

CS2211b

# Software Tools and Systems Programming



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**Week 4b**

Shell Scripts: Part 1

# Announcements

Assignment #2 on OWL

# top Command

- **top** command displays the top *n* processes on the system by CPU time, memory, etc.
- Information is updated live to the terminal.
- Supports interactive commands while running:
  - h help
  - c display full command
  - M sort by memory usage
  - P sort by CPU usage (%)
  - T sort by time (CPU time)
  - i show/hide idle processes
  - n set the number of processes displayed
  - u display the processes of a given user
  - k kill a given process
  - q quit

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3	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	0.0	0.0	0:00.13	ksoftirqd/0
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6	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	0.0	0.0	0:08.26	kworker/u8+
7	root	rt	0	0	0	0	S	0.0	0.0	0:01.02	migration/0
8	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	0.0	0.0	0:00.00	rcu_bh
9	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	0.0	0.0	0:51.10	rcu_sched
10	root	rt	0	0	0	0	S	0.0	0.0	0:12.78	watchdog/0
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**Resident Size (Physical Memory)**

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How much of the VIRT size is shared/shareable

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CPU Usage

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   6 root      20   0      0      0      0  S   0.0   0.0   0:08.26  kworker/u8+
   7 root      rt    0      0      0      0  S   0.0   0.0   0:01.02  migration/0
   8 root      20   0      0      0      0  S   0.0   0.0   0:00.00  rcu_bh
   9 root      20   0      0      0      0  S   0.0   0.0   0:51.10  rcu_sched
  10 root      rt    0      0      0      0  S   0.0   0.0   0:12.78  watchdog/0
  11 root      rt    0      0      0      0  S   0.0   0.0   0:12.04  watchdog/1
  12 root      rt    0      0      0      0  S   0.0   0.0   0:00.97  migration/1
  13 root      20   0      0      0      0  S   0.0   0.0   0:00.14  ksoftirqd/1
  15 root       0 -20      0      0      0  S   0.0   0.0   0:00.00  kworker/1:~
  16 root      rt    0      0      0      0  S   0.0   0.0   0:14.02  watchdog/2
  17 root      rt    0      0      0      0  S   0.0   0.0   0:01.05  migration/2
  18 root      20   0      0      0      0  S   0.0   0.0   0:00.44  ksoftirqd/2
```

Memory Usage  
(Physical Only)

# top Command

```
dservos5@cs2211b:/cs2211/week4
top - 22:59:46 up 24 days, 15:17, 18 users,  load average: 0.00, 0.01, 0.05
Tasks: 165 total,  2 running, 154 sleeping,  7 stopped,  2 zombie
%Cpu(s):  0.0 us,  0.0 sy,  0.0 ni,100.0 id,  0.0 wa,  0.0 hi,  0.0 si,  0.0 st
KiB Mem : 32781684 total, 16387580 free,  422612 used, 15971492 buff/cache
KiB Swap:  0 total,  0 free,  0 used. 31808516 avail Mem

  PID USER      PR  NI   VIRT   RES   SHR  S  %CPU  %MEM     TIME+ COMMAND
18800 dservos5  20   0 168008   2340  1636 R   0.3   0.0   0:00.02 top
    1 root      20   0  54664   6316  3496 S   0.0   0.0   3:53.31 systemd
    2 root      20   0     0     0     0 S   0.0   0.0   0:00.98 kthreadd
    3 root      20   0     0     0     0 S   0.0   0.0   0:00.13 ksoftirqd/0
    5 root       0 -20     0     0     0 S   0.0   0.0   0:00.00 kworker/0:+
    6 root      20   0     0     0     0 S   0.0   0.0   0:08.26 kworker/u8+
    7 root      rt    0     0     0     0 S   0.0   0.0   0:01.02 migration/0
    8 root      20   0     0     0     0 S   0.0   0.0   0:00.00 rcu_bh
    9 root      20   0     0     0     0 S   0.0   0.0   0:51.10 rcu_sched
   10 root      rt    0     0     0     0 S   0.0   0.0   0:12.78 watchdog/0
   11 root      rt    0     0     0     0 S   0.0   0.0   0:12.04 watchdog/1
   12 root      rt    0     0     0     0 S   0.0   0.0   0:00.97 migration/1
   13 root      20   0     0     0     0 S   0.0   0.0   0:00.14 ksoftirqd/1
   15 root       0 -20     0     0     0 S   0.0   0.0   0:00.00 kworker/1:~
   16 root      rt    0     0     0     0 S   0.0   0.0   0:14.02 watchdog/2
   17 root      rt    0     0     0     0 S   0.0   0.0   0:01.05 migration/2
   18 root      20   0     0     0     0 S   0.0   0.0   0:00.44 ksoftirqd/2
```

CPU Time



# top Command

