

CS2211b

Software Tools and Systems Programming



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Week 5b
Shell Scripts: Part 2

Week 4b Review

Exit Status

- 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.

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

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```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ grep 'duck' textbook.txt  
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ echo $?
```

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```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ grep 'programmers' textbook.txt  
22 reading for systems programmers.  
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ echo $?  
0
```

Week 4b Review

Running Shell Scripts

`myscript.sh`

`./myscript.sh`

`bash myscript.sh`

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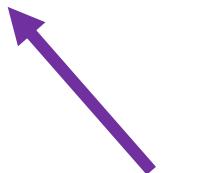
Running Shell Scripts

`myscript.sh`



Current working
directory
needs to be in PATH

`./myscript.sh`



Require execute
permission

`bash myscript.sh`



Only needs read
permission.

Ignores #! Line.

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User Input via stdin

read [options] varname ...

```
#!/bin/bash
echo -n "Input a number: "
read mynum
echo "Your number is: $mynum"
```

```
#!/bin/bash
read -p "Input age and name: " age name
echo "Your name is, $name."
echo "You are $age years old."
```

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Integer Arithmetic with expr

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ expr 20 + 30 - 5  
45
```

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ expr 5 / 3  
1
```

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

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Integer Arithmetic with expr

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ expr 20 + 30 - 5  
45
```

Integer division

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ expr 5 / 3  
1
```

Only integer arguments
and results allowed

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

Need to escape some operators

Each part of the expression has to be an argument to expr. Some operators conflict with shell wildcards and need to be escaped.

Week 4b Review

Decimal Arithmetic with bc

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ echo '5 / 3' | bc  
1
```

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ echo 'scale=3; 5 / 3' | bc  
1.666
```

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ echo 'scale=4; sqrt(5+6)/(1.5)^3' | bc  
.9826
```

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Decimal Arithmetic with bc

Integer division by default

Need to set scale for decimals

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ echo '5 / 3' | bc  
1
```

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ echo 'scale=3; 5 / 3' | bc  
1.666
```

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ echo 'scale=4; sqrt(5+6)/(1.5)^3' | bc  
.9826
```

- Does not need spaces between arguments
- Supports more functions and operations (sqrt and power)
- Can take decimal input (1.5)
- Takes expression via stdin and not as arguments

Shell Scripts:

Part 2

Bash Arithmetic

- The **bash** shell supports a few built in commands that allow us to do arithmetic without outside programs like bc.
- This syntax is only supported by bash and ksh.
- Should be avoided if you wish to create portable shell scripts (ones that work in other shells).
- **let** builtin evaluates an integer arithmetic expression and assigns the result to a shell variable.
- **Syntax:**

let expression ...

Bash Arithmetic

Example 1:

`/cs2211/week5/letex.sh`

```
#!/bin/bash

let a=4+9
let "b = 10 - 12"
let c=3/4

x=5
y=2

let x++
let "z = y * 10 + 2**3"

echo -e "a = $a\nb = $b\nc = $c"
echo -e "x = $x\ny = $y\nz = $z"
```

Bash Arithmetic

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echo -e "a = $a\nb = $b\nc = $c"  
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```

Each arithmetic expression to let, needs to be a single argument. Recall that you can use quotes to include spaces in a single argument.

Bash Arithmetic

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```

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```

```
echo -e "a = $a\nb = $b\nc = $c"
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```

let assigns the value to the shell variable mentioned in the expression. In this case, b is assigned the result of $10 - 12$, which is -2.

Bash Arithmetic

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```

```
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```

```
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```

```
let x++  
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```

```
echo -e "a = $a\nb = $b\nc = $c"  
echo -e "x = $x\ny = $y\nz = $z"
```

Like expr, let does integer arithmetic. Only takes integer numbers and division returns integer results. In this case, 3/4 would result in 0.

Bash Arithmetic

Example 1:

/cs2211/week5/letex.sh

```
#!/bin/bash

let a=4+9
let "b = 10 - 12"
let c=3/4

x=5
y=2
```

let supports the ++ and -- per/postfix operators. Increments or decrements the variable by one. If x is 5, it will now be 6.

```
let x++
let "z = y * 10 + 2**3"

echo -e "a = $a\nb = $b\nc = $c"
echo -e "x = $x\ny = $y\nz = $z"
```

Bash Arithmetic

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```

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let x++
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```

```
echo -e "a = $a\nb = $b\nc = $c"
echo -e "x = $x\ny = $y\nz = $z"
```

let uses the `**` notation for power. This is the same as the `^` operator in bc. `2**3` is equivalent to 2^3 , equals 8.

Bash Arithmetic

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```

```
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```

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You can reference a shell variable in a `let` expression by its name (without the `$`).

Bash Arithmetic

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```
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```

```
let a=4+9  
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let c=3/4
```

```
x=5  
y=2
```

```
let x++  
let "z = y * 10 +
```

-e option to echo allows us to include line breaks (\n) in our string.

