

Features of UNIX

x UNIX is a OS so it has all the features an OS explicitly have. UNIX also looks at a few things differently & possesses features unique to itself.

1) Multiuser System.

↳ UNIX is multiprogramming System, it permits multiple programs to run & compete for the attention of CPU.

This can happen in two ways

- * multiple users can run separate jobs

- * A single user can run multiple jobs.

↳ In UNIX the resources are actually shared between all users. UNIX is also multiplexing Syst.

↳ For creating illusory effect computer breaks up a unit of time into several segments & each user is allotted a segment. So at any time the machine will be doing job of single user.

2) Multitasking System too.

A Single user can also run multiple tasks concurrent-
ly : UNIX is a multitasking Syst.

It is usual for the user that to edit a file, print a doc. on printer, send email to friend & browsing.

3) The Building Block approach

- ↳ The designer never attempt to pack too many features in few tool instead they felt "small & beautiful" & developed a few hundred command and each of which performed one simple job.
- ↳ For ex:- (ls & wc) were used with 1 (pipe) to count number of files in your directory no separate command was designed to perform this task.
- ↳ using pipes as filter UNIX implements small-is-beautiful philosophy.

- ↳ UNIX Toolkit provides us several utilities to benefit users.
- ↳ UNIX represents the kernel but kernel by itself does not do much. User can benefit users to use to properly exploit power of UNIX you need to use host applications that are shipped with every UNIX SLM.
- ↳ These applications are quite diverse in scope - There are general purpose tools, text manipulating utility compiler & interpreter, networking app & SLM admin tools.

5) pattern matching

- ↳ UNIX features very sophisticated pattern matching feature.
- ↳ you listed chapter of text by using ls command with an unusual argument (chap*). instead of explicitly specifying all filenames.

ls chap*

- ↳ The '*' is special character used by the ls to indicate that it can match a number of filenames.

6) programming facility

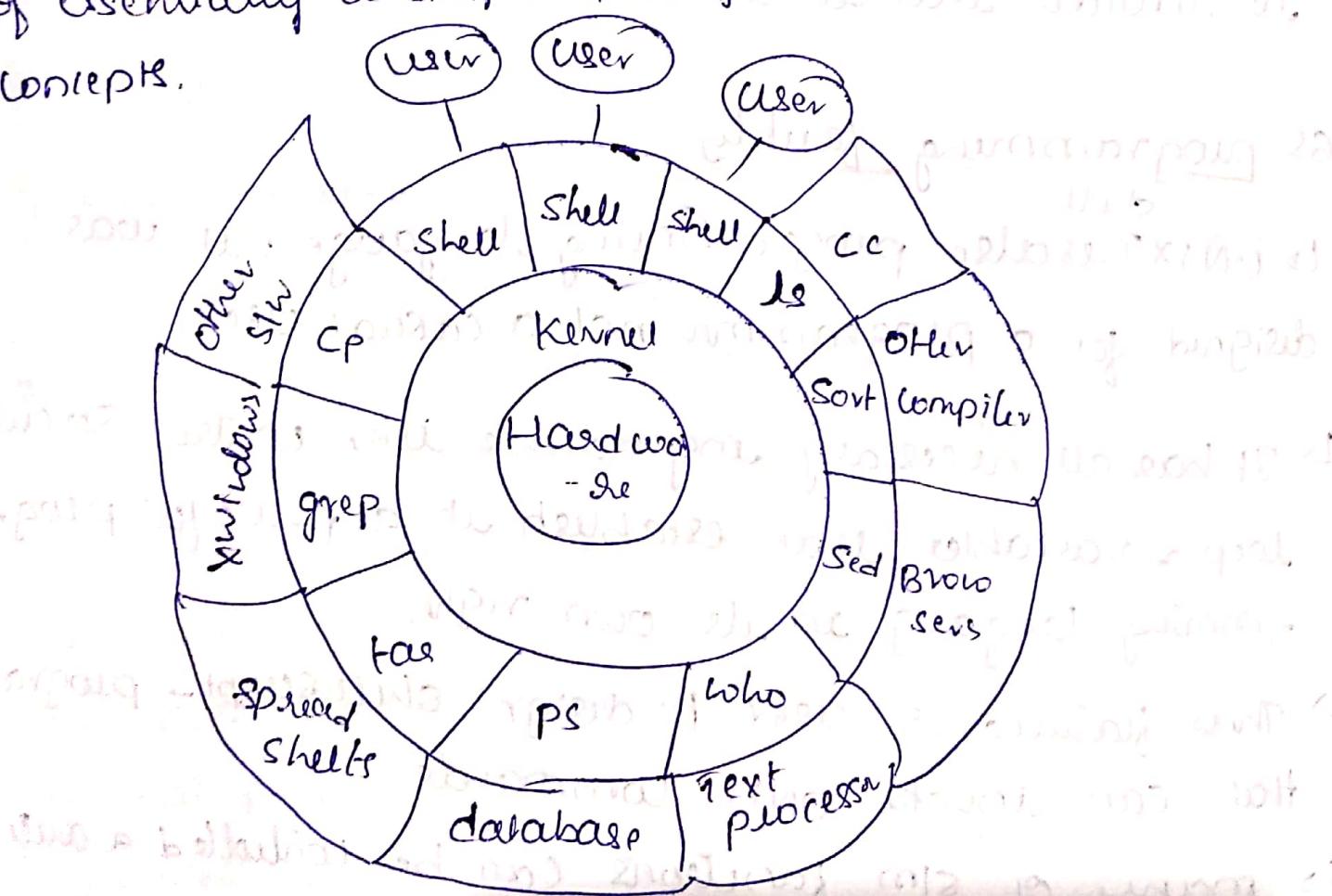
- ↳ UNIX is also ^{shell} programming language; it was designed for a programmer not a casual user.
- ↳ It has all necessary ingredients like control structures & variables that establish it as powerful programming language in its own right.
- ↳ These features are used to design shell script - programs that can invoke UNIX commands.
- ↳ many of ls functions can be controlled automatically using shell scripts.

