

44 - Text formatting with awk

Syntax:

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awk -FFieldSeparator /SearchPattern/ {command} File
z.B. awk '/ftp/ {print $0}' /etc/services
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Exercises:

awk:

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less /etc/passwd
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awk -F: '{print $1}' /etc/passwd
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awk -F: '{print $1; print $3; print $5}' /etc/passwd
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awk -F: '{print $1, $3, $5}' /etc/passwd
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awk -F: '{print $1, "-", $3, "-", $5}' /etc/passwd
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awk -F: '{printf ("%10s %-10d %20s\n", $1, $3, $5)}' /
etc/passwd
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awk -F: '{if ($3 >= 500) printf ("%10s %-10d %20s\n", $1, $3,
$5)}' /etc/passwd
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awk -F: '{if ($3 >= 500 && $3 < 1000) printf ("%10s %-10d %
20s\n", $1, $3, $5)}' /etc/passwd
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awk -F: '/michel/ {printf ("%10s %-10d %20s\n", $1, $3, $5)}'
/etc/passwd
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awk '/ftp/ {print $0}' /etc/services
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same as

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grep ftp /etc/services
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Combination Examples: (ifconfig, grep, egrep, awk)

Display all local IP Addresses:

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ifconfig | awk -F: '/inet addr:/{print $2}' | awk '{print $1}'
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or

