

Assignment: Bash Shell Basics

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Task 1: File and Directory Manipulation

File and directory manipulation refers to the process of creating, accessing, modifying, and organizing files and directories (also known as folders) on a computer's file system. It involves performing operations such as creating new files and directories, deleting existing ones, renaming them, moving them to different locations, and retrieving information about them.

1. Create a directory called "my_directory".
2. Navigate into the "my_directory".
3. Create an empty file called "my_file.txt".
4. List all the files and directories in the current directory.
5. Rename "my_file.txt" to "new_file.txt".

```
kali linux [Running] - Oracle VM VirtualBox
File Machine View Input Devices Help
gopal@kali: ~/my_directory

(gopal@kali)-[~]
$ mkdir my_directory

(gopal@kali)-[~]
$ cd my_directory

(gopal@kali)-[~/my_directory]
$ touch my_file.txt

(gopal@kali)-[~/my_directory]
$ ls
my_file.txt

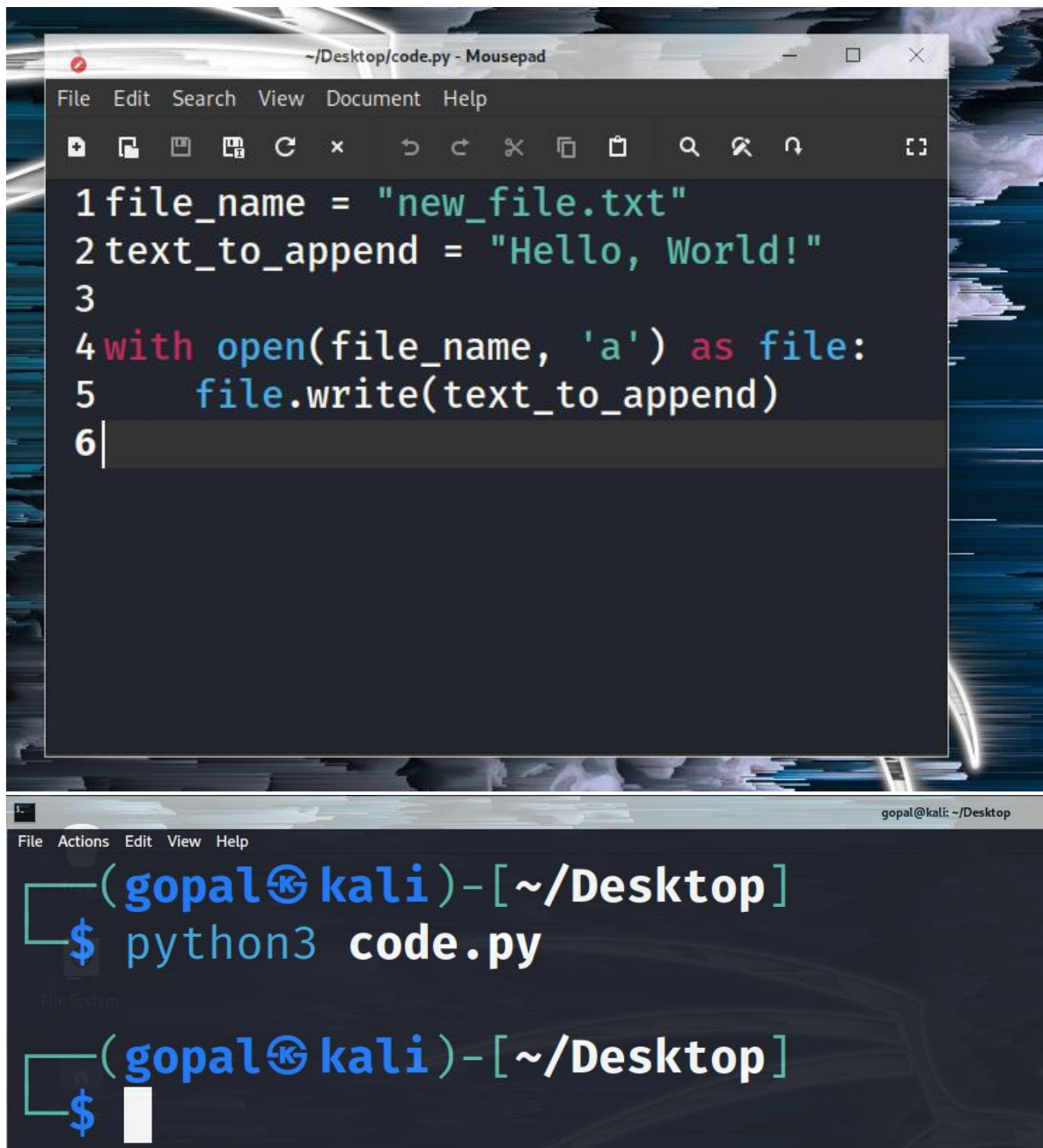
(gopal@kali)-[~/my_directory]
$ mv my_file.txt new_file.txt
```

