

Spring 2005 – CS 344 UNIX Operating System Fundamentals  
Homework-3

150 points. Individual work only. Due April 18, 2005 before class.

1. Write a bash shell script that performs search and replace on specified patterns in multiple files. The script must take the first argument as the pattern to search, second argument as the string to replace, and the next arguments should be multiple files.

Eg: To replace each occurrence of "C++" with "C Plus Plus" in all files that end with .cc and .cpp – `./myreplace "C++" "C Plus Plus" *.cc *.cpp` [25 points]

2. Write a bash shell script that will kill all processes that match the specified pattern. The pattern could be any string such as user login name, uid, pid, ppid, command, etc.

Eg: To kill all processes that contain "java" – `./mykill java` [25 points]

3. Write a script for the bash shell that will perform the following operations: [100 points]

- a. Display a menu as shown below:

Current directory is "/mz/mb/puri/cs344"

1. List Users
2. Show Date
3. Display file details
4. Change directory
5. Return original directory
6. Quit

Enter choice [1]:

Note that the directory displayed should be the directory where the script is executed and next to choice the number displayed is incremented every time a menu option is chosen.

- b. If the user selects option 1, print the list of users currently logged on to the system along with the hostname as shown below:

Users logged on to "hestia":  
abc  
puri  
xyz

Note that there should not be any duplicate entries and the display should be sorted based on ascending order of the userids.

- c. If the user selects option 2, print "Good Morning" or "Good Afternoon" depending on the time of the day and print only the date, as shown below:

Good Morning. Today's date is: Mar 21 2005

Spring 2005 – CS 344 UNIX Operating System Fundamentals  
Homework-3

- d. If the user selects option 3, prompt the user to enter a filename, determine if the file exists, has read and write permissions, and print a message as shown below:

"myscript" exists and has read and write permissions

If the file does not exist or does not have read or write permission, print one of the following messages:

"myscript" exists and has read permission but no write permission

"myscript" exists and has write permission but no read permission

"myscript" exists and has no read and write permissions

"myscript" does not exist

- e. If the user selects option 4, prompt the user to enter the name of a directory to change to, determine if the directory exists, change to the directory, and print a message as shown below:

"/tmp" exists, changing directory

Check for the error code returned when the change directory command was used and print the error status code along with the following message when the error code is not zero:

Change directory failed, error code returned 1

You must also save the current directory before changing to the new directory.

- f. If the user selects option 5, change directory to the previously saved directory and print:

Changing to "/mz/mb/puri/cs344"

If there is any error changing to the previously directory print:

Changing to "/mz/mb/puri/cs344" failed

- g. If the user selects option 6, exit the program.

**Submission Guidelines:**

Please email the script developed to solve the above questions to the class TA ([liuyi@cis.uab.edu](mailto:liuyi@cis.uab.edu)) and turn in a printed copy of the scripts along with the input used to test these scripts and the output obtained.