

COMP 175

**System
Administration
and Security**



Bash Continued



A web server in a shell script

- A minimalist web server implemented in bash
- Step 1: A typical beginning

```
#!/bin/bash  
base=/var/www
```





A web server in a shell script

- Step 2: The `inetd` feeds the script with data received from the remote host, the first row being the standard HTTP request, followed by zero or more header lines.

```
read request
```

```
while /bin/true; do
```

```
    read header
```

```
    [ "$header" == $'\r' ] && break;
```

```
done
```

- Note: `/bin/true` -do nothing, successfully



A web server in a shell script

- Step 3: extract the URL from the request string and locate the document on the local file system

```
url="${request#GET }"
```

```
url="${url% HTTP/*}"
```

```
filename="$base$url"
```

- Step 4: send the file (if it exists) with a leading standard header:



A web server in a shell script

```
if [ -f "$filename" ]; then
    echo -e "HTTP/1.1 200 OK\r"
    echo -e "Content-Type: `/usr/bin/file -bi  
\"$filename\"`\r"
    echo -e "\r"
    cat "$filename"
    echo -e "\r"
else
    echo -e "HTTP/1.1 404 Not Found\r"
    echo -e "Content-Type: text/html\r"
    echo -e "\r"
    echo -e "404 Not Found\r"
    echo -e "Not Found  
The requested resource was not found\r"
    echo -e "\r"
fi
```



A web server in a shell script

- Add this to `/etc/inetd.conf` (on a server)

`www stream tcp nowait nobody /usr/local/bin/webd webd`

- where `webd` is the name you gave to the script
- Restart the internet daemon

`/etc/init.d/inetd restart`

- Make the directory `/var/www`,
- place some HTML files in it
- load a web browser and try the URL:

`http://localhost/filename.html`

The usual disclaimers and caveats apply.



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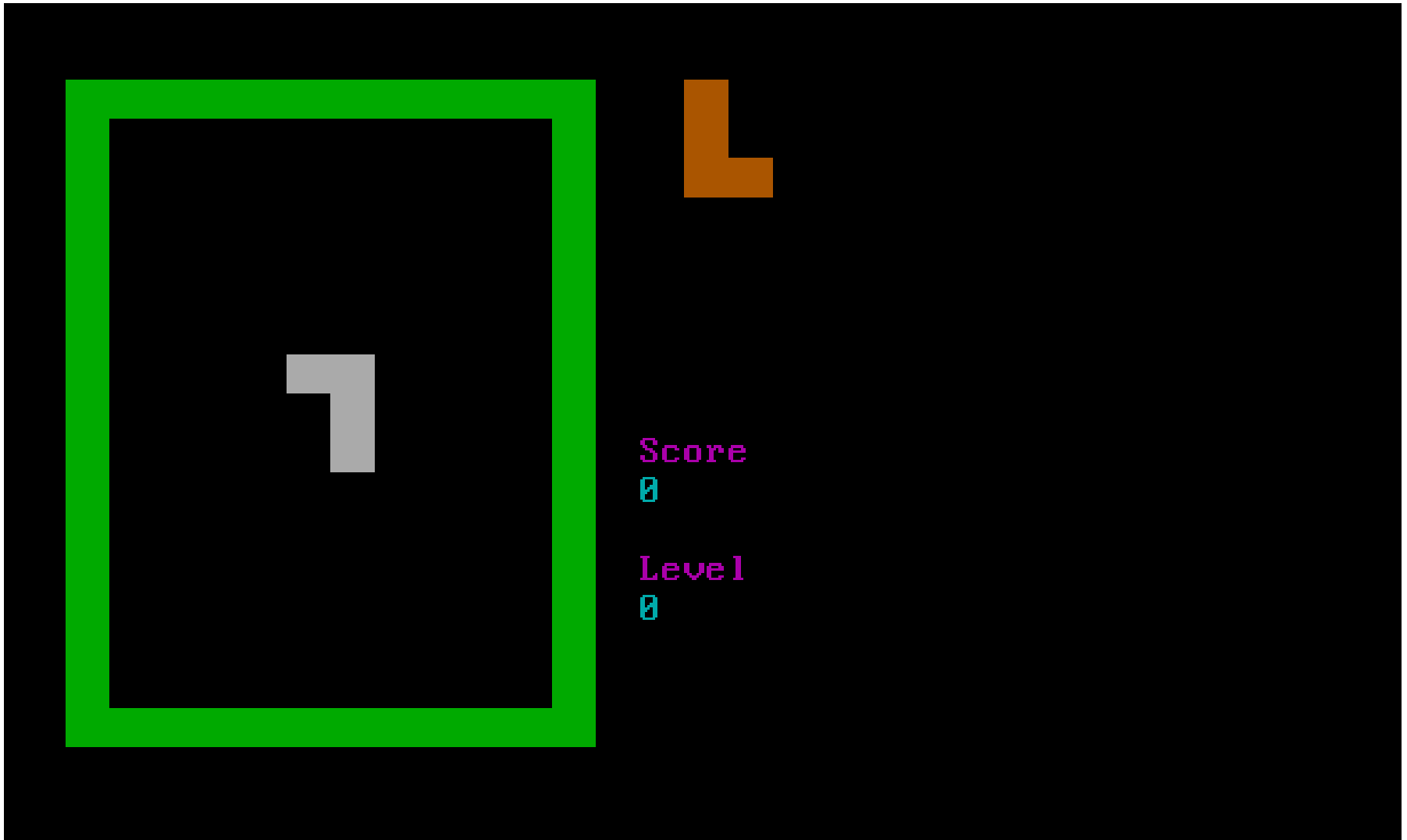
bash

