

Programming constructor

* if conditional constructor.

It checks for the expression if the expression or condition is true. It executes the statement or else it will come out of the loop.

Syntax: if [expression]
then
statement
fi

* if else fi

This statement is the next form of control statement that allows shell to execute statements in a controlled way and make the right choice.

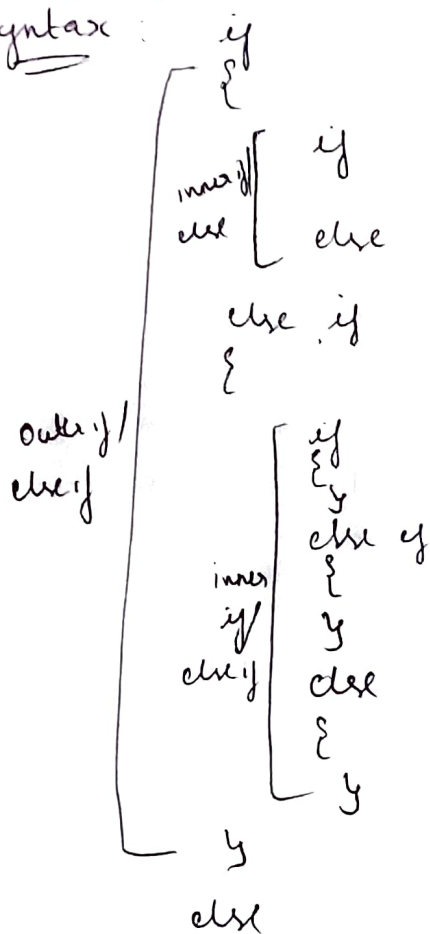
Syntax: if [expression]
then
statement: if it is true
else
statement: if it is false
fi

* nested if:

A nested if statement is an if statement placed inside another if statement. Nested if statements are often used when you must test a combination of conditions before deciding.

on the proper action.

Syntax:



* while condition

There is a condition in while and commands are executed till the condition is valid. Once condition becomes false, loop terminates.

Syntax: while [condition]
do
 commands
done.

* continue condition

The continue statement is similar to the break command, except that it causes the current iteration of the loop to exit, rather than the entire loop. This statement is useful when an error has occurred but you want to try to

execute the next iteration of the loop

Syntax: continue

* break condition

The break statement is used to terminate the execution of the entire loop, after completing the execution of all of the lines of code up to the break statement

Syntax: break

Variable types

- * Local variables: It is present within the current instance of the shell. It is not available to programs that are started by the shell. They are set at the command prompt.
- * Environment variables: It is available to any child process of the shell. Some programs need environment variables in order to function correctly. Usually a shell script defines only those environment variables that are needed by the programs that it runs.
- * Shell variables: It is a special variable that is set by the shell and is required by the shell in order to function correctly. Some of these variables are environment variables whereas others are local variables.