6. Display the content of "new_file.txt" using a pager tool of your choice.

```
(gopal@kali)-[~/my_directory]
$ mv my_file.txt new_file.txt

(gopal@kali)-[~/my_directory]
$ less new_file.txt
```

7. Append the text "Hello, World!" to "new_file.txt".



The image shows a Kali Linux desktop environment. At the top, a window titled `~/Desktop/code.py - Mousepad` displays a Python script. The script defines a file name, a text string, and uses a `with` statement to open the file in append mode and write the text. Below the code editor, a terminal window titled `gopal@kali: ~/Desktop` shows the command `python3 code.py` being executed. The terminal prompt is `(gopal@kali)-[~/Desktop]`.

```
~/Desktop/code.py - Mousepad
File Edit Search View Document Help
1 file_name = "new_file.txt"
2 text_to_append = "Hello, World!"
3
4 with open(file_name, 'a') as file:
5     file.write(text_to_append)
6

(gopal@kali)-[~/Desktop]
$ python3 code.py

(gopal@kali)-[~/Desktop]
$
```

8. Create a new directory called "backup" within "my_directory".
9. Move "new_file.txt" to the "backup" directory.

```
(gopal@kali)-[~/Desktop]
$ cd my_directory

(gopal@kali)-[~/Desktop/my_directory]
$ mkdir backup

(gopal@kali)-[~/Desktop/my_directory]
$ mv new_file.txt my_directory/backup
```

10. Verify that "new_file.txt" is now located in the "backup" directory.

11. Delete the "backup" directory and all its contents.

```
(gopal@kali)-[~/Desktop/my_directory]
$ ls backup
new_file.txt

(gopal@kali)-[~/Desktop/my_directory]
$ rm -r backup

(gopal@kali)-[~/Desktop/my_directory]
$
```

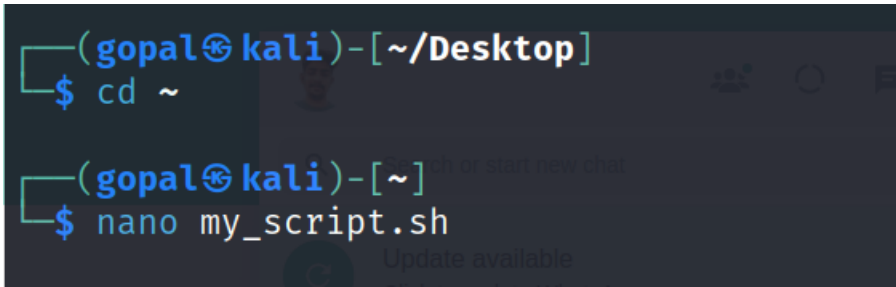
Task 2: Permissions and Scripting

Permissions and scripting are two concepts that are often used in the context of computer systems and programming. Let's take a closer look at each of them:

Permissions: Permissions refer to the rights and privileges granted to users or processes on a computer system. They determine what actions a user or process can perform on files, directories, and other system resources. Permissions are commonly used in operating systems like Unix/Linux and Windows to control access to sensitive information and ensure the security and integrity of the system.