```
echo -e "a = $a\nb = $b\nc = $c"  
echo -e "x = $x\ny = $y\nz = $z"
```

Bash Arithmetic

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#!/bin/bash

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x=5
y=2

let x++
let "z = y * 10 + 2**3"

echo -e "a = $a\nb = $b\nc = $c"
echo -e "x = $x\ny = $y\nz = $z"
```

Output:

```
$ letex.sh
a = 13
b = -2
c = 0
x = 6
y = 2
z = 28
```

(()) Notation

- `((expression))` notation is equivalent to `let` in most cases.
- Considered more portable than `let` as it is specified by POSIX.
- Still not supported by `csh` and `tcsh`.
- Full list of operators and functions supported by `((` can be found here:

http://wiki.bash-hackers.org/syntax/arith_expr

(()) Notation

Example 2: Redo Example 1 using (())

/cs2211/week5/ex2.sh

```
#!/bin/bash

((a=4+9))
(( "b = 10 - 12" ))
(( c=3/4 ))

x=5
y=2

(( x++ ))
(("z = y * 10 + 2**3" ))

echo -e "a = $a\nb = $b\nc = $c"
echo -e "x = $x\ny = $y\nz = $z"
```

Output:

```
$ ex2.sh
a = 13
b = -2
c = 0
x = 6
y = 2
z = 28
```

(()) Notation

Example 2: Redo Example 1 using (())

/cs2211/week5/ex2.sh

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

```
((a=4+9))  
(( "b = 10 - 12" ))  
((c=3/4))
```

```
x=5
```

```
y=2
```

```
((x++))  
(("z = y * 10 + 2**3"))
```

```
echo -e "a = $a\nb = $b\nc = $c"  
echo -e "x = $x\ny = $y\nz = $z"
```

Spaces between ((and)) do not matter.

However, spaces between (and (or) and) do matter. Example, this is not allowed:

```
( (x++) )
```

Must have zero spaces between (and (.

```
y = 2  
z = 28
```

Arithmetc Expansion

- Rather than having `let` or `((` set the value of a shell variable directly, we can use arithmetic expansion to return the result.
- Uses `$((expression))` notation.
- Unlike in `let` and `((`, we cannot use quotes.
- **Examples:**

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ echo $((10+5-7))  
8
```

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ echo $(( 9 / 2 ))  
4
```

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ x=5  
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ echo $(( x*2 ))  
10
```

Arithmetc Expansion

- Rather than having let or () set the value of a shell variable directly, we can use arithmetic expansion to return the result.
- Uses $\$((\text{ expression }))$ notation.
- Unlike in let and (), we cannot use quotes.
- **Examples:**

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ echo $(("1+2"))
-bash: "1+2": syntax error: operand expected (error token is
""1+2""")
```

```
[dservos5@cs2211b week5]$ ls ex$((1+1)).sh
ex2.sh
```

Arithmetc Expansion

- Rather than having `let` or `((` set the value of a shell variable directly, we can use arithmetic expansion to return the result.
- Uses `$((expression))` notation.
- Unlike in `let` and `eval`,
Cannot use quotes around the arithmetic expression with the `$((` notation.
- **Examples:**

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ echo $(("1+2"))
-bash: "1+2": syntax error: operand expected (error token is
""1+2""")
```

```
[dservos5@cs2211b week5]$ ls ex$((1+1)).sh
ex2.sh
```

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- Uses `$((expression))` notation.
- Unlike in `let` and `((`, we cannot use quotes.
- **Examples:**

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$  
-bash: "1+2": syntax error  
""1+2""")
```

`$((` will be replaced with the result (expanded) just like a shell variable in other commands.

```
[dservos5@cs2211b week5]$ ls ex$((1+1)).sh  
ex2.sh
```

Arithmetic Expansion

Example 3: Redo Example 1 using \$(())

/cs2211/week5/ex3.sh

```
#!/bin/bash

a=$((4+9))
b=$(( 10 - 12 ))
c=$(( 3/4 ))

x=5
y=2

((x++))
z=$(( y * 10 + 2**3 ))

echo -e "a = $a\nb = $b\nc = $c"
echo -e "x = $x\ny = $y\nz = $z"
```

Output:

```
$ ex3.sh
a = 13
b = -2
c = 0
x = 6
y = 2
z = 28
```

Arithmetic Expansion

Example 3: Redo Example 1 using \$(())

/cs2211/week5/ex3.sh

```
#!/bin/bash

a=$((4+9))
b=$(( 10 - 12 ))
c=$(( 3/4 ))

x=5
y=2

((x++))
z=$(( y * 10 + 2**3 ))

echo -e "a = $a\nb = $b\nc = $c"
echo -e "x = $x\ny = $y\nz = $z"
```

No longer using quotes.
Would cause error if we did.

Output:

```
$ ex3.sh
a = 13
b = -2
c = 0
x = 6
y = 2
z = 28
```

Arithmetic

	expr	bc	let	(())	\$(())
Portable	✓	✓ (if installed)	X	✓ (not in csh/tcsh)	✓ (not in csh/tcsh)
Decimal Numbers	X	✓	X	X	X
Power Operator	X	✓ ^	✓ **	✓ **	✓ **
sqrt Function	X	✓ sqrt	X	X	X
Sets Variables Directly	X	X	✓	✓	✓ (can, but probably not what you want)
Returns Result	stdout	stdout	X	X	expansion
Expression via stdin	X	✓	X	X	X
Expression via Arguments	One argument for each part of expression	X	One Argument	One Argument	One Argument

Command Line Arguments

- Similarly to the other UNIX/Linux commands we have seen to date, shell script can also take arguments from the command line.
- Example:**

`myshellscript.sh arg1 arg2 arg3 ...`

- We can access these arguments using the special shell variable **\$n** where **n** is a number from 0 to 9 such that:
 - **\$0** the name of the file/script
 - **\$1** the first argument
 - **\$2** the second argument
 -
 - **\$9** the ninth argument

This is called a
“positional parameter”.

