

# Overview of Linux AWK

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# Learning Objectives

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- Linux AWK
- **The tutorials covered in the Linux AWK series**



# System Requirements

- Ubuntu Linux 16.04 OS



- **AWK is used for searching and extracting data from a file**



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- **We can also manipulate the data and generate reports using AWK**



# AWK



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- Loops



- Single and Multi Dimensional Arrays



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- Built-in Functions



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- User Defined functions



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- **And performs the desired action**



# AWK Spoken Tutorials



# Basics of AWK



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- **How to print the processed output**
- **Using regular expressions**



# Variables and Operators



# Variables and Operators

- User defined variables
- Variable **initialisation**
- Operators
- String Concatenation & **matching** operator
- BEGIN **and** END statement



# Built-In variables



# Built-In variables

- RS, FS
- ORS, OFS
- NR, NF
- ARGV, ARGC
- Writing awk scripts



# Conditional statements



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- `if`
- `else`
- `else if`



# Loops



# Loops

- Conditional loops **in AWK like** for, while **and** do-while loop
- **We also learn** search pattern using AWK
- **Process data from a single or multiple files**



# Basics of Single Dimensional Array



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- **Assigning** array elements
- **Refer the elements of an** array
- **Indexing** AWK arrays
- **Advantage of** associative array
- **Checking whether any** element exists in an array **at a certain index**



# More on Single Dimensional Array



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- **Using AWK array with file**
- **Scan the elements of an array**
- **New variation of for loop**
- **Delete an array element**
- **Delete whole array**
- **Values of ARGV and ARGV**



# Multi Dimensional Array



# Multi Dimensional Array

- **Identifying an element by a sequence of multiple indices**
- **Concatenated into a single string**
- **Create 2 by 2 multidimensional array in AWK**



# Multi Dimensional Array

- **Create the transpose of a 2 by 2 matrix**
- **Scan the multidimensional array**
- **Combine the for loop with the split function**



# Built-in Functions



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- Arithmetic functions
- Random functions
- String functions
- Input and Output functions
- Timestamp functions



# User Defined Functions



# User Defined Functions

- **How to create our own** function
- Function call
- Return statement
- Reverse function



# Summary

## We learnt about

- AWk
- Went through the tutorials in this series



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