```
dservos5@cs2211b:/cs2211/week4
top - 22:59:46 up 24 days, 15:17, 18 users,  load average: 0.00, 0.01, 0.05
Tasks: 165 total,  2 running, 154 sleeping,  7 stopped,  2 zombie
%Cpu(s):  0.0 us,  0.0 sy,  0.0 ni,100.0 id,  0.0 wa,  0.0 hi,  0.0 si,  0.0 st
KiB Mem : 32781684 total, 16387580 free,  422612 used, 15971492 buff/cache
KiB Swap:      0 total,      0 free,      0 used. 31808516 avail Mem

  PID USER      PR  NI   VIRT    RES    SHR  S  %CPU  %MEM    TIME+  COMMAND
18800 dservos5  20   0 168008   2340   1636  R   0.3   0.0   0:00.02  top
    1 root      20   0   54664    6316   3496  S   0.0   0.0   3:53.31  systemd
    2 root      20   0      0      0      0  S   0.0   0.0   0:00.98  kthreadd
    3 root      20   0      0      0      0  S   0.0   0.0   0:00.13  ksoftirqd/
    5 root       0 -20      0      0      0  S   0.0   0.0   0:00.00  kworker/0:
    6 root      20   0      0      0      0  S   0.0   0.0   0:08.26  kworker/u8-
    7 root      rt    0      0      0      0  S   0.0   0.0   0:01.02  migration/
    8 root      20   0      0      0      0  S   0.0   0.0   0:00.00  rcu_bh
    9 root      20   0      0      0      0  S   0.0   0.0   0:51.10  rcu_sched
   10 root      rt    0      0      0      0  S   0.0   0.0   0:12.78  watchdog/0
   11 root      rt    0      0      0      0  S   0.0   0.0   0:12.04  watchdog/1
   12 root      rt    0      0      0      0  S   0.0   0.0   0:00.97  migration/
   13 root      20   0      0      0      0  S   0.0   0.0   0:00.14  ksoftirqd/
   15 root       0 -20      0      0      0  S   0.0   0.0   0:00.00  kworker/1:
   16 root      rt    0      0      0      0  S   0.0   0.0   0:14.02  watchdog/2
   17 root      rt    0      0      0      0  S   0.0   0.0   0:01.05  migration/
   18 root      20   0      0      0      0  S   0.0   0.0   0:00.44  ksoftirqd/
```

Command

# Shell Variables



# Shell Variables

- We have already seen a few shell variables:
  - \$PATH
  - \$HOME
  - \$SHELL
- Similar to variables in programming languages.
- Store either a string of characters or a **NULL** value.
- Variable names must follow this pattern:

`[a-zA-Z_][a-zA-Z0-9_]*`

- Shell variable names are case sensitive.

# Shell Variables

Which of the following are valid shell variable names?

\_\_TEST\_\_

1ST\_NAME

First\_Name

My1stName

100%

OneHundred%

One100Percent

CAT+DOG

alllowercase

# Shell Variables

- We can access a shell variables value using the \$ character in front of the variable name.
- **Examples:**

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ echo $PATH  
/usr/local/bin:/usr/bin:/usr/local/sbin:/usr/sbin:/cs221  
1/bin:./gaul/s1/student/1985/dservos5/.local/bin:/gaul/  
s1/student/1985/dservos5/bin
```

# Shell Variables

- We can access a shell variables value using the \$ character in front of the variable name.
- **Examples:**

```
[dservos5@cs2211b bin]$ cd $HOME  
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$
```

# Shell Variables

- We can access a shell variables value using the \$ character in front of the variable name.
- **Examples:**

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ ls -l $SHELL  
-rwxr-xr-x. 1 root root 960608 Sep  6 12:25 /bin/bash
```

# Shell Variables

- We can set the value of a shell variable using the = operator.
- **Examples:**

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ TEXT='Hello CS2211!'
```

```
[dservos5@cs2211b mybackups]$ echo TEXT  
TEXT
```

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ echo $TEXT  
Hello CS2211!
```

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ my_backup_dir=~ /mybackups
```

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ cd $my_backup_dir
```

```
[dservos5@cs2211b mybackups]$
```

# Shell Variables

- We can set the value of a shell variable using the = operator.
- **Examples:**

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ TEXT='Hello CS2211!'
```

```
[dservos5@cs2211b mybackups]$ echo TEXT  
TEXT
```

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ echo $TEXT  
Hello CS2211!
```



**Why did this return TEXT and not Hello CS2211?**

```
[dservos5@cs2211b mybackups]$
```

# Shell Variables

- We can set the value of a shell variable using the = operator.
- **Examples:**

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ TEXT='Hello CS2211!'
```

```
[dservos5@cs2211b mybackups]$ echo TEXT  
TEXT
```

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ echo $TEXT  
Hello CS2211!
```

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ echo $TEXT  
Hello CS2211!
```