- Scripts are good for repetitive tasks
 - Shell code good for ad-hoc queries, tasks
 - unique feature in bash is built in help system
 - `help` - returns list of bash commands & options
 - `help` command returns description of command
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- Bash can even be used for games





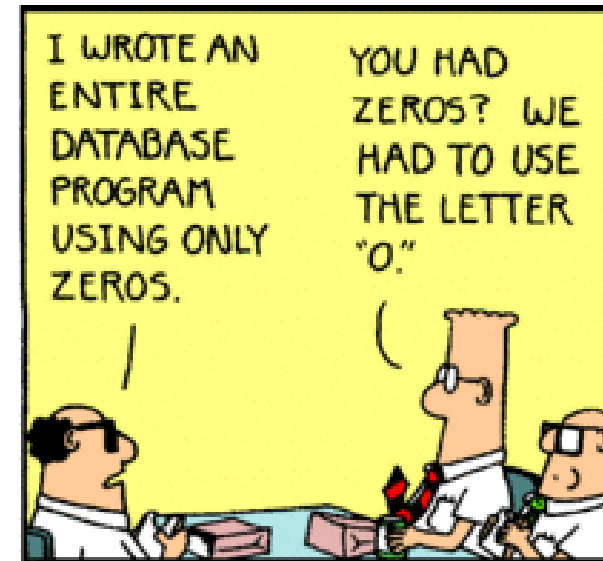
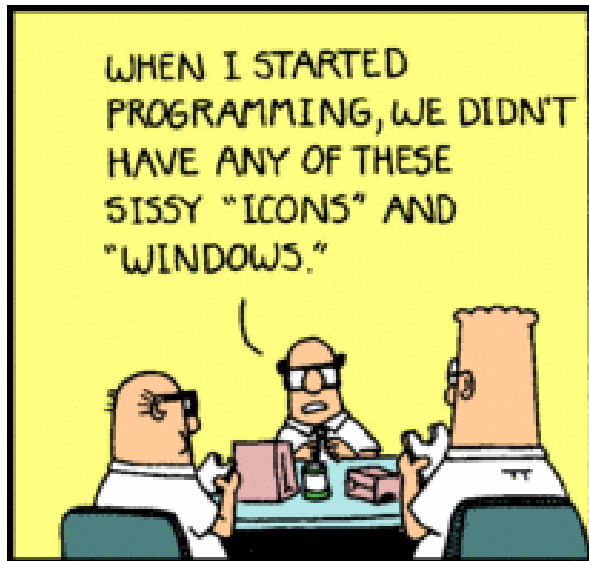
bash tetris





