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Shell Scripting Project - Statistics of Running Processes on Linux Machine

You are required to write a shell script that provides statistics about processes running on a Linux computer for this assignment. The top command will be used to get information about the processes that are currently operating. The top command is similar to a CLI version of Windows' task manager. You get a real-time view of the processes and all the information associated with them, such as memory use, CPU usage, and so on.

Input:

Your project's input will be a text file containing the output of the **top** command at various time intervals. Figure 1 shows a screenshot of the first few lines of the text file.

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Processes: 619 total, 2 running, 617 sleeping, 3574 threads
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Load Avg: 1.72, 2.03, 2.07
CPU usage: 0.43% user, 0.80% sys, 98.76% idle
CPU usage: 0.43% user, 0.80% sys, 98.70% idle
SharedLibs: 478M resident, 60M data, 38M linkedit.
MemRegions: 800713 total, 7137M resident, 173M private, 2264M shared.
PhysMem: 19G used (3600M wired, 1445M compressor), 13G unused.
VM: 88T vsize, 3444M framework vsize, 10038778(0) swapins, 11300080(0) swapouts.
Networks: packets: 2703707/2848M in, 1574604/446M out.
Disks: 2636603/78G read, 1968750/88G written.
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CPU usage: 0.50% user, 0.56% sys, 98.92% idle
SharedLibs: 478M resident, 66M data, 38M linkedit.
MemRegions: 800713 total, 7137M resident, 173M private, 2264M shared.
PhysMem: 19G used (3600M wired, 1445M compressor), 13G unused.
VM: 88T vsize, 3444M framework vsize, 10038842(64) swapins, 11300080(0) swapouts.
Networks: packets: 2703716/2848M in, 1574615/446M out.
Disks: 2636604/78G read, 1968750/88G written.
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Figure 1: A snapshot of the input text file.

Procedure:

1. The program should print on the screen the main menu and ask the user to select an option

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Select an option to run the top statistics project:
r) read top output file
c) average, minimum, and maximum CPU usage
i) average, minimum, and maximum received packets
o) average, minimum, and maximum sent packets
u) commands with the maximum average CPU
a) commands with the maximum average memory usage
b) commands with the minimum average memory usage
e) exit
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Figure 2: the main menu of the project

- 2. If the user enters 'r':
 - a. The program should print on the screen "Please input the name of the file".
 - b. The program should verify that the file exists, otherwise a message should be printed on the screen "file does not exist" and then return to the main menu.
- 3. If the user enters 'c': the program should extract the CPU usage from the file for each time instance and then print the average, minimum, and maximum CPU usage on the screen. Also, print the main menu again.

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PhysMem: 19G used (3600M wired, 1445M compressor), 13G unused.
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4. If the user enters 'i': the program should extract the number of packets received (in) over the network for each time instance and then print the average, minimum, and maximum received packets. Also, print the main menu again.

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5. If the user enters 'o': the program should extract the number of packets sent (out) over the network for each time instance and then print the average, minimum, and maximum sent packets. Also, print the main menu again.

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Networks: packets: 2703707/2848M in, 1574604/446M out.
Disks: 2636603/78G read, 1968750/88G written.
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6. If the user enters 'u':

- a. The program should prompt you for an integer number **m**. If the entered value is not an integer, the program should print an error message.
- b. The program should print **m** commands that have the highest maximum average CPU usage on the screen. The program should also print the average CPU usage for each of these commands on the screen. Also, print the main menu again.

7. If the user enters 'a':

- a. The program should prompt you for an integer number **m**. If the entered value is not an integer, the program should print an error message.
- b. The program should print **m** commands that have the highest average memory usage on the screen. The program should also print the average memory usage for each of these commands on the screen. Also, print the main menu again.

8. If the user enters 'b':

- a. The program should prompt you for an integer number **m**. If the entered value is not an integer, the program should print an error message.
- b. The program should print **m** commands that have the minimum average memory usage on the screen. The program should also print the average memory usage for each of these commands on the screen. Also, print the main menu again.
- 9. If the user enters 'e': the program should print on the screen "Are you sure you want to exist". If the person inputs "yes", the program ends. Otherwise, the program should return to the main menu.

Submission:

Please submit the following:

- 1. Shell script program
- 2. Report: the report must include the following: a brief introduction, a screen shot of each option with its variations, and add some description of each option execution.

Notes:

- Write the code for the shell script to satisfy the requirements described above and name the script as TopStatistics.sh.
- Make sure your code is clean and well-indented; variables have meaningful names, etc.
- Make sure your script has enough comments inserted to add clarity.
- Work in groups of at most two students
- Deadline: Saturday, 10 June 2023 at 11:59 pm. Please submit your project (code + report) through Ritaj as a reply to this message.
- This project is per group effort: instances of cheating will result in you failing the lab.