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SHELL BASICS	How to check in which shell you are /	echo \$0	
	How to see all the available shells	cat /etc/shells	
	Another way to check your shell is	cat /etc/passwd	
	How to start your bash file?	#!/bin/bash	
Variables	How to define and store variable	var_name=value	
	How to store the linux command in a variable?	var_name=\$(hostname)	
Echo	How to use defined variable in use?	echo \$var_name	
	How to use defined variable in use with string?	echo my name is \$name	
		echo "my name is \${name} and age is \${agevar}"	
	How to get result of a command within a string	echo "my hostname is \$(hostname)"	will print hostname
		#!/bin/bash	
	How to display the last typed command in terminal	<i>#To display the user typed in terminal</i> echo "User typed: \${0}" Output: When user run this script using ./script_name o/p will be: User typed: ./script_name (which will be last typed)	
	How to Write multiple lines	cat << EOF lines EOF	
String Operations	<p>To perform some operations on strings</p> <p>Like finding strength of a string convert the string into Upper or Lower Case</p> <p>replace a string with something else cut a portion of string</p>	<pre>x=Hello y="New World" xLength=\${#x} xUpper=\${x^^} xLower=\${x,,} newString=\${y/World/Life} sliceString=\${y:start_position:length}</pre>	<p>If you print these</p> <pre>echo \$xLength echo \$xUpper echo \$xLower echo \$newString</pre> <p>Output</p> <pre>Hello 5 HELLO new world New Life</pre>
User Interaction	How to take input from user	<pre>read var_name_to_store_value or read -p "Your name" var_name_to_store_value To store the values in an array from a user read -a myarray. (user need to provide space separated values)</pre>	If in a same line you want to display a text and get the user input
Block of Code	If we need to execute multiple commands, we can use block of code	<pre>{ls; pwd; hostname} condition1 && {ls; pwd; hostname}</pre>	
Arrays	We can define multiple values in array	<pre>myArray=(1 2 Hello "Hey Buddy") echo "\${myArray[0]/2}" To get length of an array "\${#myArray[*]}" "\${myArray[*]:1}" from index 1 to all values "\${myArray[*]:1:2}" 2 values from index 1 To update an array with new values myArray+=(5 6 8)</pre>	values are space separated
	Array with key-value pairs	<pre>declare -A myArray myArray=([name]=Prashant [age]=28) myArray[name]=Prashant</pre>	
TEST Condition	How to check the conditions	<pre>test 8>5 (1 means true, 0 means false) [8 -eq 5] (<> are not working in single []) [[8 -eq 5]]</pre>	recommended to use double [[]] which is the enhanced version of single [] and provide more functionalities
	How to write if-else condition	<pre>if [\$age -eq 18] then echo "You are eligible to vote" else echo "Sorry you are not eligible to vote" fi</pre>	Keep the spacing in mind
	What are the different conditional operations we can use with if-else	<pre>-eq / == -ge -le -ne / != -gt -lt</pre>	

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IF-ELSE	If you wanna check the existence of file or folder using IF condition	<pre>if [-d folder_name] If folder exists if [! -d folder_name] If folder not exists if [-f file_name] If file exists if [! -f file_name] If file not exists if [-z \$str] If string is empty if [-e /path] If path exists for not if [-r/w/x /file_path] If path is readable/writable/executable or not</pre>	
	For multiple If-Else condition	<pre>if [\$country = "India"] then echo "You are Indian" elif [\$country = "Nepal"] then echo "You are from Nepal" else echo "You are from Earth" fi</pre>	
FOR LOOP	How to write a for loop	<pre>for i in 1 2 3 4 5 do echo Number is \$i done</pre>	
	Different options to write for loop	<pre>for j in eat poop sleep for p in {1..20} for ((i=0;i<=10;i++))</pre>	
	To iterate through all the argument passed while running script	for i in \$@	
	Infinite loop using for	for (;;)	
	How to iterate the values from a file	<pre>hosts="/home/pparadkar/scripts/items" for item in \$(cat \$items) do echo \$item done</pre>	
WHILE LOOP	How to write a while loop	<pre>count=0 num=10 while [\$count -le \$num] do echo Numbers are \$count let count++ done</pre>	
	While loop to get the line by line content from a file	<pre>while read myvar do echo \$myvar done < file_path</pre>	
	While loop to get the values from file which are not separated by space?	<pre>while read IFS=";" f1 f2 f3 f4 f5 do echo \$f2 echo \$f3 done < file_path</pre>	<p>IFS is internal field separator</p> <p>space is default so in case values are separated by space so no need to specify IFS</p>
	Getting the values from csv file (as first row is column name)	cat filename awk 'NR=1 {print}' while IFS=";" read f1 f2 f3	
UNTIL LOOP	How to write until loop	<pre>a=0 until [! \$a -lt 10] do echo \$a a=`expr \$a + 1` done</pre>	
EXPRESSIONS	How to perform aithmetic operation in script	<pre>using let command let a++ let a=5*10 we can use ((sum=x+y)) or echo "((x+y))" To perform the decimal operations like bc<<<"\$x+\$y" bc<<<"scale=2;\$x/\$y"</pre>	