bash

A CLOSER LOOK





Finding the Program

- `#!/bin/bash`
- `echo 'Hello, world'`
- `$ echo $PATH`
`/usr/local/bin:/usr/bin:/bin`
- `$ which echo`
`/usr/bin/echo`



Bash Startup Files

1. `/etc/profile` – Executed automatically at login
2. Execute at login first file found in this list:
 - a) `~/.bash_profile`
 - b) `~/.bash_login`
 - c) `~/.profile` (same as in Korn shell)
3. `~/.bashrc` – Executed by every shell at login
4. `~/.bash_logout` – Executed at logout

Use bash for both programming and interactive use



executable scripts

- The first line in your script must be
 - ◆ hashbang and absolute path to the shell
 - ◆ no shebang? default shell
- Convention has script filenames end with .sh
- Make the script executable

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

```
$chmod u+x mfile.sh
```

```
$ ls -lg filename.sh
```

```
-rwxr--r-- users 104 Oct 5 22:12 mfile.sh
```



Execution

- To execute the program
`$ mfile.sh`
`bash: mfile.sh: command not found`
- `$PATH` environment variable holds the location where all commands are stored
- Specify path of `mfile.sh` - absolute or relative
`$/mfile.sh`



Continuing Lines

```
echo This \  
Is \  
    A \  
Very \  
Long \  
    Command Line
```

- This Is A Very Long Command Line



List of Commands

`cmd1; cmd2;` execute sequentially

`cmd1 &` execute asynchronously^①

`cmd1 && cmd2` execute `cmd2` if `cmd1` has `exit(0)`

`cmd1 || cmd2` execute `cmd2` only if `cmd1` has non-zero exit status

① Background or non-blocking I/O - permits other processing to continue



Quoting

- Quoting allows you to distinguish between the literal value of symbol and symbols used as code
- A way to distinguish between the literal symbol and the symbol's use as a metacharacter or wildcard characters
- To do this you must use one of the following symbols:
 - ◆ Backslash (\)
 - ◆ Single quote (')
 - ◆ Double quote (")



Backslash

- A backslash is also called the escape character
- It preserves only the character immediately following it
- Example:
 - ◆ to create a file named "tools>", enter:
 - ◆ `% touch tools\>`



Single Quote

- A single quote is used to protect the literal meaning of metacharacters.
- It protects all characters within the single quotes
- The only character it cannot protect is itself
- A single quote cannot occur with other single quotes even if preceded by a backslash

- Examples:

```
% echo 'Joe said 'Have fun''
```

```
Joe said Have fun
```

```
% echo 'Joe said "Have fun"'
```

```
Joe said "Have fun"
```



Double Quotes

- Double quotes protect all symbols and characters within the double quotes.
- Double quotes will not protect literal symbols: \$ (dollar sign), ! (history event), and \ (backslash).
- Example:

```
% echo "I've been studying"  
I've been studying
```



Quoting and Comments

'something': preserve literally

"something": allow \$ variable expansion

\$'C-escaped': e.g., \$'\a'

comment

- Redirecting output

1> redirect standard output (stdout)

2> redirect standard error (stderr)

2>&1 redirect stderr into stdout



Variables

- Variables - just like any programming language
- Values are always stored as strings
- Mathematical operators in the shell language that will convert variables to numbers for calculations
- No need to declare a variable, just assigning a value to its reference will create it
- Local variables
 - ◆ Set by user within script or on the shell
- Environmental variables
 - ◆ Set by OS for use in current shell