Scripting: Scripting refers to the process of writing and executing scripts, which are sequences of instructions or commands that automate tasks or perform specific actions. Scripts are commonly used in programming and system administration to automate repetitive tasks, configure system settings, or interact with various applications and services.

- Create a new file called "my_script.sh".

A terminal window with a dark background. The prompt is (gopal@kali)-[~/Desktop]. The user enters \$ cd ~. The prompt changes to (gopal@kali)-[~]. The user enters \$ nano my_script.sh. A small "Update available" message is visible at the bottom.

```
(gopal@kali)-[~/Desktop]
$ cd ~

(gopal@kali)-[~]
$ nano my_script.sh
```

- Edit "my_script.sh" using a text editor of your choice and add the following lines:

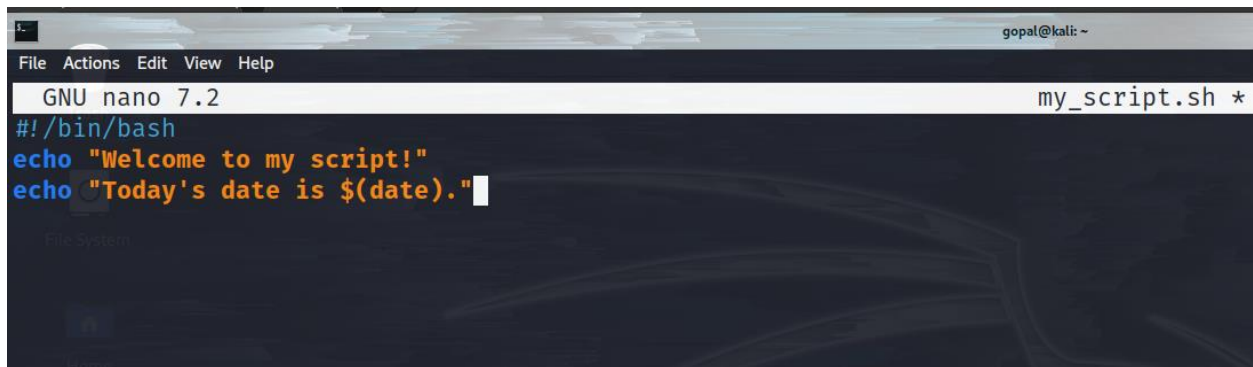
bash

#!/bin/bash

echo "Welcome to my script!"

echo "Today's date is \$(date)."

Save and exit the file.

A screenshot of the nano text editor. The title bar shows "GNU nano 7.2" and "my_script.sh *". The menu bar includes "File", "Actions", "Edit", "View", and "Help". The editor content shows the script being created: #!/bin/bash, echo "Welcome to my script!", and echo "Today's date is \$(date).".

```
GNU nano 7.2 my_script.sh *
#!/bin/bash
echo "Welcome to my script!"
echo "Today's date is $(date)."
```

- Make "my_script.sh" executable.
- Run "my_script.sh" and verify that the output matches the expected result.

```

(gopal@kali)-[~]
$ chmod +x my_script.sh

(gopal@kali)-[~]
$ ls -l my_script.sh
-rwxr-xr-x 1 gopal gopal 73 May 28 02:46 my_script.sh

(gopal@kali)-[~]
$ ./my_script.sh
Welcome to my script!
Today's date is Sun May 28 02:52:39 AM EDT 2023.

```

Task 3: Command Execution and Pipelines

Command execution and pipelines are concepts commonly used in command-line interfaces and scripting environments. They allow you to execute multiple commands sequentially or in parallel, enabling powerful and flexible data processing and manipulation.

In a command-line interface, a command is a specific instruction or task that you provide to the system to perform. Commands can be executed individually, but pipelines allow you to connect multiple commands together, using the output of one command as the input for another. This allows you to create complex workflows and perform more advanced data processing.