73 Documentation

The principal online help facility available is the 'man' command which remains most important reference for commands & their configuration files.

UNIX Architecture

The entire UNIX system is supported by a handful of essentially a simple though somewhat abstract concepts.



The Kernel - Shell relationship

- ↳ division of labor: kernel & shell.
- ↳ Among these "fetile idea" is the division of labor between two agencies - kernel & shell.
- ↳ The kernel interact with machine's hardware
- ↳ The shell interacts with the user.
- ↳ kernel is core of the OS - a collection of routines mostly written in C, it is loaded into memory when the SLM is booted & communicate directly with H/w.
- ↳ user programs (applications) which needs access to the H/w (like hard disk or terminal) uses the service of kernel
- ↳ These programs can access the kernel through set of functions called system calls.
- ↳ Apart from providing support to user programs kernel also manages SLM memory, schedules processes decide their priority
- ↳ It is often called the operating system - a program - er's gateway to computer!

- ↳ computers don't have any inherent capability to translate command into action. That requires a command interpreter - a job that is handled by the outer part of operating system - the shell.
- ↳ shell is actually a interface b/w user & kernel
- ↳ Even though there is only one kernel running on the system there are several shells in action. one for each user who is logged in or running a program.
- ↳ when you enter a command through keyboard the shell thoroughly examines keyboard input for special characters. If it finds any, it rebuilds a simplified command line & finally communicates with the kernel to see the command is executed.

2) The files & process.

Two simple entities support UNIX S/W - The file & process.

- ↳ Karan Krishan detects two powerful illusion in them - file have place & process have life
- ↳ File is just a array of bytes and contains virtually anything

- ↳ It is also related to another another file, being part of single hierarchical structure.
- ↳ process which its name gives to any file when is executed as a program
- ↳ you can say that process is simply the "time image" of an executable file.
- ↳ like files processes also belongs to a separate hierarchical structure.

3) System calls

- ↳ UNIX sys comprising the kernel, shell & application is written in C.
- ↳ Though there are over a thousand of commands in the sys they all use handful of functions called system calls to communicate with kernel.
System call to write a file
 - ↳ example: A typical UNIX command writes a file with write system call without going into the innards that actually achieves write operation.

Locating commands

- ↳ UNIX sim is command based things happens because of command you type in
 - ↳ UNIX commands are seldom more than 4 characters long & all commands are single words & lowercase
- The path: The sequence of directories that the shell searches to look for a command is specified in its own PATH variable.

- ↳ use 'echo' to evaluate this variable & you'll see directory but separated by colon
- ```
$ echo $PATH
```
- 1bin : /user/bin : /user/bin/usr/ccs/bin : /user/locand/java/bin : -
- ↳ dot at the end specifies the current directory

## Internal & external commands

- external commands: These are not built-in commands rather stored in separate directories
- ↳ Since it is a program or file having independent existence in 1bin directory

internal commands: are built-in commands  
↳ echo is an internal command it will be executed from its own set of built-in commands.

