

# BASH FUNCTION

*A **Bash function** is essentially a set of commands that can be called numerous times. The purpose of a function is to help you make your bash scripts more readable and to avoid writing the same code repeatedly. Compared to most programming languages, Bash functions are somewhat limited.*

Following are some key points about bash functions:

- A function has to be declared in the shell script before we can use it.
- Arguments can be passed to the functions and accessed inside the function as \$1, \$2, etc.
- Local variables can be assigned within the function, and the scope of such variables will only be that particular function.
- Built-in commands of Bash shell can be overridden using functions.

❖ Make a directory.

**gedit** for.sh (here for.sh is your file name with bash file extinction)

**#Declaring function using the reserved keyword function**

**#Multiple function**

➤ **Input**

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

```
function f1 {  
    echo "Hello i am function "  
    echo "Bye"  
}  
f1
```

✓ **Output**

```
Hello I am function  
Bye
```

**#single line**

➤ **Input**

```
#!/bin/bash
function f2 { echo "welcome to this world" ; echo "How are you" ; }
f2
```

✓ **Output**

Welcome to this world  
How are you

**#without function keyboard**

➤ **Input**

```
#!/bin/bash
Hello () {
  echo "Hello welcome to NSTI"
}
Hello
```

✓ **Output**

Hello welcome to NSTI

➤ **Input**

```
#!/bin/bash
Hello () { echo "Hello welcome to NSTI" ; }
Hello
```

✓ **Output**

**#Passing a string Argument to a function**

➤ **Input**

```
#!/bin/bash
Hello () {
  echo "Hello $1"
}
Hello "PGLU"
```

✓ **Output**

Hello PGLU

➤ **Input**

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

```
Hello () {  
    echo "Hello $1"  
    echo "Hello $2"  
}  
Hello "PGLU" "GMR"
```

✓ **Output**

```
Hello PGLU  
Hello GMR
```

➤ **Input**

```
Hello () {  
    echo "Hello $1"  
    echo "$2"  
}  
Hello "PGLU" "GMR"
```

✓ **Output**

```
Hello PGLU  
GMR
```

**#Passing an Integer Arguments to a function for addition.**

➤ **Input**

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

```
Sum () {  
    add=$(( $1+$2 ))  
    echo "The Sum of $1 and $2 is $add"  
}  
Sum 220 20
```

✓ **Output**

The sum of 220 and 20 is 240

➤ **Input**

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

```
Sum () {  
    add=$((($1+$2))  
    echo "The sum of $1 and $2 is $add"  
}  
Sum 50 500
```

✓ **Output**

The sum of 50 and 500 is 550

➤ **Input**

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

```
Multiplication () {  
    multiplication=$((($1*$2))  
    echo "The multiplication of $1 and $2 is $multiplication"  
}  
Multiplication 5 7
```

✓ **Output**

The multiplication of 5 and 7 is 35

➤ **Input**

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

```
Division () {  
    division=$((($1/$2))  
    echo "The division of $1 and $2 is $division"  
}  
Division 10 2
```

✓ **Output**

The division of 10 and 2 is 5

➤ **Input**

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

```
f3 () {  
    if [ $1 -ge 50 ]  
    then  
        echo "$1 is larger"  
    else  
        echo "$1 is smaller"  
    fi  
}  
f3 14
```

✓ **Output**

14 is smaller

➤ **Input**

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

```
f4 () {  
    for i in 1 2 3 4 5  
    do  
        echo "Welcome to $i times"  
    done  
}  
f4
```

✓ **Output**

Welcome to 1 time  
Welcome to 2 time  
Welcome to 3 time  
Welcome to 4 time  
Welcome to 5 time

➤ **Input**

```
#!/bin/bash

f5 () {
  for i in {1..10}
  do
    echo "Welcome to $i times"
  done
}
f5
```

✓ **Output**

```
Welcome to 1 times
Welcome to 2 times
Welcome to 3 times
Welcome to 4 times
Welcome to 5 times
Welcome to 6 times
Welcome to 7 times
Welcome to 8 times
Welcome to 9 times
Welcome to 10 times
```