Command Line Arguments

Example 4:

/cs2211/week5/args.sh

```
#!/bin/bash

echo "0: $0"
echo "1: $1"
echo "2: $2"
echo "3: $3"
echo "4: $4"
echo "5: $5"
echo "6: $6"
echo "7: $7"
echo "8: $8"
echo "9: $9"
```

Command Line Arguments

Example 4:

/cs2211/week5/args.sh

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

```
echo "0: $0"
echo "1: $1"
echo "2: $2"
echo "3: $3"
echo "4: $4"
echo "5: $5"
echo "6: $6"
echo "7: $7"
echo "8: $8"
echo "9: $9"
```

Output:

\$ args.sh

No arguments given.



Command Line Arguments

Example 4:

```
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```

```
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echo "0: $0"
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echo "2: $2"
echo "3: $3"
echo "4: $4"
echo "5: $5"
echo "6: $6"
echo "7: $7"
echo "8: $8"
echo "9: $9"
```

Output:

No arguments given.

```
$ args.sh
0: ./args.sh
1:
2:
3:
4:
5:
6:
7:
8:
9:
```

Command Line Arguments

Example 4:

```
/cs2211/week5/args.sh
```

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

```
echo "0: $0"
```

```
echo "1: $1"
```

```
echo "2: $2"
```

```
echo "3: $3"
```

```
echo "4: $4"
```

```
echo "5: $5"
```

```
echo "6: $6"
```

```
echo "7: $7"
```

```
echo "8: $8"
```

```
echo "9: $9"
```

Output:

No arguments given.

```
$ args.sh  
0: ./args.sh
```

```
1:  
2:  
3:  
4:  
5:  
6:  
7:  
8:  
9:
```

\$0 is always the name of the script.

Path will change based on where/how we run the script from. E.g.

```
[dservos5@cs2211b ~]$ /cs2211/week5/args.sh  
0: /cs2211/week5/args.sh
```

Name will be different if we use a link rather than call the script directly.

Command Line Arguments

Example 4:

```
/cs2211/week5/args.sh
```

```
#!/bin/bash

echo "0: $0"
echo "1: $1"
echo "2: $2"
echo "3: $3"
echo "4: $4"
echo "5: $5"
echo "6: $6"
echo "7: $7"
echo "8: $8"
echo "9: $9"
```

Output:

No arguments given.

```
$ args.sh
0: ./args.sh
1:
2:
3:
4:
5:
6:
7:
8:
9:
```

\$n variables are empty if no nth argument is given.

Command Line Arguments

Example 4:

/cs2211/week5/args.sh

```
#!/bin/bash

echo "0: $0"
echo "1: $1"
echo "2: $2"
echo "3: $3"
echo "4: $4"
echo "5: $5"
echo "6: $6"
echo "7: $7"
echo "8: $8"
echo "9: $9"
```

Output:

\$ args.sh 5 hello world 1.3

Command Line Arguments

Example 4:

```
/cs2211/week5/args.sh
```

```
#!/bin/bash

echo "0: $0"
echo "1: $1"
echo "2: $2"
echo "3: $3"
echo "4: $4"
echo "5: $5"
echo "6: $6"
echo "7: $7"
echo "8: $8"
echo "9: $9"
```

Output:

```
$ args.sh 5 hello world 1.3
0: ./args.sh
1: 5
2: hello
3: world
4: 1.3
5:
6: hello world is considered to
7: be two arguments as it
8: contains a space.
9:
```

Command Line Arguments

Example 4:

/cs2211/week5/args.sh

```
#!/bin/bash

echo "0: $0"
echo "1: $1"
echo "2: $2"
echo "3: $3"
echo "4: $4"
echo "5: $5"
echo "6: $6"
echo "7: $7"
echo "8: $8"
echo "9: $9"
```

Output:

\$ args.sh 5 "hello world" 1.3

Command Line Arguments

Example 4:

```
/cs2211/week5/args.sh
```

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#!/bin/bash

echo "0: $0"
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echo "4: $4"
echo "5: $5"
echo "6: $6"
echo "7: $7"
echo "8: $8"
echo "9: $9"
```

Output:

```
$ args.sh 5 "hello world" 1.3
0: ./args.sh
1: 5
2: hello world
3: 1.3
4:
5:
6:
7:
8:
9:
```

Using quotes makes the shell treat hello world as a single argument.

Command Line Arguments

Example 4:

/cs2211/week5/args.sh

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

```
echo "0: $0"
echo "1: $1"
echo "2: $2"
echo "3: $3"
echo "4: $4"
echo "5: $5"
echo "6: $6"
echo "7: $7"
echo "8: $8"
echo "9: $9"
```

Output:

\$ args.sh A B C D E F G H I J K L M

More than 9 arguments

Command Line Arguments

Example 4:

```
/cs2211/week5/args.sh
```

```
#!/bin/bash

echo "0: $0"
echo "1: $1"
echo "2: $2"
echo "3: $3"
echo "4: $4"
echo "5: $5"
echo "6: $6"
echo "7: $7"
echo "8: $8"
echo "9: $9"
```

Output:

```
$ args.sh A B C D E F G H I J K L M
0: ./args.sh
1: A
2: B
3: C
4: D
5: E
6: F
7: G
8: H
9: I
```

Only showing first 9 arguments.

How do we get more?

echo \$10 outputs:

A0

Why?