## Command structure

Syntax to write commands:  
↳ first word is command, additional words are called arguments.  
↳ command and arguments need to be separated by space

## Options

↳ special type of argument - starts with - sign  
ex:- ls -l note  
↳ -l is argument as it is by definition it is known as options  
↳ options can be combined together with single - sign  
ls -l -a

## or file name arguments

↳ UNIX commands use filename as argument so that the command take input from the file

ls -lat chapter1 chapter2 chapter3  
cp chapter1 chapter2 program CP copies file

3) Exceptions  
There are some commands which does not accept arguments. Using them you may

ex: pwd, who,

### flexibility of command usage.

#### 1) combining commands

- ↳ UNIX allows you to specify more than one command in command line.
- ↳ each command has to be separated from one another by a ;

ex: wc -m file1 -l file2

#### 2) command line can be overflow or be split into multiple lines

- ↳ Terminal is restricted to only 80 characters. That doesn't prevent you to enter lengthy command.
- ↳ command simply overflow to the next line though it is still in single logical lin., shell issues secondary prompt (>) to indicate do you that the command isn't complete.

\$ echo "This is

> a three line text message".

> text message".

- ↳ entering command before previous command has finished
- ↳ UNIX provides full duplex terminal, which let you type a command at any time & rest assured that the shell will interpret it.

## 2. FILE SYSTEM

### ↳ The File

- \* The file is a container for storing information
- \* UNIX treats directory and device as file as well.

File are divided into 3 categories.

↳ ordinary file: It contains only streams of data characters.

ordinary file itself is divided into two parts as Text file: contain only printable characters. you can also view the contents & make sense out of it.

↳ Binary file: contain both printable & unprintable characters that cover the entire ASCII range.

most of UNIX commands are binary files.

↳ directory file: contain no data but keeps some details of file & subdirectories that it contains.

- \* Directory file contains an entry for every file or directory that it houses. ex: if you have no files in a directory then there will be no entries. Each entry has two components:
  - ↳ file name
  - ↳ A unique identification number for the file or directory (called inode numbers)
- \* You can't write a directory file but you can perform some actions that make the kernel to write directly to it.

### 3) Device File.

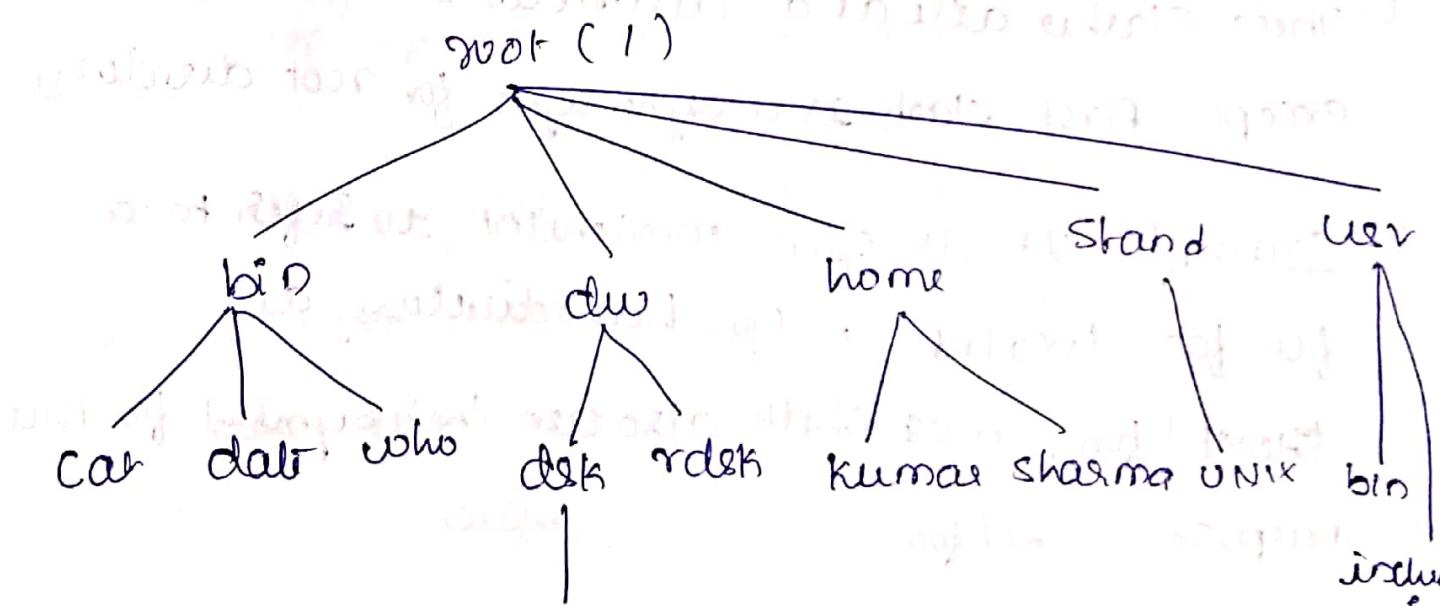
- ↳ Device filenames are generally found inside a single directory structure, i.e.,
- ↳ A device file is indeed special, it is not really a stream of characters. In fact it doesn't contain anything at all.

