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2.5.13 trap

The trap command is used to specify the actions to take on receipt of signals.

The trap command is passed the action to take, followed by the signal name to trap on:

trap command signal

Signal	Description
HUP (1)	Hang up; usually sent when a terminal goes offline, or a user logs out
INT (2)	Interrupt; usually sent by pressing Ctrl+C
QUIT(3)	Quit; usually sent by pressing Ctrl+\
ABRT (6)	Abort; usually sent on some serious execution error
ALRM (14)	Alarm; usually used for handling timeouts
TERM (15)	Terminate; usually sent by the system when it's shutting down

To reset a trap condition to the default, simply specify the command as __. To ignore a signal, set the command to the empty string ____. A trap command with no parameters prints out the current list of traps and actions.

2.5.14 unset

The unset command removes variables or functions from the environment. It cannot do

this to read-only variables defined by the shell itself, such as IFS.

#!/bin/sh

foo="Hello"
echo \$foo

unset foo
foo doesn't exist
echo \$foo