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Lectures Week 3

Bash

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Readings

- Chapter 2 from textbook
- Bash and command-line help:
 - <http://tldp.org/HOWTO/Bash-Prog-Intro-HOWTO.html>
 - <http://ss64.com/bash/>



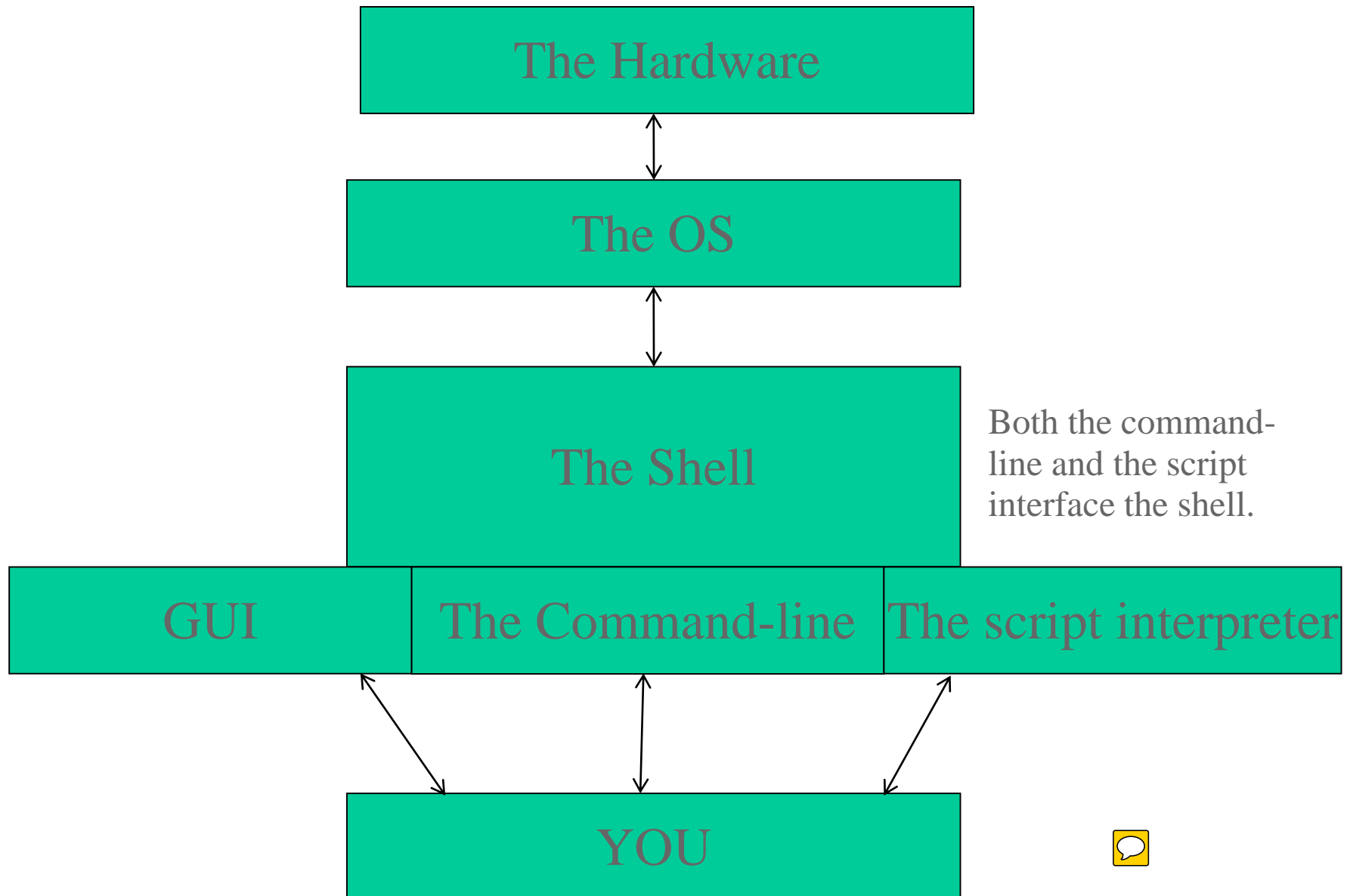
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Week 3 Lecture 1

