



The Unix Shell

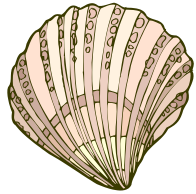
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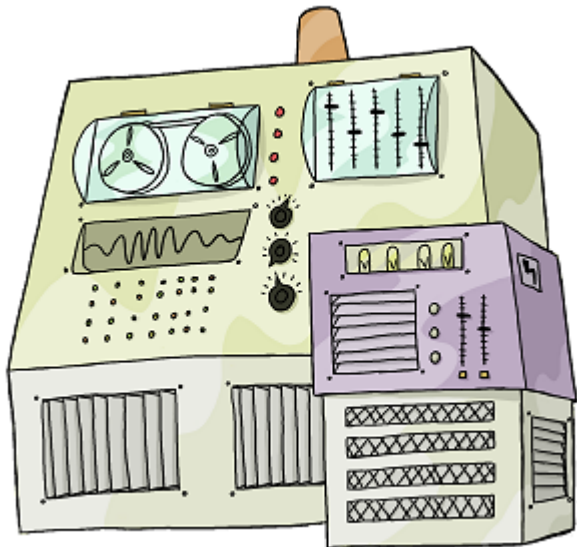
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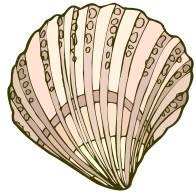
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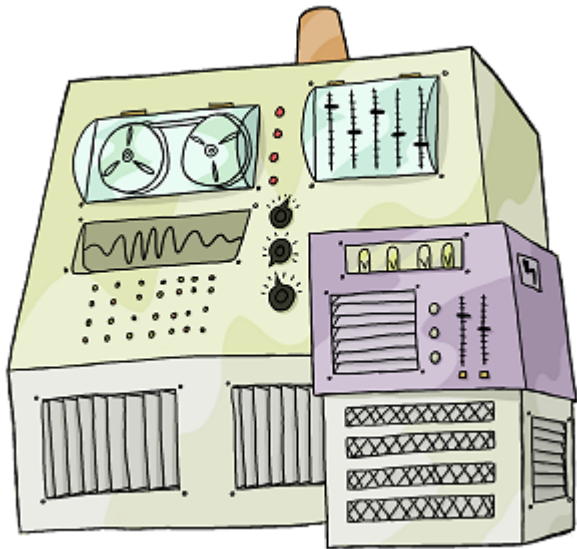
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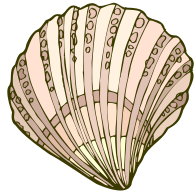




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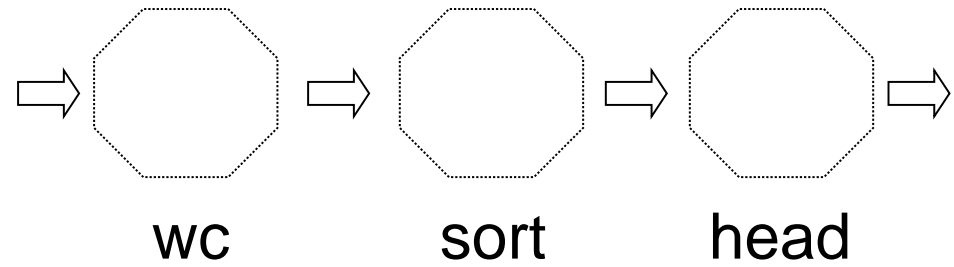
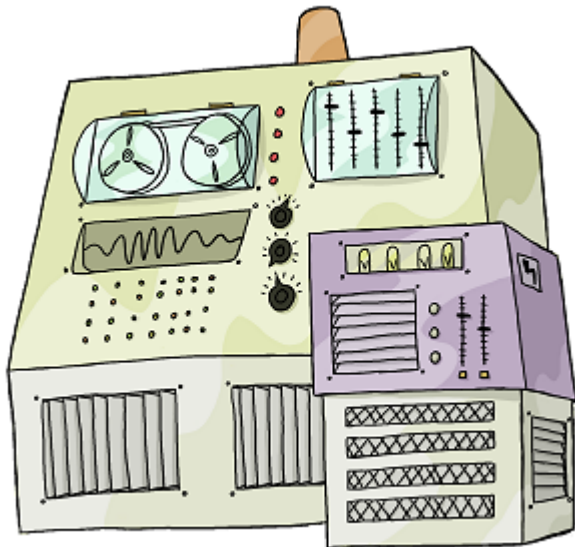
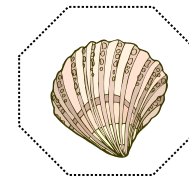
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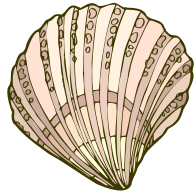




