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# **Automatic Grader**

## **Defining Variables:**

Our script relies on a few conditions, most of which pertain to file names and directory organization.

We assume students have directories under the same name as the roster and that within the direction is a file named *homework#.txt* for any passed in #.

The student homeworks must have the same number of lines as the instructor solution, which is stored in his/her directory under *fakesolution#.txt* 

These lines must contain code to be run and compared to the instructors output

There also must be a pre-existing master table for which to paste the calculated scores for each homework. This table holds the roster and appends each homework with every students score as it is graded.

\*\*Attached below is a visual of the directories before and after the program runs\*\*

## **Instructor Loop**

```
echo Enter the homework number
read hw_number
number_of_problems=$(cat instructor/fakesolution$hw_number.txt | grep -E "." | wc -I)
echo "HW $hw number" > HW Scores $hw number
```

For each homework problem, create a file containing the correct solution

- (1) Find *number\_of\_problems* for which to loop through the instructor solution and eventually compare student to instruction.
- (2) The instructor loop below then goes through each line of *fakesolutions#.txt* and writes output of that code to a file titled *hw\_solution\_#*

```
for problem in $(seq $number_of_problems)
do
    output=$(cat instructor/fakesolution$hw_number.txt | grep -E "." | head -$problem | tail -1)
    eval $output > instructor/hw_solution_$problem
done
```

#### Student Loop

Loop through each student in *fakeroster.txt* and declare *incorrect* (the number of incorrect problems for each student) to be 0

```
for student in $(cat fakeroster.txt)
do
incorrect=0
```

#### **Problem Loop (nested within the Student Loop)**

For each student, loop through each problem in in *number\_of\_problems* to:

- (1) define the student's homework file as sfile
- (2) create a file for that contains the student's code for the problem and define it as stu\_output
- (3) use the eval command to create a file which contains the output of stu output
- (4) define the newly created file as *studentfile* and define the file containing the instructor's solution for the problem as *teacherfile* (for clarity and easier reading)

```
for problem in $(seq $number_of_problems)

do

sfile=$student/homework$hw_number.txt

stu_output=$(cat $sfile | grep -E "." | head -$problem | tail -1)

eval $stu_output > $student/hw_solution_$problem

teacherfile=instructor/hw_solution_$problem

studentfile=$student/hw_solution_$problem
```

- (5) Use the *diff* command to define a *difference* variable as the number of lines that must be changed in the student's output in order to make it match the instructor's output
- (6) Use an *if* statement to append the student's *incorrect* 
  - (6a) If difference is greater than or equal to 1 then incorrect increases by 1
  - (6b) If *difference* is greater than or equal to 1 and less than or equal to 3 then *pc* (partial credit) is declared to be 0.5 and is subtracted from *incorrect*
  - (6c) If difference is equal to zero than incorrect does not increase
- (7) End the Problem Loop

```
difference=$(diff $teacherfile $studentfile |awk 'BEGIN{count1=0;count2=0}
    {if($0 ~ /^</) count1+=1;
    if($0 ~ /^>/) count2+=1}
    END{if(count1==count2) print count1;
    if(count1 > count2) print count1;
    if(count1 < count2) print count2}')

if [ $difference -ge 1 ]
        then incorrect=$(echo $incorrect + 1|bc -I)
        if [ $difference -le 3 ]
            then echo Check $student problem $problem for partial credits
            pc=0.5
            incorrect=$(echo $incorrect - $pc|bc -I)
        fi
        fi
        fi
done</pre>
```

#### **Return to the Student Loop**

Finalize the student's final grade

- (1) Define *tot\_grade* (the student's total grade) to be the *incorrect* subtracted from the number of problems in the homework
- (2) Append the student's *tot\_grade* to the homework score sheet
- (3) End the Student Loop

```
tot_grade=$(echo $number_of_problems - $incorrect|bc -I)

echo The homework grade for $student is $tot_grade out of $number_of_problems

echo Adding score to HW_Scores_$hw_number

echo $tot_grade >> HW_Scores_$hw_number

done
```

## **Appending the Master Table**

Use the *paste* command to combine the instructor's master table with the homework score sheet

```
echo Adding homework grades to mastertable
paste mastertable HW_Scores_$hw_number > mastertable.new
mv mastertable.new mastertable
```

## **Expanding the code**

Our reservations in code come mainly from lack of homeworks to test. If we expanded the functionality we would find a more efficient method than creating output files for every problem or at least redirect them to a directory for each homework.