Introduction to Bash



The Architecture





Scripts are used here

- At log in
 - Write scripts to help you get to where you want to go
 - Write scripts to customize the environment
- During development
 - Write scripts that help you to
 - Compile quickly and manage errors and executing the program
 - Copying to and from master
 - Making your own local backups
- At logout
 - Write scripts to do housekeeping
 - Automating backup procedures
 - Automating the logging of events
 - Automating the deletion of files (empty trash)

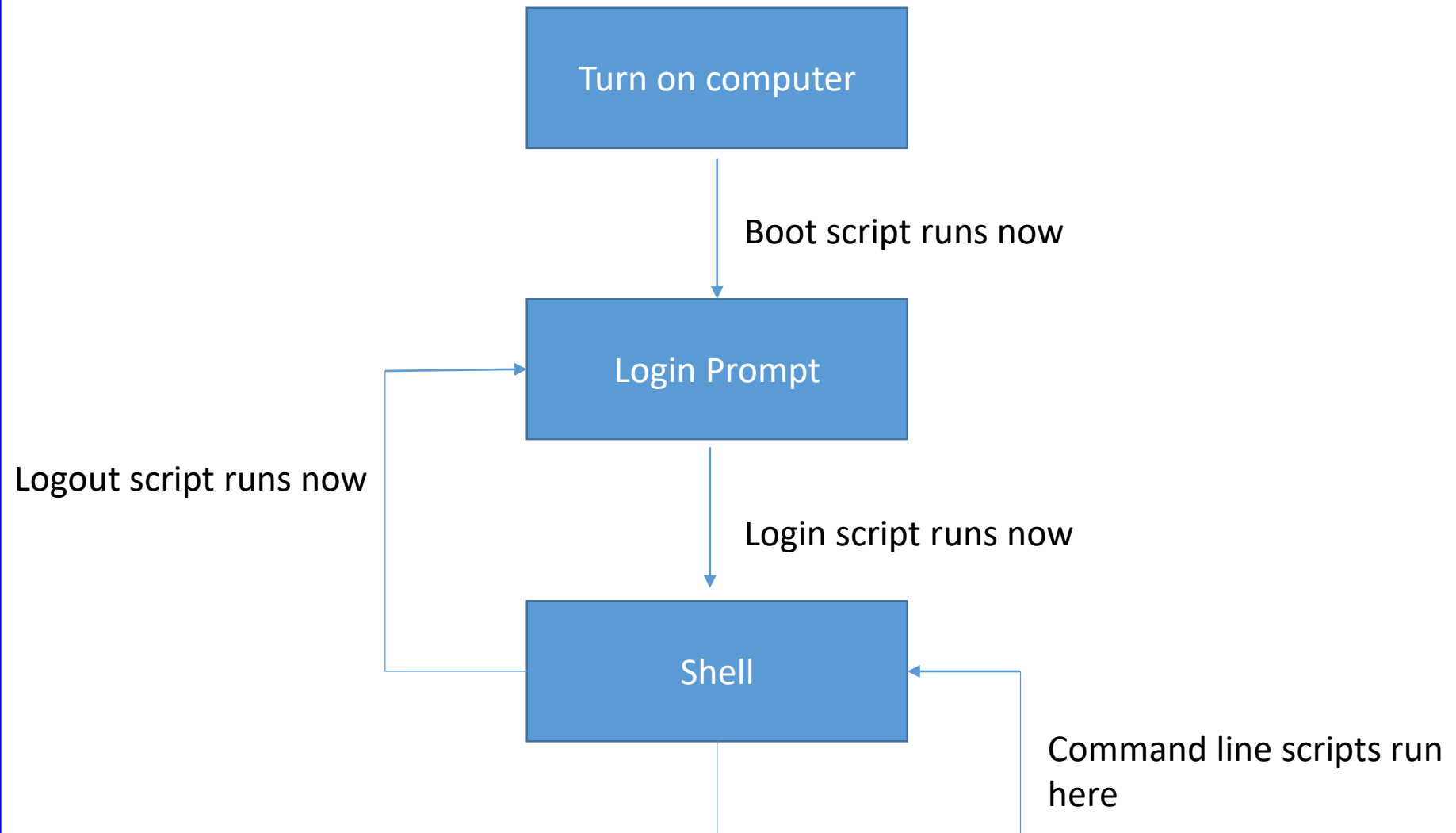


Two kinds of scripts

- Boot and Login scripts
 - Used to modify the OS environment
 - Boot scripts
 - created by super user for all
 - Login scripts
 - created by owner of account
- Command-line scripts
 - Created by users to automate command-line activities



