

A scenic view of the University of Colorado Boulder campus. In the foreground, a large brick building with a central tower and a flagpole is visible. The tower has a dark roof and a small balcony. The building is surrounded by lush green trees with some autumn-colored foliage. In the background, a large, rugged mountain with rocky peaks and dense forest rises against a blue sky with light clouds. The overall atmosphere is bright and sunny.

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# 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:

```
#!/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



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# 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