

# Linux Shell Scripts

# What is Shell Script ?

- We have seen some basic shell commands , it's time to move on to scripts.
- There are two ways of writing shell programs.
  - You can type a sequence of commands and allow the shell to execute them interactively.
  - You can store those commands in a file that you can then invoke as a program. This is known as Shell Script.
- We will use bash shell assuming that the shell has been installed as ***/bin/sh*** and that it is the default shell for your login.

# Why Shell Script ?

- Shell script can take input from user, file and output them on screen.
- Useful to create own commands.
- Save lots of time.
- To automate some task of day today life.
- System administration part can be also automated.

# How to write and execute ?

- Use any editor to write shell script.
- The extension is *.sh*.
- After writing shell script set execute permission for your script.
  - *chmod +x script\_name*
- Execute your script
  - *./script\_name*

# Shell script format

- Every script starts with the line
  - ***#!/bin/bash***
- This indicates that the script should be run in the bash shell regardless of which interactive shell the user has chosen.
- This is very important, since the syntax of different shells can vary greatly.
- **#** is used as the comment character.
- A word beginning with **#** causes that word and all remaining characters on that line to be ignored.

# A sample shell script

```
#!/bin/bash  
echo "Hello User"  
echo "See the files in current directory"  
ls
```

# Variables

- In Linux (Shell), there are two types of variable:
  - System variables - created and maintained by Linux itself.
    - ***echo \$USER***
    - ***echo \$PATH***
  - User defined variables - created and maintained by user.
- All variables are considered and stored as strings, even when they are assigned numeric values.
- Variables are case sensitive.

# Variables

- When assigning a value to a variable, just use the name.
- No spaces on either side of the equals sign.
  - ***var\_name=value***
- Within the shell we can access the contents of a variable by preceding its name with a **\$**.

***myname=A*** [ use quotes if the value contains spaces ]

***myos=Linux***

***text = 1+2***

***echo Your name:\$myname*** [ A ]

***echo Your os:\$myos*** [ Linux ]

***echo \$text*** [ 1+2 ]



# Variables

- If you enclose a \$variable expression in double quotes, it's replaced with its value when the line is executed.
- If you enclose it in single quotes, no substitution takes place. You can also remove the special meaning of the \$ symbol by prefacing it with a \.

```
myvar="Hello"
```

```
echo $myvar [ Hello ]
```

```
echo "$myvar" [ Hello ]
```

```
echo '$myvar' [ $myvar ]
```

```
echo \ $myvar [ $myvar ]
```

# Read

- To read user input from keyboard and store it into a variable use ***read var1,var2,.....varn***

```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
echo -n "Enter your name:"
```

```
read name
```

```
echo -n "Enter your student no:"
```

```
read stdno
```

```
echo "Your Name:$name"
```

```
echo "Your Age:$stdno"
```

# Shell Arithmetic

- The ***expr*** command evaluates its arguments as an expression.
- It is commonly used for simple arithmetic operations.

***#!/bin/bash***

***expr 1 + 1***

***expr 1 - 1***

***expr 1 \\* 1***

***expr 1 / 1***

***r= `expr 1 + 1`*** backticks are used (cannot put spaces around "=")

***x=1***

***x= `expr \$x + 1`***

# Shell Arithmetic

Expression Evaluation	Description
<code>expr1   expr2</code>	<code>expr1</code> if <code>expr1</code> is nonzero, otherwise <code>expr2</code>
<code>expr1 &amp; expr2</code>	Zero if either expression is zero, otherwise <code>expr1</code>
<code>expr1 = expr2</code>	Equal
<code>expr1 &gt; expr2</code>	Greater than
<code>expr1 &gt;= expr2</code>	Greater than or equal to
<code>expr1 &lt; expr2</code>	Less than
<code>expr1 &lt;= expr2</code>	Less than or equal to
<code>expr1 != expr2</code>	Not equal
<code>expr1 + expr2</code>	Addition
<code>expr1 - expr2</code>	Subtraction
<code>expr1 \* expr2</code>	Multiplication
<code>expr1 / expr2</code>	Integer division
<code>expr1 % expr2</code>	Integer modulo

# If-Else

```
if [ condition1 ]; then  
    statement1  
elif [ condition2 ]; then  
    statement2  
else  
    statement3  
fi
```

- It is must to put spaces between the [ braces and the condition being checked.
- If you prefer putting then on the same line as *if*, you must add a semicolon to separate the test from the *then*.

# If-Else

String Comparison	Result
<code>string1 = string2</code>	True if the strings are equal.
<code>string1 != string2</code>	True if the strings are not equal.
<code>-n string</code>	True if the string is not null.
<code>-z string</code>	True if the string is null (an empty string).

Arithmetic Comparison	Result
<code>expression1 -eq expression2</code>	True if the expressions are equal.
<code>expression1 -ne expression2</code>	True if the expressions are not equal.
<code>expression1 -gt expression2</code>	True if <code>expression1</code> is greater than <code>expression2</code> .
<code>expression1 -ge expression2</code>	True if <code>expression1</code> is greater than or equal to <code>expression2</code> .
<code>expression1 -lt expression2</code>	True if <code>expression1</code> is less than <code>expression2</code> .
<code>expression1 -le expression2</code>	True if <code>expression1</code> is less than or equal to <code>expression2</code> .
<code>! expression</code>	True if the expression is false, and vice versa.