Command Line Arguments

- We have a few more special variables related to arguments available to us:
 - `$*` all the arguments as a single string.
 - `$#` the number of arguments given to the script.
- `shift` command:
 - Shifts all arguments to the left by one:
 $\$1 = \$2, \$2 = \$3, \$3 = \4 , and so on
 - The value of `$1` is lost.
 - `$#` is decremented by one.
 - `$*` no longer contains the first argument.
 - `$0` is not changed (still contains script name).

Command Line Arguments

Example 5: Write a shell script that prints of its arguments (even if there are more than 9) and also states how many arguments were given.

Example Input/output:

```
$ myecho.sh A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T  
A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T  
20 arguments were given.
```

```
$ myecho.sh Weeks of coding can save you hours of planning  
Weeks of coding can save you hours of planning  
9 arguments were given.
```

```
$ myecho.sh "Weeks of coding" "can save you" "hours of planning"  
Weeks of coding can save you hours of planning  
3 arguments were given.
```

Command Line Arguments

Example 5: Write a shell script that prints of its arguments (even if there are more than 9) and also states how many arguments were given.

/cs2211/week5/myecho.sh

```
#!/bin/bash

echo $*
echo "# arguments were given."
```

Command Line Arguments

Example 5: Write a shell script that prints of its arguments (even if there are more than 9) and also states how many arguments were given.

```
/cs2211/week5/myecho.sh
```

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

\$* contains all arguments.

```
echo $*
```

```
echo "# arguments were given."
```

Command Line Arguments

Example 5: Write a shell script that prints of its arguments (even if there are more than 9) and also states how many arguments were given.

```
/cs2211/week5/myecho.sh
```

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

```
echo $*
```

```
echo "$# arguments were given."
```

\$# contains the number of arguments.

Command Line Arguments

Example 5: Write a shell script that prints of its arguments (even if there are more than 9) and also states how many arguments were given.

```
/cs2211/week5/myecho.sh
```

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

```
echo $*
echo "# arguments were given."
```

What if we add a shift?

Command Line Arguments

Example 5b: What if we add a shift?

/cs2211/week5/myshiftecho.sh

```
#!/bin/bash

echo $*
echo "# arguments were given."

shift

echo $*
echo "# arguments were given."
```

Output:

```
$ myshiftecho.sh A B C D E F
```

Command Line Arguments

Example 5b: What if we add a shift?

/cs2211/week5/myshiftecho.sh

```
#!/bin/bash

echo $*
echo "# arguments were given."

shift

echo $*
echo "# arguments were given."
```

Output:

```
$ myshiftecho.sh A B C D E F
A B C D E F
6 arguments were given.
B C D E F
5 arguments were given.
```

Command Line Arguments

Example 5b: What if we add a shift?

/cs2211/week5/myshiftecho.sh

```
#!/bin/bash

echo $*
echo "# arguments were given."

shift

echo $*
echo "# arguments were given."
```

Output:

```
$ myshiftecho.sh "A B C" D E F
```

Command Line Arguments

Example 5b: What if we add a shift?

/cs2211/week5/myshiftecho.sh

```
#!/bin/bash

echo $*
echo "# arguments were given."

shift

echo $*
echo "# arguments were given."
```

Output:

```
$ myshiftecho.sh "A B C" D E F
A B C D E F
4 arguments were given.
D E F
3 arguments were given.
```

Conditional Statements

- Conditional statements like **if** are used to “test” something:
 - In Java, C and Python, these type of statements test the result of a Boolean expression like $5 > 6$.
 - In shell scripts, the **if** statement only checks the **exit status** of a command (if it is successful or not).
- **Syntax:**

```
if command
then
    commands_to_run_if_successful
fi
```

Conditional Statements

Examples:

```
if grep UNIX /cs2211/week3/textbook.txt > /dev/null  
then
```

```
    echo 'UNIX was found!'
```

```
fi
```

```
if ls /usr/bin/bc > /dev/null 2>&1
```

```
then
```

```
    echo 'The bc command was found!'
```

```
fi
```

```
if who | grep dservos5; then
```

```
    echo 'dservos5 is online.'
```

```
fi
```

Conditional Statements

Examples:

```
if grep UNIX /cs2211/week3/textbook.txt > /dev/null  
then  
    echo 'UNIX was found!'  
fi
```

```
if ls /usr/bin/bc > /dev/null 2>&1  
then  
    echo 'The bc command exists'  
fi
```

```
if who | grep dservos5; then  
    echo 'dservos5 is online.'  
fi
```

We can put then on the same line if we use a ;

Conditional Statements

- As with other programming/scripting languages, the `if` statement in shell scripts supports `else` and `else if` type constructs.
- **Syntax:**

```
if command1; then
    commands_to_run_if_command1_successful
elif command2; then
    commands_to_run_if_command2_successful
...
elif commandN; then
    commands_to_run_if_commandN_successful
else
    commands_to_run_otherwise
fi
```

Conditional Statements

Examples:

```
if who | grep dservos5; then
    echo 'dservos5 is online.'
else
    echo 'Coast is clear!'
fi
```

```
if grep UNIX textbook.txt; then
    cp textbook.txt unixtextbook.txt
elif grep DOS textbook.txt; then
    cp textbook.txt dostextbook.txt
else
    cp textbook.txt unkowntextbook.txt
fi
```

Conditional Statements

- As in the command line, we can use the `||` and `&&` operators in `if` statements.
- These act like AND and OR operators in other languages.
- Exit status of `command1 || command2` is 0 if either `command1` or `command2` has an exit status of 0.
- Exit status of `command1 && command2` is 0 if BOTH `command1` and `command2` have an exit status of 0.
- Syntax:

```
if command1 || command2; then  
    run_if_either_successful  
fi
```

```
if command1 && command2; then  
    run_if_both_successful  
fi
```

