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Lab Assignment 5

Exp No	Name	CLO Achieved				Marks
		CO1	CO2	CO3	CO4	
5	Introduction to Shell, Shell basic commands, variables	✓	✓			2

Objective: To understand file permissions, external & built-in Linux commands, and environment variables using shell commands

Outcomes: After hands-on you will be able to understand basic layout of a shell program and write basic shell scripts.

Hands-on Learning (60 minutes)

How to Write a Shell Script?

Write a script → Make the script executable → Put the script somewhere the shell can find it

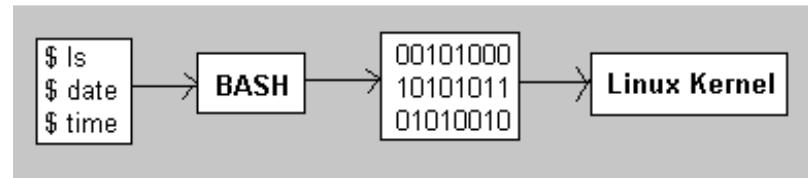
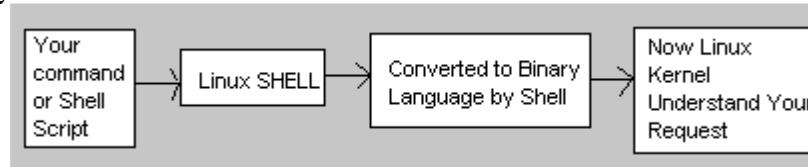
Understanding Linux File Permissions (30 minutes)

Command	Syntax	Work
chmod	\$ chmod g+w filename \$ chmod g-wx filename \$ chmod o+w filename \$ chmod o-rwx foldername	Changing the permissions on files and directories  <small>"." indicates a file "d" indicates directory "l" indicates a link</small> <small>Read, write, and execute permissions for the owner of the file</small> <small>Read, write, and execute permissions for members of the group owning the file</small> <small>Read, write, and execute permissions for other users</small>
	\$ chmod ugo+rwx foldername	to give read, write, and execute to everyone.
	\$ chmod a=r foldername	to give only read permission for everyone.
	\$ chmod 777 foldername	Change Permissions in Numeric Code instead of "r", "w", or "x". 0= No Permission, 1 = Execute 2 = Write

		<p>4 = Read</p> <p>Permission numbers are:</p> <p>0 = ---</p> <p>1 = --x</p> <p>2 = -w-</p> <p>3 = -wx</p> <p>4 = r-</p> <p>5 = r-x</p> <p>6 = rw-</p> <p>7 = rwx</p>
chgrp	<pre>\$ chgrp groupname filename</pre> <pre>\$ chgrp groupname foldername</pre>	Change Groups of Files and Directories
chown	<pre>\$ chown name filename</pre> <pre>\$ chown name foldername</pre>	changing ownerships of files and directories

Introduction to Shell Programming

- ✓ Shell program is a logical sequence of Linux commands to solve a problem.
- ✓ Shell script can take input from user, file and output them on screen, file.
- ✓ Useful to create our own commands that can save our lots of time and to automate some tasks of day today life.



Variables in Shell Script

- ✓ Sometimes to process our data/information, it must be kept in computers RAM memory.
- ✓ RAM memory is divided into small locations, and each location had unique number called memory location/address, which is used to hold our data.

- ✓ Programmer can give a unique name to this memory location/address called memory variable or variable (Its a named storage location that may take different values, but only one at a time).
- ✓ **In Shell, there are two types of variables:**
 - System variables - Created and maintained by Linux itself. This type of variable defined in CAPITAL LETTERS.
 - User defined variables (UDV) - Created and maintained by user. This type of variable defined in lower LETTERS.
- ✓ **Reading variables from a user input using read command**
 - `read [options] var1 var2 ... varN`

We can read a user input in its input variable as follows:

```
$ read
      Hello World
$ echo $REPLY
      Hello World
```

We can read a value from user input as follows:

```
$ read text
      Hello
$ echo $text
      Hello
```

We can read multiple values from user input as follows:

```
$ read name usn marks
      Foo 345 78
$ echo $name $usn $marks
      Foo 345 78
```

We can read only the n characters and don't wait for the user to input a complete line as follows:

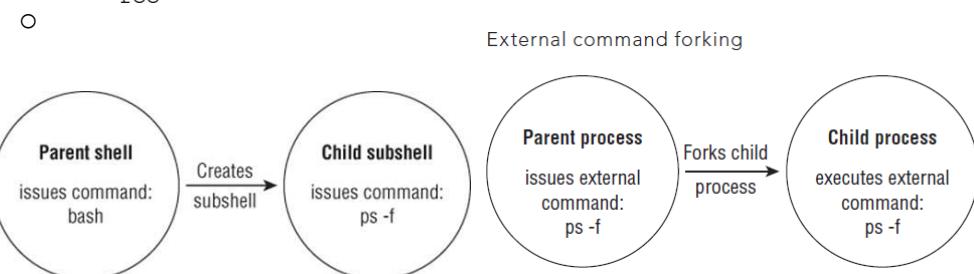
```
$ read -n 5      # option -n number takes only 5 characters from user
input
      Hello$
$ echo $REPLY
      Hello
```

We can prompt the user a message before reading user input as follows:

```
$ read -p "What is your name?"      # -p allows to prompt user a message
      What is your name?Foo
$ echo $REPLY
      Foo
```

Hiding an input character when reading in console:

```
$ read -s -p "Enter your secret key:"  # -s doesn't echo input in
console
      Enter your secret key:$      #Pressing enter key brings command prompt $
echo $REPLY
      foo
```



External commands Vs Built-in commands (10 minutes)

For external commands a child process is forked, while built-in commands are part of the shell's toolkit.

```
$ which ps
/bin/ps
$
$ type -a ps
ps is /bin/ps
```



```
$ type cd
cd is a shell builtin
$
$ type exit
exit is a shell builtin
$
```

Environment Variables (10 minutes)

- These allow us to customize our LINUX environment

```
$ setenv Dog Goofy
$ printenv, $ printenv HOME, $ echo $HOME, $ ls $HOME, $ ls /home/vimal, $ set
```

User Defined Variables:

```
$ echo $my_variable, $ my_variable=Hello, $ echo $my_variable
```

Problems to be solved (40 minutes)

1. Write a shell script to change permissions of a file state.txt. (Odd Batch)
2. Write a shell script to print multiplication table of a given number. (Odd Batch)
3. Write a shell script that displays “man”, “bear”, “pig”, “dog”, “cat”, and “sheep” on the screen with each appearing on a separate line. Try to do this in as few lines as possible. (Even Batch)
4. Write a shell script to merge the content of three files with tab separated and coma separated formats. (Even Batch)
5. Write a shell program to convert all lowercase letters in a file to uppercase letter. (Both)
6. Read the marks of 10 students for LSP course in terms of Name, regID, and Marks and redirect in a file.

Submission Instructions:

1. Submission requires the screen shots of all the incurred steps to execute a shell script or a video showing the whole process.
2. All these files are in single zip folder.
3. Use the naming convention: Prog_CourseCode_RollNo_LabNo.docx (Example: BCA3rdSem_CBCA221_E21BCA002_Lab1.1)
4. Submission is through LMS only