# THE UNIX SYSTEM Awk

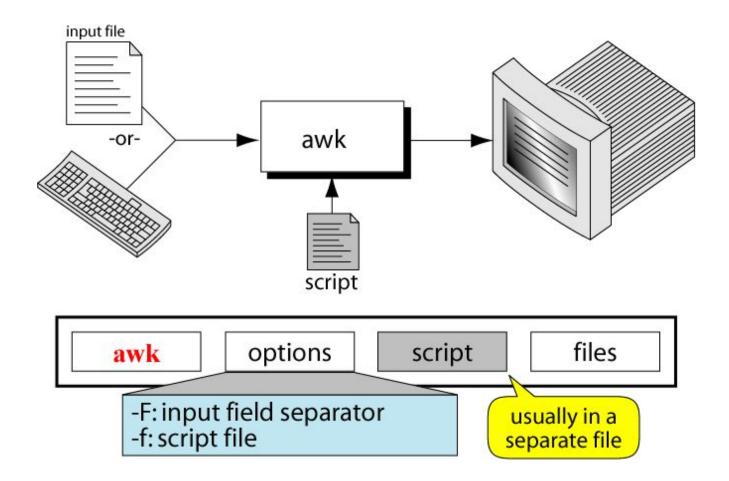
### WHAT IS AWK?

- o created by: Aho, Weinberger, and Kernighan
- scripting language used for manipulating data and generating reports
- o versions of awk
  - » awk, nawk, mawk, pgawk, ...
  - » GNU awk: gawk

### WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH AWK?

- o awk operation:
  - » scans a file line by line
  - » splits each input line into fields
  - » compares input line/fields to pattern
  - » performs action(s) on matched lines
- Useful for:
  - » transform data files
  - » produce formatted reports
- Programming constructs:
  - » format output lines
  - » arithmetic and string operations
  - » conditionals and loops

### THE COMMAND: AWK



### BASIC AWK SYNTAX

- o awk [options] 'script' file(s)
- o awk [options] -f scriptfile file(s)

### Options:

- -F to change input field separator
- -f to name script file

### BASIC AWK PROGRAM

- o consists of patterns & actions:
   pattern {action}
  - » if pattern is missing, action is applied to all lines
  - » if action is missing, the matched line is printed
  - must have either pattern or action

### Example:

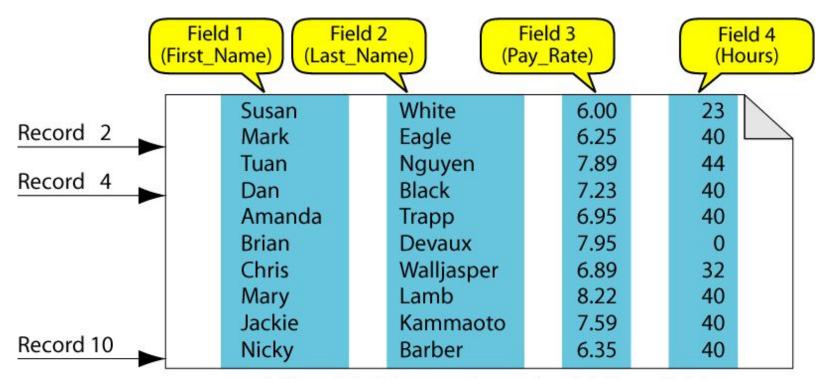
awk '/for/' testfile

» prints all lines containing string "for" in testfile

### BASIC TERMINOLOGY: INPUT FILE

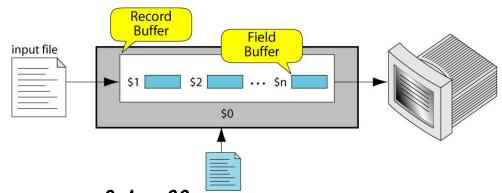
- A field is a unit of data in a line
- Each field is separated from the other fields by the <u>field separator</u>
  - » default field separator is whitespace
- A record is the collection of fields in a line
- · A data file is made up of records

