

OBJECTIVE: SCORE

Manage basic networking: 100%
 Understand and use essential tools: 10%
 Operate running systems: 0%
 Configure local storage: 25%
 Create and configure file systems: 25%
 Deploy, configure and maintain systems: 29%
 Manage users and groups: 0%
 Manage security: 0%
 Manage containers: 0%
 Create simple shell scripts: 0%

RHCSA

RHEL9 virtual instance:

root
 redhat

Kernel Package	Description
kernel	Contains no files, but ensures other kernel packages are accurately installed
kernel-core	Includes a minimal number of modules to provide core functionality
kernel-devel	Includes support for building kernel modules
kernel-modules	Contains modules for common hardware devices
kernel-modules-extra	Contains modules for not-so-common hardware devices
kernel-headers	Includes files to support the interface between the kernel and userspace libraries and programs
kernel-tools	Includes tools to manipulate the kernel
kernel-tools-libs	Includes the libraries to support the kernel tools

```

groupadd -o -g 5000 dba
groupadd -o -g linuxadm
useradd user1000
usermod -aG dba user1000
cat /etc/group
cat /etc/passwd
groupmod -n sysadm linuxadm
groupmod -g 6000 sysadm
groupdel sysadm
cat /etc/group
  
```

```

visudo
groupadd -g 6000 Inxgroup
useradd -u 5000 -g 6000 user5000
passwd user5000
chage -m 4 -M 30 user5000
groupmod -g 4000 Inxgroup
sudo groupmod -g 7000 Inxgrp
  
```

When two groups have an identical GID, members of both groups get identical rights on each other's files.

Job scheduling and execution is taken care of by two service daemons: atd and crond.

While atd manages the jobs scheduled to run one time in the future, crond is responsible for running jobs repetitively at pre-specified times.

/var/spool/cron and /etc/cron.d directories

/etc directory for either service. These files are named at.allow and at.deny for the at service, and cron.allow and cron.deny for the cron service.

Variable	Description
DISPLAY	Stores the hostname or IP address for graphical terminal sessions
HISTFILE	Defines the file for storing the history of executed commands
HISTSIZE	Defines the maximum size for the HISTFILE
HOME	Sets the home directory path
LOGNAME	Retains the login name
MAIL	Contains the path to the user mail directory
PATH	Defines a colon-separated list of directories to be searched when executing a command. A correct setting of this variable eliminates the need to specify the absolute path of a command to run it.
PPID	Holds the identifier number for the parent program
PS1	Defines the primary command prompt
PS2	Defines the secondary command prompt
PWD	Stores the current directory location
SHELL	Holds the absolute path to the primary shell file
TERM	Holds the terminal type value
UID	Holds the logged-in user's UID
USER	Retains the name of the logged-in user

dnf list installed kernel*

export and unset command. env/printenv will print env variables. command subs: \u@\h

1. Where does GRUB2 read its configuration from on a BIOS system?/boot/grub2/grub.cfg
2. How can the redhat-support-tool be used to search and display the same Knowledgebase content as on the Red Hat Customer Portal? Using the search command followed by keywords or error codes
- 3.How does file system metadata alignment impact the performance of striped arrays (RAID 0, RAID 4, RAID 5, RAID 6)? If the write request is wider than the strip size, I/O requests could require two writes per disk instead of one or having all metadata ends up on one disk, causing that disk to become a hot spot.
4. How does the spare area of SSDs impact their performance on random writes?
improvement
5. How does data striping in RAID increase throughput?
By dividing data into stripes and distributing them among several disks in the RAID array
6. What are the steps in a typical change management procedure for performance tuning changes? Set a baseline by running the test workload and gathering metrics. 2. Perform changes one at a time, measuring the effect after each change. 3. Verify the effectiveness of the change by rerunning the test workload. 4. Reverse the change and compare with the baseline. 5. Apply and document the definitive change.
7. What are the main ideas behind the USE Method in performance tuning?
Checking Utilization, Saturation, and Errors for user interactions
What is a drop-in file in systemd and how is it used to configure unit settings?

file in systemd that overrides or adds specific options for a unit, created by making a directory under /etc/systemd/system/ named after the unit with .d appended, and then creating .conf files in this directory. For example, enabling memory accounting for sshd.service can be done by creating a 20-accounting.conf file in the directory /etc/systemd/system/sshd.service.d/.

While the sticky bit is most commonly used with directories, it can also be set on files. On files, the sticky bit has an outdated and limited use. It was historically used to keep a file in memory after execution.

How can you enable CPU, memory, and block I/O accounting for a service or a slice in systemd?

Create a drop-in file under /etc/systemd/system/ with the desired unit or slice name and .d appended and include the CPUAccounting, MemoryAccounting, and BlockIOAccounting settings.

What are the advantages of using custom slices in systemd?

System resource granularity and distribution equality

chmod +t (add sticky bit) drwxrwxrwt (t) at the end refers to sticky
chmod g-s /usr/bin/write -v (gid)

ncdu

sudo find / -type f -exec du -h {} + 2>/dev/null | sort -rh | head -20

sudo du -ah / 2>/dev/null | sort -rh | head -20

find /var/log -min -100 -exec file {} \;

find /usr -maxdepth -type d -name src

find /tmp -perm -u=r

find /tmp -type f -exec ls -ld {} \;

find /tmp -name *.txt -ok cp {} \;

locate .sh -n2

locate -S

setfacl -m u:user1:r a.txt

setfacl -dm u:user100:7,user200:rwX /tmp/prj

find /dev -type c -perm 660

useradd user1000

usermod -aG sgroup user1000

ps -efl

pidof rsyslogd

pgrep rsyslogd

ps -U user1

ps -G root

nice -n -10

renice 5 5572

can also renice from top command(type r and give pID)

cat /var/log/cron

* / 1 * 1-10 3 * : Any day, in March, from 1 to 10th, every hour, every one minute.

