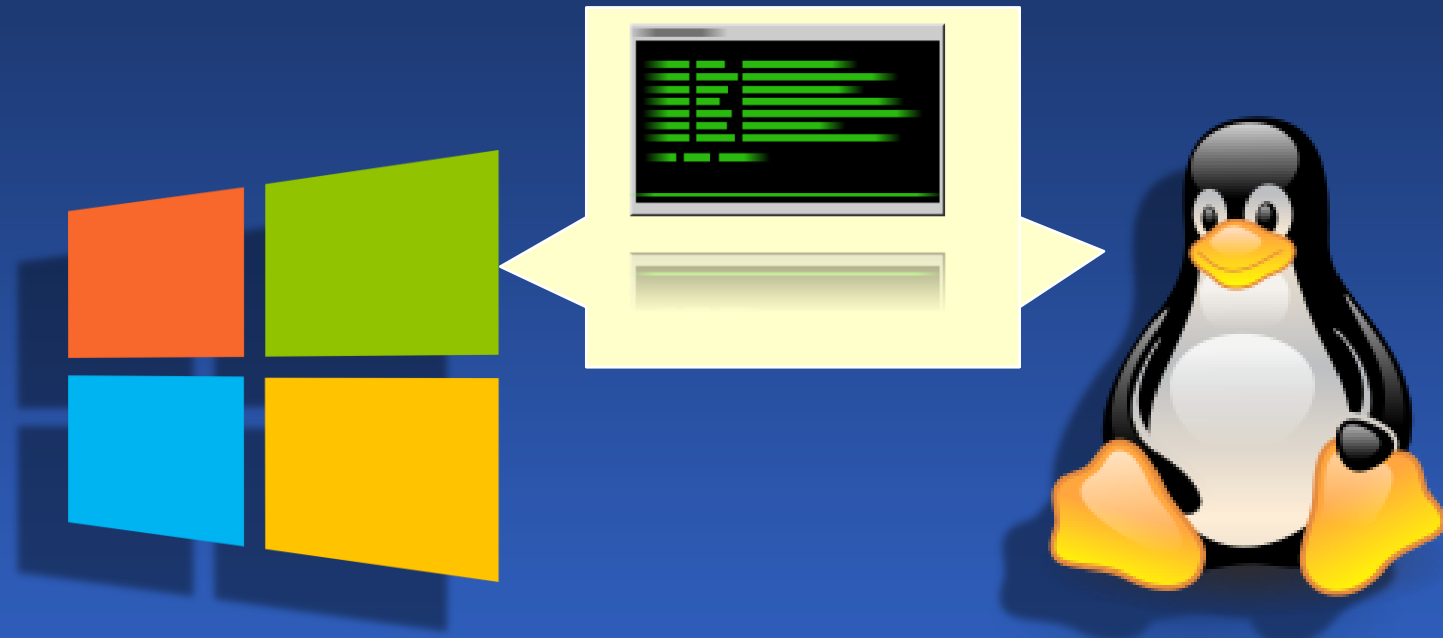


System shells



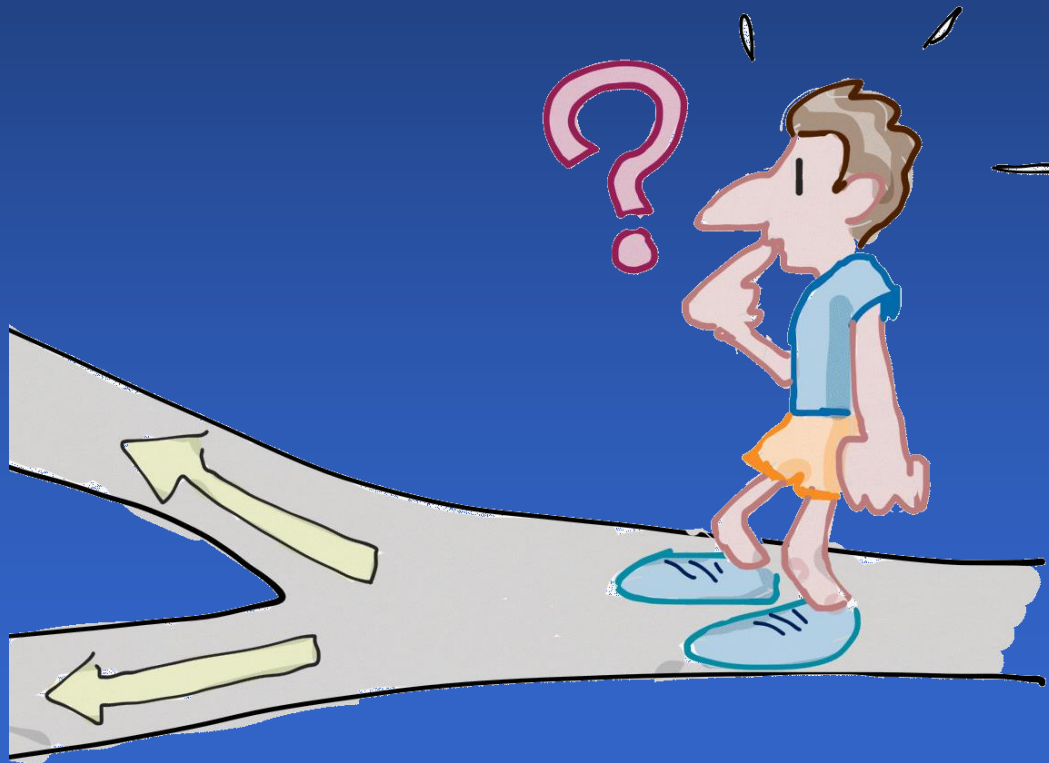
BAT flow control - 4



4 – FLOW CONTROL

IF, GOTO etc.

Choices



Check information

◆ Fill **scr5.bat**

```
@echo off
REM -- check user input --
SET /P ANSWER= ... Do you feel good (Y/N)?

IF %ANSWER%==Y echo YOU FEEL GOOD :-)
```

◆ Run the **scr5.bat** batch script

- Inform users who typed "**Y**" (not **Yes**, **y**, **yes**)
- What about "**N**" ?
- What about other answers (**Dunno**, **QWerty**) ?
- Can I have another chance to type ?

IF and NOT

◆ Modify **scr5.bat**

```
@echo off
REM -- check user input --
set /P ANSWER= ... Do you feel good (Y/N)?

IF NOT %ANSWER==Y echo YOU DON'T FEEL GOOD
```

- ◆ Run the **scr5.bat** batch script
 - Reverse logic

IF and case

◆ Modify **scr5.bat**

```
@echo off
REM -- check user input --
set /P ANSWER= ... Do you feel good (Y/N)?

IF /I %ANSWER:~0,1%==Y echo YOU FEEL GOOD :-)
```

◆ Run the **scr5.bat** batch script

- ~~Inform users who typed "**Y**" (not **Yes, y, yes**)~~