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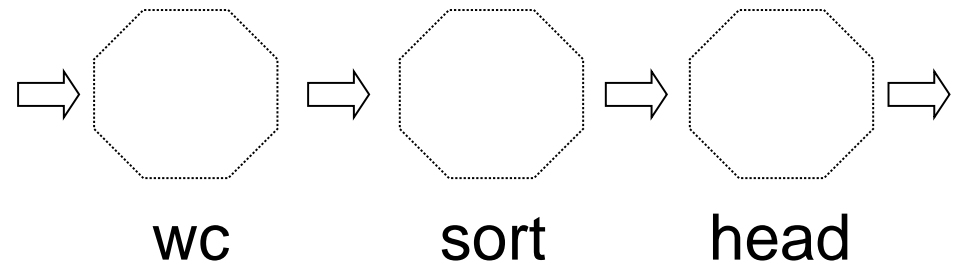
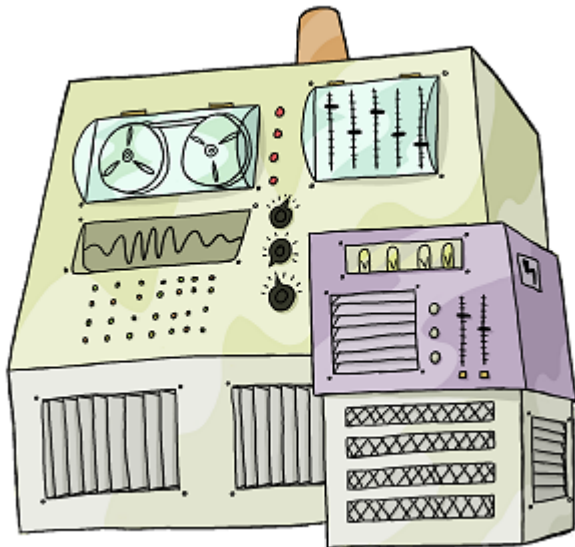
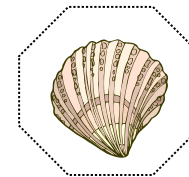
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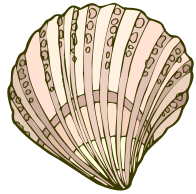


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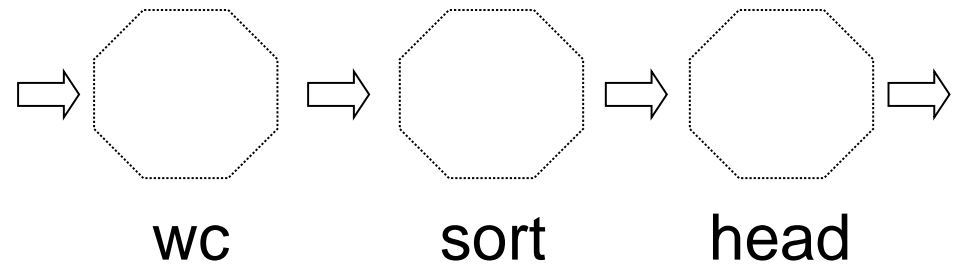
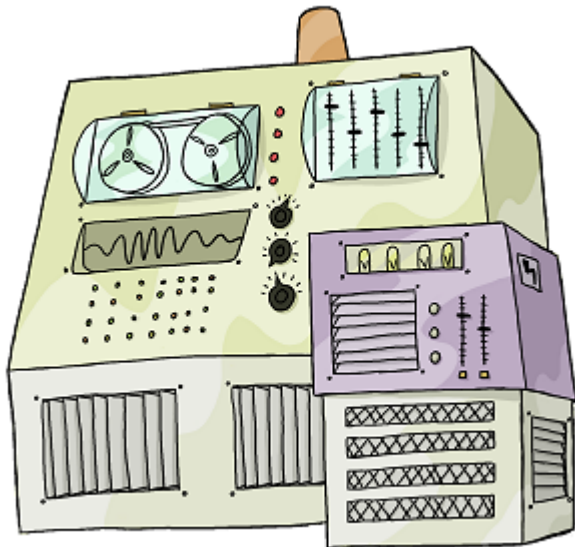
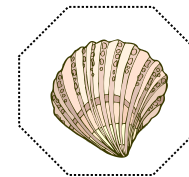


