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Fundamental Linux III :

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Course Outlines

- Search Operations in Linux
  - “find” command
- Compressing and Sorting in Linux
- User management and permissions in Linux
- Network in linux
  - Prepare docker container ‘alpine’ for running IP Utilities

Search Operations in Linux

Introduction to the find command

- The 'find' command is used to search for files and directories in a directory hierarchy.

```
$ find [path..] [options] [expression]
```

  - Path : The starting directory where the 'find' command searches for files or directories.
  - Options : command options
  - Expression : File name, directory, or search pattern

https://linuxize.com/post/how-to-find-files-in-linux-using-the-command-line/#google_vignette

Useful options of ‘find’ command

Options	Options pattern	Description
`-exec`	`-exec CMD {} \;`	The 'find' command's results will be used as input for the command in the '-exec' option.
`-type`	`-type d/f/l`	This option is used to specify the type of file for searching with the 'find' command.
`-name`	`-name filename/pattern`	Search for a filename or pattern within directories and their subdirectories in the specified location.
`-iname`	`-iname filename/pattern`	This option functions similarly to the '-name' option, but it is case-insensitive.
`-newer`	`-newer filename`	Search for files or folders created or updated after the specified input filename.
`-perm`	`-perm octal`	Search for files with permissions matching the provided octal value."
`-empty`	`find [path..] -empty`	Search for empty files and directories
`-user`	`-user username`	Search for files owned by the inputted username.

https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/find-command-in-linux-with-examples/

The example of using the “find” command

- Search for a file with a specific name.
  - `$ find . -name gene.txt` ## Search for filename “gene.txt”
- Search for a file with pattern.
  - `$ find . -name “*.txt”` ## Search all txt file
- Search for a file and delete with the confirmation
  - `$ find . -name test.txt -exec rm -i {} \;` ## Search for “test.txt” file and delete it
- Search for empty file and directories
  - `$ find . -empty`
- Search for file with the entered permissions
  - `$ find . -perm 666`
- Search text within multiple files
  - `$ find . -name “*.txt” -exec grep “ns2” {} \;`

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“Xargs” command

- The ‘xargs’ command (stand for ”extended arguments”) used to build and execute pipeline from standard input. This command will convert input from standard input into command arguments.

```
$ xargs [options] [command]
```

Try running the following command

```
$ ls *.txt | cat
```

THEN;

```
$ ls *.txt | xargs cat
```

The example of ‘xargs’ command

- Create folders from a list of names.
  - Change to the 'consensus' directory and run the following command.

```
$ ls | cut -d "." -f 2 | sort | uniq | xargs mkdir
```

- Move consensus file of dv1 to folder “dv1” using “find” and “xargs”
  - `find . -type f -name "*dv1*" | xargs mv -t dv1`

Piping results of the “find” command to the other command using “Xargs”

- Use find and “-exec”

```
$ find / -name kernel -type d -exec ls -l --color {} \;
```

- Use find and “xargs”

```
$ find / -name kernel -type d | xargs ls -l --color
```

Compressing and sorting in Linux

Overview of the tar and gzip utilities

- Create archive file using tar utility. The command will create a new 'archive.tar.gz' file while the original file or folder still exists.

```
$ tar -czvf archive.tar.gz /path/to/directory/
```

c : create a new archive file

v : show the progress of the compression

z : compress the archive file using gzip

f : specify the name of archive file

- To extract the content of “archive. This command will extract the contents of the 'archive.tar.gz' and create new uncompressed files while the compressed file still exist.

```
$ tar -xzvf archive.tar.gz
```

x : extract the archive file

https://stackdiary.com/tutorials/linux-compress-a-file/

Overview of the tar and gzip utilities

- Create archive file using gzip . This command is commonly used in Linux.

```
$ gzip [options] filename
```

  - The command will compress 'filename' and create a new archive file 'filename.gz' instead.
  - Options:
    - -d : To decompress the archived file. The command will extract the “filename.gz” file, and create new “filename”
      - `gzip -d filename.gz`
    - -f : Force to compress file
    - -k : Tell command to create new archived file without remove the original file
    - -r : The option can compress every file in a folder and its subfolders.

https://stackdiary.com/tutorials/linux-compress-a-file/ https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/gzip-command-linux/

