Sysadmin Tool

Building a command-line system tool like this will not only strengthen your knowledge of Python's standard library modules (os, platform, subprocess, shutil, glob, sys, argparse), but also simulate real-world system administration scripting.



CW: sysadmin_tool.py

V Features to implement:

1. System Monitor

- o system-monitor
- Optional --verbose to display OS info, CPU, memory, etc.
- Uses: platform, subprocess, os

2. Backup Directory

- backup-dir <source> <destination>
- Copies all contents, preserves structure
- Uses: os, shutil, glob

3. Delete Empty Directories

- delete-empty <target-dir>
- Optional --recursive for depth search
- Uses: os, os.walk

4. List Python Files

- o list-py <directory>
- Lists all .py files (using glob)

Uses: glob, os

5. Sys Info Summary

- o sys-info
- Combines platform, os, sys info
- Uses: platform, sys, os

Practice Areas per Module

Module	Usage Examples
os	Directory traversal, checking/creating/removing files
platform	OS, architecture, system-related metadata
subproce ss	Shell commands (e.g., CPU stats using top, tasklist)
shutil	Copying, archiving, disk usage
glob	File pattern matching (*.py, */*/)
sys	Access to script arguments, platform info
argparse	Full-featured CLI parser for the tool

CLI Usage Examples

./sysadmin_tool system-monitor --verbose

./sysadmin_tool backup-dir ./myfolder /mnt/backup

./sysadmin_tool delete-empty /var/log

./sysadmin_tool delete-empty /home/user/projects --recursive

./sysadmin_tool list-py /home/user/scripts

./sysadmin_tool sys-info