

Experiment [7] : [Shell programming, process and scheduling]

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Aim:

To automate repetitive system tasks such as backing up files, monitoring system resources, etc.

Requirements

- [Any Linux Distro, any kind of text editor (vs code, vim, nano, etc)].

Theory

Every program running in Linux is a process identified by a unique process ID (PID). Shell programming allows automation of tasks including spawning and controlling processes.

- Commands

1). ps- this command is used to display information about currently running processes. It stands for “process status”.

```
prapti@1011@asus: /mnt/c/Users/ASUS/Desktop/day7$ ps
  PID TTY          TIME CMD
   355 pts/0    00:00:00 bash
   528 pts/0    00:00:00 ps
```

2). top- it is a powerful utility for real-time system monitoring and data execution processes.

```
prapti@1011@asus: /mnt/c/Users/ASUS/Desktop/day7$ top
top - 05:20:41 up 8 min, 1 user, load average: 0.00, 0.01, 0.00
Tasks: 25 total, 1 running, 24 sleeping, 0 stopped, 0 zombie
%Cpu(s): 0.0 us, 0.1 sy, 0.0 ni, 99.9 id, 0.0 wa, 0.0 hi, 0.0 si, 0.0 st
MiB Mem : 3610.2 total, 2673.5 free, 469.0 used, 543.9 buff/cache
MiB Swap: 1024.0 total, 1024.0 free, 0.0 used, 3141.2 avail Mem

  PID USER      PR  NI   VIRT   RES   SHR S  %CPU  %MEM     TIME+ COMMAND
  529 prapti+  20   0   9276   5376   3328 R   0.3   0.1   0:00.04 top
    1 root      20   0   21724 11892   8948 S   0.0   0.3   0:02.12 systemd
    2 root      20   0   3060   1664   1664 S   0.0   0.0   0:00.04 init-systemd(Ub
    7 root      20   0   3060   1792   1792 S   0.0   0.0   0:00.00 init
   46 root      19  -1  66820 15104 14208 S   0.0   0.4   0:00.95 systemd-journal
   95 root      20   0   25584  6400   4864 S   0.0   0.2   0:00.51 systemd-udev
  159 systemd+ 20   0   21456 12672 10496 S   0.0   0.3   0:00.51 systemd-resolve
  160 systemd+ 20   0   91024  7680   6784 S   0.0   0.2   0:00.39 systemd-timesyn
  175 root      20   0   4236   2432   2304 S   0.0   0.1   0:00.04 cron
  176 message+ 20   0   9592   4864   4480 S   0.0   0.1   0:00.22 dbus-daemon
  193 root      20   0   17972  8192   7296 S   0.0   0.2   0:00.26 systemd-logind
  195 root      20   0   469060 12748 10956 S   0.0   0.3   0:00.39 udiskd
  196 root      20   0   1756096 12160 10496 S   0.0   0.3   0:00.34 wsl-pro-service
  213 syslog    20   0   222508 5504   4352 S   0.0   0.1   0:00.21 rsyslogd
  223 root      20   0   3160   1920   1792 S   0.0   0.1   0:00.03 agetty
  226 root      20   0   3116   1792   1664 S   0.0   0.0   0:00.02 agetty
  232 root      20   0   112740 24064 14336 S   0.0   0.7   0:00.38 unattended-upgr
  236 polkitd    20   0   308164  7740   6972 S   0.0   0.2   0:00.28 polkitd
  352 root      20   0   3068    896    896 S   0.0   0.0   0:00.00 SessionLeader
  353 root      20   0   3084    896    896 S   0.0   0.0   0:00.00 Relay(355)
  355 prapti+  20   0   6204   4864   3456 S   0.0   0.1   0:00.14 bash
  356 root      20   0   6688   4096   3584 S   0.0   0.1   0:00.04 login
  447 prapti+  20   0   20160 10752  8960 S   0.0   0.3   0:00.34 systemd
  448 prapti+  20   0   21188  3456   1792 S   0.0   0.1   0:00.00 (sd-pam)
  459 prapti+  20   0   6072   4992   3456 S   0.0   0.1   0:00.07 bash
```