- List all the processes running on your system using the "ps" command.


```

(gopal@kali)-[~/Desktop]
$ ps aux

```

| USER | PID | %CPU | %MEM | VSZ | RSS | TTY | STAT | START | TIME | COMMAND |
|------|-----|------|------|--------|-------|-----|------|-------|------|-------------------------------|
| root | 1 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 102264 | 12120 | ? | Ss | 02:12 | 0:01 | /sbin/init splash |
| root | 2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | ? | S | 02:12 | 0:00 | [kthreadd] |
| root | 3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | ? | I< | 02:12 | 0:00 | [rcu_gp] |
| root | 4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | ? | I< | 02:12 | 0:00 | [rcu_par_gp] |
| root | 5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | ? | I< | 02:12 | 0:00 | [slub_flushwq] |
| root | 6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | ? | I< | 02:12 | 0:00 | [netns] |
| root | 10 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | ? | I< | 02:12 | 0:00 | [mm_percpu_wq] |
| root | 11 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | ? | I | 02:12 | 0:00 | [rcu_tasks_kthread] |
| root | 12 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | ? | I | 02:12 | 0:00 | [rcu_tasks_rude_kthread] |
| root | 13 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | ? | I | 02:12 | 0:00 | [rcu_tasks_trace_kthread] |
| root | 14 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | ? | S | 02:12 | 0:00 | [ksoftirqd/0] |
| root | 15 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | ? | I | 02:12 | 0:02 | [rcu_preempt] |
| root | 16 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | ? | S | 02:12 | 0:00 | [migration/0] |
| root | 18 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | ? | S | 02:12 | 0:00 | [cpuhp/0] |
| root | 19 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | ? | S | 02:12 | 0:00 | [cpuhp/1] |
| root | 20 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | ? | S | 02:12 | 0:00 | [migration/1] |
| root | 21 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | ? | S | 02:12 | 0:00 | [ksoftirqd/1] |
| root | 23 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | ? | I< | 02:12 | 0:00 | [kworker/1:0H-events_highpri] |
| root | 24 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | ? | S | 02:12 | 0:00 | [cpuhp/2] |
| root | 25 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | ? | S | 02:12 | 0:00 | [migration/2] |
| root | 26 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | ? | S | 02:12 | 0:01 | [ksoftirqd/2] |
| root | 28 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | ? | I< | 02:12 | 0:00 | [kworker/2:0H-events_highpri] |
| root | 32 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | ? | S | 02:12 | 0:00 | [kdevtmpfs] |
| root | 33 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | ? | I< | 02:12 | 0:00 | [inet_frag_wq] |
| root | 34 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | ? | S | 02:12 | 0:00 | [kauditd] |
| root | 35 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | ? | S | 02:12 | 0:00 | [khungtaskd] |
| root | 36 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | ? | S | 02:12 | 0:00 | [oom_reaper] |
| root | 37 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | ? | I< | 02:12 | 0:00 | [writeback] |
| root | 38 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | ? | S | 02:12 | 0:00 | [kcompactd0] |
| root | 39 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | ? | SN | 02:12 | 0:00 | [ksmd] |
| root | 40 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | ? | ISN | 02:12 | 0:00 | [khugepaged] |
| root | 41 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | ? | I< | 02:12 | 0:00 | [kintegrityd] |
| root | 42 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | ? | I< | 02:12 | 0:00 | [kblockd] |
| root | 43 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | ? | I< | 02:12 | 0:00 | [blkcg_punt_bio] |
| root | 44 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | ? | I< | 02:12 | 0:00 | [tpm_dev_wq] |
| root | 45 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | ? | I< | 02:12 | 0:00 | [edac-poller] |
| root | 46 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | ? | I< | 02:12 | 0:00 | [devfreq_wq] |
| root | 48 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | ? | I< | 02:12 | 0:00 | [kworker/2:1H-kblockd] |
| root | 49 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | ? | S | 02:12 | 0:00 | [kswapd0] |
| root | 57 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | ? | I< | 02:12 | 0:00 | [kthrotld] |