### 2.2 What's in a file name.

- ↳ File name can contain upto 255 characters
- ↳ File may or may not have extensions, and can consist of practically any ASCII character except / & NULL character
- ↳ File can have any number dots embedded in its name, a.b.c.d
- ↳ UNIX is case sensitive.

## 2.3 Parent child Relationships

- ↳ All files in UNIX are related to one another
- ↳ The file structure in UNIX is a collection of all of these related files
- ↳ The implicit feature of UNIX is that there is top which serves as reference point for all files. This top is called 'Root' & is represented by '/' , root is actually directory
- ↳ The Root directory will have number of subdirectories under it.
- ↳ These sub directories in turn will have subdirectories & other files



- \* every file apart from root must have a parent
- \* it should be possible to trace the ultimate parentage of file to root.

## Q.4 The HOME variable: The HOME directory

- ↳ when you log onto sm UNIX automatically place you in home directory.
- ↳ It is created by sm when a user account is created
- ↳ shell variable HOME knows your home directory
  - \$ echo \$HOME
  - home/kumar
- ↳ home/kumar is absolute path name - which is simply sequence of directory names separated by slash
  - These slashes act as a delimiter to file & directory except first slash is a synonym for root directory
- ↳ example: It is often convenient to refer to a file foo located in your home directory as \$HOME/foo. most shells also use '~' symbol for this purpose ~/foo.
- ↳ A tilde followed by / refers to one's own home directory but when followed by a string (~sharma) refers to home directory of that user represented by string

## Q.5 pwd: displaying your current directory

- ↳ user is placed in one directory of the file system on logging in
- ↳ you can move around file system ~~also~~ from one directory to another but at any point of time you are located in only one directory is known as current directory
- ↳ at any time, you should be able to know what your current directory is. The pwd (point working directory) commands tells you that.

\$ pwd

/home/1kumar

- ↳ pwd displays absolute pathname.

## Q.6 & cd: changing the current directory

- ↳ you can move around the file system using cd command
- ↳ when used with argument, it changes the current directory to directory specified by the argument.

\$pwd

/home/1kumar

\$cd pgms

/home/1kumar/pgms

cd pgms: means change your subdirectory to pgms under current directory

using pathname causes no harm

cd /home/kumar/pgms

↳ when you need to switch to bin directory where most of commonly used UNIX commands are kept

you should use the absolute pathname.

\$pwd

/home/kumar/pgms

\$cd /bin → absolute pathname required

\$pwd → here because /bin is not in a /bin current directory.

↳ cd can also be used without arguments

\$pwd

/home/kumar/pgms

\$cd

→ cd used without arguments

\$pwd

→ reverts to the home directory

/home/kumar

↳ when cd is used without argument it simply reverts to its home directory. it doesn't show you the current directory

## 2.7 mkdir: Making Directory

- ↳ directories are created with mkdir command.
- ↳ command is followed by name of directory to be created.
- ↳ directory path is created under current directory.

`mkdir path`

- ↳ you can create any number of subdirectories using one mkdir command.
- ↳ `mkdir pi1 pi2 pi3 pi4 pi5 data` ; creates directory tree.
- ↳ The order of specifying the argument is important.

\* Sometimes cmd refuse to create directory

This can happen due to three reasons:

- 1) The directory may already exist.
- 2) There may be an ordinary file with that name in the current directory.
- 3) permission set for the current directory don't permit creation of directory.

## 2.8 rmdir : Removing Directory

↳ The `rmdir` command removes directories

`rmdir pis`

Directory must be empty

↳ like `mkdir` `rmdir` can delete more than one directory

`rmdir pis|data pis|logs pis`

↳ you can't delete the directory until it is empty

↳ you can't remove directory unless you are placed in a directory which is hierarchically above the one you have chosen to remove

**Ex2** `$ cd pis|progs`

`$ pwd`

[home|kumar|pis|progs]

`rmdir : directory "home|kumar|pis|progs"`

directory does not exist

To Remove this directory you must position yourself in directory above `pis|progs`

↳ `mkdir` & `rmdir` commands work only in directory owned by user

## 2.9 Absolute pathname

cd /

cat /home/kumar/login.sql

If the first character of pathname is /, the file location must be determined with respect to root (/) such a pathname as the one above is called absolute pathname.