Shell Variables

- `${N}` = shell Nth parameter
- `$$` = process ID
- `$?` = exit status

- Standard environment variables include:
 - ◆ `HOME` = home directory
 - ◆ `PATH` = list of directories to search
 - ◆ `TERM` = type of terminal (vt100, ...)
 - ◆ `TZ` = timezone (e.g., US/Eastern)
 - ◆ `LOGNAME` = user name



Variables and Expressions

- Variables are placeholders for the value
- shell does variable substitution
- `$var` or `${var}` is value of variable
- assignment with `var=value`
- **no space before or after!**
 - ◆ Also, let `"x = 17"` or let `"b = b + 10"`
- uninitialized variables have no value
- variables are untyped
 - ◆ interpreted based on context



Export Command

- Export command puts variable into environment and accessible to child processes.

```
$ x=hello
```

```
$ bash          # Run a child shell
```

```
$ echo $x       # Nothing in x
```

```
$ exit          # Return to parent
```

```
$ export x
```

```
$ bash
```

```
$ echo $x
```

```
hello          # It's there
```

- Child can't modify parents original value



Expansion

Biggest difference to traditional languages

- shell substitutes and executes
- mix variables and code
- run-time code generation

For bash:

- brace expansion
- tilde expansion
- parameter and variable expansion
- command substitution
- arithmetic expansion
- word splitting
- filename expansion



Brace Expansion

- Expand comma-separated list of strings into separate words:

```
bash$ echo a{d,c,b}e  
ade ace abe
```

- Useful for generating list of filenames:

```
mkdir /usr/local/{old,new,dist,bugs}
```



Tilde Expansion

- ~ expands to \$HOME
- e.g.,
- ~/foo /usr/home/foo
- ~hgs/src /home/hgs/src





Filename Expansion

- Any word containing `*?[]` is considered a pattern
- `*` matches any string
- `?` matches any single character
- `[...]` matches any of the enclosed characters





Quotes

- When assigning character data containing spaces or special characters, the data must be enclosed in either single or double quotes.
- Using **double quotes** to show a string of characters will allow any variables in the quotes to be resolved
- Using **single quotes** to show a string of characters will not allow variable resolution



Quoting

```
echo '$USER'
```

```
$USER
```

```
echo "$USER"
```

```
mmaxwell
```

```
echo "\""
```

```
"
```

```
echo '\\"'
```

```
\"
```




Exit Status

- 0 is True

```
ls non-existent_file
```

```
echo $?
```

```
1
```

```
echo $?
```

```
0
```



Exit Status: exit

```
cat > test.sh                                <<_TEST_  
exit 3  
% chmod +x test.sh  
% ./test.sh  
% echo $?  
3
```



File Attribute Operators

- `-d file` file exists and is a directory
 - `-e file` file exists
 - `-f file` file exists and is not a directory
 - `-r file` you have read permissions on file
 - `-s file` file exists and is not empty
-
- `file1 -nt file2` file1 is newer than file2
 - `file1 -ot file2` file1 is older than file2



File Testing Example

```
#!/bin/bash
echo "Enter a filename: "
read filename
if [ ! -r "$filename" ]
then
    echo "File is not read-able"
    exit 1
fi
```



Expressions

- An **expression** can be: **String comparison**, **Numeric comparison**, **File operators** and **Logical operators** and it is represented by **[expression]**:

- String Comparisons:

= compare if two strings are **equal**

!= compare if two strings are **not equal**

-n evaluate if string **length is greater than zero**

-z evaluate if string **length is equal to zero**

- Examples:

[s1 = s2] (true if **s1** same as **s2**, else false)

[s1 != s2] (true if **s1** not same as **s2**, else false)

[s1] (true if **s1** is not empty, else false)

[-n s1] (true if **s1** has a length greater than 0, else false)

[-z s2] (true if **s2** has a length of 0, otherwise false)



Expressions

- Number Comparisons:

- eq compare if two numbers are equal
- ge compare if one number is greater than or equal to a number
- le compare if one number is less than or equal to a number
- ne compare if two numbers are not equal
- gt compare if one number is greater than another number
- lt compare if one number is less than another number