Column	Description
UID	User ID or name of the process owner
PID	Process ID of the process
PPID	Process ID of the parent process
C	CPU utilization for the process
STIME	Process start date or time
TTY	The controlling terminal the process was started on. "Console" represents the system console and "?" represents a daemon process.
TIME	Aggregated execution time for a process
CMD	The command or program name

useradd user100

useradd user200

usermod -aG sgroup user100

usermod -aG sgroup user200

mkdir /sdir

chmod g+s /sdir

chmod o-t /tmp

tree -hapf

uname -snovpr

wc -l , -w, -c

rpm -qa (list all packages)

rpm -q perl (list perl packages)

rpm -qf /etc/passwd (see which package owns the file)

rpm -qf /etc/group

dnf install policycoreutils

dnf info policycoreutils

dnf deflist policycoreutils

rpm -qi setup

rpm sushi -ve (remove package)

rpm -qf /etc/chrony.conf (see where the package is coming from)

cd /tmp

rpm2cpio /mnt/baseos/package/chrony-3.3.e18.x86_64.rpm | cpio -imd

rpm2cpio

find . -name chrony.conf 9

rpm -K /tmp/chrony.. --no-signature (Use the MD5 checksum for verifying its integrity and the GNU Privacy Guard (GnuPG or GPG) public key signature for ensuring the credibility of its developer or publisher.

cp -r /tmp/chrony.. /etc/chrony

rpmkeys --import /etc/pki/rpm-gpg/rpm/gpg-key-redhat-release

```
rpmkeys -K /mnt/BaseOS/packages/zsh-3.3 (answer should be digests signatures ok)
rpm -q gpg-pubkey
rpm -qi <key> (view specific details)
rpm -Vf /etc/sysconfig
rpm -qi zlib
rpm -qa | sort
```

environment groups and package groups:

The environment groups available in RHEL 8 are server, server with GUI, minimal install, workstation, virtualization host, and custom operating system. These are listed on the software selection window during RHEL 8 installation. The package groups include container management, smart card support, security tools, system tools, network servers, etc. LOGS: **/var/log/dnf.log**

main configuration file for dnf is /etc/dnf/dnf.conf preferred configuration location /etc/yum.repos.d . **dnf runs rpm in the background.**

RHEL 8 is shipped with two core repositories called BaseOS and Application Stream (AppStream).

BOOTLOADING:

The firmware phase, the bootloader phase, the kernel phase, the initialisation phase.

```
[BaseOS_RHEL_8.0]
name= RHEL 8.0 base operating system components
baseurl=file:///mnt/BaseOS
enabled=1
gpgcheck=0
```

EXAM TIP: Knowing how to configure a dnf/yum repository using a URL plays an important role in completing some of the RHCSA exam tasks successfully. Use two forward slash characters (//) with the baseurl directive for an FTP, HTTP, or HTTPS source.

```
dnf module list (node.js, mariadb etc.)
dnf group list (security, monitoring vs)
dnf group info "system tools" (show content of group)
dnf group install "system tools"
dnf list installed
dnf repoquery cifs-utils
dnf list installed | grep cifs-utils
dnf check-update
```

creating a directory inside /dev is not advisable, because /dev is dynamically managed by the system and device nodes are created automatically.
dnf repolist

Use the MD5 checksum for verifying its integrity and the *GNU Privacy Guard* (GnuPG or GPG) public key signature for ensuring the credibility of its developer or publisher.

```
rpm -K /mnt/package/baseOS/zsh.3.3 --no-signature (checksum)
```

```
rpm -q gpg-pubkey (viewing keys)
```

```
rpm -qi <key> (view specific details)
```

```
rpm -Vf /etc/sysconfig (show package modification details)
```

```
chmod -v 644 /etc/sysconfig/atd (back to original state)
```

ls-lR

```
ls -lai | grep dir1
```

```
set -o noclobber
```

```
!! (repeat the last command)
```

```
!!grep? (repeat last command contains ls)
```

alias

ls -ld /etc/??? (prints all three letters folders)

ls /usr/bin/[g]* (all folders starting with g)

ls /usr/bin[a-c]* (folders between a and c)

```
ls /etc | less
```

```
grep operator /etc/passwd
```

```
grep -v nologin /etc/passwd (print lines that don't have nologin)
```

```
grep -n pattern /etc/passwd (print findings with number)
```

```
grep -w acce.. /etc/lvm/lvm.conf (prints lines including word acce..(i.e accept, access))
```

VIM <x> will delete current cursor, :<4,6d> will delete lines

:%s/word/word1 -> replace word with word1

sed -i "s/old/new/g" replace old with new inplace

touch will change timestamp of the file

```
grep -i path ~/.bashrc (in-case-sensitive search)
```

file system check

```
df -h (see mounted disks)
```

(disk should be not mounted)

```
umount /dev/sdb
```

```
vi test & (run in the background)
```

```
jobs (check jobs)
```

