

Linux - Bag of Tricks

Introduction

This document has many useful command.

Change Files and Folder Permissions

To change the permissions of files to 655 and subfolders to 755 (which is the common practice for directories to allow execution for navigating into them) within a specified directory and its subdirectories, you can use the `find` command with `chmod`.

Explanation of permissions:

- **655 for files:**

- Owner: Read (4) + Write (2) = 6
- Group: Read (4) + Execute (1) = 5
- Others: Read (4) + Execute (1) = 5

- **755 for directories:**

- Owner: Read (4) + Write (2) + Execute (1) = 7
- Group: Read (4) + Execute (1) = 5
- Others: Read (4) + Execute (1) = 5

Command

```
find /path/to/directory -type f -exec chmod 655 {} +  
find /path/to/directory -type d -exec chmod 755 {} +
```

```
find /path/to/directory \( -type d -exec chmod 755 {} + \) -o \( -type f -exec chmod 644 {} + \)
```

```
chmod -R u+rwX,go+rX,go-w /path/to/directory
```

```
find /path/to/directory -type d -print0 | xargs -0 chmod 755
```

```
find /path/to/directory -type f -print0 | xargs -0 chmod 644
```

```
find /path/to/directory -print0 \  
\\( -type d -exec chmod 755 {} + \\) \  
-o \\( -type f -exec chmod 644 {} + \\)
```

Linux Set Time Examples

You can also simplify format using following syntax:

```
date +%Y%m%d -s "20081128"
```

To set time use the following syntax:

```
date +%T -s "10:13:13"
```

Use the following syntax to set new data and time:

```
date --set="STRING"
```

For example, set new data to 2 Oct 2006 18:00:00, type the following command as root user:

```
date -s "2 OCT 2006 18:00:00"
```

OR

```
date --set="2 OCT 2006 18:00:00"
```

Rclone Copy Examples

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Rsync Copy Examples

This is to move files from one server to another

Ending the folder WITHOUT a "/" slash means copy that folder everything in that folder

Ending the folder WITH a "/" slash means copy everything within that folder

Example for "remote to local" location

```
rsync -chavzP --stats --progress -e ssh user@remote_host:/remote_folder/dir1/ /local_folder/dir1/
```

Example for “local to remote” location

```
rsync -chavzP --stats --progress -e ssh /local_folder/dir1/ user@remote_host:/remote_folder/dir1/
```

Rsync Auto Login while sending

Example to add a Rsync key on the remote server

On the local server simply login as a given user ex: ROOT or USER

```
ssh-keygen -t rsa
```

If it already exists simply hit "n"

```
Generating public/private rsa key pair.  
Enter file in which to save the key (/root/.ssh/id_rsa):  
/root/.ssh/id_rsa already exists.  
Overwrite (y/n)?
```

If not then simply hit enter through all options

Example: of using ROOT

```
Generating public/private rsa key pair.  
Enter file in which to save the key (/root/.ssh/id_rsa):  
Enter passphrase (empty for no passphrase):  
Enter same passphrase again:  
Your identification has been saved in /root/.ssh/id_rsa  
Your public key has been saved in /root/.ssh/id_rsa.pub  
The key fingerprint is:  
SHA256:JoMN/cxvsqZWBHws4eyrU5Q0F0qRe//44qdrriQmbU root@DSS-US-TMAP-XXX  
The key's randomart image is:  
+---[RSA 3072]---+  
| .+=..      |  
| =B.+       |  
| ..=O       |  
| ==+o       |  
| = E=...    |  
| o... oo    |  
| ..o..++ o   |  
| .oo+o==*.   |  
+---[SHA256]-----+  
You have mail in /var/spool/mail/root
```

Run the following to add the key to the remote server, you can also use IP instead of host name

```
ssh-copy-id -i ~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub remuser@sfl-lin-001
```

