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PRACTICAL-5

AIM: - To learn about controlling access to files in Linux.

Commands:

umask – to controls how file permissions are set for newly created file

chown – to change the user or group ownership of file

chmod – to change user/group/others permission/values of file

Exercise:

- Nishant wants to create directory techdocs and he wants to set permission as per his requirement for file and directory. Refer the below listed tasks and provide appropriate solution.

1. Create one group techdocs and three users tech1, tech2 & database1.

SOLUTION:

```
[root@localhost ~]# groupadd techdocs
[root@localhost ~]# cat /etc/groups
cat: /etc/groups: No such file or directory
[root@localhost ~]# cat /etc/group
techdocs:x:1001:
[root@localhost ~]# useradd tech1
[root@localhost ~]# useradd tech2
[root@localhost ~]# useradd database1
[root@localhost ~]# cat /etc/passwd
tech1:x:1001:1002::/home/tech1:/bin/bash
tech2:x:1002:1003::/home/tech2:/bin/bash
database1:x:1003:1004::/home/database1:/bin/bash
[root@localhost ~]#
```

2. Add techdocs group as supplementary group for users tech1 & tech2.

SOLUTION:

```
[root@localhost ~]# usermod -G techdocs tech1
[root@localhost ~]# usermod -G techdocs tech2
[root@localhost ~]# cat /etc/group
techdocs:x:1001:tech1,tech2
tech1:x:1002:
tech2:x:1003:
database1:x:1004:
[root@localhost ~]#
```

3. He wants to create a directory called dtechdocs.**SOLUTION:**

```
[root@localhost ~]# mkdir dtechdocs
[root@localhost ~]# ls -ld dtechdocs
drwxr-xr-x. 2 root root 6 Apr 28 07:44 dtechdocs
[root@localhost ~]#
```

4. Now, Change the group ownership of the dtechdocs directory to the techdocs group.**SOLUTION:**

```
[root@localhost ~]# chown :techdocs dtechdocs
[root@localhost ~]# ls -ld dtechdocs
drwxr-xr-x. 2 root techdocs 6 Apr 28 07:44 dtechdocs
[root@localhost ~]#
```

5. Verify that users in the techdocs group can create and edit files in the dtechdocs directory.**SOLUTION:**

```
[root@localhost home]# su - tech1
[tech1@localhost ~]$ ls
[tech1@localhost ~]$ cd ..
[tech1@localhost home]$ ls
database1 tech1 tech2 yashpra1010
[tech1@localhost home]$ cd
[tech1@localhost ~]$ exit
logout
[root@localhost home]# mkdir /home/techdocs
[root@localhost home]# cd ..
[root@localhost /]# cd home
[root@localhost home]# ls
database1 tech1 tech2 techdocs yashpra1010
[root@localhost home]# chown :techdocs techdocs
[root@localhost home]# ls -ld techdocs
drwxr-xr-x. 2 root techdocs 6 Apr 28 08:01 techdocs
[root@localhost home]# su - tech1
[tech1@localhost ~]$ cd ..
[tech1@localhost home]$ ls
database1 tech1 tech2 techdocs yashpra1010
[tech1@localhost home]$ cd tech
-bash: cd: tech: No such file or directory
[tech1@localhost home]$ cd techdocs/
[tech1@localhost techdocs]$
```

6. Set permissions on the dtechdocs directory. On the dtechdocs directory, configure setgid (2), read/write/execute permissions (7) for the owner/user and group, and no permissions (0) for other users.

SOLUTION:

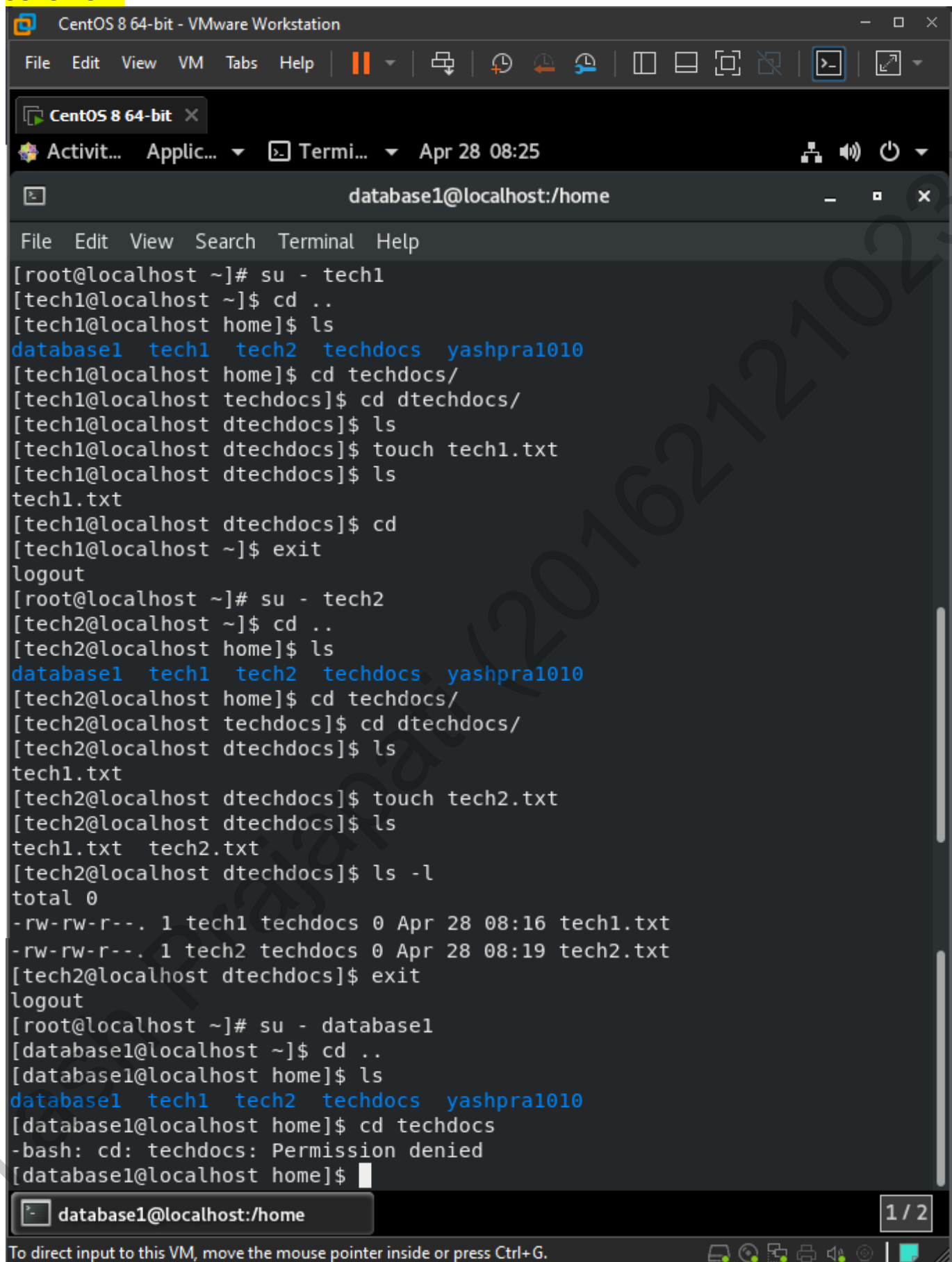
```
[root@localhost ~]# chmod 2770 /home/techdocs
[root@localhost ~]# ls -ld /home/techdocs/
drwxrws---. 2 root techdocs 6 Apr 28 08:01 /home/techdocs/
[root@localhost ~]# mkdir /home/techdocs/dtechdocs
[root@localhost ~]# ls -l /home/techdocs/
total 0
drwxr-sr-x. 2 root techdocs 6 Apr 28 08:08 dtechdocs
[root@localhost ~]#
```

7. Verify that the permissions are set properly.

SOLUTION:

```
[root@localhost ~]# ls -l /home/techdocs/
total 0
drwxr-sr-x. 2 root techdocs 6 Apr 28 08:08 dtechdocs
[root@localhost ~]# chmod g+w /home/techdocs/dtechdocs/
[root@localhost ~]# ls -l /home/techdocs/
total 0
drwxrwsr-x. 2 root techdocs 6 Apr 28 08:08 dtechdocs
[root@localhost ~]#
```

8. Confirm that users in the techdocs group can now create and edit files in the dtechdocs directory. Users not in the techdocs group cannot edit or create files in the dtechdocs directory. Users tech1 and tech2 are in the techdocs group. User database1 is not in that group.

SOLUTION:

```
CentOS 8 64-bit - VMware Workstation
File Edit View VM Tabs Help
CentOS 8 64-bit x
Activit... Applic... Termi... Apr 28 08:25
database1@localhost:/home
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
[root@localhost ~]# su - tech1
[tech1@localhost ~]$ cd ..
[tech1@localhost home]$ ls
database1 tech1 tech2 techdocs yashpra1010
[tech1@localhost home]$ cd techdocs/
[tech1@localhost techdocs]$ cd dtechdocs/
[tech1@localhost dtechdocs]$ ls
[tech1@localhost dtechdocs]$ touch tech1.txt
[tech1@localhost dtechdocs]$ ls
tech1.txt
[tech1@localhost dtechdocs]$ cd
[tech1@localhost ~]$ exit
logout
[root@localhost ~]# su - tech2
[tech2@localhost ~]$ cd ..
[tech2@localhost home]$ ls
database1 tech1 tech2 techdocs yashpra1010
[tech2@localhost home]$ cd techdocs/
[tech2@localhost techdocs]$ cd dtechdocs/
[tech2@localhost dtechdocs]$ ls
tech1.txt
[tech2@localhost dtechdocs]$ touch tech2.txt
[tech2@localhost dtechdocs]$ ls
tech1.txt tech2.txt
[tech2@localhost dtechdocs]$ ls -l
total 0
-rw-rw-r--. 1 tech1 techdocs 0 Apr 28 08:16 tech1.txt
-rw-rw-r--. 1 tech2 techdocs 0 Apr 28 08:19 tech2.txt
[tech2@localhost dtechdocs]$ exit
logout
[root@localhost ~]# su - database1
[database1@localhost ~]$ cd ..
[database1@localhost home]$ ls
database1 tech1 tech2 techdocs yashpra1010
[database1@localhost home]$ cd techdocs
-bash: cd: techdocs: Permission denied
[database1@localhost home]$
```