CIS 90 Linux Lab Exercise

Lab 6: File Permissions

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In this lab you will learn how to assign permissions to files and directories to provide a measure of security and privacy to your files on a multiuser system.

Preparation

- Be sure to make the changes to your home directory asked for in Lab 5. This lab assumes the new names and directory structures.
- Find and skim Lesson 7 slides: http://simms-teach.com/cis90calendar.php
- Check the forum for news on this lab: http://opus-ii.cis.cabrillo.edu/forum/

Procedure

Log on to Opus-II so that you have a command line shell at your service. Be sure you are in your home directory to start this lab. Using the **chgrp**, and **chmod** commands, you will modify the permissions on files and subdirectories in your home directory.

1. From your home directory, do a long listing with the **ls -l** command.
   Who owns these files? To which group do they belong?
   How can you distinguish file entries from directory entries?

2. Do a long listing of the file, */home/rsimms/uhistory*. Who owns it?
   Can you move the file to your home directory? Why or why not?
   Can you copy the file to your home directory? Why or why not?

3. Now that you have copied the file *uhistory* to your home directory,
   who owns it? What are the permissions?

4. Display the contents of the file *uhistory* on your screen.
   Now take away read permission using the command:

   chmod -r uhistory

   Try to display the contents of the file as you did above. Does it work?

5. Now give read permission back but take away write permission:

   chmod 444 uhistory

   Verify the success of the above command.

6. Take away execute (search) permission from the *misc* directory:

   chmod -x misc

   Do short and long listings of the *misc* directory using the **ls** and **ls -l** commands.
   Try to display the contents of the fruit file with the command:

   cat misc/fruit

   Try to change directories to *misc*.

7. Give yourself back execute permission but take away read permission:

   chmod +x,-r misc

   Change your current directory to the *misc* directory.
   Try displaying the contents of the *misc* directory.
   Display the contents of the *fruit* file.

8. Change back to your home directory and set the *misc* directory to full permissions:

   chmod 777 misc

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9. Set the permissions of your *poems* directory and its subdirectories so that you have full permissions as owner, but group and others have no write permission. Group and others should still have read and execute permission.

10. Set all ordinary files under the *poems* directory to be read only for user, group, and others. We want everyone to read our poetry, but no one should modify it, including ourselves.
    See if you can do this using a minimum number of commands. (hint: use filename expansion characters).

11. Change the permissions of your *bin* directory so that you have full permission, group has read and execute, and all others have no permissions.

12. Set the executable files under bin to have the following permissions:

    r-xr-x---

    disallowing others outside the group from executing our commands.

13. Change the group id of the following directories: *class/labs*, and *class/tests* to be users:

    chgrp users class/labs class/tests

14. For the *class* directory set the permissions to 710.
    For the *labs* subdirectory, set permissions to 530.
    For the *tests* subdirectory, take away all permissions from group and others, leaving full permission for owner.

15. Make all ordinary files under *class/labs* and *class/tests* be:
    read-write for owner
    no permissions for group and
    no permissions for others.

16. For the *edits* directory, give yourself full permission, but no permission for group or others.
    For the ordinary files under *edits*, take away read permission from group, leaving everything else as it is.

17. Add read permission for everyone to all the files in the *misc* directory.

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18. Run the **umask** command and note the number displayed.

19. Create an empty file called *old* and an empty directory called *olddir*:
    touch old; mkdir olddir

20. Run the **umask** command giving it the argument: 000
    umask 000

21. Create an empty file called *new* and an empty directory called *newdir*:
    touch new; mkdir newdir

22. Look at the permissions of these four files you've created.
    Notice how they have changed. Can you figure out what **umask** is for?

23. Try setting the umask to 777 and making a *newer* file.
    To finish, set your umask back to 002 with the command:
    umask 002

Submittal

You have now finished the lab. To submit your work to be counted for this lab, you must run the **submit** command from your home directory.

Grading Rubric (30 points total)

- 30 points for successfully completing all steps.
- Less 1 point for each step not completed correctly.

Be sure to submit your work before the deadline. **Remember, late work is not accepted.**

Extra credit (optional)

For two points extra credit complete:
    In NETLAB+:
    NISGTC Linux+ Series 1
    Lab 9: Working with Files
    Send me a "signed" summary screenshot (see instructions below).

For one point extra credit complete:
   In NETLAB+:
   Red Hat Systems Administration - RH124
   6.4. Practice: Managing File Security from the Command Line
   Send me a "signed" summary screenshot (see instructions below).

Summary screenshot:
   1) Before ending the lab maximize the terminal window you used.
   2) Use: **history** to show the commands you issued during the lab.
   3) Use: **echo "***firstname lastname*** **was here"** as your signature.
   4) Take a screen shot of the above and email it to: `risimms@cabrillo.edu`

Extra credit is due when the lab is due. **Remember, late work is not accepted.**