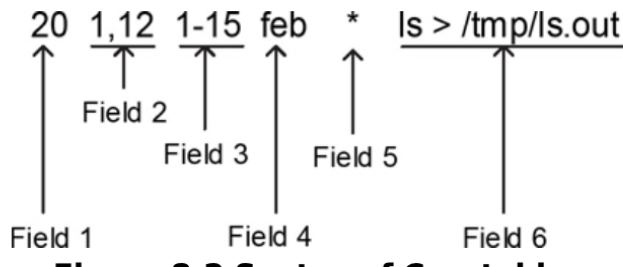
```
fg %1 (bring job to fg)
```

```
kill <pid> (kill job)
```

ls /cdr /usr > output 2>&1
top then r (renice)

at 12:13pm 3/7/25
> date &> date.out
>ctrl+d
at -l (list jobs)

crontables:



The system runs the `/etc/profile` file first, followed by `.bash_profile`, `.bashrc`, and finally the `/etc/bashrc` file.

mandb

man -k xfs

In addition to the manual pages, `apropos`, `whatis`, `info`, and `pinfo` commands as well as documentation located in the `/usr/share/doc` directory are also available on the system.

COMMANDS:

`mkdir -p A/B/C`

`touch` (will change mod time)

`stat` (will print birth, mod, access time)

`find / -name passwd`

`find / -maxdepth 3`

`find . -user root`

`ls -l | head -20 >> files`

`chmod ugo+rwx file` / `chmod ugo-rwx file`

`echo "umask 027" >> ~/.bashrc` (newly created files: 640, directories: 750)

`cat > b` (write your input)

`tar cvf b.tar b a` (compress)

`tar tf` (view)

`tar xf` (extract)

`tar cvfz /root/com.gz /etc`

`grep -nr "pass" /etc/passwd > /mnt/pass`

```
ls /etc/yum.repos.d
vi /etc/yum.repos.d/local.repo
```

ROOT PASSWORD

1. "e" on boot screen
2. after UUID section, "rd.break" , before initrd. and type ctrl+x. on vm: rw init=/bin/bash
3. chroot /sysroot
4. pwd (should be /)
4. mount -o remount,rw /
5. passwd (will be given in exam)
6. touch /.autorelabel
7. exit
8. reboot

kernel and support files are stored at different locations in the directory hierarchy, f which three locations **/boot**, **/proc** and **/usr/lib/modules**. kernel files are **vmlinuz**, **initramfs**, **config** and **system.map**. kernel version appended to their names. **efi** and **grub2** subdirectories under **/boot** hold bootloader information. **grub.cfg** and **grubenv** contain critical data such as bootable kernel information and environment information that the kernel uses.

/proc is a virtual memory-based file system. about processor, memory, storage, file systems, swap, processes, network interfaces, connections, routing. **/proc/cpuinfo** && **/proc/meminfo**. data from **/proc** is referenced from many system utilities: top, ps, uname, free, uptime.

Updating kernel:

by default dnf command adds new kernel to the system.

rpm -qa | grep kernel

go to rhel official page, look for kernel, download, move files to /tmp/, dnf install /tmp/kernel*, dnf list installed kernel*, reboot, choose the latest downloaded from grub menu

/proc/cmdline -> booting arguments.

location of efi: **/boot/efi/efi**

chroot: change root directory of a process. only process can access files

RAID(redundant array of independent disks)

stripe, mirror

/etc/default/grub

sudo grub2-mkconfig -o /boot/grub2/grub.cfg (after editing /etc/default/grub issue command and restart after)

/etc/grub/ (script location)

/boot/grub/grub.cfg && /boot/grub/grubenv

chroot creates isolated environment for testing. changes root directory of a process.

making new kernel default boot kernel: **grub2-mkconfig -o /boot/grub2/grub.cfg**.

system initialisation and service management scheme: **systemd**

grub.cfg file stores the location information of the partition. chroot command changes the specified directory path to /.

uname -r , rpm -q kernel

You need to know how to boot a RHEL 8 system into a specific target from the GRUB2 menu to modify the fstab file or reset an unknown root user password.

rd.break, chroot /, mount -o remount, rw /, passwd, touch .autorelabel, exit

uname -snoavpr (m: architecture, r: kernel version)

IPTABLES

rule based firewall scans until it finds matches

allow block specific IP addresses or ports

powerful firewall built in linux

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5. Initialisation, logging, system tuning

systemd remounts files once autofs finishes checks. d-bus is another communication method that allows multiple services running in parallel on a system to talk to one another.

units are systemd objects used for organising boot and maintenance tasks.

sshd.service, syslog.socket, umount.target, tmp.mount

units in /run/systemd/system are created at boot and destroyed when no longer needed.

initialisation scripts: /etc/rc.d/init.d

/usr/lib/systemd/system/sshd.service (see unit, service, install)

Unit Type	Description
Automount	Offers automount capabilities for on-demand mounting of file systems
Device	Exposes kernel devices in systemd and may be used to implement device-based activation
Mount	Controls when and how to mount or unmount file systems.
Path	Activates a service when monitored files or directories are accessed
Scope	Manages foreign processes instead of starting them
Service	Starts, stops, restarts, or reloads service daemons and the processes they are made up of
Slice	May be used to group units, which manage system processes in a tree-like structure for resource management
Socket	Encapsulates local inter-process communication or network sockets for use by matching service units
Swap	Encapsulates swap partitions
Target	Defines logical grouping of units
Timer	Useful for triggering activation of other units based on timers

Table 12-1 systemd Unit Types

Target	Description
halt	Shuts down and halts the system
poweroff	Shuts down and powers off the system
shutdown	Shuts down the system
rescue	Single-user target for running administrative and recovery functions. All local file systems are mounted. Some essential services are started, but networking remains disabled.
emergency	Runs an emergency shell. The root file system is mounted in read-only mode; other file systems are not mounted. Networking and other services remain disabled.
multi-user	Multi-user target with full network support, but without GUI
graphical	Multi-user target with full network support and GUI
reboot	Shuts down and reboots the system
default	A special soft link that points to the default system boot target (multi-user.target or graphical.target)
hibernate	Puts the system into hibernation by saving the running state of the system on the hard disk and powering it off. When powered up, the system restores from its saved state rather than booting up.

