### Linux fayl tizimida huquqlarni boshqarish

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### 1. Linux fayl tizimini tavsiflanishi

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# 1. Umumiy fayl tizimi vazifalarini bajarish

- Ma'lumotlar tartiblangan va osongina joylashishi mumkin Ma'lumotni istalgan keyingi vaqtda osongina olish mumkin
- Ma'lumotlarning yaxlitligi saqlanadi

#### •Linux fayl tizimining ierarxik tuzilishi

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#### The hierarchical structure of the Linux file system

FIGURE 6-1

Notice that the topmost directory in the structure is the / directory, also called the root directory.

Ildiz katalog ostida bir qator kichik kataloglar joylashgan. Ushbu kataloglarni qanday nomlash bo'yicha texnik xususiyatlar Fayl tizimi ierarxiyasi standartida (FHS) mavjud.

## /bin

Ushbu katalog Linux tizimini boshqarish va ishga tushirish uchun zarur bo'lgan bajariladigan fayllarni, shu jumladan qobiqlarni (masalan, bash) va cp va rm kabi fayl tizimini boshqarish vositalarini o'z ichiga oladi.

### /boot

#### Ushbu katalog tizimingizni yuklash uchun zarur bo'lgan yuklash fayllarini o'z ichiga oladi

### /dev

- Ushbu katalog tizimda o'rnatilgan turli xil apparat qurilmalarini ko'rsatish uchun ishlatiladigan maxsus fayllarni o'z ichiga oladi
- Misol: hda, hdb ...

/etc

Ushbu katalog tizim tomonidan ishlatiladigan matnga asoslangan konfiguratsiya fayllarini hamda tizimda ishlaydigan xizmatlarni o'z ichiga oladi. Linux qanday ishlashini sozlash uchun ushbu fayllarni matn muharriri yordamida tahrirlashingiz mumkin

## /home

Ushbu katalog Linux tizimingizdagi har bir foydalanuvchi hisobi uchun uy katalogi bo'lib xizmat qiluvchi pastki kataloglarni o'z ichiga oladi.

### /lib

Ushbu katalogda /bin va /sbin dasturlari tomonidan ishlatiladigan kod kutubxonalari mavjud. Yadro modullaringiz /lib modullari pastki katalogida ham saqlanadi.

### /media

Ushbu katalog ba'zi Linux distribyutorlari (masalan, SUSE Linux) tomonidan tashqi qurilmalarni, jumladan CD drayvlar, DVD drayvlar va floppi drayvlarni o'rnatish uchun ishlatiladi.

### /mnt

Ushbu katalog ba'zi Linux distribyutorlari (masalan, Fedora yoki Red Hat) tomonidan CD drayvlar, DVD drayvlar va floppi drayvlar kabi tashqi qurilmalarni o'rnatish uchun ishlatiladi.

/opt

 Ushbu katalog tizimga o'rnatgan ba'zi dasturlar uchun fayllarni o'z ichiga oladi

### /proc

- Ushbu katalog ushbu ro'yxatdagi boshqa kataloglardan biroz farq qiladi.
- /proc aslida fayl tizimida mavjud emas
- /proc ichida bir qancha turli pastki kataloglar mavjud, E'tibor bering, bu pastki kataloglarning har biri nom bilan emas, raqam bilan aniqlangan. Bu raqamlar tizimda ishlaydigan bog'langan jarayonning jarayon identifikatori (PID) raqamiga mos keladi

### /root

Bu katalog asosiy foydalanuvchining uy katalogidir. E'tibor bering, u /home-dagi boshqa foydalanuvchilar uchun uy kataloglaridan alohida joylashgan.

### /sbin

Bu katalog asosiy foydalanuvchining uy katalogidir. E'tibor bering, u /home-dagi boshqa foydalanuvchilar uchun uy kataloglaridan alohida joylashgan.

/srv

 Ushbu katalog tizimda ishlaydigan xizmatlar (masalan, httpd va ftpd) o'z fayllarini saqlaydigan pastki kataloglarni o'z ichiga oladi.