- Examples:

- [n1 -eq n2] (true if n1 same as n2, else false)
- [n1 -ge n2] (true if n1 greater than or equal to n2, else false)
- [n1 -le n2] (true if n1 less than or equal to n2, else false)
- [n1 -ne n2] (true if n1 is not same as n2, else false)
- [n1 -gt n2] (true if n1 greater than n2, else false)
- [n1 -lt n2] (true if n1 less than n2, else false)



Expressions

- Compound Logical Expressions

! not

&& and must be enclosed within [[]]

|| or must be enclosed within [[]]

Examples:

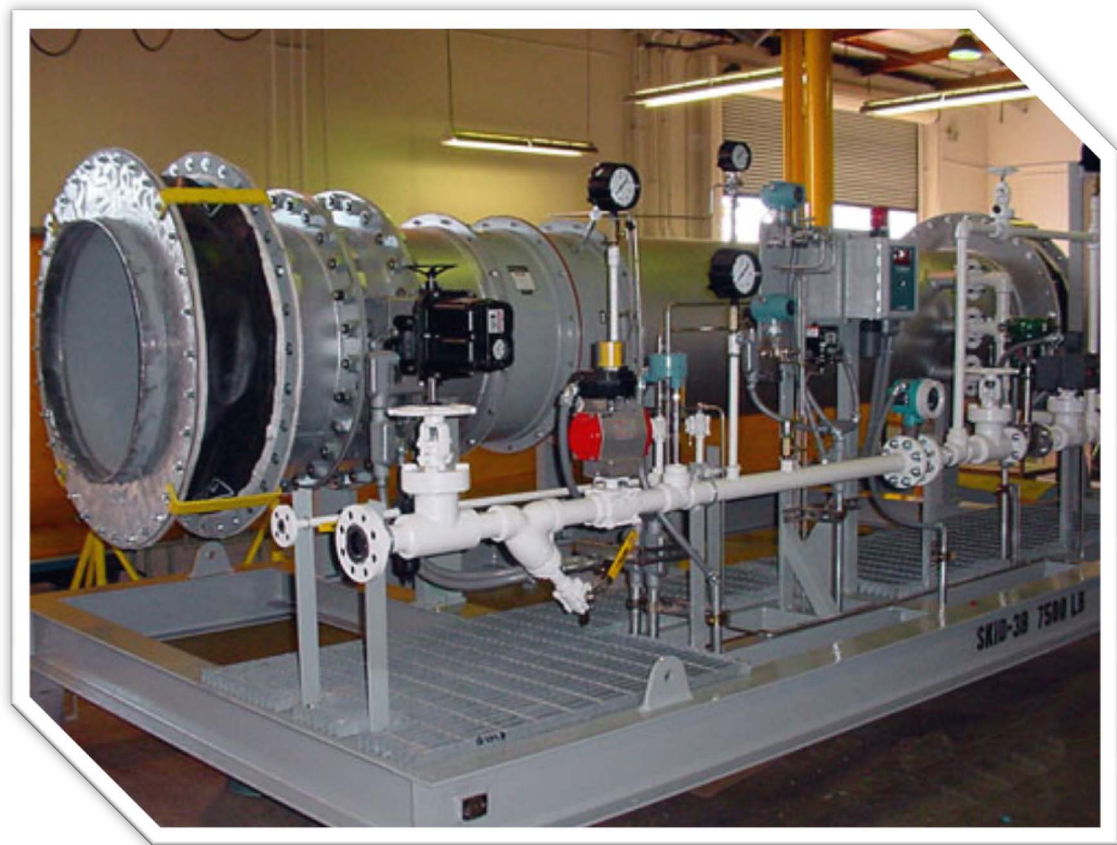
```
if [ ! "$Years" -lt 20 ]; then
```

```
if [[ "$Status" = "H" && "$Shift" = 3 ]]
```



