

Task 1: Easy

Create and List Files Using Wildcards

1. Create the following files using a single command:
 - file1.txt
 - file2.txt
 - file3.txt
2. List all .txt files in the current directory using a wildcard pattern.

Solution:

```
# Create the files  
touch file{1..3}.txt
```

```
# List all .txt files  
ls *.txt
```

- touch file{1..3}.txt creates file1.txt, file2.txt, and file3.txt.
 - ls *.txt lists all .txt files in the current directory.
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Task 2: Medium

Filter and Copy Files

1. Create the following files:
 - reportA.txt
 - reportB.txt
 - reportC.txt
 - summaryA.log
 - summaryB.log
2. Copy only the .txt files starting with **report** to a new directory named txt_files.

Solution:

```
# Create the files  
touch report{A,B,C}.txt summary{A,B}.log
```

```
# Create the target directory  
mkdir -p txt_files
```

```
# Copy .txt files starting with "report"  
cp report*.txt txt_files/
```

- touch report{A,B,C}.txt creates the .txt files.
- mkdir -p txt_files ensures the directory exists.
- cp report*.txt txt_files/ copies only .txt files that start with report.

Task 3: Hard

Find and Process Files Recursively

1. Create the following directory structure with files:

```
project/  
  src/  
    main.cpp  
    utils.h  
  docs/  
    guide.txt  
    readme.md  
  logs/  
    app.log  
    error.log
```

2. Using a single find command:

- Locate all .log files in the logs/ directory and display their content.
- Exclude error.log from the output.

Solution:

Create the directory structure and files

```
mkdir -p project/{src,docs,logs}  
touch project/src/{main.cpp,utils.h}  
touch project/docs/{guide.txt,readme.md}  
touch project/logs/{app.log,error.log}
```

Find and display content of .log files, excluding error.log

```
find project/logs/ -name "*.log" ! -name "error.log" -exec cat {} \;
```

- mkdir -p creates the directory structure.
- touch creates the specified files.
- find project/logs/ -name "*.log" ! -name "error.log" -exec cat {} \; finds all .log files except error.log and displays their content.

Task 4: Hard

Delete Specific Files Based on Patterns

1. Create the following files:
 - temp_001.log
 - temp_002.log
 - temp_001.bak

- temp_002.bak
 - temp_003.tmp
2. Delete all .log and .bak files but leave .tmp files untouched.

Solution:

```
# Create the files
touch temp_001.log temp_002.log temp_001.bak temp_002.bak temp_003.tmp

# Delete .log and .bak files
rm temp_*. {log,bak}
```

- touch creates the specified files.
- rm temp_*. {log,bak} deletes all .log and .bak files using brace expansion.

Task 5: Hard

Find and Archive Files Modified in the Last 3 Days

1. Create the following directory structure with files:

```
archive_project/
  day1/
    file1.txt
    file2.txt
  day2/
    file3.log
    file4.log
  day3/
    file5.md
    file6.md
```

2. Archive (zip) all files modified in the last 3 days into a file named recent_files.zip.

Solution:

```
# Create the directory structure and files
mkdir -p archive_project/{day1,day2,day3}
touch archive_project/day1/{file1.txt,file2.txt}
touch archive_project/day2/{file3.log,file4.log}
touch archive_project/day3/{file5.md,file6.md}

# Find and archive files modified in the last 3 days
find archive_project/ -mtime -3 -type f -exec zip recent_files.zip {} +
```

- mkdir -p creates the directories.
- touch creates the files.

- `find ... -exec zip ...` finds the files and adds them to the zip archive.
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Task 6: Hard

Organize Files by Type into Separate Directories

1. Create the following files in a single directory:
 - `image1.jpg`
 - `image2.png`
 - `document1.pdf`
 - `document2.docx`
 - `script1.sh`
 - `script2.py`
2. Organize these files into separate directories based on their extensions:
 - Move `.jpg` and `.png` files to an `images/` directory.
 - Move `.pdf` and `.docx` files to a `documents/` directory.
 - Move `.sh` and `.py` files to a `scripts/` directory.

Solution:

```
# Create the files
touch image1.jpg image2.png document1.pdf document2.docx script1.sh script2.py

# Create the target directories
mkdir -p images documents scripts

# Move files to their respective directories
mv *.jpg *.png images/
mv *.pdf *.docx documents/
mv *.sh *.py scripts/
```

- `touch` creates the files.
- `mkdir -p` ensures the directories exist.
- `mv` moves the files to their respective directories using wildcards.