### EXAMPLE INPUT FILE



A file with 10 records, each with four fields

### BUFFERS



awk supports two types of buffers:
 record and field

- o field buffer:
  - no one for each fields in the current record.
  - » names: \$1, \$2, ...
- o record buffer:
  - >> \$0 holds the entire record

### SOME SYSTEM VARIABLES

FS Field separator (default=whitespace)

RS Record separator (default=\n)

NF Number of fields in current record

NR Number of the current record

OFS Output field separator (default=space)

ORS Output record separator (default=\n)

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### EXAMPLE: RECORDS AND FIELDS

| % Cat emps  |      |         |        |
|-------------|------|---------|--------|
| Tom Jones   | 4424 | 5/12/66 | 543354 |
| Mary Adams  | 5346 | 11/4/63 | 28765  |
| Sally Chang | 1654 | 7/22/54 | 650000 |
| Billy Black | 1683 | 9/23/44 | 336500 |
|             |      |         |        |

| % | <pre>awk '{print</pre> | NR, \$0}' | emps    |        |
|---|------------------------|-----------|---------|--------|
| 1 | Tom Jones              | 4424      | 5/12/66 | 543354 |
| 2 | Mary Adams             | 5346      | 11/4/63 | 28765  |
| 3 | Sally Chang            | 1654      | 7/22/54 | 650000 |
| 4 | Billy Black            | 1683      | 9/23/44 | 336500 |

### EXAMPLE: SPACE AS FIELD SEPARATOR

% cat emps

```
Tom Jones 4424 5/12/66 543354
Mary Adams 5346 11/4/63 28765
Sally Chang 1654 7/22/54 650000
Billy Black 1683 9/23/44 336500
```

- % awk '{print NR, \$1, \$2, \$5}' emps
- 1 Tom Jones 543354
- 2 Mary Adams 28765
- 3 Sally Chang 650000
- 4 Billy Black 336500

### EXAMPLE: COLON AS FIELD SEPARATOR

% cat em2

Tom Jones: 4424:5/12/66:543354

Mary Adams: 5346:11/4/63:28765

Sally Chang: 1654: 7/22/54: 650000

Billy Black: 1683: 9/23/44: 336500

% awk -F: '/Jones/{print \$1, \$2}' em2

Tom Jones 4424

### AWK SCRIPTS

o awk scripts are divided into three major

| BEGIN | {Begin's Actions}                 | Preprocessing  |
|-------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
|       | Pattern {Action} Pattern {Action} | Body           |
|       | Pattern {Action}                  |                |
| END   | {End's Actions}                   | Postprocessing |

o comment lines start with #

### AWK SCRIPTS

- BEGIN: pre-processing
  - performs processing that must be completed before the file processing starts (i.e., before awk starts reading records from the input file)
  - » useful for initialization tasks such as to initialize variables and to create report headings

#### AWK SCRIPTS

- BODY: Processing
  - » contains main processing logic to be applied to input records
  - » like a loop that processes input data one record at a time:
    - if a file contains 100 records, the body will be executed 100 times, one for each record

#### AWK SCRIPTS

- END: post-processing
  - » contains logic to be executed after all input data have been processed
  - » logic such as printing report grand total should be performed in this part of the script

### PATTERN / ACTION SYNTAX

```
pattern {statement}
```

(a) One Statement Action

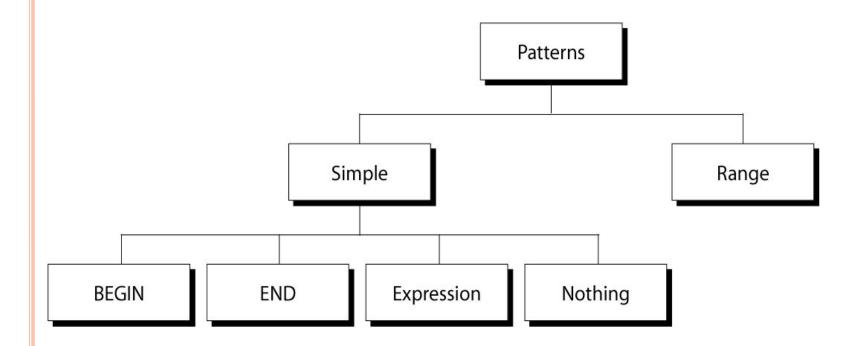
```
pattern {statement1; statement2; statement3}
```

