

Linux CLI commands and Bash Scripting

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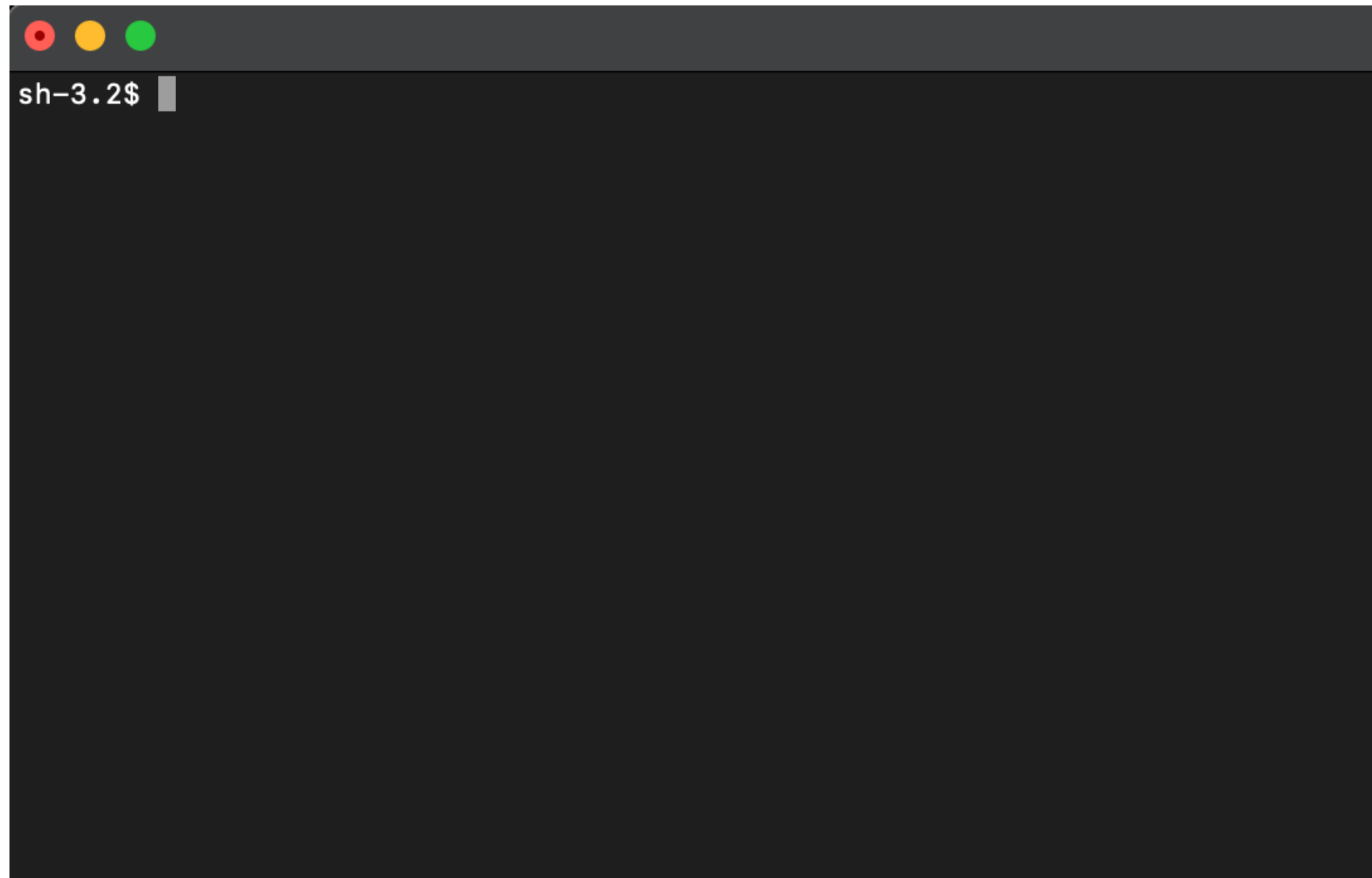
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