Example of using a USER you will have to enter yes and the USER password

```
/usr/bin/ssh-copy-id: INFO: Source of key(s) to be installed: "/root/.ssh/id_rsa.pub"
The authenticity of host 'sfl-lin-020 (192.168.136.80)' can't be established.
ED25519 key fingerprint is SHA256:oZnvrgY+2Xpd2/huaffvzLMBAgI52AMPUmq/LPLIXbE.
This key is not known by any other names
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
/usr/bin/ssh-copy-id: INFO: attempting to log in with the new key(s), to filter out any that are already installed
/usr/bin/ssh-copy-id: INFO: 1 key(s) remain to be installed -- if you are prompted now it is to install the new keys
remuser@dss-us-map-020's password:
tput: No value for $TERM and no -T specified
tput: No value for $TERM and no -T specified
tput: No value for $TERM and no -T specified
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Number of key(s) added: 1
Now try logging into the machine, with: "ssh 'remuser@sfl-lin-020'"
and check to make sure that only the key(s) you wanted were added.
```

Optional: If the command cannot be run above you can copy the key to the remote server manually into the “authorized_keys” file

```
cd
cd .ssh
vi authorized_keys
```

Optional: Change the permissions on the local server

```
chmod 600 ~/.ssh/*
chmod 711 ~/.ssh
chmod 711 ~
```

Synology Rsync

```
rsync -aXHmS --syno-acl /volum1/[xxx] /volume2/[xxx]
```

-a, --archive archive mode; equals -rlptgoD (no -H,-A,-X)
-p, --perms preserve permissions

-X, --xattrs preserve extended attributes
-o, --owner preserve owner (super-user only)
-g, --group preserve group
--syno-acl copy Synology ACL data

I use the following options myself:

```
rsync -avhXWog --stats --backup --suffix $OLDSUFFIX --exclude-from=$RSYEXCL --syno-pseudo-root
```

No idea why I list options "og" since they're implied by -a, but it works...

Regards, Arild

PS: "rsync --help" lists all available options for rsync

Find and Replace String with `sed`

There are several versions of `sed`, with some functional differences between them. macOS uses the BSD version, while most Linux distributions come with GNU `sed` pre-installed by default. We'll use the GNU version.

The general form of searching and replacing text using `sed` takes the following form:

```
sed -i 's/SEARCH_REGEX/REPLACEMENT/g' INPUTFILE
```

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- `-i` - By default, `sed` writes its output to the standard output. This option tells `sed` to edit files in place. If an extension is supplied (ex -i.bak), a backup of the original file is created.
- `s` - The substitute command, probably the most used command in sed.
- `///` - Delimiter character. It can be any character but usually the slash (`/`) character is used.
- `SEARCH_REGEX` - Normal string or a regular expression to search for.
- `REPLACEMENT` - The replacement string.
- `g` - Global replacement flag. By default, `sed` reads the file line by line and changes only the first occurrence of the `SEARCH_REGEX` on a line. When the replacement flag is provided, all occurrences are replaced.
- `INPUTFILE` - The name of the file on which you want to run the command.

Find and Replace String with `sed` within `vi`

This is to search and replace a file globally withing vi

```
:%s/search_string/replacement_string/g
```

Kill Users in Linux

This is to be used when trying to kill users using the connection, replace the ? with the number of the session.

```
pkill -KILL -t pts/?
```

Create a CERT

First, you need to generate the private key and the Certificate Signing Request (CSR). You can do this via the `openssl` command:

```
openssl req -nodes -newkey rsa:2048 -keyout privatekey.key -out mail.csr
```

Then, generate a signing request

```
openssl x509 -req -days 365 -in mail.csr -signkey privatekey.key -out secure.crt
```

Create a localhost cert on the server

```
openssl req -newkey rsa:2048 -nodes -keyout /etc/pki/tls/private/localhost.key -x509 -days 365 -out /etc/pki/tls/certs/localhost.crt
```