Conditional Statements

- That's great for exit statuses but how do we check the result of Boolean expressions?
- Yet again, there is a command for that: **test**
- The **test** command evaluates a logical comparison (e.g. $5 > 4$) and returns a **0 exit status if true**, and a **nonzero status if false**.
- Can also be used to check if files/directories exists, their status, size, etc.
- **Syntax:**

test EXPRESSION1 option EXPRESSION2

test option EXPRESSION

Conditional Statements

Options:

Arithmetic Tests

Options/Syntax	Description
<code><INTEGER1> -eq <INTEGER2></code>	True, if the integers are equal .
<code><INTEGER1> -ne <INTEGER2></code>	True, if the integers are NOT equal
<code><INTEGER1> -le <INTEGER2></code>	True, if the first integer is less than or equal to the second one.
<code><INTEGER1> -ge <INTEGER2></code>	True, if the first integer is greater than or equal to the second one.
<code><INTEGER1> -lt <INTEGER2></code>	True, if the first integer is less than the second one.
<code><INTEGER1> -gt <INTEGER2></code>	True, if the first integer is greater than the second one.

Conditional Statements

Example 6: Write a shell script that takes two arguments and returns the largest.

Conditional Statements

Example 6: Write a shell script that takes two arguments and returns the largest.

/cs2211/week5/findmax.sh

```
#!/bin/bash

if test $1 -gt $2; then
    echo $1
else
    echo $2
fi
```

Output:

\$ findmax.sh 5 9

9

\$ findmax.sh 7 -8

7

\$ findmax.sh 7 -8.4

./findmax.sh: line 3: test: -8.4:
integer expression expected
-8.4

Conditional Statements

Example 6: Write a shell script that takes two arguments and returns the largest.

/cs2211/week5/findmax.sh

```
#!/bin/bash

if test $1 -gt $2; then
    echo $1
else
    echo $2
fi
```

test does not support
decimals.

Output:

\$ findmax.sh 5 9

9

\$ findmax.sh 7 -8

7

\$ findmax.sh 7 -8.4

./findmax.sh: line 3: test: -8.4:

integer expression expected

-8.4

Conditional Statements

Example 6: Write a shell script that takes two arguments and returns the largest.

/cs2211/week5/findmax.sh

```
#!/bin/bash

if test $1 -gt $2; then
    echo $1
else
    echo $2
fi
```

Output:

\$ findmax.sh 5 9

9

\$ findmax.sh 7 -8

7

\$ findmax.sh 7 -8.4

./findmax.sh: line 3: test: -8.4:
integer expression expected

-8.4

Why was -8.4 output?

Conditional Statements

Options:

File Tests

Options/Syntax	Description
<code>-e <FILE></code>	True if <code><FILE></code> exists.
<code>-f <FILE></code>	True, if <code><FILE></code> exists and is a regular file.
<code>-d <FILE></code>	True, if <code><FILE></code> exists and is a directory .
<code>-L <FILE></code>	True, if <code><FILE></code> exists and is a symbolic link (can also use <code>-h</code>).
<code>-r <FILE></code>	True, if <code><FILE></code> exists and is readable .
<code>-w <FILE></code>	True, if <code><FILE></code> exists and is writable .
<code>-x <FILE></code>	True, if <code><FILE></code> exists and is executable .
<code>-s <FILE></code>	True, if <code><FILE></code> exists and has size bigger than 0 (not empty).
<code><FILE1> -ef <FILE2></code>	True, if <code><FILE1></code> and <code><FILE2></code> refer to the same device and inode numbers .

Conditional Statements

Example 7: Check if the regular file *duck.txt* exists in the current working directory and is not a directory. Do not use `ls`.

Conditional Statements

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/cs2211/week5/findduck.sh

```
#!/bin/bash

if test -f duck.txt; then
    echo 'I found the duck!'
else
    echo 'No ducks here.'
fi
```

Output:

[dservos5@cs2211b week5]\$ findduck.sh

No ducks here.

[dservos5@cs2211b ~]\$ /cs2211/week5/findduck.sh

I found the duck!

Conditional Statements

Options:

String Tests

Options/Syntax	Description
<code>-z <STRING></code>	True, if <code><STRING></code> is empty .
<code>-n <STRING></code>	True, if <code><STRING></code> is not empty (this is the default operation).
<code><STRING1> = <STRING2></code>	True, if the strings are equal .
<code><STRING1> != <STRING2></code>	True, if the strings are not equal .
<code><STRING1> < <STRING2></code>	True if <code><STRING1></code> sorts before <code><STRING2></code> lexicographically.
<code><STRING1> > <STRING2></code>	True if <code><STRING1></code> sorts after <code><STRING2></code> lexicographically.

Conditional Statements

Example 8:

/cs2211/week5/ex8.sh

```
#!/bin/bash

if test "$HOSTNAME" = "cs2211b.gaul.csd.uwo.ca"; then
    /cs2211/bin/ducksay "QUACK QUACK!"
else
    echo "ERROR: Not running on the course server!"
    exit 1
fi
```

If the script is run on the course server (i.e. hostname is *cs2211b.gaul.csd.uwo.ca*) then run the ducksay program that is only available on the course server.

Otherwise print an error and exit with a status code of 1.