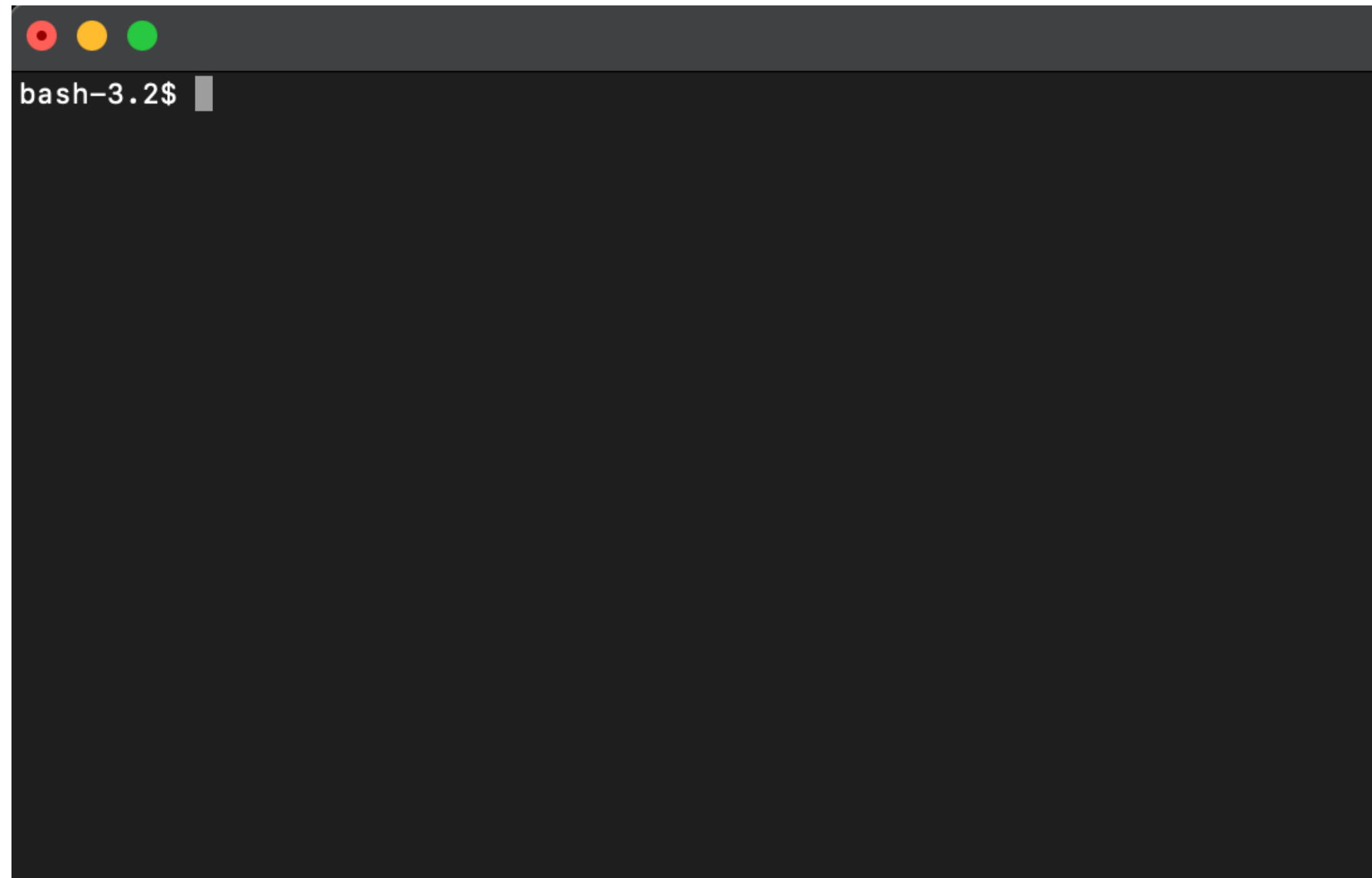
Thompson shell

Bourne Shell

C Shell

Korn Shell

Bash



Bourne-Again SHell

**Created by Brian Fox
in 1989**

What you need to know to build a script?

