

The grammar of shell (cont.)

```
command:
    basicCommand
  ( commandList )
  { commandList }

if commandList then commandList [ elif commandList then commandList ]*
[ else commandList ]? fi

case word in [ word [ | word ]* ) commandList ;; ]+ esac

for name do commandList done

for name in [word]+ do commandList done
```

{} - once at most  
{ } - at least once  
{} - 0 or more times  
word - sequence of characters not including blanks (space or tab)  
name - sequence of characters that starts with a letter and continues with letters, digits or \_ (underscore)

Alternative control structures: *if*

```
if command_list_1
then command_list_2
elif command_list_3
then command_list_4
...
elif command_list_n
then command_list_n+1
else command_list_n+2
fi
```

Alternative control structures: *if*. Examples

```
if [ $# -lt 2 ]
then
    echo "You need at least two parameters!"
    exit 1
fi

if [ $foo -ge 3 -a $foo -lt 10 ]; then echo OK; fi

if [ -e file ]; then echo "This file exists!"; fi
```

Alternative control structures: *if*. Examples

```
# An asterisk (*) will expand to literally anything
if [ "$stringvar" == "string" ]; then ...
if [ "$stringvar" == "${string}" ]; then ...

# combining conditional expressions using "a" and "i"
if [ $(num -eq 3 && "$stringvar" == foo) ]; then

# ( ) may contain arithmetic operators, such as "+", "<" and ">=".
# can combine expressions with "a" and "i" (but not with -a and -o )
if (( $num <= 5 )); then ...
```

Alternative control structures: *case*

```
case word in
    pattern_1) command_list_1;;
    ...
    pattern_n) command_list_n;;
esac
```

pattern is a set of generic specifications used for files:  
? - any character  
\* - any sequence of characters  
[ ] - any character of the specified ones, separated by |

Alternative control structures: *case*. Examples

```
case $1 in
[a-z]) echo "letter";;
[0-9]) echo "digit";;
*) echo "no letter, nor digit";;
esac
```

Repetitive control structures: *for*

```
for name [ in list_of_words_separated_by_space ]
do
    command_list
done

for (( expr1 ; expr2 ; expr3 ))
do
    command_list
done
```

Repetitive control structures: *for*. Examples

```
for x in one two three four; do echo number $x; done

for file in `ls .` ; do cat $file; done

s=0;
for i in `seq 1 10` ; do s=`expr $s + $i` ; done

factorial=1
N=15
for (( i=2; $i<=$N; i++ ))
do
    factorial=$(( factorial * $i ))
done
echo $factorial
```

Repetitive control structures: *for*. Examples

```
for filename in *
do
    case $filename in
        *.c )
            objname="echo $filename | cut -d. -f1".o # $(filename%.c).o
            gcc $filename -o $objname ;;
        *.s )
            objname=$(filename%.s).o
            as $filename $objname ;;
        *.o ) ;;
        * )
            echo "error: $filename is not a source or object file."
            exit 1 ;;
    esac
done
```

Repetitive control structures: *while*

```
while command_list_1
do
    command_list_2
done
```

Repetitive control structures: *while*

```
count=1
while [ -n "$*" ]
do
    echo "This is parameter number $count"
    shift
    count=`expr $count + 1`
done

factorial=1; N=15; $i=2;
while [ $i -le $N ]
do
    factorial=$(( factorial * $i ))
    i=`expr $i + 1`
done
```

Repetitive control structures: *while*

```
while read e
do
    case $e in
        [a-z]) echo "letter";;
        [0-9]) echo "digit";;
        *) echo "no letter, nor digit"
            exit;;
    esac
done
```

Repetitive control structures: *until*

```
until command_list_1
do
    command_list_2
done
```

Repetitive control structures: *until*

```
count=1
until [ -n "$*" ]
do
    echo "This is parameter number $count"
    shift
    count=`expr $count + 1`
done

factorial=1; N=15; $i=2;
until [ $i -gt $N ]
do
    factorial=$(( factorial * $i ))
    i=`expr $i + 1`
done
```

continue, break, true, false

```
continue [n] # Resumes the next iteration of the enclosing: for, while, until
break [n] # Exits from within a: for, while, until loop

true
false
```

continue, break. Examples

```
for ((i=1))
do read var
if [ "$var" = "." ]; then break; fi
done

for f in `ls`
do if [ -f $f.bak ] # If .bak backup file exists, read next file
then
echo "Skipping $f file..."
continue # read next file and skip cp command
fi
# here means no backup file exists, just use cp command to copy file
/bin/cp $f $f.bak
done
```

true, false. Examples

```
while true
do
    ps
    sleep 100
done

until false
do
    ps
    sleep 100
done
```