 Ushbu katalog tizimingizdagi apparat haqida ma'lumotni o'z ichiga oladi.

### /tmp

 Ushbu katalog siz yoki tizim tomonidan yaratilgan vaqtinchalik fayllarni o'z ichiga oladi.

### /usr

Ushbu katalog ilova fayllarini o'z ichiga oladi. Haqiqatan ham, tizimingizda ishlatiladigan dastur fayllarining aksariyati /usr pastki katalogida saqlanadi

/var

Ushbu katalog ilova fayllarini o'z ichiga oladi. Haqiqatan ham, tizimingizda ishlatiladigan dastur fayllarining aksariyati /usr pastki katalogida saqlanadi

### • Types of Files Used by Linux

- Windows fayl tizimida fayl tizimida asosan ikkita kirish turi mavjud: kataloglar va fayllar. Sizda oddiy fayllar, yashirin fayllar, yorliq fayllari, so'zni qayta ishlash fayllari, bajariladigan fayllar va boshqalar bo'lishi mumkin.
- Linux bilan esa fayl tizimi tomonidan ishlatiladigan turli xil fayl turlari mavjud.

#### Linux File turlari

- Oddiy fayllar: Ushbu fayllar boshqa operatsion tizimlarning fayl tizimlari tomonidan ishlatiladigan fayllarga o'xshaydi - masalan, bajariladigan fayllar, OpenOffice.org fayllari, rasmlar, matn konfiguratsiya fayllari va boshqalar.
- Bog'lanishlar: Bu fayllar fayl tizimidagi boshqa fayllarga ishora qiluvchi ko'rsatgichlardir.

#### Linux File turlari

- FIFOs: FIFO stands for First In First Out. These are special files used to move data from one running process on the system to another. A FIFO file is basically a queue where the first chunk of data added to the queue is the first chunk of data removed from the queue. Data can only move in one direction through a FIFO.
- Sockets: Sockets are similar to FIFOs in that they are used to transfer information between sockets.
   With a socket, however, data can move bidirectionally.

### 2. Complete Common File System Tasks

- Navigating the file system
- Managing files and directories
- Running executable files
- Searching the file system

With Linux, however, you should become proficient with the shell commands first and then use the GUI utilities for convenience

#### Reasons?

Most employers and co-workers won't take you seriously as a Linux administrator if you can't use the shell prompt. It just goes with the territory.

- Many Linux systems, especially those deployed as servers, don't run X Windows. Supporting a GUI environment requires a lot of CPU overhead. Many server admins prefer to devote those CPU cycles to system services instead of moving the mouse cursor on the screen. In this situation, you need to know how to do things from the shell prompt.
- You need to know how to complete these tasks from the shell prompt to pass your Linux+ exam.

#### • Navigating the File System

- Pwd (Present Working Directory)
- cd
- ls

### Using the pwd Command

#### FIGURE 6-8

Using pwd to display the current directory

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#### Using the cd Command

#### FIGURE 6-8

Using pwd to display the current directory

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| tux@linux1:~) pwd<br>/home/tux<br>tux@linux1:~) |      |
| Shell No. 2                                     | í    |

### cd

Agar siz yo'lni ko'rsatmasdan qobiq satriga CD ni kiritsangiz, u avtomatik ravishda kataloglarni hozirda tizimga kirgan foydalanuvchining uy katalogiga o'zgartiradi.