Table 12-2 systemd Targets

Targets

Targets are simply logical collections of units. They are a special systemd unit type with the .target file extension. They are also stored in the same directory locations as the other unit configuration files. Targets are used to execute a series of units. This is typically true for booting the system to a desired operational run level with all the required services up and running. Some targets inherit services from other targets and add their own to them. systemd includes several predefined targets that are described in [Table 12-2](#).

VIRTUALISATION

```
yum install qemu-kvm libvirt virt-install virt-manager
```

REPOSITORY CONFIGURATION

0. dnf install <copy given epel release url>
1. dnf repolist
- 2.

CONTAINER

0. container file will be given
1. dnf install podman
2. podman build -t demo .
3. podman images
4. podman -d run -p 8080:80 <image>
- 5.

tar cvf , tar xvf

touch command can be used with -d and -t to add specific date and time, a and m will enable you to change access and modification time. touch -d 2020-09-20 sec.txt .

touch -m command will reverse it to original time.

soft link can link directories hard link can not link directories .

Boot: BIOS-> Master Boot Record(MBR)->partition Table(PT)->Boot loader(Grub)->Kernel-> Mounting / /usr->/etc/inittab(default run level)->/etc/fstab

run levels:

run level 0 power off

run level 1: singleuser mode text mode

run level 2 multiuser text mode except NFS, NIS

run level 3: support all services including NFS and NIS(network information service) (default)

run level 4: unused

run level 5: multiuser graphical mode

User account information for local users is stored in four files that are located in the /etc directory. These files—passwd, shadow, group, and gshadow.

UIDs between 1 and 200 are used by Red Hat to statically assign them to core service accounts. UIDs between 201 and 999 are reserved for non-core service accounts, and UIDs 1000 and beyond are employed for normal user accounts.

cat /etc/login.defs

head -3 /etc/passwd

tail -3 /etc/passwd

usermod -l user2new -u 2000 -d /home/user2new -m -s /sbin/nologin user2000

useradd user4 -s /sbin/nologin

echo redhat | passwd --stdin user4

vi /et

(nologin is when user does not need login access)

userdel user3new

grep user2new /etc/passwd

SUBSCRIPTION

subscription-manager register --user stanermetin --password stan#123123123 --auto-attach

tuned-adm list

tuned-adm active (check which profile is active)

tuned-adm recommend

tuned-adm profile virtual-guest

docker run --cap-add=SYS_TIME -it bb4496e662fb /bin/bash

dnf install chrony (NTP)

dnf install -y procps

```
docker run --privileged -d --name systemd_container -v /sys/fs/cgroup:/sys/fs/cgroup:ro
5c79fba2bcae
```

What is the default number of days files in /tmp are kept before they are automatically deleted if not accessed or modified?

```
uname -v or cat /proc/version
10 days (apropos -a list directory
apropos " list directory" / man -k ext4
```

The udev service (part of systemd-udev) is responsible for creating device nodes dynamically at system startup.

Wayland has replaced the X Window System as the default display protocol in RHEL 8.

RHEL supports seven types of files: regular, directory, block special device, character special device, symbolic link, named pipe, and socket.

In original.txt hardlink.txt # Create a hard link

```
ls -li original.txt hardlink.txt # Check inode numbers(same in hardlink)
```

```
local.repo
name=baseOS
baseurl=https://xyz.server.com/baseOS
gpgcheck=0
enabled=1
```

```
name=appStream
baseurl=https://xyz.server.com/appStream
gpgcheck=0
enabled=1
```

These permission bits are set user identifier bit (commonly referred to as setuid or suid), set group identifier bit (a.k.a. setgid or sgid), and sticky bit.

The setuid and setgid bits may be defined on binary executable files to provide non-owners and non-group members the ability to run them with the privileges of the owner or the owning group, respectively. The setgid bit may also be set on shared directories for group collaboration. The sticky bit may be set on public directories for inhibiting file erasures by non-owners.

A common example is the su command that is owned by the root user. T

```
timedatectl set-ntp true
```

```
groupadd newgroup (should be listed in /etc/group)
useradd harsh -G newgroup
useradd nolog -s /sbin/nologin
passwd nolog (set password to redhat)
setfacl -m u:natasha:rw /var/fstab (m for modify)
getfacl /var/fstab
setfacl -m g:Mac:--- /var/fstab
4: read , 2: write 1 : execute
```

```
chmod u-x testfile -v (verbose)
chmod go+w testfile -v
```

```
chown :Mac /linux
groupadd blue
chgrp blue
chmod g+s . (now all the files will belong to group blue)
chmod +t (Sticky Bit: ensure only linux group can delete files)
chmod g-w, u+r testfile -v (from group remove writing, to user add read)
chmod -v u+s /usr/bin/su (adding user id to /usr/bin/su)
```

systemctl not default on container env. should enable cgroups while running:
(i. e. : docker run --privileged -d --name systemd_container -v /sys/fs/cgroup:/sys/fs/cgroup:ro centos:8 /usr/sbin/init)