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ifconfig | grep "inet addr:" | awk -F: '{print $2}' \
| awk '{print $1}'
```

Display main local IP address (/root/linux_course/my_scripts/IP):

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ifconfig | grep -1 "eth0" | grep "inet addr:" | \
awk -F: '{print $2}' | awk '{print $1}'
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'awk' and 'nawk'

Pattern Scanning and Processing Language

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$awk [ options ] [ 'program' ] [ parameters ] [ files ]
$nawk [ options ] [ 'program' ] [ files ]
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Description:

The **awk/nawk** command performs actions for lines in *files* that match *patterns* specified in *program*. Each input line is made up of fields separated by whitespace.

Options:

-f <i>file</i>	get <i>patterns</i> from <i>file</i> instead of <i>program</i>
-F <i>c</i>	separate fields with character <i>c</i> (default whitespace)
-v <i>variable=value</i>	assign <i>value</i> to variable (nawk only)
<i>parameters</i>	parameters have the format <i>variable=expression</i>
<i>files</i>	read standard input if <i>files</i> is - or no <i>files</i> are specified

Program Format:

Patterns in program can be associated with a statement to perform if an input line matches the pattern. The format is:

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pattern { statement }
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A missing pattern always matches, and a missing statement prints the current input line.

Patterns:

BEGIN	match before first input line
END	match after last input line
<i>pattern1</i> , <i>pattern2</i> , ..., <i>patternn</i>	match if <i>pattern1</i> , <i>pattern2</i> , or <i>patternn</i> match current input line
<i>pattern1</i> && <i>pattern2</i>	match if <i>pattern1</i> and <i>pattern2</i> match current input line
<i>pattern1</i> <i>pattern2</i>	match if <i>pattern1</i> or <i>pattern2</i> match current input line
! <i>pattern</i>	match if <i>pattern</i> does not match current input line
/ <i>regular-expression</i> /	match if <i>regular-expression</i> matches current input line
<i>relational-expression</i>	match if <i>relational-expression</i> evaluates to true

Flow Control Statements:

break	exit from a for or while loop
continue	execute next for or while loop
delete <i>variable</i> [<i>expression</i>]	delete element <i>expression</i> from array <i>variable</i>
do <i>statement</i> while (<i>expression</i>)	execute <i>statement</i> while <i>expression</i> is true
exit	skip remaining input
for (<i>expression1</i> ; <i>expression2</i> ; <i>expression3</i>) <i>statement</i>	execute <i>statement</i> while <i>expression2</i> is true; loop is usually initialized with <i>expression1</i> and incremented with <i>expression3</i>
for (<i>variable</i> in <i>array</i>) <i>statement</i>	execute <i>statement</i> , setting <i>variable</i> to successive elements in <i>array</i>
if (<i>expression</i>) <i>statement1</i> [else <i>statement2</i>]	execute <i>statement1</i> if <i>expression</i> is true, otherwise execute <i>statement2</i>
next	skip rest of the input line
return [<i>expression</i>]	return value of <i>expression</i>
system (<i>command</i>)	execute <i>command</i> and return status
while (<i>expression</i>) <i>statement</i>	execute <i>statement</i> while <i>expression</i> is true

Input/Output Statements:

close (<i>file</i>)	close <i>file</i>
getline	set \$0 to next input record; set NF , NR , FNR
getline < <i>file</i>	set \$0 to next input from <i>file</i> ; set NF
getline <i>var</i>	set <i>var</i> to next input record; set NR , FNR
getline <i>variable</i> < <i>file</i>	set <i>variable</i> to next input record from <i>file</i>
<i>command</i> getline	pipe output of <i>command</i> into getline
print	print current input record
print <i>expression</i>	print <i>expression</i> ; multiple expressions must be separated with a ","
print <i>expression</i> > <i>file</i>	print <i>expression</i> to <i>file</i> ; multiple expressions must be separated with a ","
printf <i>format</i> <i>expression</i>	print <i>expression</i> according to C-like <i>format</i> . Multiple expressions must be separated with a ",". Output can also be appended to <i>file</i> using >> or piped to a command using ' '
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Functions:

atan2 (<i>x</i> , <i>y</i>)	arctangent of <i>x/y</i> in radians
cos (<i>expr</i>)	cosine of <i>expr</i>
exp (<i>expr</i>)	exponential of <i>expr</i>
gsub (<i>regular-expression</i> , <i>string1</i> , <i>string2</i>)	substitute <i>string1</i> for all instances of <i>regular-expression</i> in <i>string2</i> . If <i>string2</i> is not specified, use the current record \$0 .
index (<i>string1</i> , <i>string2</i>)	return the position of <i>string1</i> in <i>string2</i>
int (<i>expr</i>)	integer value of <i>expr</i>
length (<i>string</i>)	return the length of <i>string</i>
log (<i>expr</i>)	natural logarithm of <i>expr</i>
match (<i>string</i> , <i>regular-expression</i>)	return the position in <i>string</i> where <i>regular-expression</i> occurs. If not found, return 0 . RSTART is set to starting position, and RLENGTH is set to the length of <i>string</i> .
rand ()	random number between 0 and 1
sin (<i>expr</i>)	sine of <i>expr</i> in radians
split (<i>string</i> , <i>array</i>)	split <i>string</i> into <i>array</i> using \$FS
split (<i>string</i> , <i>array</i> , <i>fs</i>)	split <i>string</i> into <i>array</i> using <i>fs</i> as separator
sprintf (<i>format</i> , <i>expr</i>)	format <i>expr</i> according to the printf format
sqrt (<i>expr</i>)	square root of <i>expr</i>
srand ()	new seed for rand (current time)
srand (<i>expr</i>)	set the seed for rand to <i>expr</i>
sub (<i>regular-expression</i> , <i>string1</i> , <i>string2</i>)	substitute <i>string1</i> for the first instance of <i>regular-expression</i> in <i>string2</i> . If <i>string2</i> not specified, use the current record \$0 .
substr (<i>string</i> , <i>x</i>)	return the suffix of <i>string</i> starting at position <i>x</i>
substr (<i>string</i> , <i>x</i> , <i>n</i>)	return <i>n</i> character substring of string starting at position <i>x</i>
function <i>name</i> (<i>args</i> ,...) { <i>statements</i> }	
func <i>name</i> (<i>args</i> ,...) { <i>statements</i> } <i>name</i> (<i>expr</i> , <i>expr</i> , . . .)	define a function <i>name</i>

Operators:

=, +=, -=, *=, /=, %=, ^=	assignment operators
?:	conditional expression
, &&, !	logical OR, logical AND, logical NOT
~, !~	regular expression match/do not match
<, <=, >, >=, !=, ==	relational operators
+, -	add, subtract
*, /, %	multiple, divide, modulo
+, -	unary plus, unary minus
^	exponentiation
++, --	increment, decrement

Variables:

\$ARGC	number of command-line arguments
\$ARGV	array of command-line arguments
\$FILENAME	current input file
\$FNR	record number in current input file
\$FS	input field separator (default blank and tab)
\$NF	number of fields in the current record
\$NR	number of current record
\$OFMT	output format for numbers (default %g)
\$OFS	output field separator (default blank)
\$ORS	output record separator (default newline)
\$RLENGTH	length of string matched by match()
\$RS	contains the input record separator (default newline)
\$RSTART	index of first character matched by match()
\$SUBSEP	subscript separator (default \034)
\$0	current input record
\$n	<i>n</i> th input field of current record