Two Kinds of Scripts





Scripts

- Scripts are collections of commands, grouped in a file and sequentially execute.
- Scripts are not compiled programs, they are interpreted.
- Scripts run from top to bottom.
- It must be CHMOD'd to execute



Bash

- BASH is a Unix scripting language that implements some programming language control flows, like:
 - functions
 - if
 - for
 - while
- It is interpreted by the OS, not compiled and executed by the CPU.



Example script with demo

```
clear  
who  
finger bob  
ie  
outlook  
quoteoftheday
```

A script

```
chmod +x file
```

Make text file executable

```
./file
```

Running the script



Remote Issues

clear

who

finger bob

ie

outlook

quoteoftheday

Cannot do through ssh

```
$ vi bashfile  
$ chmod +x bashfile  
$ ./bashfile
```



The sha-bang

- The sha-bang `#!`
 - The first line of the script should start with **`#! PROGRAM`**
 - Indicates to the OS that the script is to be executed by PROGRAM
 - Different languages can be used to script (sh, bash, perl, python, ruby, etc).
- To set up a Bourne shell script the first line must be:
 - `#!/bin/sh`
- To set up a Bash shell script the first line must be:
 - `#!/bin/bash`



Example

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

Declaring that the script interpreter must be Bash

```
clear
```

```
who
```

```
finger bob
```

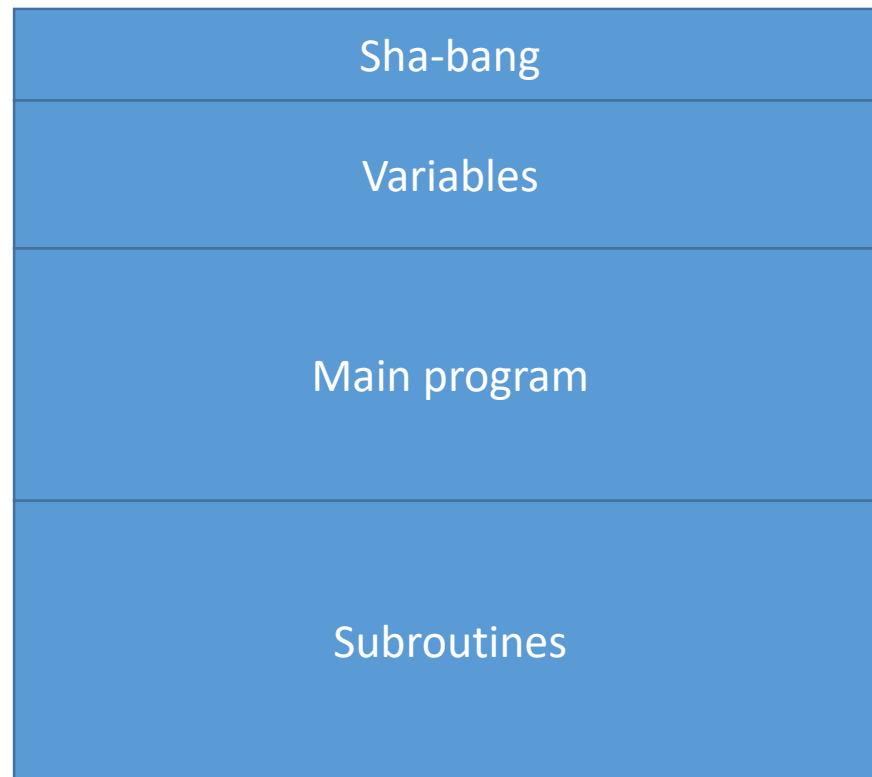
```
quoteoftheday
```

If you do not provide a sha-bang then it will default to the sh shell.

```
$ vi bashfile  
$ chmod +x bashfile  
$ ./bashfile
```



Bash File Structure



These parts are implicit without strict syntax.