DISK PARTITION:

```
lsblk (check devices)
fdisk /dev/sda2 (+1G for 1 GB partition, then n, p, w for write)
partprobe /dev/sda2
lsblk(check the newly created partition)
mkdir newdisk
mkfs.xfs /dev/sda2p1
mount /dev/sda2p1 /newdisk (not persistent yet)
vi /etc/fstab (write in the file: /dev/sdap1 /newdisk defaults 0 0)
mount -a
```

SWAP MANAGEMENT:

```
free -m
fdisk nvme2 (from the input menu type:
0.( type letters, m for help)
1. n(new), p(primary), w(write)
2. partition number default
3. first sector: default
4. last sector: +750M
5. type: t
6. partition number: 3
7. L (get hex codes, 82 for linux swap) (change partition type to linux swap)
8. partprobe nvme2 (will make changes permanent)
9. mkswap /dev/nvme2
10. vi /etc/fstab (/dev/nvme2 swap swap defaults 0 0)
11. swapon -a (if no error, check with free -m, see swap has has increased by 750Mb)
```

LVM: (create logical volume, give size, extend existing logical volumem)

1. Create Physical Volume (pv)
2. Create Volume Group (vg)
3. Create Logical Volume (lv)

```
pvccreate nvme0v3
pvccreate nvme0v4
pvccreate nvme0v5
pvs (show)
vgcreate vgtest /dev/nvme0v3 nvme0v4 nvme0v5 (create volume groups)
vgs (show)
```

```
(linear, striped, mirrored volumes)
lvcreate -L 8Gb -n lvtest vgtest
lvs
vi /etc/fstab (/dev/vgtest/lv1/ /lv xfs defaults 0 0)
mkdir /lv
mkfs.xfs /dev/vgtest/lvtest
mount -a
```

LVM Extension:

```
vgs
lvextend -r -L +2Gb /dev/vg1/lv1
vgextend vg1 /dev/nvme0v5
vgs
lvremove /dev/vg1/lv1 (you'll get warning filesystem is in use)
vim /etc/fstab (comment vg1/lv1)
umount /lv
lvchange -an /dev/vg1/lv1
lvremove /dev/vg1/lv1
lvs
vgremove vg1
vgs
vgcreate -s 8M vg1 /dev/nvme0v3
lvcreate -l 10 -n lv2 /dev/vg1 (creating 80M logic volume 10 times)
```

STRATIS:

```
blockdev:minsize 1 gb
pool (combined block devices to create pool)
filesystem(no fixed size for filesystem, automatically grows)
```

```
dnf install stratisd stratis-cli
systemctl start stratisd
systemctl enable stratisd
stratis pool create pool1 /dev/nvme0n5 (create pool)
stratis pool list
stratis pool add-data pool1 /dev/nvme0n4 (extend pool)
stratis filesystem create pool1 fs1 (create filesystem)
stratis filesystem list
stratis filesystem create pool1 fs2
stratis filesystem list
mkdir /fs1
```

```
vi /etc/fstab (copy UUID from filesystem list output /fs1 xfs
defaults,x-system.requires=stratisd.service 0 0)
mount -a
```

VIRTUAL DATA OPTIMISER (VDO)-deprecated.

New one: lvmvdo:

compression, thin provisioning, deduplication

```
dnf install lvm2 kmod-kvdo vdo
```

```
vdo create --name vdo1 --device /dev/nvme0n2 --vdoLogicalSize=50G
```

```
vdo list
```

```
mkfs.xfs /dev/mapper/vdo1
```

```
mkdir /vdo1
```

```
vi /etc/fstab (/dev/mapper/vdo1 /vdo1 auto defaults,x-systemd.requires=vdo.service 0 0)
```

```
mount -a
```

```
man vdo
```

```
dnf module info postgresql:10
```

```
dnf module install -y postgresql:10
```

you can only have one module installed at a time.

CRON:

execute command /usr/local/bin/backup at 10:00 am on Feb 4th every year.

```
crontab -e (0 10 4 2 * /usr/local/bin/backup)
```

configure cron job for a user jiu at 12:08 every Thursday execute /bash/echo hello

```
crontab -u jiu -e (08 12 * * THU /bash/echo hello)
```

GREP:

```
grep -i "root" /etc/group
```

```
grep -i "sbin" /etc/passwd > /tmp/pass
```

CH ROOT PASSWD:

press "e" boot screen

put "rd.break" after word quiet --

```
mount -o remount,rw /sysroot --
```

```
chroot /sysroot --
```

```
passwd
```

```
touch /.autorelabel --
```

```
exit
```

```
reboot
```

NETWORKING/HOSTNAME

```
ip addr show ens160
nmcli con add con-name "Default" type ethernet ifname ens160
nmcli con show
nmcli con add con-name "Default1" type ethernet ifname ens160 ipv4 192.168.1.1/24 gw4
192.168.1.2
nmcli con up "Default1"
nmcli con show Default1
nmcli con mod "Default1" connection.autoconnect yes
nmcli con show Default1
nmcli con mod Default1 ipv4.addresses 192.168.2.2/16
nmcli con mod Default1 ipv4.dns 172.2.2.2
nmcli con mod Default1 ipv4.addresses 192.168.3.3/24 (multiple ip addresses can be added)
nmcli con add "Net" type ethernet ifname eth0 ipv4.addresses 200.0.0.12/16 gw4 20.0.0.1
nmcli con mod Net ipv4.dns 8.8.8.8
nmcli con show Net
nmcli con up Net
```

```
nmcli con add "net2" type ethernet ifname ens160 ipv4.addresses 172.24.5.10/24 gw4
172.24.5.48
```

```
nmtui (alternative to nmcli)
/etc/hostname
hostnamectl status
hostnamectl set-hostname server
```

```
SELINUX
touch /var/www/html
ls -ld /var
mkdir /new
touch /new/index.html
ls -ls /new/index
vi /etc/httpd/conf/httpd.conf (check DocumentRoot="/var/www/html")
vi /new/index "DocumentRoot "/var/www/html"
ls -lZ /var/www/html/index.html (httpd_sys_content_t) is the content
ls -lZ /new/index (default) is the content
```

```
<Directory "/new">
    AllowOverride All
    #Allow open access
    Require all granted
</Directory>
```