| root | 59 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | ? | I< | 02:12 | 0:00 | [acpi_thermal_pm] |
| root | 60 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | ? | S | 02:12 | 0:00 | [xenbus_probe] |
| root | 61 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | ? | I< | 02:12 | 0:00 | [mld] |
| root | 62 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | ? | I< | 02:12 | 0:00 | [ipv6_addrconf] |
| root | 63 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | ? | I< | 02:12 | 0:00 | [kworker/1:1H-kblockd] |
| root | 68 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | ? | I< | 02:12 | 0:00 | [kstrp] |
| root | 73 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | ? | I< | 02:12 | 0:00 | [zswap-shrink] |
| root | 74 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | ? | I< | 02:12 | 0:00 | [kworker/u7:0] |
| root | 123 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | ? | I< | 02:12 | 0:00 | [kworker/0:1H-kblockd] |

```

(gopal@kali)-[~/Desktop]
$ man ps

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(gopal@kali)-[~/Desktop]
$

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PS(1) User Commands PS(1)
NAME
  ps - report a snapshot of the current processes.
SYNOPSIS
  ps [options]
DESCRIPTION
  ps displays information about a selection of the active processes. If you want a repetitive update of the selection and the displayed information, use top instead.
  This version of ps accepts several kinds of options:
  1. UNIX options, which may be grouped and must be preceded by a dash.
  2. BSD options, which may be grouped and must not be used with a dash.
  3. GNU long options, which are preceded by two dashes.
  Options of different types may be freely mixed, but conflicts can appear. There are some synonymous options, which are functionally identical, due to the many standards and ps implementations that this ps is compatible with.
  Note that ps -aux is distinct from ps aux. The POSIX and UNIX standards require that ps -aux print all processes owned by a user named x, as well as printing all processes that would be selected by the -a option. If the user named x does not exist, this ps may interpret the command as ps aux instead and print a warning. This behavior is intended to aid in transitioning old scripts and habits. It is fragile, subject to change, and thus should not be relied upon.
  By default, ps selects all processes with the same effective user ID (euid=EUID) as the current user and associated with the same terminal as the invoker. It displays the process ID (pid=PID), the terminal associated with the process (tname=TTY), the cumulated CPU time in [DD-]hh:mm:ss format (time=TIME), and the executable name (ucmd=CMD). Output is unsorted by default.
  The use of BSD-style options will add process state (stat=STAT) to the default display and show the command args (args=COMMAND) instead of the executable name. You can override this with the PS_FORMAT environment variable. The use of BSD-style options will also change the process selection to include processes on other terminals (TTys) that are owned by you; alternately, this may be described as setting the selection to be the set of all processes filtered to exclude processes owned by other users or not on a terminal. These effects are not considered when options are described as being "identical" below, so -w will be considered identical to -e and so on.
  Except as described below, process selection options are additive. The default selection is discarded, and then the selected processes are added to the set of processes to be displayed. A process will thus be shown if it meets any of the given selection criteria.
EXAMPLES
  To see every process on the system using standard syntax:
  ps -e
  ps -ef
  ps -pf
  ps -ely
  To see every process on the system using BSD syntax:
  ps ax
  ps aux
  To print a process tree:
  ps -ejH
  ps axjf
  To get info about threads:
  ps -elf
  Manual page ps(1) line 1 (press h for help or q to quit)
```

- Use the "grep" command to filter the processes list and display only the processes with "bash" in their name.

```
(gopal@kali)~[~/Desktop]
$ ps aux | grep bash
gopal      1518  0.0  0.0   6928   3288 ?        S      02:12   0:00 /bin/bash /usr/bin/brave-browser-stable
gopal      25443 0.0  0.0   6332   2060 pts/0    S+     02:59   0:00 grep --color=auto bash
```

- Use the "wc" command to count the number of lines in the filtered output.

```
(gopal@kali)~[~/Desktop]
$ ps aux | grep bash | wc -l
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```