- What about "**N**" ?
- What about other answers (**Dunno, QWerty**) ?
- Oops! May I have another chance ?

IF and ELSE

◆ Modify **scr5.bat**

```
@echo off
REM -- check user input --
set /P ANSWER= ... Do you feel good (Y/N)?

IF /I %ANSWER:~0,1%==Y (echo YOU FEEL GOOD :-^)^
ELSE (echo BAD NEWS :-^())
```

One line command

◆ Run the **scr5.bat** batch script

- ~~Inform users who typed "**Y**" (not **Yes, y, yes**)~~
- ~~What about "**N**" ?~~
- What about other answers (**Dunno, QWerty**) ?
- Oops! May I have another chance ?

Nested IF ... ELSE

◆ Fill **scr6.bat**

```
@echo off
set /P ANSWER= ... Do you feel good (Y/N)?

IF /I %ANSWER:~0,1%==Y (
echo YOU FEEL GOOD :-^
) ELSE (
    IF /I %ANSWER:~0,1%==N (
echo BAD NEWS :-^
    ) ELSE (
echo WONG ANSWER ???
    )
)
```

Escape special char !!

◆ Run the **scr6.bat** batch script

- Inform users who typed "**Y**" (not **Yes, y, yes**)
- What about "**N**" ?
- What about other answers (**Dunno, QWerty**) ?
- Oops! May I have another chance ?