(b) Multiple Statements Separated by Semicolons

```
pattern
{
    statement1
    statement2
    statement3
}
```

(c) Multiple Statements Separated by Newlines

### CATEGORIES OF PATTERNS



### EXPRESSION PATTERN TYPES

- o match
  - » entire input record regular expression enclosed by '/'s
- expression operators
  - » arithmetic
  - » relational
  - » logical

#### EXAMPLE: MATCH INPUT RECORD

% cat employees2

Tom Jones: 4424:5/12/66:543354

Mary Adams: 5346:11/4/63:28765

Sally Chang: 1654: 7/22/54: 650000

Billy Black:1683:9/23/44:336500

% awk -F: '/00\$/' employees2

Sally Chang: 1654: 7/22/54: 650000

Billy Black: 1683: 9/23/44: 336500

### EXAMPLE: EXPLICIT MATCH

|                                   | % cat data | afile |                   |     |      |   |    |
|-----------------------------------|------------|-------|-------------------|-----|------|---|----|
|                                   | northwest  | NW    | Charles Main      | 3.0 | . 98 | 3 | 34 |
|                                   | western    | WE    | Sharon Gray       | 5.3 | . 97 | 5 | 23 |
|                                   | southwest  | SW    | Lewis Dalsass     | 2.7 | . 8  | 2 | 18 |
|                                   | southern   | so    | Suan Chin         | 5.1 | . 95 | 4 | 15 |
|                                   | southeast  | SE    | Patricia Hemenway | 4.0 | .7   | 4 | 17 |
|                                   | eastern    | EA    | TB Savage         | 4.4 | .84  | 5 | 20 |
|                                   | northeast  | NE    | AM Main           | 5.1 | .94  | 3 | 13 |
|                                   | north      | NO    | Margot Weber      | 4.5 | .89  | 5 | 9  |
|                                   | central    | CT    | Ann Stephens      | 5.7 | .94  | 5 | 13 |
|                                   |            |       |                   |     |      |   |    |
| % awk '\$5 ~ /\.[7-9]+/' datafile |            |       |                   |     |      |   |    |
|                                   | southwest  | SW    | Lewis Dalsass     | 2.7 | . 8  | 2 | 18 |
|                                   | central    | СТ    | Ann Stephens      | 5.7 | . 94 | 5 | 13 |

### EXAMPLES: MATCHING WITH RES

```
% awk '$2 !~ /E/{print $1, $2}' datafile
northwest NW
southwest SW
southern SO
north NO
central CT
% awk '/^[ns]/{print $1}' datafile
northwest
southwest
southern
```

southeast

northeast

north

### ARITHMETIC OPERATORS

| <u>Operator</u> | Meaning     | Example |
|-----------------|-------------|---------|
| +               | Add         | x + y   |
| _               | Subtract    | x - y   |
| *               | Multiply    | x * y   |
| /               | Divide      | x / y   |
| %               | Modulus     | x % y   |
| ^               | Exponential | x ^ y   |

### Example:

% awk '\$3 \* \$4 > 500 {print \$0}' file

### RELATIONAL OPERATORS

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| Operator | Meaning               | Exan     | nple   |
|----------|-----------------------|----------|--------|
| <        | Less than             | x < y    | •      |
| < =      | Less than or equal    |          | x < =  |
| y        |                       |          |        |
| ==       | Equal to              | x ==     | y      |
| !=       | Not equal to          |          | x != y |
| >        | Greater than          |          | x > y  |
| > =      | Greater than or equal | to       | x > =  |
| y        |                       |          |        |
| ~        | Matched by reg exp    |          | x ~    |
| /y/      |                       |          |        |
| !~       | Not matched by req ex | <i>p</i> | x !~   |

