the file is executable by everyone.

2. What is the difference between `chmod 744 file.txt` and `chmod u=rwx,go=r file.txt`?

Both commands assign the same permissions (`-rwxr--r--`). The difference lies in style—744 is numeric (octal), whereas `u=rwx,go=r` is symbolic, making it more descriptive and easier to understand at a glance.

3. What is the sticky bit, and when should you use it?

A sticky bit restricts deletion or renaming of files within a directory to the file's owner or root, even if others have write access. It's ideal for shared directories like `/tmp`.

```
chmod +t bench.py
```

```
ls -ld
```

```
includes 't' → drwxrwxrwt
```

4. You are told to give the owner full access, group only execute, and others no permissions. What symbolic command achieves this?

Use the command:

```
chmod u=rwx,g=x,o= bench.py
```

This grants all permissions to the owner, execute-only to the group, and denies all access to others.

5. What is `umask`, and why is it important?

`umask` controls the default permissions when files or directories are created. It subtracts permission bits from the default (666 for files, 777 for directories).

```
umask 0077
```

```
File → 600 (rw-----)
```

```
Dir → 700 (rwx-----)
```

6. If the `umask` is 022, what are the default permissions for a new file and a new directory?

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File default: 666 - 022 = 644 → rw-r--r--
```

```
Directory default: 777 - 022 = 755 → rwxr-xr-x
```

So, the owner gets full rights, group and others get read access (files) or read/execute (directories).

7. Why is `umask` often set to 002 in development environments but 027 or 077 in production?

002 (Dev): Files 664, Dirs 775 → Promotes collaboration within the group.

027 (Prod): Files 640, Dirs 750 → Restricts group to read-only; no access for others.

077 (Secure): Files 600, Dirs 700 → Only owner has access, ensuring maximum privacy.

8. UserAdd vs AddUser

`useradd`: A basic, low-level tool that works across all Linux systems. It requires flags to set things like home directory or shell, making it script-friendly.

`adduser`: A higher-level command (mainly in Debian-based distros) that walks you through user creation interactively, asking for details like password and name.