The power of Z commands: working with compressed file

- zcat
  - View compressed file
- zless / zmore
  - Paging the compressed file
- zgrep
  - Searching inside the compressed file
- zdiff / zcmp
  - Comparison of the compressed file

https://www.thegeekstuff.com/2009/05/zcat-zless-zgrep-zdiff-zcmp-zmore-gzip-file-operations-on-the-compressed-files/

Sorting file using “ls” command

- Using the 'ls' command and its options to sort the displayed files.
  - Some useful sorting options of ‘ls’
    - `$ ls -lS` ## Option ‘-S’ used for sorting the files by file size.
    - `$ ls -lt` ## Option ‘-t’ used for sorting the files by modification time.
    - `$ ls -l --sort=WORD` ## Sort by WORD instead of name: none (-U), size (-S), time (-t), version (-v), extension (-X)
      - Ex. `$ ls -l --sort=extension` ## Sort file by file extension

Sorting contents of files using “sort” utilities

- The 'sort' command is used to sort the contents of a file.

```
$ sort [option] [File]
```

  - Some useful options:
    - -r Reverse the sort result
    - -n Sort by numeric
    - -t Field separation
    - -k Sort via a specify key.
    - Example: `$ sort –t “delimiter” –k “field number” [file]`

https://saixiii.com/sort-linux-command/

Practice: Sorting contents of files using “sort” utilities

- Let create a file for testing ‘sort’ command.

```
$ nano animal.txt
```

- Type 'cat‘, 'dog’, 'elephant’, 'monkey’, and 'bear‘, one word per line in the 'animal.txt' file.
  - `$ sort animal.txt  ## Sort by alphabet`
  - `$ sort –o sorted.txt animal.txt`

```
## keep sort result in “sorted.txt” file
```

Practice: Sorting contents of files using “sort” utilities

- Let create a file for testing ‘sort’ command.

```
$ nano numbers.txt
```

- Type four random numbers and save the file.
  - `$ sort numbers.txt`
  - `$ sort –n numbers.txt`
  - `S sort –n numbers.txt > sorted_num.txt`
  - Add some redundant number in “numbers.txt” file.
  - `$ sort –n numbers.txt`
  - `$ sort –nu numbers.txt`

User management and permissions in Linux

Introduction to the user management in Linux

- If you want to create new user, you need to have root access to the system.
- If you are a regular user, you need to use 'sudo' as a prefix for superuser commands.
- There are two commands, 'useradd' and 'adduser,' that perform the same task.
  - The 'useradd' command is used to create a new user in a more manual manner than 'adduser'.
  - 'adduser' command is more user friendly and interactive than 'useradd'

Creating Users using the “useradd” command

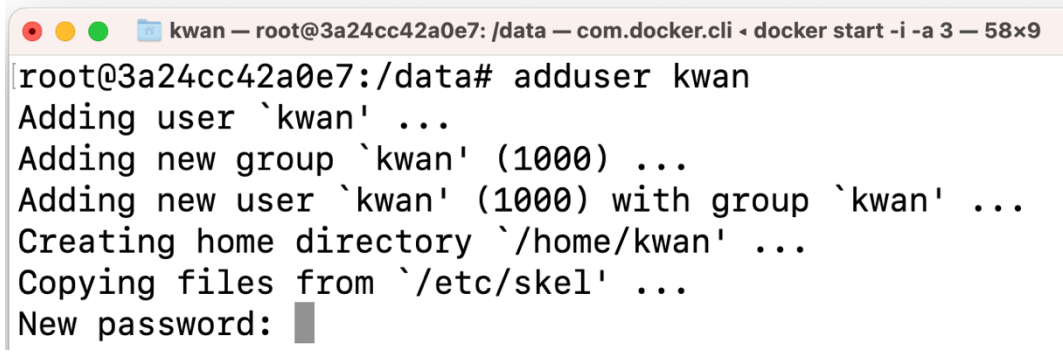
- Let start create user by using ‘useradd’ command:
  - `$ useradd kwan`
  - Try login as ‘kwan’ user
    - `$ su kwan` ## ‘su’ command is used for “change user”
    - `$ ls /home/` ## The result show that there has no home directory was create for user “kwan”
    - `$ exit` ## Exit for logout and back to root user
  - Set password for user ‘kwan’
    - `$ passwd kwan` ## Command ‘passwd’ follow by username for setting password
  - Remove user
    - `$userdel kwan` ## Command ‘userdel’ follow by username