3). pstree- it is used to display a tree like structure of running processes, showing their parent-child relationship.

```
prapti@1011@asus: /mnt/c/Users/ASUS/Desktop/day7$ pstree
systemd--2*[agetty]
--cron
--dbus-daemon
--init-systemd(Ub
  --SessionLeader--Relay(355)--bash--pstree
  --init--{init}
  --login--bash
  --{init-systemd(Ub)}
--polkitd--3*[{polkitd}]
--rsyslogd--3*[{rsyslogd}]
--systemd--(sd-pam)
--systemd-journal
--systemd-logind
--systemd-resolve
--systemd-timesyn--{systemd-timesyn}
--systemd-udev
--udiskd--5*[{udiskd}]
--unattended-upgr--{unattended-upgr}
--wsl-pro-service--7*[{wsl-pro-service}]
prapti@1011@asus: /mnt/c/Users/ASUS/Desktop/day7$ kill 355
```

- Killing process

“killing a process” refers to the act of terminating a running program or application. This is typically done when the process becomes unresponsive, consumes excessive resources.

```
prapti1011@asus: /mnt/c/Users/ASUS/Desktop/day7$ kill -9 355
prapti1011@asus: /mnt/c/Users/ASUS/Desktop/day7$
```

- Process Prioritization

It refers to managing the “nice value” of a process, which influences how the linux kernel allocates CPU time among competing processes.

```
prapti1011@asus: /mnt/c/Users/ASUS/Desktop/day7$ nice -n 19 ./ffgprapti1011@asus: /mnt/c/Users/ASUS/Desktop/day7$
renice: failed to get priority for 355 (process 1011)
prapti1011@asus: /mnt/c/Users/ASUS/Desktop/day7$ renice -n 19 528
renice: failed to get priority for 528 (process 1011)
```

- Scheduling processes

It uses the command “at”, this command in linux provides a method for scheduling commands or scripts to be executed once at a specific time in the future.

Syntax- at [OPTIONS] TIME [DATE]

```
prapti1011@asus:~$ echo "ls > output.txt" | at now + 1 minute
warning: commands will be executed using /bin/sh
job 2 at Tue Sep 23 19:19:00 2025
prapti1011@asus:~$ /bin/sh
$ ls
%14.txt          dir-1            expl.c           file.txt         greet.sh         original.txt     script1.sh
%202509090000%09 dir1             exp2             file1            hardlink.txt     output.txt      script2.sh
Desktop          dir11            exp2-1           file1.txt        important_file.txt palin.sh         sort.sh
Experiment2       dir2             exp2-1.c         file11           lab5.sh          pcheck.sh       sumcheck.sh
act4              dir4             exp2fol          file2.txt        lar.txt          pr.sh           sym.txt
act4.c           dir_1            exp4.0.sh        file22           large.txt        prl             symlink.txt
armcheck.sh       doc1.txt         exp4.sh          file3.txt        large.txt.gz     practice         task4.sh
arr.sh            doc2.txt         exp4task1.sh     file4.txt        lcm.sh           practice_linux  task41.sh
backup.tar        document.txt     exp4task2.sh     file6            link.txt         primecheck.sh   test1
backup.tar.bz2    document_        exp4task3.sh     filename.txt     log.txt          primecheck.sh   text1.sh
backup_dmc2.txt   document_20250912.txt exp6-1.sh        first.c          logfile.txt      primecheck1.sh  text2.sh
backup_document.txt dr1              exp6.5.sh        folder1          myfolder         public          text3.sh
backup_original.txt dr2              exparg.sh        folder2          new.txt          public_folder   readme.txt
dated_file.txt    error.log        exparr.sh        fone             newfile.txt     schript1.sh
debug.sh          expl             experiment-1     ftwo            notes.txt       script.sh
```

Procedure & Observations

Task [1]: [Check the existence of a file]

Task Statement:

Write a shell program to check if the given file exists or not.