### using absolute pathname for a command:

- ↳ when you specify date command, the osm has to locate file date from the list of directories specified in the PATH variable & then execute it.
- ↳ however if you know the location of a particular command you can precede its name with complete path

## 2.10 Relative pathnames

cd progs

cat login.sql

cd progs/swift

Above commands uses pathnames which are not absolute pathnames because they didn't start with (/). They are form of relative path.

## using . and .. in Relative pathname

pwd      /home/kumar/pis/progs  
cd      /home/kumar/pis

- ↳ changed directory from /home/kumar/pis<sup>progs to</sup> its parent directory using cd command
- ↳ navigation often easier by using ancestor as argument
- ↳ UNIX offers shortcut - the relative pathname that uses either the current or parent directory as reference & specify path relative to it
  - (Single dot) This represents current directory
  - (Two dots) This represents parent directory

example: Assuming that you are placed in

/home/kumar/pis/progs/data/text you can use .. as an argument to cd to move to parent directory

\$ pwd

/home/kumar/pis/progs/data/text

\$ cd ..

\$ pwd

/home/kumar/pis/progs

↳ you can combine any such etc

\$ cd ../../etc

\$ pwd

/home

## Q.11 Is: Listing directory contents

↳ ls command can be used to obtain a list of all filenames in the current directory.

\$ ls

will display list of filenames in the current directory.

↳ directories often contain many files & you may simply be interested in only knowing whether a particular file is available in that case just use ls with filename.

\$ ls calendar

calendar

\$ ls perl

perl: No such file or directory

↳ ls can also be used with multiple filename options that list most of file attributes.

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### Q.11.1 ls options

& output in multiple columns (-x) : when you have several files its better to display filenames in multiple columns.

\$ ls -x

Identifying directories & executable (-F) : To identify directories & executable files -F option should be used

\$ ls -Fx

package.html toc.sh calendar  
dept.lst emp.txt held.txt

Showing hidden files (-a) : ls does not normally shows all files in a directory, there are some hidden files -a option lists all hidden files as well

## Handling ordinary files

### 3.1 cat : Displaying and reading files

↳ cat command is used to display the content of small file on the terminal

ex:- \$ cat dept.lst

01 accounts / 0103

02 programs / 0103

03 marketing / GS01

↳ like other commands cat also accepts more than one filenames as arguments

cat chap01 chap02

The content of 2nd file are shown immediately after first file without header information

## cat options (-v and -n)

- ↳ displaying nonprinting characters (-v) : cat normally displays text file. Executables, when seen with cat simply displays junk values.
  - \* If you have nonprinting ASCII in your file then you can use (-v) option display these characters.
- ↳ Numbering lines(-n) : The -n option numbers lines.
  - \* C compiler indicate line numbers where errors are detected & it helps a programmer to debug a program.
  - \* your vi editor can show line numbers too, if your version of cat doesn't support -n options.

## using cat for creating file.

- ↳ cat is also useful for creating a file.

```
$ cat > foo
```

> symbol following command means that the output goes to the filename following it.

## 3.2 CP: Copying files

↳ the cp (copy) command copies file or a group of file  
from one directory to another. It can also copy entire  
directory.

cp chap01/unit1 . will copy all files under chap01 to unit1

when both are ordinary files it copies first file content  
to second file.

↳ If the destination file doesn't exists it will be created  
be created before copying takes place. If not it simply  
be overwritten without any warning from S/m

cp chap01/progs/unit1/ . chap01 copied to unit1  
under progs

CP chap01 progs . chap01 retains its name

↳ CP often used with shorthand notation .(dot) to  
signify the current directory.

to copy file .profile from /home/isharma to  
current directory you can use two commands  
either of

cp /home/isharma/.profile .profile

/home/isharma/.profile -

↳ CP can be used to copy more than one file. The last name must be directory

```
CP chap01 chap02 chap03 progs
```

For the above command to work progs directory must exist because CP can't create it.

### CP options:

↳ Interactive copying (-i): This option warns user before overwriting the destination file.

If unitl exists, CP prompts for response

```
$ CP -i chap01 unitl
```

CP: overwrite unitl (yes/no)? y

↳ Copying directory structure (-R): UNIX commands are capable of recursive behavior - This means that the command can descend a directory & examine all the files in Subdirectory.

```
$ CP -R progs newprogs
```

newprogs must not exists

CP - R command behaves recursively to copy an entire directory structure say, progs to newprogs

### 3.3 rm: Deleting Files

↳ The rm (remove) command deletes one or more files.

rm chap01 chap02 chap03

rm chap\* could be dangerous

↳ you may sometime need to delete all files in a directory as a part of cleanup operation.

\$ rm \* all files gone.