Control programs while they run



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processes

Control ~~programs~~ while they run

A *process* is a running program

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11275	pts/16	00:00:00	bash
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Process ID



Command



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Use `ps` to get a list (in various formats)

\$ `ps`

PID	TTY	TIME	CMD
11275	pts/16	00:00:00	bash
12092	pts/16	00:00:00	ps

See “man ps”

\$ `ps ux`

USER	PID	%CPU	%MEM	VSZ	RSS	TTY	STAT	START	TIME	COMMAND
vlad	11275	0.0	0.0	108608	1856	pts/16	Ss	14:59	0:00	-bash
vlad	12096	0.0	0.0	108320	1016	pts/16	R+	15:03	0:00	ps ux

\$ `ps -F`

UID	PID	PPID	C	SZ	RSS	PSR	STIME	TTY	TIME	CMD
vlad	11275	11224	0	27152	1856	1	14:59	pts/16	00:00:00	-bash
vlad	12104	11275	0	27079	1016	5	15:03	pts/16	00:00:00	ps -F

Can stop, pause, and resume running processes

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```
$ ./analyze results*.dat
```

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...a few minutes pass...

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^C
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$
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```
$
```

← Stop the running program

Can stop, pause, and resume running processes

```
$ ./analyze results*.dat
```

...a few minutes pass...

```
^C
```

```
$ ./analyze results*.dat &
```

```
$
```

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$ ./analyze results*.dat
```

...a few minutes pass...

```
^C
```

```
$ ./analyze results*.dat &
```

```
$
```



Run in the background

Can stop, pause, and resume running processes

```
$ ./analyze results*.dat
```

...a few minutes pass...

```
^C
```

```
$ ./analyze results*.dat &
```

```
$
```



Run in the *background*

Shell returns right away instead
of waiting for the program to finish

Can stop, pause, and resume running processes

```
$ ./analyze results*.dat
```

...a few minutes pass...

```
^C
```

```
$ ./analyze results*.dat &
```

```
$ fbcmd events
```

```
$
```

Can run other programs in the *foreground*
while waiting for background process(es) to finish

Can stop, pause, and resume running processes

```
$ ./analyze results*.dat
```

...a few minutes pass...

```
^C
```

```
$ ./analyze results*.dat &
```

```
$ fbcmd events
```

```
$ jobs
```

```
[1] ./analyze results01.dat results02.dat results03.dat
```

```
$
```

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...a few minutes pass...

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^C
```

```
$ ./analyze results*.dat &
```

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```
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```

← Show background processes

```
[1] ./analyze results01.dat results02.dat results03.dat
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$
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$ fg
```


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```
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```

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```

```
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```

```
$ fg
```

← Bring background job to foreground

Can stop, pause, and resume running processes

```
$ ./analyze results*.dat
```

...a few minutes pass...

```
^C
```

```
$ ./analyze results*.dat &
```

```
$ fbcmd events
```

```
$ jobs
```

```
[1] ./analyze results01.dat results02.dat results03.dat
```

```
$ fg
```

← Bring background job to foreground
Use fg %1, fg %2, etc. if there are
several background jobs

Can stop, pause, and resume running processes

```
$ ./analyze results*.dat
```

...a few minutes pass...

```
^C
```

```
$ ./analyze results*.dat &
```

```
$ fbcmd events
```

```
$ jobs
```

```
[1] ./analyze results01.dat results02.dat results03.dat
```

```
$ fg
```

...a few minutes pass...