Command(s):

```
#!/bin/bash
echo "Enter filename: "
read file

if [ -e "$file" ]
then
    echo "File exists. Contents are:"
    cat "$file"
else
    echo "File does not exist."
```

```
echo "Do you want to create it? (y/n)"
read choice
if [ "$choice" = "y" ]; then
    touch "$file"
    echo "File $file created."
fi
fi
```

Output:

```
prapti1011@asus:/mnt/c/Users/ASUS/Desktop/day7$ vim exp7.1.sh
prapti1011@asus:/mnt/c/Users/ASUS/Desktop/day7$ cat exp7.1.sh
#!/bin/bash
echo "Enter filename:"
read file

if [ -e "$file" ]
then
    echo "File exists. Contents are:"
    cat "$file"
else
    echo "File does not exist."
    echo "Do you want to create it? (y/n)"
    read choice
    if [ "$choice" = "y" ]; then
        touch "$file"
        echo "File $file created."
    fi
fi

prapti1011@asus:/mnt/c/Users/ASUS/Desktop/day7$ ./exp7.1.sh
Enter filename:
def
File does not exist.
Do you want to create it? (y/n)
y
File def created.
```

Task [2]: [Print numbers from 1 to 10]

Task Statement:

Wap a shell program to print numbers from 1 to 10.

Command(s):

```
#!/bin/bash
for i in {1..10}
do
    echo $i
done
```

Output:

```
prapti1011@asus:/mnt/c/Users/ASUS/Desktop/day7$ vim exp7.2.sh
prapti1011@asus:/mnt/c/Users/ASUS/Desktop/day7$ cat exp7.2.sh
#!/bin/bash
for i in {1..10}
do
    echo $i
done

prapti1011@asus:/mnt/c/Users/ASUS/Desktop/day7$ ./exp7.2.sh
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
prapti1011@asus:/mnt/c/Users/ASUS/Desktop/day7$ |
```

Task [3]: [Count lines, words and characters]

Task Statement:

Write a shell program to count lines, words and characters.

Command(s):

```
#!/bin/bash
if [ $# -eq 0 ]
then
    echo "Usage: $0 filename"
    exit 1
fi

file=$1

if [ -e "$file" ]
then
    echo "Lines: $(wc -l < $file)"
    echo "Words: $(wc -w < $file)"
    echo "Characters: $(wc -m < $file)"
else
    echo "File not found!"
fi
```

Output:

```
prapti1011@asus:/mnt/c/Users/ASUS/Desktop/day7$ vim exp7.3.sh
prapti1011@asus:/mnt/c/Users/ASUS/Desktop/day7$ cat exp7.3.sh
#!/bin/bash
if [ $# -eq 0 ]
then
    echo "Usage: $0 filename"
    exit 1
fi

file=$1

if [ -e "$file" ]
then
    echo "Lines: $(wc -l < $file)"
    echo "Words: $(wc -w < $file)"
    echo "Characters: $(wc -m < $file)"
else
    echo "File not found!"
fi

prapti1011@asus:/mnt/c/Users/ASUS/Desktop/day7$ ./exp7.3.sh
Usage: ./exp7.3.sh filename
prapti1011@asus:/mnt/c/Users/ASUS/Desktop/day7$ |
```

Task [4]: [Find factorial using function]

Task Statement:

Wap a shell program to find factorial of a number.