### LOGICAL OPERATORS

| <u>Operator</u> | Meaning     | Example |
|-----------------|-------------|---------|
| &&              | Logical AND | a &&    |
|                 | Logical OR  | a    b  |
| !               | NOT         | ! a     |

### Examples:

### RANGE PATTERNS

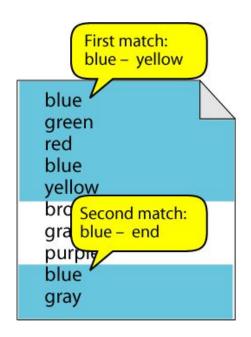
Matches ranges of consecutive input lines

### Syntax:

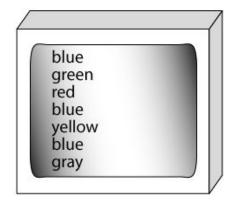
pattern1 , pattern2 {action}

- o pattern can be any simple pattern
- o pattern1 turns action on
- o pattern2 turns action off

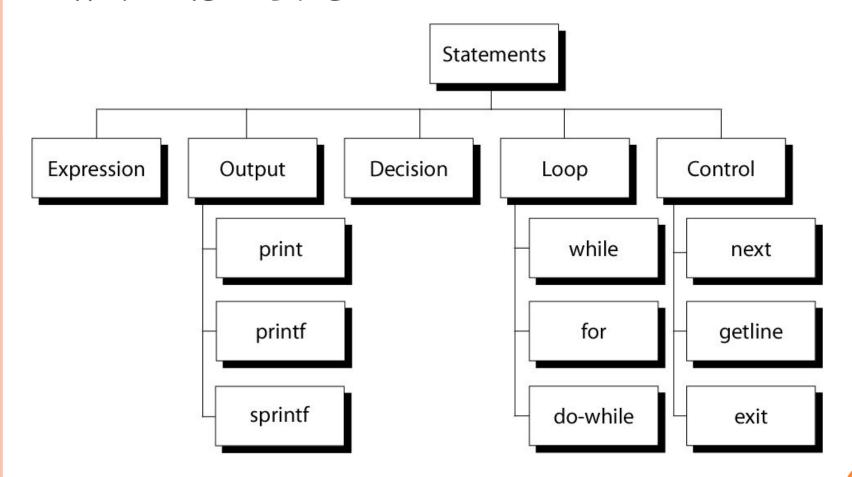
### RANGE PATTERN EXAMPLE



/blue/,/yellow/ {print}



### AWK ACTIONS



### AWK EXPRESSIONS

- Expression is evaluated and returns value
  - consists of any combination of numeric and string constants, variables, operators, functions, and regular expressions
- o Can involve variables
  - » As part of expression evaluation
  - » As target of assignment

### AWK VARIABLES

- A user can define any number of variables within an awk script
- The variables can be numbers, strings, or arrays
- Variable names start with a letter, followed by letters, digits, and underscore
- Variables come into existence the first time they are referenced; therefore, they do not need to be declared before use
- All variables are initially created as strings and initialized to a null string ""

### AWK VARIABLES

```
Format:
  variable = expression
```

### Examples:

### AWK ASSIGNMENT OPERATORS

```
assign result of right-hand-side
  expression to
      left-hand-side variable
     Add 1 to variable
++
            Subtract 1 from variable
     Assign result of addition
+=
            Assign result of subtraction
            Assign result of multiplication
*=
            Assign result of division
/=
     Assign result of modulo
%=
            Assign result of exponentiation
^=
```

### AWK EXAMPLE

```
• File: grades
 john 85 92 78 94 88
 andrea 89 90 75 90 86
 jasper 84 88 80 92 84
o awk script: average
 # average five grades
  \{ \text{ total} = \$2 + \$3 + \$4 + \$5 + \$6 \}
    avg = total / 5
   print $1, avg }
• Run as:
 awk -f average grades
```

#### OUTPUT STATEMENTS

```
print
  print easy and simple output
printf
  print formatted (similar to C printf)
sprintf
  format string (similar to C sprintf)
```

### FUNCTION: PRINT

- Writes to standard output
- Output is terminated by ORS
  - » default ORS is newline
- o If called with no parameter, it will print \$0
- o Printed parameters are separated by OFS,
  - » default OFS is blank
- o Print control characters are allowed:
  - » \n \f \a \t \\ ...