The above organization is customary, however it is not required to be written in this manner. Variables can be declared anywhere and subroutines do not need to be defined at the end of the file.



Bash File Structure

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

```
clear
```

```
who
```

```
finger bob
```

```
quoteoftheday
```

The sha-bang

The main program

Notice how the script does not have strong syntax requirements. For example the main program does not have a begin-end syntax.



Example

```
$ vi backup.sh
```

```
#!/bin/bash  
  
# This is a comment  
# Backup files, remove and verify  
  
cp *.txt /home/jack/backup  
rm *.txt  
ls *.txt
```

```
$ chmod +x backup.sh  
$ ./backup.sh
```




Example

```
$ vi morningRoutine.sh
```

```
#!/bin/bash

# What I like to do each morning

who
chrome http://mail.cs.mcgill.ca
date > today
time >> today
weather >> today
cat today
```

```
$ chmod +x morningRoutine.sh
$ ./morningRoutine.sh
```





Example

```
$ vi search
```

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

```
# Find a file
```

```
grep $1 `ls`           # searches within the files for $1
```

```
ls | grep $1           # compares the file name for $1
```

```
$ chmod +x search
```

```
$ ./search dog
```

This becomes \$1





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Week 3 Lecture 2

Bash Expressions



Variables

- There are four kinds of variables in a shell scripts:
 - Environment Variable : these variables are used to customize the operating system and the shell (use SETENV).
 - User-created : these are script variables (use SET or simply declare the variable: X = 5).
 - Positional Parameters : command line parameters (using \$1).
 - Session Variables: defined by the OS or Web Server when the user logs in.



This lecture

- We focus on:
 - User created variables, and
 - Positional parameters
- In lecture 3 week 4:
 - Session, and
 - Environment variables



Positional Parameters

- Passing parameters from the command-line prompt to the script.
 - Eg (no arguments): `./script`
 - Eg (arguments) : `./script 5 2 Bob`
- From within the script you can access the 5, 2, Bob using the `$position` notation.
 - `X = $1` puts 5 into variable X
 - `Y = $2` puts 2 into variable Y
 - `Z = $3` puts Bob into variable Z



Prompt: `./bashfilename 5 10 bob`

`$0 = ./bashfilename`

`$1 = 5`

`$2 = 10`

`$3 = bob`



Example

The command `ls` with positional parameters.

Create the script:

```
>> vi myls
```

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

```
ls -l-a $1
```

Just the sha-bang and the `ls` command, but using the positional parameter

Run the script:

```
>> ./mys *.doc
```

What happens internally:

```
ls -l-a *.doc
```

Changing `*.doc` at the command line with `*.txt` will then list all the txt files.



Positional Variables

- System parameters:
 - \$# : number of arguments on the command line
 - \$- : options supplied to the shell
 - \$? : exit value of the last command executed
 - \$\$: process number of the current process
 - \$! : process number of the last command done in background
- Command-line parameters:
 - \$n : where n is from 1 through 9, reading left to right
 - \$0 : the name of the current shell or program
 - \$* : all arguments on the command line (" \$1 \$2 ... \$9") as a string
 - @\$: all arguments on the command line (" \$1" " \$2" ... " \$9") as an array



Script using all positional parameters

- The following script will print out the positional variables:

```
#!/bin/sh
echo "$#:" $#
echo '$-:' $-
echo '$?:' $?
echo '$$:' $$
echo '$!:' $!
echo '$3:' $3
echo '$0:' $0
echo '$*:' $*
echo '$@:' $@
```

What is displayed if this is executed at the prompt?

```
>> ./pos 3 5 7 8 9
```



Simple Script Example

- The following script gathers information about the system and stores it in a file specified at the command line.

```
#!/bin/sh
# Assume program name is info.sh
uname -a > $1
date >> $1
who >> $1
```

- The output was as follows :

```
[jvybihal][~/cs206] ./info.sh output.txt

[jvybihal][~/cs206] cat output.txt
Linux rogue 2.6.12-gentoo-r4 #1 SMP ...
Thu Aug 10 10:57:38 EDT 2006
jvybihal pts/0 Aug 10 08:04 (dz2.cs.mcgill.ca)
```



User-created Variables

Declaring and using regular program variables

Declaring in Java is type specific:

```
int x;
```

```
x = 10;
```

Script variables work like Java variables except they are untyped.