Flow Control

- if/else
- for
- case
- select
- while and until





Logic: test

```
% test 1 -lt 10
```

```
% echo $?
```

```
0
```

```
% test 1 = 10
```

```
% echo $?
```

```
1
```





Conditional Tests

- `[]` condition test
- `-f` file exists and is not a dir

```
[ -f /etc/passwd ]
```

```
echo $?
```

```
0
```

```
[ ! -f /etc/passwd ]
```

```
echo $?
```

```
1
```



Logic: if

```
if [ $USER -eq "mmaxwell" ]  
then  
    :  
# "elif" a contraction of "else if":  
elif something-else  
then  
    :  
else  
then  
    :  
fi
```



Logic: if

```
# see if a file exists
if [ -e /etc/passwd ]
then
    echo "/etc/passwd exists"
else
    echo "/etc/passwd not found!"
fi
```



Logic: for

```
$ for i in 1 2 3
```

```
> do
```

```
> echo $i
```

```
> done
```

```
1
```

```
2
```

```
3
```



Logic: for

```
$ for i in /*  
> do  
> echo "Listing $i:"  
> ls -l $i  
> read  
> done
```



Logic: C-style for

```
LIMIT=10  
for (( a=1      ;  
      a<=LIMIT ;  
      a++     ))  
do  
    echo -n "$a "  
done
```



Logic: while

```
a=0; LIMIT=10
while [ "$a" -lt "$LIMIT" ]
do
    echo -n "$a"
    a=$(( a + 1 ))
done
```

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9



Break and Continue

Interrupt for, while or until loop

- The break statement
 - ◆ transfer control to the statement AFTER the done statement
 - ◆ terminate execution of the loop
- The continue statement
 - ◆ resumes iteration of an enclosing
 - for
 - while
 - until
 - select



Break Command

```
while [ condition ]  
do  
    cmd-1  
    break  
    cmd-n  
done  
echo "done"
```

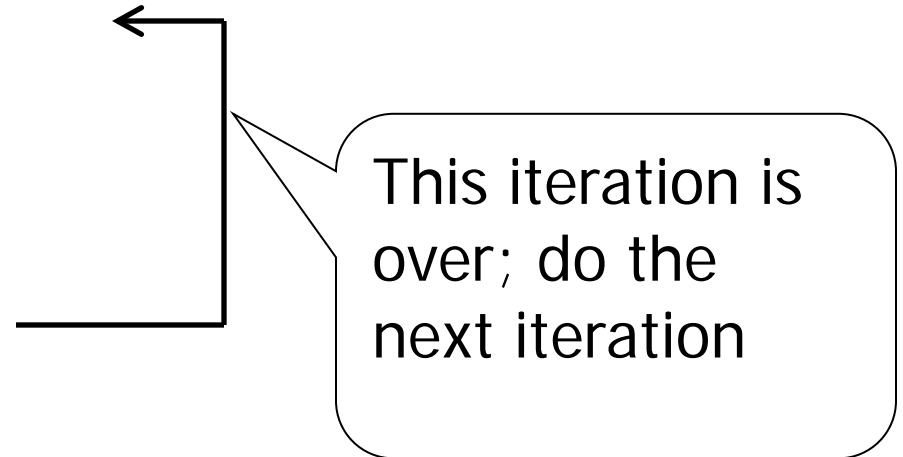


This iteration is over
and there are no
more iterations



Continue Command

```
while [ condition ]  
do  
    cmd-1  
    continue  
    cmd-n  
done  
echo "done"
```





Reading

- read inputs everything up to the newline

```
echo -n "Type: "
```

```
read ln
```

```
echo "You entered: $ln"
```

...a more useful example – next slide



Cursor keys

```
#!/bin/bash
ESC=$(echo -en "\033")          # define ESC
while :;do                       # infinite loop
# read quietly three characters of served input
read -s -n3 key 2>/dev/null >&2
# if A is the result, print up
if [ "$key" = "$ESC[A" ];then echo up;fi
# B dn
if [ "$key" = "$ESC[B" ];then echo dn;fi
# C ri
if [ "$key" = "$ESC[C" ];then echo ri;fi
# D le
if [ "$key" = "$ESC[D" ];then echo le;fi
done
```