--> add above to /etc/httpd/conf/httpd.conf

```
SEMANAGE:
semanage fcontext -a -t httpd_sys_content_t "/new(/.*)?"
restorecon -Rv /new
```


SELinux modes: disabled permissive(0) enforced(1)
getenforce
setenforce 0 | 1
/etc/sysconfig/selinux (modify file to disable, reboot is required)
getsebool -a | grep httpd_enable (policy bool)
setsebool -P httpd_enable_homedirs on (-p flag permanent change)

selinux modes, booleans, context, port

httpd is able to access home dir: (getsebool | grep httpd_enable_homedirs)
system is not able to access httpd on port 82
semanage port -a -t http_port_t -p tcp 82 (systemctl restart httpd is required)

ensure httpd is able to access files at test directory.

PODMAN:

podman login registry.redhat.io (optional)
podman search httpd
podman pull docker.io/registry/httpd
podman rmi <image>
podman run -d --name httpd -p 8080:80 <imageID>
podman ps
curl localhost:8080 (outside the httpd container, see It works!)
podman stop <container>
podman rm <container>
podman run --d it <imageID> /bin/bash
podman exec -it <containerID> /bin/bash (inside the container check find . -name index.html
see: /usr/local/apache2/htdocs)
mkdir /web && touch /web/mypage.html && vi mypage.html (add some context)
podman run -d --name web1 -p 8080:80 -v /web:/usr/local/apache2/htdocs/:Z <imageid>
after mapping
semanage fcontext -a -t httpd_sys_content_t "/web(/.*)?"
restore con -Rv /web
curl localhost:8080/mypage.html

QUADLET

podman info --debug | grep "rootless"
systemctl --user enable podman-auto-update-timer
systemctl --user daemon-reload

/etc/containers/systemd/sleep.container

[Unit]

Description=A minimal container

[Container]

Image=centos

Exec=sleep 60

[Service]
Restart=always

```
systemctl daemon-reload
systemctl start sleep.service
systemctl start sleep.service (auto restart once system rebooted)
systemctl status sleep.service
```

Quadlet files to be stored in either:
user: /usr/share/containers/systemd/
system wide: /etc/containers/systemd/

<https://dokumen.pub/qdownload/rhcsa-red-hat-enterprise-linux-8-training-and-exam-preparation-guide-ex200.html>

FILESYSTEM:
fsck.ext4 /dev/sda1
xfs-repair -L /dev/sda1

GROUP QUOTA:
mount -o remount, usrquota, grpquota /dev/sdb2/ /quota

/dev/sdb2 /quota ext4 ->/etc/fstab

SCHEDULING AND PROCESS ADMIN

at 10:03am today

> command

ctrl+D

atq

CPIO: occupies less space compared to tar.

cpio -icvf -l /root/backup

FTP.

AUTOFS:
SERVER
dnf install -y nfs* nfs-utils autofs
mkdir /share
touch /share/f1 /share/f2
chmod 777 /share
/share <clientIP>(ro,sync) >> /etc/exports
exportfs -avr
firewall-cmd --add-service={nfs,mountd,rpc-bind} --permanent

firewall-cmd --reload

CLIENT -in exam responsibility only client part-

dnf install nfs-utils autofs

showmount -r <clientIP>

/auto_mount /etc/auto_misc --timeout=60 >> /etc/auto.master

access --rw,soft,intr <serverIP>:/share >> /etc/auto.misc

systemctl enable autofs --now (after this command /auto_mount or /afs directory should be created)

cd auto_mount && cd access && ls (should see files f1 and f2)

SHELL

if [\$? -eq 0]; then

echo "succesfull exit"

\$0 -> script's name

\$1 -> firstarg

\$# -> number of args

SSH

systemctl status sshd

firewall-cmd --zone=public --permanent --add-service=ssh

A list of the users who have successfully signed on to the system with valid credentials can be printed using one of the two basic Linux tools: who and w.

last

last user1000

last root

lastb

lastlog

id

id user1000

groups user1000

Service accounts take care of their respective services, which include apache, ftp, mail, and chrony.

3 main: networking | storage | manage groups

find -mmin -300 -exec file {} \;

find / -type p -o -type s 2>/dev/null

find /usr -atime -100 -size -5M -user root

setfacl -x u:user2000 /tmp/testfile

in vi %s/tes/fes/

`sed -i 's/globe/earth/g'`

`/etc/nologin.txt` (custom no login test if `-s /sbin/nologin` is defined when creating `useradd user5 -s /sbin/nologin`)

`useradd -D` default login settings

`useradd -D -s /bin/sh -b /custom/home`: this would set the default shell to `/bin/sh` and home directory to `/custom/home` for all future users.

Name the four local user authentication files. `/etc/passwd`, `/etc/group`, `/etc/shadow`, `/etc/gshadow`

The `who` command in Linux consults the `/var/run/utmp` file to display information about currently logged-in users.