#### rm options

↳ Interactive deletion (-i) : This option makes the command ask the user for confirmation before removing each file.

\$ rm -i chap01

rm: remove 'chap01' (yes/no)? yes

rm: remove 'chap01' (yes/no)? no

rm: remove 'chap01' (yes/no)? yes

rm: remove 'chap01' (yes/no)? no

rm: remove 'chap01' (yes/no)? yes

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rm: remove 'chap01' (yes/no)? no

## 5.4 mv: Renaming file

- ↳ The mv command rename (moves) file. It has two distinct functions.
    - ↳ It renames a file (or directory)
    - ↳ It moves group of files to a directory different from its original directory.
  - ↳ mv command doesn't create a copy of a file; it merely renamed it. No additional space is consumed on disk during renaming.
  - ↳ If destination file not exist it will be created.
  - ↳ If destination file is not exist it will be moved to a directory.
  - ↳ like CP group of files can be moved.
- \$ mv chap01 chap02 chap03 progs
- ↳ mv can also be used to rename directory for instance pis to perdir
  - ↳ -i, -R options are available with mv also works exactly same as with CP.

### 3.5 The lp Subsystem: printing a file

- ↳ No user allowed direct access to the printer.  
One has to spool (line up) a job along with the others in a print queue. Spooling ensures orderly printing of jobs & relieves the user from the necessity of administrating the printing resource.
- ↳ Spooling facility in System V is provided by the lp (line printing) command.  

```
$ lp >fc822.ps
request id is prd-320 (1 file)
```

#### lp options

- ↳ lp accepts above request because a default printer has been defined by administrator.
- ↳ If it is not or if there is more than one printer in the system, you have to use -d option with the printer name.  

```
$ lp -d laser chap01.ps
```
- ↳ -t option followed by title string, prints title on the first page.  

```
$ lp -t "first chapter" chap01.ps
```

↳ after the file has been printed you can notify the user with -m option (mail)

↳ you can also print multiple copies -n option

lp -n3 -m chap01.ps

other commands in lp subsystem

↳ print queue is viewed with lpstat command

↳ you can use delete command to cancel any job's submitted by you. cancel command uses requestid or printer name as arguments

\$ cancel laser

\$ cancel prl-320

3.8 wc: counting lines, words & characters

↳ UNIX features universal word counting program that also counts lines and characters

↳ it takes one or more files as input & displays output in four columnar table

↳ before using wc use cat command to view its content

\$ cat < infile

I am the wc command  
I count character words & lines

You can now use wc without option to make a word count of data in file

\$ wc infile

3 20 103 infile

3 lines 20 words & 103 characters

- ↪ wc offers 3 options to make specific counts
- l option counts only the number of lines
  - w option counts only the words
  - c option counts only the characters

3.9 od : displaying data in octal

↪ many files contain nonprinting characters & most

UNIX commands don't display them properly

↪ \$ more od file

while space includes a

The ret character rings a bell

The nl character skips a page

↳ od command displays data in octal form

\$ od -b odfile

127 150 151 164 145 040 163

141 143 145 040 151 156 143

↳ -b option displays value for each character separately

↳ -b & -c will display octal value of each character along with a character

### 3.10 cmp: compare two files

↳ cmp command can be used to compare two files.

↳ \$ cmp chap01 chap02

↳ The two files are compared to each other byte by byte & the location of first mismatch is echoed to the screen.

↳ If two files are identical cmp displays no message, but simply returns the prompt

### 3.11 comm: what is common?

↳ suppose you have two lists of people & you asked to find out the names available in one & not in other or even those common in both

|                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| \$ cat file1      | \$ cat file2    |
| c.k.shukla        | anil agarwal    |
| chanchal singhvi  | barnu sengupta  |
| s.n daegupta      | C.K.shukla      |
| sumit chakrabarty | lalit chowdhury |
| \$ comm file[12]  | s.N daegupta    |

|                   |       |          |              |
|-------------------|-------|----------|--------------|
| chanchal          | anil  | agarwal  | c.k.shukla   |
| sumit chakrabarty | barnu | sengupta | s.N daegupta |
|                   |       |          | lalit        |

↳ 1st column displays "unical" names in 1st file 2nd column - " " in 2nd file 3rd column display common names in both files

3.12 diff : converting one file to another

↳ diff is a third command that can be used to display file differences, it also tells you which line in file have to be changed to make two files identical

\$ diff file1 file2

oal,2

Append after line 0 & of first file

> anil agarwal & this line

> barnu daegupta & this line

Q4 change line 2 of first file.

< stanchal singui Replacing this line  
with

> latit chawdey this line

Q5 & < Delete line 4 of first file.