#### ls buyrug'idan foydalanish

#### FIGURE 6-12

Using Is to view the contents of the current directory

| 📮 tux@linux1/var - Shell - Konsole 🧕  |   |
|---|---|
| Session Edit View Bookmarks Settings Help   |   |
| tux@linux1:/var> ls<br>adm cache games lib <mark>lock</mark> log mail opt run spool <b>tmp</b> X11R6 yp<br>tux@linux1:/var> |   |
| Shell No.2  | 6 |

- –a Barcha fayllarni, jumladan yashirin fayllarni koʻrsatadi.
- –l Katalog tarkibining uzun ro'yxatini ko'rsatadi.
   Bu juda foydali variant. Undan fayl nomlari, egalik huquqi, ruxsatlar, o'zgartirish sanasi va hajmini ko'rish uchun foydalanishingiz mumkin.
- –R Katalog tarkibini rekursiv ravishda aks ettiradi; ya'ni joriy katalogning mazmuni bilan bir qatorda barcha pastki kataloglarning mazmunini ko'rsatadi.

### •Fayllar va kataloglarni boshqarish

- Fayllar va kataloglarni yaratish
- Fayl tarkibini ko'rish
- Fayllar va kataloglarni o'chirish
- Fayllar va kataloglarni nusxalash va ko'chirish
- Havolalar yaratish

## Fayllar va kataloglarni yaratish

#### touch new\_file

## Fayllar va kataloglarni yaratish

mkdir new\_directory

## Matn fayli tarkibini ko'rish

- cat
- less
- head
- tail

#### cat

Mushuk fayl nomi buyrug'i ko'rsatilgan matn faylini ekranda ko'rsatadi. Bu buyruq chiqishni to'xtatmaydi, shuning uchun agar siz undan uzun faylni ko'rish uchun foydalansangiz, sahifani bir marta to'xtatib turish uchun buyruqqa |ko'proq qo'shishingiz kerak bo'lishi mumkin.

# less

The less filename command can also be used to display the specified text file on screen, much like cat. However, the less command automatically pauses a long text file one page at time.

# head

The head filename command is used to display the first couple of lines of a text file on the screen.

# tail

- The tail filename command is used to display the last couple of lines of a text file on screen. The tail command is particularly useful when displaying a log file on screen. When viewing a log file, you probably only want to see the end of the file.
- The tail command also includes the –f option, which is very useful. You can use this to monitor the file specified in the command

## **Deleting Files and Directories**

#### rmdir

rm

# rmdir

This utility can be used to delete an existing directory. To use it, simply enter rmdir directory\_name—for example, rmdir MyFiles. Be aware, however, that rmdir requires that the directory be empty before it will delete it.

#### rm

The rm utility is a more powerful deletion utility that can be used to delete either a file or a populated directory. To delete a file, simply enter rm filename. To delete a directory, enter rm –r directory\_name.

#### rm

Be careful with rm! By default, it won't prompt you to confirm a deletion operation. It assumes that you really meant to delete the file or directory. If you want rm to prompt you before deleting a file or directory, include the –i option.

# Copying and Moving Files and Directories

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mv

This utility is used to copy files or entire directory structures from one location in the file system to another. For example, to copy a file named /tmp/schedule.txt to your home directory, you could enter

cp /tmp/schedule.txt ~.

#### mv

The mv command is used much like cp. However, it will copy the specified file to the new location in the file system and then delete the original. For example, to move a file named mylog.txt from /tmp to /var/log, you would enter mv /tmp/mylog.txt /var/log

#### mv

The mv command is also used to rename files. Simply enter mv followed by the file to be renamed and then the new file name. For example, to rename schedule.txt to schedule.old, you would enter

mv schedule.txt schedule.old.

# **Creating Links**

- Hard
- Symbolic

# Hard

A hard link is a file that points directly to the inode of another file. An inode stores basic information about a file in the Linux file system, including its size, device, owner, and permissions. Because the two files use the same inode, you can't tell which file is the pointer and which is the pointee after the hard link is created.

# Symbolic

A symbolic link file also points to another file in the file system. However, a file that is a symbolic link has its own inode. Because the pointer file has its own inode, the pointer and the pointee in the file system can be easily identified. For example, in the previous chapter, you saw that the vi file is symboliclinked to the vim file.

