

Linux Administration

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Linux course objectives

- What is Linux OS?
- Linux administration AdminI and AdminII

- ▶ File and Dir management
- ▶ User and group management
- ▶ Process management & env variables
- ▶ Linux file system & string processing & compression & Archiving & Transfer files & searching
- ▶ Package mang & service management & scheduling & storage mang
- ▶ Network mang

Linux course Agenda

What is Linux?

- ▶ OS objectives:
 - ▶ HW management
 - ▶ Basics of any application.
- ▶ Linux is an open-source operating system under the GNU/GPL license.
- ▶ Linux advantages
 - ▶ Linux is open source.
 - ▶ Linux is secure and virus free.
 - ▶ Linux is perfect for programmers.
 - ▶ Linux has a better community support.
 - ▶ Linux is reliable.
 - ▶ Linux has better performance

Linux and unix distribution

- ▶ Unix distributions:

- ▶ Oracle: Solaris
- ▶ IBM: HIX
- ▶ HP: HP/UX
- ▶ Silicon Graphics: IRIX

- ▶ Linux distributions:

- ▶ Redhat: Redhat server(updated each 18 months), Centos(free), Fedora(updated each 6 months)[testing], Rocky
- ▶ Ubuntu: Ubuntu, Kali
- ▶ Debian
- ▶ Novell: SUSE[stable], OpenSUSE[testing]
- ▶ Minit

Linux components

▶ Kernel

- ▶ Is the core of the operating system.
- ▶ Contains components like device drivers.
- ▶ It loads into RAM when the machine boots and stays resident in RAM until the machine powers off.

▶ Shell

- ▶ Provides an interface by which the user can communicate with the kernel.
- ▶ The shell parses commands entered by the user and translates them into logical segments to be executed by the kernel or other utilities.
- ▶ There are lot of shells as :
 - ▶ Bourne Shell (sh)
 - ▶ Korn Shell (ksh)
 - ▶ C Shell (csh)
 - ▶ Bourne Again Shell (bash) → is the most commonly used shell on Linux
- ▶ They have different features that will be discussed later

▶ Terminal and GUI(default shell)

- ▶ Gives the shell a place to accept typed commands and to display their results.

Linux filesystem tree

▶
/

▶ etc tmp home root dev bin sbin usr var

▶ Some important files under these directories:

- ▶ /etc/passwd
- ▶ /etc/group
- ▶ /etc/shadow
- ▶ /usr/bin
- ▶ /usr/sbin
- ▶ /var/spool/mail
- ▶ /var/log

Linux paths

Absolute path

Is the full path from / to the place where you need.

Relative path

Is the path from your current place to the place where you need

Note:

- . => means current directory
- ..=> means parent directory

Linux Command syntax

- ▶ command
 - ▶ command -<option>
 - ▶ command -<option> <argument>
 - ▶ command -<option> <file>
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- ▶ Make sure from
 - ▶ Spelling
 - ▶ Case
 - ▶ Spaces
 - ▶ Syntax

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Linux basic commands

- ▶ Print system info
 - ▶ `#uname` → print your operating system
 - ▶ `#uname -n` → print your hostname
 - ▶ `#uname -a` → print all info (OS, hostname, kernel)
- ▶ Display a calendar
 - ▶ `#cal`
 - ▶ `#cal [month] [year]`
 - ▶ `#cal [year]`
- ▶ Print or set the system date and time
 - ▶ `#date`
 - ▶ `#date +%B` → to print only the current month
- ▶ Print effective user
 - ▶ `#whoami` → print the effective user who access now

Directories

► Changing directories

- `#cd /home/user1/work`
- `#cd ..`
- `#cd ~`
- `#cd -` (to undo to my last place)

► Listing directory contents

- `#ls`
- `#ls -l`
- `#ls -ld`
- `#ls -i`
- `#ls -R`
- `#ls -a`
- `#dir --color`

► Printing current directory

- `#pwd`

► Directory creation

- `#mkdir`
- `#mkdir -p`

Files

► File naming

- File names may be up to 255 characters.
- There are no extensions in Linux.
- Avoid special characters as >< ? * # '.
- File names are case sensitive.