Use shebang #!

Make your script executable

Type ./ in front of you script file name to execute

Shebang

is called "sharp"

! is called "bang"

the late 1970s

```
#!/bin/bash  
echo "Hello, World!"
```

Variables

Local Variables:

```
function myFunction {  
# Define a local variable  
local local_var="Available Only in Function"  
echo "Inside function: $shell_var, $local_var"  
}
```

Environment Variables: `export VARIABLE_NAME="value"`

Shell Variables: `DAY="Tuesday"`

Parameters

Shell Parameters

| Parameters | Function |
|--------------|---|
| \$1-\$9 | Represent positional parameters for arguments one to nine |
| \${10}-\${n} | Represent positional parameters for arguments after nine |
| \$0 | Represent name of the script |
| \$* | Represent all the arguments as a single string |
| \$@ | Same as \$*, but differ when enclosed in (") |
| \$# | Represent total number of arguments |
| \$\$ | PID of the script |
| \$? | Represent last return code |

Input Variables

```
#!/bin/bash  
echo "Script Name: $0"  
echo "First Argument: $1"  
echo "Second Argument: $2"
```

Running this script as `./script.sh AWS EC2` would output:

```
Script Name: ./script.sh  
First Argument: AWS  
Second Argument: EC2
```

Status codes

```
# Example: Checking the status code of a command  
ls /nonexistent_directory  
echo $? # This will print the status code of the 'ls' command.  
Since the directory does not exist, it is likely to be non-zero.
```

```
# Example: Silencing stderr  
grep 'text' /nonexistent_file 2> /dev/null
```

```
# Example: Silencing both stdout and stderr  
find / -name 'myfile' > /dev/null 2>&1
```

User Input

```
#!/bin/bash  
read -p "Enter your name: " name  
echo "Welcome, $name!"
```

Piping and Command Substitution

- **Piping Example:**

```
echo "This is a test" | wc -w
```

This counts the words in the string `This is a test`, outputting `4`.

- **Command Substitution Example:**

```
#!/bin/bash  
files=$(ls)  
echo "Files in directory: $files"
```

Arrays

Define a bash array

You have two ways to create a new array. The first one is to `declare` command with `-a` option to define an array.

```
$ declare -a test_array
```

Or, you can simply create Array by assigning elements.

```
$ test_array=("one" "two" "three")
```

```
test_array+=("four" "five")
```

```
$ echo ${test_array[0]}  
one
```

If else

```
#!/bin/bash
if [ "$1" == "hello" ]; then
    echo "Hello there!"
else
    echo "Who are you?"
fi
```

Comparison

- Equal: `eq`
- Not equal: `ne`
- Less than or equal: `le`
- Less than: `lt`
- Greater than or equal: `ge`
- Greater than: `gt`
- Is null: `z`

- Equal: `==`
- Not equal: `!=`

```
if [ "$foo" == "$bar" ]
```

For loops

```
#!/bin/bash  
s=("football" "basketball" "volleyball")  
for n in ${s[@]}  
do  
    echo $n  
done
```


Functions

```
#!/bin/bash

# Define a shell variable
shell_var="Available Everywhere in Shell"

function myFunction {
    # Define a local variable
    local local_var="Available Only in Function"
    echo "Inside function: $shell_var, $local_var"
}

# Call the function
myFunction
```

Summary

Bash scripting is a powerful tool primarily used for automating tasks and managing system operations on Unix-like operating systems

Main benefit is Bash's integration with the Linux environment and its ability to directly use Unix command line utilities