Also we could develop the use of partial credit to be more precise, such as a % of correct lines or perhaps even look at the code itself.

FINAL CODE

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

```
echo Enter the homework number
read hw_number
number of problems=$(cat instructor/fakesolution$hw number.txt | grep -E "." | wc -I)
echo "HW_$hw_number" > HW_Scores_$hw_number
for problem in $(seq $number_of_problems)
     output=$(cat instructor/fakesolution$hw_number.txt | grep -E "." | head -$problem | tail -1)
     eval $output > instructor/hw_solution_$problem
done
for student in $(cat fakeroster.txt)
     incorrect=0
     for problem in $(seq $number_of_problems)
         sfile=$student/homework$hw number.txt
          stu_output=$(cat $sfile | grep -E "." | head -$problem | tail -1)
          eval $stu_output > $student/hw_solution_$problem
          teacherfile=instructor/hw_solution_$problem
          studentfile=$student/hw_solution_$problem
          difference=$(diff $teacherfile $studentfile |awk 'BEGIN{count1=0;count2=0}
          \{if(\$0 \sim /^</) \text{ count1+=1};
         if(0 \sim /^>/) count2+=1
          END{if(count1==count2) print count1;
          if(count1 > count2) print count1;
          if(count1 < count2) print count2}')</pre>
         if [$difference -ge 1]
              then incorrect=$(echo $incorrect + 1|bc -I)
              if [$difference -le 3]
                   then echo Check $student problem $problem for partial credits
                   pc = 0.5
                   incorrect=$(echo $incorrect - $pc|bc -I)
              fi
          fi
     done
     tot_grade=$(echo $number_of_problems - $incorrect|bc -l)
     echo The homework grade for $student is $tot_grade out of $number_of_problems
```

```
echo Adding score to HW_Scores_$hw_number
echo $tot_grade >> HW_Scores_$hw_number
done
```

#### echo Adding homework grades to mastertable

paste mastertable HW\_Scores\_\$hw\_number > mastertable.new my mastertable.new mastertable

```
[[adickieson@mis01 ~/groupproject] ls
adickieson alice.txt dinner dinner2 fakeroster.txt finalproject.sh instructor lmcelroy mastertable
 [adickieson@mis01 ~/groupproject] ls instructor
 alice.txt dinner dinner2 fakesolution1.txt hw_solution_1 hw_solution_2 hw_solution_3
 [adickieson@mis01 ~/groupproject] ls adickieson
 homework1.txt hw_solution_1 hw_solution_2 hw_solution_3
 [adickieson@mis01 ~/groupproject] ls lmcelroy
 homework1.txt hw_solution_1 hw_solution_2 hw_solution_3
 [adickieson@mis01 ~/groupproject] cat mastertable
ID
        Name
        adickieson
1
        lmcelroy
 [adickieson@mis01 ~/groupproject] ./finalproject.sh
 Enter the homework number
 The homework grade for adickieson is 3 out of 3
 Adding score to HW_Scores_1
 Check Imcelroy problem 1 for partial credits
 Check Imcelroy problem 2 for partial credits
 The homework grade for lmcelroy is 2.0 out of 3
 Adding score to HW_Scores_1
 Adding homework grades to mastertable
 [adickieson@mis01 ~/groupproject] cat mastertable
ID
        Name
                        HW_1
                        3
1
        adickieson
2
        lmcelroy
                        2.0
 [adickieson@mis01 ~/groupproject] [
```