Answers To Scripting

Exercise 1: Review and preparation

Automation typically involves writing scripts in the command shell language. Familiarize yourself with the scripting language; in particular control constructs like if statements and loops.

Report:

No report required.

Exercise 2: Planning

Select one of the tasks listed in part 2 or design your own according to the instructions.

2-1

Write down exactly what the script needs to do (requirements specification).

2-2

Write the script using any kind of pseudocode you like.

Shell script是利用shell的功能所写的一个"程序",这个程序是使用纯文本文件,将一些shell的语法与命令写在里面,搭配正则表达式、管道命令和数据流重定向等功能,从而帮助系统管理员快速管理好主机。

Exercise 3: \$\$* and \$@

3-1

What is the difference between using *and @ to access all parameters to a script or

function? Hint: it has to do with how spaces in parameters are handled.

• 是以一个单字符串显示所有向脚本传递的参数,与位置变量不同,参数可超过9个

@是传给脚本的所有参数的列表不同点:只有在双引号中体现出来。假设在脚本运行时写了三个参数(分别存储在**123**)则**"***"等价于**"123"**(传递了3"(传递了三个参数)

Exercise 4: Positional parameters in for loops

4-1

Why is \$@ quoted (inside quotation marks) in the for loop?

\$@ 是一个一个地传递参数,和for循环变量的递增正好对应

4-2

Could *havebeenusedinsteadof@? Explain your answer.

可以替换,两者只是在传递参数时有区别

Exercise 5: While loops

5-1

How do while loops work?

While循环的格式是:

while [condition]

do done

当condition条件成立时,进行循环,当条件不成立的时候停止,done是for循环结束的标志。

Exercise 6: Tracing scripts

6-1

Copy the example script and add the -x option to the command line, then run the script.

6-2

Remove the -x option and run the example script again, this time invoking sh explicitly.

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Exercise 7: Write a script to automate a task.

7-1 Choose one of the alternatives above, or come up with your own.

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#!/bin/bash
# Script to add a user to Linux system
if [ $(id -u) -eq 0 ]; then
   read -p "Enter username : " username
    read -s -p "Enter password : " password
    egrep "^$username" /etc/passwd >/dev/null
    if [ $? -eq 0 ]; then
        echo "$username exists!"
        exit 1
    else
       pass=(perl - e'printcrypt(ARGV[0], "password")' $password)
        useradd -m -p passusername
        [ \$? -eq 0 ] && echo "User has been added to system!" || echo "Failed to add a user!"
    fi
else
   echo "Only root may add a user to the system"
    exit 2
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