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ echo $TEXT  
Hello CS2211!
```

```
[dservos5@cs2211b mybackups]$
```

**Need to use \$ to access variable's value**



# Shell Variables

- We can set the value of a shell variable using the = operator.
- **Examples:**

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ TEXT='Hello CS2211!'
```

```
[dservos5@cs2211b mybackups]$ echo TEXT  
TEXT
```

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ echo $TEXT  
Hello CS2211!
```

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ my_backup_dir=~ /mybackups
```

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ cd $my_backup_dir
```

```
[dservos5@cs2211b mybackups]$
```

# Shell Variables

- We can unset or remove a variable using the **unset** command.
- **Examples:**

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ TEXT='Hello CS2211!'
```

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ echo $TEXT
```

```
Hello CS2211!
```

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ unset TEXT
```

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ echo $TEXT
```

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$
```

# Shell Variables

- We can unset or remove a variable using the **unset** command.
- **Examples:**

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ TEXT='Hello CS2211!'
```

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ echo $TEXT
```

```
Hello CS2211!
```

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ unset TEXT
```

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ echo $TEXT
```



**No \$ in front of variable name when using unset.**

# Shell Variables

There are two kinds of shell variables:

- **Environment** Variables (**GLOBAL Variables**)
  - Describes and affects the shell environment and programs invoked by the shell.
  - Inherited by child processes (including shell scripts)
  - Often created and set by the shell when initialized.
- **Regular** Variables (**LOCAL Variables**)
  - Affect the current shell but not programs invoked by the shell.
  - Not normally inherited by child processes (including shell scripts)
  - Often user defined.

# Shell Variables

## Example:

`/cs2211/week4/printvar`

```
#!/bin/bash

echo -n '$HOME = '
echo $HOME
echo -n '$SHELL = '
echo $SHELL
echo -n '$MYVAR = '
echo $MYVAR
```

### Output:

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ /cs2211/week4/printvar
$HOME = /gaul/s1/student/1985/dservos5
$SHELL = /bin/bash
$MYVAR =
```

# Shell Variables

## Example:

/cs2211/week4/printvar

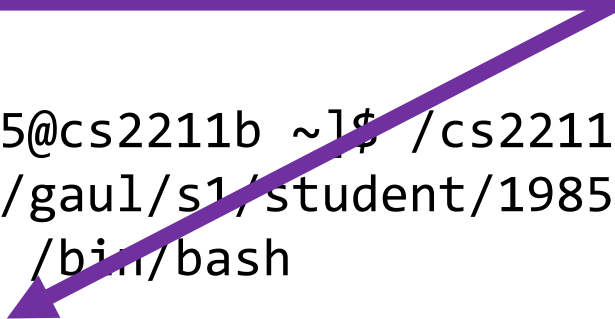
```
#!/bin/bash

echo -n '$HOME = '
echo $HOME
echo -n '$SHELL = '
echo $SHELL
echo -n '$MYVAR = '
echo $MYVAR
```

**\$MYVAR has no value, not set yet.**

### Output:

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ /cs2211/week4/printvar
$HOME = /gaul/s1/student/1985/dservos5
$SHELL = /bin/bash
$MYVAR =
```



# Shell Variables

## Example:

Set value of \$MYVAR and change value of \$SHELL :

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ MYVAR='This is the value of MYVAR.'  
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ echo $MYVAR  
This is the value of MYVAR.  
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ SHELL='/bin/sh'  
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ echo $SHELL  
/bin/sh  
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ /cs2211/week4/printvar  
$HOME = /gaul/s1/student/1985/dservos5  
$SHELL = /bin/sh  
$MYVAR =
```

# Shell Variables

## Example:

Set value of `$MYVAR` and change value of `$SHELL`:

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ MYVAR='This is the value of MYVAR.'  
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ echo $MYVAR  
This is the value of MYVAR.  
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ SHELL='/bin/sh'  
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ echo $SHELL  
/bin/sh  
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ /cs2211/week4/printvar  
$HOME = /gaul/s1/student/1985/dservos5  
$SHELL = /bin/sh  
$MYVAR =
```

**`$SHELL` was updated in *printvar* but not `$MYVAR`**



# Shell Variables

**\$SHELL** is an environment variable (global variable) that is inherited by child processes or scripts.

**\$MYVAR** is a regular variable (local variable) that is local to the shell and not inherited by child processes or scripts.