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CASES	How to write a cases-switch	<pre>#!/bin/bash echo Welcome to the CASE study echo echo Hey choose an option echo echo a = To see the current date echo b = list all the files in current dir echo c = TO see all the users logged in echo d = TO check the system uptime read choice case \$choice in a) date;; b) ls;; c) who;; d) uptime;; *) echo "Non a valid input" esac</pre>	<p>* is anything else expect the given pattern in cases</p> <p>it's like default in the switch-case</p> <hr/> <p>If want to use the multiple parameters in same case then we can use sign</p> <p>ex: a) param1 param2 param3 ;;</p>
Connection Check	How to check the connectivity with the remote server	ping hostname	
Connection Check	How to check the connectivity with the remote server for multiple hosts defined in a separate file named hosts	<pre>#!/bin/bash host="192.168.29.21" hostl="www.google.com" hosts="/home/pparadkar/scripts/hosts" for ip in \$(cat \$hosts) do ping -c1 \$ip &> /dev/null if [\$? -eq 0] then echo OK else echo NOT OK fi done</pre>	The \$? variable represents the exit status of the previous command. ... As a rule, most commands return an exit status of 0 if they were successful, and 1 if they were unsuccessful.
Alias	How to create an alias for a command	alias d="ls -ltr awk '{print \$9}'"	It make our life easy by creating a shortcut of the most used commands
	How to create alias for a specific user	echo alias hh="hostname" >> /home/<user>/bashrc	
	How to create alias for all the user globally	echo alias hh="hostname" >> /etc/bashrc	
ARGUMENTS	How to get the no. of arguments passed to a script	echo "you have passed \${#} arguments"	
	How to display the argument passed with script	echo \$@	
	How to display a specific argument, ex arg1, arg2, arg3 I want to print arg1	echo \$1	
SLEEP	We can use sleep command to create a delay between two task	sleep 1s sleep 1m	
NULL DEVICE	If you dont wanna print the output of a command in script	hostname > /dev/null	it is called as null device
READONLY	If you want to make any gloabal variable inside a script as constant	readonly var_name = 123	now this variable is constant and can't be change
shift	Suppose we have three argument 1-A, 2-B, 3-C if we just use shift command in our script so arguents will shift like below then 1-B, 2-C	shift	<p>Could be useful if out of multiple arguments, we need first argument and then remaining all together</p> <p>1-A and (2-B 3-C)</p>
RANDOM	To generate a random no. can be used to generate random passwords etc NOTE: It is a bash variable	echo \$RANDOM	you can find its detail under man bash
Functions	In order to avoid the repetative code in the script, you can use the function	<p>There are two ways</p> <pre>function myfun {} myfun() { local var = "hello" }</pre> <p>To call the function, just use the name of the function like myfun</p>	local variable is only accessible inside the function
	How to use the arguments/parameters in function	<pre>myfun() { local num1 = \$1 local num2 = \$2 sum = num1 + num2 }</pre>	
		myfun 12 13	
LOGGER	If you want to log your content or messages of script into /var/log/messages file	logger "hello"	

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GETOPTS	<p>Use to parse optional paramters from command line getopts optstring name [args]</p> <p>optsting contains the option characters to be recognized</p> <p>If character is followed by colon : then it will be expecting an argument separated by white space</p> <p>When there is an argment passed, it will be stored in OPTARG variable</p>	<pre>while getopts v: s OPTION do case \${OPTION} in v) VERBOSE='true' log 'Verbose mode on.' ;; l) LENGTH="\${OPTARG}" ;; s) USE_SPECIAL_CHARACTER='true' ;; ?) usage ;; esac done</pre>	
	Ways to perform mathematic operations	<pre>NUM=\$((1+2)) DICEA='3' DICEB='6' TOTAL=\$((DICEA + DICEB)) ((NUM++))</pre>	
INFINITE LOOP	How to make an infinite loop?	<pre>while true</pre>	
LOGICAL OPERATORS	How to use logical operators !, &&,	<p>We can use the below conditions with double [[]]</p> <pre>condition1 && condition2 condition1 condition2 !condition (opposite of result)</pre> <p>With single [], we can only use the below</p> <pre>condition1 -a condition2 condition1 -o condition2</pre> <pre>[[\$x=yes && \$y=y]] [[\$x=~y yes]]</pre>	
	Ternary Operator	<pre>condition1 && condition2 condition3</pre> <p>If 1 is true then execute2 else execute 3</p>	
realpath basename dirname	string operations on path	<p>realpath: convert each filename argument to an absolute pathname but it don't validate path</p> <p>basename: strip directory info, strips suffixes from filename</p> <p>dirname: if you provide the path with filename, it remove the filename and provide the directory path</p>	
Debugging Properties	to enable the debugging we can set some properties in the beginning of script	<pre>set -x (print command before executing it in script) set -n (syntax check) set -e (exit script if any command fails)</pre> <p>while executing also you can provide these</p> <pre>bash -x script.sh bash -e <u>script.sh</u></pre>	
REMOTE ACCESS	Different options to write for loop	<pre>ssh -t -o StrictKeyHostChecking=No user@<hostname> "date;hostname"</pre>	
	We can provide the password while doing remote operations	<pre>sshpass -p "<password>" ssh -t -o StrictKeyHostChecking=No user@<hostname> "date;hostname"</pre> <p>or set SSHPASS variable</p> <pre>SSHPASS="<pass>" sshpass -e ssh -t -o StrictKeyHostChecking=No user@<hostname> "date; hostname"</pre> <p>or from file</p> <pre>sshpass -f <file_path></pre>	