Creating Users using the “useradd -m” command

- Let start create user by using ‘useradd -m’ command:
  - `$ useradd -m kwan` ## Option ‘-m’ is used for creating home directory for the new user
  - `$ ls /home/` ## The directory ‘kwan’ should be created in /home
  - `$ ls -la /home/kwan`
    - There are three hidden files, .bash_logout, .bashrc, .profile, are created automaticlly default in ’/home/user/ ‘.
- How linux system decide which shell should be used by default for new added user?
  - `$ cat /etc/default/useradd`
    - You will found this line “SHELL=/bin/sh” The default shell set by ‘useradd’ is sh.
  - `$ nano /etc/default/useradd` ## Edit this line from “/bin/sh” to “/bin/bash”. New ‘useradd’ will be set to use “bash” as default
  - `$ useradd -m test`
- Remove user using ‘userdel’ and ‘userdel -r’
  - `$ userdel test`
  - `$ userdel -r kwan`
  - `$ ls /home/`

Creating a New User using the “adduser” command

- Creating a new user with the 'adduser' command is more user-friendly than using the 'useradd' command.
- Create user ‘kwan’ using ‘adduser’ command
  - `$ adduser kwan`
    - User and group are automatically added.
      - User ID: 1000, Group ID: 1000
    - The home directory is automatically created.
    - $ ls /home ## Checking the home directory
    - $ ls -la /home/kwan
      - The owner and group of three hidden files is ‘kwan’
    - `$ cat /etc/passwd` ## The last line is information of newly created user. The default shell is bash
    - `$ cat /etc/adduser.conf`
      - DSHELL=/bin/bash/
  - $ su - kwan ## Login to user ‘kwan’ at the home directory



Changing ownership of the file

- The owner of a file determines who may read, write (modify), or execute the file. Ownership can be changed with the chown command.
- Let's create file "test1.txt' at '/home/kwan' using root user.
  - `$ touch /home/kwan/test1.txt`
- Login to 'kwan' account and create file 'test2.txt' in /home/kwan/ directory
  - `$ su - kwan`
  - `$ touch test2.txt`
- Check the ownership of all files in '/home/kwan' directory
  - `$ ls -la`

Changing ownership of the file (cont.)

- Check the ownership of all files in '/home/kwan' directory
  - `$ ls -la`

```
kwan@3a24cc42a0e7:~$ ls -la
total 24
drwxr-x--- 2 kwan kwan 4096 Sep 11 20:33 .
drwxr-xr-x 1 root root 4096 Sep 11 19:49 ..
-rw------- 1 kwan kwan   45 Sep 11 20:22 .bash_history
-rw-r--r-- 1 kwan kwan  220 Sep 11 19:49 .bash_logout
-rw-r--r-- 1 kwan kwan 3771 Sep 11 19:49 .bashrc
-rw-r--r-- 1 kwan kwan  807 Sep 11 19:49 .profile
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root    0 Sep 11 20:32 test1.txt
-rw-rw-r-- 1 kwan kwan    0 Sep 11 20:33 test2.txt
kwan@3a24cc42a0e7:~$
```

- Try editting test1.txt file from user 'kwan'
  - `$ kwan@3a24cc42a0e7:~$ nano test1.txt`
- Try editting test2.txt file from root
  - `$ exit  ## Logout from user 'kwan`
  - `$ nano test2.txt`

Changing ownership of the file (cont.)