`/var/log/wtmp`: Keeps a history of all logins and logouts.

`/var/log/btmp`: Logs failed login attempts.

`/etc/shadow`- is the backup for `/etc/shadow`

`/etc/nologin` is a special file in Linux. When it exists, it prevents all non-root users from logging into the system.

`who`, `w`, `id`, `groups`

The `lastlog` command in Linux displays the most recent login information of all system users.

password aging is a secure mechanism to control user passwords in Linux

~

PACKAGES

`rpm -q vsftpd`

`rpm -q createrepo`

`rpm -qf /bin/bash` : Queries which installed RPM package provides the file `/bin/bash`.

NFS Server:

`yum install nfs*`

(remote server)

`vi /etc/exports -> /remote 192.168.11.8(rw, sync)`

`exportfs`

(on the client)

`ifconfig -a` (check IP can reach to remote server)

`show mount -2 192.168.11.7`

`mount -t nfs 192.168.11.7:/remote /nfs` (change IP of client to 11.7 if it does not mount)

`service network restart`

`df -h` (check mount)

`vi /etc/fstab -> 192.168.11.7:/remote /nfs defaults 0 0`

`yum list autofs`

`vi /etc/auto.master`

`vi /etc/auto.misc -> ram -fstype:nfs 192.168.11.7` (config for mount point)

SAMBA Server(device and file share across heterogenous OSes.

Ports: 137(name), 138(datagram), 139(session)

`vi /etc/samba/smb.conf`

`cd /etc/samba && grep "log" *`

```
service smb restart
(on the client)
smbclient -L //182.168.11.7/ -N
(exercise: secure shared shares in samba server)(disable printer sharing)
```

```
DHCP server:
PORTS: 67-bootp, 68-dhcp
yum install dhcp -y
cd /usr/share/doc/dhcp_server
cp dhcpd.conf.example /etc/dhcpd/dhcpd.conf
vi /etc/dhcpd.conf (edit subnet and range according to IP)
service dhcpd start
```

NETWORK INFORMATION SERVICE a.k.a YellowPages (NIS)

DNS RECORDS

CNAME. files.example.org alias hostname

A RECORD IP address of the domain. maps hostname to IPv4 address to be saved in icann.net

MX RECORD maps domain name to mailexchange server. host can have multiple MX

PTR RECORD maps ipv4 to the canonical name for the host. adds 192.168.1.10.in-addr.arpa (reverse address)

NS record maps domain name to list of DNS servers authoritative for that domain.

```
named-checkconf /etc/named.conf
```

```
named-checkconf /etc/rfc1912.zones
```

```
named-checkzone example.com example.for
```

```
named-checkzone 192.168.1.11.in-addr.arpa
```

APACHE:

```
port: 80
```

```
yum install http*
```

Additionally, certain configuration options have been deprecated or removed in recent BIND 9 releases. For instance, the [auto-dnssec](#) configuration statement was removed, and users are advised to use [dnssec-policy](#) or manual signing instead.

[BIND 9 Documentation](#)

It's advisable to consult the release notes of the specific BIND version you're using to stay informed about any changes to configuration options.

```
yum install system-config-kickstarter
system-config-kickstart(will bring gui)
add
root password
installation method: ftp: server 192.168.10.7, ftp: directory: pub
partition info: add 10GB mount boot filetype ext4,add swap 2048
network config: eth0: dhcp.
authentication: keep default settings
firewall: SELinux disabled
installation:
```

vmlinux initrd.initrd.img repo=ftp://192.168.10.7/

Basic sendmail (deprecated)

yum install sendmail*

vi /etc/mail/sendmail.mc (nothing to be added)

make -C /etc/mail

vi /etc/mail/sendmail.mc

service sendmail start

service sendmail status

sendmail -v -s "Test Email" user@server.example.org

POSTFIX:

dnf remove sendmail

dnf install postfix

dnf install chkconfig

chkconfig postfix off

systemctl status postfix

vi postfix.sh ...

vi /etc/rc.local -> /root/postfix.sh

LVM

google ad

redirection

umask 022

chmod ugo

tar xvf gz

chmod g-s /usr/bin/write -v (gid)

TARGETS:

Subcommand	Description
daemon-reload	Re-reads and reloads all unit configuration files and recreates the entire user dependency tree.
enable (disable)	Activates (deactivates) a unit for autostart at system boot
get-default (set-default)	Shows (sets) the default boot target
get-property (set-property)	Returns (sets) the value of a property
is-active	Checks whether a unit is running
is-enabled	Displays whether a unit is set to autostart at system boot
is-failed	Checks whether a unit is in the failed state
isolate	Changes the running state of a system
kill	Terminates all processes for a unit
list-dependencies	Lists dependency tree for a unit
list-sockets	Lists units of type socket
list-unit-files	Lists installed unit files
list-units	Lists known units. This is the default behavior when systemctl is executed without any arguments.
mask (unmask)	Prohibits (permits) auto and manual activation of a unit to avoid potential conflict
reload	Forces a running unit to re-read its configuration file. This action does not change the PID of the running unit.
restart	Stops a running unit and restarts it
show	Shows unit properties
start (stop)	Starts (stops) a unit
status	Presents the unit status information

Table 12-3 systemctl Subcommands

systemctl list-unit-files

systemctl --failed

systemctl status atd

systemctl -t target (list all targets)

systemctl list-dependencies multi-user.target (list dependencies for multi-user target)

systemctl isolate multi-user (**systemctl isolate** command is used to change the current system's state by **isolating a specific target**)

