UNIX

Lesson 01: Introduction to UNIX Operating System and Basic UNIX Commands

Lesson Objectives

In this lesson, you will learn:

- Operating System
 - Functions of Operating System
 - History of UNIX
 - Features of UNIX
 - UNIX System Architecture
- Basic UNIX Commands



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Overview

An Operating System (OS) is the software that manages the sharing of the resources of a computer and provides programmers with an interface that is used to access those resources.

Functions of an Operating System

Following are some of the important functions of an OS:

- Process Management
- Main-Memory Management
- Secondary-Storage Management
- I/O System Management
- File Management
- Protection System
- Networking
- Command-Interpreter System

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History

- UNIX evolved at AT&T Bell Labs in the late sixties.
- The writers of Unix are Ken Thomson, Rudd Canaday, Doug McIilroy, Joe Ossanna, and Dennis Ritchie.
- It was originally written as OS for PDP-7 and later for PDP-11.
- Liberal licensing: Various versions.
- System V in 1983 Unification of all variants.

Features

UNIX OS exhibits the following features:

- It is a simple User Interface.
- It is Multi-User and Multiprocessing System.
- It is a Time Sharing Operating System.
- It is written in "C" (HLL).
- It has a consistent file format the Byte Stream.
- It is a hierarchical file system.
- It supports Languages such as FORTRAN, BASIC, PASCAL, Ada, COBOL, LISP, PROLOG, C, C++, and so on.

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Services

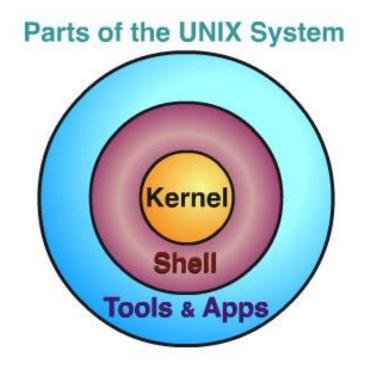
Services Provided by UNIX:

- Process Management:
 - It involves Creation, Termination, Suspension, and Communication between processes.
- File Management:
 - It involves aspects related to files like creation and deletion, file security, and so on.

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UNIX System Architecture

Following is a pictorial representation of the UNIX system:



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Logging In and Out Commands

Logging In and Out:

- Logon name and password are required.
- Successful logon places user in home directory.

man Command

man command:

- The on line help provided by the man command includes brief description, options, and examples.
- Example:

\$man <command>

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cal Command

> cal command:

- The **cal** command is used to display calendar from the year 1 to 9999.
- Example:

\$cal 9 2001

• The above syntax can be used to print the calendar for the 9th month of the year 2001.

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date Command

date command:

- The date command is used to see current date and time.
- Date can be displayed in different formats
- Example:

\$ date

• Output: Fri Apr 6 11:14:46 IST 2001

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\$ date "+%T"

-- %t is used to display only time

• Output: 11:15:20

\$ date "+ %d %h"

-- To display date and month name

Output: 6 Apr

Ip Command

Ip command:

- The **Ip** command is used for printing files.
 - Example:

\$lp myfile.txt

\$lp -n 10 myfile.txt

\$lpq

\$lprm -Pps99 11042

nl Command

nl command:

- The nl command is used to print file contents along with line numbers.
- Options:
 - -w : width of the number
 - -v : Indicate first line number
 - -i : increment line number by
- Example:

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$ nl myfile.txt
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- 1 line one
- 2 line two

tty Command

tty Command:

- Unix treats a terminal also as a file. In order to display the device name of a terminal, the tty (teletype) command is used.
- print the file name of the terminal connected to standard input
- Example: Using tty command

\$ tty
/dev/ttyp3

who Command

who Command:

- To list all users who are currently logged in
- Example:

\$who

• Output:

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user1 ttypo Mar 29 09:00
root tty01 Mar 29 10:32
root tty03 Mar 29 10:37
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> \$who am I Command:

To see the current user