% awk '{print}' grades john 85 92 78 94 88 andrea 89 90 75 90 86

% awk '{print \$0}' grades john 85 92 78 94 88 andrea 89 90 75 90 86

% awk '{print(\$0)}' grades john 85 92 78 94 88 andrea 89 90 75 90 86

```
% awk '{print $1, $2}' grades
john 85
andrea 89
```

```
% awk '{print $1 "," $2}' grades
john,85
andrea,89
```

```
% awk '{OFS="-";print $1 , $2}' grades
john-85
andrea-89
% awk '{OFS="-";print $1 "," $2}' grades
john,85
andrea,89
```

## REDIRECTING PRINT OUTPUT

 Print output goes to standard output unless redirected via:

```
> "file"
>> "file"
| "command"
```

- o will open file or command only once
- subsequent redirections append to already open stream

```
% awk '{print $1 , $2 > "file"}' grades
% cat file
john 85
andrea 89
jasper 84
```

```
% awk '{print $1,$2 | "sort"}' grades
andrea 89
jasper 84
john 85
% awk '{print $1,$2 | "sort -k 2"}' grades
jasper 84
john 85
andrea 89
```

```
% date
Wed Nov 19 14:40:07 CST 2008

% date |
  awk '{print "Month: " $2 "\nYear: ", $6}'
Month: Nov
Year: 2008
```

## PRINTF: FORMATTING OUTPUT

## Syntax:

```
printf(format-string, var1, var2, ...)
```

- » works like C printf
- » each format specifier in "format-string" requires argument of matching type

## FORMAT SPECIFIERS

| %d, %i    | decimal     | integer  |
|-----------|-------------|----------|
| 1000) 101 | 00001771011 | 11100901 |

%c single character

%s string of characters

%f floating point number

%0 octal number

%x hexadecimal number

%e scientific floating point notation

%% the letter "%"

## FORMAT SPECIFIER EXAMPLES

Given: x = 'A', y = 15, z = 2.3, and \$1 = Bob Smith

| Printf Format<br>Specifier | What it Does   |
|----------------------------|--|
| %c                         | <pre>printf("The character is %c \n", x) output: The character is A</pre>          |
| %d                         | <pre>printf("The boy is %d years old \n", y) output: The boy is 15 years old</pre> |
| %s                         | printf("My name is %s \n", \$1) output: My name is Bob Smith                       |
| %f                         | <pre>printf("z is %5.3f \n", z) output: z is 2.300</pre>                           |

## FORMAT SPECIFIER MODIFIERS

o between "%" and letter

%10s

%7d

%10.4f

%-20s

## o meaning:

- width of field, field is printed right justified
- » precision: number of digits after decimal point
- » "-" will left justify

# SPRINTF: FORMATTING TEXT

```
Syntax:
  sprintf(format-string, var1, var2, ...)
  » Works like printf, but does not produce output
  » Instead it returns formatted string
Example:
    text = sprintf("1: %d - 2: %d", $1, $2)
    print text
```

## AWK BUILTIN FUNCTIONS

### tolower(string)

 returns a copy of string, with each uppercase character converted to lower-case.
 Nonalphabetic characters are left unchanged.

Example: tolower("MiXeD cAsE 123") returns "mixed case 123"

### toupper(string)

 returns a copy of string, with each lowercase character converted to upper-case.