SYSLOG: *rsyslogd*

/var/log are the default location where the log files are stored. rsyslog service is modular, allowing modules listed in its configuration file to be dynamically loaded in the kernel as and when needed. each module brings new functionality to the system upon loading. *systemctl start/stop/status rsyslog*

/etc/rsyslog.conf : configuration file. Rules section has **selectors**(left) and **action**(right), **facility**(left) and **priority**(right).

rsyslogd logs messages based on priorities: emerg, alert, crit, error, warning, notice, info, debug. *it will keep for target level and higher levels.*

```

# Provides TCP syslog reception
# for parameters see http://www.rsyslog.com/doc/imtcp.html
module(load="imtcp") # needs to be done just once
input(type="imtcp" port="514")

#### RULES ####

# Log all kernel messages to the console.
# Logging much else clutters up the screen.
kern.*                                          /dev/console

# Log anything (except mail) of level info or higher.
# Don't log private authentication messages!
*.info;mail.none;authpriv.none;cron.none     /var/log/messages

# The authpriv file has restricted access.
authpriv.*                                    /var/log/secure

# Log all the mail messages in one place.
mail.*                                         /var/log/maillog

# Log cron stuff
cron.*                                         /var/log/cron

# Everybody gets emergency messages
*.emerg                                       :omusrmsg:*

# Save news errors of level crit and higher in a special file.
uucp,news.crit                               /var/log/spooler

# Save boot messages also to boot.log
local7.*                                       /var/log/boot.log

```

`/var/log/messages | /var/log/boot | ls -l /var/log`

files under `/var/log` can be filled very quickly. To prevent this a script called `logrotate` under `/etc/cron.daily` invokes the `logrotate` command. `/etc/logrotate.conf`

– each time a log file is rotated, an empty replacement file is created with the date as a suffix to its name, and logging restarted. services have each different `logrotate` configuration.

`/etc/logrotate.d/*` script has option for `postrotate` (such as `gzip`) the log files. latest system messages: `/var/log/messages (tail -f)`. It is helpful to tail the messages file when starting or restarting the service.

```

Mar 13 13:16:01 vbox systemd[1]: session-233.scope: Deactivated successfully.
Mar 13 13:17:01 vbox systemd[1]: Started Session 234 of User root.
Mar 13 13:17:01 vbox systemd[1]: session-234.scope: Deactivated successfully.
Mar 13 13:17:18 vbox systemd[1]: Starting Hostname Service...
Mar 13 13:17:18 vbox systemd[1]: Started Hostname Service.
Mar 13 13:17:48 vbox systemd[1]: systemd-hostnamed.service: Deactivated successfully.
Mar 13 13:17:55 vbox systemd[1]: Starting Hostname Service...
Mar 13 13:17:55 vbox systemd[1]: Started Hostname Service.
Mar 13 13:18:01 vbox systemd[1]: Started Session 235 of User root.
Mar 13 13:18:01 vbox systemd[1]: session-235.scope: Deactivated successfully.
Mar 13 13:18:25 vbox systemd[1]: systemd-hostnamed.service: Deactivated successfully.
[root@vbox ~]# cat /var/log/messages
[0] 0:bash- 1:user2 2:user1 3:root*

```

`journalctl`:

in addition to `rsyslog`, `systemd` implements logging service for the collection of logs. this is implemented via **`systemd-journald`** daemon. `journalctl` command will print messages.

`journalctl -o verbose, journalctl -b` (from last systemboot). `-0`: since the last system boot, `-1`: since previous system boot, `-2`: since two previous system boot.

`journalctl -kb0` (only kernel generated alerts since last reboot)

`journalctl -n5` (list only last 5 lines)

`journalctl /usr/sbin/crond` (see logs generated by `crond`)

`journalctl _SYSTEMD_UNIT=sshd.service`


```
journalctl _PID=$(pgrep chronyd) / journalctl _PID=$(pgrep sshd)
journalctl --since 2019-10-10 --until 2019-10-16 -p err
journalctl --since today -p warning -r
journalctl -f (real time viewing, same as tail -f)
```

logs are stored in `/run/log/journal` and its transient. options: `volatile`(stores in memory only), `persistent`(permanent under `/var/log/journal`), `auto`(similar to persistent but does not create `/var/log/journal`), `none`(disables both volatile and persistent storage, not recommended). file is rotated once a month. settings at `/etc/systemd/journald.conf`.

`/etc/machine-id` : where the system's machine ID is kept.

SYSTEM TUNING:

tuned: monitor storage, networking, audio, video and a variety of other connected devices. adjust parameters for better performance. there are several predefined tuning profiles, that may be activated statically or dynamically. for example during large file transfer network connection use increases. 9 profiles default, can create custom and save it under `/etc/tuned`.

Profile	Description
Profiles Optimized for Better Performance	
Desktop	Based on the balanced profile for desktop systems. Offers improved throughput for interactive applications.
Latency-performance	For low-latency requirements
Network-latency	Based on the latency-performance for faster network throughput
Network-throughput	Based on the throughput-performance profile for maximum network throughput
Virtual-guest	Optimized for virtual machines
Virtual-host	Optimized for virtualized hosts
Profiles Optimized for Power Saving	
Powersave	Saves maximum power at the cost of performance
Balanced/Max Profiles	
Balanced	Preferred choice for systems that require a balance between performance and power saving
Throughput-performance	Provides maximum performance and consumes maximum power

Table 12-5 Tuning Profiles