```
$
```

← And finally it's done

Use ^Z to pause a program that's already running

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\$./analyze results01.dat

Use ^Z to pause a program that's already running

fg to resume it in the foreground

Or bg to resume it as a background job

```
$ ./analyze results01.dat
```

```
^Z
```

```
[1] Stopped ./analyze results01.dat
```

```
$
```


Use ^Z to pause a program that's already running

fg to resume it in the foreground

Or bg to resume it as a background job

```
$ ./analyze results01.dat
```

```
^Z
```

```
[1] Stopped ./analyze results01.dat
```

```
$ bg %1
```

```
$
```

Use ^Z to pause a program that's already running

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```
$ ./analyze results01.dat
```

```
^Z
```

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```
$ bg %1
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$ jobs
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```
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```
^Z
```

```
[1] Stopped ./analyze results01.dat
```

```
$ bg %1
```

```
$ jobs
```

```
[1] ./analyze results01.dat
```

```
$ kill %1
```

```
$
```

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Still useful when running programs remotely



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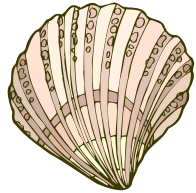
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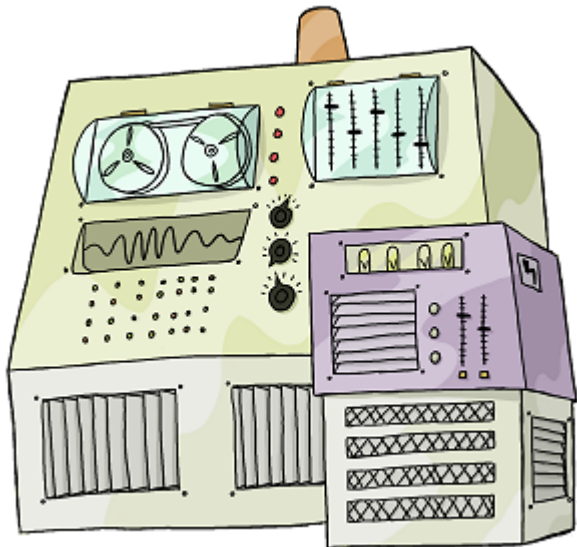
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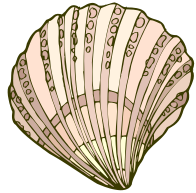
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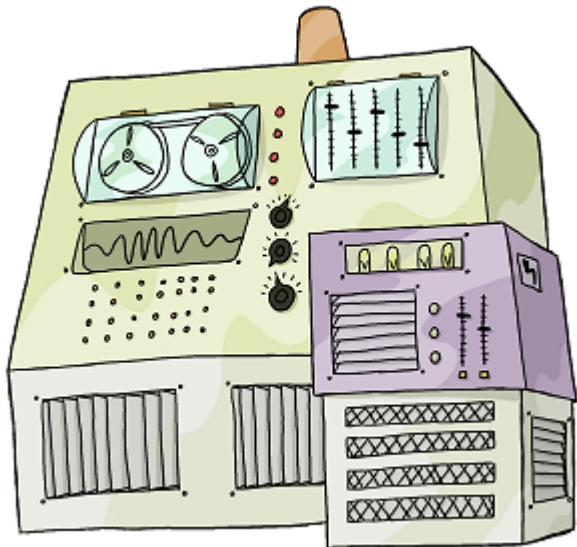
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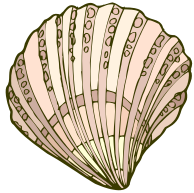




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The shell is a program

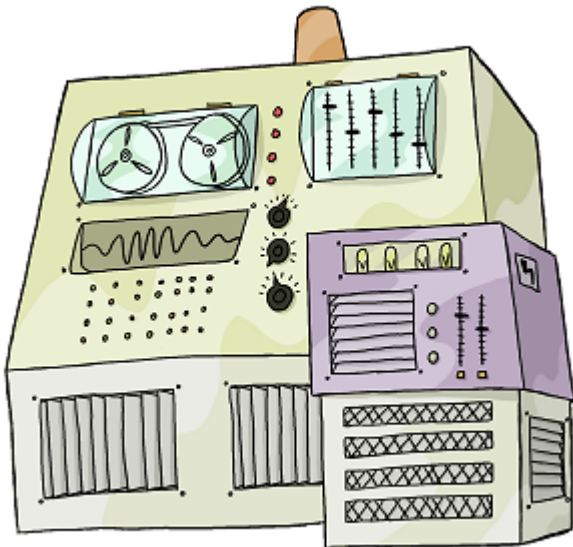


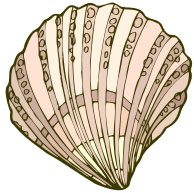


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The shell is a program

It has variables





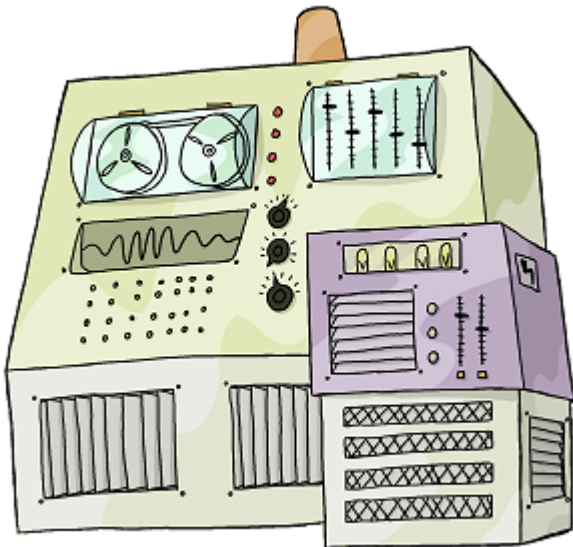
shell

The shell is a program

It has variables

Changing their values

changes its behavior



\$ set

COMPUTERNAME=TURING

HOME=/home/vlad

HOMEDRIVE=C:

HOSTNAME=TURING

HOSTTYPE=i686

MANPATH=/usr/local/man:/usr/share/man:/usr/man

NUMBER_OF_PROCESSORS=4

OS=Windows_NT

PATH=/usr/local/bin:/usr/bin:/bin

PWD=/home/vlad

UID=1000

USERNAME=vlad

\$ **set** ← With no arguments, shows all
variables and their values

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\$ **set**

Standard to use upper-case names

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Programs must convert to other types when/as necessary

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int(string) for numbers



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split(':') for lists



PATH controls where the shell looks for programs

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\$./analyze



Run the analyze program
in the current directory

PATH controls where the shell looks for programs

\$./analyze

\$ /bin/analyze

← Run the analyze program
in the /bin directory

PATH controls where the shell looks for programs

\$./analyze

\$ /bin/analyze

\$ analyze

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← directories = split(PATH, ':')
 for each directory:
 if directory/analyze exists,
 run it

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run it

/usr/local/bin

/usr/bin

/bin

/usr/bin/analyze

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\$./analyze

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directories = split(PATH, ':')
for each directory:

if directory/analyze exists,
run it (and then stop searching)

/usr/local/bin

/usr/bin

/bin

/usr/bin/analyze

(/bin/analyze)

echo prints its arguments

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Use it to show variables' values

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```
$ echo hello transylvania
```

```
hello transylvania
```