Declaring in Scripts is type free:

```
x=10
```

```
x="bob"
```

Scripts are sensitive to white spaces.



User-created Variables

Using variables:

```
x="Bob"
```

```
echo $x
```

```
ls $x
```

```
y=$x
```

Note:

```
echo $y
```

Print contents of Y.

```
echo y
```

Undefined/Unclear.

```
echo "y"
```

Print the letter y.



```
$ vi test.sh
```

```
# test.sh  
x=10  
y = 20  
echo $x  
echo $y
```

Left spaces before and after the equals

```
$ chmod +x test.sh  
$ ./test.sh
```

```
./test.sh: 2: ./test.sh: y: not found  
10
```

Output from running the script.
Notice the error message for y.



Bash Variables and Expressions

- **Bash is untyped**
 - This means that variables can be assigned to anything
 - This means that variables do not need to be declared
- **Bash variables and strings look similar**
 - Therefore the need for the \$ operator, example:
 - `X = 5; X = "Bob"; X = Bob` ← the last Bob could be a string or var
 - Solution: `X = "Bob"; X = $Bob` ← first is a string the second is a var
- **Bash expressions have type information**
 - Bash uses the square brackets [] and the round brackets () to distinguish type information
 - This is important because we can write command line commands and they can appear as strings or expressions



Mixed Examples

```
X=5          # assign the integer 5
X="Bob"      # assign the string Bob
X=`ls`       # assign to X a list of file names
set `date`   # $0=day, $1=month, $2=year,...
grep $1 `ls` # in all the files see if $1 exists
```




Capturing Complex Output

- Some commands, such as `date`, have output that require an extra bit of parsing to use.

```
Sun Aug 13 11:42:38 EDT 2006
```

- You can use the `set` command to capture and parse the output.

```
set `date`
```

- The output will be stored in `$n` (`$1`, `$2`, `$3`, etc).
- Note that using `set` will erase any data you might already have in `$n`.



Example of set

- The following script executes the date command and outputs the parsed result.

```
#!/usr/bin/sh  
set `date`  
echo "Time: $4 $5"  
echo "Day: $1"  
echo "Date: $3 $2 $6"
```

- The output would be as follows:

```
Time: 12:45:54 EDT  
Day: Sun  
Date: 13 Aug 2006
```



```
set `ls -l stuff.doc`
```

| | | |
|---------|-------|------|
| --rXW-- | group | byte |
| \$0 | \$1 | \$2 |



Expressions

- Command-line tools
 - Integer tool (expr, with +, -, *, /, =, !=, %, >, <, etc.)
 - `expr 5 + 2`
 - `expr 5 = 5`
 - `expr $x = $y`
 - `sum=`expr 5 + 2``
 - BASIC CALCULATOR --- bc
 - If you need to use fractions, use bc to evaluate arithmetic expressions using C programming language syntax.
 - `echo $[3/4]`
at the command prompt, it would return 0 because bash only uses integers when answering.
 - Use bc:
`echo 3/4 | bc`
`X= `echo 3/4 | bc``
- Bash language syntax



Expressions

- Command-line tools
- Bash language syntax
 - On the command line (or a shell) try this:
 - `echo 1 + 1`
 - If you expected to see '2' you'll be disappointed.
 - What if you want BASH to evaluate some numbers you have?
The solution is this:
 - `echo $((1+1))`
 - This is to evaluate an arithmetic expression. You can achieve the same effect also like this:
 - `echo $[1+1]`
 - `echo $["$x"+"$y"]`
 - `echo $[[$x+$y]]` # improved version of the square bracket



Expressions

- Command-line tools
- Bash language syntax
 - `$(command)` is the same as ``command``
 - `echo `ls | grep "bob"``
 - `echo $(ls | grep "bob")`
 - `$((expression))`
 - Will evaluate the expression instead of a command (see last slide)
 - `${} expression tool`
 - `animal=cat`
 - `echo $animals` # No such variable as "animals".
 - `echo ${animal}s`
 - `cats`
 - `echo $animal_food` # No such variable as "animal_food".
 - `echo ${animal}_food`
 - `cat_food`



Operators

- The ones you are used to:
 - = != + - * / %
- New ones:
 - =~ for regular expressions: `X=[[$ANSWER =~ ^y(es)?$]]`
 - *,? basic pattern matching: `X=[[$ANSWER = y*]]`



Quotes

None ---- up to the version of the shell

' ----- as is

“ ---- pre-process first

` ---- exec command, turn ans into string

“ “ “ ---- we will talk about later...