Processing the command line

- Splitting it into **basic commands** (Separators: `|` `&&` `||`)
- Further splitting into **words** (Separators: space `TAB`; `{` `"` `'` `...` `"` `}` - considered as a word)
- Replacing **shell variables** (`$()` or `...${}`...), but NO `...${}`...
- Replacing **generic files** (`*` `?` `[seq]` `[list]`)
- Replacing the **outputs of some commands** (``` `com` ``` or `...com...`, but NO `...com...`)
- Redirects** are being made (`<` `<<` `>` `>>` `&` `&&` `&` `&&`)
- Define **shell variables** (`name=value`)
- It is determined the values of the variables `$0`, `$1`, ..., `$n`, `$*`, `$@`, `$?`, `$#`
- It **executes the command**
- The **value of the variable \$?** is set

*expr* command

- evaluates a logical, arithmetic or string expression and displays the result at the standard output

```
expr expression
```

*expr* command with logical expressions

```
expr arg1 & arg2 # arg1 if arg1 and arg2 != 0 or NULL, 0 otherwise
expr arg1 | arg2 # arg1 if arg1 and arg2 != 0 or NULL, arg2 otherwise
```

*expr* command with logical expressions. Ex.

```
> VAR=cava # assigns the value cava to variable VAR
> PRT=0 # assigns the value NULL to variable PRT
> expr $VAR & $PRT # evaluation of the AND expression results in:
0
> expr $PRT # assigns the value 0 to variable PRT
> expr $VAR & $PRT # evaluation of the AND expression results in:
cava
> expr $PRT \|| undefined # evaluation of the OR expression results in:
undefined
> VAR=aaa \& bbb # assigns the result of aaa \& bbb to variable VAR
> expr $VAR \|| ccc # evaluation of the OR expression results in:
aaa
```

*expr* command with arithmetic expressions with integers

```
expr arg1 \* arg2 # = arg1 * arg2
expr arg1 / arg2 # = arg1 / arg2
expr arg1 % arg2 # = arg1 % arg2
expr arg1 + arg2 # = arg1 + arg2
expr arg1 - arg2 # = arg1 - arg2
```

*expr* command with arithmetic expressions with integers. Examples

```
» expr 80 \* 4
320
» expr 80 / 4
20
» expr 81 % 4
1
» NUM=1
» expr $NUM + 1
2
» expr $NUM - 1
0
```

*expr* command with comparison expressions

```
expr arg1 = arg2      # 1 if arg1 = arg2, 0 otherwise
expr arg1 \> arg2      # 1 if arg1 \> arg2, 0 otherwise
expr arg1 \>= arg2     # 1 if arg1 \>= arg2, 0 otherwise
expr arg1 \< arg2      # 1 if arg1 \< arg2, 0 otherwise
expr arg1 \<= arg2     # 1 if arg1 \<= arg2, 0 otherwise
expr arg1 != arg2      # 1 if arg1 != arg2, 0 otherwise
```

*expr* command with comparison expressions. Examples

```
» NUM=5
» PREV=6
» expr $NUM = $PREV # NUM != PREV, therefore:
0
» expr dog \> cat # 'd' has ASCII code greater than 'c'
1
» expr 2 "<" 5 "*" 15 - 4 ">" 8
1
```

*expr* command with string expressions

```
expr string : expr    <=>    expr match string regexp
# number of characters in string identical to those in expr
expr length string    # number of characters in string
expr substr string pos len
# substring of string which starts at pos and has length len
expr index string chars
# the smallest position of a character in chars in string
```

*expr* command with string expressions. Examples

```
» expr string : str
3
» expr string : ing
0
» expr string : strg
0
» expr string : ".*"
6
» expr string : ".-i"
4

» expr string : '\(.*\)'
string
» expr string : '..\(\(..\)\)'
rl
» expr string : '\(...\)'
str
» expr string : '.*\(\(...\)'
ing
» expr string : '..\(\(..\)\)..'
rl
» expr string : '\(str\)'
ring
» expr string : 'st\(\(..\)\)'
ring
```

*expr* command with string expressions. Examples (cont.)

```
» expr length "aaa"
3
» expr substr "abcdefg" 1 2
ab
» expr index "abcdefg" d
4
» expr index "abcdefg" dac
1
» expr index "abcdefg" dc
3
» expr length "abcdet" "<" 5 "*" 15 - 4 ">" 8
1
```

Shell Functions

DEFINING:	CALLING:
<pre>function_name() {     shell_commands }</pre>	<pre>function_name</pre>

Example of shell function

```
#!/bin/bash
myvar="hello"
myfunc() {
    local x
    local myvar="one two three"
    for x in $myvar
    do
        echo $x
    done
}
myfunc
echo $myvar $x
```

The End