

Week03

grep command

The grep filter searches a file for a particular pattern of characters, and displays all lines that contain that pattern. The pattern that is searched in the file is referred to as the regular expression (grep stands for global search for regular expression and print out).

Syntax: grep[options]pattern[files]

Options Description

- c: This prints only a count of the lines that match a pattern
- h: Displays the matched lines, but do not display the filenames.
- i: Ignores, case matching
- l: Displays list of filenames only.
- n: Displays the matched lines and their line numbers.
- v: This prints out all the lines that do not match the pattern
- e exp: Specifies expression with this option. Can use multiple times.
- f file: Takes patterns from file, one per line.
- E: Treats pattern as an extended regular expression (ERE)
- w: Match whole word
- o : Print only the matched parts of a matching line, with each such part on a separate output line.
- A n: Prints searched line and n lines after the result.
- B n: Prints searched line and n lines before the result.
- C n: Prints searched line and n lines after before the result.

awk command

AWK is suitable for pattern search and processing. The script runs to search one or more files to identify matching patterns and if the said patterns perform specific tasks.

What Operations can AWK do?

- Scanning files line by line
- Splitting each input line into fields
- Comparing input lines and fields to patterns
- Performing specified actions on matching lines

AWK Command Usefulness

- Changing data files
- Producing formatted reports

Programming Concepts for awk command

- Format output lines
- Conditional and loops
- Arithmetic and string operations

Awk Command Examples

```
root@nginx:~# file.txt
Item      Model      Country          Cost
1         BMW        Germany        $25000
2         Volvo       Sweden        $15000
3         Subaru      Japan         $2500
4         Ferrari    Italy        $2000000
5         SAAB        USA          $3000
```

Prints specific columns

To print the 2nd and 3rd columns, execute the command below.

```
$awk '{print $2"\t"$3}' file.txt
```

Output

```
root@nginx:~# awk '{print $2 "\t" $3}' file.txt
Model      Country

BMW      Germany
Volvo    Sweden
Subaru   Japan
Ferrari  Italy
SAAB     USA
```

Printing all lines in a file

If you wish to list all the lines and columns in a file, execute

```
$awk'{print$0}'file.txt
```

Output

```
root@nginx:~# awk ' {print $0}' file.txt
Item      Model      Country          Cost
1        BMW       Germany        $25000
2        Volvo     Sweden        $15000
3        Subaru    Japan         $2500
4        Ferrari  Italy        $2000000
5        SAAB     USA          $3000
```

Printing all lines that match a specific pattern

If you want to print lines that match a certain pattern, the syntax is as shown

```
$awk'/variable_to_be_matched/{print$0}'file.txt
```

For instance, to match all entries with the letter 'o', the syntax will be

```
$awk'/o/{print$0}'file.txt
```

Output:

```
root@nginx:~# awk '/o/ {print $0}' file.txt
Item      Model      Country          Cost
2        Volvo     Sweden        $15000
```

To match all entries with the letter 'e'

```
$awk '/e/{print$0}' file.txt
```

Output

```
root@nginx:~# awk '/e/ {print $0}' file.txt
Item      Model     Country          Cost
1         BMW       Germany        $25000
2         Volvo    Sweden         $15000
4         Ferrari Italy      $2000000
```

Printing columns that match a specific pattern

When AWK locates a pattern match, the command will execute the whole record. You can change the default by issuing an instruction to display only certain fields. For example:

```
$awk '/a/{print$3"\t"$4}' file.txt
```

The above command prints the 3rd and 4th columns where the letter 'a' appears in either of the columns

Output

```
root@nginx:~# awk '/a/ {print $3 "\t" $4}' file.txt
Germany $25000
Japan   $2500
Italy   $2000000
```

Counting and Printing Matched Pattern

You can use AWK to count and print the number of lines for every pattern match. For example, the command below counts the number of instances a matching pattern appears

```
$awk '/a/{++cnt}END{print"Count=",cnt}' file.txt
```

