

What is a shell?

- A shell is the environment in which commands are interpreted in Linux
- GNU/Linux provides various shells; bash most popular
 - sh
 - csh
 - tcsh
 - ksh
- Shell scripts are files containing collections of commands for Linux systems that can be executed as programs

Bash Script

- To create a bash shell script file, the first line must contain
 - #!/bin/bash
- Program loader recognizes the #!, and the /bin/bash part tells the interpreter which shell should be run
- Example:

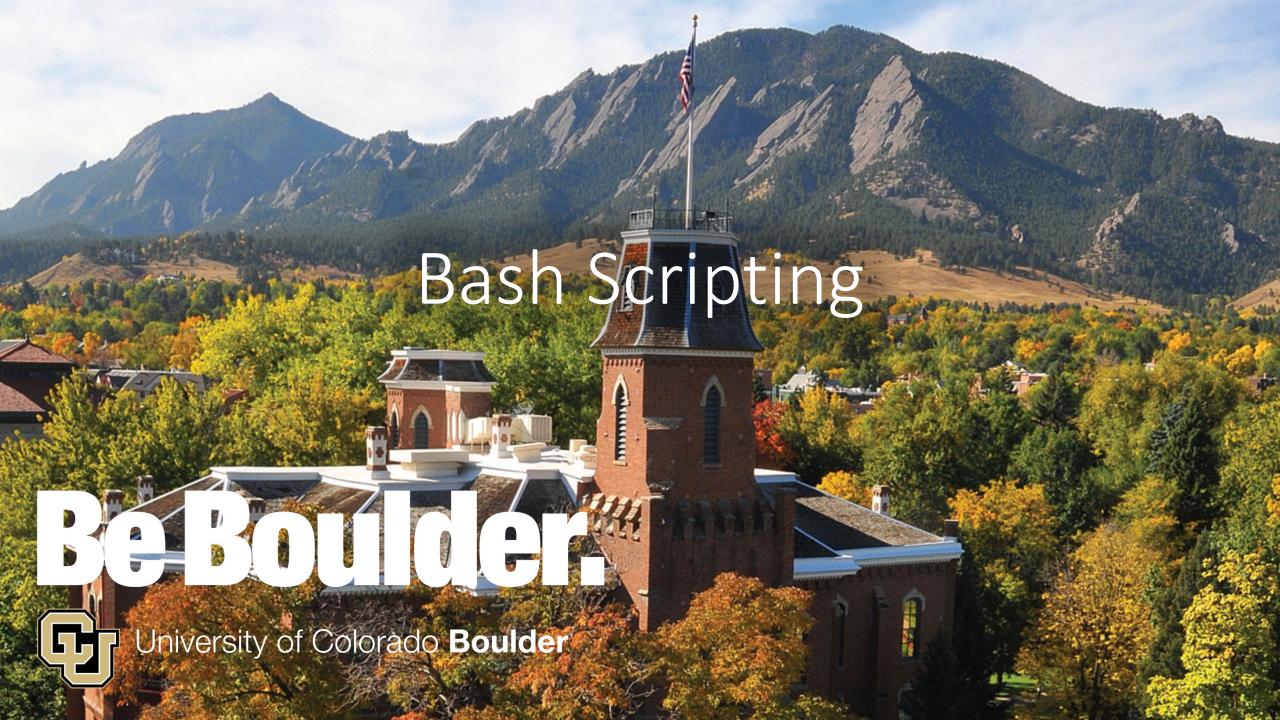
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#!/bin/bash

cd /home/mooc
hostname

echo "Hello!" > file.out
echo "Hello again!" >> file.out
```

Variables

- Shell variables are local
- Environment variables are global
 - Contain data that are used by one or more applications
- Several pre-defined environment variables in your container
 - Type "env" in the terminal window
- Examples
 - NAME=(CU Boulder)
 - echo \${NAME[0]}
 - \$USER
 - echo \$USER
 - VAR=\$(pwd)
 - echo \$VAR



Loops

• Two types: while and for

```
x=0
while [ $x -lt 10 ]; do
   echo $x
   x=$(($x+1))
done
```

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```
list=(a b c)
for v in ${list[@]}; do
   echo $v
done
```

Permissions

- Before you can run a script you need to make sure the script has the appropriate permissions
- At the command line, type, "ls −l"
- Column 1: Permissions
 - d, r, w, x
 - Owner, group, global
- Chmod changes permissions
 - chmod +x filename.sh
 - Makes the file executable for everyone
- Run it, using ./filename.sh
- Could also have done bash filename.sh and avoided permissions