Conditional Statements

Example 8:

/cs2211/week5/ex8.sh

```
#!/bin/bash

if test "$HOSTNAME" = "cs2211b.gaul.csd.uwo.ca"; then
    /cs2211/bin/ducksay "QUACK QUACK!"
else
    echo "ERROR: Not running on the course server!"
    exit 1
fi
```

Good practice to put double quotes around variables that contain strings. What if it had a space in it?

Would get an error like: *./ex8.sh: line 3: test: too many arguments without the quotes.*

Conditional Statements

Example 8:

/cs2211/week5/ex8.sh

```
#!/bin/bash

if test "$HOSTNAME" = "cs2211b.gaul.csd.uwo.ca"; then
    /cs2211/bin/ducksay "QUACK QUACK!"
else
    echo "ERROR: Not running on the course server!"
    exit 1
fi
```

Spaces are required between expressions and options. Each one has to be an argument to test. Just like with expr.

Conditional Statements

Example 8:

/cs2211/week5/ex8.sh

```
#!/bin/bash

if test "$HOSTNAME" = "cs2211b.gaul.csd.uwo.ca"; then
    /cs2211/bin/ducksay "QUACK QUACK!"
else
    echo "ERROR: Not running on the course server!"
    exit 1
fi
```

Exits the shell script right away and returns the given exit status. Default exit status (if you do not use `exit`) is 0.

It is good practice to always return a nonzero exit status if an error occurred.

Conditional Statements

Options:

Misc syntax

Options/Syntax	Description
<code>! <EXPR></code>	True, if <code><EXPR></code> is false (NOT).
<code>(<EXPR>)</code>	Group a <code><EXPR></code> (for precedence).
<code>-v <VARIABLENAME></code>	True if the variable <code><VARIABLENAME></code> has been set.
<code><EXPR1> -a <EXPR2></code>	True, if <code><EXPR1></code> and <code><EXPR2></code> are true (AND).
<code><EXPR1> -o <EXPR2></code>	True, if either <code><EXPR1></code> or <code><EXPR2></code> is true (OR).

More Options and a Good Guide on the Test Command:

<http://wiki.bash-hackers.org/commands/classictest>

Conditional Statements

Options:

Misc syntax

Options/Syntax

!<EXPR>

(<EXPR>)

-v <VARIABLENAME> True if the variable <VARIABLENAME> has been set.

<EXPR1> -a <EXPR2> True, if <EXPR1> and <EXPR2> are true (AND).

<EXPR1> -o <EXPR2> True, if either <EXPR1> or <EXPR2> is true (OR).

Spaces are mandatory here.

Also likely need to escape the ()s. E.g.
\(and \).

More Options and a Good Guide on the Test Command:

<http://wiki.bash-hackers.org/commands/classictest>

Conditional Statements

[] Notation

- Most shells support the [] notation as a shorthand for the test command.
- **Syntax:**

[option *EXPRESSION*]

[*EXPRESSION1* option *EXPRESSION2*]

- **Example:**

```
if [ ! "$USER" = "dservos5" ]; then
    echo "Who are you?"
else
    echo "Welcome back Daniel!"
fi
```

Conditional Statements

[] Notation

- Most shells support the [] notation as a shorthand for the test command.
MUST HAVE spaces after [and before] in this notation.
- **Syntax:**

```
[option EXPRESSION] 
```

```
[EXPRESSION1 option EXPRESSION2] 
```

- **Example:**

```
if [!"$USER" = "dservos5"]; then  
    echo "Who are you?"  
else  
    echo "Welcome back Daniel!"  
fi
```

Conditional Statements

Example 9: Complex Example

Write a shell script named *8ball.sh* which takes a single argument, a filename. *8ball.sh* should use the special shell variable `$RANDOM` which returns a random number between 0 - 32767 to choose a line from the input file to print.

Print an error if the file does not exist or is not a regular file.

Assume file is less than 32767 lines long and contains at least one line.

Conditional Statements

Example 9: Complex Example

/cs2211/week5/8ball.sh

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

First we need to do some error checking.

Check if the first argument is a valid regular file using the -f option to test.

Conditional Statements

Example 9: Complex Example

/cs2211/week5/8ball.sh

```
#!/bin/bash

if [ ! -f $1 ]; then
    echo "Bad file name!"
    exit 1
fi
```

Conditional Statements

Example 9: Complex Example

/cs2211/week5/8ball.sh

```
#!/bin/bash

if [ ! -f $1 ]; then
    echo "Bad file name!"
    exit 1
fi
```

Using shorthand [] notation

Conditional Statements

Example 9: Complex Example

/cs2211/week5/8ball.sh

```
#!/bin/bash

if [ ! -f $1 ]; then
    echo "Bad file name!"
    exit 1
fi
```

NOT

Checks if file does NOT exist.

Conditional Statements

Example 9: Complex Example

/cs2211/week5/8ball.sh

```
#!/bin/bash

if [ ! -f $1 ]; then
    echo "Bad file name!"
    exit 1
fi
```

If the file does not exist, print an error message and exit with status code 1.

Conditional Statements

Example 9: Complex Example

/cs2211/week5/8ball.sh

```
#!/bin/bash

if [ ! -f $1 ]; then
    echo "Bad file name!"
    exit 1
fi
```

Before we can generate a random number we need to know how many lines are in the file (so we know how big the random number can be).

We can use wc for this.

Conditional Statements

Example 9: Complex Example

/cs2211/week5/8ball.sh

```
#!/bin/bash

if [ ! -f $1 ]; then
    echo "Bad file name!"
    exit 1
fi

lines=`cat $1 | wc -l`
```

Now we need to get a random number between 0 and 32767 from \$RANDOM and store it for later use.

