bc_shell User Guide

Benny Chao January 21st, 2023

Purpose	3
Installing	3
Obtaining	3
Building	3
Installing	3
Running	3
Environment Variables	3
Features	4
Built-in Commands	4
Limitations	4
Examples	5
Running the shell	5
cd /	5
ls -l	6
cd	7
cd ~/Downloads	8
Invalid command	9
exit	10

Purpose

dc_shell is a simple Unix shell that supports:

- running simple commands
- · redirecting stdin, stdout, and stderr

Installing

Obtaining

git clone https://github.com/Bnyaoo/bc.shell.git

Building

```
cmake -S . -B build
cmake --build build
```

The compiler can be specified by passing one of the following to cmake:

```
• -DCMAKE_C_COMPILER="gcc" -DCMAKE_CXX_COMPILER="g++"
```

Installing

```
gcc main.c -o bc shell
```

Running

```
./bc shell
```

Environment Variables

The following environment variables alter the behaviour of dc_shell:

Variable	Purpose
PATH	The directories to search for commands
STATUS	The state of execution, (builtin, standard, I/O redirection)

Features

- dc_shell only supports executing simple commands with optional I/O redirection.
- The PATH environment variable is searched for each command.

Built-in Commands

dc shell supports the following built-in commands:

Command	Purpose
cd	Change working directory
exit	Exit the shell

Limitations

- A program name has a space it cannot be run
- Tab completion is not implemented
- Command history is not implemented

The following command types are not supported:

- Pipelines (|)
- Lists (;, &, &,&, ||)
- Compound (if, case, until, while, for, ())
- Functions

Examples

Running the shell

I/O redirection

```
src — bc_shell — 80×31
Benny@bc_shell $ cat > test.txt
testing test tesstt
Benny@bc_shell $ cat < test.txt
cat: <: No such file or directory
testing test tesstt
Benny@bc_shell $ cat a.txt >> test.txt
Benny@bc_shell $ cat test.txt
testing test tesstt
dsdasdas
dsa
das
Benny@bc_shell $ ls > test.txt
Benny@bc_shell $ cat test.txt
CMakeLists.txt
a.txt
b.txt
bc_shell
build
cmake-build-debug
err.txt
foo.txt
gcc_test
main.c
output.txt
test.txt
Benny@bc_shell $ cat foo 2> test.txt
Benny@bc_shell $ cat test.txt cat: foo: No such_file or directory
Benny@bc_shell $
```

cd /

```
src — bc_shell — 80×31

| bennychao@Bennys-MacBook-Air src % ./bc_shell
| Benny@bc_shell $ pwd
| /Users/bennychao/clionprojects/bc_shell/src
| Benny@bc_shell $ cd /
| Benny@bc_shell $ pwd
| /
| Benny@bc_shell $ |
```

Is -I

```
src — bc_shell — 80×31
Benny@bc_shell $ ls -1
total 16
drwxrwxr-x 36 root admin 1152 20 Jan 13:51 Applications
                    wheel
                           2112 17 Sep 22:42 Library
drwxr-xr-x 66 root
                    wheel
                            288 14 Jul 2022 System
drwxr-xr-x@ 9 root
drwxr-xr-x 5 root
                    admin
                            160 16 Sep 19:28 Users
                             96 21 Jan 09:01 Volumes
drwxr-xr-x
            3 root
                    wheel
                           1216 14 Jul 2022 bin
64 14 Jul 2022 cores
drwxr-xr-x@ 38 root
                    wheel
drwxr-xr-x
            2 root
                    wheel
                                2 Jan 02:03 dev
dr-xr-xr-x
             4 root
                    wheel
                           8150
                             11 14 Jul 2022 etc -> private/etc
lrwxr-xr-x@ 1 root
                    wheel
                             25 2 Jan 02:03 home -> /System/Volumes/Data/home
lrwxr-xr-x
            1 root
                    wheel
           3 root
drwxr-xr-x
                    wheel
                             96 17 Sep 00:00 opt
                            192 2 Jan 02:03 private
drwxr-xr-x
            6 root
                    wheel
                    wheel 2080 14 Jul 2022 sbin
drwxr-xr-x@ 65 root
lrwxr-xr-x@ 1 root
                             11 14 Jul
                                        2022 tmp -> private/tmp
                    wheel
drwxr-xr-x@ 11 root
                    wheel
                            352 14 Jul 2022 usr
lrwxr-xr-x@ 1 root
                    wheel
                             11 14 Jul 2022 var -> private/var
Benny@bc_shell $
```

cd

```
Benny@bc_shell $ pwd /
Benny@bc_shell $ cd
Benny@bc_shell $ pwd /
Users/bennychao
Benny@bc_shell $
```

cd <specified path>

```
Benny@bc_shell $ pwd
/Users/bennychao
Benny@bc_shell $ cd CLionProjects/bc_shell/src/foo/bar
Benny@bc_shell $ pwd
/Users/bennychao/CLionProjects/bc_shell/src/foo/bar
Benny@bc_shell $ |
```

Invalid command

exit

```
■ src — -zsh — 80×31

Benny@bc_shell $ exit
bennychao@Bennys-MacBook-Air src %
```