GOTO and labels

◆ Modify **scr6.bat**

```
@echo off
:question
set /P ANSWER= ... Do you feel good (Y/N)?
IF /I %ANSWER:~0,1%==Y (
echo YOU FEEL GOOD :-^)
) ELSE (
    IF /I %ANSWER:~0,1%==N (
echo BAD NEWS :-^(
    ) ELSE (
echo WONG ANSWER -- RETRY...
GOTO :question
    )
)
```

Label

JUMP

◆ Run the **scr6.bat** batch script

- ◆ Inform users who typed "**Y**" (not **Yes, y, yes**)
- ◆ What about "**N**"?
- ◆ What about other answers (**Dunno, QWerty**)?
- ◆ Oops! May I have another chance?

CALL and labels

◆ Fill **scr7.bat**

```
@echo off
echo before routine
call :routine AA BB
echo after routine
goto :eof

:routine
echo i am in routine %1 %2
goto :eof
```

Call with arguments

BAT will exit
(or do next lines)

return

◆ Run the **scr7.bat** batch script

- Routine is called and returns
- **:eof** is a reserved virtual label
- Main program has to exit, or it will execute remaining lines

Check files & folders

◆ Fill **scr8.bat**

```
@echo off
IF NOT EXIST %HOMEPATH%\LABS md %HOMEPATH%\LABS
pushd %HOMEPATH%\LABS
echo BEEN HERE at %TIME% >> info.txt
popd

IF EXIST %HOMEPATH%\LABS\info.txt (
type %HOMEPATH%\LABS\info.txt
del %HOMEPATH%\LABS\info.txt )
```

◆ Run the **scr8.bat** batch script

- Will create LABS if necessary
- Here we use reverse logic
- Only prints the file if it exists

Check Variables

◆ Modify **if3.bat**

```
@echo off

IF NOT DEFINED LABFOLDER set LABFOLDER=HOMEPATH\LABS

echo %LABFOLDER%
```

◆ Run the **scr8.bat** batch script

- Note that % . . . % is not used in the expression

Check ERRORS

◆ Modify **scr8.bat**

```
@echo off
MD %HOMEPATH%\AB:C
IF ERRORLEVEL 1 goto :error

Set /a VAL=09
IF ERRORLEVEL 1 goto :error

Goto :eof

:error
Echo A PROBLEM OCCURED
```

◆ Run the **scr8.bat** batch script

- Does not evaluate Set expression
- **ERRORLEVEL** will be >0 in case of an error

Comparison == operator

◆ Type `scr9.bat`

```
@echo off
set VAR1=AAA
set VAR2=AAA
set VAR3="AAA"

IF %VAR1%==%VAR2% (echo %VAR1%=%VAR2%
                  ) else (echo %VAR1% ! %VAR2%)
IF "%VAR1%"=="%VAR2%" (echo "%VAR1%"="%VAR2%")
                      ) else (echo "%VAR1%" ! "%VAR2%")
IF "%VAR1%"==%VAR2% (echo "%VAR1%"%VAR2%
                      ) else (echo "%VAR1%" ! %VAR2%)
IF "%VAR1%"==%VAR3% (echo "%VAR1%"=%VAR3%
                     ) else (echo "%VAR1%" ! %VAR3%)
```

- ◆ The `"` separator goes in the Sting
 - Useful when testing the empty string `""`

Operator == and numbers

◆ Type `cmp2.bat`

```
@echo OFF
set /a ELEVEN=11
set /a OELEVEN=013
set /a HELEVEN=0xB

IF "%ELEVEN%"=="%OELEVEN%" echo "1. == OCTAL ..."
IF %ELEVEN%==%OELEVEN% echo "2. == OCTAL ..."
IF %ELEVEN%==%HELEVEN% echo "3. == HEXA..."
```

◆ The « number behind » is evaluated

Extended operators

◆ Comparison operators

- EQU =
- NEQ !=
- LSS <
- LEQ <=
- GTR >
- GEQ >=

◆ Apply on numbers and strings

- Non-quoted strings made of digits are evaluated as numbers (includin 0... and 0x...)