Command(s):

```
#!/bin/bash
factorial() {
    num=$1
    fact=1
    while [ $num -gt 1 ]
    do
        fact=$((fact * num))
        num=$((num - 1))
    done
    echo $fact
}

echo "Factorial of 5 is: $(factorial 5)"
echo "Factorial of 7 is: $(factorial 7)"
echo "Factorial of 10 is: $(factorial 10)"
```

Output:

```
prapti1011@asus:/mnt/c/Users/ASUS/Desktop/day7$ vim exp7.4.sh
prapti1011@asus:/mnt/c/Users/ASUS/Desktop/day7$ cat exp7.4.sh
#!/bin/bash
factorial()
{
    num=$1
    fact=1
    while [ $num -gt 1 ]
    do
        fact=$((fact * num))
        num=$((num - 1))
    done
    echo $fact
}

echo "Factorial of 5 is: $(factorial 5)"
echo "Factorial of 7 is: $(factorial 7)"
echo "Factorial of 10 is: $(factorial 10)"

prapti1011@asus:/mnt/c/Users/ASUS/Desktop/day7$ ./exp7.4.sh
Factorial of 5 is: 120
Factorial of 7 is: 5040
Factorial of 10 is: 3628800
prapti1011@asus:/mnt/c/Users/ASUS/Desktop/day7$ |
```

ASSIGNMENT

EXERCISE 1 : [Write a script that monitors the top5 processes consuming the most CPU and logs them into a file every 10 seconds]

Command(s):

```
#!/bin/bash

# Log file name
logfile="cpu_log.txt"

echo "Monitoring top 5 CPU-consuming processes every 10 seconds..."
echo "Log file: $logfile"
echo "Press Ctrl+C to stop."

while true
do
    echo "----- $(date) -----" >> "$logfile"
    ps -eo pid,ppid,cmd,%mem,%cpu --sort=-%cpu | head -n 6 >> "$logfile"
    echo "" >> "$logfile"
    sleep 10
done
```

Output:

```
prapti1011@asus:/mnt/c/Users/ASUS/OneDrive/Desktop/day6/labques$ vim exp7.1.sh
prapti1011@asus:/mnt/c/Users/ASUS/OneDrive/Desktop/day6/labques$ ./exp7.1.sh
Monitoring top 5 CPU-consuming processes every 10 seconds...
Log file: cpu_log.txt
Press Ctrl+C to stop.
^C
prapti1011@asus:/mnt/c/Users/ASUS/OneDrive/Desktop/day6/labques$ cat cpu_log.txt
----- Wed Sep 24 09:17:37 UTC 2025 -----
  PID   PPID  CMD                                %MEM %CPU
  822    820  ps -eo pid,ppid,cmd,%mem,%c        0.1  200
  820    409  /bin/bash ./exp7.1.sh              0.0  25.0
    1     0  /sbin/init                          0.3   0.0
   93     1  /usr/lib/systemd/systemd-ud        0.1   0.0
   46     1  /usr/lib/systemd/systemd-jo        0.4   0.0

----- Wed Sep 24 09:17:47 UTC 2025 -----
  PID   PPID  CMD                                %MEM %CPU
  820    409  /bin/bash ./exp7.1.sh              0.0   0.1
    1     0  /sbin/init                          0.3   0.0
   93     1  /usr/lib/systemd/systemd-ud        0.1   0.0
   46     1  /usr/lib/systemd/systemd-jo        0.4   0.0
  194     1  /usr/libexec/wsl-pro-servic        0.3   0.0

----- Wed Sep 24 09:17:57 UTC 2025 -----
  PID   PPID  CMD                                %MEM %CPU
  820    409  /bin/bash ./exp7.1.sh              0.0   0.1
    1     0  /sbin/init                          0.3   0.0
   93     1  /usr/lib/systemd/systemd-ud        0.1   0.0
   46     1  /usr/lib/systemd/systemd-jo        0.4   0.0
  194     1  /usr/libexec/wsl-pro-servic        0.3   0.0

----- Wed Sep 24 09:18:07 UTC 2025 -----
  PID   PPID  CMD                                %MEM %CPU
  820    409  /bin/bash ./exp7.1.sh              0.0   0.1
    1     0  /sbin/init                          0.3   0.0
   93     1  /usr/lib/systemd/systemd-ud        0.1   0.0
   46     1  /usr/lib/systemd/systemd-jo        0.4   0.0
  194     1  /usr/libexec/wsl-pro-servic        0.3   0.0
```