Output

```
root@nginx:~# awk '/a/{++cnt} END {print "Count = ", cnt}' file.txt
Count = 3
```

Print Lines with More or Less than a No. of Characters

AWK has a built-in length function that returns the length of the string. From the command \$0 variable stores the entire line and in the absence of a body block, the default action is taken, i.e., the print action. Therefore, in our text file, if a line has more than 18 characters, then the comparison results true, and the line is printed as shown below.

```
$awk'length($0)>20'file.txt
```

Output

```
root@nginx:~# awk 'length($0) > 20' file.txt
Item      Model      Country          Cost
1         BMW        Germany        $25000
2         Volvo       Sweden        $15000
3         Subaru      Japan         $2500
4         Ferrari    Italy        $2000000
```

Saving output of AWK to a different file

If you wish to save the output of your results, use the > redirection operator. For example

```
$awk'/a/{print$3"\t"$4}'file.txt>Output.txt
```

You can verify the results using the cat command as shown below

```
$cat output.txt
```

Output

```
root@nginx:~# cat output.txt
Germany $25000
Japan    $2500
Italy    $2000000
```

SED command in UNIX stands for stream editor and it can perform lots of functions on file like searching, find and replace, insertion or deletion. Though most common use of SED command in UNIX is for substitution or for find and replace. By using SED you can edit files even without opening them, which is much quicker way to find and replace something in file, than first opening that file in VI Editor and then changing it.

- SED is a powerful text stream editor. Can do insertion, deletion, search and replace (substitution).
- SED command in unix supports regular expression which allows it to perform complex pattern matching.

Syntax:

sed OPTIONS...[SCRIPT][INPUTFILE...]

Example:

Consider the below text file as an input.

```
$cat>geekfile.txt  
unix is great os. unix is opensource. unix is free os.  
  
learn operating system.  
  
unixlinuxwhichoneyouchoose.  
  
unixiseasytolearn.unixisamultiuseros.Learnunix.unixisapowerful.
```

SampleCommands

1. **Replacing or substituting string :**Sed command is mostly used to replace the text in a file.Thebelow simple sed commandreplacestheword “unix” with “linux”in thefile.

2. **\$sed 's/unix/linux/' geekfile.txt**

Output :

linux is great os. unix is opensource. unix is free os.

learn operating system.

linuxlinuxwhichoneyouchoose.

linuxiseasytolearn.unixisamultiuseros.Learnunix.unixisapowerful.

Here the “s” specifies the substitution operation. The “/” are delimiters. The “unix” is the search pattern and the “linux” is the replacement string.

By default, the sed command replaces the first occurrence of the pattern in each line and it won’t replace the second, third...occurrence in the line.

3. **Replacing the nth occurrence of a pattern in a line :**Use the /1, /2 etc flags to replace the first, second occurrence of a pattern in aline. The below command replaces the second occurrence of the word “unix” with “linux” in a line.

4. **\$sed 's/unix/linux/2' geekfile.txt**

Output:

unix is great os. linux is opensource. unix is free os.

learn operating system.

linuxlinuxwhichoneyouchoose.

linuxiseasytolearn.unixisamultiuseros.Learnunix.unixisapowerful.

5. **Replacing all the occurrence of the pattern in a line :**The substitute flag /g (global replacement) specifies the sed command to replace all the occurrences of the string in the line.

6. **\$sed 's/unix/linux/g' geekfile.txt**

Output :

linuxisgreatos.linuxisopensource.linuxisfreeos.

learnoperatingsystem.

linuxlinuxwhichhoneyouchoose.

unixiseasytolearn.linuxisamultiuseros.Learnlinux.linuxisapowerful.

7. **Replacing from nth occurrence to all occurrences in a line:** Use the combination of /1, /2 etc and /g to replace all the patterns from the nth occurrence of a pattern in a line. The following sed command replaces the third, fourth, fifth... “unix” word with “linux” word in a line.