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```
$ echo $HOME
```

```
/home/vlad
```

```
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```
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```

```
/home/vlad
```

```
$
```

Ask shell to replace variable name
with value before program runs



echo prints its arguments

Use it to show variables' values

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```

```
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```
$ echo HOME
```

```
HOME
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```
$ echo $HOME
```

```
/home/vlad
```

```
$
```

Ask shell to replace variable name
with value before program runs

Just like * and ? are expanded
before the program runs

echo prints its arguments

Use it to show variables' values

```
$ echo hello transylvania
```

```
hello transylvania
```

```
$ echo HOME
```

```
HOME
```

```
$ echo $HOME → echo /home/vlad
```

```
/home/vlad
```

```
$
```

Create variable by assigning to it

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Change values by reassigning to existing variables

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Change values by reassigning to existing variables

```
$ SECRET_IDENTITY=Dracula
```

```
$ echo $SECRET_IDENTITY
```

Dracula

```
$ SECRET_IDENTITY=Camilla
```

```
$ echo $SECRET_IDENTITY
```

Camilla

```
$
```

Assignment only changes variable's value
in *this* shell

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```
$ SECRET_IDENTITY=Dracula
```

```
$ echo $SECRET_IDENTITY
```

```
Dracula
```

```
$
```


Assignment only changes variable's value
in *this* shell

```
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```

```
$ echo $SECRET_IDENTITY
```