< sumi chakrabarty containing this line

## Basic File Attributes

1) ls -l: listing file attributes

→ This option displays most attributes of a file like its permission, size & ownership details.

\$ ls -l

total 72

-rw-r--r-- 1 kumar metu 19514 may 10 13:45

(chap0)

-rw-r--r-- 1 kumar metu 4126 may 10 15:01 chap0

drwxr-xr-x 2 kumar metu 512 may 9 9:37 plogs

↳ total 72 indicates that total of 72 blocks are occupied

by these files on disk.

File types & permissions: First column shows file-type & permission.  
First character in the column specifies whether it is a file or directory.

- for ordinary files.

d for directory

↳ series of characters that can take the values w, r, x & - . In UNIX files have three types of permissions - read, write & execute

↳ Links : Second column indicates the number of links associated with the file. This is actually number of filenames maintained by the system of that file. UNIX lets a file have as many names as you want it to have, even though there is a single file on disk.

↳ ownership: when you create a file you automatically become its owner. The owner has full authority to tamper with a file's content & permissions - a privilege not available with others except root user.

↳ group ownership: when opening user accounts system administrators also assign the user to some group.

↳ the concept of group of users also owning a file has acquired importance today as group members often need to work on the same file.

File size: Fifth column shows size of the file in bytes i.e. the amount of data it contains.

- \* The important things to remember is that it is only a character count of the file & not a measure of disk space that it occupies.
- \* dpt.lst contains 80 bytes it would occupy 1024 bytes on disk or sim that use 1024 byte block size.

Last modification date: The sixth, seventh & eighth columns indicate last modification time of file.

Filename: last column displays the filename.

Q) The -d option: Listing directory attribute

↳ ls when used with directory name lists files in the directory rather than directory itself. To force ls to list the attribute of directory rather than its contents you need to use -d (directory) option.

\$ ls -ld helpdir

drwxr-xr-x 2 kumar mital 512 May 9

2013 10:31 helpdir

drwxr-xr-x 2 kumar metu 512 May 9 9:51

prog

### 3) file ownership

- ↳ when you create a file your username will display in the third column of file's listing you are the owner of the file.
- ↳ Several user may belongs to single group. People working on a project are generally assigned to a common group. & all files created by group member will have the same group owner.
- ↳ privilege of group are set by the owner of the file not by group members
- ↳ when system administrator create user account he has to assign three parameters to the user.
  - \* The user id (UID): both its name & number
  - \* The group id (GID): its name & number
- ↳ The file /etc/passwd contains UID & GID (only number)
- ↳ /etc/group contains GID (both numbers & name).
- ↳ \$id uid = 655537(kumar) gid = 655537(meetu)

## 4) File permissions

- ↳ The initial - represents ordinary file & its left out string is file permission.
- ↳ each group here represents category & contains 3 slots representing read, write & execute permission of file
- ↳ r indicates read permission which means cat can display content of file
- ↳ w indicates write permission: you can edit such file using editor.
- ↳ x indicates execute permission: the file can be executed as a program.

## 5) chmod: change file permissions

- ↳ we will refer to owner as user because that's how the chmod command refers to the owner.
- ```
$ cat >> start
$ ls -l start
-rw-r--r-- 1 kumar  root  1906 Sep 5 23:38 start
```

- ↳ by default a file does not have execute permission
to do that file permission needs to be changed
- ↳ The chmod (change mode) command is used to set the permissions of one more file for all three categories of users (user, group and other).
- ↳ It can be run by the user & superuser.
 - The command can be used in 2 ways.
- ↳ As In a relative manner by specifying the current permissions
- ↳ In a absolute manner by specifying final permission

5.1 Relative permissions

- ↳ When changing permission in relative manner chmod only changes the permission specified in the command line and leaves other permission unchanged.
- ↳ Chmod category operation permission filenames(s)
- ↳ Chmod takes ^{its} arguments an expression comprising letters & symbols that completely describe category & type of permission being assigned or removed

Expression contains 3 components

* user categories (user, group, others)

* the operation to be performed (assign or remove)

* type of permission (r, w, x)

+ chmod (r+x) restart

\$ ls -l restart

-rwxr--r-- 1 kumaras 1000 100 2023-09-29 12:00 restart

↳ The above command assigns (+) execute (x) permission to user (u). Both other permissions unchanged

You can now execute file if you are owner of the file.
but the other categories still can't

↳ To enable all of them to execute a file you have to use multiple characters to represent the user category (ugo)

\$ chmod ugo+x restart; ls -l restart

↳ String ugo combines all the categories user, group & others. UNIX allows shorthand for this as 'a'

\$ chmod a+r restart

\$ chmod +r restart

↳ chmod accept multiple filenames in the command line when you need to assign the same permission to group of files

\$ chmod u+r,note note1 note3

↳ permissions are removed with (-) operator

\$ chmod go-r xstart

above command removed read permission for

group & other users from file xstart

↳ ~~chmod~~

↳ chmod also accepts multiple expression delimited by commas.