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ /cs2211/week4/printvar  
$HOME = /gaul/s1/student/1985/dservos5  
$SHELL = /bin/sh  
$MYVAR =
```

# Shell Variables

- How can we make `$MYVAR` an environment variable such that it will be output by *printvar*?
- We can use the **export** command to make a variable available to all child processes and scripts.
- **Example:**

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ MYVAR='Lets make this global!'
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ export MYVAR
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ /cs2211/week4/printvar
$HOME = /gaul/s1/student/1985/dservos5
$SHELL = /bin/sh
$MYVAR = Lets make this global!
```

# Shell Variables

- How can we make `$MYVAR` an environment variable such that it will be output by *printvar*?
- We can use the `export` command to make a variable

**No \$ in front of variable name when using export.**

- **Example:**

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ MYVAR='Lets make this global!'
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ export MYVAR
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ /cs2211/week4/printvar
$HOME = /gaul/s1/student/1985/dservos5
$SHELL = /bin/sh
$MYVAR = Lets make this global!
```

# Shell Variables

- Important to understand that export does not affect the parent process / shell, only children.
- **Example:**

[/cs2211/week4/setvar](#)

```
#!/bin/bash

MYVAR='This is the value of myvar in the
setvar script.'
export MYVAR
echo "MYVAR = $MYVAR"

SHELL=/bin/tcsh
echo "SHELL = $SHELL"
```

# Shell Variables

- Important to understand that **export** does not affect the parent process / shell, only children.

- **Output:**

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ MYVAR='Value of MYVAR in shell.'  
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ echo $MYVAR  
Value of MYVAR in shell.  
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ echo $SHELL  
/bin/sh  
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ /cs2211/week4/setvar  
MYVAR = This is the value of myvar in the setvar script.  
SHELL = /bin/tcsh  
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ echo $MYVAR  
Value of MYVAR in shell.  
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ echo $SHELL  
/bin/sh
```

# Shell Variables

- Important to understand that **export** does not affect the parent process / shell, only children.

- **Output:**

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ MYVAR='Value of MYVAR in shell.'
```

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ echo $MYVAR
```

Value of MYVAR in shell.

Value in shell  
before script is run

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ echo $SHELL
```

/bin/sh

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ /cs2211/week4/setvar
```

MYVAR = This is the value of myvar in the setvar script.

SHELL = /bin/tcsh

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ echo $MYVAR
```

Value of MYVAR in shell.

Value in script

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ echo $SHELL
```

/bin/sh

Value in shell  
after script is run

# Shell Variables

- Value of `$MYVAR` and `$SHELL` did not change in the parent process/shell. `export` only affects child process/shell, even for environment variables.

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ echo $MYVAR
```

```
Value of MYVAR in shell.
```

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ echo $SHELL
```

```
/bin/sh
```

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ /cs2211/week4/setvar
```

```
MYVAR = This is the value of myvar in the setvar script.
```

```
SHELL = /bin/tcsh
```

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ echo $MYVAR
```

```
Value of MYVAR in shell.
```

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ echo $SHELL
```

```
/bin/sh
```

# Shell Variables

Some useful shell variables:

Variable	Example Value	Description
\$PATH	/usr/local/bin:/usr/bin:.	Locations the shell searches for executables.
\$HOME	/gaul/s1/student/1985/dservos5	Your home directory.
\$SHELL	/bin/bash	Your login shell.
\$USER	dservos5	Your username.
\$PWD	/gaul/s1/student/1985/dservos5	Your current working directory.
\$SSH_TTY	/dev/pts/32	Your current terminal device.
\$HOSTNAME	cs2211b.gaul.csd.uwo.ca	The hostname of the server/computer.
\$EDITOR	nano	Your default text editor.
\$PS1	[\u@\h \W]\\$	The formatting of your prompt.
\$UID	17789	Your user id.
\$LANG	en_US.UTF-8	The system's language settings.



# Shell Variables

- We can view a list of all variables using the **set** command with no arguments.
- **Example:**

```
[dservos5@cs2211b week4]$ set
BASH=/bin/bash
BASHOPTS=checkwinsize:cmdhist:expand_aliases:extquote:force_fignore
:histappend:hostcomplete:interactive_comments:login_shell:progcomp:
promptvars:sourcpath
BASH_ALIASES=()
BASH_ARGC=()
BASH_ARGV=()
BASH_CMDS=()
BASH_LINENO=()
BASH_SOURCE=()
BASH_VERSIONINFO=([0]="4" [1]="2" [2]="46" [3]="2" [4]="release"
[5]="x86_64-redhat-linux-gnu")
BASH_VERSION='4.2.46(2)-release'
COLUMNS=80
DEBUG=()
```

# Shell Variables

- We can view a list of just the environment variables using the **env** command with no arguments.
- **Example:**

