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# Script Basics (Cont.)

#### If foobar.sh is:

```
1 #!/bin/bash
2 echo 0 = $0
3 echo 1 = $1
4 echo '*' = $*
```

### the output of ./foobar.sh a b c d e is:

```
3 *=abcde
```

Inside the script, the command **shift n** shifts the arguments **n** times (to the left).

There are two ways to include a script file inside another script:

- . file
- source file.

There are a number of options that can be used for debugging purposes:

- **set -n (bash -n)** just checks for syntax
- set -x (bash -x) echos all commands after running them
- set -v (bash -v) echos all commands before running them
- set -u (bash -u) causes the shell to treat using unset variables as an error
- set -e (bash -e) causes the script to exit immediately upon any non-zero exit status

where the **set** command is used inside the script (with a + sign behavior is reversed) and the second form, giving an option to **bash**, is invoked when running the script from the command line.