## syntax

- In pointee\_file pointer\_file
- Using In without any options creates a hard link
- If you want to create a symbolic link, you use the -s option

# **Running Executables**

For example, you've used the man, vi, and cp programs to accomplish various tasks on your system. These programs are executable files that exist in the Linux file system and are loaded into memory when you call them from the shell prompt which command You can view all of your environment variables by entering env | more or echo \$PATH at the shell prompt.

#### To add the path to the executable to your PATH environment variable. Enter PATH=\$PATH:new\_path

For example, if you wanted to add a directory named apps in your vmk's home directory to the PATH variable, you would enter

PATH=\$PATH:/home/vmk/apps

After adding the path, you must then export the new variable by entering export PATH at the shell prompt. You can then check your PATH variable by entering echo \$PATH at the shell promp

• Searching the File System

- Using find
- Using locate
- Using grep

# Using find

The find utility is fantastic tool that you can use to search the Linux file system. To use find, enter at the shell prompt

find path -- name "filename"

For example, suppose you wanted to find all of the log files stored in your file system that have a .log extension. You could enter find / –name "\*.log" The find utility is flexible. You can also use the -user "username" option to search for files owned by a specific user, or use the

-size "size" option to search for files of a specified size.

You can use a + sign before the size value to search for files larger than the specified size, or a – sign before the size value to search for files smaller than the specified size. The find utility has many other options

# Using locate

The locate utility functions in much the same manner as find. However, it has one distinct advantage over find. Whenever you execute a search with find, it manually walks through each directory in the path you name in the command looking for the specified files. This process can take some time.

## locate

Alternatively, the locate utility builds an index of the files in the file system. Then, when you execute a search, locate simply runs a query of the index. It doesn't actually search the file system directly. The result is that locate runs much faster than find in most situations. To use locate, you must first install the findutils-locate package on your system.

 With the index updated, you can search for files by simply entering:

locate filename

at the shell prompt. For example, if you wanted to search for a file named snmpd.conf, you could enter locate snmpd.conf

# Using grep

Linux also provides a utility called grep that you can use to search for content within a file. Using grep, you can search through a file for a particular text string. To use grep, you would enter grep search\_text file. For example, let's suppose you want to want to search through your /var/log/messages file for any log entries related to the VNC service running on your Linux system. You would enter

grep vnc /var/log/messages

#### options:

- –i Ignores case when searching for the search text.
- –I Doesn't display the actual matching line of text. Only displays the names of the files that contain the matching text.
- –r Searches recursively through subdirectories of the path specified.

# 3. Manage Disk Partitions

- Using fdisk to create disk partitions
- Building a file system with mkfs
- Mounting a partition with mount
- Checking the file system with fsck

# Using fdisk to Create Disk Partitions

The fdisk utility is used from the command line to create or delete partitions at the shell prompt. To use fdisk to create a new partition, first open a terminal session. Then, at the shell prompt, change to your root account by entering su – followed by your root user's password.

#### fdisk

At the shell prompt, enter fdisk device. For example, if you wanted to create a partition on the third SCSI hard disk in your system, you would enter fdisk /dev/sdc

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Partition your hard disks...

This is intended for experts. If you are not familiar with the concepts of hard disk partitions and how to use them, you might want to go back and select automatic partitioning.

Nothing will be written to your hard disk until you confirm all your changes with the "Apply" button. Until that point, you can safely abort.

For LVM setup, using a non-LVM root device and a non-LVM swap device is recommended. Other than the root and swap devices, you should have partitions managed by LVM.

The table to the right shows the current partitions on all your hard disks.

Hard disks are designated like this

/dev/hda 1st EIDE disk /dev/hdb 2nd EIDE disk /dev/hdo 3rd EIDE disk

etc.

- or -

/dev/sda 1st SCSI disk /dev/sdb 2nd SCSI disk /dev/edo 3rd SCSI disk

etc.

