

Exercises about file and directory permission

1. List the permissions in your current directory, including hidden files.

`ls -la`

```
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~$ ls -la
total 2380
drwxr-xr-x 39 zeus zeus 4096 feb  5 14:31 .
drwxr-xr-x  4 root root 4096 ene 30 17:08 ..
-rw-rw-r--  1 zeus zeus 1289200 ene 14 15:48 apt_2.0.4_amd64.deb
-rw-----  1 zeus zeus 44304 feb  5 14:23 .bash_history
-rw-r--r--  1 zeus zeus 220 ago 15 19:33 .bash_logout
-rw-r--r--  1 zeus zeus 3771 ago 15 19:33 .bashrc
drwxrwxr-x 22 zeus zeus 4096 feb  5 14:31 .cache
drwxrwxr-x  3 zeus zeus 4096 nov 13 23:22 .codeintel
drwxr-xr-x 21 zeus zeus 4096 feb  4 09:22 .config
drwxrwxr-x  2 zeus zeus 4096 feb  4 18:34 config
```

2. Create a file called perm1. Now, check the default permissions and user and group ownership

`cd exercises/`

`ls -la perm1`

```
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~$ cd exercises/
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$ ls -la perm1
-rw-r--r-- 1 zeus zeus 0 feb  4 18:44 perm1
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$
```

3. Change permissions of perm1 so that everyone can read and only the owner user can write. Specify the command in all possible ways.

`chmod 644 perm1`

`ls -l`

`ls -l perm1`

`chmod u=rw,g=r,o=r perm1`

`ls -l perm1`

`chmod 664 perm1`

`ls -l perm1`

`chmod a=r,u=rw perm1`

`ls -l perm1`

```
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$ chmod 644 perm1
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$ ls -l perm1
-rw-r--r-- 1 zeus zeus 0 feb  4 18:44 perm1
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$ chmod u=rw,g=r,o=r perm1
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$ ls -l perm1
-rw-r--r-- 1 zeus zeus 0 feb  4 18:44 perm1
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$ chmod 664 perm1
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$ ls -l perm1
-rw-rw-r-- 1 zeus zeus 0 feb  4 18:44 perm1
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$ chmod a=r,u=rw perm1
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$ ls -l perm1
```

4. Create a file called script1.sh, including the content below. List the default permissions.

```
#!/bin/bash
clear who
```

```
nano script1.sh
cat script1.sh
ls -l script1.sh
```

```
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$ ls -l script1.sh
-rwxrwx-r-- 1 zeus zeus 22 feb  4 18:53 script1.sh
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$
```

5. Remove the read permission from the owner and try to open the file

```
chmod u=-r script1.sh
cat script1.sh
```

```
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$ chmod u=-r script1.sh
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$ cat script1.sh
cat: script1.sh: Permission denied
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$
```

6. Remove the write permission from the owner on the file script.sh. Add the line below. Is it possible? Why?

new line

```
chmod u=-w script1.sh
ls -l script1.sh
echo new line >> script1.sh
```

```
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$ chmod u=-w script1.sh
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$ ls -l script1.sh
----rw-r-- 1 zeus zeus 22 feb  4 18:53 script1.sh
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$ echo new line >> script1.sh
bash: script1.sh: Permission denied
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$
```

7. Change the permissions on the file script1.sh so that the owner can read, write and execute, but you deny all the permissions from the group and others.

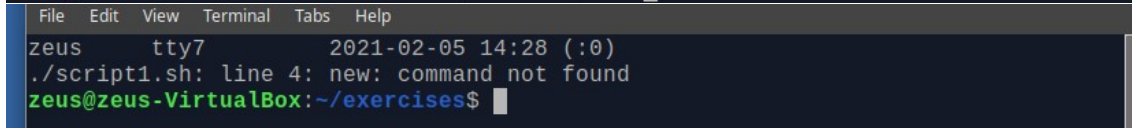
```
chmod 700 script1.sh
```

```
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$ ls -l script1.sh
-rwx----- 1 zeus zeus 22 feb  4 18:53 script1.sh
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$
```

8. Add the line indicated in exercise 6, in case it was not possible. Try to run the file like a command.

```
ls -l script1.sh
echo new line >> script1.sh
./script.sh
```

```
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$ ls -l script1.sh
-rwx----- 1 zeus zeus 22 feb  4 18:53 script1.sh
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$ echo new line >> script1.sh
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$ ./script1.sh
```



9. Remove the read permission from the owner on the file script1.sh. Try to run the file. Is it possible?

```
chmod u=-3 script1.sh
ls -l script1.sh
```

```
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$ chmod u=-r script1.sh
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$ ls -l script1.sh
----- 1 zeus zeus 31 feb  5 14:50 script1.sh
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$ ./script1.sh
bash: ./script1.sh: Permission denied
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$
```