EXERCISE 2 : Write a script that accepts a PID from the user and displays its details(state,parent process,memory usage)

Command(s):

```
#!/bin/bash

read -p "Enter the PID: " pid

if [ ! -d "/proc/$pid" ]; then
    echo "Process with PID $pid does not exist."
    exit 1
fi

state=$(grep -i "State" /proc/$pid/status | awk '{print $2}')
ppid=$(grep -i "PPid" /proc/$pid/status | awk '{print $2}')
vmrss=$(grep -i "VmRSS" /proc/$pid/status | awk '{print $2, $3}')

echo "Process ID: $pid"
echo "State: $state"
echo "Parent Process ID: $ppid"
echo "Memory Usage (VmRSS): $vmrss"
```


Output:

```
prapti1011@asus:/mnt/c/Users/ASUS/OneDrive/Desktop/day6/labques$ vim exp7.2.sh
prapti1011@asus:/mnt/c/Users/ASUS/OneDrive/Desktop/day6/labques$ ./exp7.2.sh
Enter the PID: 355
Process ID: 355
State: S
Parent Process ID: 1
Memory Usage (VmRSS): 13028 kB
```

EXERCISE 3 : Modify the factorial function to check if input is negative,if yes, display an error message.

Command(s):

```
#!/bin/bash

read -p "Enter a number: " num

if [ "$num" -lt 0 ]; then
    echo "Error: Factorial is not defined for negative numbers."
    exit 1
fi

fact=1
for (( i=1; i<=num; i++ ))
do
    fact=$((fact * i))
done

echo "Factorial of $num is: $fact"
```

Output:

```
prapti1011@asus:~$ vim exp7.4.sh
prapti1011@asus:~$ chmod +x exp7.4.sh
prapti1011@asus:~$ ./exp7.4.sh
Enter a number: 5
Factorial of 5 is: 120
prapti1011@asus:~$ ./exp7.4.sh
Enter a number: -5
Error: Factorial is not defined for negative numbers.
```

EXERCISE 4 : Write a script that accepts a filename as an argument.If the file exists,display the number of lines starting with a vowel

Command(s):

```
#!/bin/bash

if [ -z "$1" ]; then
    echo "Usage: $0 <filename>"
    exit 1
fi

filename="$1"

if [ ! -f "$filename" ]; then
    echo "Error: File '$filename' not found."
```



```
        exit 1
fi

count=$(grep -iE '^[aeiou]' "$filename" | wc -l)

echo "Number of lines starting with a vowel: $count"
```

Output:

```
prapti1011@asus:~$ vim exp7.5.sh
prapti1011@asus:~$ touch file 7.5
prapti1011@asus:~$ vim file 7.5
2 files to edit
prapti1011@asus:~$ cat file 7.5
Hi, I am Prapti
I am a first year Btech student at UPES.
My university is located in Bidholi.
It rains a lot here in Dehradun
prapti1011@asus:~$ chmod +x exp7.5.sh
prapti1011@asus:~$ ./exp7.5.sh file 7.5
Number of lines starting with a vowel: 2
prapti1011@asus:~$ ./exp7.5.sh
Usage: ./exp7.5.sh <filename>
prapti1011@asus:~$ ./exp7.5.sh file7.555
Error: File 'file7.555' not found.
```

Challenges faced:

Remembering the crontab time format. Solved by using online crontab generators and practice.

Laerning:

- Gained hands-on knowledge of process creation and termination.

Result

All the exercises and tasks were completed successfully and these tasks helped a lot in learning about killing process, scheduling, etc.