

Lab Assignment 6

Corresponding to Topics 8 & 9, "Resource and Log Management"

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Main goals

- To understand how to manage the system resources properly.
- To learn how to manage basic aspects of event monitoring.

Part 1: System resource management

- 1) **Get the number of process running in the system.**

- 2) **Now, get the number of process running which are owned by the root user.**

- 3) **Install the "Stress Debian" package and run it in two additional sessions, stressing only the CPU. Go back to the first session:**
 - a) Stop the first 'stress' process and check its state.
 - b) Resume it.
 - c) Decrease the priority of the second as low as possible and detect what happens.

- 4) **Detect which process has the highest priority in the system. Now find out what its purpose is.**

- 5) **Restrict the max CPU time that all users can use to a maximum of 5:00 minutes.**

- 6) **Write a `crontab` file for the 'root' user to perform the following tasks:**
 - a) Run the `date` command each minute and redirect (append mode) its standard output to the `/tmp/date.log` file.
 - b) Clean the `/tmp` directory the first 5 days of each month at 5:00 PM.

- 7) **Check that the cron is working property (`date` output is ok).**

- 8) **Deny the use of `cron` services to 'test' user. Check it out trying to edit `crontab` with user `test`.**

- 9) **Double the swap space available on the system. Note that:**
 - a) You may not use new attached disks.
 - b) Make it permanent.

Wait! Remember your `cron` from exercise 7? Check that it did its task b (only if it is later than 5:00 PM, if not come back here later ☺).

10) Create one new partition on a second disk and make an ext3 file system on it. Then, copy the `/home` content in this partition and configure the system to mount it on the `/home` directory permanently.

11) Enable the system file quota mounted on `/home`.

12) Limit the `test` user (`$HOME`) quota to 100 MB. Grant 2 days and 50 MB of grace.

13) Check this limit using `dd` command.

14) And now think, what could you do to check quotas periodically?

Part 2: System event monitoring

- 1) Read the `logger` manual. On command line, send a message like “hello syslog ...” to the log file in `/var/log/syslog`. Check that you did it correctly.
- 2) Send all the ‘debug mode’ messages generated by `sshd` service to the `/var/log/ssh.log` file.
Remember to create it previously (empty). Configure the `sshd` service for running in ‘debug mode’ and check the effect that this has on the `ssh.log`.
- 3) Log in as ‘test’ user and execute the `su` command. Go back to the root user and look for the file where this login information is kept.
- 4) Configure `syslog` rotation (`/var/log/syslog` file) so that it is compressed monthly and all the logs generated in a year are stored in a directory named `/var/log/syslog.old/`. The system must send an email to root each time a rotation is made.

Part 3: Shell scripting