```
[dservos5@cs2211b week4]$ env
XDG_SESSION_ID=2456
HOSTNAME=cs2211b.gaul.csd.uwo.ca
SELINUX_ROLE_REQUESTED=
TERM=xterm
SHELL=/bin/sh
HISTSIZE=1000
SSH_CLIENT=135.23.234.30 4132 22
SELINUX_USE_CURRENT_RANGE=
OLDPWD=/gaul/s1/student/1985/dservos5
SSH_TTY=/dev/pts/32
USER=dservos5
LS_COLORS=rs=0:di=01;34:ln=01;36:mh=00:pi=40;33:so=01;35:do=01;35:bd=40;33;01:cd=40;33;01:or=40;31;01:mi=01;05;37;41:su=37;41:sg=30;43:ca=30;41:tw=30;42:ow=34;42:st=37;44:ex=01;32:*.tar=01;31:*.tgz=01;
```

# Exit Status

- Every program, shell script, etc. executed by the shell or a shell script has an **exit status**.
- This **exit status** tells us if the program was successful and in the event of a failure, might give us a clue as to what went wrong.
- The exit status of a program is represented as an integer between 0 and 255.
- An **exit status of 0** indicates that the program exited **successfully**.
- An **exit status of 1 to 255** indicates that some kind of **failure** occurred. The value is normally some kind of error code to give us a clue as to what went wrong.

# Exit Status

- We can access the exit status of the last run program using the special `$?` shell variable.
- **Examples:**

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ ls /cs2211  
bin  week3  week4
```

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ echo $?
```

```
0
```

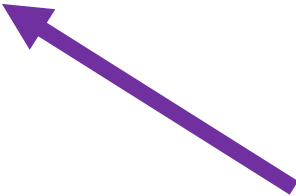
# Exit Status

- We can access the exit status of the last run program using the special `$?` shell variable.
- **Examples:**

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ ls /cs2211  
bin  week3  week4
```

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ echo $?
```

0



An exit code of 0 indicates that `ls` exited successfully.

# Exit Status

- We can access the exit status of the last run program using the special `$?` shell variable.
- **Examples:**

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ ls afilethatdoesnotexist  
ls: cannot access afilethatdoesnotexist: No such  
file or directory
```

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ echo $?
```

```
2
```

# Exit Status

- We can access the exit status of the last run program using the special `$?` shell variable.
- **Examples:**

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ ls afilethatdoesnotexist  
ls: cannot access afilethatdoesnotexist: No such  
file or directory
```

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ echo $?
```

2



**A non zero exit code indicates that `ls` failed.**

# Exit Status

- In many cases we can find the meaning of a non zero exit status in the man page for the command.
- For example, in the **ls** command's man page we find:

Exit status:

0	if OK,
1	if minor problems (e.g., cannot access subdirectory),
2	if serious trouble (e.g., cannot access command-line argument).



# && and || Operators

- The logical operators **&&** and **||** allow us to perform some action based on the exit status returned by a command.
  - `cmd1 && cmd2`      Execute `cmd2` only if `cmd1` was successful (zero exit status).
  - `cmd1 || cmd2`      Execute `cmd2` only if `cmd1` fails (non zero exit status).

# && and | | Operators

**Example:** Print “We found the file!” only if *file.txt* exists.

```
ls file.txt && echo 'We found the file!'
```

# && and | | Operators

**Example:** Print “Pattern not found.” if *file.txt* does not contain the words cat or dog.

```
grep -E 'cat|dog' file.txt || echo 'Pattern not found.'
```

# && and | | Operators

**Example:** Print “Pattern not found.” if *file.txt* does not contain the words cat or dog.

```
grep -E 'cat|dog' file.txt || echo 'Pattern not found.'
```

**grep returns the exit status 1 if it cannot find the pattern.**

# && and | | Operators

**Example:** Print “Pattern not found.” if *file.txt* does not contain the words cat or dog.

```
grep -E 'cat|dog' file.txt || echo 'Pattern not found.'
```

grep returns the exit status 1 if it can not find the pattern.

But it also returns the exit status 2 if it can not find the file.

This means that the above command would also print

“Pattern not found” if file.txt does not exist.

# Shell Scripts: Part 1

# Shell Scripts

- A shell script is a *text file* containing commands to be run sequentially by the shell.
- Shell scripts contain either *UNIX commands* as we would issue them from the command line or *flow control statements* (IF, WHILE, FOR, etc.).
- Commands are executed by the shell in the order they appear or in an order determined by flow control statements.
- Different shells (e.g. bash, csh, tcsh, etc.) have slightly different syntax and flow control structures.
- For this course, we will be writing *bash* shell scripts.

# Shell Scripts

- As shell scripts are text files, you can create them with any text editor (nano, vim, emacs, etc).
- They **do not** require a file extension, but it is common convention to give them a *.sh* or *.bash* extension to denote them as shell scripts.
- Shell scripts are **interpreted** by the shell and **not compiled** (unlike C code).
- We use shell scripts to **avoid repetition**, **automate tasks** (e.g. backup files regularly) or **create simple programs** that mainly use other UNIX commands.



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#!

- The first line of a shell script specifies what shell it should be interpreted by (or “run” in).
- The line has the format:

`#!/path/to/shell/executable`

- For example, if we want our shell script to be a bash script, the first line should be:

`#!/bin/bash`

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#!

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- The line has the format:

On the course server */bin* is a symbolic link to the */usr/bin* directory.

- For example, if we want our shell script to be a bash script, the first line should be:



#!/bin/bash

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#!

- If this line is omitted (or not the first line of the file), the current shell will be used instead of the one specified.
- This can be a problem as the syntax of shell scripts can vary between shells.
- In assignments, quizzes and exams it is expected that you include this line in all of your shell scripts.

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## Running Shell Scripts

### Method One

- If the script is in our PATH we can run by simply giving its file name:

```
[dservos5@cs2211b week4]$ helloworld.sh  
Hello World!
```

- If the script is not in our PATH we need to provide an absolute or relative path to the script (even if it is in our current working directory):

```
[dservos5@cs2211b week4]$ ./helloworld.sh  
Hello World!
```

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## Running Shell Scripts

### Method One

- For this method to work, the script must have the executable permission set (+x). Recall that you can set this permission on a file for yourself with:

```
chmod +x file
```

- When we run a script with this method, it is interpreted by the shell specified by the `#!` line or the current shell if the `#!` line is omitted.

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## Running Shell Scripts

### Method Two

- We can also run a shell script by calling the shell with the script's file name as an argument:

```
[dservos5@cs2211b week4]$ bash helloworld.sh  
Hello World!
```

- This method ignores the `#!` line and runs the script in the called shell.
- When executing a shell script like this, the execute permission is not required.

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## Running Shell Scripts

**Which method is best practice? Why?**

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## Simple Example

/cs2211/week4/simple.sh

```
#!/bin/bash
# A simple shell script that prints the date,
# current user and login shell.

echo "Hello $USER."
echo "Today is: `date`."
echo "Your shell today is $SHELL."
```



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## Simple Example

/cs2211/week4/simple.sh

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

```
# A simple shell script that prints the date,  
# current user and login shell
```

**#! Line that specifies the shell to use.**

```
echo "Hello $USER."
```

```
echo "Today is: `date`."
```

```
echo "Your shell today is $SHELL."
```

# Shell Scripts

## Simple Example

/cs2211/week4/simple.sh

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

```
# A simple shell script that prints the date,  
# current user and login shell.
```



```
"date" "$USER"
```

Comment that is ignored by the shell.

Comments start with a #

Use comments to document your shell scripts.

# Shell Scripts

## Simple Example

/cs2211/week4/simple.sh

```
#!/bin/bash
# A simple shell script that prints the date,
# current user and login shell.
```

```
echo "Hello $USER."
```

```
echo "Today is: `date`."
```

```
echo "Your shell today is $SHELL."
```

These commands work just like if we called them in the shell.

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## Simple Example: Output

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ /cs2211/week4/simple.sh
```

```
Hello dservos5.
```

```
Today is: Thu Feb  1 12:10:00 EST 2018.
```

```
Your shell today is /bin/bash.
```

# Shell Scripts

## Reading From Standard Input

We can use the **read** command to read values from standard input into a shell variable.

```
read [options] varname ...
```

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## Reading From Standard Input

### Simple read Example:

/cs2211/week4/helloname.sh

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

```
echo -n "Input your name: "
```

```
read name
```

```
echo "Hello $name. How are you?"
```

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## Reading From Standard Input

**S** -n option to echo causes no new line to be printed.  
Input will be taken on same line as output.

/cs2211/week4/nenoname.sh

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

```
echo -n "Input your name: "
```

```
read name
```

```
echo "Hello $name. How are you?"
```

# Shell Scripts

## Reading From Standard Input

**S** We are reading one value into the shell variable `$name` from standard input.

/cs2211/week4/nenoname.sh

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

```
echo -n "Input your name: "
```

```
read name
```

```
echo "Hello $name. How are you?"
```



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## Reading From Standard Input

### Simple read Example Output:


```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ /cs2211/week4/helloname.sh  
Input your name: Daniel  
Hello Daniel. How are you?
```

# Shell Scripts

## Reading From Standard Input

### Simple read Example Output:

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ /cs2211/week4/helloname.sh  
Input your name: Daniel  
Hello Daniel. How are you?
```



Type in from keyboard (standard input).

Input is ended by line break (pressing enter).

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## Reading From Standard Input

**Example reading multiple values:**

[/cs2211/week4/multiread.sh](#)

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

```
echo -n "Input your name, age and location: "  
read name age loc
```

```
echo "Hello $name."
```

```
echo "You are $age years old."
```

```
echo "You are from $loc."
```

# Shell Scripts

## Reading From Standard Input

**Example reading multiple values:**

`/cs2211/week4/multiread.sh`

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