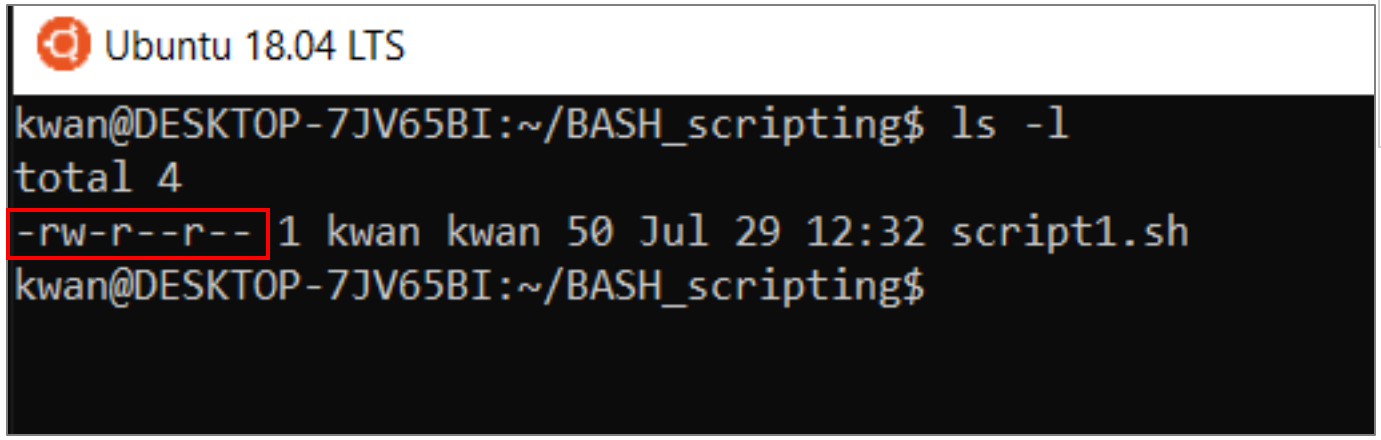
- Change owner of the file using ‘chown’ command
  - `$ chown [option] [owner] [filename]`
- Let’s change owner of ‘test1.txt’ file
  - Try under ‘kwan’ account:
    - `kwan@3a24cc42a0e7:~$ chown kwan test1.txt`
      - “Operation not permitted”
  - Try under ‘root’ account
    - `kwan@3a24cc42a0e7:~$ exit` ## To logout from ‘kwan’ account
    - `$ chown kwan /home/kwan/test1.txt` ## Already in root
    - `$ ls -la`
    - Now the owner is changed to ‘kwan’, group still be ‘root’. To change the group name, using the following command:
      - `$ chown kwan:kwan /home/kwan/test1.txt` ## owner:group
- Let’s try modify ‘test1.txt’ under ‘kwan’ account, again.
  - `$ su - kwan`
  - `kwan@3a24cc42a0e7:~$ nano test1.txt`

Changing ownership of the file (cont.)

- The command for changing the owner and group of folder and its entire files is:
  - `chown -r owner:group /path/to/directory`
  - Example:
    - `chown -r kwan:kwan /home/kwan/folder`

File permission

You can check file permissions by using the 'ls -l' command.



r = Readable x = Executable

w = Writeable - = Denied

Read, write, execute permission for the owner of file

Read, write, execute permission for all other users

`- rwx r-- r--`

File type
"-" indicate file
"d" indicate directory
"l" indicated link

Read, write, execute permission for the group which own the file

The octal values for setting file permission

Octal value	File permission set	Permission Description
0	`---`	No permission
1	`--x`	Execute permission only
2	`-w-`	Write permission only
3	`-wx`	Write and execute permissions
4	`r--`	Read permission only
5	`r-x`	Read and execute permissions
6	`rw-`	Read and write permissions
7	`rwx`	Read, write, and execute permissions

https://docs.oracle.com/cd/E19504-01/802-5750/6i9g464pv/index.html

Changing permission

- The ‘chmod’ command is used to change the file permission

```
$ chmod [option] MODE File
```

  - Mode is set of octal value
  - Example:
    - Change test.txt to be denied for all user
      - `$ chmod 000 test.txt`
    - Change test.txt to be full permission for all user
      - `$ chmod 777 test.txt`
    - What is “chmod +x file” ?

Practice: Changing file permission

- Create ‘newfile.txt’ under root account.
- Modify permissions for the ‘newfile.txt’ as the following:
  - Make it readable, writable, and executable by the owner.
  - Make it readable and executable by the users in the group and by the users in other group.

Networking in Linux

Prepare docker container for exploring network in Linux

- The example of commom command for checking IP address are:
  - ifconfig
  - ping
  - hostname
  - hostname -i
  - ip address
  - ip route
- The Docker container that we are using does not have IP utilities. It is easier to use another container named 'alpine’.
  - Exit the current docker container.
  - Create new docker container:
    - `docker run -it alpine`

Exploring IP address setting

- Running the following command in alpine
  - ifconfig
  - ping
  - hostname
  - hostname -i
  - ip address
  - ip route

Quiz

- The quiz for this session will be conducted at the beginning of the next class.