Mariadb Log Rotate

If log file is large, try if the logrotate

```
logrotate --force /etc/logrotate.d/mariadb
```

MySQL Fail to Start

If MySQL does not restart, it probably will not as the index of the log files will not be changed

```
:d /var/lib/mysql
mv ib_logfile0 ib_logfile0.old
mv ib_logfile1 ib_logfile1.old
systemctl restart mariadb
```

Configure Rsync

Useful for system migrations

Create a “/etc/rsyncd.conf” containing:

[root]

exclude = /dev /etc/fstab /proc /sys

path = /

read only = yes

list = yes

uid = root

gid = root

Enable and start:

systemctl enable rsyncd.service

systemctl start rsyncd.service

Change Run level

systemctl set-default multi-user.target

To switch from graphical to multi-user:

systemctl isolate multi-user.target;

Change Local settings

timedatectl set-timezone Europe/London

localectl set-locale LANG=en_GB.UTF-8

localectl set-keymap uk

Temporary change

\$ loadkeys us

Configure Alternate Authentication

authconfig-tui

SSD Considerations

Change the value of “issue_discards” option from 0 to 1 in “/etc/lvm/lvm.conf”

```
#  
systemctl enable fstrim.timer
```

Adjust “/etc/fstab”

```
/dev/mapper/xxx /XXX    xfs    defaults,noatime,discard    0 0
```

Optionally set /tmp in RAM

```
# systemctl enable tmp.mount
```

Adding a Disk

```
# parted /dev/sdx
```

```
mklabel gpt
```

```
unit s
```

```
mkpart primary 2048s 100%
```

```
set 1 lvm on
```

```
quit
```

```
# pvcreate /dev/sdx1
```

```
# vgcreate rl_ssd /dev/sdx1
```

```
# lvcreate -L 50GB -n mysql rl_ssd
```

```
# mkfs.xfs /dev/rl-ssd/mysql
```

```
# blkid /dev/sdc
```

```
# chown mysql:mysql /var/lib/mysql
```

Growing a lvm partition

```
# parted /dev/sdc
```

(parted) unit b

(parted) print free

Number	Start	End	Size	Type	File system	Flags
1	31744B	5368709119B	5368677376B	primary		
	5368709120B	21474836479B	16106127360B			Free Space

(parted) resizepart 1 21474836479B

(parted) quit

pvresize /dev/sdc1

Updating Bootloader configuration

/etc/default/grub

grub2-mkconfig -o /boot/grub2/grub.cfg

NMAP Scan for all Open Ports

TCP

```
sudo nmap -sT -p- onling.com
```

UDP

```
sudo nmap -sU -p- onling.com
```

Look for open Ports

```
nc -vz 24.29.248.88 514
```

Trace route

```
sudo tracepath 24.29.248.88
```

Looking at the Journal, this is an example to look at the mariadb process

```
journalctl -u mariadb -f
```

Search in sub folders

```
grep -r "MYSQL_HOST" . --include="compose.yaml" --include="docker-compose.yaml"
```

Change Lines in KIDSENV and make a backup of it with a .bak extensions

```
find . -type f -name "KIDSENV" -exec sed -i.bak 's/^KWSQL_LOG=query/#KWSQL_LOG=query/' {} +
```

Delete file on the server

```
find . -type f \( -name "SQLQRY*" -o -name "SQLINFO" -o -name "SQLERROR" \) -delete
```

Delete files over 100M

```
find . -type f -size +100M
```

Delete files over 100M and list them

```
find . -type f -size +100M -exec ls -lh {} +
```

Grep files named TX*.DA that are only 1 month back and files lines that have RETDT or RETHD

```
find . -type f -name "TX*.DA" -mtime -30 -exec grep -iE "RETDT|RETHD" {} +
```

Remove certain directory

```
find /path/to/drive/root -type d -name "@eaDir" -print0 | xargs -0 rm -rf
```

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