## AWK EXAMPLE: LIST OF PRODUCTS

```
103:sway bar:49.99
```

101:propeller:104.99

104:fishing line:0.99

113:premium fish bait:1.00

106:cup holder:2.49

107:cooler:14.89

112:boat cover:120.00

109:transom:199.00

110:pulley:9.88

105:mirror:4.99

108: wheel: 49.99

111:lock:31.00

102:trailer hitch:97.95

## AWK EXAMPLE: OUTPUT

Marine Parts R Us Main catalog

| Part-id | name              | price    |
|---------|-------------------|----------|
| ======= |                   | ======== |
| 101     | propeller         | 104.99   |
| 102     | trailer hitch     | 97.95    |
| 103     | sway bar          | 49.99    |
| 104     | fishing line      | 0.99     |
| 105     | mirror            | 4.99     |
| 106     | cup holder        | 2.49     |
| 107     | cooler            | 14.89    |
| 108     | wheel             | 49.99    |
| 109     | transom           | 199.00   |
| 110     | pulley            | 9.88     |
| 111     | lock              | 31.00    |
| 112     | boat cover        | 120.00   |
| 113     | premium fish bait | 1.00     |
| ======  |                   |          |

Catalog has 13 parts

## AWK EXAMPLE: COMPLETE

```
BEGIN {
        FS= ":"
        print "Marine Parts R Us"
        print "Main catalog"
        print "Part-id\tname\t\t\t price"
        printf("%3d\t%-20s\t%6.2f\n", $1, $2, $3)
        count++
                                           is output sorted?
END {
        print "Catalog has " count " parts"
```

## AWK ARRAY

- awk allows one-dimensional arrays to store strings or numbers
- o index can be number or string
- o array need not be declared
  - » its size
  - » its elements
- o array elements are created when first used
  - minitialized to 0 or ""

## ARRAYS IN AWK

## Syntax:

```
arrayName[index] = value
```

## Examples:

```
list[1] = "one"
list[2] = "three"
```

```
list["other"] = "oh my !"
```

# ILLUSTRATION: ASSOCIATIVE ARRAYS

o awk arrays can use string as index

| Name     | Age  | Department | Sales     |
|----------|------|------------|-----------|
| "Robert" | 46   | "19-24"    | 1,285.72  |
| "George" | 22   | "81-70"    | 10,240.32 |
| "Juan"   | 22   | "41-10"    | 3,420.42  |
| "Nhan"   | 19   | "17-A1"    | 46,500.18 |
| "Jonie"  | 34   | "61-61"    | 1,114.41  |
| 1        | 1    |            |           |
| Index    | Data | Index      | Data      |

## AWK BUILTIN SPLIT FUNCTION

### split(string, array, fieldsep)

- » divides string into pieces separated by fieldsep, and stores the pieces in array
- » if the fieldsep is omitted, the value of FS is used.

## Example:

```
split("auto-da-fe", a, "-")
```

o sets the contents of the array a as follows:

```
a[1] = "auto"
```

$$a[2] = "da"$$

$$a[3] = "fe"$$

## EXAMPLE: PROCESS SALES DATA

# o input file:

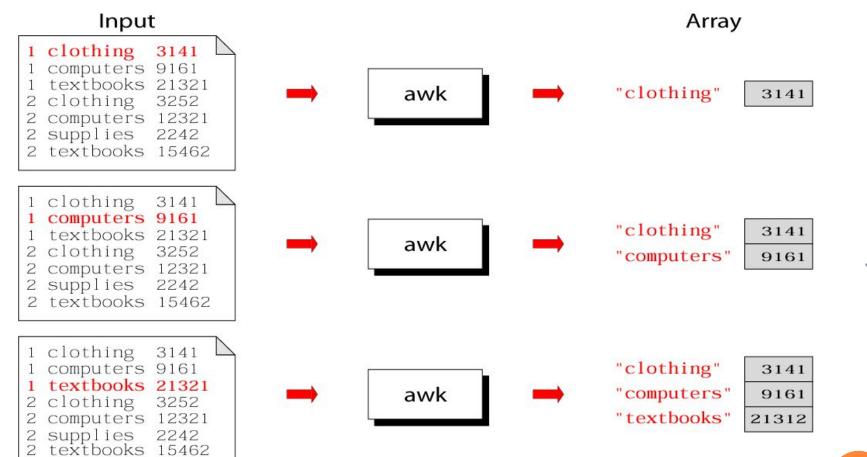
### Sales

| 1 | clothing  | 3141  |
|---|-----------|-------|
| 1 | computers | 9161  |
| 1 | textbooks | 21312 |
| 2 | clothing  | 3252  |
| 2 | computers | 12321 |
| 2 | supplies  | 2242  |
| 2 | textbooks | 15462 |