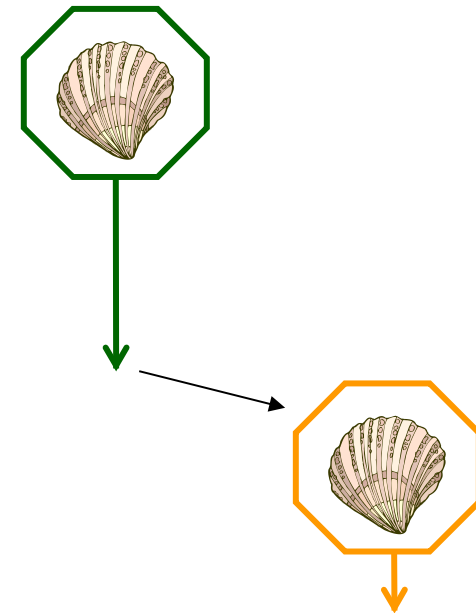
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Dracula
```

```
$ bash
```

```
$
```

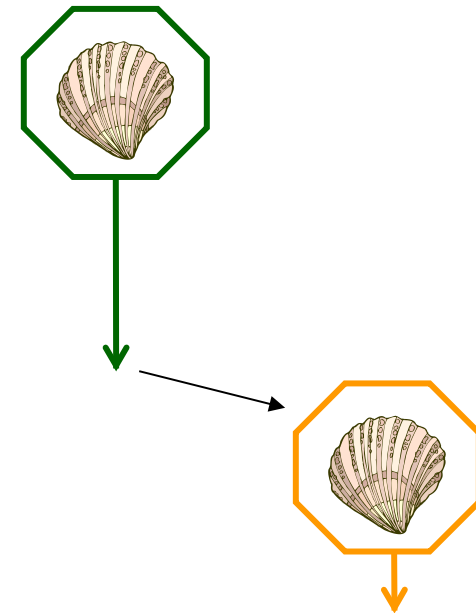
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```
$ SECRET_IDENTITY=Dracula  
$ echo $SECRET_IDENTITY  
Dracula  
$ bash  
$
```



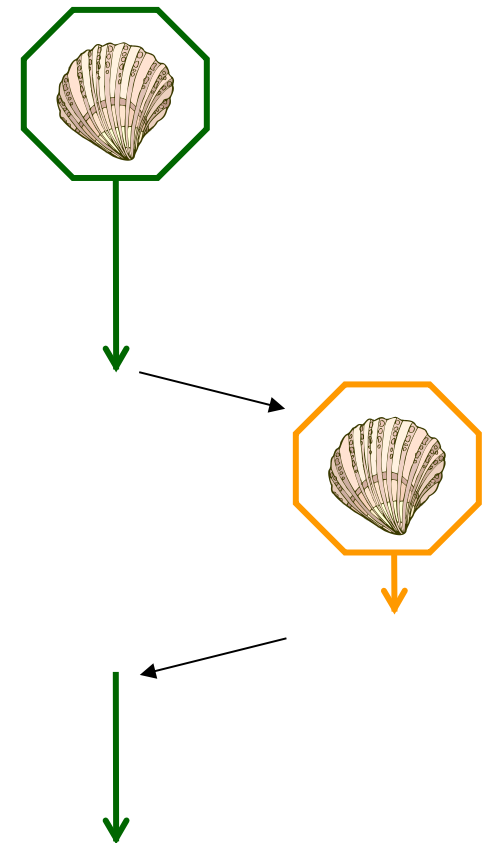
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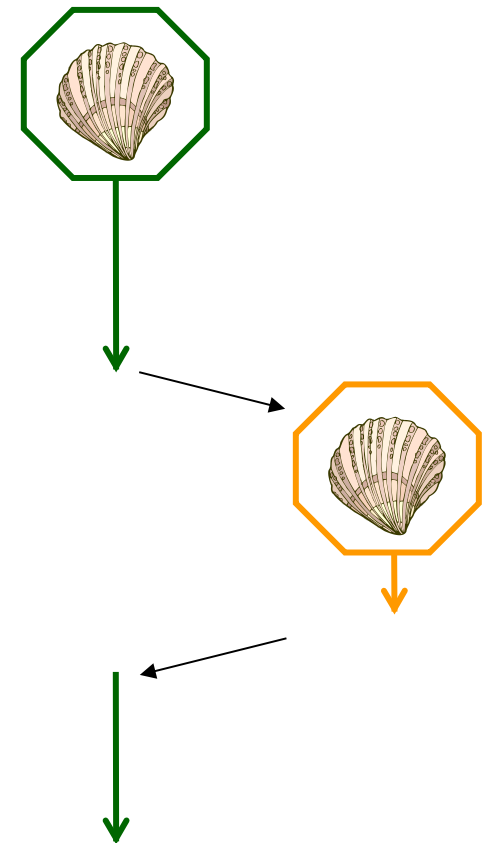
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```