8. **\$sed 's/unix/linux/3g' geekfile.txt**

Output:

unix is great os. unix is opensource. linux is free os.

learn operating system.

linuxlinuxwhichhoneyouchoose.

unixiseeasytolearn.unixisamultiuseros.Learnlinux.linuxisapowerful.

9. **Parenthesize first character of each word :** This sed example prints the first character of every word in parenthesis.

10. **\$echo "WelcomeToTheGeekStuff" | sed 's/(\b[A-Z]\)/(\1)/g'**

Output:

(W)elcome(T)o(T)he(G)eek(S)tuff

11. **Replacing string on a specific line number :** You can restrict the sed command to replace the string on a specific line number. An example is

12. **\$sed '3 s/unix/linux/' geekfile.txt**

Output:

unix is great os. unix is opensource. unix is free os.

learn operating system.

linuxlinuxwhichhoneyouchoose.

unix is easy to learn.unix is a multiuser os.Learn unix .unix is a powerful.

The above sed command replaces the string only on the third line.

13. **Duplicating the replaced line with /p flag :** The /p print flag prints the replaced line twice on the terminal. If a line does not have the search pattern and is not replaced, then the /p prints that line only once.

14. **\$sed 's/unix/linux/p' geekfile.txt**

Output:

linux is great os. unix is opensource. unix is free os.

linuxisgreatos.unixisopensource.unixisfreeos.

learnoperatingsystem.

linux linux which one you choose.

linuxlinuxwhichoneyouchoose.

linux is easy to learn.unix is a multiuser os.Learn unix .unix is a powerful.

linuxiseasytolearn.unixisamultiuseros.Learnunix.unixisapowerful.

15. Printing only the replaced lines :Use the -n option along with the /p print flag to display onlythe replaced lines.Here the-n option suppresses the duplicate rows generated by the /p flag and prints the replaced lines only one time.

\$sed -n 's/unix/linux/p' geekfile.txt

Output:

linux is great os. unix is opensource. unix is free os.

linux linux which one you choose.

linux is easy to learn.unix is a multiuser os.Learn unix .unix is a powerful.If

you use-n alone without /p, then the sed does not print anything.

17. Replacing string on a range of lines :You can specify a range of line numbers to the sed command for replacing a string.

\$sed '1,3 s/unix/linux/' geekfile.txt

Output:

linux is great os. unix is opensource. unix is free os.

learn operating system.

linuxlinuxwhichoneyouchoose.

linuxiseeasytolearn.unixisamultiuseros.Learnunix.unixisapowerful.

Herethesedcommandreplacesthelineswithrangefrom1to3.Anotherexampleis

\$sed '2,\$ s/unix/linux/' geekfile.txt

Output:

unix is great os. unix is opensource. unix is free os.

learn operating system.

linuxlinuxwhichoneyouchoose.

linuxiseeasytolearn.unixisamultiuseros.Learnunix.unixisapowerful

Here \$ indicates the last line in the file. So the sed command replaces the text from second line to last line in the file.

19. Deleting lines from a particular file : SED command can also be used for deleting lines from a particular file. SED command is used for performing deletion operation without even opening the file

Examples:

1. To Delete a particular line say n in this example

20. Syntax:

21. \$sed'nd'filename.txt

22. Example:

23. \$sed'5d'filename.txt

2. To Delete a last line

Syntax:

\$sed'\$d'filename.txt

3. To Delete line from range x to y

Syntax:

\$ sed 'x,yd' filename.txt

Example:

\$sed'3,6d'filename.txt

4. To Delete from nth to last line

Syntax:

\$ sed 'nth,\$d' filename.txt

Example:

\$sed'12,\$d'filename.txt

5. To Delete pattern matching line

Syntax:

\$ sed '/pattern/d' filename.txt

Example:

\$sed'/abc/d'filename.txt