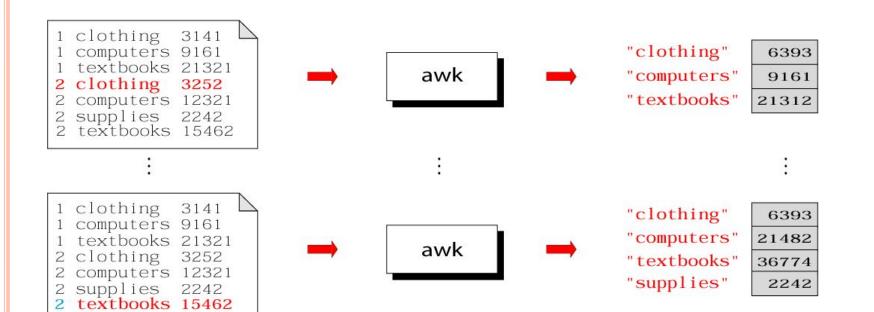
## output:

» summary of category sales

# ILLUSTRATION: PROCESS EACH INPUT LINE



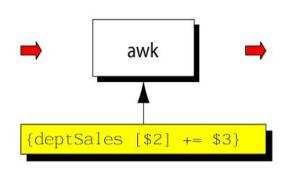
# ILLUSTRATION: PROCESS EACH INPUT LINE



## SUMMARY: AWK PROGRAM

### Sales

| 1 | clothing  | 3141  |
|---|-----------|-------|
| 1 | computers | 9161  |
| 1 | textbooks | 21312 |
| 2 | clothing  | 3252  |
| 2 | computers | 12321 |
| 2 | supplies  | 2242  |
| 2 | textbooks | 15462 |



"clothing" 6393
"computers" 21482
"textbooks" 36774
"supplies" 2242

dept Sales

## EXAMPLE: COMPLETE PROGRAM

```
% cat sales.awk
{
         deptSales[$2] += $3
}
END {
        for (x in deptSales)
            print x, deptSales[x]
}
% awk -f sales.awk sales
```

## DELETE ARRAY ENTRY

• The delete function can be used to delete an element from an array.

### Format:

delete array\_name [index]

## Example:

delete deptSales["supplies"]

## AWK CONTROL STRUCTURES

- Conditional
  - ≥ if-else
- Repetition
  - » for
    - o with counter
    - o with array index
  - » while
  - » do-while
  - » also: break, continue

## IF STATEMENT

```
Syntax:
  if (conditional expression)
    statement-1
  else
    statement-2
Example:
  if (NR < 3)
   print $2
  else
    print $3
```

## FOR LOOP

## FOR LOOP FOR ARRAYS

# WHILE LOOP

```
Syntax:
  while (logical expression)
         statement
Example:
  i = 1
  while (i <= NF)
        print i, $i
        i++
```

## DO-WHILE LOOP

```
Syntax:
```

do

statement

while (condition)

 statement is executed at least once, even if condition is false at the beginning

# Example:

```
i = 1
do {
  print $0
  i++
} while (i <= 10)</pre>
```

## LOOP CONTROL STATEMENTS

- o break
  exits loop
- o continue

skips rest of current iteration, continues with next iteration

## LOOP CONTROL EXAMPLE

```
for (x = 0; x < 20; x++) {
  if (array[x] > 100) continue
  printf "%d ", x
  if (array[x] < 0 ) break
}</pre>
```

## EXAMPLE: SENSOR DATA

- 1 Temperature
- 2 Rainfall
- 3 Snowfall
- 4 Windspeed
- 5 Winddirection
- o also: sensor readings
- Plan: print average readings in descending order