Functions

- Bash has functions
 - ◆ Somewhat limited implementation
- Functions make scripts easier to maintain
- Function is a subroutine, code block, etc.
- Called by name
- Must be defined prior to being called
- May not be empty
- Can have strange names `_` :
 - ◆ Obfuscation



cards.sh

```
#!/bin/bash
# Count how many elements.
Suites="Clubs Diamonds Hearts Spades"
Denominations="2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Jack Queen King Ace"
# Read into array variable.
suite=($Suites)
denomination=($Denominations)
# Count how many elements.
num_suites=${#suite[*]}
num_denominations=${#denomination[*]}
echo -n "${denomination[$((RANDOM%num_denominations))]} of "
echo ${suite[$((RANDOM%num_suites))]}
exit 0
```

Queen of Clubs



Change all filenames to lowercase

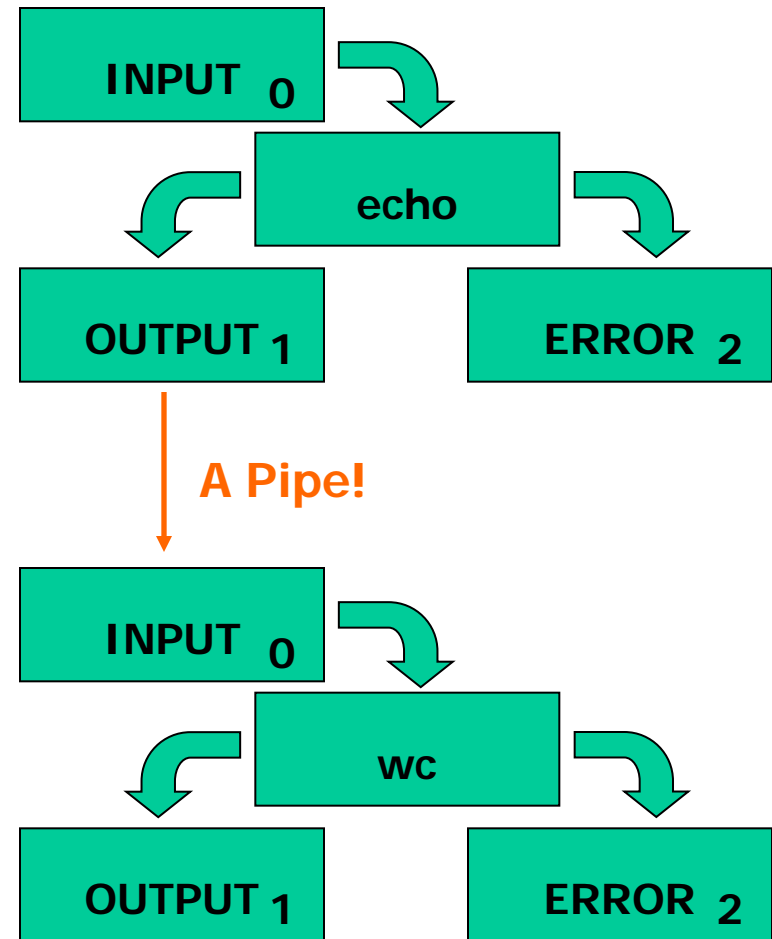
```
#!/bin/bash
# Traverse all files in directory
for filename in *
do
    fname='basename $filename'           # strip path
    n='echo $fname | tr A-Z a-z'        # to lower
    if [ "$fname" != "$n" ]
    then
        mv $fname $n
    fi
done
exit 0
```




Connecting Tools Together

Lots of Little Tools

```
echo "Hello" | \
wc -c
```





Additional Resources

- Advanced Bash-Scripting Guide
<http://tldp.org/LDP/abs/html/>
- GNU Bash
<http://www.gnu.org/s/bash/>