

Preparation for the Lab 4

The environmental variable PATH. First Bash Scripts.

- Standard commands using by PATH.
- Chmod command
- Let's write our first script in bash!
- Variables in bash
- Command substitution
- Arithmetics in Bash

1. Linux Fundamental directories

~ = Your home directory

/ = Root directory (Root is all powerful. Root access is restricted to system administrator)

`/bin` = binaries and other executable programmes

/etc = system configuration files

/home = home directories

`/usr` = user related programs

/var = variable data

`/usr/local` = User applications can be installed in `usr/local` or `/apt`

2. The environmental variable PATH

The environmental variable PATH controls the command search path.

> echo \$PATH = shows list of directories in which there are standard programs.

When we use, for example, the command **cat**, the system is looking for the program named cat in all the directories, defined in PATH.

Linux Commands

1. **which** file_name = find the location of the file_name

Example:

```
> which cat
```

```
/usr/bin/cat
```

Actually, when we write

```
> cat foo.dat
```

the program named cat which is located in the path /usr/bin/cat is running.
Other way to run it is simply to write the full path of the running program:

```
>/usr/bin/cat foo.dat
```

2.chmod - change permissions of the files

EXAMPLE

```
> ls -l foo
```

```
drwxrwxrwx  1 root root 505 Nov 04 22:30 foo
```

d = type (**d** for directories and **-** for files)

d	rw	x	rw	x
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(Type) (User permissions) (Group permissions) (Others permissions)

r = permission to read the file

w = permission to write to the file

x = permission to execute the file

- = no permission to read/write/execute

EXAMPLE

```
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root  46 Apr 14 16:37 example
```

File,

User: can read and write

Group: can read only

Others: can read only

* ugoa - user/group/other/all

* += - Add/Sub/Equal

* rwx - read/write/execute

EXAMPLES

>chmod g+rwx example (**Add** the permissions for the group to be rwx)

>chmod g-r example (Remove the permission to read for the group)

>chmod u+rwx , g-w example (Add rwx to user and remove w for group)

>chmod **a=r** example (Permission only to read for **all**)

Numerically based permissions

r	w	x	
0	0	0	Value for OFF
1	1	1	Binary ON
4	2	1	ON Based on 10

Octal	Binary	String
0	000	---
1	001	--x
2	010	-w-
3	011	-wx
4	100	r--
5	101	r-x
6	110	rw-
7	111	rwx

EXAMPLES

>chmod +700 example (Means -rwx-----)

>chmod +755 example (Means -rwxr-xr-x)

ShortCuts

1. Reusing the previous commands.

To reuse the command which was used before, press few times the button



2. Completion of commands using arrows.

Write the command and then the name of the file and then press.



The filename will be completed, if possible.

Bash

1. Each file is in the format **name.sh**

2. The file starts with **#!/bin/bash**.

A shebang (#!) is a special line at the beginning of a script that tells the operating system which interpreter to use when executing the script. This line is the first line of a dash and starts with "#!" followed by the path to the interpreter.

3. Variables in bash can be defined by **VAR="val"**, where val is a string.

Attention: No spaces here!! The name cannot start with a number!!

Examples:


MY_VAR="I write Bash"

MY1Var = "2"

my123Var="2+3"

Invalid name: 123myVAR="2+3"

4. Command substitution can be done using

`$(command)` or `$(command1|command2|command3)` or ``command`` or ``command1|command2|command3``, where the button  can be found above the Tab button.

5. Arithmetics can be done using **`$((name1 op name 2))`**.

Four ops are possible *in integers*: `+`, `-`, `*`, `/`.

6. To read input from the STDIN, use the command

`read -p "Text_asking_input" NAME_OF_VAR`

Example 1 of file MyFirstBash.sh

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

```
VAR1="boo likes docu"
```

```
VAR2="2"
```

```
VAR3="3"
```

```
VAR4="drama"
```

```
echo "VAR1=$VAR1"
```

```
echo "VAR2=$VAR2, VAR3=$VAR3"
```

```
echo "and together it means $VAR1$VAR4"
```

```
echo "$VAR2+$VAR3 = $(( $VAR2+$VAR3 ))"
```

Running:

```
> chmod 777 MyFirstBash.sh
```

```
> ~/Lab4/MyFirstBash.sh
```

Example 2 of file MySecondBash.sh

```
#!/bin/bash
echo "$ (cat MyFirstBash.sh | tail+3 | head -2)"
echo "my present working directory is `pwd`"
echo "the directory $(pwd) contains the following files: $(ls)"
```

Running:

```
> chmod +755 MySecondBash.sh
> ./MySecondBash
```

Example 3 of file ReadInput.sh

```
#!/bin/bash
read -p "Enter your input:" INPUT_VAR
echo "your input values = $INPUT_VAR"
read -p "Enter 3 input values:" VAR1 VAR2 VAR3
echo "your input values = $VAR1 $VAR2 $VAR3"
echo "the sum of these values is $(( $VAR1 + $VAR2 + $VAR3 ))"
```