Operator EQU

◆ Type `cmp8.bat`

```
echo =====NUMBERS=====
set /a ELEVEN=11
set /a OELEVEN=013
set /a HELEVEN=0xB
IF %ELEVEN% EQU %OELEVEN% echo "1. EQU OCTAL"
IF "%ELEVEN%" EQU "%OELEVEN%" echo "2. EQU quoted"
IF %ELEVEN% EQU %HELEVEN% echo "3. EQU HEXA"

echo =====STRINGS=====
set ELEVEN=11
set OELEVEN=013
set HELEVEN=0xB
IF %ELEVEN% EQU %OELEVEN% echo "4. EQU OCTAL ..."
IF NOT "%ELEVEN%" EQU "%OELEVEN%" echo "5. NOT EQU quoted"
IF %ELEVEN% EQU %HELEVEN% echo "6. EQU HEXA..."
```

- ◆ `EQU` evaluates strings `013` and `0xB` as number `11`
 - NOT `"013"` ... beware

Loops



The FOR command

FOR *each-item* **IN** *collection* **DO** *command*

◆ General structure

- *each-item* must be a letter variable **%%a** **%%B** etc.
- **%%** only applies inside scripts not on the command line (*use %*)
- Letter variables are case sensitives (*max = 52*)
- If *collection* is a command or a list, use ()
- *collection* may be *regex* using ***** and **?** to filter file names

◆ Type **for1.bat**

```
@echo off
FOR %%c IN (reg green blue) DO echo %%c
FOR %%c IN (reg,green;blue) DO echo %%c
FOR %%c IN (for?.bat if*.bat) DO echo %%c
```

FOR command options

FOR [options] *each-item* **IN** *collection* **DO** *command*

◆ Command structure

- **/D** to filter folder names (*i.e. not file names*)
- **/R** to explore recursively a following root folder (*i.e. /R root*)
- **/L** to iterate on numbers, *collection* is (*start, step, stop*)
- **/F** to set the *collection* as a file or a command output

◆ modifiers

- **/A** to generate *each-item* as a number
- **/I** to make processing NOT case sensitive
- **/Q** no error messages (*i.e. Quiet*)
- **/T** introduces a delay at each iteration
- **/C** *command* is a string containing spaces

FOR /R as a tree filter

◆ Type **for2.bat**

```
@echo off
Set MYLABS=%USERPROFILE%\LABS
Echo. > mybat.txt
FOR /R %MYLABS% %%a in (*.bat) do echo %%~fa >> mybat.txt
```

- ◆ **FOR /R** is exploring recursively
 - **Collection** must be a an expression
 - This command may take some time to complete

FOR /L as an iterator

◆ Type `for5.bat`

```
@echo off
set /p nb=which number do you want to sum-up :
set /a formula=(%nb%*(%nb%+1))/2
set /a sum=0
FOR /L %%i in (1,1,%nb%) do (
    set /a sum+=%%i
)
echo sum(%nb%)=%sum%    (N×(N+1))/2=%formula%
```

◆ `FOR /L` is efficient for iterating

FOR /F command filters

FOR /F [filters] *each-item* **IN** *collection* **DO** *command*

◆ Filter expressions

- **eol=c** eliminate characters after « c » in the line
- **skip=n** eliminate n first lines
- **delims=,** defines several items (%%a, %%b, %%c ...)
- **usebacq** allow folder/files names with spaces

→ use back-quotes

FOR as a string parser

◆ Type for2.bat

```
@echo off

FOR /F "tokens=1-3 delims=^/" %%A in ("%DATE%") do (
    echo %%A-%%B-%%C )

FOR /F "tokens=1-4 delims=:," %%A in ("%TIME%") do (
    echo %%Ah%%B^'%%C^"
    echo %%D ms )
```

◆ FOR /F is efficient for parsing strings

- **tokens** will define multiple variables
- **delims** will extend the standard separators

FOR as a file parser

◆ Type `for4.bat`

```
@echo off
FOR /F "tokens=1-3 eol=; skip=5 delims=," %%A in (%~nx0) do (
    echo %%A note %%C)
exit /b 0
```

```
;LAST-FIRST-SCORE
DURAND,Claude,12
DAVID,John,15
MARTIN,Elsa,17
```

◆ `FOR /F` is efficient for parsing files

- `eol` will eliminate commented lines
- `skip` will eliminate first lines