In Bash the ' and the “ are interpreted as the same.



Double Quote

- Preprocess interpretation
 - `X='abc\n'`
 - `Y="abc\n"`
 - `echo X`
 - Outputs: `abc\n`
 - `echo Y`
 - Outputs: `abc`
`<new line>`
 - Escape characters:
 - `\n` new line
 - `\t` tab
 - `\b` back space
 - `\a` alert
 - `\\` display a back slash

In Bash you must use:

```
echo -e "abc\n"
```

To see the effect.



Writing to STDOUT

The `echo` command writes to STDOUT

`echo` “text with default carriage return”

`echo -e` “text with back slash pre processing”

`echo -n` “text without default carriage return”

What does this print”

`echo` “hello” `echo -n` “hello” `echo -e` “hello\n”



Reading from STDIN

- The `read` command allows you to read a string from STDIN.
- That string is then stored in the specified variable.

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

```
echo "What is your name?"
```

```
read name
```

```
echo "Your name is $name."
```

```
bob
```

```
echo 'Your name is $name.'
```

```
$name
```



Question

- Write a script that will tell you if your friend is currently logged into the system.
- Write a script that calculates the number of days you have been alive. Assume 365 days for every year. Do not consider leap years. Ask the user for their age.



./days
Years:
20

```
#!/ bash
echo "Years:"
read age
x=`expr $age * 365`
echo $x

echo `expr $age * 365`

echo $(( $age * 365 ))
```

vi abc.txt
./days < abc.txt



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Bash Control Structures



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Conditionals in Bash



The test Command

- The test command is used to evaluate a condition.
- The test command can evaluate condition at the file, string or integer level.



File Tests

Example: `if (-r .cshrc)`

- `-r file`: true if it exists and is readable
- `-w file`: true if it exists and is writeable
- `-x file`: true if it exists and is executable
- `-f file`: true if it exists and is a regular file
- `-d name`: true if it exists and is a directory
- `-h` or `-L file`: true if exists & a symbolic link
- and many more . . .



String Tests

Example: `if ($x)`

- `-z string` : true if the string length is zero
- `-n string` : true if the string length is non-zero
- `string1 = string2` : true if strings are identical
- `string1 != string2` : true if strings not identical
- `string` : true if string is not NULL



Integer Tests

- `n1 -eq n2` : true if integers `n1` and `n2` are equal
- `n1 -ne n2` : true if integers `n1` and `n2` are not equal
- `n1 -gt n2` : true if integer `n1` is greater than integer `n2`
- `n1 -ge n2` : true if int `n1` is greater than or equal to int `n2`
- `n1 -lt n2` : true if integer `n1` is less than integer `n2`
- `n1 -le n2` : true if int `n1` is less than or equal to int `n2`



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Control Structures



The if Statement

- Bash if-statement behaves similar to Java

```
if _condition_  
then  
    _code_  
elif _condition_  
then  
    _code_  
else  
    _code_  
fi
```



Example

- The following example program can be used to add or subtract two numbers.

```
#!/bin/sh
if test $1 = "add"
then
    result=`expr $2 + $3`
elif test $1 = "sub"
then
    result=`expr $2 - $3`
else
    result=0
fi
echo "The result is $result \n"
```

```
% ./calc add 5 10
```





Example

```
#!/bin/bash                                     % ./bla 50
# Count=99
if [ $1 -eq 100 ]
then
    echo "Count is 100"
elif [ $1 -gt 100 ]
then
    echo "Count is greater than 100"
else
    echo "Count is less than 100"
fi
```