► File creation

- #touch

► Viewing File content

- #cat fname
- #more fname
- #head -n fname
- #tail -n fname
- #tail -f
- #wc [wc -l, wc -w, wc -c]

vi text editor

- Vi editor (visual editor) is the default editor for Unix and Linux OS.
- Vi is used to manage file content.
- Vi is an interactive editor that you can use to create and modify text files.
- Usually, the only editor available in emergency mode.
- vi in Linux is usually vim (vi improved):
 - Syntax highlighting.
 - Arrow keys, Del, BS work in insert mode.
 - Mouse support.
- An advantage of this editor is that we can manipulate text without using a mouse. We can only need the keyboard.
- Vi has **3 basic modes**
 - command mode (Default mode, Perform commands to delete, copy,)
 - Edit (insert) mode → Enter text into the file
 - Last line mode → To access it, enter a colon (:) while in the command mode

vi text editor operations

- The syntax of vi command:
 - `#vi <filename>`
- To recover a file
 - `#vi -r filename`
- Viewing files in Read-only mode:
 - `#view filename`
 - Perform the `:q` command exit.
- Inserting and appending text:
 - `i` → Inserts text before the cursor.
 - `o` → Opens a new blank line below the cursor.
 - `a` → Appends text after the cursor.
 - `A` → append text at the end of the line.
 - `I` → insert text at the beginning of the line.
 - `O` → opens a new line above the cursor.
 - After editing Press `esc` to enter command mode.
- Moving the cursor within the vi
 - `e` → to the end of the current word.
 - `0` → to the beginning of the line.
 - `$` → to the end of the line
 - `G` → to the last line in the file
 - `1G` → to first line in the file
 - `ggdG` → to delete all content of the file

vi text editor operations

- Save and quit
 - :w → save the file.
 - :w new_file → save as new file.
 - :wq or :x → save and quit.
 - :q! → quit without saving.
- Search and replace
 - /string → Searches forward for the string.
 - ?string → Searches backward for the string.
 - n → Searches for the next occurrence of the string.
 - N → Searches for the previous occurrence of the string.
 - :%s/old/new/g → Searches for the old string and replaces it with the new string globally.
- Customization vi session
 - :set nu, :set nonu → show and hide line numbers.

File and dir manipulation

- ▶ Copying files and dirs.
 - ▶ `#cp <source_file> <destination_dir>`
 - ▶ `#cp -r <source_dir> <destination_dir>`
 - ▶ `#cp -i` → Prevents you from accidentally overwriting existing files or dirs
 - ▶ `#scp <source_file> <user>@<remote_host>:<destination_dir>`
- ▶ Moving and renaming files
 - ▶ `#mv <source_file> <destination_dir>`
- ▶ Remove files and dirs.
 - ▶ `#rm <file_name>`
 - ▶ `#rm -f <file_name>`
 - ▶ `#rmdir`
 - ▶ `#rmdir -p`
 - ▶ `#rm -r`
 - ▶ `#rm -rf`

Linux documentation

- ▶ Linux has more sections for its documentation
 - ▶ Section 1 → to search for user commands
 - ▶ Section 5 → to search for configuration files
- ▶ Man command
 - ▶ `#man cat` → search about cat in the first section it's exits
 - ▶ `#man -f passwd` → to show passwd exist in which section
 - ▶ `#man -a passwd` → to search about passwd in all sections
 - ▶ `#man -s5 passwd` → search about passwd in section5 only
 - ▶ `#man -k calender` → search by any keyword
- ▶ To update man database
 - ▶ `#mandb`

Ctrl+A	Jump to the beginning of the command line.
Ctrl+E	Jump to the end of the command line.
Ctrl+U	Clear from the cursor to the beginning of the command line.
Ctrl+K	Clear from the cursor to the end of the command line.
Ctrl+LeftArrow	Jump to the beginning of the previous word on the command line.
Ctrl+RightArrow	Jump to the end of the next word on the command line.
Ctrl+R	Search the history list of commands for a pattern.

Terminal shortcuts

- TAB completion
- \ ➔ if we have a many lines command
- alt + . ➔ to paste the same argument of the last command (alt + . Many times to get all past arguments)