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#### Device Size F Type Mount Mount By Start End Used By Label VMware,-VMware Virtual S 203.9 MB /dev/sda1 Linux native /boot к 0 25 /dev/sda2 517.7 MB Linux swap swap к 26 91 к 875 /dev/sda3 6.0 GB Linux native 1 92 /dev/sda4 1.2 GB Linux native к 1043 /var 876 /dev/sdb 4.0 GB VMware,-VMware Virtual S 521 0 /dev/sdb1 3.9 GB Linux native /media/usb K 0 520

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Partitions are designated like this:

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# With fdisk running, you have a Command: prompt that you can use to enter fdisk commands

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|---|-------|
| Session Edit View Bookmarks Settings Help   |       |
| tux@linux1:~> su -<br>Password:<br>linux1:~ # fdisk /dev/sdc  |       |
| Device contains neither a valid DOS partition table, nor Sun, SGI or OSF disklaw  | )     |
| Building a new DOS disklabel. Changes will remain in memory only,<br>until you decide to write them. After that, of course, the previous<br>content won't be recoverable. |       |
| Warning: invalid flag 0x0000 of partition table 4 will be corrected by w(rite)  |       |
| Command (m for help):   | •     |
| Shell Shell No. 2   | íi si |

Before creating a partition, you should press P to view any existing partitions on the disk. This will help you determine if there is sufficient space and, if there is, what number must be assigned to a new partition created on the disk.

To create a new partition, you press N.

You can then specify whether you want to create a primary disk partition or an extended disk partition.

To create a primary partition, press P when prompted.

To create an extended partition, press E

For example: You could press T and specify a partition ID of 82 if you wanted to change the partition to a swap partition.

### • Building a file system with mkfs

- Even though we've created a partition with fdisk, we can't use it yet. That's because it hasn't been formatted with a file system yet. This is accomplished using one of the following commands:
- mkfs
- mkreiserfs

# mkfs

This utility is used to make an ext2 or ext3 file system on a partition. You can even use it to create a FAT file system on the partition (which is used by Windows and DOS). You specify which file system you want to use by entering the -t option and the type of file system. For example, if you wanted to create an ext3 file system on the first partition on your third SCSI hard disk drive in your system, you would enter mkfs -t ext3 /dev/sdc1

### mkreiserfs

This utility is used to make a Reiser file system on a partition. For example, if you wanted to create a Reiser file system on the first partition on your third SCSI hard drive in your system, you would enter

### mkreiserfs /dev/sdc1

When you do, a screen is displayed and a proposal is presented. Many of these parameters can be customized using mkreiserfs options.

### • Mounting a Partition with mount

One of the key differences between Linux and other operating systems (such as Windows) is the fact that you need to mount a file system before you can use it. This is another one of those "gotchas" that trip up new Linux administrators. You even have to mount CDs, DVDs, and floppies before you can use them! Such as Windows, reference partitions on the disk using a drive letter, such as C: or D ...

Not so with Linux! Linux instead uses a virtual file system (VFS) that creates a single hierarchy that encompasses all partitions on all storage devices in the system. Switching to the directory where the partition is mounted switches you to that partition.

### mount

To use mount to mount a partition, first switch to your root account using su. Then enter

**mount** –t file\_system\_type device mount\_point at the shell prompt. For example,

mount -- t reiserfs /dev/sdc1 /mnt/extraspace

If you don't know what type of file system is used by the partition, you can use the <u>-a</u> option with mount instead of <u>-t</u>. This will cause mount to try to mount the partition using all supported file system types until one is successful.

### umount

If, for some reason, you wanted to unmount a partition, you can use the umount command. To umount a partition, simply enter umount followed by the device or the mount directory for the partition. For example,

### umount /dev/sdc1

or

umount /mnt/extraspace.

You can also use command-line utilities to create and mount swap partitions on your Linux system. You can create swap partitions using the mkswap command. First, create the partition that will be used as a swap partition using fdisk. Then enter mkswap device at the shell prompt. For example, to covert the second partition on the second IDE hard drive in your system to a swap partition, you would enter mkswap /dev/hdb2 at the shell prompt. After converting the partition to a swap partition, you need to enable it using the /sbin/swapon command.