Conditional Statements

Example 9: Complex Example

/cs2211/week5/8ball.sh

```
#!/bin/bash

if [ ! -f $1 ]; then
    echo "Bad file name!"
    exit 1
fi

lines=`cat $1 | wc -l`

x=$RANDOM
```

\$RANDOM is just a special shell variable. It does not take any arguments to change its range.

We will have to do some math to make it between 1 and the number of lines in \$1.

Conditional Statements

Example 9: Complex Example

/cs2211/week5/8ball.sh

```
#!/bin/bash

if [ ! -f $1 ]; then
    echo "Bad file name!"
    exit 1
fi

lines=`cat $1 | wc -l`

x=$RANDOM
x=$(( x % lines + 1 ))
```

Use modulus operator to make
\$x between 1 and the number
of lines in \$1.

Using \$(()) arithmetic
expansion notation.

Conditional Statements

Example 9: Complex Example

/cs2211/week5/8ball.sh

```
#!/bin/bash

if [ ! -f $1 ]; then
    echo "Bad file name!"
    exit 1
fi

lines=`cat $1 | wc -l`

x=$RANDOM
x=$(( x % lines + 1 ))
```

Now \$x should contain the line number we want. Just have to use head and tail to get the text on that line.

Conditional Statements

Example 9: Complex Example

/cs2211/week5/8ball.sh

```
#!/bin/bash

if [ ! -f $1 ]; then
    echo "Bad file name!"
    exit 1
fi

lines=`cat $1 | wc -l`

x=$RANDOM
x=$(( x % lines + 1 ))

head -$x $1 | tail -1
```

Conditional Statements

Example 9: Complex Example

/cs2211/week5/8ball.sh

```
#!/bin/bash

if [ ! -f $1 ]; then
    echo "Bad file name!"
    exit 1
fi

lines=`cat $1 | wc -l`

x=$RANDOM
x=$(( x % lines + 1 ))

head -$x $1 | tail -1
```

Output:

\$ 8ball.sh 8ball.txt
As I see it, yes

\$ 8ball.sh 8ball.txt
Most likely

\$ 8ball.sh 8ball.txt
You may rely on it

\$ 8ball.sh 8ball.txt
Cannot predict now

Loop Statements

For loop

- **for** loops allow the repetition of a command for a specific set of values.
- Similar to for each loops in other languages like Java and Python.
- **Syntax:**

```
for var in value1 value2 ...
do
    commands_to_run
done
```

Loop Statements

For loop

- **for** loops allow the repetition of a command for a specific set of values.
- Similar to for each loops in other languages like Java and Python.
- **Syntax:**

```
for var in value1 value2 ...; do  
    commands_to_run  
done
```

Can put do on same line with semicolon (;) just like with then in if statements.

Loop Statements

For loop

- **for** loops allow the repetition of a command for a specific set of values.
- Similar to for each loops in other languages like Java and Python.
- **Syntax:**

```
for var in value1 value2 ...; do  
    commands_to_run  
done
```

Loop is run once for each value listed.

List of values can be the result of expansion (variable or command).

Loop Statements

For loop

- **for** loops allow the repetition of a command for a specific set of values.
- Similar to for each loops in other languages like Java and Python.
- **Syntax:**

```
for var in value1 value2 ...; do  
    commands_to_run  
done
```

The value of the variable var is updated each iteration of the loop to the next value in the list.

Loop Statements

Example 10: Print out a multiplication table

/cs2211/week5/timestable.sh

```
#!/bin/sh

for i in 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9; do
    for j in 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9; do
        value=$((i * j))
        printf "$value\t"
    done
    echo
done
```

Loop Statements

Example 10: Print out a multiplication table

/cs2211/week5/timetable.sh

```
#!/bin/sh

for i in 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9; do
    for j in 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9; do
        value=$((i * j))
        printf "$value\t"
    done
    echo
done
```

Nested statements are allowed in shell scripts (goes for if statements as well).

First loop runs for values 1 to 9, updating \$i each time to the next value. Second loop does the same but for variable \$j.

Loop Statements

Example 10: Print out a multiplication table

/cs2211/week5/timetable.sh

```
#!/bin/sh

for i in 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9; do
    for j in 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9; do
        value=$((i * j))
        printf "$value\t"
    done
    echo
done
```

Multiplies the current value of \$i and \$j and stores the result in \$value.

Loop Statements

Example 10: Print out a multiplication table

/cs2211/week5/timetable.sh

```
#!/bin/sh

for i in 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9; do
    for j in 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9; do
        value=$((i * j))
        printf "$value\t"
    done
    echo
done
```

Prints the value of \$value and then a tab character. Unlike echo, printf does not print a line break by default.

Loop Statements

Example 10: Print out a multiplication table

/cs2211/week5/timetable.sh

```
#!/bin/sh

for i in 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9; do
    for j in 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9; do
        value=$((i * j))
        printf "$value\t"
    done
    echo
done
```

This echo just adds a line break.

Loop Statements

Example 10: Print out a multiplication table

/cs2211/week5/timestable.sh

```
#!/bin/sh
```

```
for i in 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9; do
```

Example Output:

```
[dservos5@cs2211b week5]$ timestable.sh
```

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18
3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27
4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36
5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45
6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54
7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63
8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72
9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81

Loop Statements

Example 10: Print out a multiplication table

/cs2211/week5/timetable.sh

```
#!/bin/sh

for i in 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9; do
    for j in 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9; do
        value=$((i * j))
        printf "$value\t"
    done
    echo
done
```

Typing out each number in the set of variables is a pain. What if we wanted to run our loop a thousand times?

