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Introduction to Linux Text Editing and Shell Scritping.

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Text Editing and Shell Scripting

Introduction to Shell Scripting

1. Editing with Linux text editors
    1. Nano
    2. Vi or Vim
    3. Emacs
2. Bash Shell Scripting

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Nano Syntax & Structure

To starting text editing with Nano:

```
~ $ nano <file-name>
```

After adding text content to the file

Editing operations of Nano

ctrl + O - Write to file(save changes made)
ctrl + X - Close the opened file
ctrl + G - Get help with Nano
ctrl + W - Search or find a string in text
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...

Vim Syntax & Structure

To starting text editing with Vi or Vim:

```
1 ~ $ vim <file-name>
```

Def: Escape mode

Modes of Vi/Vim

- Escape mode - esc key
- INSERT mode - i key
- VISUAL Block mode - ctrl + v

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Vim Syntax & Structure

To starting text editing with Vi or Vim:

```
1 ~ $ vim <file-name>
```

After adding text content to the file, get into ESC mode

Editing operations of Vim

w - Write to file(save changes made)
q - quit vim of close the opened file

Shell Scripting

Introduction to Shell Scripting

1. Shell Scripting

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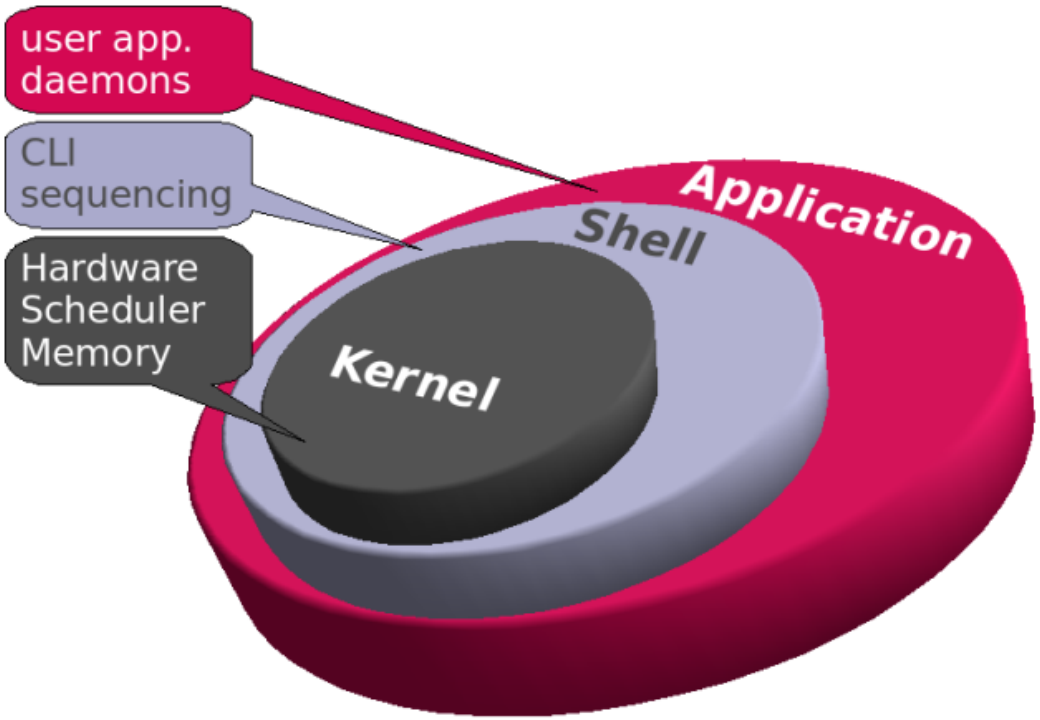
Computer Structure



Ref to image: Kernel & Shell.

- Shells :
  - Borne Shell
  - Borne-Again Shell(Bash)
  - korn shell
  - C shell

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Shell scripts & The Computer Structure.