No

10. Create a directory called "systems". Remove the write permission from it and try to copy script1.sh inside.

```
mkdir systems
chmod u=-w systems
cp scripts systems/*
```

11. If you were not able to copy the file, add the write permission again and copy the file inside.

```
chmod u+w script1.sh
cp scripts systems/*
```

```
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$ mkdir systems
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$ chmod u=-w systems
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$ cp script1.sh systems/
cp: cannot stat 'systems/script1.sh': Permission denied
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$
```

12. Remove the read permission from the user on the directory "systems" and try to list its contents.

```
chmod u-r script1.sh
ls -l systems
```

```

zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$ mkdir systems
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$ chmod u=w systems
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$ cp script1.sh systems/
cp: cannot stat 'systems/script1.sh': Permission denied
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$ chmod u=r systems
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$ ls -l systems
ls: cannot access '-l': No such file or directory
ls: cannot open directory 'systems': Permission denied
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$ grep systems .
grep: .: Is a directory
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$ ls -l
ls: cannot access '-l': No such file or directory
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$ ls -l
total 32
drwxrwxr-x 4 zeus zeus 4096 ene 14 21:07 Africa
drwxrwxr-x 6 zeus zeus 4096 ene 22 13:49 Asia
drwxrwxr-x 2 zeus zeus 4096 ene 21 21:31 filemanipulation
-rw-rw-r-- 1 zeus zeus 0 ene 16 12:50 luggage
drwxrwxr-x 3 zeus zeus 4096 ene 16 12:10 ONE
-rw-r--r-- 1 zeus zeus 0 feb 4 18:44 perm1
drwxrwxr-x 2 zeus zeus 4096 ene 16 11:37 pro-c
----- 1 zeus zeus 31 feb 5 14:50 script1.sh
-rw-rw-r-- 1 zeus zeus 0 ene 16 12:50 students1.txt
-rw-rw-r-- 1 zeus zeus 0 ene 16 12:50 students2.txt
-rw-rw-r-- 1 zeus zeus 0 ene 16 12:50 students.txt
d--rwxr-x 2 zeus zeus 4096 feb 5 14:54 systems
-rw-rw-r-- 1 zeus zeus 9 ene 16 12:33 tv.doc

```

13. Change the permissions from “systems” so that the owner can read, write and execute, but the group and others can only read.

```

chmod 744 systems
ls -l systems

```

```

zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$ chmod 744 systems
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$ ls -l systems/
total 0
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$

```

14. Remove the execute permission from “systems”. Can you execute systems/script1.sh? Is it possible to access the directory to execute the file?

```

chmod 444 systems/script.sh
ls -l systems
bash systems/script.sh

```

```

zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$ chmod 444 systems
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$ bash systems/script.sh
bash: systems/script.sh: Permission denied
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$ ls -l systems
ls: cannot access '-l': No such file or directory
systems:
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$

```

15. Assign the execute permission to the directory again

```

chmod a+x systems/script.sh
ls -l systems

```

```

zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$ chmod a+x systems/
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$ ls -l systems/
total 0
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$

```

16. Create two files called “lucy” and “charles” into “systems”. Change permissions of “charles”, so that others can write and execute.

```
touch systems {lucy, charles}  
chmod o+w systems/script.sh
```

```
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$ ls -l systems/  
total 0  
-rw-rw--wx 1 zeus zeus 0 feb  5 15:04 charles  
-rw-rw-r-- 1 zeus zeus 0 feb  5 15:04 lucy  
zeus@zeus-VirtualBox:~/exercises$
```

17. Change permissions of “lucy” so that the owner can read and execute, the group can read and write and others can only write. Specify the command in all possible ways.

```
chmod u=rx,g=r,w,o=w systems/lucy
```

18. Log in as root. Change the ownership of “charles” to “root”. Exit the root session. Now, try to change the permission so that others cannot read and execute. Is it possible? Why?

```
Sudo su - root
```

19. Change the permissions of “charles” so that everybody can do everything

20. Change the permissions of “lucy” so that the group can read and write, but the owner and others cannot do anything. Can you open the file?

21. Create a group called “newgroup”. Set the group as the owner of the file “lucy” and “root” as the owner user.

22. Add your user to the secondary group “newgroup”. Try to open the file “lucy” now. Is it possible?

23. Change permissions of “lucy” so that everybody can read.

24. Do exercise 13 again, but this time granting permissions to the folder “systems” including files and subfolders

25. Change the group owner of “systems” to “root” including files and subfolders.