Princípios da Computação

Shell scripts (2nd part)



Arithmetic operations



Arithmetic operations

expr

- Evaluates an expression and writes the result on stdout.
- Operators and operands must be passed as separate arguments (spaces between them).

```
a=5
b=3
result=$(expr $a + $b)
```



Arithmetic operations

- It is possible to achieve the same effect using the \$((expression)) operator.
- The variable expansion symbol \$ is not necessary within the arithmetic environment.

```
a=5
b=3
result=$((a + b))
```



Some operators

+	Add
_	Subtract
*	Multiply
/	Integer division
%	Remainder of integer division

See the **expr** command manual page for the complete list of operators.



Control flow (continue)



Loop: while statement

- Keywords: while do done
- The condition is always evaluated (must be true) before executing the loop code.

```
while condition
do

# Some action here.
done
```



Loop: while statement

 The condition can be evaluated by testing the values of variables.

```
value=0
while [ ! $value -gt 0 ]
do
    read -p "Insert a positive integer: " value
done
echo "Value: $value"
```



Loop: while statement

 The condition can also be evaluated by the success of a command (or command pipeline).

```
site='www.google.com'
while ! ping -c 1 $site 2> /dev/null
do
    echo "Can not reach $site" >&2
    sleep 60
done
echo "$site is available"
```



Loop: until statement

- Keywords: until do done
- The condition is always evaluated (must be false) before executing the loop code.

```
until condition
do

# Some action here.
done
```



Loop: until statement

```
site='www.google.com'
until ping -c 1 $site 2> /dev/null
do
    echo "Can not reach $site" >&2
    sleep 60
done
echo "$site is available"
```

This condition is the opposite of the previous "while" example.



Skipping a loop

• break

- The loop ends immediately.
- No more loop code will be executed.

• continue

- Immediately ends the current iteration of the loop.
- Skips to the next iteration of the loop.



Decision: case statement

Keywords: case - in - esac



Loop: case statement

```
read -p 'Yes/No?' answer
case $(echo $answer | tr [A-Z] [a-z]) in
'y'|'yes')
   echo 'Work saved.'
   ;;
'n'|'no')
   echo 'Work discarded.'
   ;;
*)
   echo 'Option not supported!'
esac
```



Functions



Functions

- A function serves to write a functionality that can be called at various points in the script.
- It is characterized:
 - by its name followed by a pair of parentheses, and
 - by the sequence of commands delimited by braces.
- Functions are defined at the beginning of the script, so that they are known when the main script calls them.



Calling a function

- A function is called by its name, followed by the arguments, just like a command line.
 - The function has its own local variables with the arguments given to it: \$#, \$*, \$0, \$1, etc.
 - These local variables are distinct from the variables in the main script, although they have the same names.



Returning values

- A function does not explicitly return values.
- The variables in a script are global.
 - A function can manipulate the global variables of the script, and the changes are visible in the main script.
 - The return is made by the updated global variables.



```
#!/bin/bash
global_var=0
my_function()
  echo Function: received $# arguments.
  global_var=$#
}
# MAIN SCRIPT
echo Main script: $global_var
my_function one two three
echo Main script: $global_var
exit 0
```



```
#!/bin/bash
global_var=0
my_function()
  echo Function: received $# arguments.
  global_var=$#
}
                              Output:
                              Main script: 0
# MAIN SCRIPT
                              Function: received 3 arguments.
echo Main script: $global_var
                              Main script: 3
my_function one two three
echo Main script: $global_var
exit 0
```



Exercises / examples



Exercise 1

- Write a script that receives exactly two values from the command line and displays the sum of the two values.
 - If the script does not receive exactly two values from the command line, it should terminate with exit status 1.



Exercise 1 (solution)

```
#!/bin/bash
if [ $# -ne 2 ]; then
  echo "usage: $(basename $0) value1 value 2" >&2
  exit 1
fi
result=\{(expr $1 + $2)\}
echo $1 + $2 = $result
exit 0
```



Exercise 2

- Write a script that receives a series of file names from the command line.
- For each existing file, its type should be presented, using the file command.
- If the name does not match a file, an information message should be displayed.



Exercise 2 (solution)

```
#!/bin/bash
for filename
do
  if [ -f $filename ]; then
     file $filename
  else
     echo "$filename: not a file."
  fi
done
exit 0
```



Exercise 3

- Write a script that asks the user for the path to a directory.
- If the directory exists, the script must display the number of lines of text from each file present in that directory, whose name ends in **.txt**.
- At the end, the script should show the number of .txt files found.



Exercise 2 (solution, part 1/2)

```
#!/bin/bash
read -p "Directory: " directory
if [ ! -d "$directory" ]; then
  echo "$directory: not a directory." >&2
  exit 1
fi
# continues next slide...
```



Exercise 3 (solution, part 2/2)

```
# continues here...
counter=0
for filename in ${directory}/*.txt
do
     wc -l $filename
     counter=$((counter + 1))
done
echo "$counter .txt files found."
exit 0
```