### • Checking the File System with fsck

### Syntax: fsck device

For example if you wanted to check the file system on the first partition of the third SCSI hard drive in your system, you would enter fsck /dev/sdc1. The utility will then check the file system and report any errors encountered (or the lack thereof)

### 4. Use Removable Media

- Working with floppies
- Working with optical devices
- Working with USB and FireWire devices

## Working with Floppies

### Syntax: mount -t vfat device mount\_point On other distributions, such as Red Hat or Fedora, the default mount point for floppy diskettes is /mnt/floppy

EX: mount -t vfat /dev/fd0 /media/floppy

Therefore, you can simply enter mount /dev/fd0 at the shell prompt and the floppy will be automatically mounted using these parameters.

Before you remove a mounted floppy diskette from a drive, you must also unmount it. Just as with partitions, this is done using the umount command. To unmount a floppy, you enter umount device or umount mount\_point. For example, to unmount your A: drive, you would enter umount /dev/fd0 Working with Optical Devices

# /media/cdrom /media/cdrecorder /media/dvd

On distributions such as Red Hat or Fedora, your directories for mounting optical

devices are located in /mnt.

To mount a CD on a Linux system, insert it in your CD drive. Change to your root account and then enter **mount –t iso9660 device mount\_point**. For example, mount –t **iso9660** /dev/hdc /media/cdrom As with any mounted file system, you should use umount to unmount a CD or DVD before ejecting it.

# • Working with USB and FireWire Devices

#### mount -t auto device mount\_point

ex:

mount -- t auto /dev/sdd /media/ THUMBDRIVE

### 5. Back Up Data

- Selecting a backup medium
- Selecting a backup strategy
- Using Linux backup utilities

# • Selecting a Backup Medium

"old days": floppies or a tape drive
Today, USB or FireWire hard drive

# • Selecting a Backup Strategy

- Selecting a backup type
- Selecting a backup schedule
- Determining what to back up

# Selecting a Backup Type

### Full

- Incremental: During an incremental backup, only the files that have been modified since the last backup (full or incremental) are backed up. After being backed up, each file is flagged as having been backed up.
- Differential: only the files that have been modified since the last full backup are backed up

# Selecting a Backup Schedule

You can use whatever backup schedule works best for you. However, most admins work on a weekly rotation, as discussed previously. Pick one day for your full backup and then the remaining days of the week for your incremental or differential backups. You should also schedule your backups to occur when the load on the system is at its lightest. Late in the evening or in the early morning are usually best, depending on your organization's schedule.

# Determining What to Back Up

- /etc
- /home
- /opt
- /root
- /var
- /srv

### • Using Linux Backup Utilities

Using tarUsing cpio

# Using tar

The tar utility has been around for a very long time and is a very commonly used Linux backup tool. The acronym "tar" stands for tape archive. The tar utility takes a list of specified files and copies them into a single archive file (.tar). The .tar file can then be compressed with the gzip utility on your Linux system, resulting in a file with a .tar.gz extension.

- Syntax: tar –cvf filename directory
- The –c option tells tar to create a new archive.
- The –v option tells tar to work in verbose mode, displaying each file being backed up on screen.
- The –f option specifies the name of the tar archive to be created.
- Ex: tar –cvf /media/usb/backup.tar /home

- To restore a tar archive, simply enter tar –xvf filename
   ex: tar –xvf /media/usb/backup.tar
- If the archive has been zipped, you can also use the -z option to unzip the archive before extracting it

# Using cpio

- The cpio utility can also be used to make archive files just like tar. A key difference between tar and cpio is the fact that you must provide cpio with a list of files and directories to back up from the standard input
- Syntax: cpio -ov file,directory > file.cpio
- The –o option tells cpio to create a new archive. The –v option simply tells cpio to run verbosely, displaying the name of each file and directory as it's processed

we could extract the archive we just created by entering cpio -iv < file.cpio</p>