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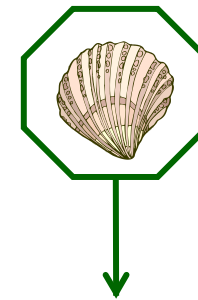
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```



Use export to signal that the variable should be visible to subprocesses

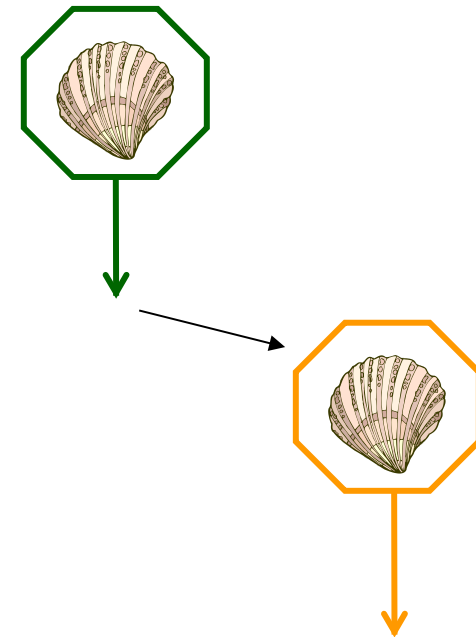
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$ SECRET_IDENTITY=Dracula  
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```



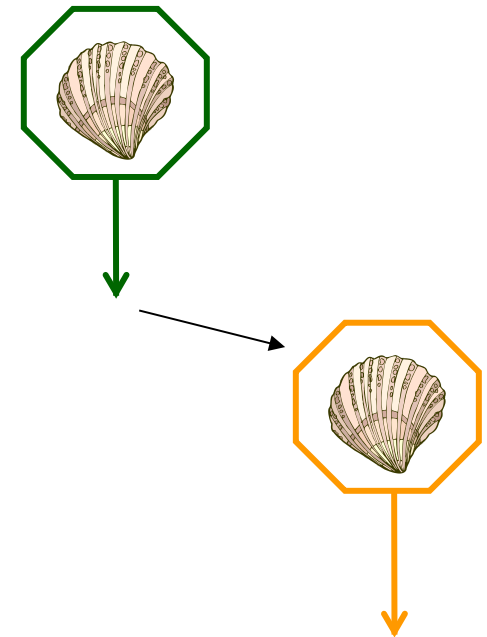
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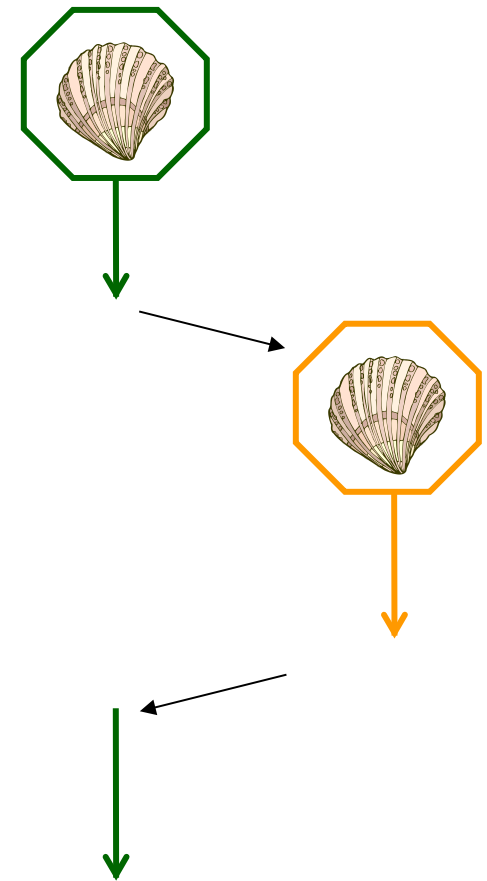
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Not something you want to type over and over



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