Loop Statements

Example 10: Updated with seq

/cs2211/week5/updatedtimetable.sh

```
#!/bin/sh

for i in `seq 1 9`; do
    for j in `seq 1 9`; do
        value=$((i * j))
        printf "$value\t"
    done
    echo
done
```

We can use the seq command to create the list of variables for us.

seq *FIRST LAST*

Loop Statements

Example 10: Updated with seq

/cs2211/week5/updatedtimetable.sh

```
#!/bin/sh

for i in `seq 1 9`; do
    for j in `seq 1 9`; do
        value=$((i * j))
        printf "$value\t"
    done
    echo
done
```

Backquotes in these lines are important. Need to get the output of this command.

Without the quotes, the for loop would interpret seq 1 9 as values to loop through.

Loop Statements

Example 11: Find the total word count of all files in the given directory. Print an error if the directory does not exist or no arguments are given.

Example 11:

/cs2211/week5/wordcount.sh

```
#!/bin/bash

if [ $# -ne 1 ]; then
    echo "Error: should take exactly one argument."
    exit 1
elif [ ! -d $1 ]; then
    echo "Error: Not a directory."
    exit 2
fi

filelist=`ls $1`
total=0

for file in $filelist; do
    count=`cat $1/$file | wc -w`
    ((total=total+count))
done

echo $total
```

Example 11:

/cs2211/week5/wordcount.sh

```
#!/bin/bash

if [ $# -ne 1 ]; then
    echo "Error: should take exactly one argument."
    exit 1
elif [ ! -d $1 ]; then
    echo "Error: Not a directory."
    exit 2
fi
Error checking using if statements and test.

filelist=`ls $1`
total=0

for file in $filelist; do
    count=`cat $1/$file | wc -w`
    ((total=total+count))
done

echo $total
```

Example 11:

/cs2211/week5/wordcount.sh

```
#!/bin/bash

if [ $# -ne 1 ]; then
    echo "Error: should take exactly one argument."
    exit 1
elif [ ! -d $1 ]; then
    Use ls to get a list of the files in the directory.

fi
Save the list to the $filelist variable.

filelist=`ls $1`
total=0

for file in $filelist; do
    count=`cat $1/$file | wc -w`
    ((total=total+count))
done

echo $total
```

Example 11:

/cs2211/week5/wordcount.sh

```
#!/bin/bash

if [ $# -ne 1 ]; then
    echo "Error: should take exactly one argument."
    exit 1
elif [ ! -d $1 ]; then
    echo "Error: Not a directory."
    exit 2
fi

filelist=`ls $1`  
total=0  
Start our total word count at 0

for file in $filelist; do
    count=`cat $1/$file | wc -w`
    ((total=total+count))
done

echo $total
```

Example 11:

/cs2211/week5/wordcount.sh

```
#!/bin/bash

if [ $# -ne 1 ]; then
    echo "Error: should take exactly one argument."
    exit 1
elif [ ! -d $1 ]; then
    echo "Error: Not a directory."
    exit 2
fi

filelist=`ls $1`  
Run this loop once for each file in $filelist.  
Update the value of $file to the next file each  
loop iteration.

for file in $filelist; do
    count=`cat $1/$file | wc -w`
    ((total=total+count))
done

echo $total
```

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/cs2211/week5/wordcount.sh

```
#!/bin/bash

if [ $# -ne 1 ]; then
    echo "Error: should take exactly one argument."
    exit 1
elif [ ! -d $1 ]; then
    echo "Error: Not a directory."
    exit 2
fi

filelist=`ls $1`  
total=0  
  
for file in $filelist; do
    count=`cat $1/$file | wc -w`
    ((total=total+count))
done

echo $total
```

Count the number of words in \$file and store the result in \$count.

Note that we need to give the dir path (\$1/) as it is not our current working directory.

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fi

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total=0
for file in $filelist; do
    count=`cat $1/$file | wc -w`  

    ((total+=count))
done

echo $total
```

Update the value of \$total by adding the value of \$count to it.

We could also do:
((total+=count))

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```

Finally, output the total wordcount.

Example 11:

```
/cs2211/week5/wordcount.sh
```

```
#!/bin/bash

if [ $# -ne 1 ]; then
    echo "Error: should take exactly one argument."
    exit 1
```

Example Output:

```
[dservos5@cs2211b week5]$ wordcount.sh countdir
17
```

```
total=0
```

```
for file in $filelist; do
    count=`cat $1/$file | wc -w`
    ((total=total+count))
done
```

```
echo $total
```

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#!/bin/bash

for file in *; do
    if grep "$1" $file > /dev/null 2>&1; then
        echo $file
    fi
done
```

Output:

```
[dservos5@cs2211b week5]$ findfile.sh duck
ex8bad1.sh
ex8.sh
findduck.sh
```

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    fi
done
```

We can use shell wild cards here to create a list of files, like we do in the command line.

Output:

```
[dservos5@cs2211b week5]$ findfile.sh duck
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ex8.sh
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```

Loop Statements

While Loop

- `while` loops keep repeating the statements they contain until a given command is no longer successful.
- Frequently, this command will be the test command or the [] shorthand, used to test some condition.
- **Syntax:**

```
while command
do
    commands_to_run
done
```

```
while command; do
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done
```