

10 - Bash Scripting III, Git Merging and Diffs

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Some Logistics

- (poll) are you confused about how to access the various resources in the class?
- Review of variables.
- Sorry about today...
- ...I wanted to get your HW to you. That will happen tonight.

More on Conditions

Case

- Just like a switch statement in other languages, only better.
- Does not carry on to all cases if you forget that **break** keyword.

```
case "$var" in
  "A" )
    cmds to execute for case "A"
    ;;
  "B" )
    cmds to execute for case "B"
    ;;
  * )
    cmds for DEFAULT (not matched) case
    ;;
esac
```

- Basically just shorthand for **if-elif-else...**
- ...only not!

Simple If and Case Examples

- Suppose we wanted to make a simple program to print between 0 and 2 **blarghs**.
- Assume that the input to the script is **\$1**.
- We don't need to check because it will just not match.

```
#!/bin/bash
# (empty to fill space in minted)
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#
if [[ "$1" == "0" ]]; then
    echo "0 blargh echoes..."
elif [[ "$1" == "1" ]]; then
    echo "1 blargh echoes..."
    echo " [1] blargh"
# number or string
elif [[ "$1" -eq 2 ]]; then
    echo "2 blargh echoes..."
    echo " [1] blargh"
    echo " [2] blargh"
else
    echo "Blarghs come in [0-2]."
    exit 1
fi
```

```
#!/bin/bash
case "$1" in
    "0" )
        echo "0 blargh echoes..."
        ;;
    "1" )
        echo "1 blargh echoes..."
        echo " [1] blargh"
        ;;
    # number or string
    2 )
        echo "2 blargh echoes..."
        echo " [1] blargh"
        echo " [2] blargh"
        ;;
    * )
        echo "Blarghs come in [0-2]."
        exit 1
        ;;
esac
```

Case and If Comparisons

- The matching strategy is different for **case** than **if**.
 - By default, **case** statements are comparing *patterns*.
 - Note that a single value e.g. "A" is just an explicit pattern.
 - Patterns are NOT regular expressions. Refer to [2].
 - By default, **if** statements are comparing values.
 - To use *extended regular expressions* in **if** statements, you need to use the `=~` operator.
 - In most **bash**, the expression on the *right* is treated as an *extended* regular expression.
 - Not for all pre-4.0, pull up **man bash** and search for `=~`.
 - Remember to search in the man page type `/expr to search` and hit **enter**.
 - Cycle through the results with **n** for next search result.

Using Sets with **case**

- **case** with the set **[0-9]**:

```
#!/bin/bash
case "$1" in
  [[:digit:]] )
    echo "$1 blargh echoes..."
    for (( i = 1; i <= $1; i++ )); do
      echo "  [$i] blargh"
    done
  * )
    echo "Blarghs only come in [0-9]."
  exit 1
esac
```

- This will work on inputs **0-9**, as well as exit for everything else.
- It will not match **11**, because that is not in the **set**.
- Refer to [2] for the extent of what you can do with **case**.
- It should now make more sense why ***** being last is equivalent to **default**.
 - Careful it actually is last!

Using Sets with `if`

- Lets use the same example:

```
#!/bin/bash
if [[ "$1" =~ [[:digit:]] ]]; then
    echo "$1 blargh echoes..."
    for (( i = 1; i <= $1; i++ )); do
        echo "  [$i] blargh"
    done
else
    echo "Blarghs only come in [0-9]."
```

- Works on `[0-9]`.
- Cool! Works on `99`.
- Whoops! Works on `208a` - the `for` loop crashes.

The =~ Operator

- Option 1 - negate a negation:

```
#           +-----+
#           | invert set |
#           +-----+
#           |
if [[ ! "$1" =~ [^[:digit:]] ]]; then
```

- Option 2 - use extended regular expressions:

```
#           +-----+
#           | beginning of line |
#           +-----+
#           |
if [[ "$1" =~ ^[:digit:]+$ ]]; then
#           |
# +-----+
# | 1 or more digit |-----+
# +-----+
# +-----+
# | $ matches end of line |
# +-----+
```

Git Tools

What is a Merge?

- What is a merge?
 - When **git** combines code bases that are divergent.
- When does it happen?
 - When **git** is merging two separate **commits**, either across branches *or* across forks.
- Why does this matter?
 - **git** may know how to automatically merge (fast-forward)...
 - ...or it won't (merge conflict).
- Lets go ahead and do one.

Status and Differences

- What does `git status` do?
 - Informs us of changes in code, untracked files, etc.
- Can we get more information when there are differences?

```
>>> git diff
```

- Can we get some useful / readable information?

```
>>> git config --global diff.tool vimdiff  
>>> git config --global alias.d difftool  
# now 'git d' aliases to 'git difftool'
```

- Time for a forced merge conflict!

[1] B. Abrahao, H. Abu-Libdeh, N. Savva, D. Slater, and others over the years.

Previous cornell cs 2043 course slides.

[2] gnu.org.

Bash reference manual: Pattern matching.

[http://www.gnu.org/software/bash/manual/
bashref.html#Pattern-Matching](http://www.gnu.org/software/bash/manual/bashref.html#Pattern-Matching).