\$ chmod, a-rx, go+r xstart

↳ more than one permission can also be set

\$ chmod o+wx xstart

(or) program

or brand

5.2 Absolute permissions

- ↳ Sometimes you don't need to know what a file's current permission are but want to set an permission bits explicitly. The expression used by chmod here is string of three octal numbers
- ↳ Read permission -u (100)
- ↳ Write permission -w (010)
- ↳ Execute permission -x (001)
- ↳ You can use this method to assign read & write permission to all three categories as follows
 - & chmod 666 testfile ; ls -l testfile
 - rw-rw-rw- | shows means
 - rw-rw-rw- indicates read & write permission (u+w).
- ↳ 6 indicate read & write

using chmod Recursively (-R)

- ↳ It's possible make chmod descend hierarchy & apply the expression to every file & subdirectory it finds.
- ↳ chmod -R atx shell-scripts
- ↳ This makes all directories found in the tree walk executable by all users

Directory permission

- ↳ Directory also have their own permission & significance of these permission differ a great deal from those of ordinary file.
- ↳ Read & write permission of files are also influenced by the permissions of the directory holding them
- \$ mkdir c-progs ; ls -ld c-progs
- drwxr-xr-x & kumar@metal:~/S12\$ may 9 9:57 c-progs
- ↳ The default permissions of a directory on this system are rwxr-xr-x. A directory must never be writable by group or others

Hard links

- ↳ The link count is displayed in the 2nd column of the listing. This count is normally 1. But some files have 2 links
- ↳ All attributes seems to be identical but the file could still be copied. But this can only be confirmed by using the -i option with ls command

```
$ ls -li backup.sh restore.sh
```

```
428274 -rw-rw-r-- 2 kumar mital 1.. backup  
478274 -r--r--r-- 1 " " " " 1.. restore.sh
```

In: Create a hard links

- ↳ A file is linked with ln(link) command which takes two filenames as arguments. Command can create soft & hard link.

```
$ ln emp.lst employee employee must not exists
```

```
29518 -rwxrwxr-x 3 kumar mital 1.. empdat  
29518 -r--r--r-- 1 " " " " 1.. employee
```

→ you can link multiple files.

where do use hard links

- ↳ let's consider that you have written

The Directory

- ↳ Directory has its own permissions, owners & links.
- ↳ However significance of file attribute changes a great deal when applied to a directory
- ↳ permission also acquire different meaning when the term is applied to directory

Read permission

- ↳ Read permission for a directory means that list of file names stored in that directory are accessible
- ↳ Since we need the directory to display filenames if a directory's read permission is removed, then it won't work.

```
$ ls -ld prog  
drwxr-xr-x 2 humans metal ..  
  
$ chmod -r prog ; ls prog  
prog: permission denied
```

Write permission

- ↳ Be aware you can't write to the directory files only kernel can do that. If that were possible then any user could destroy the integrity of the file system.

↳ write permission for a directory implies that you are permitted to create or remove files in it.

```
$ chmod 555 prog1; ls -ld prog1
```

```
dr-xr-xr-x 2 kumar 1600
```

```
$ cp emp.1st prog1
```

```
cp: cannot create prog1.emp.1st: permission denied
```

Execute permission

↳ Executing a directory doesn't make any sense so what does its execute privilege mean?

↳ It only means that user can "pass through" the directory in searching for subdirectories when you use pathname with any command

```
$ cat /home/kumar/prog1/emp1sh
```

```
$ chmod 666 prog1; ls -ld prog1
```

```
drw-rw-rw 2 kumar 1600
```

```
$ cd prog1
```

```
bash: cd prog1: permission denied
```

umask: default file & directory permissions

- ↳ when you create a file or directory the permission assigned to them depends on S/m's default settings
- ↳ UNIX S/m has following default setting permissions for all files & directories
 - * rw-rw-rw- (666) for regular files
 - *rwxrwxrwx (777) for directories
- ↳ you can't see these permissions when you create a file or directory. Actually this default is transformed by subtracting user mask from it to remove one or more permissions.

\$ umask

022

- ↳ This is octal number which has to be subtracted from default to obtain actual default
 - d from default to obtain actual default
 - This becomes 666 (666-022) for files & 755 (777-022) for directories. When you create a file on this S/m it will have permission rw-r--r--