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Shell Scripting



BASH

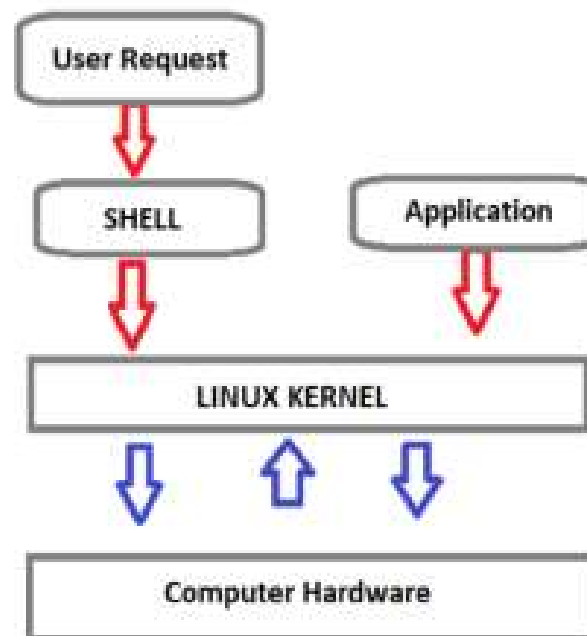
THE BOURNE-AGAIN SHELL



WHAT IS SHELL?

Shell is a program that receives the user's commands and gives them to the operating system to process and displays the output.

The standard Linux Shell is both a command-line interpreter and a programming language.





The BASH Prompt

A prompt is text or symbols used to represent the system's readiness to perform the next command. A prompt may also be a text representation of where the user is currently.

```
david@macbook /tmp/repo git(main) $ █
```



SHELL SCRIPTING BASICS

- To create a folder, we use `mkdir`
- To change directory, we use `cd`

```
mkdir shellscr && cd shellscr
```



Shell Comments

- - Bash ignores everything written on the line after the hash mark (`#`). The only exception to this rule is the first line of the script that starts with the `#!` characters.
- Comments can be added at the beginning on the line or inline with other code.

```
#!/bin/bash
echo "hello"
# date
pwd # This is an inline comment
# ls
```



Heredoc Syntax

- - A heredoc consists of the << (redirection operator), followed by a delimiter token. After the delimiter token, lines of string can be defined to form the content. Finally, the delimiter token is placed at the end to serve as the termination. The delimiter token can be any value as long as it is unique enough that it won't appear within the content

```
cat << EOF
Welcome to the Linux Lessons.
This lesson is about the shell scripting
EOF
```



VARIABLES

- A variable is a value that can vary or change.
- A variable always has a \$ sign before it's name.
- A variable name may only contain alphanumeric or underscores
- A variable is case sensitive.



VARIABLES

- To set the value for a variable

```
$ my_variable=degisken
```



VARIABLES

- We can also use variables to store the result of another command and print it.

```
$ variable3=$(ls)
$ echo "to list files or directories use the following variable: $variable2"
```



VARIABLES

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```
$ variable3=$($ls)
$ echo " to list files or directories use the following variable: $variable2"
```

* What we did above is we set a variable for the output of `variable3`

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* Then, we print the its output with `echo`



VARIABLES

- Best Practices

- - * Variable names must be in lower-case with underscores to separate words.

```
# Good
birinci_variable

# bad
Birinci_Variable
Birinci Variable
Birinci-variable
```



COMMAND LINE ARGUMENTS

- We can replace the hardcoded names within our script with the built-in variable.
- The command run by user is spitted to the built-in variables.
- - \$0, \$1, \$2, \$3 ... etc. are built in variables. These are called as **command line arguments**.



COMMAND LINE ARGUMENTS

- In our example:

```
$ sh hello how to do you do
```

Here \$0 would be assigned sh

- \$1 would be assigned hello
- \$2 would be assigned how
- And so on ...



COMMAND LINE ARGUMENTS

- **## Best Practices**
 - It is a best practice to
- assign a variable to a meaningful variable name
- Design your script to be re-usable
- Script should not require to be edited before running
- Use command line arguments to pass inputs.



COMMAND LINE ARGUMENTS

- We use best practice since:
- We want to design our script to be re-usable
- Our script should not require to be edited before running
- We also use command line arguments to pass inputs.



READ INPUTS

- Lets take a look at prompting for inputs in a shell script
- To prompt the user for input, use the `read`` statement followed by adding a `prompt` with `-p` option.



READ INPUTS

- Read takes an input from the user.
- If we only use read , nothing is displayed on the console before we enter the input. To avoid this, we use read with **-p** statement.

```
# read takes input, p = print degisken7 is our variable  
$ degisken7=yedincidegisken  
$ read -p "Degisken 7:" degisken7
```



READ INPUTS

- When to use Command Line Arguments and Read Inputs ?
- When you want manual intervention on your program, use `read`.
- When you do not want manual intervention on your program, don not use `read`. It might be the case for most of the time since your program will communicate with other programs without manual intervention.
- You can also use `read` and CLA at the same time.



ARITHMETIC OPERATIONS

- Let's take a look at "Arithmetic Operations"
- There are different methods with which we can perform arithmetic operations. These are:
- `expr`
- `Double Parantheses(())`
- `bc`



ARITHMETIC OPERATIONS

- Expr

- For addition

```
$ expr 6 + 3
```

- For subtraction

```
$ expr 6 - 3
```

- For Division

```
$ expr 6 / 3
```

- For Multiplication

```
$ expr 6 \* 3 # do not use * alone for multiplication since it is used as RegEx
```



ARITHMETIC OPERATIONS

- Expr can be used variable substitution as well.

```
$ A=6  
$ B=3  
$ expr $A + $B  
$ expr $A - $B  
$ expr $A / $B  
$ expr $A \* $B
```



ARITHMETIC OPERATIONS

- **Double Paranthesis**

- Another method for performing arithmetic operations is double parenthesis.

```
$ echo $(( A + B ))  
$ echo $(( A-B ))  
$ echo $((A / B))  
$ echo $((A*B))
```

- You may also programming language C stype manipulations of variables

```
$ echo $(( ++A ))  
$ echo $(( --A ))  
$ echo $(( A++ ))  
$ echo $(( A-- ))
```



ARITHMETIC OPERATIONS

- **Bc**
- `expr` and "double parentheses" only return decimal output, they do not support floating values.
- For this we use another utility called **bc**, it referred to as **Basic Calculator**.
- It works in an interactive mode and also you can input to another command as well



ARITHMETHIC OPERATIONS

- Bc

```
$ A=10  
$ B=3  
$ expr $A / $B  
$ echo $((A/B))  
$ echo $A / $B |bc -l
```



ARITHMETIC OPERATIONS

**Please complete the exercises from
your lecture notes accordingly...**