```
echo -n "Input your name, age and location: "
```

```
read name age loc
```

```
echo "Hello $name."
```

```
echo "You are $age years old."
```

```
echo "You are from $loc."
```

Each argument to read is a new value that will be read into a shell variable.

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## Reading From Standard Input

### **multiread.sh Output: Case 1**


```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ /cs2211/week4/multiread.sh  
Input your name, age and location: Daniel 32 London  
Hello Daniel.  
You are 32 years old.  
You are from London.
```

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## Reading From Standard Input

### multiread.sh Output: Case 2

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ /cs2211/week4/multiread.sh
Input your name, age and location: Daniel Servos 32 London
Hello Daniel.
You are Servos years old.
You are from 32 London.
```



**Entered too many values!**

**Spaces or tabs separate values when using read.**

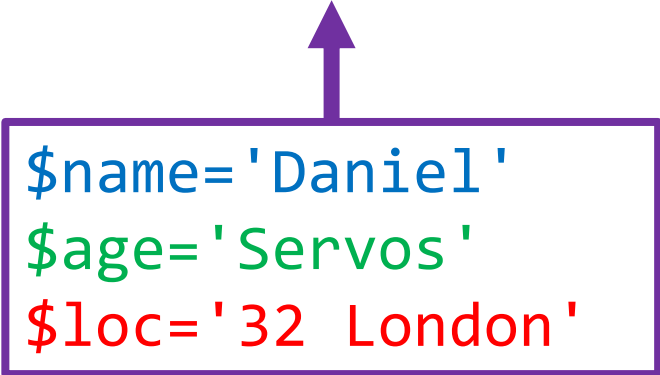
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## Reading From Standard Input

### multiread.sh Output: Case 2

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ /cs2211/week4/multiread.sh
Input your name, age and location: Daniel Servos 32 London
Hello Daniel.
You are Servos years old.
You are from 32 London.
```

```
read name age loc
```



A purple arrow points from a box containing variable assignments to the input string 'Daniel Servos 32 London'. The box has a purple border and contains the following text:

```
$name='Daniel'
$age='Servos'
$loc='32 London'
```

# Shell Scripts

## Reading From Standard Input

### multiread.sh Output: Case 2

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ /cs2211/week4/multiread.sh
Input your name, age and location: Daniel Servos 32 London
Hello Daniel.
You are Servos years old.
You are from 32 London.
```

```
read name age loc
```

Last argument to read gets all extra input.

```
$name='Daniel'
$age='Servos'
$loc='32 London'
```



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## Reading From Standard Input

### **multiread.sh Output: Case 3**

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ /cs2211/week4/multiread.sh  
Input your name, age and location: Daniel\Servos 32 London  
Hello Daniel Servos.  
You are 32 years old.  
You are from London.
```

# Shell Scripts

## Reading From Standard Input

### multiread.sh Output: Case 3

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ /cs2211/week4/multiread.sh  
Input your name, age and location: Daniel\Servos 32 London  
Hello Daniel Servos.  
You are 32 years old.  
You are from London.
```

Space is escaped and “Daniel Servos” is read in as one string.

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## Reading From Standard Input

### **More Complex Example:**

Write a shell script to count how many times a user is logged into the system. The script should take a username from standard input.

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## Reading From Standard Input

### More Complex Example:

/cs2211/week4/usercount.sh

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

```
read -p "Input a username: " username  
count=`who | grep -c "^$username\s"`
```

```
echo "$username is logged in $count times."
```

# Shell Scripts

## Reading From Standard Input

-p option to read prints a prompt for us, so we do not have to use echo.

/cs2211/week4/usercount.sh

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

```
read -p "Input a username: " username  
count=`who | grep -c "^$username\s"`
```



```
echo "$username is logged in $count times."
```

# Shell Scripts

## Reading From Standard Input

### More Complex Example:

/cs2211/week4/usercount.sh

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

```
read -p "Input a username: " username  
count=`who | grep -c "^$username\s"`
```

```
echo "$username is logged in $count times."
```

Result of the command `who | grep -c "^$username\s"` is stored in the variable `$count`.

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## Reading From Standard Input

### **usercount.sh Output:**

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ /cs2211/week4/usercount.sh  
Input a username: dservos5  
dservos5 is logged in 1 times.
```

# Shell Scripts

## Arithmetic Using `expr`

- Most shells do not have computing or string handling features built in (bash is an exception that we will see later).
- To do things like basic arithmetic you need to use a program like **`expr`** or **`bc`**.
- **`expr`** only handles integer arithmetic (decimals are truncated).
- **`bc`** supports floating point (decimal) arithmetic, but is not always installed on the system.



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## Arithmetic Using `expr`

- The **`expr`** command takes a mathematical or logical expression as its arguments and returns the result via standard output.
- Valid arithmetic operators are: `+, -, *, /, %`
- Valid comparison operators are: `>, <, >=, <=, ==, !=`
- Valid logic operators are: `&, |`
- Parentheses, `(` and `)`, can be used to control order of operations.

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## Arithmetic Using expr

### Example Use on Command Line:

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ expr 5 + 7  
12
```