# If-Else

File Conditional	Result
<code>-d file</code>	True if the file is a directory.
<code>-e file</code>	True if the file exists. Note that, historically, the <code>-e</code> option has not been portable, so <code>-f</code> is usually used.
<code>-f file</code>	True if the file is a regular file.
<code>-g file</code>	True if set-group-id is set on <code>file</code> .
<code>-r file</code>	True if the file is readable.
<code>-s file</code>	True if the file has nonzero size.
<code>-u file</code>	True if set-user-id is set on <code>file</code> .
<code>-w file</code>	True if the file is writable.
<code>-x file</code>	True if the file is executable.

# If-Else

```
#!/bin/bash  
echo "Enter first number "  
read num1  
echo "Enter second number"  
read num2  
if [ $num1 -gt $num2 ]; then  
    echo "$num1 is greater than $num2"  
elif [ $num1 -lt $num2 ]; then  
    echo "$num1 is less than $num2"  
else  
    echo "$num1 and $num2 are equal"  
fi
```



# Case

```
case $var in  
    condition1) statement ;;  
    condition2) statement ;;  
    *) statement3  
esac
```

- Notice that each pattern line is terminated with double semicolons *;;*.
- You can put multiple statements between each pattern and the next, so a double semicolon is needed to mark where one statement ends and the next pattern begins.

# Case

```
#!/bin/sh  
echo "Is it morning? Please answer yes or no"  
read timeofday  
case "$timeofday" in  
    yes) echo "Good Morning";;  
    no ) echo "Good Afternoon";;  
    y )  echo "Good Morning";;  
    n )  echo "Good Afternoon";;  
    * )  echo "Sorry, answer not recognized";;  
esac
```

# Case

```
#!/bin/sh  
echo "Is it morning? Please answer yes or no"  
read timeofday  
case "$timeofday" in  
    yes | y | Yes | YES ) echo "Good Morning";;  
    n* | N* )             echo "Good Afternoon";;  
    * )                   echo "Sorry, answer not recognized";;  
esac
```

# Command Line arguments

- Command line arguments can be passed to the shell scripts. There exists a number of built in variables
  - **`$*`** - command line arguments
  - **`$#`** - number of arguments
  - **`$n`** - nth argument in `$*`
- ***`./script_name arg1 arg2 .... argn`***

# For

```
for variable in list  
do  
    statement  
done
```

```
for (( expr1; expr2; expr3 ))  
do  
    statement  
done
```

# For

**[1]**

***#!/bin/bash***

***echo "the number of args is  
\$#"***

***a=1***

***for i in \$\*  
do***

***echo "The \$a No arg is \$i"***

***a=`expr \$a + 1`***

***done***

**[2]**

***#!/bin/bash***

***for i in `ls`  
do***

***echo \$i***

***done***

**[3]**

***for(( i=0;i<=50;i++))  
do***

***echo \$i***

***done***

# While

*while condition do  
statements  
done*

```
#!/bin/bash  
password="abc"  
echo "Enter password"  
read pass  
while [ $pass != $password ]  
do  
    echo "Wrong Password, Try again"  
    read pass  
done  
echo "Write Password"
```

# Until

*until condition do  
statements  
done*

```
#!/bin/bash  
password="abc"  
echo "Enter password"  
read pass  
until [ $pass = $password ]  
do  
    echo "Wrong Password, Try again"  
    read pass  
done  
echo "Write Password"
```



# Functions

- Functions can be defined in the shell and it is very useful to structure the code.
- To define a shell function simply write its name followed by empty parentheses and enclose the statements in braces.

```
function_name () {  
    statements  
}
```

- Function must be defined before one can invoke it.

# Functions

```
#!/bin/sh  
foo() {  
    echo "Function foo is executing"  
}  
echo "script starting"  
foo  
echo "script ending"
```

output  
*script starting  
Function foo is executing  
script ending*

# Functions

- When a function is invoked, the parameters to the script *[**\$\***, **\$#**, **\$1**, **\$2**]* and so on are replaced by the parameters to the function.
- When the function finishes, they are restored to their previous values.

```
#!/bin/bash  
showarg()  
{  
    a=1  
    for i in $*  
    do  
        echo "The $a No arg is $i"  
        a=`expr $a + 1`  
    done  
}  
echo "Listing start"  
showarg $*  
echo "Total:$#"  
echo "Listing End"
```

# Functions

- Functions can return numeric values using the return command.
- Functions can also return strings by the following ways.

**[1]**

```
f(){ var="123"; }
```

```
f
```

```
echo $var
```

**[2]**

```
f(){ echo "123"; }
```

```
result="$ (f)"
```

# Functions

```
#!/bin/sh  
yes_or_no()  
{  
    echo "Is your name $* ?"  
    echo "Enter yes or no:"  
    read x  
    case "$x" in  
        y | yes ) return 0;;  
        n | no ) return 1;;  
    esac  
}
```

```
if yes_or_no "$1"  
then  
    echo "Hi $1, nice name"  
else  
    echo "Never mind"  
fi
```

# Functions

- Be careful :
  - Function calling can be recursive.

```
f()  
{  
    statements  
f  
}  
f
```

- The parameter must be passed every time a function is invoked either from main or from any other functions.

**Thanks**