## EXAMPLE: SENSOR READINGS

2008-10-01/1/68

2008-10-02/2/6

2007-10-03/3/4

2008-10-04/4/25

2008-10-05/5/120

2008-10-01/1/89

2007-10-01/4/35

2008-11-01/5/360

2008-10-01/1/45

2007-12-01/1/61

2008-10-10/1/32

#### EXAMPLE: PRINT SENSOR DATA

```
BEGIN {
    printf("id\tSensor\n")
    printf("----\n")
}

{
    printf("%d\t%s\n", $1, $2)
}
```

# EXAMPLE: PRINT SENSOR READINGS

```
BEGIN {
   FS="/"
   printf(" Date\t\tValue\n"
   printf("----\n")
}
{
   printf("%s %7.2f\n", $1, $3)
}
```

## EXAMPLE: PRINT SENSOR SUMMARY

```
BEGIN {
 FS="/"
 sum[$2] += $3;
 count[$2]++;
END {
 for (i in sum) {
  printf("%d %7.2f\n",i,sum[i]/count[i])
```

sorted

#### EXAMPLE: REMAINING TASKS

o awk -f sense.awk sensors readings Sensor Average

2 input files

Winddirection 240.00

Temperature 59.00

Windspeed 30.00

Rainfall 6.00

Snowfall 4.00

### EXAMPLE: PRINT SENSOR AVERAGES

- Remaining tasks:
  - » recognize nature of input data use: number of fields in record
  - » substitute sensor id with sensor name use: associative array
  - sort readings use: sort −gr −k 2

#### EXAMPLE: SENSE.AWK

```
NF > 1 {
   name[$1] = $2
NF < 2 {
   split($0,fields,"/")
   sum[fields[2]] += fields[3];
   count[fields[2]]++;
END {
   for (i in sum) {
     printf("%15s %7.2f\n", name[i],
            sum[i]/count[i]) | "sort -gr -k 2"
```

## EXAMPLE: PRINT SENSOR AVERAGES

- Remaining tasks:
  - » Sort

use: sort -gr

» Substitute sensor id with sensor name

1. use:

join -j 1 sensor-data sensor-averages

2. within awk

## EXAMPLE: SOLUTION 1 (1/3)

```
#! /bin/bash
trap '/bin/rm /tmp/report-*-$$; exit' 1 2 3
cat << HERE > /tmp/report-awk-1-$$
BEGIN {FS="/"}
 sum[\$2] += \$3;
 count[\$2]++;
END {
 for (i in sum) {
      printf("%d %7.2f\n", i, sum[i]/count[i])
HERE
```

## EXAMPLE: SOLUTION 1 (2/3)

```
cat << HERE > /tmp/report-awk-2-$$
BEGIN {
   printf(" Sensor Average\n")
   printf("----\n")
}
{
   printf("%15s %7.2f\n", \$2, \$3)
}
HERE
```

### EXAMPLE: SOLUTION 1 (3/3)

```
awk -f /tmp/report-awk-1-$$
   sensor-readings
   sort > /tmp/report-r-$$
join -j 1 sensor-data /tmp/report-r-$$
 > /tmp/report-t-$$
sort -gr -k 3 /tmp/report-t-$$ |
 awk -f /tmp/report-awk-2-$$
/bin/rm /tmp/report-*-$$
```

#### EXAMPLE: OUTPUT

#### Sensor Average

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Winddirection 240.00

Temperature 59.00

Windspeed 30.00

Rainfall 6.00

Snowfall 4.00

#### EXAMPLE: SOLUTION 2 (1/2)

```
#! /bin/bash
trap '/bin/rm /tmp/report-*$$; exit' 1 2 3
cat << HERE > /tmp/report-awk-3-$$
NF > 1 {
   name[\$1] = \$2
NF < 2 {
   split(\$0,fields,"/")
   sum[fields[2]] += fields[3];
   count[fields[2]]++;
```

#### EXAMPLE: SOLUTION 2 (2/2)

```
END {
   for (i in sum) {
    printf("%15s %7.2f\n", name[i],
                sum[i]/count[i])
HERE
echo "
             Sensor Average"
echo "----
awk -f /tmp/report-awk-3-$$ sensor-data
 sensor-readings | sort -gr -k 2
/bin/rm /tmp/report-*$$
```