

Search the files that satisfy certain requirements

Write a bash script that searches in a directory and its subdirectories for the files that are owned by a specific user and have read permissions for all users. The script takes two arguments. The first argument is the pathname of the directory and the second argument is a user id.

Note that your script needs to traverse the directory and check the files under it, its subdirectories, sub-subdirectories, etc. **For the purposes of practice, DO NOT use *find* command, and DO NOT use the built-in option *-R* in *ls* commands (you can use *ls* command and its options other than *-R*).** During the traversal, for each file (assuming its pathname is saved in variable *pathname*), your script need to 1) use command *ls -l \${pathname}* to get the information of the file, 2) analyze the permission field and the owner field of the line generated by the above *ls* command using *grep* or *expr* and determine whether the file satisfies the requirements or not, 3) if the file satisfies the requirements, extract the time of creation or last modification from the output of command *ls -l \${pathname}*, and 4) print out the following information of the file:

- *pathname*
- permissions (a group of 9 characters consists of r, w, or x, do not include the character for file type at the beginning of the line)
- time of creation or last modification extracted from the *ls* command.

For the format of the information printed out by *ls -l*, refer to these pages: <https://cr.yp.to/ftp/list/binls.html>, <https://linuxize.com/post/how-to-list-files-in-linux-using-the-ls-command/>. Check the owner field and the read permissions to determine whether a file satisfies the requirements. For a file having read permissions for all users, *ls -l \${filename}* shows three “r” in the permission field.

When you extract the time of creation or last modification, your code should be flexible to handle two time formats: month+day+hour+minute for files modified/created within the last six months, and month+day+year for other files.

To use *grep* to process the line printed out by *ls -l*, you can use a pipe to connect *ls* command and *grep* command. For example, the following commands extracts the first field (- and permissions).

```
$ ls -l /bin/bash | grep -o '^\{10\}'
-rwxr-xr-x
```

This exercise is for you to practice the use of regular expressions. DO NOT use commands *find* and *cut* in your script. To extract the desired information from a string, consider to use sub-string, and *grep -o*. This is particularly useful when extracting the modification/creation time field from the *ls* output. For example, to extract the second field from the *ls* output, you can first extract using regex and remove the first field using sub-string, and then use another *grep -o* and regex, which describe the pattern of the second field.

```
$ ls_output=`ls -l /bin/bash`
$ first_field=`echo "${ls_output}" | grep -o '^\{10\}'`
$ len=${#first_field}
$ remaining=${ls_output:len+1} #cut the 1st field off
$ second_field=`echo "$remaining" | grep -o '^[0-9]\{1,\}'`
$ echo $second_field
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```

- Note:** 1. The following trick can simplify the regular expressions used in `grep -o`: cut off the substring before the field that you want to extract and use the `^` anchor to match from the beginning of the remaining part. With this method, you only need to design a regular expression that matches the field that you want to extract; (you may leverage the spaces between fields;) you don't need to refine the regular expression to exclude the matches in other parts of the string (e.g., in the middle).
2. Use double quotes to enclose `$var` in `echo` command. Otherwise, the output of `echo` may not exactly match the contents in `var`. For example, if there are two consecutive spaces in `var`, without double quotes, `var` will be divided at the spaces, and the parts are printed out with a single space in between.
3. Escape (`"`) parentheses and braces if you use BRE.

Testing: to test the script, run it with `"root"` and `"/usr/share/docutils/writers/"` as arguments, you should see the information of all 36 files. Randomly select a few of these files, and manually check whether the information printed out by your script matches the corresponding information printed out by `ls -l`. Run your script with your own username and `"/usr/share/docutils/writers/"` as arguments. You should not see any information printed out because you don't have any files in that directory.