The case Statement

- A case statement is similar to a Java switch statement.

```
case condition in
```

```
    condition1) action1;;
```

```
    condition2) action2;;
```

```
    condition3 | condition4) action3;;
```

```
    *) else_action;;
```



```
esac
```



```
$ ./prog add 5 2  
$1 $2 $3
```

Example

- The following example program is a reformatting of the if example, but with a case statement.

```
#!/bin/bash  
case $1 in  
"add" | "addition") result=`expr $2 + $3`;;  
"sub" | "subtraction") result=`expr $2 - $3`;;  
*) result=0;;  
esac  
echo "The result is $result \n"
```



Bash Example

```
$ cat yorno.sh
#!/bin/bash
```

```
echo -n "Do you agree with this? [yes or no]: "
read yno
case $yno in
```

```
    [yY] | [yY][Ee][Ss] )
        echo "Agreed"
        ;;
```

```
    [nN] | [n|N][O|o] )
        echo "Not agreed, you can't proceed the installation";
        exit 1
        ;;
```

```
    *) echo "Invalid input"
        ;;
```

```
esac
```

```
$ ./yorno.sh
```

```
Do you agree with this? [yes or no]: YES
```

```
Agreed
```



The for Loop

- The for loop is similar to a Java *iterator*.
- It allows you to iterate (loop) over a list of strings.

```
for var in list  
do  
    actions  
done
```



Example

- The following script executes the file command for each file in the specified path.

```
#!/usr/bin/sh      % bla *.  
for i in `ls $1`  
do  
    file $i;  
done
```



```
$ ls *.doc
```

```
F1.doc  f2.doc f3.doc
```

```
$ ./bla *.doc
```

```
for i in "f1.doc f2.doc f3.doc"  
do
```

```
    Do some stuff
```

```
done
```

1. do some stuff with `i = "f1.doc"`
2. do some stuff with `i = "f2.doc"`



Example

```
$ cat for2.sh
i=1
weekdays="Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri"
for day in "$weekdays"
do
    echo "Weekday $((i++)) : $day"
done
```

```
$ ./for2.sh
Weekday 1 : Mon
Weekday 2 : Tue
Weekday 3 : Wed
Weekday 4 : Thu
Weekday 5 : Fri
```



Example

```
$ cat for5.sh
i=1
for file in /etc/[abcd]*.conf
do
    echo "File $((i++)) : $file"
done
```

```
$ ./for5.sh
File 1 : /etc/asound.conf
File 2 : /etc/autofs_ldap_auth.conf
File 3 : /etc/cas.conf
File 4 : /etc/cgconfig.conf
File 5 : /etc/cgrules.conf
File 6 : /etc/dracut.conf
```




The while Statement

- Very similar to Java

```
while condition
do
    actions
    [continue]
    [break]
done
```



Using parameters

- The following script will pad a file with zeros.

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

```
i=`wc -c < $1`;
```

```
while test $i -lt $2
```

```
do
```

```
    echo -n "0" >> $1;
```

```
    i=`wc -c < $1`;
```

```
done
```

```
% ./fill ass1.c 100
```





Wrap

```
$ more dext
#!/bin/sh

if [ $# = 0 ]
then
    echo "Usage: $0 name"
    exit 1
fi
```

```
user_input="$1"
```



```
grep -i "$user_input" << DIRECTORY
```

| | | |
|-------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| John Doe | 555.232.0000 | johnd@somedomain.com |
| Jenny Great | 444.6565.1111 | jg@new.somecollege.edu |
| David Nice | 999.111.3333 | david_nice@xyz.org |
| Don Carr | 555.111.3333 | dcarr@old.hoggie.edu |
| Masood Shah | 666.010.9820 | shah@Garments.com.pk |
| Jim Davis | 777.000.9999 | davis@great.advisor.edu |
| Art Pohm | 333.000.8888 | art.pohm@great.professor.edu |
| David Carr | 777.999.2222 | dcarr@net.net.gov |

```
DIRECTORY
```

```
exit 0
```

```
$ dext
```

```
$ ./dext Jenny
```

```
Jenny Great 444.6565.1111 jg@
$
```

```
grep "$1" < filename.txt
```

```
Grep $x "john doe jenny great....."
```