Why shell scripts look like.

```
#! /bin/bash

echo `date` > myfile.txt
echo "Hello There" > myfile.txt

echo "My first Shell script" >> myfile.txt

mkdir -p scripthandson

mv myfile.txt scripthandson
```

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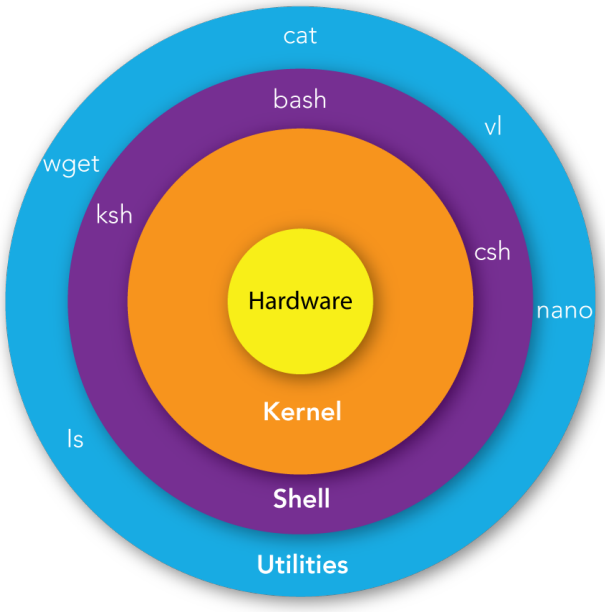

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Why is shell scripting even necessary ?

- Importance:
  - Writing a series of commands
  - Combine lengthy and repetitive commands
  - Execute Routine task

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How to create a shell script

- Steps:
  1. Create a file(with your preferred text editor) and name it with a .sh extension.
  2. Start the content of the script with #!(shebang) /path/to/shell/.
  3. Add some code/text/content to the file/script and save.
  4. Modify file permissions of script to make it executable .

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Linux Command Line - Shell Scripting & Access Control

chown:: Change ownership of files

chmod: Change permission on files

setuid: Share ownership on files

sticky bit: Share write access on a directory

Making file executable

To change the permission to make file executable by user:

```
~ $ chmod u+a <script-name.sh>
```

Running executable script

To run or execute script:

```
~ $ ./<script-name.sh>
```

or

```
~ $ bash <script-name.sh>
```

Linux Command Line - Shell Scripting & Access Control

- **Comments**
- **Variables**
- **Statements**
- **Conditionals**
- **Controls sequence/ Loops**
- **Functions**

Comments in Scripting

Comments in shell scripting are denoted with a preceding # symbol.

Comments

```
#! /bin/bash

# Illustration of comments in shell scripting
# Author: Elliot Menkah
# Email: elliotsmenkah@gmail.com

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```

Shell Variables

Shell Variables store data.

```
#! /bin/bash

# Illustration of comments in shell scripting
# Author: Elliot Menkah
# Email: elliotsmenkah@gmail.com

fname='Elliot'

echo `date` > myfile.txt
echo "Hello There" > myfile.txt

echo "My firstname is $fname" >> myfile.txt

echo "This is my first Shell script" >> myfile.txt

mkdir -p scripthandson

mv myfile.txt scripthandson
```

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Conditionals

Conditionals are tools for decision making.

```
#! /bin/bash

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echo `date` > myfile.txt

echo "This is my first Shell script" >> myfile.txt

num1=5
num2=2

if [ $num1 -gt $num2 ]; then
    echo "$num1 is greather than $num2"
else
    echo "$num2 is greather than $num1"
fi
```

Control Sequence/ Loops

Control Sequence or loops are used to iteratively parse instructions to be executed.

```
#! /bin/bash

# Illustration of control sequence with for loops in shell
# scripting
# Author: Elliot Menkah
# Email: elliotsmenkah@gmail.com

echo `date` > myfile.txt

for i in 1 2 3;
do
    echo $i;
done;


for i in $(seq 1 10);
do
    echo $i;
done;
```

Functions

A functions is a way or technique for grouping reusable bits of code under one name for later use.

```
#! /bin/bash

# Illustration of functions in shell scripts
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echo `date` > myfile.txt

my_print_func(){
    echo "Hi there, this is my simple print function"

}

my_sum_func(){

    res=$(($num1 + $num2))
    echo "Sum of $num1 and $num2 = $res"
    return $res

}

print_func
my_sum_func
```

End of talk

Thank you ...