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ expr 100 - 10 + 4  
94
```

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ expr \( 50 - 10 \) \* 2  
80
```

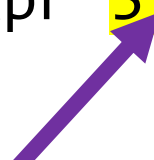
```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ expr 5 / 2  
2
```

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## Arithmetic Using expr

### Example Use on Command Line:

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ expr 5 + 7  
12
```



**Must have spaces between each number and operation. As they have to be separate arguments to expr.**

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ expr \( 50 - 10 \) \* 2  
80
```

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ expr 5 / 2  
2
```

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## Arithmetic Using expr

### Example Use on Command Line:

We have to escape any special characters or shell wild cards.

We cannot use quoting. Why?

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[dservos5@cs2211b ~]\$ expr **\( 50 - 10 \) \\* 2**

80

[dservos5@cs2211b ~]\$ expr 5 / 2

2

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## Arithmetic Using expr

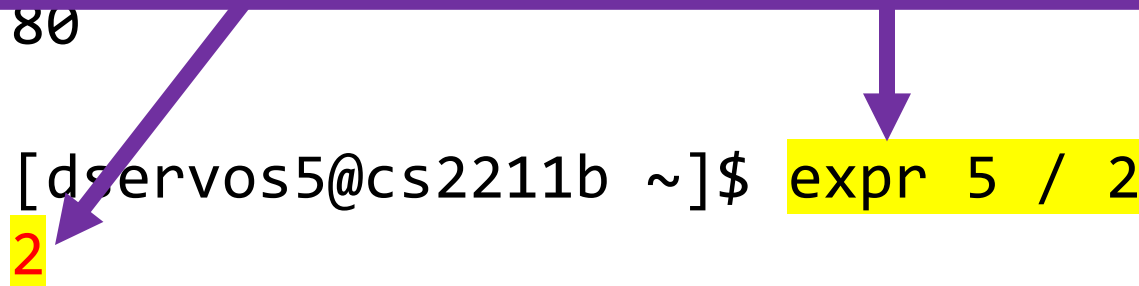
### Example Use on Command Line:

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ expr 5 + 7  
12
```

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ expr 100 - 10 + 4  
94
```

**expr does integer arithmetic. Result of division is always an integer. Decimal points are truncated.**

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ expr 5 / 2  
2
```

A purple box with a thick border contains the text "expr does integer arithmetic. Result of division is always an integer. Decimal points are truncated." Two purple arrows originate from the bottom of this box. One arrow points diagonally down and to the left towards the command "expr 5 / 2" in the terminal output below. The other arrow points diagonally down and to the right towards the result "2" in the terminal output below.

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## Arithmetic Using `expr`

### **Example in Shell Script:**

Write a shell script that reads in three numbers from standard input and finds the average of these numbers.

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## Arithmetic Using expr

### Example in Shell Script:

</cs2211/week4/avg.sh>



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## Arithmetic Using expr

**#!** Line specifying that script should be run in bash shell.

/cs2211/week4/avg.sh

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



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## Arithmetic Using `expr`

Output a prompt saying “Input three numbers:” and read in three values into `$n1`, `$n2` and `$n3`.

`/cs2211/week4/avg.sh`

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

```
read -p "Input three numbers: " n1 n2 n3
```

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## Arithmetic Using `expr`


Use `expr` to take the sum of `$n1`, `$n2` and `$n3` and store the result in `$sum`.

`/cs2211/week4/avg.sh`

```
#!/bin/bash

read -p "Input three numbers: " n1 n2 n3

sum=`expr $n1 + $n2 + $n3`
```



Remember that back quotes make the shell execute the command in the quotes and return the result. Without the back quotes we would get an error

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## Arithmetic Using expr

Use `expr` to divide the value of `$sum` by 3. Store the result in `$avg`.

`/cs2211/week4/avg.sh`

```
#!/bin/bash

read -p "Input three numbers: " n1 n2 n3

sum=`expr $n1 + $n2 + $n3`
avg=`expr $sum / 3`
```

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## Arithmetic Using `expr`

Output the values of `$n1`, `$n2`, and `$n3` as well as the average we calculated stored in `$avg`.

`/cs2211/week4/avg.sh`

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

```
read -p "Input three numbers: " n1 n2 n3
```

```
sum=`expr $n1 + $n2 + $n3`
```

```
avg=`expr $sum / 3`
```

```
echo "Average of $n1, $n2, and $n3 is: $avg"
```

# Shell Scripts

## Arithmetic Using `expr`

### Example in Shell Script: Output

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ /cs2211/week4/avg.sh  
Input three numbers: 42 -5 101  
Average of 42, -5, and 101 is: 46
```